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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ginnah Muhammad, 42, who was suing a rental car company in Hamtramck, Mich., in October, refused to remove her veil (which covered all but her eyes) on the witness stand, and consequently, the judge refused to accept her testimony and dismissed the lawsuit. He said judges must evaluate witnesses' credibility, which the veil prevented.

■ According to an October dispatch from Bangkok appearing in Melbourne's newspaper The Age, some Muslim teenagers are mixing Coca-Cola, codeine and the native kratom leaf to get high. "Muslims cannot drink alcohol," said one, but if you get "drunk" on that mixture, "(it) is not a sin."

■ About a dozen Asian women living in Seattle flock to Bigelow Street every September, for hours at a time, to gather fallen chestnuts to take home and boil, according to a report in The Seattle Times. The residents of the upscale homes say they've come to accept the ladies, some elderly, who thoroughly search yards for hours and make themselves at home on the properties (including relieving themselves in the shrubbery) while waiting for the next batch to fall.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 President Eisenhower, in an address to Congress, proposed offering military assistance to Middle Eastern countries so they could resist Communist aggression; this became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

WORD UP!

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1. A fine point of exactness in conduct, ceremony, or procedure. 2. Strictness or exactness in the observance of formalities; as, "the punctilios of a public ceremony."

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OPEN UP: A study conducted by RAND and UCLA finds teenagers are not open about their sexuality with physicians.

Let's talk about sex, M.D.

Teenagers keep doctors in the dark

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET — Even if teenagers are out about their sexuality with family and friends, that doesn't mean everyone is in the loop.

That's what researchers at the RAND Corporation, a non-profit policy think tank in Santa Monica, and UCLA found in a study released last week that revealed most adolescents are not open about their sexuality with their physicians even if they are open about their sexual orientation with just about everyone else.

In a survey of 131 participants at the Models of Pride Youth Conference in 2003, senior author Dr. Mark A. Schuster and lead author Dr. Garth D. Meckler, of Oregon Health and Science University, found that only 35 percent of the teenagers had disclosed their sexuality to their physicians, even though 70 percent had said they were out of the closet with nearly everyone in their lives.

The results were somewhat surprising to Schuster, the director of health promotion and disease prevention at RAND and a professor of pediatrics and public health at UCLA, who was anticipating a sam-

See SEXUALITY STUDY, page 12

Having a ball



Photo courtesy of Simon Balm

WALK THE LINE: Close to 50 volunteers from the McMurdo Base conduct a performance called 'Stellar Axis: Antarctica' on the Ross Ice Shelf last month. Starting at the center, the volunteers walked along the spiral, taking approximately 10 minutes to complete the journey.

NATIONAL

Acoma Sky City named as historic site

Trust gives mesa community new status

By The Associated Press

ACOMA PUEBLO, N.M. — Acoma Pueblo's Sky City was named Thursday as a National Trust Historic Site.

Sky City, perched atop a sheer 370-foot sandstone mesa, is the oldest continuously inhabited commu-

nity in North America, according to the Washington, D.C.-based National Trust for Historic Preservation, which named Sky City as the nation's 28th historic site.

Sky City, which dates to A.D. 1150, includes adobe houses, plazas and San Esteban del Rey mission church, which was completed about

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

ANTARCTICA — A Santa Monica College professor is spending his winter break playing in the snow.

Astronomy Professor Dr. Simon Balm is busy flexing his left brain, serving as scientific adviser to a large scale art installation entitled "Stellar Axis" on the Antarctic Ice Shelf.

Headed by internationally acclaimed earth artist Lita Albuquerque, the project situated 99 blue fiberglass spheres on the ice to reflect a portion of the southern sky on the exact date of the winter solstice last month. Each of the 99 spheres reflected a star's relative position in the sky.

It took the team — consisting of Albuquerque, Balm, two documentary filmmakers and a photographer — about five days to set the installation in place on the Ross Ice Shelf last month. On Dec. 22, the day of the solstice, about 50 people encircled the spheres, creating the image of a swirl.

The weather proved favorable for the team, with temperatures hovering around the freezing point.

The installation was dismantled soon after and Balm is now headed to New Zealand, where the weather will be warmer and the days shorter.

"This is an amazing opportunity to combine science and art in such a unique way," said Balm.

Albuquerque, known as one of the pioneering earth artists, conceptualized the art installation from her research in archaeoastronomy, the study of ancient and traditional astronomy. The project

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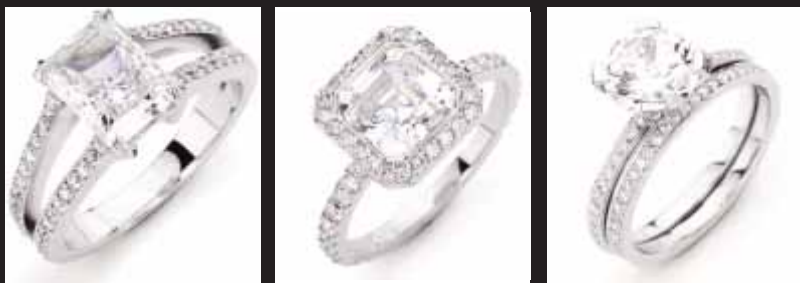
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Santa Monica Critical Mass Bike Ride

Ocean Avenue at Colorado Avenue

6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

One monthly ride right after work. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007

Radiant Landscapes

8533 Melrose Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Risk Press Gallery is featuring an exhibition of Dean Triolo's recent works. For more information, call (213) 446-1076.

Mar Vista Farmers' Market

Grandview Boulevard at Venice Boulevard, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

"Audition!"

1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (310) 394-9779, ext. 1, or by visiting www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Debbie Merrill's Inline Skate Group Class

2400 Ocean Front Walk, 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



‘Energizer Bunny’ goes high in society

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVE. — A Santa Monica-based public relations executive has been chosen to head the largest professional organization for PR professionals in the nation.

Rhoda Weiss of Rhoda Weiss & Associates now heads the 17-member board of directors for the Public Relations Society of America, which has nearly 32,000 professionals and student members working for consulting firms, government, hospitals, schools, the military and non-profit organizations.

The 30-year public relations veteran said she begins her new post at a pivotal time in the industry.

“The definition of public relations is evolving in breadth and depth,” said the 57-year-old Weiss, “and responsibilities of professionals have expanded to broader strategic roles in corporations and other institutions.”

Instead of just calling editors trying to pitch them a story, Weiss said public relations executives are being called upon to take leadership roles and become more connected with the communities they serve. Crisis communication has also become a must in an age of terrorism and the Internet, where a video or audio clip can circulate around the globe with the click of a button.

Weiss also said on Wednesday that public relations is becoming more popular amongst college students, who are enrolling in such classes at much higher rates than advertising and journalism. A goal of Weiss’ is to increase membership in the association and to better connect with youth to help train the next generation of professionals.

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RHODA WEISS



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SEALED AND DELIVERED: Bart Mata, 69, delivers kiosks to the Third Street Promenade on Thursday morning. Mata delivers all 20 carts daily for Provenzano Resources, Inc., which oversees the Third Street vendor program. Mata said the job takes him around three hours to complete.

Shop á la carte style

City officials decide to enhance cart program on Third Street Promenade

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — Surrounded by some of the biggest names in retail, shopper Valerie Cisneros has options. If she feels like it, she can hit Urban Outfitters, The Gap and Victoria Secret in one fell purchasing swoop.

But she isn’t. Instead, Cisneros is fascinated by the merchandise displayed on a green retail cart along the Third Street Promenade that touted a wide selection of belt buckles, displaying everything from green dollar signs to American flags ... even one with the name of her brother, Jesus.

Those are items Cisneros can’t find at any major retailer. For Cisneros, the carts are where it’s at.

“I like shopping here instead of the bigger stores,” she said as she looked over a buckle decorated with glimmering rhinestones.

“You find things you just can’t get anywhere else. It’s cheaper, and you get a little satisfaction knowing that you are helping out a small business and not one of these giant, mega stores.”

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Valerie Cisneros
SHOPPER

“It kind of takes you back to the era when we had swap meets, like, every weekend and you could find some funky, fun stuff.”

Shoppers like Cisneros are exactly the kind of clientele city officials envisioned

when they awarded a 10-year contract (with a five-year extension) to Provenzano Resources Inc. (PRI) to take over the cart program and renovate it to attract more customers, enhance the appearance of the promenade and increase revenue for the vendors and, in turn, City Hall, which receives a portion of the profits.

“The new carts are great,” said Miriam Mack, economic development director for City Hall. “They are good-looking carts, the merchandise is varied and attractive, and they add to what is already available. I think the program does enhance the prestige of the promenade.”

PRI replaced Promenade Services Inc., the group that had managed the promenade’s mobile cart operations since 1989. City officials and the Bayside District Corp. — a nonprofit group of business leaders

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter was insensitive

Editor:
Regarding “Surfer’s life went adrift” (Jan. 1, page 1): It’s unfortunate that (The Daily Press) missed the moral of this tragic story.

This was not your run-of-the-mill hoodlum escaping from the police. It’s your brother, son and best friend you’ve known your entire life, suffering with demons you never knew about, and unfortunately, it all ends in suicide. In fact, this “wonderful person” was just that. God willing, in 2007, we all get a little bit closer to our loved ones and take notice.

Shame on you, Santa Monica Daily Press, for following up a story we were all so thankful for with a response like “Little sympathy for Schmidt” (Letters to the Editor, Jan. 3, page 4). You’ve lost quite a few true Santa Monican readers.

Diana Felix
Santa Monica

In the wake of a tragedy

Editor:
On Dec. 27, 2006, 22-year-old Santa Monica resident Miguel Martin was shot and killed in the 2300 block of Pico Boulevard. In response to this incident, City Manager P. Lamont Ewell activated the city’s Crisis Response Team (CRT) to facilitate mental health and support services to individuals and families that were affected by this incident.

The Santa Monica Police Department has increased patrol and enforcement efforts in and around Virginia Avenue Park, as well as the Pico Neighborhood and surrounding area. Detectives continue to investigate the murder. The Santa Monica Police Department is working in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies, as well as state parole and probation departments. As a result of these increased enforcement efforts, three suspected gang members were arrested on Dec. 30, 2006, for possession of a loaded handgun and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Father Mike Gutierrez of Saint Anne’s Church continues to coordinate support services and funeral arrangements for (Martin’s) family. A viewing is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Saint Anne’s Church, 2017 Colorado Ave., and a mass and procession to Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City is scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. Residents wishing to support the victim’s family may make monetary contributions to Saint Anne’s Church, care of the Miguel Martin Family.

Scott Wasserman
Human Services Administrator, Neighborhood and Park Initiatives





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Time to count the animals two-by-two



FOR FANS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, there's good news and there's bad news.

The good news: Ed Begley Jr., who’s greener than Kermit, has an upcoming reality TV show. The trailer looks very funny and the show should spread the environmental message. The bad news: Due to global warming, a giant ice shelf snapped free from an island south of the North Pole. It was packed with ice more than 3,000 years old. (And I thought the peas in my freezer were ancient.)

Everywhere, there’s more bad eco news (Unless you’re in Arizona longing for an ocean view). An island in the South Pacific recently vanished due to rising water. But President Bush, our feckless leader — er, fearless leader — still maintains that global warming is just a theory. (Like gravity is just a theory?) Bush’s Interior Department had to put polar bears on the threatened species list, citing thin ice! Folks, the sky may not be falling, but the water is rising. Anyone with ark-building skills or proficiency at counting animals two-by-two, get ready.

For the past six years, instead of concern about the environment, it’s been about tax cuts for the wealthy. (Bush’s “leave no billionaire behind.”) Since fossil fuels contribute to environmental woes, let’s go back to 1973, the first oil embargo. Gas rose to a whopping 53 cents per gallon. (Ah, but for the good ol’ days.) Nixon took a break from covering up a burglary and signed the Emergency Petroleum Act authorizing gas rationing. Henry Kissinger took a break from bombing Cambodia and unveiled “Project Independence” to make us energy independent. That plan probably went the way of the Nixon-Kissinger secret plan to end the Vietnam war. That only took six years more and 30,000 American lives, but who’s counting?

Jimmy Carter tried to end our dependence on foreign oil, but he was ridiculed. Conservation was bad for business, the oil business. Reagan, who considered ketchup a vegetable, considered the environment in dandy shape. For the hole in the ozone, his Secretary of the Interior suggested we all just wear hats. And soon SUVs were the craze, as in “crazy.” Following 9/11, who can forget seeing them driving around sporting

American flags?

It’s hard to convince me you’re patriotic when you’re getting eight miles to the gallon.

Could we have prevented the current environmental crisis? In 1961, J.F.K. predicted that by the end of the decade, we’d have a man on the moon. The Russians were sending monkeys into space and we couldn’t get a chimp on a blimp. But ultimately, we made it. So in all these years could we have found clean burning, alternate energy sources? One word: duh.

Twenty years ago, I tried to bring recycling to my 532-unit apartment complex. But first, I had to convince the city and the landlord. The city was easier. Our landlord mocked the idea until I suggested there might be substantial savings in trash pickups. Money talks. It took a year, but finally recycling was coming to The Shores. Unfortunately, the head of recycling (name withheld) mismeasured the underground garage, so when the trucks came out, they couldn’t get in. I was the butt of that joke for the next six months, until different trucks were located. I’m proud to say that was 6,000 of recycling ago.

“Living with Ed” stars Rachelle Carson, who puts up with (barely) her eco-obsessed husband, the Emmy-nominated actor Ed Begley Jr. The result is a hilarious Home and Gardens (HGTV) docu-soap set in the couple’s solar-powered, two-bedroom Hollywood home. The six-episode series premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. In the show’s trailer, Ed has his exercycle hooked to a battery. He explains it only took 15 minutes of hard pedaling to produce enough energy to make toast. Rachelle is further exasperated when Ed boasts that it makes the toast taste better.

Watching Ed pedal, I thought about my building’s gym, where there are five cardio machines. Imagine all the potential toast! So I called Douglas-Emmett (DECO), which has a reputation for being environmentally evolved. It’s a longshot, but I’m keeping my fingers crossed (which explains the typos).

If this column has any value (other than to line a bird cage), it would be to encourage you to help the environment. For us to do otherwise would be a shameful legacy for future generations. The baby boomers would be remembered for irreparably harming the eco system for love of money, cars and air conditioning. I don’t want to be part of that. I’m with Ed. I’d rather pedal for my toast.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Celebrating MLK the musical way

The Santa Monica Symphony, with Music Director and Conductor Allen Robert Gross and soprano Juandalynn R. Abernathy, daughter of civil rights leader Rev. Ralph Abernathy, will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a free concert in the SGI Auditorium at 525 Wilshire on Monday, Jan. 15, at 2:30 p.m. The concert is the final event in Santa Monica's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, which begins at 9 a.m. at the SGI Auditorium.

The program will feature Abernathy singing traditional spirituals and "Old American Songs" by Aaron Copland, as well as the orchestral "Epitaph" by Adolphus Hailstork and excerpts from the "Afro-American Symphony" by William Grant Still.

Music was a major part of Martin Luther King's life and the Civil Rights Movement. Marchers and demonstrators sang as they peacefully resisted oppression. Their anthem "We Shall Overcome" is now used around the world.

The music on the program pays tribute to the African-America roots of so much of our America's music, and to today's African-American composers who have brought that tradition to symphonic music.

The great tradition of African-American spirituals has been preserved and adapted for the concert hall by many gifted arrangers.



ABERNATHY

DAILY PRESS

Library gives free pass for overdue visits

The Santa Monica Public Library is offering an amnesty on fines for overdue materials returned in good condition to the Main and branch libraries during the week of Jan. 6 through Jan. 13.

The purpose of the amnesty is to promote the return of needed library books and media and to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the new Main Library. The amnesty does not include overdue fines accrued from previously returned materials or items owned or borrowed from other library systems. The amnesty also does not excuse billings for lost or damaged materials.

"The primary purpose of fines," says City Librarian Greg Mullen, "is to encourage prompt return of materials. We want our materials back and into the hands of the next borrower who wants them."

For more information on the amnesty program, call the library at (310) 458-8600.

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Marina del Rey dredging set to begin

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors announced that the United States Army Corps of Engineers will begin dredging of the north entrance to Marina del Rey today, until the approximate completion date of March 15. The dredging will eliminate current problems with storm-generated sediment shoaling and vessel groundings that are occurring at the north entrance.

At various times during the dredging, the Marina del Rey Harbor Master will notify mariners about north entrance closures during the dredging operation.

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The Q-Line

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The shooting death of 20-year-old Miguel Angel Martin near Virginia Avenue Park last week is just the latest incident of gang-related violence in the Pico Neighborhood. In the wake of such incidents, law enforcement officials routinely describe gang violence as a "regional problem," as oftentimes gang members who live outside the city are responsible for the violent crimes that take place in Santa Monica's limits.

This week's Q-Line question asks:

Has the time come to disband the Santa Monica Police Department and contract with the LA County Sheriff's Department in efforts to stem gang violence?

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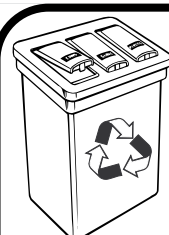
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Immigrant entrepreneurs

Researchers find that foreign-born workers are leading one in four technology startups

BY RACHEL KONRAD
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Foreign-born entrepreneurs were behind one in four U.S. technology startups over the past decade, according to a study to be published Thursday.

A team of researchers at Duke University estimated that 25 percent of technology and engineering companies started from 1995 to 2005 had at least one senior executive — a founder, chief executive, president or chief technology officer — born outside the United States.

Immigrant entrepreneurs' companies employed 450,000 workers and generated \$52 billion in sales in 2005, according to the survey.

Their contributions to corporate coffers, employment and U.S. competitiveness in the global technology sector offer a counterpoint to the recent political debate over immigration and the economy, which largely centers on unskilled, illegal workers in low-wage jobs.

"It's one thing if your gardener gets deported," said the project's Delhi-born lead researcher, Vivek Wadhwa. "But if these entrepreneurs leave, we're really denting our intellectual property creation."

Wadhwa, Duke's executive in residence and the founder of two tech startups in North Carolina's Research Triangle, said the country should make the most of its ability to "get the

best and brightest from around the world."

The study comes nearly eight years after an influential report from the University of California, Berkeley, on the impact of foreign-born entrepreneurs.

AnnaLee Saxenian, now dean of the School of Information at UC-Berkeley, estimated immigrants founded about 25 percent of Silicon Valley tech companies in 1999. The Duke study found the percentage had more than doubled, to 52 percent in 2005.

California led the nation, with foreign-born entrepreneurs founding 39 percent of startups, even though they make up only 25 percent of the state's population. In New Jersey, 38 percent of tech startups were founded by immigrants, followed by Michigan (33 percent), Georgia (30 percent), Virginia (29 percent) and Massachusetts (29 percent).

Saxenian, also co-author of the new study, said the research debunks the notion that immigrants who come to the United States take jobs from Americans.

"The advantage of entrepreneurs is that they're generally creating new opportunities and new wealth that didn't even exist before them," Saxenian said. "Just by leaving your home country, you're taking a risk, and that means you're willing to take risks in business. You put them in an environment that supports entrepreneurship, and this is the logical outcome."

Researchers started with a list of 28,766 companies classified as technology and engineering companies in Dun and Bradstreet's Million Dollar Database, which lists companies with more than \$1 million in revenue and at least 20 employees. Researchers were able to reach senior executives to determine the backgrounds of key founders for 2,054 of the tech startups.

Immigrants were most likely to start companies in the semiconductor, communications and software niches. They were least likely to enter the defense sector.

One of the study's biggest surprises was the extent to which Indians led the entrepreneurial pack. Of an estimated 7,300 U.S. tech startups founded by immigrants, 26 percent have Indian founders, CEOs, presidents or head researchers, the study found.

Indian immigrants founded more tech startups from 1995 to 2005 than people from the four next biggest sources — United Kingdom, China, Taiwan and Japan — combined.

"People who come from India are laser-focused on technology," said Rosen Sharma, who immigrated from India in 1993 and is now president and chief executive officer of Palo Alto-based management software company SolidCore Systems Inc. "They come here and they learn to tell a story and paint a vision. Once you have those two things, you're off to the races."

The Duke researchers also found that foreign-born inventors living in the United States without citizenship accounted for 24 percent of patent filings last year, compared with 7.3 percent in 1998.

Consumers one step closer to copying digital movies to DVD

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood studios have approved a new technology and licensing arrangement that should remove a major obstacle consumers now face with burning movies they buy digitally over the Internet onto a DVD that will play everywhere.

Sonic Solutions Inc. is introducing on Thursday the Qflix system for adding a standard digital lock to DVDs burned in a computer or a retail kiosk.

The lock, known as "content scrambling system," or CSS, is backed by the studios, TV networks and other content creators and comes standard on prerecorded DVDs today. All DVD players come equipped with a key that fits the lock and allows for playback.

But movie download services such as Movielink, CinemaNow and Amazon.com's Unbox haven't been able to use CSS because studios fear widespread DVD burning could lead to piracy.

Studios have experimented with an alternative to CSS used by movie downloading service CinemaNow, but only a small number of titles are available for such burning and some users have complained of problems with playback.

With Qflix — and its studio-backed copy-protection system — consumers should have more options.

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CRIME WATCH

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MONDAY, JAN. 1, AT 12:15 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers patrolling the 1800 block of Wilshire Boulevard observed a man walking down the street tearing up newspapers and throwing them at the doorsteps of nearby businesses. Officers approached the suspect and asked him to pick up the pieces of paper. He refused, police said, and was arrested for littering. The suspect was identified as Michael Burkett, 32, a transient. His bail was set at \$100.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31, AT 9:50 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Albertsons – after receiving a call about a fight in a parking lot. When officers arrived, they spoke with employees at the grocery store, who said they had been fighting with a man who stole a \$20 bottle of liquor. Employees said the man had walked into the store, grabbed the booze and walked out without paying for the bottle. When employees tried to confront him, he began to throw punches and fled. Police located the suspect a few blocks away in the 2300 block of Lincoln Boulevard, where he was detained and arrested for robbery. He was identified as Angel Justice Perez, 33, a transient. No bail was set because he was on probation or parole, police said.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Police responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said a woman walked into the department store and took several items off the clothing racks and took them into a dressing room, where she removed the security sensors with a pair of scissors she has hidden in her purse. After several minutes, the woman left the store without paying for any items, police said. Once outside the store, she was detained by security and held until police arrived. She was arrested for burglary. The woman was identified as Bella Victoria Amoa, 30. She refused to give her address, police said. Her bail was set at \$20,000. The clothing, cosmetics and kitchen ware – valued at \$1,043 – was recovered.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29, AT 6 P.M.

An undercover police officer with the vice unit conducted a sting operation in the 2600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – Mimiko Massage – after receiving reports that the establishment was a house of prostitution. The officer entered the parlor and requested a massage. He was taken to a back room, where a masseuse asked the officer if he wanted additional sexual service in exchange for money. At that point, the masseuse was arrested and booked for prostitution. She was identified as Yong Chu Yi, 55, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29, AT 7:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade – the Apple store – regarding a report that two men had entered the store and allegedly tried to use a fraudulent credit card to purchase items at the store. The two left the store before the purchases were made and proceeded to walk to other establishments in the area, police said. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees, who identified the suspects. Officers approached and questioned the two men. Four credit cards were found on their possession. None were registered to the two men, police said. One suspect said the credit cards were given to him by a friend. The two were arrested for fraud. One suspect was identified as Christian Mata, 35, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000. The second suspect was identified as Ernie Pacheco, 31. No bail information or place of residence was available for Pacheco, police said.

ON THURSDAY, DEC. 28, AT 7:10 P.M.

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said a man walked into the store with three Macy's bags and pulled several items of clothing off of the racks arbitrarily and then went into a dressing room, where he exited a few minutes later without any items. He did this several times and then walked out of the department store with three bags full of clothing. Once outside the store, store security made contact with the man and detained him until police arrived. The man was arrested for grand theft. He was identified as Gerardo Osorio, 24, of Mar Vista. His bail was set at \$25,624 because of outstanding warrants. The clothing, valued at \$1,000, was recovered.

ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27, AT 12:05 A.M.

Officers responded to the 200 block of Colorado Avenue after receiving a call from a Big Blue Bus driver about a woman who was struggling with another woman near the Santa Monica Place mall. When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim, who said she was walking down the street with shopping bags in her hand and a suitcase when a woman approached her and tried to snatch one of her bags. A struggle ensued and the suspect managed to snatch one of the bags and flee. The victim was able to flag down a bus driver, who called police. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located her a short time later in front of City Hall. She was arrested for strong-arm robbery. She was identified as Beth Hoffman, 40, a transient. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

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Hunting down the tallest trees in the world

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK — Michael Taylor is a big game hunter. But the prey he's spent more than half his life pursuing doesn't have legs or even a heartbeat.

Instead, armed with a laser range finder, a head for numbers and an explorer's zeal, Taylor has made a sport of finding and sizing up the tallest species on the planet — California's ancient coast redwoods.

"It's a frontier, one of the last frontiers," says Taylor, 40, greeting individual trees like old friends as he scouts a sheltered creek bed where he's found record-setting redwoods in the past. "And it was pretty much unexplored."

In the space of eight weeks last summer, he and frequent hunting partner and fellow amateur naturalist Chris Atkins, discovered what are believed to be the three tallest trees in the world.

Separately and as a team, Atkins and Taylor are credited with cataloguing more extreme trees — those measuring 350 feet and up — than anyone else. Yet until they located the new champions in Redwood National Park, 90 miles north of here, their achievement was unappreciated outside a tiny fraternity of similarly obsessed scientists and enthusiasts.

They christened them Helios, after the Greek sun god; Hyperion, his father; and Icarus, the mythological youth whose makeshift wings melted when he flew too close to the sun.

Now, after years of tracking trees as a

hobby and on their own dimes, the men are months away from completing their quest to measure all the loftiest redwoods. They know where California's last unexplored stands are, and by next summer they expect to have canvassed them all. The odds of finding a tree taller than the 379.1-foot Hyperion are less than 1 percent, they say.

"It will leave a void," says Atkins, 44.

To put what they do in perspective, it helps to know that the tallest tree species after the redwood, the Douglas fir and the Sitka spruce, rarely top 300 feet, the height of a 29-story building.

Coast redwoods, which grow in a 470-mile ribbon from southern Oregon to Big Sur, routinely get that tall, and taller, and can live 2,000 years or more. (The giant sequoia, the redwood's beefy inland cousin, are the biggest trees by volume.)

Nevertheless, only 36 examples taller than 360 feet have been recorded. Atkins or Taylor had a hand in locating 28 of them. In the 370-feet and up category, there are only four. Atkins and Taylor found them all.

Their stalking grounds are forests where, to the untrained eye, one quiet giant looks pretty much like the next. Yet if you know how to spot them, a prize is as likely to be within sight of a popular trail or highway as hidden in an untouched grove.

A trunk that takes its time tapering, level ground, proximity to water, a flash of sun-kissed foliage reaching beyond the veil of shaded canopy — these are clues for finding a truly towering tree that stands out from its merely magnificent neighbors.

On a recent afternoon, Taylor spots a contender glowing like copper in the last slant of sun. Backing up for a better angle, he peers through the range finder, steadies his aim, and fires.

No cigar. Getting a reading amid a cluster of trunks as wide as mobile homes proves difficult. Taylor lowers his scope and bush-whacks uphill for another try.

"See how frustrating this can be?" he calls over his shoulder, swatting aside wet ferns and clambering over downed branches. "I can see the top, but I can't hit it."

"IT'S A FRONTIER, ONE OF THE LAST FRONTIERS."

Michael Taylor
Big game hunter

The men, who also share a passion for Dungeons & Dragons and "The Lord of the Rings," freely admit that one reason they've emerged as champion tall tree hunters is because there was little competition for the title.

For more than 30 years, the tallest known redwood was a 367.8-foot specimen National Geographic Society scientist Paul Zahl found in 1963. Zahl wrote about "Finding the Mt. Everest of Living Things," and his work gave momentum to an effort to preserve the remaining old growth redwood

forests. The terrain he covered became Redwood National Park in 1968.

It wasn't until Taylor, a kindred spirit named Ron Hildebrand and a budding botanist named Steve Sillett started compiling a list of trees over 340 feet in the late 1980s that anyone thought to challenge Zahl's discovery.

"No one was out there looking for the trees or seemed to really care," Taylor says.

It turned out, however, that Tall Tree had lost more than nine feet in the years between its discovery — possibly due to weather, disease or the compacting of the soft soil around its trunk by the landmark's many visitors. Sillett eventually remeasured it by climbing to the top and dropping a tape measure to the ground.

In 1995, another redwood Zahl found, called National Geographic Tree, was declared the new champ at 365.5 feet. It would be several more years before the National Park Service updated its signs accordingly.

The discovery galvanized members of the Tall Trees Club, founded by Taylor and Sillett. Their goal of systematically exploring groves most likely to yield behemoths was made much easier in 1995, when a handheld laser range finder originally developed for the military was marketed to the public.

With a few clicks, the device could calculate an object's height based on readings of its distance and the angle to the top. It accomplished in seconds what had taken all day using old-fashioned surveying instruments and good math skills.

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its responsibility “to preserve and perpetuate our traditional way of life while implementing practical and sustainable historic and cultural preservation initiatives centered on safeguarding the integrity of Acoma culture, language, history, and arts for future generations,” Johnson said.

By entering into an agreement with the trust, Acoma Pueblo will be able to call upon the trust’s expertise in preservation, conservation and interpretation as well as its legal advocacy. It also will give Sky City access to technical services, grant funds and cooperative marketing programs.

“Acoma is living history — not a museum

— and nowhere else can you better appreciate the full breadth of the American experience,” said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust.

“For nearly two millennia, the sovereign nation of the Acoma Pueblo has been an exemplary steward of Acoma Sky City, and, as the owners of the mesa, they will continue to preserve this captivating community,” Moe said.

Acoma Pueblo residents offer hourlong tours of Sky City to provide an introduction to the pueblo’s history and culture.

Last summer, the pueblo opened its Sky City Cultural Center and Haak’u Museum at the base of the Sky City mesa. The facility, just over twice the size of the pueblo’s old

17,000-square-foot tourist center, was aimed at giving visitors a taste of the culture of Sky City and give pueblo members a place to reconnect with their traditions and history and the Keres language.

Other sites that have earned the designation include a massive castle overlooking the Hudson River and Frank Lloyd Wright’s home and studio.

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Making patterns align

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“I am interested in creating a mental image of the patterns aligning,” said Albuquerque. “In a way, it is like taking a snapshot of a moment in time when the stars are aligned to the pattern on the ground, so that the ‘picture’ is an accurate picture of not just a planet floating in space, but a planet surrounded by a vast circulatory system of stars of which we are a part.”

Balm, who has worked on the project with Albuquerque for two years, was in charge of drawing maps and drilling holes in the ice to place the sphere so it aligns with the stars. The spheres ranged in size from 10 inches to four feet and the entire installation measured at least 400 in diameter.

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NATIONAL

State employees priced out of Vernal hotels

BY PAUL FOY

AP Business Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Hotel rooms are in short supply in the oil town of Vernal, where a team of state employees has been priced out — months in advance.

The engineers are making arrangements for a summer of field work around Vernal, 128 miles east of Salt Lake City.

But they can’t find a hotel that will accept

the \$60-a-night state allowance provided to traveling employees. So they are making plans to sleep in trailers at Steinaker State Park, about seven miles outside town.

“We need as many as seven rooms for up to six months during the field season. Not only are the rooms unavailable, the market is making them cost-prohibitive,” said Teresa Wilhelmsen, a water-rights engineer.

And while the trailers may cost more than checking into hotel rooms for a summer, she fig-

ures she can sell them and recoup most of the cost.

Wilhelmsen said rooms are going for \$80 to \$120 a night in Vernal, even with reservations made months in advance, “and we can’t get anything on short notice.”

Oil-and-gas workers are taking hotel rooms for months at a time, even at Vernal’s bed-and-breakfast, said Tory Collett, manager of the 10-room Landmark Inn.

The inn is booked for much of the summer at \$89 a night, she said.

“We do honor the state rate,” Collett said. “Those are the people who helped get us through the lean times.”

The engineers will spend the summer around Vernal sorting out 1,500 irrigation and individual water rights in the Ashley Creek basin as part of a court case.

“If they having trouble, they can call us, but a lot of hotels in town won’t honor the state rate. They don’t need to. They have enough business without it,” Collett said.

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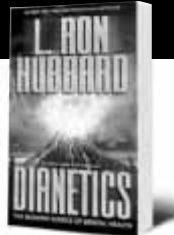
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Avalanche forecasters need more cash

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Avalanche Center, a sentinel when backcountry adventurers need to know about hazardous snow, is sounding a different alarm: It is short of cash.

Director Bruce Tremper's forecast for 2007 includes a \$30,000 shortfall that could lead to a staff layoff.

Costs are higher, and an increasing number of skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and snowshoers means forecasters need to cover more terrain, he said.

"We just can't keep up," Tremper said. "When I started this job 20 years ago, we only had to worry about a handful of telemark skiers in knickers eating granola. Those days are long gone."

The center, which charts backcountry snow conditions and forecasts avalanche

risk on its Web site, is a U.S. Forest Service project. But it gets only 20 percent of its \$200,000 annual operating budget from the federal government, Tremper said.

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Bruce Tremper
Utah Avalanche Center Director

The state of Utah contributes \$107,000, Salt Lake County gives \$25,000, and a sup-

port group, Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center, raises about \$50,000.

Nearly all of it pays the salaries of six forecasters who work 60 hours or more a week. The avalanche staff in Colorado has 15 forecasters.

A recent call for additional donations may fill the budget hole. But Tremper is worried about the future and plans to ask Utah lawmakers for an increase of about \$500,000.

"In old days, we had ski swaps to raise money. But it's not a bake-sale organization anymore. We need to fund it," he said.

Senate President John Valentine, R-Orem, has agreed to support the request, Tremper said. A House sponsor is being sought.

"I would like to see them expand their educational mission (to reach) those kids I'm pulling out of the snowpack, and the

young adults who believe they are invincible," said Valentine, an avid backcountry skier who volunteers with Utah County's search-and-rescue team.

Since 1998, 224 people have died in U.S. avalanches, according to statistics from the Forest Service National Avalanche Center. About 90 percent of slides are triggered by humans.

In Utah, where statistics date back to 1951, an average of four people die in avalanches each year. There were three deaths in the 2005-06 season and eight, a record, in 2004-05.

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Vail Resorts continue to shop for new properties, says CEO

BY SANDY SHORE

AP Business Writer

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Vail Resorts Inc. continues to shop for new properties amid an industry consolidation, although the timing of any purchase is critical, the chief executive of the nation's largest ski area operator said Thursday.

Vail Resorts is in a good position to expand as the number of skiers and snow riders continues to grow, if slowly, Robert Katz said.

Acquisitions remain "very much a priority," he said, noting that some companies participating in a merger or acquisition process can spoil it by getting "too itchy" to finish.

Katz spoke after the company wrapped up a brief annual meeting, approving a slate of directors and amendments to a 2002 incentive plan. The gathering, which was postponed by last month's blizzard, drew one shareholder.

In recent years, the ski industry has consolidated as large travel- and resort-oriented companies have snapped up key properties.

Intrawest Corp. of Vancouver, British Columbia, last month agreed to buy Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. from American Skiing Co. for \$265 million in cash. The acquisition, if approved by regulators, would increase Intrawest's Colorado holdings to three and overall resorts to 11.

In October 2005, privately held Starwood Capital Groups purchased a controlling interest in California's Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for \$365 million.

Vail Resorts owns and operates Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone and Breckenridge ski areas in Colorado, Heavenly in Nevada and California, and Grand Teton Lodge Co. near Jackson, Wyo. Only Intrawest Corp. has larger North American operations than Vail.

Since 2000, the industry has seen a 2 percent annual growth rate in the number of skier visits, an industry statistic that represents one person buying a lift ticket that is used to ski or snowboard.



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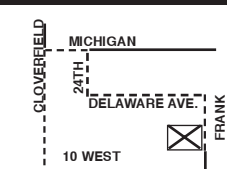
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Student arrested for first-degree murder

BY GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

TACOMA, Wash. — Some students who heard the gunshots or saw the victim crumple to the floor didn't believe what was happening was real. The screaming teachers and streaks of blood on the lockers quickly convinced them it was.

The shooting, which happened just before the first period bell rang on the day classes resumed after the holiday break, sent students scrambling as 17-year-old Samnang Kok lay dying in a hallway. The shooter bolted out a set of double doors.

About two hours later Wednesday, police arrested fellow student Douglas Chanthabouly, 18, a few blocks away from Henry Foss High School. He was booked for investigation of first-degree murder.

The shooter and victim knew each other but detectives did not immediately know a motive, Tacoma Police Chief Donald Ramsdell said. He said the arrested boy was cooperative.

"Today we lost a nice young person in a Tacoma public school in an act of senseless violence," Ramsdell said. He vowed to work with the school district to "prevent this type of situation in the future."

Police said Chanthabouly had no criminal record. He was expected to make an initial court appearance Thursday. It was not immediately known if he had obtained a lawyer.

Sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said the teen was on suicide watch, which is common in high-profile cases. Police said the shooting was not believed to be gang related or racially motivated.

When the shooting began, "I was 20 feet away," said the school's principal, Don Herbert. "The only thing I could have done was taken the shot instead. But it happened very fast."

An armed school resource officer was on the scene within seconds of the shooting and radioed police for help as teachers herd-

ed students into classrooms and the gymnasium, said Detective Chris Taylor. Three teams of about six officers, each armed with rifles, swept the school to ensure the gunman had left.

Two 15-year-old sophomores, Malcolm Clark and Josh Wilber, said they witnessed the shooting and were questioned by police. "He got shot — bang — and he just fell," Clark said of the shooter and the victim. "He just froze and he fell backwards into the lockers."

Other students "were like, 'Nah, he's playing. He's going to get up,'" Wilber said. "And then the teachers started yelling 'Get in the classroom!'"

Kok died of three shots at point-blank range. He was the father of an 18-month old son, Makhai Kok, with his girlfriend, Tiari Johnson, 16. No one else was hurt in the 7:30 a.m. shooting.

About two hours later, a neighbor a few blocks from the school called police to say that someone matching the suspect's description was in the area. Officers arrested him without incident.

The school was locked down after the shooting. Classes were canceled for the rest of the day and students sent home about an hour later.

Gov. Chris Gregoire said the shooting was further evidence that the state needs to complete its school mapping program, an effort to provide emergency responders with up-to-date information about school layouts and evacuation routes.

All of the state's high schools have been mapped; 725 of Washington's public elementary and junior high schools have yet to be, she said.

Associated Press writer Curt Woodward contributed to this report from Seattle

ON THE NET

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Johns Hopkins researchers find cost of using poultry antibiotics

BY MARCUS KABEL

Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Antibiotics in chicken feed have long been targeted by critics as a health issue, but a new study by Johns Hopkins University researchers says they also are a money-loser for poultry farmers.

The study in this month's edition of the journal Public Health Reports is billed as the first economic analysis of the cost-benefits of feeding poultry antibiotics to boost growth, a widespread practice since the 1950s.

Groups including the World Health Organization and the American Medical Association have argued that growth-promoting antibiotics, or GPAs, for poultry should be banned. They say the practice can lead to more antibiotic-resistant infections in humans.

Using data from a study of 7 million chickens published previously by Perdue Farms, a major U.S. producer, the Johns Hopkins researchers found that the drugs helped promote growth but cost about a penny per chicken more than the market value the birds gained from antibiotics.

"The net effect of using GPAs was a lost

value of \$0.0093 per chicken," the study concluded. "Based upon these data, the authors found no basis for the claim that the use of GPAs lowers the cost of production."

The National Chicken Council, a trade group of major poultry companies, said the study was flawed because it applied average figures for costs that in fact vary across the country.

It said poultry producers use antibiotics primarily to treat disease in animals or to promote animal health, not for growth.

"There has never been a proven case in which human health problems resulted from the use of antibiotics in chickens," the council said in a statement.

The study focused on cost benefits and shows there is no financial advantage in using them, said The Keep Antibiotics Working coalition, which opposes the use of the drugs in animal feed and publicized the study.

"But the fact that in today's poultry operations growth-promoting antibiotics don't even reduce costs just strengthens the case for eliminating them. It doesn't make sense — or cents — to continue this practice," Richard Wood, steering committee chair of the group, said in a statement.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 06-019, 1248-60 Eighteenth Street. The applicant proposes to modify the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 05-004 approved on December 13, 2005 to remodel and expand the existing Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica located at the corner of Arizona Avenue and 18th Street in the R2 (Low Density Multiple Residential) District. The previous CUP approval included a Parking Variance and requirement to provide off-site parking. The applicant proposes to modify the project to reduce the parking demand and to provide 15 on-site parking spaces, thus eliminating the need for the Parking Variance and off-site parking. [Planner: Laura Beck, AICP] Applicant/Property Owner: Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica.

Text Amendment (06TA005) and Variance (06VAR020), 3402 Pico Boulevard. A Text Amendment (06TA005) to amend SMMC Section 9.04.08.16.020 (I) to allow the conversion of 7,492 square feet of ground floor parking area into office space and a Variance (06VAR020) to allow a reduction in the number of required off-street parking spaces. [Planner: Brad Misner] Applicant/Property Owner: National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. [Continued from December 13, 2006]

Text Amendment 06-006 and Conditional Use Permit 06-016, 2028 Montana Avenue. The applicant requests an amendment to the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.14.080 and a Conditional Use Permit to allow the continued operation of the Farms Market, a neighborhood grocery store currently regulated by a limited term conditional use permit that will expire in November of 2008. [Planner: Sarah Lejeune, AICP] Applicant: Victor Manes & Michael McGuire. Property Owner: Henry Shishmanian Trust.

Tract Map 06-025 (TTM # 68431), 1931 22nd Street. The applicant requests approval of a Tentative Tract Map No. 68431 to subdivide one lot into five airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed two-story, including a mezzanine level, five-unit condominium development with a subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Section 9.20.04.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. [Planner: Dennis Banks] Applicant/Property Owner: 1931 22nd Street, LLC.

Tentative Parcel Map Extension Tract Map 06-TM-029 for 3301 Exposition Boulevard (Lantana South), and Tentative Parcel Map Extension Tract Map 06-TM-030 for 3030 Olympic Boulevard (Lantana East). The applicant requests a 12-month extension of Tentative Parcel Map No. 060786, an airspace subdivision of property located at 3103-3301 Exposition Boulevard (IMAX) and Tentative Parcel Map No. 060785, an airspace subdivision of property located at 2900-3030 Olympic Boulevard. The parcel maps will allow the existing studio buildings and a future studio building on each site to be sold separately while providing required access and parking on the single parcels of land pursuant to Development Agreements that were approved on October 28, 2004. [Planner: Bruce Leach] Applicant/Property Owner: Maguire Properties, L.P.

Tract Map 06-033 (VTTM #68101), 1319 Yale Street. The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 68101 to subdivide one lot into six airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed six-unit condominium development with a mezzanine level and subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Section 9.20.04.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. [Planner: Dennis Banks] Applicant: Manouchehr Galdjie. Property Owner: 1282 Barry Ave., LLC.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.



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Teens need to trust

SEXUALITY STUDY, from page 1

pling pool that was open about their sexuality since he was surveying teenagers at an empowerment conference.

"We would've hoped if they were open in [the other parts of their life], they would also be open with their physicians," Schuster said this week.

Schuster and his colleagues at RAND and UCLA conducted the study to examine the interaction between gay, lesbian and bisexual youth with physicians and health care providers. The empowerment conference was selected as the perfect venue to scout for research subjects because those who would attend such an event would likely be out about their sexuality, according to researchers.

Approximately 90 percent of teenagers had seen their doctors in the past two years and 33 percent had seen a physician within the past year. About 66 percent of the adolescents agreed that doctors do need to know about their patient's sexual orientation in order to provide health care to suit their needs.

It is necessary that gay, lesbian and bisexual teenagers be honest about their sexuality with their physicians in order to receive proper care. Likewise, doctors should make an effort to create an open, non-judgmental and comfortable environment for patients, Schuster said.

"They need to know if the teen patients are engaging in sexual activity; they need to know if they have to give advice for pregnancy prevention," Schuster said.

The study states that the American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Medical Association [AMA] and the Society for Adolescent Medicine all agree that it is important that physicians discuss sexuality with teenagers.

The AMA policy states that physicians should be non-judgmental in regards to their patient's sexuality in order to provide the best care possible.

"In the case of homosexual patients, this is especially true, since unrecognized homosexuality by the physician or the patient's reluctance to report his or her sexual orientation and behavior can lead to failure to screen, diagnose or treat important medical problems," the policy states.

Many of the teenagers who have yet to reveal their sexuality to physicians cited several reasons for staying in the closet, including: fear that the doctor would discriminate, worries that the doctor would inform parents who still might be in the dark, and embarrassment. About 64 percent of teenagers said physicians should just ask them about their sexual orientation.

The fear of discrimination is not unfound, considering there has been a history of medical professionals discrimi-

nating against their gay, lesbian and bisexual patients, even denying them health care on occasion, according to Brad Becker, executive director of the GLBT National Help Center, a San Francisco-based hotline that provides counseling to those in the gay and lesbian community.

Many doctors might inadvertently create a discriminatory environment in their office, even if they themselves are not homophobic. For example, a doctor might assume a male patient is heterosexual by asking them if they are sexually active with their girlfriend, rather than phrasing it as "partner."

Health care practitioners at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center in Hollywood hear every day about how their patients have been mistreated or discriminated against at doctors' offices.

A teenage patient that Nurse Practitioner Cynthia Harrison recently met with was turned away from a physician because they were gay. The patient was seeking treatment for a STD.

"TEENAGERS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE AND AFRAID TO DISCLOSE THEMSELVES FOR FEAR OF BEING LABELED OR REJECTED."

Cynthia Harrison

Nurse Practitioner
LA Gay and Lesbian Center

"Teenagers are especially vulnerable and afraid to disclose themselves for fear of being labeled or rejected," Harrison said on Tuesday. "They're in a time in their life when they may be ... unsure of who they are."

"The choices they make now can really impact them in the future."

Researchers at RAND and UCLA hope that physicians will read the study and make an effort to create a comfortable environment for their patients.

"It's not just about sexual orientation," Schuster said. "We want our patients to be comfortable discussing all aspects of sexuality, as well as other issues in their lives, whether it relates to substance abuse or other topics that might be sensitive."

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Experts say economy will remain strong

BY PAUL FOY

AP Business Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Every sector of Utah's economy added jobs in 2006, just one sign of a "rip-roaring" economy, Gov. Jon Huntsman said Thursday.

Utah added nearly 60,000 non-farm jobs last year for a total of more than 1.2 million, led by increases in mining, construction and manufacturing. Construction accounted for a quarter of the new jobs.

Huntsman was gloating over those and other statistics prepared by his economic advisers in an 226-page annual report, telling business and government leaders the state's economy was "on fire."

"The fundamentals look like we're going to have another good year," Huntsman told the gathering at the University Marriott Hotel. "I'm absolutely thrilled."

Utah's economy is off the charts by many measures. Huntsman's advisers say they've never seen it so strong, with job growth running nearly four times the national average.

The governor's chief economist, Robert Spendlove, predicted job growth would remain at least twice the national average for the next three decades. In an interview, he said he makes projections that long for water, transportation and infrastructure needs for a growing population.

"Utah is unique demographically compared to the rest of the nation," he said. "We have the largest household size, the highest fertility rate, the third-highest life expectancy and the lowest median age."

Utah also has the nation's second-highest education attainment rate, as measured by the 92.5 percent of the adult population with a high school diploma, he said.

"It means Utah has a young, well educated, productive, dynamic work force that's very attractive to employers," Spendlove said.

The state's largest economic sector involves the movement of goods and services. Grouped together, wholesale and retail trade, transportation and utilities accounted for 234,800 jobs, up by 8,900, according to the report compiled by Huntsman's Office of Planning and Budget.

Other leading sectors are government and professional and business services.

The construction sector added the most jobs, 14,800 last year, for a total of 122,800, it said.

The value of all construction in Utah last year was more than \$7 billion, led by nearly 30,000 new houses.

Another \$2 billion in new construction and renovation is planned for downtown Salt Lake City over the next five years. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has started demolition of three city blocks for a new retail core, a project valued by state economists at \$1.5 billion.

Wages, meanwhile, were up by an average 5.4 percent last year, the biggest jump in 14 years, Spendlove said.

Utah has only to worry about a labor shortage, which could restrain job growth this year, economists said. Huntsman said 1,000 engineering jobs were going unfilled in Utah because of the shortage.

People moving to Utah are helping to fill that gap, including a growing Hispanic workforce described in the economic report as largely "invisible."

Utah had a confirmed net migration of 30,000 residents in 2006, plus 52,000 births — the highest birth count of any year in state history, Spendlove said.

Among the downsides of the vibrant economy is traffic congestion and crowded schools.

Traffic is increasing twice as fast as the population and "we're not keeping up," said Carlos Braceras, deputy director of the Utah Department of Transportation. "There's less open space on the roadway."

Braceras said the one-hour evening commute between Salt Lake City and Provo could grow to three hours in 25 years if Utah does nothing to improve the highway or mass transit system.

The burgeoning school population is causing a teacher shortage that Huntsman blamed partly on paltry salaries, which vary by school district.

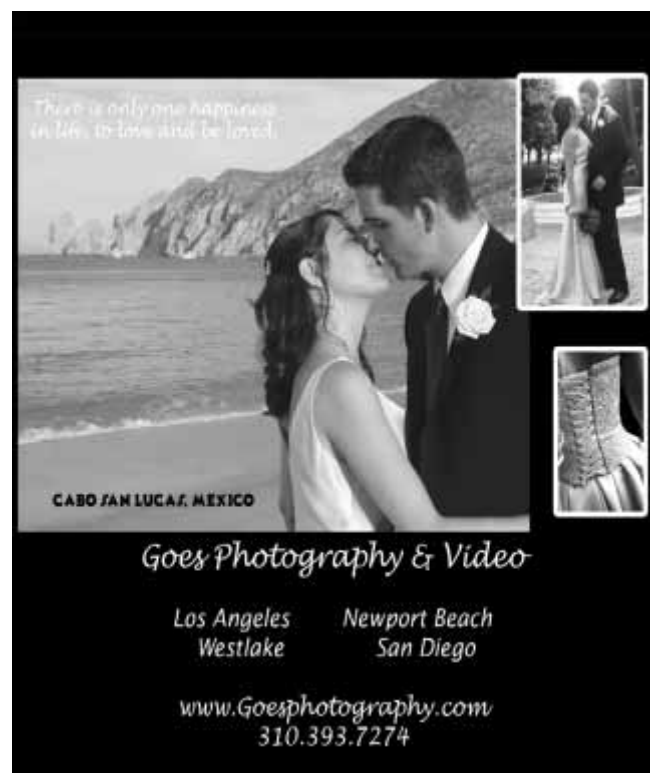
"I think the rates we're paying our teachers is embarrassingly low," he said.

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Interested persons may provide public comment on the report to the Santa Monica City Council during the January 9, 2007 City Council meeting or send a letter to the City Council. The Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations, please contact the Human Services Division.

Please contact the City of Santa Monica, Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701, TDD (310) 458-8696, for more information.

Sleepless in Alaska

Bear cub doesn't go into hibernation

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The little bear scampering through back yards should be snug in its den, curled up beside its mother and sleeping away the harsh Alaska winter.

Instead, the orphaned bear cub is prowling back yards on Douglas Island near Juneau, scrounging for anything to eat — dog food, bird seed, dead crows.

The tiny bear scored big at Brenda Greenbank and Gary Rosenberger's beachfront home. Gary saw the cub for the first time a couple of days before Christmas after returning with deer from a hunting trip.

"He went out to the garage and thought he saw a dog carrying away a front quarter. He followed it a bit and realized

it was a tiny bear," Brenda said.

The next time Gary had a close encounter with the bear was when he was putting meat scraps for gulls and eagles in a tin atop the wood pile.

"The wood pile is just outside the front door. When he reached out to put another handful in there, he just about touched that guy because he had his face buried in that pan," Brenda said. "The little guy had crawled up on the wood pile and helped himself."

While Rosenberger has seen the bear several times, Greenbank saw it just once. She estimates its size at about 25 pounds — the size of a small dog.

"He is just a little black fuzzball," she said. "I just can't see him surviving without a mother to protect him ... but miracles have happened."

Grant Hilderbrandt, a regional supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Conservation, said if the cub isn't captured, his chances of surviving are poor.

"Being an orphan, his chances are not very good to start with," he said. "It's a hard life out there."

Black bears in southeast Alaska normally go into hibernation in late October or early November, with pregnant sows typically going in first. No one really knows for sure what triggers the need to hibernate but it probably has to do with the weather getting colder and food scarcer, Hilderbrandt said.

Black bears do not go into a deep sleep, he said. They doze, sometimes getting up and going outside the den.

"They are asleep but not completely out. They get up and move around and nuzzle the cubs, but it is a very relaxed state," Hilderbrandt said.

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Rough ride for cart vendors turned to profits

CART UPDATES, from page 3

who help manage downtown along with City Hall — felt it was time to explore new vendors who could present better concepts or approaches that would make it more profitable for the promenade.

At first, many of the old vendors resisted the change and lobbied the City Council to back out of the contract with PRI. They complained that the company was charging too much for rent and would require vendors to invest too much money up front, with no guarantee that they could stay around long enough to recoup their investment.

A staff report released last year said negotiated base rents averaged \$2,461 per month. However, PRI also collects 15 percent of any revenue operators generate above that base rent.

Likewise, City Hall's new contract calls for a minimum \$600 rent from each cart operator, or 30 percent of what PRI collects, whichever is higher, according to City Hall's contract with PRI. City Hall expected to collect an average of \$720 per month from each cart, based on the financial expectations each cart should generate.

Some vendors complained that PRI would no longer employ the homeless to help move the carts every day. Instead, PRI uses a cart driven by one employee to collect the carts and tow them to a storage space in the evening and then back out on the promenade in the morning.

Deborah Kravitz, an executive with PRI,

said the company did hire three homeless men at the beginning of the program, but two were unreliable, with one stealing merchandise from the carts.

Other vendors tried to outbid PRI for the contract, but were unsuccessful.

"We tried to make the transition as smooth as possible, but we can't accommodate everyone," Kravitz said. "Five former vendors were offered locations in our program and are still with us to this day. Five out of 17 of our vendors are from the previous cart program."

With any business, there are growing pains and Kravitz acknowledges that, as does Mack and some of the vendors, who had concerns initially with the design and size of the carts, the new rents and the \$150 fines received for opening their carts late and closing early.

"When I first opened up, business was not great," said Debbie Perry, who operates Fancy Paw, a clothing company for pets. "But in the last six months, things have finally turned around. People know about me and are coming from many different places. Whenever they're in town they stop by. I have customers from overseas now and they call me up and order outfits for their pets."

Perry, who operates a different kind of cart at the Farmers' Market in Los Angeles, said the promenade is a great place for her to set up shop because it's an open-air mall with many people who like to walk their dogs while they shop. This has helped her become profitable, but she said other ven-

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Deborah Kravitz

Executive with Provenzano Resources Inc.

dors haven't been so lucky.

"It really depends on the merchandise you have," said Perry, who works at her cart every day of the week, roughly 12 hours a day. "My rent is very expensive, around \$3,000 a month, but when you look at other places, that's really how the market is now. So, you either have to have multiple carts or a really good product to be successful."

Many vendors have problems with the size of the carts, wishing they were a little bigger so they could display more merchandise, but overall, most seem pleased with PRI.

In addition to being "fair" and "responsive" to complaints, PRI, one of the largest cart operators in the country, also offers consulting services to help with marketing products. PRI staff also work with vendors

to make sure they have quality products people want to buy and are not similar to those sold in stores along the promenade.

"I wish the carts could be stationary because when you move them, things can break," said Nicole Delecce of Bliss, which sells trendy jewelry. "That said, Provenzano has been a great resource for us. I can't say enough good things about them. They are on top of things. If we have problems, they fix it right away. They are organized and really nice people to work with."

Delecce said since she moved to the last block of the promenade, near Wilshire Boulevard — often considered one of the least traveled areas of the shopping district — she has seen her sales soar. She believes it is because of the promotion done by PRI and the products she sells that have increased foot traffic in the area.

"We had a chance to move to the second block, but I think we are going to stay right where we are," Delecce said.

Kravitz is confident that when food carts come online later this year, the promenade will be an even more attractive venue for shoppers. The plan is to have five food carts selling everything from gourmet cookies and hot dogs to churros and other familiar favorites.

"It's been an interesting year," Kravitz said, "and we are looking forward to the next 14."

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PR executive looks to change the definition of public relations

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"One of the most important issues we face is diversity," said Weiss. "We must look at ensuring that we bring in people who are diverse, but also play a key role in educating, training and communicating issues of diversity."

Weiss has served high-level leadership roles for PRSA with five years on the national board and three national officer positions.

In her professional career as a public relations and health care executive, Weiss, known amongst her colleagues as "The Energizer Bunny," said she has traveled more than six million miles consulting and speaking to more than 700 organizations in 49

states and abroad.

A former Kellogg Foundation Fellow, the Detroit native has taught public relations, marketing and fund-raising classes at UCLA Extension for more than 20 years and is a past president of the Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Association of Southern California.

Weiss attended Michigan State University and Antioch College and has lived in Santa Monica for the last 32 years.

The Public Relations Society of America, based in New York city, has 109 professional chapters and 280 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

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Santa Monica Close-up A Photo Essay a Day



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Man charged in deaths of firefighters

Fire crew boss appears in federal court to face manslaughter charges

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — A crew boss charged with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of four firefighters in a 2001 wildfire appeared in federal court on Thursday to hear the charges against him.

Ellreese N. Daniels was released on his own recognizance by U.S. Magistrate Cynthia Imbrogno, who set a Jan. 30 date for his next court appearance.

"We're horrified the government has elected to file charges," federal public defender Tina Hunt said outside the courtroom. "This is a travesty of justice."

She said Daniels is being singled out for criminal prosecution even though the decisions on fighting the Thirtymile Fire near Winthrop were made by numerous people. She predicted jurors would exonerate Daniels, a seasonal U.S. Forest Service employee who lives in the Wenatchee area.

As the statute of limitations was about to expire, federal prosecutors in late December charged Daniels with four counts of involuntary manslaughter and seven counts of making false statements to investigators. The charges carry penalties of up to six years in prison.

Daniels was not arrested and appeared voluntarily in court Thursday. He remains free to travel in the United States, Imbrogno ruled. He is working at the Stevens Pass ski area, his lawyer said.

On July 10, 2001, firefighters Tom Craven, 30, Devin Weaver, 21, Jessica Johnson, 19, and Karen FitzPatrick, 18, perished in the extreme heat of the fire while they huddled inside aluminum fire shelters intended to save their lives. All were from central Washington.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Hopkins has said Daniels is accused of gross negligence for failing to order the firefighters out of harm's way as the flames advanced and then making false statements to Forest Service and Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators.

Hunt said any claims against her client belong in civil court, not criminal court.

"This case has far-reaching consequences for all people who fight fires and put themselves in danger every day," she said.

Hopkins said the alleged false statements involved whether Daniels contacted fire engine crews when they arrived at the scene, whether he ordered the firefighters to come down from the rocky slope and whether he told a Forest Service employee to take two civilians into her emergency shelter.

The four died when they were trapped by the wildfire with 10 other firefighters and two campers. The other firefighters and the civilian campers escaped serious injuries.

A subsequent Forest Service investigation concluded fire bosses ignored numerous signs of danger, repeatedly underestimated the fire and allowed their only escape route from the dead-end canyon to be cut off. Nine employees and fire commanders were eventually reassigned from active duty, while others quit or retired. The Forest Service has never released specifics of the sanctions.

In the years since, the Forest Service and other wildland firefighting agencies have established minimum requirements for training and experience. The agency also has worked with OSHA to re-examine safety and training policies.

A federal law passed after the Thirtymile fatalities requires an outside investigation of any wildland firefighting fatalities.

The deadly blaze is believed to have been caused by an unattended campfire. No one has been charged with starting the fire.



Bottoms up

Fabian Lewcowikz fabianl@smdp.com

Zurab Nebieridze, 32, a bodybuilder, powerlifter and wrestler from Hollywood, does five push ups while Kevin Gibson (left) and Grant Morales (right) take turns standing on his back at the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday.

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SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Start the year with photos and concerts in SM

BY HAMP SIMMONS

Special to the Daily Press

It's a brand new year, so get out your calendars and start marking dates. Next week, once everyone is back from vacation, we'll go back to our traditional format of weekend events, but this week's Palette will let you in on a few upcoming events that you may not want to miss. January is always hopping in Santa Monica and this one is certainly no exception. Additional information on each of these events will be posted each week, but here's a heads up to let you know what's coming down the pike.

The West Coast's top art fairs return
Photo LA
Friday — Sunday, Jan. 19-21



Art LA
Friday — Sunday, Jan. 26-28
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main Street
(310) 458-8551

Los Angeles Art Show
Wednesday — Sunday, Jan. 24-28
Barker Hangar
Airport Drive
Santa Monica Airport

The three best art fairs on the West Coast return to Santa Monica this month. Photo LA opens to the public on Friday, Jan. 19. The Thursday night opening reception will be hosted by Graham Nash to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Hot on its heels, the following weekend, comes the Los Angeles Art Show, which opens on Jan. 24 with five centuries of art from around the world; and Art LA on Jan. 26, which will host a reception that Thursday night benefiting the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art. Even if, like me, you can't afford to buy any of the spectacular works on sale at these events, you should definitely visit them both to get a look at what's happening in art galleries all over the world. Between these three shows, you'll get to know everything that's cool in today's art market.

Santa Monica's January Cultural Happenings

Artnight at 18th Street
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th Street

Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana
Opening Reception
7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13
Santa Monica Museum of Art
Bergamot Station G1
2525 Michigan Ave.
(310) 586-6488

Martin Luther King Commemorative Concert
2:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15
SGI (Soka Gakai International) Auditorium
525 Wilshire Blvd.



Art at the Santa Monica Airport
Santa Monica Airport Art Walk
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 10
Airport Avenue (between Bundy and 23rd)
Santa Monica Airport

Your own Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division will be presenting a new event this year — the Santa Monica Airport Art Walk. On March 10, you'll be able to visit the artist studios at the Santa Monica Airport. You'll be amazed at the quality and the quantity of work that is produced in that one of our most important cultural sites

Santa Monica cultural event calendars

In Santa Monica, there's just no excuse for anyone to be sitting around with nothing to do. Listed below are just a few of the Web sites you should bookmark and check out next time you find yourself sitting idle. Each of these local cultural destinations will offer you a chance to get out of the house and feed your mind.

18th Street Arts Center — <http://www.18thstreet.org/>
Aero Theatre — <http://www.americancinematheque.com/Aero/aeromastercalendar.htm>
Bergamot Station — <http://www.bergamotstation.com/>
California Heritage Museum — <http://www.californiaheritagemuseum.org/>
City of Santa Monica Community Calendars
Highways — <http://www.highwaysperformance.org/>
Miles Playhouse — <http://www.milesplayhouse.org/>
McCabes — <http://www.mccabes.com/>
Ruskin Theatre — <http://ruskingrouptheatre.com/>
Santa Monica Playhouse — <http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/>
Santa Monica Historical Society — <http://www.santamonicahistory.org/>
Santa Monica Museum of Art — <http://www.smmao.org/>
Experience LA — <http://www.experiencela.com/>

Until next week, stop by the Creative Capital Web site and give us your thoughts on the proposed plan for our city's future cultural growth (<http://www.smgov.net/creativesantamonica/>).

Hamp Simmons is the cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Santa Monica. Send comments or suggestions for the Palette to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.



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New ‘Struggles’

Production shows the pain of living with diabetes

BY HANK ROSENFELD
Special to the daily Press

“In increasingly commercial Santa Monica, arts and artists are in danger of becoming a scenic coast’s next endangered species. But cultural environmentalists are working to prevent that from happening.”
Mark Swed
Los Angeles Times, Nov. 6, 2006

Some of those cultural grounds are being stirred at the Ruskin Group Theatre, a 65-seat Santa Monica secret across from the airport, where director/writer/actor/guru Paul Linke presides over new productions, such as this Sunday’s performance of “Diabetes: My Struggle with Jim Turner.”

Jim Turner doesn’t really “perform” the show. Turner’s clownish characters include Tellis Wondersweet, his goof on Hugh Hefner hosting “The Girly Magazine Party”; Choam Underhill, the “bio-natura-neutratetnonic” new-ager in “Two-Headed Dog” (viewable at YouTube); Grudge Hansen Poet, of Fortune; and Mr. Tremendous (and others) with the Duck’s Breath Mystery Theater. He’s best known, perhaps, for playing Kirby Carlisle, the hapless burned-out agent on the former HBO comedy “Arli\$\$.

But this time, inspired by his director Linke’s solo show, “Time Flies When You’re Still Alive,” Turner reveals his own character.

“At first, it was very difficult to be myself on stage,” said Turner. “But after years of hiding behind a mountain of costumes, I am now starting to like it a lot.”

The audience may like how Turner takes them from “Arli\$\$.” in the 1990s, to rock ‘n’ roll in San Francisco in the ‘80s, back to Iowa in the ’70s — his life an odyssey of harrowing adventures with the illness.

Today, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and non-traumatic amputations in the United States. Nearly two-thirds of diabetics die of heart disease. But in 1970 Midwestern America, nobody noticed as Jim, a teenager at Herbert Hoover High in Des Moines, grew pasty white and dropped 30 pounds.

Finally, he saw a specialist. On his grandmother’s birthday at “Baker’s Cafeteria in the Sherwood Forest Shopping Center, where we always went for festive family meals,” the Turners learned about his disease.

“We don’t know where this came from,” the doctor said, telling Jim’s parents, “Just put three meals a day in front of him and stay out of the way.”

His way began with six days in a Des Moines hospital “training to be a diabetic.” After “sweating like Patrick Ewing,” he came out a changed man. At the Dairy Queen, when his pals gobbled down burgers, fries and Cokes, Jim began to order up “a glass of water. And if I felt frisky, a Tab — that can of dirty brown chemicals.” Following a hallucinating freakout in an amusement park when he’d forgotten to eat, Turner realized he’d “never have the luxury of being irresponsible.”

Still a wannabe bohemian, Turner wandered Europe by bicycle, with a banjo and a box of books. The banjo he left in Düsseldorf. His trip ended in an Italian clinic with life-threatening insulin shock. Returning to Iowa, he worked at Baskin-Robbins before joining the Duck’s Breath Mystery Theater, a seminal American comedy group of the 1970s, and began a “rock ‘n’ roll lifestyle, lite” onstage and on the road.

This time, he ended up in the Mayo Clinic, where they seriously told him he seriously had to change his life. He eventually got off the road, married and fathered a son, Otto. A diabetic for 32 years at that point, Turner felt “proud” and in control, until the night he woke up with five paramedics at his bed and a fire truck outside.

An estimated 41 million people in the U.S. are viewed as “prediabetic” — in danger of getting the disease. Turner’s goal with his one-man show is to spread that awareness.

“Within the diabetes community,” says Turner, “there has always been the discussion: Am I a person with diabetes or a diabetic?”

He wanted to be the first. A regular on the CNBC show “dLife TV,” Turner says he’s now “probably worse than a diabetic. I’ve become a professional diabetic.”

ON THE NET
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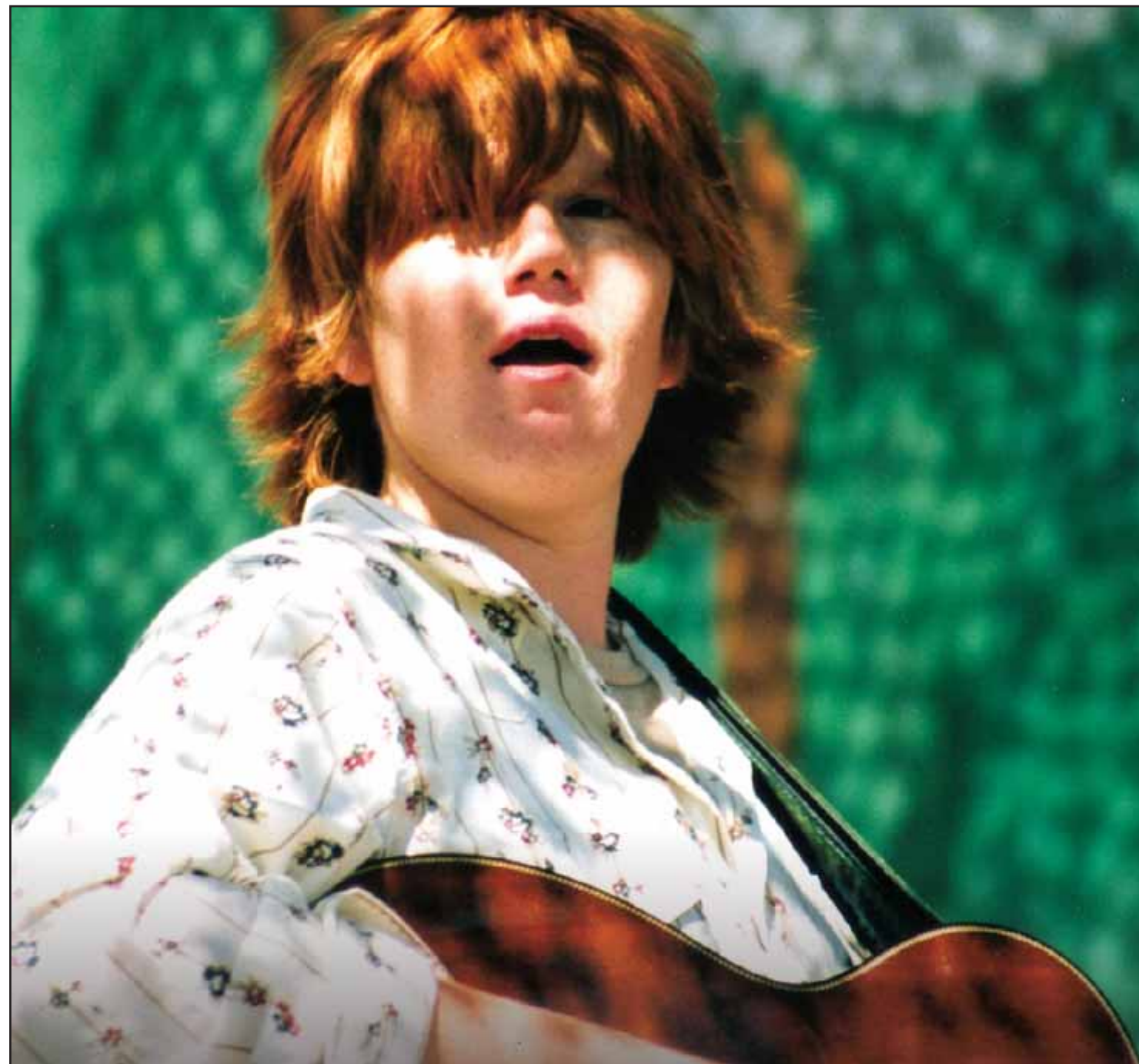
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Music speaks loud

SHOWING LOVE: Dennen tours to raise non-profit awareness

BY LORI BARTLETT

Daily Press Staff Writer

THE ECLECTIC, LAID-BACK VIBE OF Santa Monica seems to suit folk-rock artist Brett Dennen just fine. The local singer says he prefers the low-key lifestyle afforded by his Ocean Park digs as opposed to the hustle and bustle of the Hollywood club scene, where he often plays shows.

"I'm really proud to live in Santa Monica," said Dennen on Wednesday. "The thing I really like about it is that it doesn't have such a nightlife buzz, it's mellow. That's why I like living here. I can drive to the Eastside and play, and after a gig, it's not all crazy here like it is in Hollywood."

Dennen grew up admiring folk artists such as Paul Simon, Bob Marley and Bob Dylan in the rural atmosphere of Oakdale, California. His sound is mainly acoustic in nature, with some world music influences in the beats. His positive jams have gained Dennen a measure of popularity, including being asked to open for the likes of pop singer John Mayer and being included in the Bonnaroo festival lineup.

Dennen's latest adventure is a three-month tour, playing at 57 clubs, some Apple stores and local radio stations along the way. "The Love Speaks Tour" will take Dennen and crew across the nation and

parts of Canada in an R.V. While the tour is obviously a vehicle for Dennen to promote his music, "Love Speaks" also aims to serve a greater purpose.

"The idea behind (the tour) is that if you speak from your heart, you can only do good for yourself, for your friends and for your community," said Dennen. "So at every show, at every city that we play in, we're having non-profits that are local to that region have a presence at the show. So, they can set up a table and put out some literature about what their mission is, put out some flyers and things to take home. We're donating a dollar from every ticket sale to the non-profit."

"What I want to do is to get people inspired to make a difference. I've gone to shows that I've been really inspired just on the music and just on what the artist is saying ... so hopefully, at these shows, people will get inspired and are like 'Yeah, I want to do something for my community,' and they turn around and there is a non-profit that is already doing good in the community. I just want to use my music to get people connected to any social activism or any community program that they might not be aware of. I think that music can do that."

"Music is a good way to get people together and get people to do stuff."

Coordinating the tour and having a non-profit at every show has been an exhausting

effort for Dennen. He intends to use local non-profits in each city, with a few national organizations — Habitat for Humanity, Save Darfur and NAACP — peppered in the mix. Each non-profit will get a few minutes at the mic to try to encourage audience members to get involved.

Dennen hopes that even if the tour doesn't immediately provoke people into joining a movement for social change, it might just plant the seed.

"Maybe later on in life, when people are thinking about making a donation to a charity, they will still have the organization that they saw at my show in the back of their mind," said Dennen.

The kick-off party for "The Love Speaks Tour" will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Hotel Cafe on Cahuenga Boulevard in Los Angeles at 9 p.m. The non-profit that will be represented is The Youth Think Tank Performance Project, which takes students from the South Central L.A. and Crenshaw districts and brings them to UCLA to research topics on social change. The students then create and put on performances.

Dennen is looking forward to the L.A. sendoff.

"It's going to be a really loose, fun show," he said. "It's more of like a bon voyage."

TICKET INFORMATION

■ \$12 admission. Purchase at www.hotelcafe.com

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Get your JAMS on

Fresh from their performance at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the Colgate 13 travel to Santa Monica this weekend as part of their annual two-week-long tour. Hailing from Colgate University in central New York State, the Colgate 13 has delighted audiences with fun, surprises and a cappella sounds for more than 60 years.

Old and new musical favorites supply the Colgate 13 with an repertoire of more than 100 songs. A free show will be staged at the Santa Monica Pier at 2 p.m. in the Central Plaza.

Pier JAMS is an acronym for Santa Monica Pier Junior Acoustic Music Series, a program dedicated to giving young musicians the opportunity to perform in a high-profile venue. Community and student musical groups that would like to schedule a concert may call (310) 458-8901.

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A big, shiny Jubilee

The Westside Eclectic hosts a hilarious all-improvised show featuring "The 313" for the "The Shiner New Year Jubilee" on Sunday at 7 p.m.

Get your new year off to a entertaining start with the funny, fast-paced improv quartet "Shiner." The improv troupe of Jen Cain, Mark Gagliardi, Jennifer Marie Kelley and Hal Lublin, collectively known as "Shiner," is resolving to make 2007 "the funniest year ever."

"The 313" features Mad TV's Keegan Michael Key, Larry Joe Campbell of "According to Jim," MTV's "Wild 'n' Out's" Josh and Nyima Funk, Marc Evan Jackson of "Breaking Up with Shannen Doherty" and Andy Cobb from "Family Guy."

Tickets are \$8.

For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

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Life path healer teaches the

Intuitive life path healer Linda Drake will be coming to Southern California to offer workshops around her new book, "Reaching Through the Veil to Heal," which offers a better understanding of life, death and the many stages of grief we experience when we lose a loved one. Drake channels spirits' messages to assist us in healing the emotions of grief that can sabotage and cripple our lives if we do not understand them. The knowledge Drake has gained through her years of communicating with spirits on the other side enables her to offer her audience a unique yet comforting perspective of the existence of loved ones beyond the human experience.

In Drake's workshops and book signings she will share tools to heal the emotional roller coaster of grief. She will teach how to open our eyes to the many ways our loved ones communicate with us from beyond human life.

Drake will be in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, at The Bodhi Tree, 8585 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, at 7 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

- 9:00 a.m. I. Public input is limited to items listed on the agenda. Public input for all items will be received at the beginning of the meeting.
- 9:15 a.m. II. Purpose and goals of the workshop
- III. Informational Update
 - School District Joint Use Agreement
 - Homelessness
 - Transportation management issues
 - Economic Forecast and Mid-Year Budget
- 9:45 a.m. IV. Progress for Improved Service to the Community
 - Initiatives on human resource changes, business system improvements, and customer service
 - Citywide restructuring
 - Coordination among departments regarding capital projects
 - Strategy for Planning and Community Development
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Break
- 11:15 a.m. V. Council policy clarification
 - Contracting for services
 - Advertising/sponsorship
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and closed session
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Melin Cardenas v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. BC 342 198.
 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Mary Ann Sheridan, et al. v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. SC 088 571.
 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: City of Santa Monica v. Baron & Budd, P.C., Case No. BC 315 186.
 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Or Khaim Hashalom v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. CV 06-06932 ABC (FFMx).
 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Shopper Shuttles, LLC v. City of Santa Monica, et al., Case No. CV 06-07977 SVW (FFMx).
 - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Santa Monica Food Not Bombs, etc., et al. v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. CV 03-0032 R.
 - Anticipated Litigation: Anticipate significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): 6 matters, including update on meetings with Federal Aviation Administration re Airport; claim of Rose Demetriou; and 4 matters involving disputes at real property at 161 Ocean Park Boulevard, 1047 11th Street, 1522 6th Street, and 1432 7th Street.
- 1:30 p.m. VI. Agenda Management
 - Length and frequency of meetings
 - Effectiveness of information provided to the Council
 - Uses of Council Contingency
- 3:00 p.m. VII. Adjournment

Public comment is permitted only on items listed on this agenda. No other business will be considered.

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Iraqi arrests

Guards arrested as investigation aims to find source of Saddam pictures

BY STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi authorities report the arrests of two guards and an official in the investigation into who taunted Saddam Hussein as he stood on the gallows and took cell phone pictures showing his body dangling at the end of a rope.

The unauthorized video has ignited protests by Saddam’s fellow Sunni Arabs in various Iraqi cities and threatens to make a martyr out of the ousted dictator. Saddam was shown never bowing his head as he faced death, and asking the hecklers if they were acting in a manly way.

The Bush administration sent conflicting signals Wednesday about the conduct of the execution, with the White House declining to join criticism and the State Department and U.S. military publicly raising questions about it.

The second-guessing over the conduct of the execution came as a video turned up of four Americans and an Austrian abducted in November in southern Iraq. The hostages spoke briefly and appeared uninjured in a video believed to have been recorded nearly two weeks ago and delivered Wednesday to The Associated Press.

The men — security contractors for the Crescent Security Group based in Kuwait — appeared separately on the edited video, and three of them said they were being treated well. They were kidnapped Nov. 16 when suspected militiamen in Iraqi police uniforms ambushed a convoy of trucks being escorted by Crescent Security on a highway near the southern border city of Safwan.

In violence Thursday, two bombs exploded in Baghdad’s upscale Mansour neighborhood, killing 13 people and wounding at least 25, police said. Mansour is a primarily Sunni neighborhood in western Baghdad.

Saddam, who was convicted for the killings of 148 Shiites, was dignified and courteous to his American jailers up to the moment he was handed over to the Iraqis outside the execution chamber, a U.S. military spokesman said.

He “was courteous, as he always had been, to his U.S. military police guards,” Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell said. “He spoke very well to our military police, as he always had. And when getting off there at the prison site, he said farewell to his interpreter. He thanked the military police squad, the lieutenant, the squad leader, the medical doctor we had present, and the colonel that was on site.”

National Security Adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie and two other top officials variously reported one to three men were detained in connection with how Saddam’s execution was conducted.

“The investigation has already had an arrest warrant against one person and two to follow,” al-Rubaie told CNN. He said the guard force at the execution was infiltrated by an Arab television station or another outsider.

The clandestine footage appeared on Al-Jazeera television and Web sites just hours after Saddam was hanged Saturday. The tumultuous scenes quickly overshadowed an official execution video, which was muted and showed none of the uproar among those on the floor of the chamber below the gallows.

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Mowaffak al-Rubaie
National Security Adviser

Sami al-Askeri, a Shiite lawmaker who advises Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said two “Justice Ministry guards were being questioned. The investigation committee is interrogating the men. If it is found that any official was involved, he will face legal measures.”

A second key al-Maliki adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information, reported the arrest of the official who supervised the execution and said he videotaped the execution.

Prosecutor Munqith al-Faroon, one of 14 official witnesses to the execution, told The Associated Press that he saw two government officials using camera phones at the hanging but did not know their names.

Caldwell said no Americans were present for the hanging and that the tumultuous execution would have gone differently had the Americans been in charge.

As the storm over the handling of the hanging gained strength, Caldwell was among several U.S. officials who suggested displeasure with the conduct of the execution.

“If you are asking me: ‘Would we have done things differently?’ Yes, we would have. But that’s not our decision. That’s the government of Iraq’s decision,” the general said.

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BASEBALL

Giants still working to finalize Bonds' contract

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — One Barry signed, one to go.

The San Francisco Giants are still working with Barry Bonds' representative to finalize complicated language in the slugger's \$16 million, one-year contract for next season — a process that has lasted nearly a month.

The team formally introduced new ace Barry Zito on Wednesday, but talk quickly shifted from Zito's \$126 million, seven-year deal to Bonds' status. The seven-time NL MVP still has not scheduled a physical, a necessary procedure for his return to the Giants to become official.

San Francisco reached a preliminary agreement with Bonds on Dec. 7 — on the last day of baseball's winter meetings — for the one-year contract that could pay him up to \$20 million, including performance bonuses.

The language in the deal still being negotiated concerns the left fielder's compliance with team rules, as well as what would happen if he were to be indicted or have other legal troubles, according to a person familiar with the negotiations. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of such details.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether the 42-year-old Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

"There's a lot involved," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. "The language is wide-ranging."

Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris, declined comment on the negotiations.

San Francisco's payroll will be about \$95 million this season, up around \$10 million from recent years. A good chunk of that is committed to Bonds, who will begin his 15th season with the club only 22 home runs shy of surpassing Hank Aaron's career record of 755. Bonds has agreed to defer some of that money.

Bonds, considered healthy again following offseason surgery on his troublesome left elbow, has spent 14 of his 21 big league seasons with San Francisco and helped the Giants draw 3 million fans in all seven seasons at their waterfront ballpark.

After missing all but 14 games in 2005 following three operations on his right knee, Bonds batted .270 with 26 homers and 77 RBIs in 367 at-bats in 2006. He passed Babe Ruth to move into second place on the career home run list May 28.

FOOTBALL

San Francisco mayor offers 49ers new site for stadium

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Gavin Newsom has asked the 49ers to build a new stadium at the city's old Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in hopes of persuading the team to abandon its plan to leave town.

In a Dec. 28 letter sent to 49ers owner John York, Newsom promoted the site as a spacious, accessible alternative to the team's current home at Candlestick Point. A new stadium at Hunters Point also would bring needed jobs to the economically depressed neighborhood nearby, Newsom wrote.

The 49ers responded skeptically to the proposal, with York on Tuesday accusing Newsom of "political gamesmanship" and expressing doubts about the polluted site, which the team has rejected before.

A study of Hunters Point by the 49ers about two years ago raised concerns about the site's distance from freeways and the U.S. Navy's timeframe for cleaning up hazardous waste there, York wrote in a letter responding to the mayor.

"While we thought the site had potential, we ranked it well below a number of other sites in the Bay Area," York wrote.

The 49ers announced in November they had

abandoned a decade-long attempt to build a stadium at Candlestick Point, its San Francisco home since 1971, and planned to move to the town of Santa Clara south of the city.

York's wife and 49ers co-owner Denise DeBartolo York said last week the Santa Clara site had received the blessing of NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell during a fall visit.

But NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday the commissioner "has not made any determination on where the stadium should be."

John York also lashed out at an opinion piece Newsom published in the San Francisco Chronicle last month exhorting the team to keep its "promise to us" to build a stadium that would anchor the economic revitalization of the city's Bayview District.

"The assertion that the 49ers are responsible for the lack of economic progress in the Bayview is not only wrong, it is offensive," York wrote.

In a quick response issued Tuesday, Newsom wrote he was "unapologetic" about his commitment to the Bayview.

"It is with utter sincerity — and not a bit of 'political gamesmanship' — that I have pledged to make sure those promises are kept," the mayor wrote.

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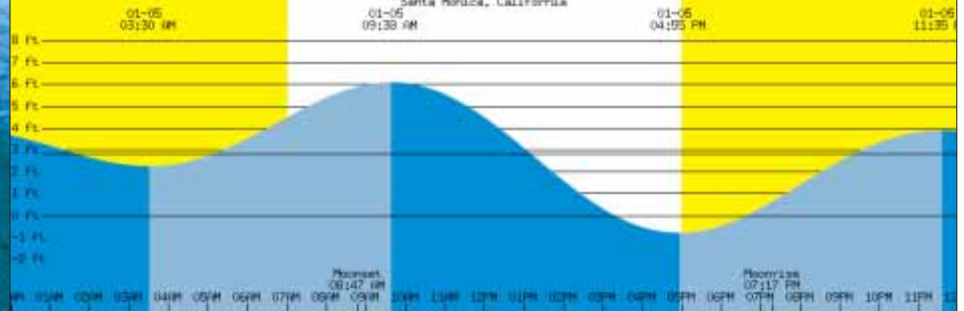
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37/31

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10/13

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	C	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Anyone who tries to hold you back will find out what the true nature of the Ram is. An awkwardness develops, which might be unavoidable right now. Life feels slightly askew. Don't analyze; simply flow with what is. Tonight: Let your hair down; goodbye, pressure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Someone is so there for you that you might be startled. Good feelings evolve into greater security. With this person, you walk on solid ground. Many events and people could be testing your patience. Tonight: Time to retreat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Share with others and discuss what might be going on. You might be surprised by how many different interpretations of the same event you'll get. You might not be quite as sure of yourself as you have been in the past. Tonight: It's Friday night; act like it!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You treat someone very well. The problem might be that this person has the expectation that you will continue to do that endlessly. A discussion about what is realistic might be long overdue. Don't be afraid of being honest. Tonight: Remember, fun doesn't have to cost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign energizes you and draws many admirers. Yes, you are magnetic. You might be overwhelmed by what is going on with others. Right now, getting everyone on the same page might be impossible, so just enjoy where others are. Tonight: What would make you happy?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Take your time making a decision. You will discover that there are many ways of looking at this specific issue. Extremes hit out of the blue. Honor your need to do more for others. You discover how much better you will feel as a result. Tonight: Just for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want from others. You could be surprised by what happens if you don't try to guide the end results. It would be futile and frustrating anyway. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Conflict arises just by being yourself. Don't try to buck trends, but attempt to pull yourself out of a problem. The less involved you are, the better off you will be. Everyone seems very strong-willed. Let it be. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You certainly put your best foot forward, though others might have a difficult time seeing that fact. Detach, and you will understand some of the discomfort that others are going through. Screen calls if need be. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others find your insight helpful. Work with an associate and partner to make a much-desired goal a reality. You could be delighted by the end results. The path might not be easy, but it's worthwhile. Tonight: Let someone else make the call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others might challenge you, but know that you are among friends, even if you have difficulty figuring out what is going on. Not everyone is easygoing – including you. Keep your eye on long-term goals. Tonight: Let someone else make the call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Focus on accomplishment. Don't allow your intellect or imagination to get involved with the shenanigans around you. Yes, you might understand more than others realize, but right now you cannot help anyone. Tonight: What would make you feel good?

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Under the knife

Lohan has surgery to remove appendix

LINDSAY LOHAN was to have surgery to remove her appendix, her publicist, Leslie Sloane Zelnik, said Thursday.

Zelnik declined to give details. In response to a query by The Associated Press, Zelnik said in an

e-mail that the 20-year-old actress was "having her appendix removed. She is resting comfortably."

Celebrity Web site TMZ reported Zelnik as saying Lohan wasn't feeling well Wednesday and had gone to a doctor, who performed

several tests and determined that she was suffering from appendicitis.

Doctors asked her to return to the hospital Thursday to remove her appendix as a precaution, TMZ said.

Lohan, whose screen

credits include "Bobby," "A Prairie Home Companion" and "Freaky Friday," was treated for several hours at a Los Angeles area hospital last July for overheating and dehydration after being overcome by the heat on the set of "Georgia Rule."

She was treated at hospitals twice in January 2006 – in London for a cut on her leg and in the Miami area for an asthma attack. In 2005, she was hospitalized for exhaustion and lost a noticeable amount of weight.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Busta's lament: Charged with assault

BUSTA RHYMES was charged Thursday with misdemeanor assault stemming from a man's complaint that the hip-hop star had beaten him in a dispute over money.

Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Neil Ross set bail at \$3,500 for the third-degree assault charge, and set Rhymes' next court date for Feb. 20.

The rapper later made bail and left the courthouse, away from the media's view. One of his lawyers, Scott Leeman, said Rhymes was taken away on a Correction Department bus. His sport utility vehicle was still parked outside the courthouse.

Rhymes, 34, turned himself in and was booked on the misdemeanor charge at a Manhattan police station Wednesday night, police Lt.

John Grimpel said.

Grimpel said a man told police that Rhymes had punched and kicked him numerous times in a confrontation outside a lower Manhattan building on Dec. 26. The man, whose name wasn't released, was treated at a hospital after the incident, Grimpel said.

"I can tell you, judge, my client is innocent, and I rarely say this in a courtroom," said Robert Kalina, another of Rhymes' lawyers. He added that the alleged victim had no discernible injuries other than one red mark on his face.

Rhymes, who was born Trevor Smith, was charged with assault after an Aug. 12 performance at the AmsterJam Music Festival on Randalls



BUSTA RHYMES

Island. He was ticketed in November after police said he was seen talking on his cell phone while driving past a Manhattan police station.

Police have also sought to question Rhymes as a potential witness in the shooting death of his bodyguard Israel

Ramirez last February.

Rhymes' hits include "Put Your Hands Where My Eyes Could See," "Dangerous" and "Touch It." He has also appeared in films, including 2000's "Shaft" and "Finding Forrester."

AP

Hilton gets the boot from Club Paris

Two nightclubs known as Club Paris will no longer be associated with their namesake – **PARIS HILTON**, according to the club's owner.

Fred Khalilian said he "fired" the hotel heiress because she has failed to attend scheduled appearances at the location in downtown Orlando. The

troubles started two years ago when Hilton showed up six hours late for the grand opening, Khalilian said.

"She's created a circus for herself," he said. "It's all about: How has she screwed up now?"

Khalilian does not want to change the name of the Orlando club, or one

opened in Jacksonville last year, because he said the name is so well-known. Instead of Club Paris representing Hilton, it will stand for the city, Khalilian said.

He plans to hold a competition to find the new face of his clubs.

Hilton's spokesman, Elliot Mintz, told The

Associated Press that neither he nor the 25-year-old Hilton had been contacted by Khalilian.

"I'm certainly disappointed to learn of Fred's unfortunate comments," Mintz said. "We shall address his statements at the appropriate time."

AP

DADS APPRENTICE

DONALD TRUMP got some support Thursday in his war of words with Rosie O'Donnell – from his 25-year-old daughter, Ivanka.

Ivanka, a vice president of real estate development at the Trump Organization, appeared on NBC's "Today" show with her father to promote "The Apprentice," which begins its new season Sunday. She will be joining Trump in the boardroom.

"Today" co-host Meredith Vieira's first questions were about Trump's nasty feud with O'Donnell, the outspoken moderator of "The View." The 44-year-old comedian was hired by series creator Barbara Walters after Vieira left the ABC show last year to join "Today."

Ivanka said O'Donnell had "instigated" the exchange of verbal hostilities and had been "bullying people for a long time."

"I think it was unfair, it was uncalled for and, quite frankly, there was no reason for it," she said of O'Donnell's recent remarks, which include saying The Donald has been "bankrupt so many times."

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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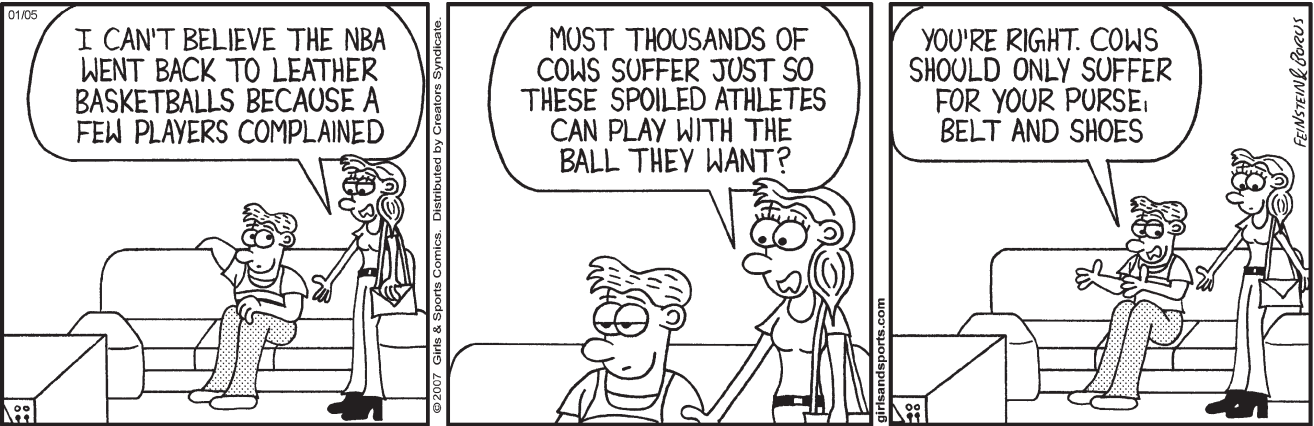
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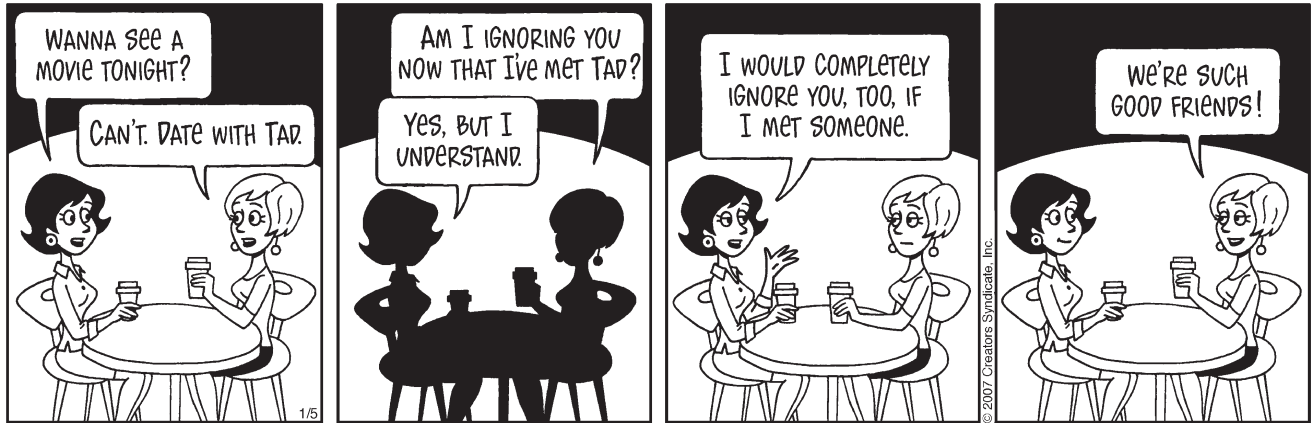
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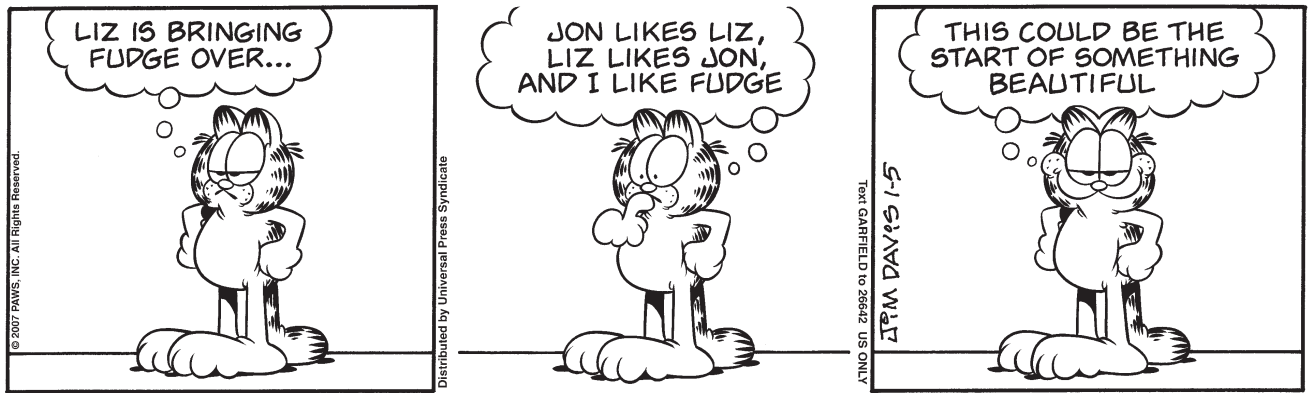
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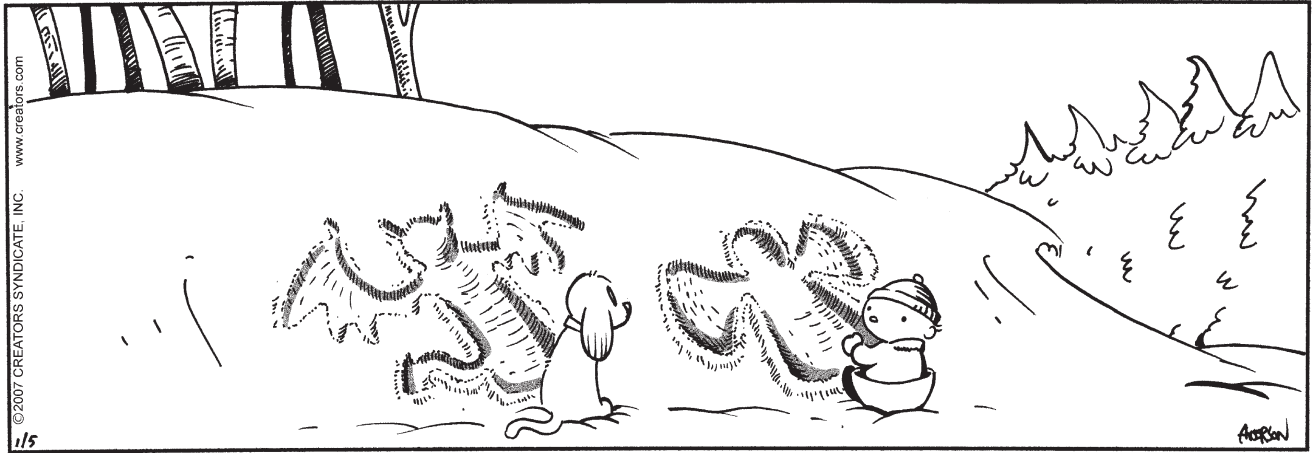
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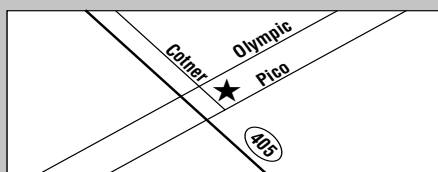
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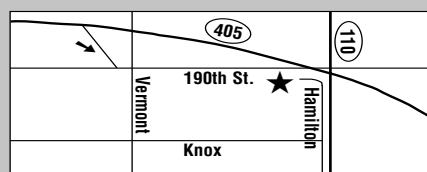
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CRESSY ROBERT LOPEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CRESSY ROBERT

Notices

LOPEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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