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Andy Walker takes his cloth to Roxi Janny's boots on the Third Street Promenade. What was once a popular occupation, Walker is one of only a handful of shoe shiners left in Santa Monica.

A sobering New Year

SMPD cracks down on drunk driving

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

It was a sober holiday season for the Santa Monica Police Department.

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, the police department held three random sobriety check points and a driving under the influence saturation patrol that netted 29 DUI arrests.

Police officials say the number is low compared to past years, but they won't know for sure until all the data is collected and analyzed over the next few weeks.

One of the 29 arrests was a felony DUI because the impaired driver injured someone bad enough to be taken to the hospital. Police officials did not know what state the individual was in or which hospital they were taken to.

However, according to Lt. George Centeno, commander of the SMPD traffic bureau, the city's overall DUI arrests decreased by 26 percent last year. In 2000, there were 300 DUI arrests made, but in 2001 that number went down to 233.

"The trend is that they are dropping," said Centeno. "I think that can be attributed to the continuing education and awareness campaigns many law enforcement agencies are doing."

In Santa Monica, the police department ran ads in local newspapers, posted flyers warn-

ing of random DUI checkpoints and hung a banner off the Fourth Street exit of the 10 Freeway, discouraging drinking and driving.

"Over the holidays we ran three check points, and one saturation patrol where we targeted one specific area. By doing that we made the public very aware that we were on the lookout (for drunk drivers)."

— GEORGE CENTENO
Santa Monica Police Department

"We used education and awareness as a key to prevention. We wanted to make sure we advertised and made people aware of the locations of our DUI checkpoints," said Centeno. "Over the holidays we ran three check points, and one saturation patrol where we targeted one specific area. By doing that we made the public very aware that we were on the lookout (for drunk drivers)."

In California the limit for driving under the influence is .08 percent blood alcohol level for regular driver's licenses, and .05 percent for operators of commercial vehicles.

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Santa Monica City Council considers free parking

Sorry, only alternative fuel vehicles allowed

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Motorists who have chosen alternative fuel vehicles may soon be able to park for free in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica City Council will consider on Tuesday whether or not to waive parking fees at all city meters for alternative fuel vehicles.

One drawback to electric vehicles is that they have to be charged or drivers will be stranded. The city installed charging stations at six locations throughout Santa Monica, including designated spaces on Montana Avenue at 11th Street, the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica

Place, City Hall and the airport. The problem is that often times, the spaces are

are used as charging stations in the future, they would be dedicated to electric vehicles as well.

Santa Monica would not be the first

city to give parking away to alternative fuel vehicles — Los Angeles recently adopted a

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"I'm actually thrilled that we are doing this."

— KEVIN MCKEOWN
Pro tem mayor

occupied by normal cars. City staff is proposing that those spaces be dedicated to electric vehicles only. And if more spaces

SMC track coach to carry Olympic torch

By Daily Press staff

Tommie Smith, 1968 Olympic gold medal sprinter and Santa Monica College's men's track and cross country coach, will carry the Olympic Torch for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games Jan. 16 in Santa Maria.

The torch is currently on a 65-day journey as it makes its way through 46 states en route to Salt Lake City for the opening ceremonies on Feb. 8. By then it will have been carried 13,500 miles.

Smith, who has been teaching at SMC since 1978, is a Los Angeles resident.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Get into a more practical mode. Take on a project rather than hiring someone. You’ll gain in many ways besides financially. Invite someone along to join you, and you will have a hoot together. Laughter and fun inevitably weave together. Tonight: Make it easy.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your playfulness comes out only after you have what you feel is a long-overdue conversation. Decide on your limits and express your feelings. You might go overboard with spending, though really you’re just out to have a good time. Tonight: Play the night away!



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your mood swings every time the moon aspects a different planet, which could be several times in one day. Note your emotional swings today. You will happily wind up having a good time and being silly. Let go of a.m. glumness and sadness. Reach out for someone. Tonight: Happy at home.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ A friend could be overly serious. Invite this person along on your adventures. You don’t need to go far. Go out for lunch and a stroll together. Follow up on another favorite adventure for the two of you. Reveal your true self. Tonight: Out.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Though you present a very serious attitude with those in charge, you certainly frolic away with friends. You naturally enjoy yourself once you clear out responsibilities. Romp — you deserve it. Friends join in, especially since they rarely see you like this! Tonight: Indulge a loved one.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes taking an overview could be a bit grim. Lighten up; even a boss or authority figure suggests that you ease up. Do just that, and you will help everyone relax. Change plans to suit the moment. You have a ball wherever you are. Play away. Tonight: Whatever will make you smile.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Stand back and allow a partner or friend to air his or her concerns. You find that this will help everyone’s mood, though you might choose to say very little. Romp away and enjoy yourself. Make it OK to spend a little on yourself. Kiss off self-discipline. Tonight: Make it an early night.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Solidify plans with someone at a distance, or at least make contact through a phone call. Friends seek you out, but you might find a loved one’s overtures far more appealing. If single, a relationship could be blooming. Let go of unnecessary structure. Tonight: Enjoy.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Others tease you and do their best to bait you into joining them. Responsibility calls. Oh dear, when are you going to be able to lighten up? Your playfulness finally comes out once you relax — after you complete your must-do list. Tonight: In the limelight!



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Your playfulness comes out as you kiss off errands and let go of structure. Frolic away, as little can stop you. Be sensitive to a tendency to go overboard, which can sometimes cause damage to you. Pay attention to a loved one. Tonight: Where your friends are.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Some might describe you as naughty, as you kick up your heels. Forget plans that involve your home and responsibilities. You delight a partner with your wild, happy spree. A child giggles with joy as you start acting like one. Play away. Tonight: Dote on one special person.



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“He who hesitates is a damn fool.”

— Mae West

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SMPD uses advertising to get DUI message out

DUI, from page 1

"We did a lot of advertising to the public that we would be out in force looking for drunk drivers," Centeno said. "Maybe that got through and people took a cab or had a designated driver."

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the efforts made by the city's police department are exactly what local authorities should be doing.

"The Santa Monica Police Department is making every effort to address DUI in the manner that gets the most attention," said Tina Pasco, executive director of the group's Los Angeles County Chapter.

"They take a proactive approach, and I think they are doing an excellent job.

They are one of many agencies conducting check points and roving patrols, which makes them part of a much larger picture," she said. "But it's because these local police departments are making an effort at public awareness and education that we are seeing such a positive result."

Pasco said on average one Southern California family a day is burying a loved one because of a drunk driver.

"So that means, because of the Santa Monica police's work, there are 29 families that didn't have to bury a close friend or family member this holiday season," she said. "That deserves all of our support."

Two city councilmen own electric hybrid vehicles

ELECTRIC, from page 1

12-month pilot program that allows the special cars to park for free at city meters.

Drivers must display a Department of Motor Vehicle clean air decal to be able to park at on-street and off-street parking meters without putting coins into the meters. Vehicles displaying the decal will still have to comply with the two-hour posted time limit and parking restrictions. The decals also allow the cars to drive in high-occupancy lanes on freeways.

The council also will consider waiving permit fees to install electric vehicle chargers and solar thermal systems.

Since there are only 1,200 alternative fuel vehicles in Southern California, city staff doesn't anticipate losing a significant amount of money in parking revenues.

Both Santa Monica Mayor Mike Feinstein and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown own alternative vehicles — Toyota's electric hybrid called "Prius."

Feinstein will most likely support the city staff's recommendation to waive parking fees since he has accrued hundreds of dollars in parking fines since he has been on the city council.

McKeown said he pays his parking tickets and is totally behind the initiative.

"I'm actually thrilled that we are doing this," he said, adding that putting in more electric chargers would be proactive because a new line of electric vehicles is coming out next year.

David Swift, veteran writer-director-animator, dead at 82

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Swift, who wrote and directed the Walt Disney movies "Pollyanna" and "The Parent Trap" that made Hayley Mills a teen-age star, has died of a heart attack. He was 82.

Swift, who died Monday, also created one of television's earliest comedy hits, "Mr. Peepers." The show, which was broadcast live from New York in the early 1950s, starred comedian Wally Cox as mild-mannered science teacher Robinson J. Peepers.

Swift joined The Walt Disney Studios as an assistant animator in the 1930s, working for Ward Kimball, one of the famed animators Disney referred to as his "nine old men."

He worked on the animation for such films as "Dumbo," "Fantasia" "Peter Pan," "Pinocchio" and "Snow White" before moving into writing, directing and producing for radio, TV and films.

"He was so enriched from his experience at Disney that he wanted to do more," said his wife of 44 years,

Micheline Swift. "He was a go-getter. He always said, 'One can do wonders with a pen.'"

He made his feature film debut with "Pollyanna" in 1960. The film, Mills' second, won the 14-year-old a special Juvenile Academy Award. She and Swift followed it up with another hit movie, "The Parent Trap," the following year.

Swift, meanwhile, went on to script the 1998 remake of "The Parent Trap," which starred Lindsay Lohan this time as identical twins.

He also directed such hit 1960s films as "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "The Interns," "Under the Yum Yum Tree" and "Good Neighbor Sam."

His TV writing credits included the Golden Age of television's "Playhouse 90," "Studio One" and "The Philco Television Playhouse," as well "The Rifleman," "Wagon Train" and "Grindl."

Throughout the 1970s, he directed such shows as "Eight is Enough," "Barney Miller" and "The Love Boat."

I see London, I see France ...



Del Pastrana/Daily Press
A mannequin was caught with her pants down on a busy Friday afternoon on the Third Street Promenade. Apparently the shop owner is experimenting with new ways to sell underwear — looks better off than on.

Men's health magazine ranks Houston as nation's fattest city for second straight year

By the Associated Press

HOUSTON — When it comes to flab, Houston is No. 1.

For the second consecutive year, Men's Fitness magazine gave the title of fattest to the nation's fourth-largest city.

The magazine considers air and water quality, television viewing habits, obesity rates, availability of parks and open space, climate and nutrition when assigning ranks.

Later this month, Houston plans to launch a get-fit effort inspired by cheesesteak-loving Philadelphia, which implemented a citywide fitness campaign after the magazine named it the flab capital in 1999.

In response, health clubs offered discounts, businesses sponsored lunch-hour workouts and restaurants presented leaner dishes. Philadelphia dropped to No. 3 last year, and this year is No. 4 on the list.

Chicago ranked No. 2, followed by Detroit.

Houston isn't the only Texas city battling the bulge. Dallas weighs in at No. 5; San Antonio at No. 7, and Fort Worth rounds out Texas in the top 10 at No. 8.

Only one Texas city, Austin, is among the magazine's top 25 fittest cities at No. 16. The magazine ranked Colorado Springs the nation's fittest city, followed by Denver, San Diego, Seattle and San Francisco.

The magazine's February "fattest city" issue appears on newsstands Monday.



NATIONAL

44th annual Grammy nominations announced

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Before the Grammy nominations were announced, pundits had already determined what the big story would be — a certain soulful female singer with a critically acclaimed debut would score multiple nominations, including record, song and album of the year.

That scenario played out Friday — just not quite the way many expected.

India.Arie, whose “Acoustic Soul,” received glowing reviews but achieved moderate commercial success, scored seven nominations, while the year’s most celebrated new artist, Alicia Keys, got six.

Veteran Grammy winners U2 led all nominees with eight, including an album of the year nomination for “All That You Can’t Leave Behind.”

India.Arie’s debut sold a little more than 1 million copies. Meanwhile, Keys’ “Songs in A Minor” was among the year’s 10 top-selling discs, with 4.1 million albums sold. It was shut out of the album of the year category, but her No. 1 smash “Fallin’” was nominated for record and song of the year.

Rick Krim, an executive vice president at VH1, said even though India.Arie’s debut “wasn’t a massive, massive commercial success, in the industry it was clearly an album that people loved.”

“I think everybody was surprised, but happy about it,” he said. “This is one that maybe renewed faith in the system.”

Even India.Arie was surprised.

“I got a lot of critical acclaim. ... But I wasn’t invited to a lot of award shows and I didn’t get nominated for anything this year,” she told The Associated Press.

Besides India.Arie, U2 and Keys, other multiple nominees included classical conductor Pierre Boulez with six and country singer Alison Krauss, R&B vocalist Brian

McKnight and funk rappers OutKast with five each.

T Bone Burnett, Nelly Furtado, Train, Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler and Lucinda Williams each had four nominations.

Among Furtado’s four was a prestigious song of the year nomination for her breezy breakout hit, “I’m Like A Bird.” She was also nominated for best new artist, along with Keys, India.Arie, alternative singer David Gray and rockers Linkin Park.

Furtado said she felt her nomination for songwriting meant that she would have a long career in music.

“After sitting in the studio for 12 months just trying to get my album right ... I really feel like my work paid off,” said the Canadian singer.

“I’m Like a Bird” will compete in the song of the year category against Train’s “Drops of Jupiter,” Keys’ “Fallin’,” U2’s “Stuck in a Moment You Can’t Get Out Of” and India.Arie’s “Video.”

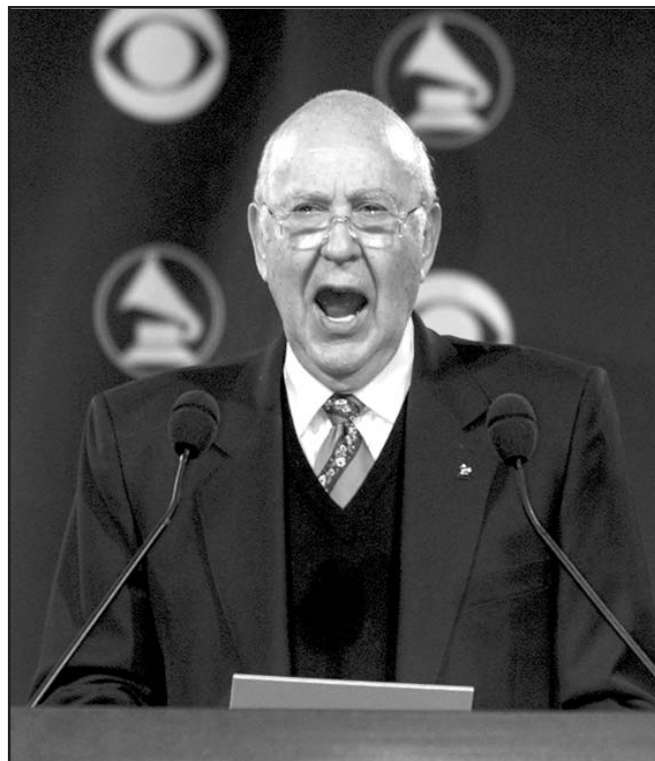
“Video” is also nominated for record of the year, along with “Fallin’,” “Drops of Jupiter,” U2’s “Walk On” and OutKast’s “Ms. Jackson.”

Diversity reigned in the album of the year category. Nominees included Bob Dylan for “Love and Theft,” India.Arie’s “Acoustic Soul,” OutKast’s eclectic “Stankonia,” U2’s “All That You Can’t Leave Behind” and the bluegrass compilation soundtrack to the film “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”

This is the second time a rap album has been nominated for album of the year; the first time was last year’s “The Marshall Mathers LP” by Eminem. That nomination garnered heavy criticism from some gay rights, conservative and women’s groups because of its profane, violent and homophobic lyrics.

There should be no such protests with this year’s nominees, especially India.Arie — her song “Video” celebrates the self-worth and beauty of women.

“I think the Grammys this year, they weren’t necessarily looking at sales and sex and glitziness,” said Emil



Associated Press

Previous Grammy winner Carl Reiner announces the nomination for Record of the Year during the 44th annual Grammy Awards nominations on Friday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The 44th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony will be held on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.

Wilbekin, editor in chief at Vibe magazine. “They were looking at artists who made an impact with their music and really touched people’s hearts.”

The 44th annual Grammy Awards ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.

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U.S. Troops circle around Mullah Mohammad Omar

BY LOURDES NAVARRO

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan foreign minister said Mullah Mohammad Omar was surrounded by anti-Taliban forces near the central city of Baghran, as U.S. troops and warplanes on Friday went after al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan.

The American operations near the city of Khost brought the first death of a member of the U.S. military by enemy fire in the three-month-old Afghan campaign. An Army special forces soldier was killed and a CIA agent wounded in an exchange of fire.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan, said the location of Omar — once the Taliban's supreme leader and now the second most wanted fugitive after Osama bin Laden — was not certain, though there had been indications he was in the Baghran area.

The Afghan foreign minister, Abdullah, said Omar was surrounded in the area, though he did not say if it was Afghan or American

troops that had the Taliban leader penned in.

"If he is captured he will either be tried in Afghanistan or elsewhere," Abdullah, who goes by one name, said in the capital, Kabul. "That will be decided after we capture him."

Kandahar intelligence officials have said negotiations for Omar's surrender are under way with tribal leaders. But Kandahar's governor, Gul Agha, said Thursday his men were not negotiating with Omar. Instead, he said, they are continuing to search for him and to persuade tribal leaders to disarm.

Two Pakistani officials speaking on condition of anonymity said there was a possibility Omar could use negotiations as a cover as he tries to slip away. During the siege of Tora Bora in eastern Afghanistan last month, Afghan commanders said al-Qaida fighters used surrender negotiations to buy time to flee.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said Washington — and the Afghan government — would oppose any deal or pause in operations that would allow Omar to escape.

Postal rates could rise by end of June under proposed deal

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service and major mailers appeared Friday to be close to an agreement that could lead to postage rate increases by the end of June instead of in the fall, a boon to the agency that faces billions in costs stemming from anthrax-by-mail letters.

Under the proposed deal, rates would go up 8.7 percent on average, providing an estimated \$6 billion in additional revenue for the post office, with the cost of a first-class stamp rising three cents to 37 cents.

This is the same increase the Postal Service announced in filing a rate case last Sept. 11 — just minutes before the terrorist attacks — but the deal would let the hikes take effect June 30, months earlier than they otherwise would.

In return, the Postal Service promised not to seek another increase this year.

In addition to dealing directly with tainted mail, the service lost millions in revenue from the resulting decline in mail volume.

George Omas, chairman of the independent Postal Rate Commission, suggested in October that because of the vast emergency costs to the agency, the post office and its major mailers should work out an agreement on the rate case rather than battling it out before his agency, the usual course.

Most of the major parties are supporting the deal, Gene DelPolito of the American Association for Postal Commerce, a trade group, said Friday.

"It looks like a viable agreement," said Postal Service spokesman Gerry Kreienkamp.

And Neal Denton of the Association of Nonprofit Mailers agreed that the majority of major mailers have signed on.

"We wait to see who's standing outside of the circle," Denton said. "Most have responded to Chairman Omas' call for a statesman-like approach."

The Postal Service's governing board meets next week and could signal then if it

will accept the deal.

"I don't see why they wouldn't," Denton said. The agency gets an infusion of cash from the higher rates months sooner than originally planned. In return, he added, mailers worried about even higher rates would be assured the damage has been contained for the immediate future.

"We've got to look to Congress now," he said, calling for an appropriation to help the post office cover some of the extraordinary costs of screening and decontaminating mail for anthrax.

President Bush has authorized \$175 million from emergency funds to help the post office and last month Congress approved an additional \$500 million, but postal officials say their costs could run into the billions.

Traditionally, large mailers such as magazine publishers, nonprofit organizations and mail-order businesses argue aggressively against higher rates. The process of changing rates can take up to a year as the independent commission hears all sides of the case before announcing a decision.

It would be a first if all sides can reach an agreement, but there could still be a hitch if someone contests the settlement and demands a full hearing before the commission. Not all the mailers are thrilled about the deal, said DelPolito.

"There's a difference between saying 'we've signed on' and thinking it's the greatest thing since sliced bread," he said. The choice, DelPolito said, is either agree to this rate or continue litigation and have the postal service come back seeking even higher rates right away.

The deal calls for the first-class increase and boosts in advertising and periodical rates, as well as other increases including post cards, up 2 cents to 23 cents; Express Mail, up \$1.20 to \$3.65 for one-half pound and Priority Mail, up 35 cents to \$3.85.

When the Postal Service announced the rate case, it was seeking income to cover a \$1.68 billion loss in the year just ended as well as anticipated red ink in the current fiscal year.



Associated Press

Vanessa Leggett wipes a tear from her eyes while hugging her husband, Doak Leggett, moments after she was released from the federal detention center in Houston on Friday. Leggett had been detained since July 20, 2001, after she refused to release information from confidential sources to a grand jury investigating Robert Angleton, a Houston bookie whose wife, Doris, was slain in 1997.

Writer released from jail; refused to give up notes

BY JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Weeping with joy, an aspiring author was released from jail Friday after spending more than five months behind bars for refusing to hand over her notes about a society murder.

"I'm just very grateful to be free," Vanessa Leggett said with her husband, Doak, at her side. "Downtown Houston never looked so good. I feel good — I was able to maintain my journalistic integrity so far."

Leggett, 33, was freed after 168 days in jail because the federal grand jury that demanded her research ended its term Friday, said her attorney, Mike DeGeurin.

However, federal prosecutors have indicated they will again ask Leggett for her research. Another grand jury could be convened as early as next week and she could be subpoenaed to appear.

Leggett said she would be more than willing to go back to jail.

"If that's what it takes, that's what it takes," she said. "This is not so much about me. It's about the public's right to a free and independent press."

Kesha Handy, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined to comment.

"We applaud the release of Vanessa, but still protest her impris-

onment," said Al Cross, president of the Society of Professional Journalists. "Her case shows how First Amendment rights belong to everyone."

Leggett is working on a book about the murder of Doris Angleton, who was found shot to death in her Houston home in 1997. Authorities suspect her husband, Robert Angleton, hired his brother Roger to kill his wife. Robert Angleton was acquitted in 1998 in state court, but federal agents are now investigating him.

Roger Angleton killed himself in jail 10 months after the slaying, leaving behind a note exonerating his brother. Leggett interviewed him before the suicide.

Leggett was jailed on contempt charges July 20 after refusing to answer the grand jury's questions about confidential sources and not turning over copies of her notes.

Federal prosecutors contend Leggett is not a journalist and does not fall under the First Amendment's protection of the press. Leggett, who has taught English and criminal justice courses at the University of Houston, has never published a book or news articles.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Leggett's incarceration. DeGeurin has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court in hopes of protecting Leggett from being jailed again.

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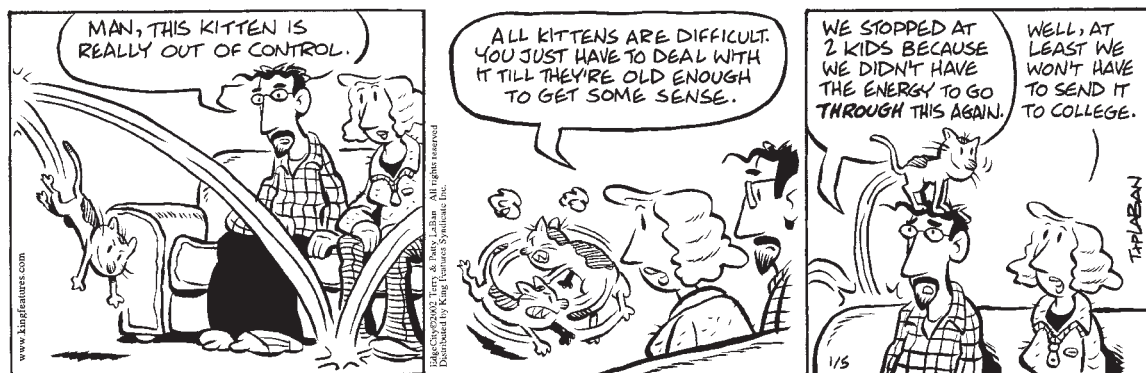
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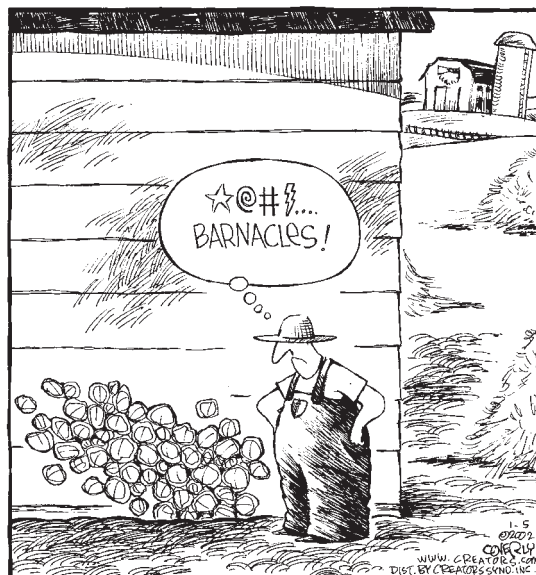
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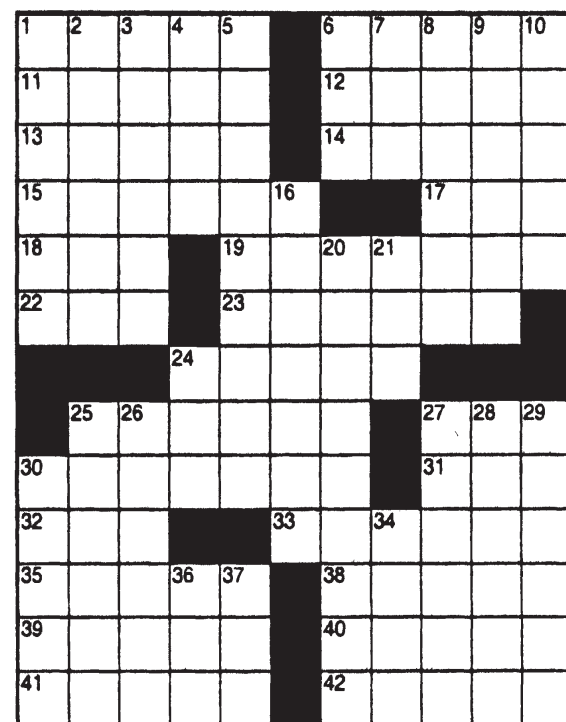


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 - 30 '50s tough
 - 31 Sem. study
 - 32 Eye part
 - 33 Looked intently
 - 35 Ouzo flavor
 - 38 Foolish
 - 39 Chops into cubes
 - 40 Playful mammal
 - 41 High-landers
- DOWN**
- 42 Draws close to
 - 1 Approached
 - 2 Slow tempo
 - 3 Snarl
 - 4 Swelled heads
 - 5 Madrid misses
 - 6 Tear
 - 7 Commotion
 - 8 Halvah base
 - 9 Trattoria choices
 - 10 Catch some z's
 - 16 Register-opening buttons
 - 20 Avowal
 - 21 "That's obvious!"
 - 24 Relaxing resort
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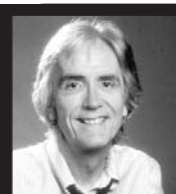


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by Chuck Shepard

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World's oldest man dies in Sardinia at 112

By the Associated Press

TIANA, Sardinia — Antonio Todde, an Italian shepherd listed by Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest man, was found dead Friday morning, just shy of his 113th birthday.

Todde, who attributed his longevity to a glass of red wine every day, died in his sleep overnight in Tiana, Sardinia, according to his nephew, Vanni Todde.

On Thursday, Antonio Todde had told his daughter he wasn't feeling well and refused food. "His heart just gave up," the nephew said.

"Right up until the end, he lived like he always did without a fuss and showed a great love for his family," Vanni Todde said.

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— VANNI TODDE
Nephew

Born Jan. 22, 1889, in a mountain village in the heart of Sardinia, Todde was a shepherd all his life. He left his native island just once, to serve in the military in World War I.

Todde inherited the Guinness title of oldest living man in December, 2000 when American Benjamin Harrison

Holcomb died in Carnegie, Okla., at age 111.

Guinness lists the world's oldest woman as 114-year-old Maude Farris-Luse, who was born Jan. 21, 1887, in Morley, Mich.

On his 112th birthday last Jan. 22, Todde let the world in on the secret to his long life:

"Just love your brother and drink a good glass of red wine every day," Todde was quoted as saying then on Guinness' Web site. "You take one day after the other, you just go on."

Todde is survived by two sons, one daughter, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as a sister and other relatives, Vanni Todde said.

Funeral services were planned for Saturday at the Cathedral of Santa Elena near Nuoro, Sardinia.

Dutch beer mogul Freddy Heineken, dead at 78

BY MARCEL VAN DE HOEF
Associated Press Writer

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands — Alfred Henry "Freddy" Heineken, who helped make his namesake beer one of the world's most popular brands, died Thursday. He was 78.

The former head of the world's third biggest brewer, Heineken NV, died in his home in the seaside town of Noordwijk, the company said. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and son-in-law, and five grandchildren.

Heineken NV didn't reveal the cause of death, but said the former chief execu-

tive's funeral will be private. No date for the service was announced.

Heineken's family will retain his controlling stake in the brewer, which trails only Anheuser Busch and Interbrew in terms of size.

"With the death of Freddy Heineken a unique man left us," said Heineken chief executive Karel Vuursteen in a written statement.

Heineken started his career at the company in June 1942 as an 18-year-old. The brewery was founded by his grandfather, Gerard Adriaan Heineken, in 1864.

In 1946 he became a sales manager at the company's U.S. distributor.

During his two year-stay in the United States he became intrigued by marketing and advertising and returned to the company's headquarters in Europe to build the beer as a premium brand.

He designed the famous green bottle and the logo with the red star and the graceful black banner bearing the brand name.

And it worked. Heineken's green bottles were more expensive than the alternative, but it didn't hurt their popularity.

Heineken became a member of the brewery's management board in 1964 and served as CEO from 1971 to 1989. He was also the head of Heineken Holding NV.

Heineken retired as the head of the holding company in November 2001 because "78 was a nice age to quit," a spokeswoman told Dutch newspapers on his behalf.

Heineken was the richest man in the country with an estimated fortune of more than \$3.6 billion, but that made him the target of criminals. In 1983, Heineken was abducted for three weeks, before being released unharmed. The experience stayed with him.

After that, he only appeared in public when he really had to and he protected his privacy stronger than ever.

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