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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dan Hinkle is the commissioner of the South County Youth Association, which plays in a large football league in Fairfax County, Va., and also the father of Scott, who played on the age-12-to-14 Raptors, who were fighting for a playoff spot in October when Hinkle fired their two coaches for violating his order to play Scott only on defense. (The coaches used him successfully on offense for one game.) The Raptors, to support the coaches, voted to disband the team even though they had made the playoffs, but Hinkle wouldn't change his mind.

■ After the aircraft maintenance staff of Turkish Airlines finished up a repair job ahead of schedule in December, they celebrated by sacrificing a camel at Istanbul airport, with hundreds of pounds of meat distributed to workers. (The government of Turkey, which is working hard to be accepted into the European Union, might have preferred the sacrifice be done elsewhere.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1412 according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy.

1912 New Mexico became the 47th state.

WORD UP!

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

DOUBLE DIP: Bruce Goren and his daughter Nikki sidle through a tango lesson on Thursday at the Dance Doctor on Fourth Street. The younger Goren was inspired to take lessons for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah after watching 'Dancing with the Stars.'

If the shoe fits, shake it

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — If a 216-pound former NFL great can do a little cha-cha, then maybe anyone can.

The popularity of hit television

reality shows such as ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and the Fox Network's "So You Think You Can Dance" has had Santa Monicans reaching for their jazz shoes in increasing numbers and sashaying out the door to their nearest dance studios.

From the waltz to ballet to hip-hop, the city is home to more than a dozen dance studios, each specializing in a different style of rhythmic body movement. Many of the dance

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Spritz at your own risk

Officers on prowl for water abusers

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

NORTH OF MONTANA — A city inspector was patrolling the streets in Santa Monica's 90402 area on Thursday, searching for those in violation of the city's municipal code.

He returned to his office in the afternoon, having logged 51 home-

owners. Their offense? Breaking the city's municipal code on sprinkler use.

Unwitting residents found to be pouring it on in excess, may soon be getting warnings about their delinquent water usage, followed shortly thereafter by fines of as much as \$500.

The Urban Runoff Management division on Thursday began beefing up its enforcement of the city's regulations on water waste and urban runoff. Once a week, city inspectors will be out in the field in four-hour

See WATER USE, page 17

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OH, SHOOT: Residents best beware before pouring on the H2O this winter.

Efforts are not in vain

Local homeless programs praised

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — As frustration continues to grow in Santa Monica over the perceived lack of progress in reducing the homeless population, with many blaming elected officials and service providers for perpetuating the problem, non-profit agencies and city staff have nevertheless been ranked as "high performers" who are making strides, but are challenged constantly by the severity and scope of the problem.

That's according to a comprehensive, independent review of Santa Monica's continuum of care for the homeless that was released earlier this week after more than six months of research, analysis and interviews with more than 100 stakeholders.

The 169-page report by the Urban Institute (now available online at www.smgov.net/hsd/) marks the first time since its inception in the 1980s that Santa Monica's homeless delivery system has undergone an extensive review and evaluation. The report provides an elaborate outline on structure of homeless assistance in Santa Monica and offers several recommendations to enhance the support network and get others involved.

There is hope that the report will dispel many myths about the support network and provide residents, merchants and visitors with a better understanding of the complexity of

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Ocean Avenue at Colorado Avenue
6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
One monthly ride right after work. For more information, visit
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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.

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1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
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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.



STATE

Seeing red: This isn't your father's Mars rover

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — The twin Mars rovers are getting wiser with age.

Engineers have transmitted new flight software to the rovers' on board computers — just in time for the third anniversary of their landings. The software is aimed at boosting their intelligence and independence so that they can roll around the Red Planet with less help from humans.

"We're teaching an old dog new tricks," said John Callas, the mission project manager with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, which is in charge of the rovers.

Among the rovers' new skills is the ability to automatically recognize and transmit to Earth photographs that they take of swirling dust devils or floating clouds. They can also independently decide whether it is safe to extend their robotic arms to sample rocks.

Before, scientists had to painstakingly dissect thousands of images just to find the frames they need and decide for the rovers whether to use their arms. The high-tech upgrades should help save time — as much as a day because scientists on Earth don't have to study a rock before sending commands to the robot to use science instruments on it.

If successful, the changes could get incorporated into future Mars missions.

Spirit and Opportunity were also fitted with a new navigation system that allows them to think several steps ahead when faced with an obstacle, allowing them to back out of a dead end or even navigate a maze on their own, Callas said. The robot geologists have previously tackled one problem at a time.

Spirit landed three years ago Wednesday and Opportunity on Jan. 24, 2004. Entering their fourth year of exploration, both golf cart-sized vehicles have long outlasted their primary missions, originally planned for about three months. While scientists are impressed by the rovers' longevity, they admit the robots could die at any time.

Spirit is currently studying rocks and soil samples near a Martian ridge while Opportunity is circling the rim of a massive crater for possible ways in.



No banner day in SM

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Winds wreaked havoc on the Westside overnight Thursday and into Friday afternoon, relieving palm trees of any loose branches and tattering a series of banners along Montana Avenue (right). A wind advisory remains in effect until noon on Saturday, with strong northerly winds 20 to 35 mph and gusts up to 50 mph anticipated.

Council keeping it brief

Officials gather to discuss the year to come ... as well as debate how to cut out early

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY — In an ironic twist, City Council members will spend much of their time during an all-day study session today discussing ways in which to keep their regular meetings shorter.

The session at the Main Library on Fifth Street is geared towards preparing for the coming year.

Some suggestions by city staff to abbreviate the notoriously lengthy meetings include cutting back on long-winded speeches by

council members — which includes not repeating the same point already expressed by others — and not debating an item with a member of the public, but rather, simply ask clarifying questions. Staff also suggests putting into place a set number of rounds of comment for each item on the agenda.

In efforts to shorten meetings, the council already limits members of the public to two minutes if 15 or more individuals wish to comment on one item, or if 40 or more people are speaking on any combination of items. Otherwise, the public is permitted three minutes for each comment.

The length of the meetings, which routinely stretch from 5:45 p.m. until well after 11 p.m., has long been a contentious issue with residents, business owners and elected officials alike all complaining about the inability of the public to have adequate input in the decision-making process because they are unable to stay up into the wee hours of the night.

Mayor Pro-Tem Herb Katz and Councilman Bob Holbrook previously filed a lawsuit claiming the length of the meetings were in violation of the Brown Act, preventing the public from participating due to public comment being reserved for the end of the meeting — leaving many unable to speak their minds until well after midnight

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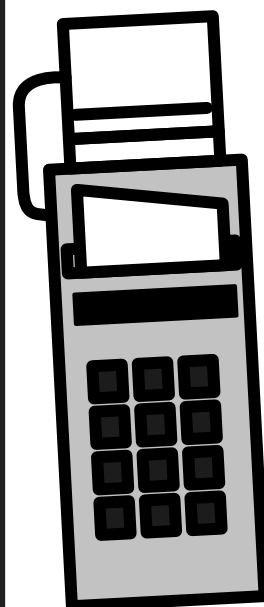
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The long and short of it

Editor:

I always enjoy reading "What's the Point?" by David Pisarra, but I'd like to offer my point of view regarding his most recent column ("Let's take 2007 back to a kinder, gentler time," Jan. 3, page 4), which dealt mainly with his view of proper dress. I agree with Mr. Pisarra that we can make 2007 a more hospitable year by our attitudes. He feels we can do this by returning to the use of civility and proper dress. More civility sounds good, but his view of enforced dress codes for City Council members and his general view on dress demeanors is not shared by this letter writer.

I'm often criticized for wearing shorts almost always, but I would never criticize someone for wearing a suit and tie almost always. Rather than forced dress codes and embracing a position that one must dress up to command attention is, in my opinion, not as liberating, creative or effective as allowing each individual to be himself or herself at all times. If an individual chooses to dress up, enjoys it or feels society's pressure to do it, I will not say they must change and be less formal. When Mr. Pisarra correctly points out the selfishness of a person in front of us with 20 items in the 10 items and under lane, he forgets that the selfish individual in that line might be dressed up in a suit and tie.

When I met Mr. Pisarra a few years ago at a City Council meeting, I remember our conversation and that he seemed like a very nice person. I really don't remember whether he was wearing a suit or not.

I wear T-shirts often. They are comfortable and bear messages of peace and other Earth-improving issues. I enjoy dressing the way I want to dress, not in the manner that society says is the way one should dress.

I will be inviting Mr. Pisarra to lunch for a mutually respectful conversation – even if we ultimately agree to disagree.

Jerry Rubin

Santa Monica

Some disturbing developments

Editor:

All residents opposed to massive development projects that will forever negatively alter our neighborhoods and quality of life need to come to the City Council meeting on Jan. 9 to oppose a pro-development measure on the agenda.

The City Council is proposing to amend the zoning code to allow the construction of massive four-story, high-density, 50-unit, low-income housing projects with insufficient parking. A typical example of what will be built is the huge new building at the corner of 15th and Broadway. I was shocked when I saw it. That building is the impetus for my writing this letter and opposing the zoning code change.

A recent lawsuit filed against Community Corporation of Santa Monica [CCSM] alleged racial discrimination for only offering apartments to an African American in the Pico Neighborhood. The Pico Neighborhood has over 500 low-income apartments, an average of one project on every street. CCSM has hardly any units north of Wilshire, which means to end the city's policy of racial discrimination, the overwhelming majority of the new, 50-unit, high-density low-income housing projects will be built between Wilshire Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard. Many will also be built in Sunset Park.

The 50-unit buildings with two-, three- and four-bedroom units, means for each building, about 100 to 150 new children moving from Los Angeles into Santa Monica. This will severely impact Roosevelt and Franklin (Elementary) and Lincoln (Middle) schools. The school board will need to build more classrooms at these schools to accommodate the new students. That means another bond measure on the ballot.

Santa Monica already has a higher density than any other coastal city. This proposal goes too far. Go to 15th (Street) and Broadway and see for yourself. If you don't want a building like that in your neighborhood, come to the council meeting on Jan. 9 and have your opinion heard.

Lisa L. Olson

Santa Monica

TSA's naked ambition leaves us a bit violated



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR PRIVACY IS invaded when you go through security at the airport? Just wait a little while. Soon, those TSA inspectors may be able to see what you look like naked.

Devices using something called "backscatter technology" are able to see what we look like underneath our clothes. They were planning on testing this new technology at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport around Christmas, but postponed it because of "technical difficulties." They also felt that Christmas wouldn't be the ideal time of year to introduce people to their Peeping Tom technology.

These \$100,000 machines use x-rays to look under clothing for hidden items. Customs agents looking for drugs at 12 airports are already using them, they are in prisons, and they're getting a test run at London's Heathrow Airport. By the way, our government says we shouldn't worry about those x-rays. That reassurance should be good enough for us, right?

Surprise, surprise, the ACLU feels that this is an invasion of privacy. It's hard to argue that it's not. What could be more private than our "privates?" The only question is whether the potential danger outweighs the potential peeking at our naked bodies. It's like the ban on bottles of liquids. We may wish that the passenger next to us had been allowed to take his bottle of mouthwash with him on the flight, but we've been told that carrying liquids on a plane is a potential danger, so we just hold our noses.

The Transportation Security Administration claims that their computerized voyeur can be tweaked so that passengers' private parts can be blurred out. But won't the bad guys know what parts of their bodies are going to be obscured?

Once the system is in use, the TSA will have no problem finding people who want to join their ranks. A machine that can see through people's clothes is a teenager's dream come true. We're going to see long lines of kids going directly from their high school graduation to the TSA employment office.

Physical fitness is another potential that I see here. Men and women will want to get in the best shape possible before flying, just like before swimsuit season.

Currently, the plan is for these devices to be used only on passengers who "fail" the standard screening process. They will be taken to the x-ray area, and they will be given a choice between the backscatter machine and the more traditional pat-down search. But let's face it: if this thing is really more effective in detecting bombs and other threatening devices, don't you think there's a good chance the TSA will be using it on everybody before long?

It's just one more step in the government's plan — a plan that will culminate in requiring that we all fly in the nude.

I know it may sound like a reach at first, but think about it. Isn't it obvious that they

DEVICES ... ARE ABLE TO SEE WHAT WE LOOK LIKE UNDERNEATH OUR CLOTHES.

have been gradually preparing us for flying naked by desensitizing us? Their technique reminds me of strip poker. Or dating. In those activities, articles of clothing like a jacket or shoes are innocently removed at first, and then before you know it, everybody's naked.

Similarly, the TSA has gotten us used to removing our shoes, our jackets, belts, jewelry, etc. If security procedures continue to escalate as they have been doing, it shouldn't be long before we're all required to fly in the nude. And if we're told that this is for our safety and for the security of our country, we'll go along with it. (I don't even want to think about where they're going to ask us to carry our boarding passes).

We won't get used to it immediately, but who would've ever guessed 10 years ago that we would have gotten used to the current security measures? At first, passengers will probably use their tray tables and blankets to cover their shyness. But after a while, people will stop feeling self-conscious.

And I have the feeling the government will do its best to convince us that not only is flying naked the safest way for us to travel, but that it will be fun, too. It's bound to result in some flirtations and romances, so the TSA will promote the program as giving a whole new meaning to flying "the friendly skies."

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The QLine

GANGING UP ON SMPD ISN'T THE ANSWER

This past week, Q-line asked:

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?

Here are your responses:

"YES, I THINK IT IS TIME FOR SANTA Monica to contract with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Borders are melting and crime is overflowing into our city like never before. It has become both a target and hiding place for gang members and criminals. A closer association with the LAPD would be most beneficial and productive."

"GANGS HAVE TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON. Put the national guard in L.A. instead of Baghdad. We need them here. Instead of letting (gang members) out of prison, keep them in prison longer, keep them in prison forever if need be. At least give them the maximum sentence."

"THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS HAVE the responsibility of policing county areas and have authority over municipal law enforcement agencies. To disband the Santa Monica Police Department would be purely ludicrous. In simple terms, the sheriff's department is already here in Santa Monica and could arrest gang members if they wanted to, but not for free. To fight any form of crime properly costs millions of dollars, and even the federal government, with its fat cash, has not put a dent in crime. A few years ago, 40 young men and women were standing on a street corner in south Los Angeles and were arrested for selling drugs. Within two hours, there were 40 more young men and women standing on that same street corner, selling drugs. Taking the profit out of various forms of crime such as drugs by legalizing and then controlling would cut back on a great deal of crime due to drugs being where the high profits are found. Still, no matter what's done, crime and gangs will always be with us."

"SANTA MONICA POLICE HAVE SPECIAL dealings with the homeless in Santa Monica. Los Angeles has their own problems with their own gangs in their territories. The Santa Monica police know more about the area than sheriff's office will."

"CONTRACT SMPD TO LAPD YOU SAY? I have a better idea. Why not contract out to the Mexican PD? After all, we are constantly told how the Mexicans can do our jobs better and cheaper. We are practically Mexico anyway, so this would just be the next logical step in curtailing gang violence that is often related to Mexico. 'Bring it on,' as President Bush would say."

"DISBANDING THIS POLICE DEPARTMENT is the most ridiculous thing this newspaper has ever done. This police department has lowered crime rates to all-time lows, has a great reputation and has a very good reputation for solving a lot of serious crimes. To suggest something like this is totally ludicrous."

"ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE SHOULD KEEP our own police department. I think the problem with

the gang violence is that we are not providing information to parents of these children. Some kids are easy, some kids are difficult to raise. I think we need more support for the parents. I think the police are doing a wonderful job."

"IF A PERSON IS A RESIDENT OF SANTA Monica and commits a crime in Los Angeles, the LAPD is responsible. Conversely, if someone commits a crime in Santa Monica, SMPD is responsible. Let's retain the Santa Monica Police Department. The smaller the bureaucracy, the easier it is to get services."

"GANG VIOLENCE IS EPIDEMIC, misunderstood, and unfortunately, has tentacles that reach out of darkness and pull our children and families into anguish. The Santa Monica Police Department has a gallant reputation dating back to the 1800s, and many members of this fine police department were born in Santa Monica and live in or near the community. A large percentage of our officers have college degrees, and, most of all, none have spent the five to seven years guarding county prisoners as a prerequisite to patrol duty. This sheriff's department "jail duty" hardens even the most compassionate, aspiring police officer. Look at one of the most dangerous areas in the United States — Compton. The occupation of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has done little to stem the murder rate. Please do not let Santa Monica mirror the political mindset of Compton. Even the suggestion that the Santa Monica Police Department be replaced is absurd."

"I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO SWITCH over to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. I think the Santa Monica department is one of the finest in this country and in the regional area. I think the problem with the gangs cannot be solved by the police department alone. Even though the Santa Monica Police Department is one of the best-trained in the area, I think it is a social problem that can be solved with education and parents taking care of their kids."



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Healthy outlook for state

Among the details in governor's plan are employers taking breaks, workers working out

BY LAURA KURTZMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger trickled out a few details of his health reform proposal this week, such as requiring employers to take advantage of a federal tax break and encouraging workers to look after their health.

The ideas, which parallel those in the Senate and Assembly Democratic leaders' health reform proposals, are likely to be among the least controversial elements of the sweeping plan Schwarzenegger is to announce on Monday.

The governor has said he wants to cover all of California's 6.5 million uninsured people, a goal that will be hard to attain without raising a significant amount of money, either through taxes or fees. Whatever he tries is likely to be resisted by a variety of powerful health care interests.

To help defuse the inevitable criticism, the governor's handlers have staged an announcement ceremony in which the governor will lay out the plan to a special audience of doctors, hospitals, insurers and patient advocates, who will then be able to say what they think.

Afterward, the advisers who developed the health reform plan will take questions

from the public over the Internet. Both events can be seen on the governor's Web site, www.gov.ca.gov.

The ideas dribbled out Thursday include a proposal to require employers to take advantage of a federal tax break, known as Section 125, that enables workers to pay their monthly health premiums with pretax dollars. Most large companies already take advantage of the law, but many small businesses that do not offer insurance don't.

"It's a way to make health care more affordable, particularly in small businesses, where there seems to be the greatest problem with affordability," said Ruth Liu, associate secretary for policy at the state Health and Human Services Agency.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, included the same idea in the health reform proposal he laid out last month. Senate President Don Perata, D-Oakland, put out a plan that assumes employers and employees would pay premiums with pretax dollars.

The tax break will play a minor role in any serious push to cover the uninsured, since 80 percent are too poor to afford insurance to begin with and also are in the lowest tax brackets.

"It's not a bad policy," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health

Access, a union-supported group that advocates for the uninsured in California. But he added, "somebody who can't afford coverage in the individual market still isn't going to find it affordable even with this federal tax break."

The governor also wants to reward healthy behavior. Under his plan, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families would offer perks such as gym memberships to those who get preventive care, such as immunizations and mammograms.

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Private insurers also would be required to offer similar programs to employers, offering perks or premium reductions as rewards to workers who stop smoking or take similar steps to improve their health.

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Inaugural events rev up without a recuperating Schwarzenegger

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — First lady Maria Shriver, kicking off her husband's two-day inaugural celebration without him, said he is recovering well from the broken leg that forced him to stay at home in Los Angeles.

"He wishes he could be here because this was really the way he was hoping to start his second term, celebrating the green dream," Shriver told a crowd of about 300 people who gathered outside the Capitol on Thursday for the environmentally themed program.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had planned to attend the event that highlighted California's environmental strides. Hybrid buses, electric cars, organic foods and solar panels were displayed on the Capitol lawn.

He canceled his appearance after his doctor advised him to stay off his broken leg. It was the only public event of his inauguration. Instead, Shriver and their two sons, Patrick and Christopher, and his mother-in-law, Eunice Shriver, represented him.

Schwarzenegger broke his right femur on Dec. 23 when he tripped over his ski pole while standing on a slope in Sun Valley, Idaho. His orthopedic surgeon said he did not want the governor to do anything to jeopardize his recovery from the surgery he had on Dec. 26.

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Rescue workers late reaching adrift sailor

Commercial fishing vessel sets out to aid man off Chilean coast

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

NEWPORT BEACH — A commercial fishing vessel on its way to help a solo American sailor adrift off the southern tip of South America wouldn't reach his disabled boat until early Friday — more than 12 hours later than hoped, family members said.

Officials with the U.S. Coast Guard and Chile's naval search service held a conference call Thursday afternoon with the family of 47-year-old Ken Barnes and told them the Polar Pesca I fishing trawler would not reach the sailor until 2 a.m. PST Friday.

Barnes was stranded 500 miles off the Chilean coast with no engine power, two broken masts, broken hatches and no steering.

Maritime officials had been tracking the drift of Barnes' boat using his distress beacon. Concerned the signal was getting weaker and might lose power, officials asked the family to tell Barnes to shut off the beacon until three hours before the fishing trawler was set to arrive in the area.

Two Chilean P-3 airplanes were hovering over the boat to keep it in sight, said Ron Vangell, a family friend, during a press conference outside Barnes' Newport Beach condominium.

"We're getting constant updates as to his drift and where he is, and we're transmitting that to the Chilean government, and they're using the P-3s to keep track of him," Vangell said. "I hope that he's getting some sleep because I'm certain this has been very taxing for him."

The fishing vessel was expected to take Barnes to Punta Arenas, on Chile's southwestern tip, where he would be treated and possibly flown to Santiago, Chilean and American officials told his family. The ship has a paramedic team, food and fresh clothing on board.

Barnes left Long Beach on Oct. 28, hoping to be the first solo sailor from the West Coast to circumnavigate the globe. He hit a fierce storm about a week ago that broke both of the vessel's masts and its hatches, disabled the steering and soaked Barnes' supplies and food.

A Chilean navy search plane spotted Barnes around 5 p.m. PST on Wednesday

and dropped a life raft that missed the boat, Barnes' longtime girlfriend, Cathy Chambers, said.

Another Chilean search plane flew over the boat at 5 a.m. Chilean time and took pictures of the disabled vessel that were posted on the family's Web site, <http://www.kensolo.com>.

Barnes has his own life raft, however, and was wearing a survival suit to keep him warm, she said. Chambers, who shares the Newport Beach condo with Barnes, had two brief conversations with him after Barnes was somehow able to recharge his satellite phone overnight.

Barnes told Chambers that a gash to his leg was more serious than he originally thought and might need medical attention. Barnes has been surviving on Pop-Tarts and granola bars.

"He's doing the best that he can. There was a ray of hope when I told him they were on their way to him," Chambers said. "He's a survivor, he's a fighter and he's very methodical in his thinking."

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Judith Baroody said the embassy had been in contact with Barnes' family and Chilean authorities, and has "full confidence" in the capacity of Chile to handle the emergency.

Two other boats — a merchant ship from Malta and a Chilean naval tug — were also en route to Barnes.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Chilean maritime officials picked up signals from his distress beacon Tuesday afternoon, just minutes after Barnes called his girlfriend on his satellite phone to report he was in trouble.

Chambers said a Chilean-American HAM radio operator in Riverside had been instrumental in coordinating the rescue with the commercial fishing vessel. The operator, Michael Morales, contacted HAM operators in Chile, who talked to the fishing vessel, she said.

Friends, family and reporters gathered in the condo's hallways and bedrooms awaiting news.

Chambers said she had supported her boyfriend's dream to sail around the world, but after this week had changed her mind.

"He can sail but he's not doing this again," she said. "He attempted it, he tried it, but after what I know now — no way! His life is too important."

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Associated Press Writer Eduardo Gallardo contributed to this report from Santiago, Chile.

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The workshop dates are Thursday, January 18th at the Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday, January 20th

at the Santa Monica Main Library 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Tuesday, January 23rd at the Montana Avenue Library. The classes on Tuesday and Thursday 7:15pm to 8:45pm & Saturday Morning 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college. Ron Caruthers the President of the College Planning Network is a continuous guest of KUSI TV News, Author of "How To Give Your Child A 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke", and an instructor at Palomar and Mira Costa colleges.

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Nat'l Guard helicopters grounded

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

NATIONAL CITY — California National Guard helicopters deployed to help monitor the U.S.-Mexico border were grounded this week following a crash that injured nine people in mountains east of San Diego.

Two National Guard soldiers and three Border Patrol agents remained hospitalized with neck and back injuries suffered in Tuesday's crash, said Col. Kevin Ellsworth, commander of the joint mission along the California border. In all there were five agents and four Guard members aboard.

Officials would not comment on the cause of the crash of the 1973 UH-1 Huey transport helicopter, which went down while transporting the Border Patrol team to inaccessible areas for operations against human smugglers.

The grounding order applied to six remaining helicopters on border duty, including one Huey and five OH-58 observation craft. The Guard's six other Hueys elsewhere in the state remain operational.

"Any time there's an accident there's a safety stand-down," Ellsworth said. Any decision to put the helicopters back in the air will come from state investigators, he said.

The crash occurred about 3:40 p.m. on Otay Mountain about 20 miles southeast of downtown San Diego and a few miles north of the international border. The craft, which had picked up the agents at Brown Field, came to rest on its belly, its main rotor snapped off and tail broken.

Power lines were reported down near the site, but authorities said it was not clear whether the lines contributed to the crash or were downed as the helicopter fell.

The cause of the crash will be investigated by a team from the state National Guard and another from the U.S. Army Aviation center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Col. Mitchell Medigovich, an aviation expert who is leading the California National Guard's investigation into the accident, said the helicopter was among Vietnam-era Hueys still flown by the state Guard.

The Guard's more modern Black Hawk helicopters are currently undergoing refurbishment after deployment in support of the Guard's operations in Iraq, though Medigovich said some may be sent to the border in coming months.

"We don't want to speculate that the cause of the accident was anything to do with the age of these helicopters," Medigovich said, noting that the helicopter had undergone regular maintenance.

UH-1 maintenance is performed by Guard personnel, said Jonathan Guibord, a Guard spokesman.

A Border Patrol spokesman in the San Diego sector said he was not away of any instruction to ground its own air fleet, which consists mainly of Black Hawk helicopters and one Huey, but said agents would continue to hike into remote areas until the National Guard air transports resumed.

"They'll still be working out there, but they won't be going up in helicopters," said agent Damon Foreman.

Medigovich said the UH-1 pilot and co-pilot were both experienced fliers with years of experience.

STATE BRIEFS

SANTA BARBARA

Victim's boyfriend is licked

The boyfriend of a postal shooter's first victim was arrested for allegedly forging her signature on a bogus will that would have gotten him about \$750,000 worth of her assets.

Beverly Graham, 54, was shot to death Jan. 30, 2006, in her condominium by former neighbor Jennifer Sanmarco, who then went to the Goleta postal facility and killed six people before shooting herself to death.

Prosecutors said Graham's boyfriend Edward Blomfield, 57, tried to get the dead woman's assets by forging a will. He was charged this week with forgery, burglary, conspiracy and elder abuse.

The elderly abuse charge alleged Blomfield allegedly tried to bilk Graham's elderly parents out of their inheritance, sheriff's investigators said.

Blomfield's sister Jeanne Blomfield, 59, of Goleta and Lenae Stahr, 48, of Carpinteria were also charged in the case. Investigators said the women signed as witnesses on the fake will weeks after the mass killing.

Sanmarco, a former U.S. Postal Service employee, shot and killed Graham, then drove to the Goleta Postal Distribution Center and shot six former co-workers before turning the handgun on herself.

After the shootings, Graham family members began feuding with Blomfield over the woman's estate. Graham did not leave a will, which meant her possessions and pension were to go to her parents.

SANTA CRUZ

Fungi was no fun at all

Six family members were hospitalized after eating wild mushrooms collected at Wilder Ranch State Park, county health officials said.

The victims, whose names were withheld, ate six species of mushrooms collected at the park New Year's Day, investigators said. Authorities wouldn't disclose anything about the family or their conditions at a hospital.

"My guess is someone in this group thought they knew what they were doing," Santa Cruz County spokeswoman Dinah Phillips said.

"Given the severity of the illnesses they were likely a poisonous species," the county said in a statement.

County health officials issued a warning against the consumption of wild mushrooms because many are poisonous. Eating them can cause vomiting, diarrhea, liver damage and death.

A discussion on poisonous mushrooms is planned at the 33rd annual Fungus Fair on Jan. 13 and 14 at the Loudon Nelson Community Center in Santa Cruz.

SANTA MARIA

More abuse victims emerge

Six more alleged victims have come forward since a 53-year-old man was charged with child molestation during the holidays, investigators said.

Manuel Gutierrez, 53, may have committed some of the alleged abuse at his North Fiesta Way home, authorities said.

Five girls between the ages of 5 and 8 have now been identified as victims, and two women — one of them 70 years old — have also come forward telling police Gutierrez assaulted them, investigators said.

Gutierrez, who is police custody, faces multiple molestation charges.

She can sense history

SPEAKER UP: Pelosi basks in moment as House speaker

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Surrounded by kids as well as cheering lawmakers, Nancy Pelosi marveled aloud at her long journey “from the kitchen to the Congress.”

Six times a grandmother, now second in line to the presidency, Pelosi said her ascension to become the first female House speaker in history was the culmination of 200 years of struggle for women as well as a personal victory.

“We have made history, now let us make progress for the American people,” she said.

It was her coming-out to the nation, and Pelosi, 66, sought to introduce herself not only as the San Francisco liberal decried by Republicans, but as Nancy D’Alessandro Pelosi, Italian-American Catholic, mother of five and native of gritty Baltimore, where her father was mayor.

She arrived on the House floor Thursday with all six grandchildren in tow, including baby Paul Michael Vos, born to her daughter Alexandra in November.

“I was raised in a large family that was devoutly Catholic, deeply patriotic, proud of our Italian-American heritage, and staunchly Democratic,” Pelosi said. “My parents taught us that public service was a noble calling.”

After her election by a vote of 233-202, the chamber’s Democratic-Republican breakdown, a beaming Pelosi stood holding her sleeping infant grandson — who did not stir — and shook hands as she accepted congratulations from her fellow House members.

Minutes later, cheers erupted in the chamber as House Republican leader John Boehner handed her the speaker’s gavel. Pelosi always has said she wants to be judged by her abilities, not her gender, but she happily acknowledged the importance of her achievement.

“By electing me as speaker you have brought us closer to the ideal of equality that is America’s heritage and America’s

hope,” Pelosi said. “This is an historic moment — for the Congress, and for the women of America. It is a moment for which we have waited more than 200 years. Never losing faith, we waited through the many years of struggle to achieve our rights.”

“For our daughters and granddaughters, today we have broken the marble ceiling,” she said. “For our daughters and our granddaughters now, the sky is the limit.”

“MY PARENTS TAUGHT US THAT PUBLIC SERVICE WAS A NOBLE CALLING.”

Nancy Pelosi
House speaker

Boehner, in handing her the gavel, said: “For more than 200 years, the leaders of our government have been democratically elected. And from their ranks, our elected leaders have always selected a man for the responsibility and honor of serving as speaker of the House. Always, that is, until today.”

Onlookers in the packed visitors’ galleries included actor Richard Gere and singer Tony Bennett, crooner of “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” along with hometown partisans.

“We look forward to the rest of the country appreciating the real San Francisco values, of diversity and a city of dreamers,” said San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. “You can only exploit the gay community so much. ... They’re going to see there’s so much more to San Francisco.”

Everywhere Pelosi went Thursday supporters marveled at her achievement, especially other women.

House Democrats keep pushing proposal

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Legislation aimed at stifling the budget deficit could bedevil its Democratic proponents enjoying their new majority status in the House as well as Republican opponents.

A proposed law known as the “pay as you go” rule is being pushed to the top of the agenda of the Democratic-controlled House with little support from Republicans.

If strictly enforced, the PAYGO rule to be debated Friday would make it difficult for Democrats to pass increases in federal benefit programs such as Medicare. It would also threaten efforts to extend President Bush’s tax cuts, most of which expire at the end of 2010.

House lawmakers also will consider a new rule requiring them to attach their names to any homestate projects they obtain in spending bills in hopes that such disclosure would prevent scandals in which members of Congress trade such

“earmarks” for bribes, campaign cash or other favors.

The PAYGO and earmark proposals come a day after Democrats seized control of Congress for the first time in 12 years, with a jubilant Nancy Pelosi becoming the first woman ever to rise to speaker of the House.

“This is an historic moment — for the Congress, and for the women of this country,” Pelosi said Thursday when she took the House gavel. “It is a moment for which we have waited more than 200 years.”

Pelosi, D-Calif., will exert vast influence over the congressional agenda and stands second in the line of succession to the presidency. In her first step as speaker, she orchestrated bipartisan 430-1 passage of a measure banning lawmakers from accepting gifts and free trips from lobbyists and discounted trips on private planes. Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., cast the sole “nay” vote.

The vote, said Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., amounted to “sweeping ethics reforms that begin to address some of the most egregious transgressions of the recent past.”

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Western Shoshone keep fighting for 1863 treaty rights to Nevada lands

BY KEN RITTER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — The way Allen Moss sees it, most of the riches of Nevada — from the Las Vegas Strip to the state's gold mines — belong to an American Indian tribe.

Keep Las Vegas, he said. But the Western Shoshone tribal leader wants to reclaim ancestral lands stretching from California through Nevada and Utah to Idaho.

Time after time, in lawsuit after losing lawsuit, the Western Shoshone National Council and its members have been turned aside as they try to use a 19th-century treaty to win back what they say has been improperly taken by the U.S. government.

"Las Vegas is on Shoshone land. The gold mines, that's all Shoshone," said Moss, Reno-area representative to the eight-member tribal council in Nevada. "People don't understand how much money, how many resources are coming out of Shoshone country."

At issue is the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley, which the Shoshone say gave the tribe title to up to 93,750 square miles of ancestral lands.

Tribe members insist the treaty, ratified by Congress in 1866, grants the Shoshone, not the federal Bureau of Land Management or other agencies, royalties and final say over water, mineral and property rights in an area the size of the state of Maine.

Moss estimates the number of Shoshone at between 5,000 and 8,000 — descendants of people who lived in lands from the Snake River Valley in Idaho to the Salt Lake Valley in Utah, across most of eastern and central Nevada, and in Death Valley and the Mojave Desert in California.

To reclaim the lands and win some legal footing, the tribe has taken its case to fence lines, courts, international tribunals and the public. It sued to block the nation's nuclear waste from being stored in Nevada. It succeeded in postponing government plans to explode a bomb that would send the first mushroom cloud in decades over the desert. And the tribe went all the way to Switzerland to ask the United Nations to intervene in the land rights dispute.

The tribe keeps losing on most fronts, but also keeps appealing — and some cases have notched a place in Western lore.

Tribal elder Carrie Dann and her late sister Mary became famous for defying the government while losing a quarter-century battle to graze cattle on federal lands next to their Crescent Valley ranch without authorization.

The Supreme Court ruled against the tribe in another case in 1979, saying the Treaty of Ruby Valley gave the U.S. trusteeship over the tribal lands.

A Sept. 20 Court of Claims ruling in Washington, D.C., took the government position that the treaty was "merely one of friendship and that it conveyed no treaty rights."

Lawyer Bob Hager, who has been handling Western Shoshone cases for free since 1983, maintains the tribe is losing on technicalities. He said the tribal claim finally got traction — and attention — with the U.N. Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination last year in Geneva.

The panel cited concern about the privatization of Western Shoshone ancestral lands for mining and energy developers and cited federal efforts to open a nuclear waste dump.

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BY BRIAN CHARLTON

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — With Hawaii customers using airlines for their only interstate travel, both island-based Hawaiian and Aloha airlines have focused operations to be on-time and efficient, and with some success.

In addition to an airfare war that has brought interisland fares as low as \$19, the two main island carriers are battling for a coveted national record: to be the most on-time airline in U.S. skies.

The competition intensified this week as Aloha Airlines led 20 U.S. carriers surveyed for on-time performance after Hawaiian Airlines had topped the ranking for 36 straight months, according to a U.S. Department of Transportation report for travel in November.

"We are the highway and bus system for interstate travel, and being on time is one of the critical things people look at when deciding to fly with us," said Thom Nulty, Aloha's senior vice president for marketing and sales.

About 93 percent of Aloha's flights arrived within 15 minutes of the scheduled time in November, while 91 percent of Hawaiian's flights were on-time.

The last time Aloha earned top honors for punctuality was in 2000, but had been in second place until it stopped reporting in 2001. Aloha resumed the practice in April

2006, trailing far behind Hawaiian until the past few months before finally taking the lead in November.

The airlines both say they've focused on becoming more efficient after both have survived bankruptcies.

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Thom Nulty
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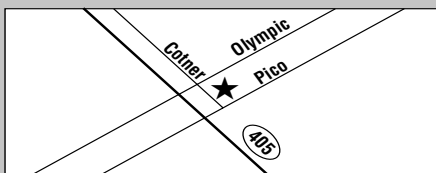
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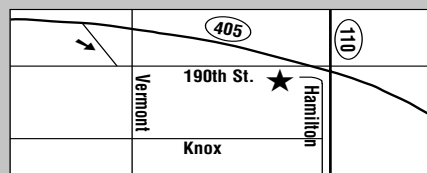
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BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE: The views at the San Ysidro Ranch, both inside and out, can be breathtaking. The writer's recent visit was full of hikes and room for her pooch to roam.

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BY CAROLE ORLIN
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY PRESS

When looking for an incredibly beautiful and tranquil destination that is not far from home and is also dog-friendly, Santa Monicans might consider the San Ysidro Ranch.

Situated on 500 acres of beautiful coastline between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, the Rosewood Resort features 17 miles of hiking trails, which we utilized every day. (Not all 17 miles, though at times it felt like it!)

To say the views are spectacular does them an injustice. From the mountains, the view of the Pacific Ocean, with the silhouettes of far away ships illuminated by the sunset, was breathtaking. It seemed too beautiful to be real.

There is a century-long history to this ranch. Some of the more interesting historic notes include the fact that Vivian Leigh and Sir Laurence Olivier were married here; and John and Jackie Kennedy honeymooned here. Some friends of ours also got married here, but you wouldn't know them. San Ysidro Ranch can be described as a legendary hideaway that blends exquisite beauty and rustic luxury.

When walking into a private cottage, guests are greeted by an enormous living room with a great fireplace (thankfully, the kind you switch on with gas). The fireplace gives off cozy warmth to the chilly day. It also has a well-placed, plasma TV, for which my husband was grateful. The living room features double doors lending a view of our backyard, complete with hot tub and outdoor rain shower.

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The bathroom was my favorite room — huge with a double-sized bathtub and an amazing view of the mountains. In addition, you can walk outside from your indoor shower to the deck. Just fantastic!

This is a very private place to come to for rest and relaxation and to get back in touch with nature. However, if you do get restless, they are close to golf courses, wineries, beaches and sailing, and the staff is more than willing to help coordinate a wide range of activities. They also have a heated swimming pool with the same amazing view, tennis courts and a very small fitness center.

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Service providers see study as validation

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the problem facing their community.

"It is so overwhelming, in terms of the numbers of homeless in Southern California, that I don't blame people for thinking what they do," said Mayor Richard Bloom, who has been a leader in addressing homelessness through Bring LA Home, a blue-ribbon committee that has developed a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Los Angeles County.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm pushing a (boulder) up a hill, so I share people's frustrations with the slow progress," Bloom added. "But I also share the feeling that comes across in the report that this is not a problem of our own making, but one that we are addressing."

BANG FOR THE BUCK

A key finding in the report is the relative success of area service providers, who continue to outperform many of their counterparts in other parts of the country.

"In that sense, Santa Monica is certainly getting at least what it pays for," the report states. "It is also important for Santa Monica stakeholders to understand that the city actually pays for very little (7 percent) of the programs and services that comprise the local homeless assistance network."

For every \$1 of the \$1.54 million City Hall invested in service providers in 2005-06, agencies such as the CLARE Foundation, St. Joseph Center and Step Up on Second raised \$12.36 from outside sources.

"In this sense, Santa Monica is getting a good deal more than it pays for, as its investment in homeless assistance programs could



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TACKLING THE SITUATION: Jim Molf, a carpenter from Sacramento, tries 'fishing for coins' along the Santa Monica Boardwalk. The city's efforts to assist its increasingly large homeless population received excellent reviews in an independent study released earlier this week.

hardly produce the results that programs achieve without the considerable additional resources that the programs themselves raise to meet client needs," the report states.

That said, supporting the homeless comes

at a considerable cost to City Hall. In addition to the \$1.54 million invested last year, another \$4.5 million was spent in the form of personnel costs. Police and paramedic expenses accounted for the bulk of those expenses, followed by funding for open space management related to homelessness.

The housing authority also distributes more than \$2 million in mostly federally-funded subsidies each year.

A PAT ON THE BACK

For local service providers, the Urban Institute report was well received and seemed to validate their ongoing work. Not only are service providers performing at a high level, the report found no mismanagement, fraud or duplication of services.

"I thought the evaluation was very comprehensive and highlighted a lot of the critical issues, including the enormity of the problem, the fact that the service organizations are actually doing something about it, the city gets a tremendous amount of leverage for the money it provides, there isn't a duplication of services, fraud or waste," said John Maceri, director of OPCC (Ocean Park Community

Center), one of the city's largest providers. "Those things are really positive. We knew it all along, but it's nice to have it in writing."

"People often say that if we could remove all the service providers, then all the homeless would just go away. The evaluation points out very clearly that this is not true."

HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Many residents and merchants have complained that Santa Monica attracts the down-and-out, earning a reputation for being "a home for the homeless" because of the myriad of programs provided.

Homeless people interviewed by the institute said they are in Santa Monica because of "of the relative ease of being homeless" here, the weather, safety and the pleasantness of the city.

The institute interviewed about 30 homeless people, including those who are enrolled in assistance programs and those who use the outdoor meal programs. Input was also given through e-mails and postal mail.

Several people spoke of approaching

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RHYTHMIC CURE: Bruce Goren watches his daughter Nikki with instructor John Cassese during a private lesson at the Dance Doctor studio. Owner Cassese is in danger of losing his lease downtown.

Santa Monicans think they can dance like the 'Stars'

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studios acknowledge they have benefited from the strong public response to the television shows, especially from "Dancing with the Stars," which saw three-time Super Bowl champion Emmitt Smith crowned winner along with his partner Cheryl Burke in November.

"There definitely has been a difference since the show began airing," said Kelly Rogiers, business manager of Dance Instruction on Kansas Avenue.

"Dancing with the Stars," in particular, helped spark interest in the art of ballroom dancing, said Rogiers, explaining that Dance Instruction has seen a rise in numbers in all three of its disciplines of social ballroom dancing — Polynesian dance and ballet.

"We're quite sure it has made a difference in more than one form of dance," Rogiers said.

Thanks to the likes of Mario Lopez, the former A.C. Slater on "Saved by the Bell," and Jerry Springer, the mayor turned talk show host, the younger generation now has an appreciation for ballroom dancing, once perceived to be the style of choice for the older set in their 50s and 60s. John Cassese, the self-proclaimed "Dance Doctor," who operates a dance studio by the same name on Fourth Street, has seen the demographics of his students taking ballroom dance classes expand since the show premiered.

Before "Dancing with the Stars" began airing in 2005, young couples could be seen taking ballroom dance classes in preparation for a wedding, said Cassese. Other than nuptials, the dance style was more of a favorite among the baby boomers and beyond.

Cassese, a renowned dance guru who has appeared on numerous television shows, is currently imparting his ballroom dance skills to a 13-year-old girl and her father in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah in two weeks.

A fan of "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance," Nikki Goren, of Encino, thought it would be fun to learn the tango with her father, Bruce Goren, and show off their newly mastered dance skills at the Bat Mitzvah.

The father and daughter have taken about 10 classes so far, including their most recent lesson at The Dance Doctor on Thursday.

"On any objective scale, I'm not a good dancer," Bruce Goren joked during a break.

SASHAY CITY

Is Dance Doctor doomed?

BY MELODY HANATANI

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DOWNTOWN — Is the Dance Doctor about to waltz his way off of Fourth Street?

Probably not, according to John Cassese, the owner of The Dance Doctor on Fourth Street, a dance studio whose lease with the city of Santa Monica will expire in September of this year.

City officials in the Economic Development Division issued a request for proposals to seek tenants in mid-December and plan to close the bidding process on Feb. 1. As of Thursday afternoon, no bids have been submitted, said Miriam Mack, manager of the Economic Development Division.

"We have leasing guidelines that state pretty clearly that when leases are up, they need to be advertised," said Mack.

The selection of a new tenant will be based on the business proposal of the applicant, including the suggested rent and the proposed activity. The background of the operator will also factor into the final decision, which will be made in the spring, according to Mack.

"It's not necessarily based on price," she said.

Cassese currently pays approximately \$4,460 a month for rent. The new RFP is asking for a minimum of \$4,617 a month on a five-year minimum lease.

The prognosis looks good for Cassese, who is confident that his lease will be renewed.

"I have been told that I am the favored tenant," Cassese said this week.

The Dance Doctor has leased his studio, at 1440 Fourth St., beneath Parking Garage 5, for the last 10 years. Prior to setting up shop at his present location, The Dance Doctor cured ills for the rhythmically challenged at a studio on Santa Monica Boulevard and Fifth Street for 13 years.

"I needed more space and I always wanted ground floor because it's like having a billboard of dancers," Cassese said. "I get a lot of comments from my new potential students."

A good portion of his students come from passers-by.

The name of the business derives from the fact that Cassese once performed house calls. He still occasionally holds lessons in students' homes, but for the most part, that part of his business has taken a backseat.

"I bring a lot of life to that street and Santa Monica," said Cassese.

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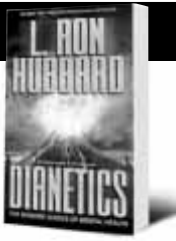
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City's efforts lauded

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SAMOSHEL several times over the course of three months, but could not get in because of a lack of beds available. Others spoke of a shortage in the number of caseworkers, who are often handling multiple cases and cannot give adequate attention to one client and keep them moving forward with the program.

Homeless people also expressed concern that there are more violent people on the streets than ever before. Many are younger, drug addicted and prey on those who are the most vulnerable. Homeless people said they have trouble getting officers to pay attention to crimes against homeless people because they are too concerned with trying to control how the homeless interact with residents and businesses.

Many interviewed said they would like to see a focus on public drunkenness and the aggressive mentally ill, and would like to see more services for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

"Homeless and formerly homeless people should be included as stakeholders ...," the report states. "They are an invaluable source of information on how services can best be organized and what services can best meet the needs of homeless people."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The report offers several suggestions to enhance delivery of services and improve the lives of the down-and-out, including expanding programs that identify those with drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness, move them off the streets and into treatment.

A very high portion of the homeless in Santa Monica are affected by mental illness,

substance abuse or both — significantly higher than the national average. About 80 percent of those living on the streets here have substance abuse issues, 38 percent are suffering from mental illness and 24 percent are struggling with both.

On top of that, 33 percent are chronically homeless, meaning they have a disability and have been homeless for a year or more, or four or more times in the last three years.

"This is high compared to the findings of about 10 percent to 15 percent chronically homeless in other cities," the report states.

Some of the recommendations include restricting the use of brief services to a set time or number of visits that can occur without the client seeing a caseworker; developing transportation arrangements to get people to services outside of Santa Monica and develop more hubs outside of the city; more public education about service providers and how they help the homeless; getting liquor stores to stop selling booze to chronic abusers; opening a hygiene center downtown; and establishing an ongoing, independent community roundtable comprised of homeless people, residents, business owners and city staff.

"Implementing a roundtable is a great way of making sure the community stays informed, and we must do it in a way that includes everyone and is proactive," said Bloom. "Too many times we are reactive. Many people get involved because something negative has happened to them. That's a way of generating involvement, but we would rather be proactive and have a forum for people to discuss openly what the issues are and how we can address them."

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Strictly ballroom

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During the lesson, Bruce and Nikki Goren glided across the floor, learning tango moves and trying to correct small mistakes. Throughout the routine, Nikki Goren would be swung over her father's shoulder or dramatically dipped back.

"Quick—quick—step—glide!" Cassese instructed the Gorens. "Cross and cross and slide!"

The father and daughter decided on Cassese after reading his extensive resume.

"The dance lessons were similar to what I imagined it to be [after watching the show on television]," said Nikki Goren.

TurnOut Performing Arts Center has been impacted by the show in a different way. While the studio in West Los Angeles itself is not overwhelmed with new students signing up for ballroom dancing classes, teachers have seen a noticeable change in their off-site classes.

Those teachers wrapped up nine weeks of ballroom dancing sessions at Saint Monica Catholic High School last month. TurnOut Performing Arts Center Owner Janice Ray said she expected to see about a dozen students on the first day of class. She was surprised to find 34 students added their names to the list.

"There is a lot more interest with the younger kids than ever before," said Ray. "I think we all watch it and want to do it."

Not all studios have seen a surge in business. Dance Home on Santa Monica Boulevard doesn't offer lessons in the dance styles seen on either the ABC or FOX shows. Its area of specialization is contact Improv dancing, where two dancers are "interacting with each other and using each other's body as leverage," said Dance Home owner Randall Cooley.

"It couldn't be more different," Cooley said of the differences between ballroom dancing and contact Improv dancing.

INSTRUCTORS SOUND OFF ON 'STARS'

Before the most recent season finale of "Dancing with the Stars" in November, classes at Dance Instruction were buzzing with talks about the latest episode.

"That's why I watch it," said Mary Ann Rogiers, who runs Dance Instruction with her husband Kelly Rogiers. "The student would ask my opinion on things."

Though Rogiers is pleased that the show has drawn attention to dance, she believes the actual performances on the show are a departure from the traditional and true form of the dance they are intended to execute.

"They don't stay true to the form of the dance," said Mary Ann Rogiers. "Sometimes, the dance is hardly recognizable as the type they announce."

But since the show does need ratings to survive, Rogiers said she understands why there were some modifications.

Cassese, disagrees with the results of "Dancing with the Stars." He believes the crown should've been awarded to Lopez and his partner Karina Smirnoff, rather than Smith and Burke.

The Dance Doctor is currently involved in a lawsuit with Fox TV, alleging the network stole his idea for "So You Think You Can Dance," according to UPI News.

"Some of the judges aren't even ballroom dancers and I don't know how they can judge a ballroom dancer," Cassese said. "I think it was more of a popularity contest than a dance contest."

Ray is a fan of both "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing with the Stars." In watching the episodes every single week, Ray has seen parallels between the show and her business.

"It's amazing how many people think they can dance when they can't," Ray said. "It's the same thing when I interview teachers. I think, 'oh my god,' this is like 'So You Think You Can Dance,' because they think they can work for you."

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Code officers crack down on sprinklers

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increments, targeting a specific zip code to see if homeowners and businesses in that area are complying with Santa Monica's efforts to be a sustainable city.

Water waste can be seen in leaking sprinklers that are spraying onto sidewalks instead of a lawn. When the water drains onto the streets and alleys, it becomes urban runoff, according to Neal Shapiro, urban runoff management coordinator.

City ordinance also bans sprinkler use every day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. — the warmest and windiest time of the day, when water is more likely to evaporate or be sprayed away from lawns and natural landscaping. Washing down paved areas, unless for health reasons, is strictly prohibited

under the city's urban runoff ordinance.

First-time offenders will receive a warning letter in the mail, instructing the property owner to take corrective action within a specified period of time. Those guilty of a second offense for water waste will receive a fine starting at \$250. For urban runoff, that second violation begins at \$500.

"We don't like to fine people," Shapiro said. "We would rather help them understand what is going on."

Sprinkler heads can malfunction through several ways, causing them to spew in opposite directions of a lawn. The most common cause is a nozzle out of alignment.

Everything from a car or lawn mower running over a sprinkler head to a person stepping on one can corrupt it, said Ann McGarvey, administrator at A-1 Sprinkler &

Landscaping on 10th Street.

Division inspectors had previously been checking sprinklers and other potential sources for water waste and urban runoff when they were already on the field for other purposes.

The division recently hired a new part-time intern who has dedicated her time solely to doing paperwork and sending out notification letters, freeing the inspectors of that responsibility and giving them more time to work in the field, specifically for water use enforcement.

Inspectors begin at 4 a.m. and work in four-hour shifts throughout the day until 4 p.m.

"We saw that we needed to be more proactive in being out in the field and finding these potential problems and educating people," Shapiro said. "We want people to solve problems without having to fine them

because then everyone benefits."

In the posh area of Santa Monica known as north of Montana, not every lawn receives its daily dose of water through a fancy timer sprinkler system. Some homes only have hoses, while others, with no lawns to speak of, appear as though they utilize no irrigation system.

Herman Gumpers, who lives on 11th Street, north of Montana Avenue, said he agrees with the city's efforts to crack down on homeowners abusing sprinkler rights, but felt residents should be notified.

"It's good they're concerned," Gumpers said, standing before his home on Friday. "They should be sure to check very thoroughly."

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Times are changin'

COUNCIL, from page 3

on issues not already on the agenda.

The lawsuit also charged that the long meetings violated the California Occupational Safety and Health Act because it forces employees to work excessively long hours.

While Holbrook and Katz were ultimately defeated, the lawsuit did, however, spark discussion on how to cut back the sessions.

THEIR PLATES OVERFLOWETH

The council voted in 2001 to start meetings earlier, at 5:15 p.m., however, that didn't

last very long as many members were unable to get to City Hall in time because of their day jobs. Even at 5:45 p.m., some members arrive late as a result of traffic.

"I have always felt the meetings run too long," said Katz, who has served on the council for 14 years. "I get very tired and I have to get up the next morning to go to work. I know other members have the same problem and I think the answer is to really look carefully at how we form our agendas and quit overloading them."

"If you can't do that, then maybe we will have to have an extra meeting."

Others have suggested holding closed session — when council members meet behind

closed doors to discuss lawsuits, personnel and real estate negotiations — on a separate day than the council meeting, which would likely shave off at least an hour.

"That's something we can discuss," said Katz. "Another thing is preparation. We waste a lot of time pulling items off of the consent calendar when we simply can ask city staff to clarify an item for us beforehand. I think we can pick up a lot of time there."

OTHER MATTERS AT HAND

In addition to the length of council meetings, elected officials on Saturday will also be discussing City Hall's agreement to help fund the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified

School District; efforts to combat homelessness; transportation management issues; the annual economic forecast and budget concerns; contracting for services; and advertising/sponsorships.

City Manager Lamont Ewell will also present his plan to restructure City Hall in efforts to make it more efficient, including the consolidation of certain management positions.

The study session will begin at 9 a.m. at the Main Library's Community Room on the second floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discussion will go until 12:30 p.m., at which time the council will break for lunch and closed session. The session will resume at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m.

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Playing condiment catch-up

An essential part of cuisine and culture in Utah begins to spread

BY BROCK VERGAKIS

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The condiment pumps at Crown Burger rarely get a break. But it's not ketchup that's getting all the action, and customers barely give mustard a glance.

Instead, it's a pink-colored delicacy known as fry sauce that customer after customer squirts into paper cups. And it's a scene that repeats itself at thousands of restaurants and homes across Utah every day.

While most Americans top their fries with ketchup and tradition calls for mayonnaise or vinegar in Europe, for more than 50 years a blend of mayonnaise and ketchup has dominated in Utah.

The result is that fry sauce is as much a part of Utah's popular culture as skiing and the Mormon church. There are fry sauce souvenir T-shirts, a local band called "Fry Sauce," even an Olympic fry sauce pin that was wildly popular during the 2002 Winter

Games in Salt Lake City. (Collectors note, the pin has been spotted on eBay for \$45.)

"Utah is the fry sauce state," said Rula Katzourakis, who runs seven Crown Burger restaurants in the Salt Lake valley with her family. She says she wouldn't dare open a

even to other countries.

Gary Roberts is president of Arctic Circle restaurants, which are the descendants of a local restaurant that claims to have invented fry sauce here in 1948. Since then, the hamburger chain has helped popularize it in and

"IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY THING TO GO OUT OF STATE AND ASK FOR FRY SAUCE. THEY LOOK AT YOU LIKE YOU'RE CRAZY."

Mike Thompson
SOME DUDE FRY SAUCE FOUNDER

restaurant here without fry sauce.

Slowly, though, Utah's title is fading. A transient population, expanding businesses and the Internet have helped spread fry sauce to other Western states, sometimes

outside the state.

Roberts — who keeps his fry sauce recipe in a safe — says an Arctic Circle store in the Oregon beach town of Newport now goes through more than five gallons a day.

"In Washington, when we opened up our first store up there probably 80 percent of requests were probably for tartar sauce. That's dropped to 10 percent. That balance is taken up by fry sauce," he said. "It's so good it's addictive."

Roberts now produces about 140,000 gallons of fry sauce each year for his 78 stores across nine states. His restaurants also sell about 18,000 bottles for home use annually.

The leader in online sales is a local outfit called Some Dude's Fry Sauce.

"We've sent it to every state," said Some Dude's founder Mike Thompson, who also sells his sauce in stores in a dozen Western states. "We've sent it to Scotland, to England, to Afghanistan. We send a lot of stuff over to the troops."

All told, Some Dude's Fry Sauce sells about 204,000 16-ounce bottles each year.

And like Roberts, Thompson is finding that he sells more fry sauce in Oregon than Utah. In fact, Utah ranks third in sales, after Washington state.

Nevertheless, Utahns are fiercely attached to their fry sauce.

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SOCCER

Bradley making pitch at his first U.S. camp

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

CARSON — Twenty minutes after the U.S. soccer team finished its first scrimmage under new coach Bob Bradley, Pablo Mastroeni was still sweating profusely.

“That was a good first session, something that’s going to set the tone early,” the 30-year-old midfielder said Thursday. “It was a very intense session, and I guess that’s the way it’s going to be.”

After the United States failed to make it out of the first round of last summer’s World Cup, the Americans are off to a fresh start.

Bruce Arena, who coached the Americans to the World Cup quarterfinals in 2002, did not have his contract renewed after the disappointing showing in the 2006 tournament. When Juergen Klinsmann withdrew as a candidate, Bradley was hired as interim coach.

“It’s a transition time,” Bradley said. “We’ve got to start the cycle by working in some young players, and making sure that some of the guys who are experienced take bigger roles. So a lot of little things need to happen to start the ball rolling for the next four years.”

Bradley was hired Dec. 8 and is set to coach in exhibitions against Denmark in Carson on Jan. 20 and Mexico on Feb. 7 in Glendale, Ariz. Bradley also will coach the U.S. under-23 team as it tries to qualify for the 2008 Olympics.

Lyon coach Gerard Houllier and Manchester United assistant Carlos Queiroz also have been considered among the leading candidates for the national team job along with Jose Pekerman, Argentina’s coach at the World Cup. U.S. Soccer Federation Sunil Gulati, who watched the opening practice, was noncommittal about Bradley’s future.

“I’m not worried too much about that. Today’s day one, and it’s a new day for the

team, and Bob’s excited by the challenge, and the players are excited,” Gulati said.

Asked if Bradley was going to make it to June, Gulati smiled and said, “Bob’s going to make it to June. I’m going to make it to June. You’re going to make it to June. It’s a good month. We’re all going to make it to June.”

Bradley coached Princeton, became an assistant with Major League Soccer’s D.C. United in 1996, then coached the Chicago Fire, MetroStars and Chivas USA teams. He was selected the MLS coach of the year for turning around Chivas and guiding the team into the playoffs last season.

“He’s got all the attributes of a good coach,” Gulati said. “He’s knowledgeable about the game, he’s extraordinarily hard-working, he communicates well with his players. There are not many people who put as much into what they do as Bob does.”

Jonathan Bornstein, the MLS rookie of the year with Chivas last season, said Bradley is special.

“He’s a great coach. He has this knack of really taking a group of guys and bringing them together as one,” the 22-year-old Bornstein said, mentioning how Bradley melded players from Mexico, younger Americans and the veterans to make Chivas competitive.

“He took all those players and made them this great core unit,” Bornstein said. “And I can see he’s already starting to do that here. In the first meeting, he was telling us how we’ve got to band together. His style is great. He’s a great guy, someone I really look up to.”

Bornstein obviously is familiar with Bradley’s coaching philosophy.

“His training sessions are very intense. He wants the team playing the right style of soccer, very much a one- and two-touch style, very nice soccer,” Bornstein said. “He instills the work ethic and pushes everyone. The training is harder than the games. I think that’s the mentality he instills.”

BASEBALL

Zito zips across the bay

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The day the San Francisco Giants introduced Barry Zito, the former Oakland A’s ace drove right past the ballpark where his big league career began.

After landing in Oakland because of thick fog in San Francisco, Zito made the familiar scenic drive across the Bay Bridge.

His mother, Roberta, saw the symbolism — part of the transition for a man with the largest contract ever for a pitcher.

“This, putting the hat on, seeing the jersey really makes it all hit home. There’s no

place I’d rather be than right here,” said Zito, who finalized a \$126 million, seven-year contract last week. “It’s a good blend of familiar and also change. ...

“My heart and soul is here in the bay. It’s the only way I’ve known major league baseball.”

The money doesn’t hurt, either. Zito knows — and Giants general manager Brian Sabean has already mentioned it to him — that every time he takes the field people will think of him as the \$126 million man, much the way fans do with Alex Rodriguez even years after A-Rod signed his \$252 million deal with Texas.



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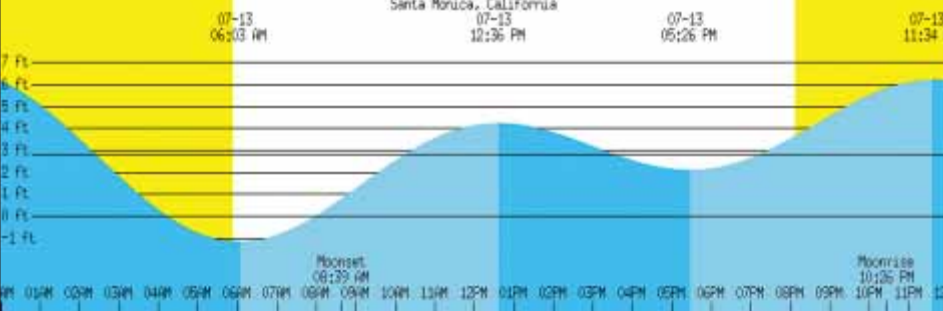
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
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	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	B
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Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A
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Tuna Canyon	ns	A+
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Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
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Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A
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Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	C
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	C
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Those you care about appear to be affable and ready to open up. Avoid unneeded seriousness. Communication will soar if you stay open. Understanding and mutuality bloom. Decide to do something very different. Tonight: Ever playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You will decide to use your pad as home base no matter what your original plans were. Others seek you out, but you want to make time specifically for one other person. You could be bowled over by what someone offers. Tonight: Happy at home. A talk might be very important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make that extra effort with those you come into contact with. Neighbors, relatives and even new acquaintances appreciate that extra time and attention. If you feel weighed down by someone's request, say so. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might act as if there is no tomorrow. Still, situations do present limits. Be realistic, and everyone will have a good time. Don't accept more invitations than you can deal with. Take a walk. Get exercise. Tonight: Indulge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Draw in what you want. If you tend to doubt yourself or become insecure, what seems like a nearly sure given could fall apart at the last minute. Your creativity soars. Get into a seasonal sport with a child or loved one. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Step back. You might need some downtime after the recent hectic pace. You find the role of observer interesting. A project on the home front cannot be put off any longer. Dig in. Be careful of far-out health suggestions. Plan on some private time. Tonight: Add mystery to your many trademarks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Friends might be cheering you on in one direction, whereas events point you in another. You can juggle everything if you want to, but why? Decide what would make you happy. A serious talk might be in order. Listen well. Tonight: With favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Stand up and state your case. If you have had enough, let others know it. Assume that your wishes will be respected. An expenditure can't be postponed much longer. Check prices and facts. Do all the necessary groundwork. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You are the spark that ignites others. You seem to get people energized, but sometimes you might be put off by what heads down your path. Eye the long-term and perhaps understand what others experience. Tonight: Do something off-beat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ If you have a complaint, address it to the specific person or a person who can make a difference. You might be suppressing some anger and frustration, which is preventing a situation from flowing. Tonight: Togetherness. Light candles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Opportunities will knock on your door if you don't react to someone's initial question. If you lie back and give people space, they will relax and be more centered. Ask questions rather than make decisions or judgments. Tonight: Very popular, and for good reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Easy does it. You might move from one issue to another. Perhaps someone keeps homing in on the same subject line. Your ability to stay even and observe might very well save the day. You don't need to voice everything you are thinking. Tonight: Consider an early bedtime.

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Phishy business

Band's frontman fights drug charges

TREY ANASTASIO made a surprise appearance in an upstate New York court this week and pleaded not guilty to a drug possession charge that a prosecutor said could be bumped up to a felony.

The 42-year-old former Phish frontman didn't speak to reporters after his brief arraignment on misdemeanor charges of drug pos-

session and driving under the influence of drugs.

Anastasio was pulled over by Whitehall police who spotted his car weaving across a rural road early on the morning of Dec. 15. Police said they found quantities of prescription painkillers and an anti-anxiety drug that hadn't been prescribed for him.

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District Attorney Kevin Kortright said the quantity of pills could lead to a felony drug possession charge and, depending on discussions with Anastasio's lawyers, the case may go to a grand jury.

Anastasio wasn't scheduled for arraignment until Jan. 10, but showed up in court unannounced Wednesday.

"We didn't know he was going to be here until we saw that black limo out front," Whitehall Village Justice William Redmond told The Post-Star of Glens Falls.

Anastasio is free on his own recognizance and due back in court on Feb. 14.

After his arrest, Anastasio issued a written statement that he felt "terrible about what hap-

pened last night, and I am deeply sorry for any embarrassment I have caused my friends, family and fans."

The guitarist lives in Richmond, Vt., and has been performing solo since Phish broke up in 2004.

Whitehall is 65 miles northeast of Albany on the Vermont line.

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Stallone defends the sport of boxing, attacks border fence amid visit to Mexico

SYLVESTER STALLONE defended boxing, praised the hard work of Mexicans and dished out some jabs against U.S. plans to build a wall on its southern border, as the 60-year-old actor visited Mexico City to promote his sixth "Rocky" film.

Stallone said Thursday that "Rocky Balboa," the latest installment in the underdog saga of the Italian Stallion, shows an ordinary man fighting back against life's difficulties

represented by his stronger ring opponents.

"It's like bullfighting or certain sports where you understand the brutality," he told reporters. "The thing is you have two men who are prepared; two men who have trained for this and know exactly what they're doing. It's not like two strong men attacking strangers."

In "Rocky Balboa," an MGM Pictures release, the aging scrapper is running a

restaurant when a computer-simulated bout inspires him to put the gloves back on. In one scene, his character defends his restaurant's immigrant cooks and waiters against slanderous comments.

"I support Mexicans who work in my country," he said, adding that the United States depends on the hard work of Latinos to keep running.

In comments to Mexican media later, Stallone criti-

cized plans to build 700 miles of fence along the border as an immigration-control measure.

Such a fence was "crazy" and "ridiculous," he said, arguing that nations should be able to interact without being divided by walls.

The Mexican government has railed against the fence with former President Vicente Fox comparing it to the Berlin Wall.

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Britney says she wants to come back big

BRITNEY SPEARS is putting fans on notice: Be prepared for her hot career comeback.

"The last couple of years have been quite a ride for me, the media has criticized my every move and printed a skewed perception of who I really am as a human being," the 25-year-old pop star/tabloid target writes in a posting Friday on her Web site.

Spears, who filed for

divorce in November from Kevin Federline, 28, her husband of two years, says she is now more mature and free to explore her next move "as an entertainer with absolutely no strings attached."

"I look forward to coming back this year bigger and better than ever," writes Spears, who says she wants to go on tour and hopes her new album will be released later this year.

"I noticed today that one of my biggest fansites is shutting down soon and I want you all to know that I do understand all the reasons that went behind making that decision, and I am sad to see it closing," she writes. "If I were you I'd be unhappy too if I had to read what I've been reading every day."

Spears, the mother of 3-month-old Jayden James and 1-year-old Sean

Preston, has drawn disapproval from fans and other Spears watchers for her recent nights out with party girls Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan. Her manager denied Monday reports that she had collapsed shortly after leading the New Year's Eve countdown in a Las Vegas nightclub.

Says Spears: "Trust me, I get it. I know I've been far from perfect."

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CHUCKLES ANGEL

DREW BARRYMORE wants everybody to lighten up.

"You know, it's all just humor," the 31-year-old actress says in an interview in the February issue of Harper's Bazaar magazine, on newsstands Jan. 16. "Don't take life so seriously. Don't take fashion too seriously. Don't take the movie industry too seriously. Don't take love and your relationship so ... heavy all the time."

"Laugh, laugh, laugh," she continues. "Life is like high school and it's small and everybody talks about everybody, so just laugh ..."

Barrymore, a once party-hearty girl who famously flashed her breasts at David Letterman, knows what it's like to be talked about. So what's her advice for Lindsay Lohan, whose wild child ways are tabloid fodder?

"I know Lindsay, and I like her very much," Barrymore says. "You just have to be as graceful as you can."

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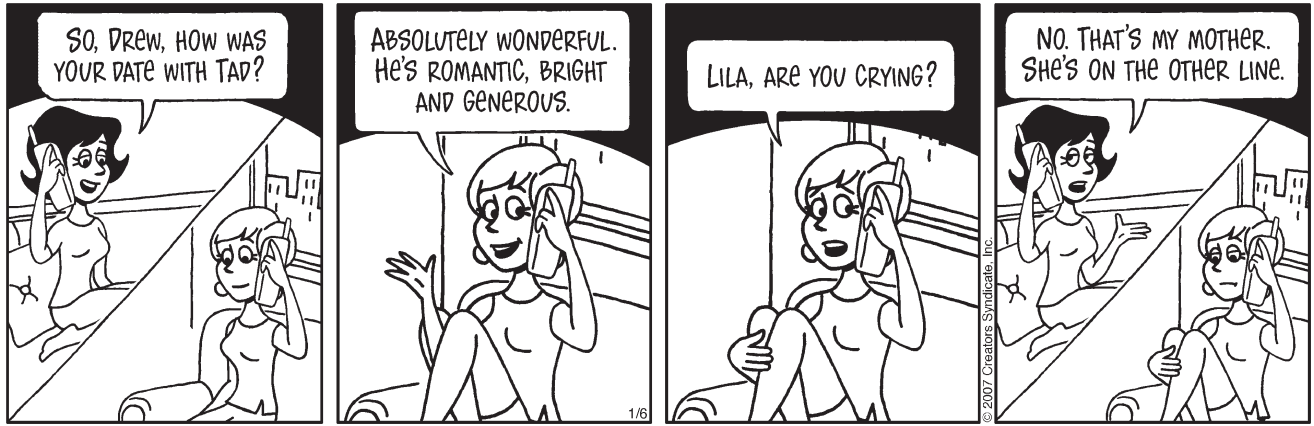
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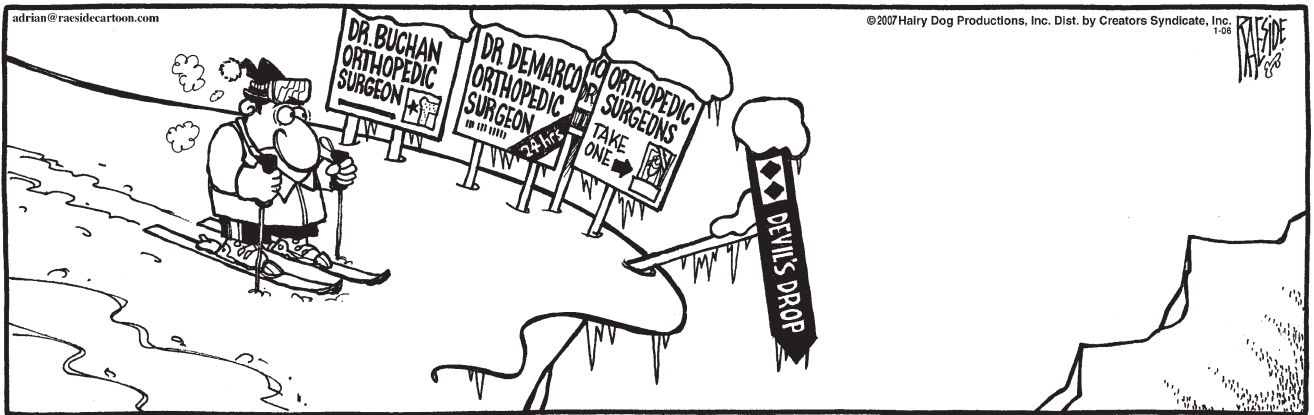
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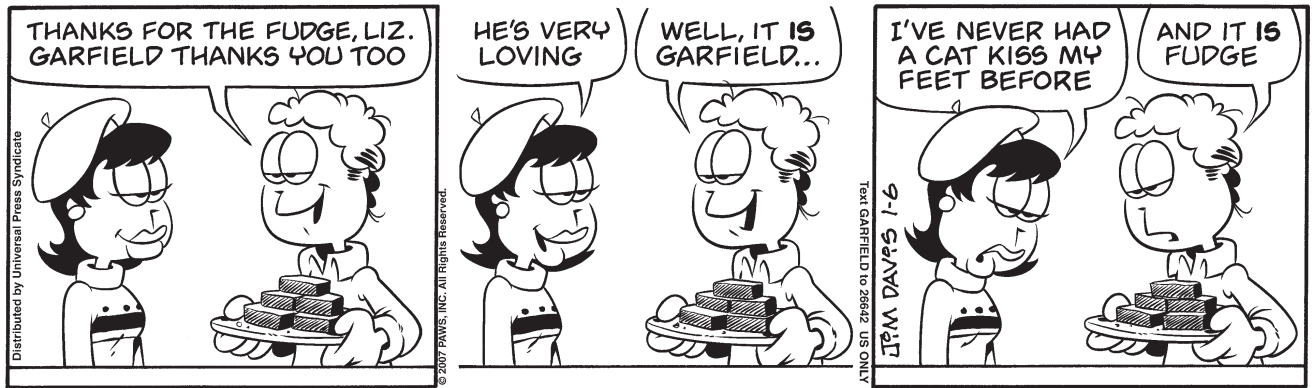
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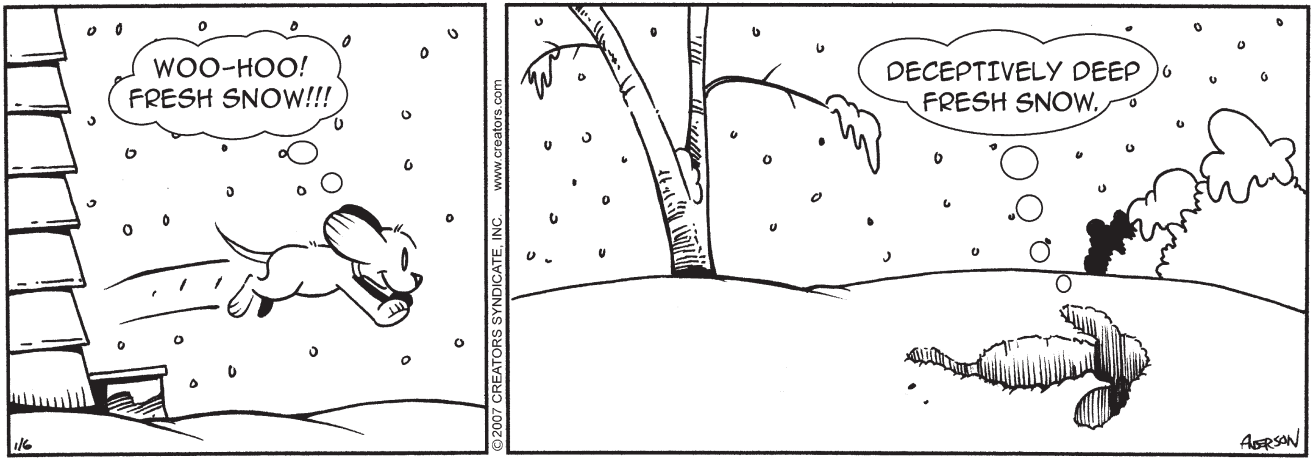
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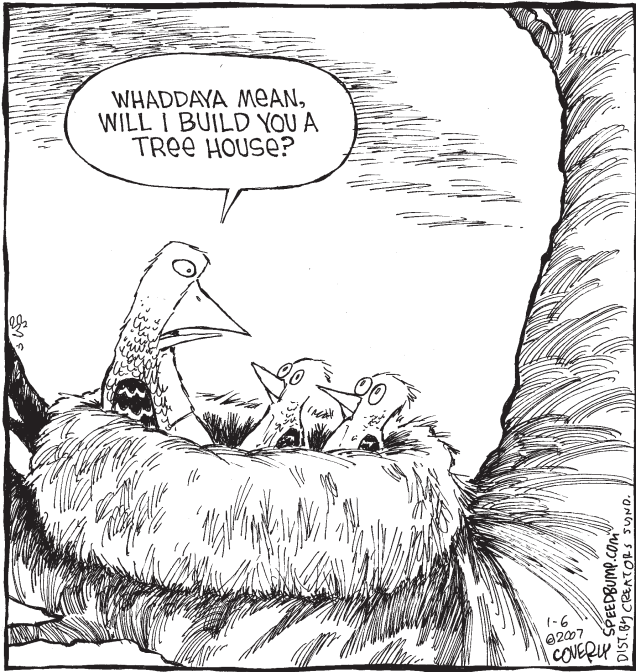
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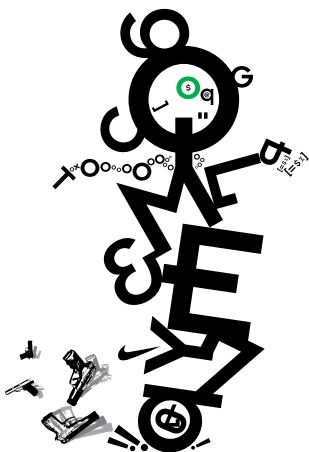
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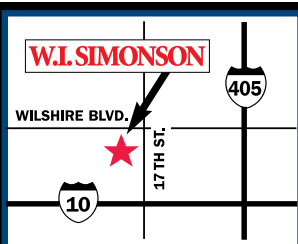
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