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Cat's got their tongues

Council mulls moving protesters away from their respective targets

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Protesters targeting specific homes, whether they have issue with a resident's involvement in animal testing or just dislike their outdoor decor, could soon face more regulation.

The City Council is expected to consider an ordinance tonight that would create a 50-foot buffer zone, within which any picketing would be banned. The local law would also regulate the width of any poles or sticks that might be used to hold up protest signs, a measure intended to prevent the poles from being used as weapons.

The goal is to allow free speech while creating some privacy for the targeted homeowner, according to City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

"Our purpose with the 50 feet (buffer zone) is to be careful about balancing the protester's right, which we respect, with the homeowner's right to have a certain amount of peace and security in the home," Moutrie said Monday.

The ordinance is being proposed on the heels of a series of demonstrations that have occurred in residential areas in the past several years, including one last Easter Sunday, when animal rights activists staged a protest in front of the north of Montana home of Nelson Freimer, a UCLA professor of human genetics, whom activists allege experiments on monkeys.

"It's to restrict their activity, because a lot of times when these protesters do their protesting, they trespass on private property," said Sgt. Jay Moroso of the Santa Monica Police Department. "It's to curb any types of vandalism that may occur as a result of the protest."

The ordinance follows several laws in other Southern California municipalities that have implemented similar measures protecting homeowners' rights against protests, including in the city of Los Angeles, which has a 100-foot buffer zone, according to Moroso.

Considering the narrow width of many of the streets in Santa Monica, 100 feet would not be a reasonable protection area for residents, effectively backing up the protesters into another property across the street from the target, Moutrie said.

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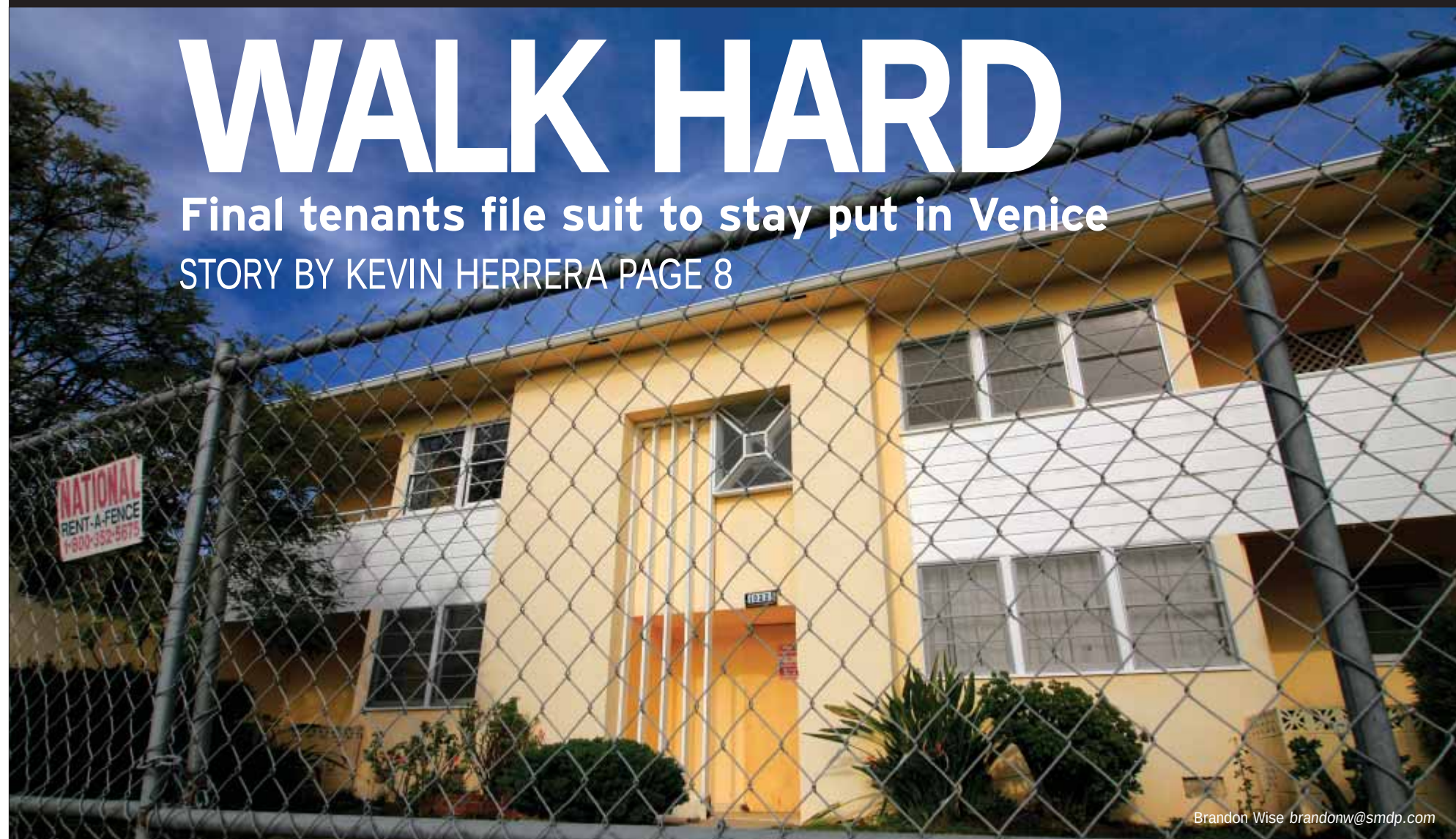
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The Ocean Park Branch Library brings back their music and story program for toddlers aged 24 — 36 months. Registration and an accompanying adult are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call (310) 392-3804.

The Play 'tis the Thing

2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch Library is hosting a six-week play writing workshop. Learn principles of dramatic structure, how to construct dialogue and analyze the finished product with instructor Anna Stramese. Registration required. Enrollment limited. For more information, call (310) 458-8638.

Green Business Networking

1255 20th St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

All SaMo greenies are meeting at the Ambrose Hotel for Green Business Networking. No need to RSVP. GBN takes place on the second Tuesday of every month.

'The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Main Library's "From Reel to Real" movie screening and film discussion series continues with Tommy Lee Jones' dramatic film, "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada." Pre-film discussion starts at 6:30 p.m.; movie screening starts at 6:50 p.m. Free program. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008

Schmoozing Westside writers

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' monthly "Schmooze" is a chance for writers to network, make friends and get connected. Schmoozing occurs at the Fairview Branch Library.

Winter camping clinic

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

An REI expert will discuss safety tips and must-have gear for extra comfort in snowy conditions.

Mystery book group

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Library presents a discussion on David Baldacci's "Camel Club," a near-future thriller in which political conspiracy theorists get actual grist for their paranoia.

Jewish story hour

1428 17th St., 3:15 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Story time at Chabad is for children ages 3 — 7. It is recommended that participants RSVP to this free event to ensure there are enough materials for all children. For questions or to RSVP, call (310) 393-7379 or e-mail srljs@juno.com.

Cool School revisited

1611 Electric Ave., Venice, by appointment only

The "Cool School" exhibit, named for the film which features Ferus Gallery artists, will be on display through January 11. A portion of the proceeds from sold paintings will go to the "Films for Schools" outreach program. For more information, visit www.VeniceTrust.com.

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.



Murder rate on decline

By Daily Press staff

LOS ANGELES Murders sharply declined last year in those areas of the county patrolled by the Sheriff's Department, dipping 17 percent, from 328 homicides in 2006 to 273 in 2007.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca credited efforts that crack down on gangs for much of the success, alluding to the board of supervisors' increased financial commitments to tackling violent crime.

"Our aggressive law enforcement strategy, combined with smart and dedicated deputies, continues to show results," Baca said. "We will continue to be relentless in our efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe."

The Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS), responsible for combating gang-related crime, received additional personnel in 2007, including 15 new investigators. In addition, 26 vacant deputy positions were filled.

OSS participated in a multi-jurisdictional operation that produced more than 100 indictments of Florencia-13 gang members. The bureau made more than 3,500 arrests last year, managing an 11-percent increase in case workload over the previous year.

"By targeting the most violent gangs and their members, deploying more personnel in the field during evening hours, cultivating more informants within gangs, and through more extensive collaboration with local state and federal law enforcement agencies, we were successful in achieving this result," said Capt. James Curtis, of the Sheriff's Homicide Division. "Clearly, additional resources garner greater results."

The Sheriff's Department patrols unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, as well as 41 cities that contract with the Sheriff's Department for municipal police services. One such agency — the city of Compton — experienced a sharp decline in homicides, from 48 in 2006 to 39 in 2007.

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Talking the walk

Sidewalks, The Civic due for some love; bus routes get nixed

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Some pricey changes are in store for Santa Monica as the City Council is expected to spend more than \$9 million tonight on sidewalk improvements and the extension of contracts for various consulting services.

But with the spending could come savings, as the council will be asked to cut public transportation services that could result in more than \$80,000 a year remaining in the city coffers.

Things might not have looked so dim for the Critic's Choice Awards on Monday night if the ceremony had been scheduled a few months into the future.

In an effort to better market the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for special events, like awards shows, the council is expected tonight to award a contract to a private company to upgrade the venue's outdated electrical system.

The estimated \$490,600 contract to A-1 Electrical Services Co. is meant to bring the electrical system and its equipment, which was installed in 1958, up to current safety code standards. The aging system is insufficient to accommodate modern equipment and guests often bring in a generator to ensure there are no outages during an event,

lessening the appeal of the Civic Auditorium as one of the premier special events venues on the Westside.

"The new electrical service will accommodate exterior and interior event requirements, which contribute to the marketing efforts and booking potential of the facility, providing an economic benefit to the city and downtown area," according to a city staff report.

If approved, upgrades will take place between June 23 and July 27, during which time the venue will be closed.

MORE REPAIRS ON THE WAY

A lengthy list containing more than 2,000 sidewalks in dire need of repair is about to get truncated.

Sequel Contractors is expected to land an estimated \$8.3 million contract from the city to perform a series of repairs to streets

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THE PARTY'S OVER

Old Christmas trees line the sidewalk along Reed Park on California Avenue, awaiting pick-up from the Solid Waste Management Division, which will then recycle them. There are four drop-off points for city residents: Reed, Douglas, Clover and Los Amigos parks.

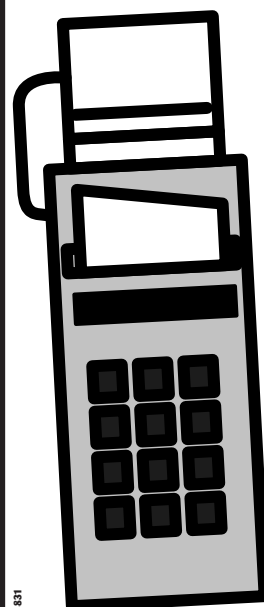
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Let them eat meat

Editor:
If Katie Hobkirk ("Meat eaters should go veggie," page 4, Jan. 5-6) wants to be a vegetarian, she has the right to do so. I have the right to eat meat. I have energy. Meat is too delicious and satisfying to give up. But I promise to give up eating animals if any animal rights people will kill themselves and give me their bodies to eat instead.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Forget drinking with the president

Editor:
Jack Neworth's article hit the proverbial nail on the head! Could this be the reason for Barack Obama's landslide win in Iowa? I am no fan of our current president. Unless you're one of the fortunate rich, you gotta feel some pain. I do believe that Bush's main operating system ... "trickle down integrity" is the main reason of a lack of accountability on morally deprived shysters that are coming to light. Democrats and Republicans alike. The fact that Bush is Republican gives his minions a sort of get out of jail free card. It kind of reminds me of an old song I heard. "Who you gonna believe, me or your lying eyes?"

We need to get back to basics and follow the (U.S.) Constitution to the letter. Also, someone curious enough, who hears about our country under attack, would animate himself to defend us and get the guy responsible. One caveat. Next time a person who has an alcohol or drug problem comes along wanting to be commander in chief, don't encourage his illness by stating, "He's the kind of guy I'd like to have a beer with."

Thomas Cardona
Santa Monica

Don't be beach bummers

Editor:
The City Council (tonight) will consider an ordinance to regulate surfing classes on the beach and protect the fiefdoms of its currently favored surf instructors. To protect its chosen few surf teachers against the dangers of rampant competition, the council will consider enacting regulations to make it difficult or impossible to set up new schools and compete against the established ones.
This protection of the current monopoly is unwise and unneeded. The competition provided by the multiple schools teaching surfing last summer helped increase the quality of instruction while holding down the cost. City Hall should eliminate all subsidized programs and let the schools compete fairly and openly. The result would be a saving to the taxpayers of Santa Monica and increased program availability.

The council shouldn't try to fix what isn't broken. Less regulation and more competition will benefit everyone.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Brace for dynasty to continue in U.S.

THERE'S A REASON WE DON'T LET brothers marry a sister, or a first cousin marry a first cousin. Inbreeding is bad for a population.

As a society we dislike the concept of the dynasty in this country. We have no real royalty, thankfully, even though we do frequently confer "favorite son/daughter" status on the candidates. What that really means is that some people have greater name recognition, due to their father or mother, or sometimes their brothers or sisters careers in politics, and occasionally their spouses.

This is the situation for Hillary Clinton. She is walking in the shadow of her husband. His status as a former president is a major stumbling block for many people to her ascendancy to the presidency. The Clinton name confers an instant recognition on her, and should she become the 44th president of the United States, she would be participating in a system that allowed two families to run the country for a minimum of 24 years.

That doesn't sound like a long time, but at the end of the first term of a Clinton presidency, when we would have been around as a nation for 236 years, that would mean over 10 percent of our history we were led by two families — the Clintons and the Bushes.

Which is why I think that many people are supporting U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. When I speak with people around Santa Monica I frequently hear that the idea of a political dynasty scares them. The idea that as a country we could be led by a small group of political zealots is fundamentally an un-American idea. We like change, we like "the new." We are not a hidebound society that slavishly holds on to an aristocracy, well beyond their usefulness.

At least, that is the hope of America. The reality is that we will allow ourselves to slip into a routine of consistent leadership from those who find their constituencies and stick to them.

Locally, we need only look to our own council to see that though we speak change, we vote consistency. The incumbents have an edge, they always have, they always will. It's the power of the position, which allows an established voice to speak louder than one that is calling for change.

It is an old saying that youth and enthusiasm will lose to age and treachery. Sadly, like most sayings, this one is true more often than not. For us locally, that means that the entrenched forces of the political world here will likely remain in power. As a nation it means that though the Youtube generation likes Obama, the Clinton return to power is the safer bet.

I think that the Iowa Caucus is a very different experience from walking into a voting booth alone, and choosing a president. I think that it is easier to get the youth engaged in a group event, one that is sold as

a party, than it is to get a 20-year-old to leave his Xbox at home, and go out on a cold November day to pick a leader. That is a job that an older voter, one that feels the weight, and more importantly understands the dangers, in picking a leader. That is why, traditionally it is the older voter who decides elections, and in this coming presidential election, that will likely mean Hillary is the better candidate for us as a nation.

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I say this because of my nightmare scenario; Obama does awesome in the primaries, he pulls in the youth for the early efforts, he rallies the troops to get enough momentum to win the nomination, Huckabee is the Republican candidate and in the race for the White House Obama doesn't pull enough youth votes in to win, and we end up with W Redux in the form of President Huckabee.

I believe there is also the distinct possibility that some redneck yokel with the IQ of a carrot will decide that he'd rather be in jail than see a black man in the White House, and he assassinates Obama, in which case the Democrats have a major problem on their hands. The damage that this would do to race relations in this country is unfathomable.

So, as much as I say I don't like dynasties, I think we may end up with one, and that frankly, it may be the best thing for the country. At least for now.

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That Rutherford Guy

John H. Whitehead

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Are televangelists fleecing the flock?

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

— Jesus

ACTING ON COMPLAINTS FROM THE public, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, has launched an investigation into alleged financial wrongdoing involving six high-profile televangelists, all of whom run "non-profit" organizations. The allegations involve governing boards that are not independent and which allow exorbitant salaries, housing allowances and luxuries such as private jets and Rolls Royces.

Best-selling author and televangelist Joyce Meyer is under investigation. Her headquarters, with its 158,000-square-foot building and furniture estimated at \$5.7 million, was built for \$20 million in 2001. Since 1999, Meyer's ministry has reported spending at least \$4 million on five homes for Meyer and her four children. Among the items under Senate investigation are a \$23,000 "commode with marble top," a \$30,000 conference table and an \$11,219 French clock, all purchased for Meyer's ministry headquarters. Meyer seems unapologetic for her accumulated wealth. As she blantly acknowledged: "If you stay in your faith, you are going to get paid. I am living now in my reward."

Although Paul and Jan Crouch, founders of TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network), are not under investigation by the Senate Finance Committee, they epitomize what it means to wallow in materialism. With a combined annual salary of more than \$700,000, the Crouches are some of the highest paid in any of the major religious nonprofit organizations. TBN raises more than \$120 million a year from its viewers and continues to tell these viewers that they are "robbing God" if they are not giving to the network.

The Los Angeles Times reported that TBN owns 30 homes across the country. As Crouch sums up his philosophy: "If my heart really, honestly desires a nice Cadillac ... would there be something terribly wrong with me saying, 'Lord, it is the desire of my heart to have a nice car ... and I'll use it for Your glory?' I think I could do that and in time, as I walked in obedience with God, I believe I'd have it."

This belief that God blesses people with

wealth is known as the "prosperity gospel." It emerged in the 1970s in response to dwindling church attendance. Hoping to appeal to the masses, many pastors and influential Christian speakers changed their style of preaching and broadened their messages. Indeed, attempting to project a less "established religion" feel, many mega-churches today mirror the tactics of Wall Street and Madison Avenue and have adopted a more generic look. Some have expanded facilities to include general consumer attractions such as bowling alleys, NBA regulation basketball courts, spas and even food courts complete with Starbucks and McDonald's.

Unfortunately the prosperity gospel tends to lure Christians away from the real message taught by Jesus — that is, one that eschews riches and focuses on helping the poor.

Jesus was an itinerant preacher who preferred the company of the lowly and despised the rich and powerful. As a cabinet-maker's son, Jesus chose his followers from the lower classes or from a despised trade (tax collectors). However, Jesus not only favored the homeless but was himself homeless during his public life. His entire focus was self-denial and helping the poor. Indeed, Jesus said that it was the meek and the poor who would be blessed — but not with material possessions. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth," he admonished.

Jesus also urged his followers that if they practiced true Christianity, they would suffer as he did. But as one commentator notes, suffering as a Christian virtue is not part of the prosperity worldview. "Some call it Christianity Lite — you get all the benefits, but don't pay attention to the fact that Jesus called for suffering."

Thus, too often, the prosperity preachers disregard Jesus' message in order to present the illusion that if those listening will send money to them, they, the poor, can be rich also. This is a lie. In fact, influential pastor and best-selling author Rick Warren goes so far as to call the prosperity message "baloney." As he said, "It's creating a false idol. You don't measure your self-worth by your net worth. I can show you millions of faithful followers of Christ who live in poverty. Why isn't everyone in the church a millionaire?"

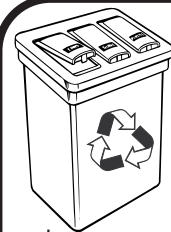
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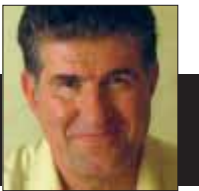
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The weight of popularity

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO Where a teenage girl sees herself on her school's social ladder may sway her future weight, a study of more than 4,000 girls finds.

Those who believed they were unpopular gained more weight over a two-year period than girls who viewed themselves as more popular. Researchers said the study showed how a girl's view of her social status has broader health consequences.

The girls in the study were still growing — their average age was 15 — and all of them gained some weight. However, those who rated themselves low in popularity were 69 percent more likely than other girls to increase their body mass index by two units, the equivalent of gaining about 11 excess pounds. (The body mass index, or BMI, is a calculation based on height and weight.)

Girls who put themselves on the higher rungs of popularity also gained some excess weight, but less — about 6 1/2 pounds.

Both groups, on average, fell within ranges considered normal. But a gain of two BMI units over two years is more than the typical weight gain for adolescent girls, the researchers said.

"How girls feel about themselves should be part of all obesity prevention strategies," said the study's lead author, Adina Lemeshow, who began the study as a



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SOMETHING TO CHEW ON: Young girls' social status may affect their future body weight.

Harvard School of Public Health graduate student. She now works at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The research, appearing in January's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, used data from an ongoing study used frequently by scientists studying childhood obesity.

Weight and height data were reported by the girls themselves rather than getting weighed and measured by doctors; that's a

weakness in the study that the researchers acknowledged.

The researchers took into account the girls' weight and BMI at the start of the study, along with their diet, household income, race/ethnicity and whether they'd reached puberty — and still found the link.

In the study, perceived popularity was measured in 1999 by how the girls reacted to a question next to a picture of a 10-rung ladder: "At the top of the ladder are the people

in your school with the most respect and the highest standing. At the bottom are the people who no one respects and no one wants to hang around with. Where would you place yourself on the ladder?"

The researchers put the girls into two groups: the 4,264 who said they were on rung 5 or above, and the 182 who said they were on rung 4 or below. The weight gain link was based on those two groups.

Clea McNeely of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health called the study strong. She said she wanted to know more about the 4 percent of girls who rated themselves below average in popularity, particularly whether they already were gaining weight faster before they rated themselves as unpopular.

"The reason this paper is so important is it has broader implications beyond weight gain," said McNeely, who was not involved in the research but wrote an accompanying editorial. "Subjective social status is not just an uncomfortable experience you grow out of, but can have important health consequences."

Experts know little about how to intervene in teenagers' peer groups to improve health, McNeely said, but when adults set standards in schools, students treat one another with more respect.

Teenagers may give grown-ups "bored looks," she said, but "adults are still the most important influential figures in their lives."

The study was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.



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Music labels look for positive spin

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES When you're not inclined to give your product away for free, make your customers believe they're getting something for nothing.

That's the thinking behind some of the offerings music fans may see this year as the recording industry scrambles to offset losses from plunging CD sales and find new sources of revenue when many consumers simply download music for free.

Among the business models music fans are likely to see more of: music subscriptions bundled with the price of Internet access, and services like Nokia Corp.'s upcoming Comes With Music, which would give users of select mobile phones a year's worth of unlimited access to music, for no extra charge.

Music companies also are expected to license songs for more ad-supported Web sites like imeem, which lets visitors watch videos or listen to full-length tracks posted by other music fans for free.

Major recording labels, long-criticized for being too slow in adapting to changes brought by the Internet over the last decade, are under pressure to explore new ways to get music fans to pay for music, leading to more choices for consumers.

In 2007, the recording industry arguably took the boldest steps yet.

After years championing the necessity of copy-protection safeguards on digital music, three of the world's biggest recording companies agreed to license their music for sale online as unprotected MP3 files. Many analysts expect the last holdout, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, to follow this year.

That's an important step for music lovers hesitant about buying digital music because songs are generally tied to specific devices — for example, Apple Inc.'s iPod players can't play copy-protected music not bought at Apple's iTunes store.

"It seems clear there's an accelerated pace of change that comes hand in glove with accelerated decline in traditional business," said Eric Garland, chief executive at BigChampagne Online Media Measurement, which tracks online entertainment.

Recording company executives who once saw new technology as the enemy seem to now see it as a lifeline.

The major labels — Sony BMG, Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group, Warner Music Group Corp. and Britain's EMI Group PLC —

THERE'S NO DENYING THAT WMG AND THE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING FOR ALMOST A DECADE NOW WITH THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE DIGITAL SPACE PRESENTS.

Edgar Bronfman
Warner Music Chairman and CEO

declined to comment.

In a recent memo to employees, Warner Music Chairman and CEO Edgar Bronfman Jr., touched on the importance of developing new areas of digital music. The company's stock price has plunged more than 75 percent over the past year.

"There's no denying that WMG and the industry as a whole have been struggling for almost a decade now with the challenges and opportunities that the digital space presents," Bronfman wrote.

California voters can mail it in

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Vote-by-mail ballots go out this week in the nation's most populous state, forcing presidential campaigns to consider using scarce dollars to lure early California voters while contests unfold in New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada.

More than half the total votes in California's Feb. 5 primary could be mailed in, and many of those ballots will be cast long before Election Day in a state that has seen scant evidence of the 2008 presidential campaign.

California isn't alone. Residents of 11 states — Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina and Utah — have been able to vote by mail for their favorite candidates since December.

The first was Michigan, where absentee ballots were made available Dec. 1 for the Jan. 15 primary.

But California is the biggest prize with the most delegates. With a wide-open race in both parties, results from early contests will carry inevitable weight here as voters make

decisions in what amounts to a rolling, monthlong primary election.

Spending on advertising, mail and phone banks — the essential tools of reaching voters — will be tight in California as money is sucked up by earlier contests, where strong finishes could mean the difference between failure and survival. Leading campaigns have yet to run TV ads in the state.

The compressed primary schedule "terribly complicates a campaign's ability to get its message across," said Democratic strategist Garry South, a veteran of Sen. Joe Lieberman's 2004 presidential bid. "Voters in California will be sending ballots back before candidates get here."

Besides California, more than 20 other states hold nominating contests on Feb. 5, including New York, New Jersey, and Illinois.

Winners of early contests typically get a surge in fundraising, which will mean more money for those candidates, less for others. In coming days, many campaigns will be reluctant or unable to finance substantial activity in California because of demands elsewhere. Budgets for TV ads and mail in the state remain tentative, although Hillary Rodham Clinton recently financed a mass mailing to voters.

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Tenants going on offensive

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Editor in Chief

VENICE The owners of the Lincoln Place garden apartments are being sued by current and former tenants for the alleged unlawful eviction of more than 50 households.

In a lawsuit filed last week in Los Angeles Superior Court, attorneys for the tenants claim that the defendant, Apartment Investment and Management Co. (AIMCO), engaged in unfair business practices and intentionally inflicted emotional distress on roughly 100 people who were locked out of their homes in December 2005 in what has been described as the largest mass eviction in Los Angeles history.

Tenants claim that AIMCO violated conditions of the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, as well as an agreement with the city of Los Angeles to relocate tenants to other units on the property rather than evict them. They also claim AIMCO failed to properly notify tenants of their rights and threatened many of them.

Lincoln Place, which was built after World War II to help house veterans unable to find affordable housing, is located just east of Lincoln Boulevard near Rose Avenue.

Sheila Bernard, one of the plaintiffs in the suit and one of the few remaining residents of Lincoln Place, said she is suing for restitution because AIMCO "destroyed" her community.

"Seniors who lived there for decades were uprooted from their support network; children who went to school in the neighbor-

hood were uprooted from their schools," Bernard said.

"People were just fundamentally torn from the community that they had come to see as their home," Bernard said. "A community where they were the eyes on the street and kept an eye on each other."

There were more than 690 units at Lincoln Place. Now, just 12 households remain, Bernard said.

"There was a time when we had lots of celebrations over the holidays," Bernard said. "This past season, it was way too quiet. It still is."

Representatives from AIMCO said they have acted in full compliance with the law and "will be vigorously defending ourselves against what we view as a baseless lawsuit."

Cindy Duffy, director of corporate communications for AIMCO, said the lawsuit and other legal challenges filed by tenants are "detrimental" because the property is sitting practically empty and no one is able to take advantage of the opportunity to build new affordable and market rate housing that is desperately needed.

"It's in a holding pattern at this point," Duffy said.

She was also quick to point out that the lawsuit involved only a handful of current and former tenants and that "90 percent of tenants" accepted relocation packages that helped them find other apartments, some of them owned and operated by AIMCO.

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DIRT DIGGLERS: To ensure that the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum can continue to offer residents a final resting place, the City Council is expected tonight to extend a contract with a financial management firm that oversees an account that pays for perpetual care.

Farmers' Market bus routes prove no moveable feast

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and sidewalks, a project that includes maintenance of the Civic Auditorium parking lot and drainage improvements on Broadway from 20th to 21st streets.

The Street Maintenance Division at City Hall manages a list that includes more than 2,026 backlog sidewalk repair locations that date back several years. The repair project would address 588 of those locations. Currently, 1,258 locations are being fixed under the citywide Sidewalk Repair Project and another 180 are getting some attention by Street Maintenance Division crews, according to a city staff report.

The maintenance work would entail overlaying asphalt, restriping streets, reconstructing sidewalks and pruning trees.

The project covers several neighborhoods in the city, including north of Montana Avenue, Sunset Park and Mid-City.

MANAGING THE CEMETERY

While City Hall conducts a study that will ultimately lead to a comprehensive business plan for Woodlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, a long-time relationship with a financial firm that has overseen the management of cemetery maintenance funds will be extended.

RNC Capital Management has provided investment management services for the cemetery for the past 16 years, overseeing, along with other financial services, an account set aside for the perpetual care of the final resting place for the cemetery's residents.

City Hall is expected to find a new investment management firm to oversee the perpetual care fund after the business plan is finalized, but since its current contract with RNC Capital Management has exceeded its \$70,000 allotment, city staff is asking the

council to increase the contract by an extra \$60,000, bringing the total of the contract to \$130,000.

MO' MONEY FOR WATER RATES

A consultant that is currently weighing various scenarios for new water rates in the city could get an extra \$18,750 if a contract extension is approved by the council.

Raftelis Financial Consultants was hired in November 2006 to perform a wastewater study and while the firm has come up with several rate scenarios, it is requesting additional funding to complete the required analysis.

If approved, the firm's new contract will reach a total of \$104,300.

NO MORE FREE RIDES

More than a year after going into service, two Big Blue Bus shuttles — the Downtown Farmers' Market Ride and the Pico Farmers' Market Ride — are expected to be discontinued due to low ridership.

The Pico Farmers' Market ride, which operates only on Saturdays, averages about 1.5 passengers per vehicle per hour, while the Downtown market ride, which runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays, averages about four passengers per vehicle service hour. The annual savings from canceling both services is estimated at \$87,000.

"The Farmers' Market Rides have been a useful experiment in the offering of a short distance shuttle serving a specific event that draws visitors from a large area," according to a staff report. "It demonstrated the challenge of attracting a significant number of riders from a small service area where there are competing transit services and the possibility of reaching the destination by walking."

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ACTION!

The crew of the 13th Annual Critics' Choice Awards set up lights and equipment Monday at the Santa Monica Civic Center on Main Street. The Writers Guild of America strike, which began Nov. 5, has effectively shut down Hollywood and cast a pall over Tinseltown's awards season. But the Critics' Choice Awards, presented by the Broadcast Film Critics Association at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, isn't covered by guild contracts.

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Courtesy of Charles Haskell/file photo
MASKING THEIR FEELINGS: Animal rights activists staged a protest on Easter Sunday 2007 in front of the home of Nelson Freimer, a UCLA researcher who activists believe is torturing animals by conducting experiments on them while they are still alive. It marked the second such protest in as many months.

Law would provide a protest buffer

FROM PROTEST PAGE 1

all-out ban on residential picketing in 1993, a measure that has yet to be challenged. “It’s to protect the sanctity of the home,” said San Diego Deputy City Attorney Mary Nuesca. Christine Garcia, an attorney representing several animal rights activists in a lawsuit against City Hall, criticized the proposed ordinance as being “reactionary” and created in response to the litigation involving the

five plaintiffs suing City Hall. “There’s been no issue of threats made to any person or any kind of illegal activity towards people’s residences in the city of Santa Monica,” said Garcia of San Francisco-based The Animal Law Office. “There actually isn’t any factual basis of recent incidents or any incidents in the city of Santa Monica.” The lawsuit was filed against the SMPD, City Hall as well as the University of California Regents and UCLA in October, alleging that officials abused the rights of

animal liberation activists during a series of protests that have occurred in city limits dating back to July 2006. The picketers were arrested without just cause, Garcia said. The lawsuit mentions several protests, including the March 18, 2007 demonstration in front of Friemer’s home on 12th Street. A court hearing for the federal lawsuit is scheduled for Feb. 11. Though there have been no cases of physical altercations involving a picketing sign, the proposed ordinance is meant to be a

proactive measure against future incidents, Moroso said. The ordinance would limit the thickness of a wood picketing stick to less than one-quarter of an inch in thickness and less than two inches in width. “It’s something preventative that we can institute now and it brings us more in line with the municipal codes that other municipal agencies have with regard to picketing,” he said. melodyh@smdp.com

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	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+	C
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	C
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND
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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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NFL
Jags eye chance to end Pats' run

BY JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. Sixteen games. Sixteen wins. Sixteen chances for the New England Patriots to talk about how worried they are about their upcoming opponent.

With the Jacksonville Jaguars heading to town for Saturday's second-round playoff game, the Patriots are spouting the same party line they've held to all year.

And why not? It didn't hurt them during an undefeated regular season.

"They're a very good team," quarterback Tom Brady said. "Teams that are in this position are the best teams in the league. There's a reason why Jacksonville is playing this week. They do a lot of things very well."

Ditto from safety Rodney Harrison: "We've got our hands full, to say the least. We'd better be on top of our own game plan if we expect to win."

And defensive lineman Richard Seymour: "We have a lot of respect for this football team. We definitely have our work cut out for us."

The Patriots earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs, thanks to a 16-0 mark in the regular season that was just one of the NFL records they set. New England also scored a record 589 points and 79 touchdowns, while Brady's 50 touchdown passes and Randy Moss' 23 TD catches were also the best in league history.

But coach Bill Belichick and his team insist that they're not overly confident heading into their game against the Jaguars.

"When you get to this point in the season,

everyone deserves to be here. This just happens to be probably one of the better ones that's out there," fullback Heath Evans said. "Bill preached for the last week that it was going to be a team that's good, that deserved to be here, and they've got the same record that we do in this tournament."

Actually, the Jaguars are 1-0 in the postseason after earning a wild-card berth with an 11-5 record in the regular season. And while the Patriots have yet to be tested in the playoffs, their quest for perfection put added pressure on every regular-season game -- especially the finale, when they rallied from a 12-point deficit to beat the New York Giants and wrap up the league's first perfect regular season since the 1972 Dolphins won all 14 games.

"To see what we've accomplished this far is great. But, as coach put it, there's another mountain to climb," Brady said. "We're in the same position as Jacksonville, which is in the same position as Indy, which is in the same position as San Diego."

New England's perfect mark did give it an edge with home-field advantage through the AFC playoffs. But more important was the bye that allowed the team to rest and recover while Jacksonville had to travel to Pittsburgh in the wild-card round.

Although the Patriots were too smart to express a preference for a playoff opponent, some admitted that they got exactly the type of game they were hoping to watch. After jumping to an early 18-point lead, the Jaguars needed a 32-yard quarterback draw on fourth-and-2 from David Garrard to set up Josh Scobee's game-winning 25-yard field goal with 37 seconds remaining.

NFL
Vick leaves Virginia to serve his prison term in Kansas

BY KRISTEN GELINEAU
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick left Virginia on Monday to enter a drug treatment program at a Kansas prison, a move that could reduce the former NFL star's 23-month sentence on a federal dogfighting conviction.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback is now at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons minimum security facility in Leavenworth, his attorney, Billy Martin, said.

"Mr. Vick hopes to participate in programs offered at that facility, including the Bureau of Prisons drug treatment program," Martin said in a statement.

Vick tested positive for marijuana in September while he was on supervised release following his guilty plea. The residential drug treatment programs at Bureau of Prisons institutions take place in units set apart from the general prison population, lasting at least 500 hours over six to 12 months, according to Bureau of Prisons policy.

Upon successful completion of the program, nonviolent offenders may be granted up to one year of early release. Staff members review the inmates' records and behavior to determine if they are eligible for early release.

If Vick was granted early release, he could be ready to play in the 2009 football season, though he is currently suspended without pay by the NFL.

"Mr. Vick looks forward to being reunited with his family upon completion of his sentence," Martin said. "He is hopeful that following his release he will have the opportunity to resume his career as a professional football player."

Vick was accompanied by U.S. marshals when he left the Northern Neck Regional Jail on Monday morning, said Maj. Ted Hull of the Warsaw, Va., jail.

Vick and three co-defendants raised pit bulls and trained them for fighting behind the property he owned in rural Surry County. Several dogs that did not perform well in test fights were executed.

The 27-year-old player pleaded guilty in August, admitting he bankrolled the dogfighting operation and helped kill six to eight dogs. He had been held at the Warsaw jail since he surrendered Nov. 19 in anticipation of his sentence.

Vick lost all his lucrative endorsement deals and still must contend with additional legal woes: He and co-defendants Purnell Peace, Quanis Phillips and Tony Taylor are facing state animal cruelty charges in Surry County. Vick's trial is set for April 2.

Limited ‘View’

Talk show host brings baby out for premiere

ELISABETH HASSELBECK took her newborn son, Taylor Thomas, to work Monday. It was her first day back on ABC’s “The View” since going on maternity leave more than two months ago.

She gave birth to Taylor Thomas at an Arizona hospital Nov. 9. Hasselbeck and co-host Sherri Shepherd took turns holding him. He cried at first, but was generally well behaved on his first-ever

live TV appearance. The camera focused on his face several times as the audience oohed and ahh-ed. Hasselbeck, 30, joked that she calls herself “the dairy queen” because she’s breast-feeding.

“You don’t even look like you were pregnant,” Shepherd told her. “You are so tiny.” The conservative “View” co-host and her husband, Arizona Cardinals quarterback Tim Hasselbeck, also

have a 2-year-old daughter. Monday’s edition of the daytime chatfest included a full hour of “Hot Topics.” When the conversation turned to politics, co-host Joy Behar joked that Taylor Thomas should leave. AP

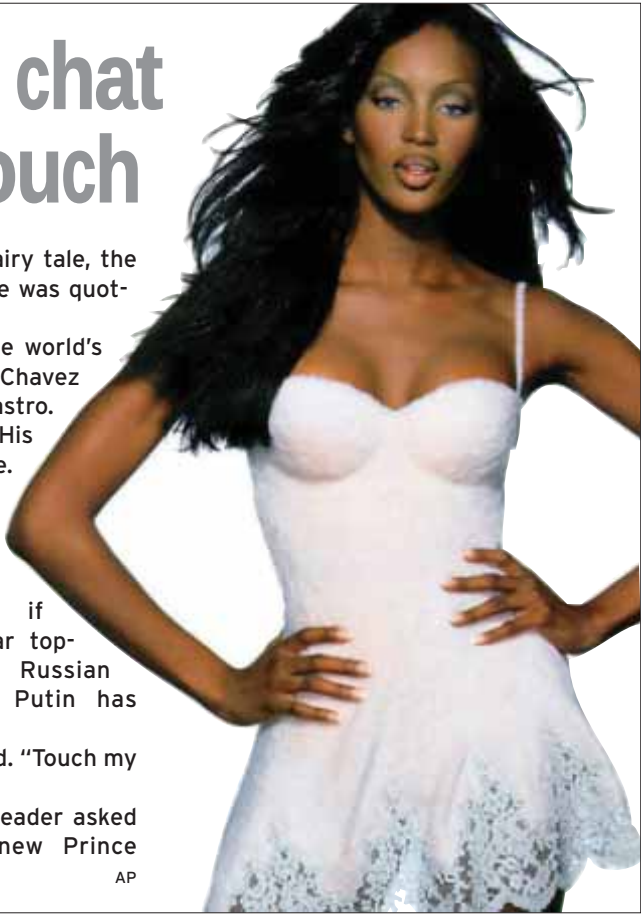
SO LONESOME HE COULD DIE

A Mississippi Blues Trail marker will be placed at the birthplace of **ELVIS PRESLEY** on Tuesday. The ceremony will honor Presley for his contribution to Mississippi and America’s blues heritage. He was born in Tupelo on Jan. 8, 1935. Presley died at his Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 16, 1977. He first encountered the blues in Tupelo, and it remained central to his music throughout his career. His early recordings helped revolutionize popular music with a unique mix of blues and country music, which led many rock ‘n’ roll artists to follow his lead. AP

Campbell, Chavez chat includes muscle touch

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez says he likes Prince Charles and thinks President Bush is crazy, in an interview with **NAOMI CAMPBELL** in the British edition of GQ magazine. The 37-year-old supermodel spoke to Chavez in her role as contributing editor to British GQ, the magazine said. Excerpts were released Monday. Chavez, who lost a referendum last month that would have greatly expanded his powers and institutionalized his version of “21st-century socialism,” gave Campbell his views on a range of subjects. He said President Bush was “completely crazy. But he’s on his way out.” “We’re seeing the fall of the

empire. ... Like the fairy tale, the emperor is naked,” he was quoted as saying. Asked to name the world’s most stylish leader, Chavez chose Cuba’s Fidel Castro. “Fidel, of course! His uniform is impeccable. His boots are polished, his beard is elegant,” Chavez said. Campbell asked if Chavez would appear topless in photos as Russian President Vladimir Putin has done. “Why not?” he said. “Touch my muscles!” “The Venezuelan leader asked Campbell if she knew Prince Charles. AP



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Greet new possibilities that get tossed into your lap with a smile. You might not be able to take advantage of them all. Some might prove to be very good, though you might choose only a few. Your understanding evolves. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Read between the lines. Think about what is not being said. You will like the end results. No one says that something needs to happen in a certain way. Remain light and easy as you decide which way to go. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Deferring to a partner might appear to be the best way to go. Realize what needs to happen regarding trust. You might be taking the first step. Examine possibilities with an eye to better relating and clarity. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want a different experience, but the way you approach someone might not be a winner. Revise your thinking and take in a new look or perspective. You are full of life and fun. Let others share in that joy. Tonight: Listen to what is being offered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Examine potential with an eye to greater productivity, be it diet or work. The time has come to follow an exercise program. Examine your options. Tonight: Put yourself on a schedule for this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You see life through new eyes and perhaps with a lot of wonder. Your ability to open doors and become more creative allows greater insight and knowledge. Then act. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Anchor in knowing what works and what doesn’t. You might wonder which is the right direction to head in. Process, think and analyze. Only you can make that decision. Listen to those you care about. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Keep clearing the air, even if you find it a touch redundant. In the long run, you will see results. But this will be an ongoing process. Risks don’t pay off; opt to walk a different path. Exercise your free will. Tonight: Visit with a pal over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your possessive side emerges, drawing a new personality. Pressure builds where you least anticipate it. Think positively about your options. You have many more choices than you are viewing right now. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to see life from a different perspective. Investigate and understand what is happening behind the scenes. The unexpected does occur; look at events with positive eyes. You’ll get results. Tonight: You are master of your destiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Know when to pull back. See life with renewed eyes. You might not want to change directions or do something differently. Listen to feedback with your eyes open. Rethink your position. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Investigate what needs to happen. Listen to news that heads your way. Friendship plays a new role in your decisions and actions. Greet success instead of fighting a trend. Tonight: Aim high.

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1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
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12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
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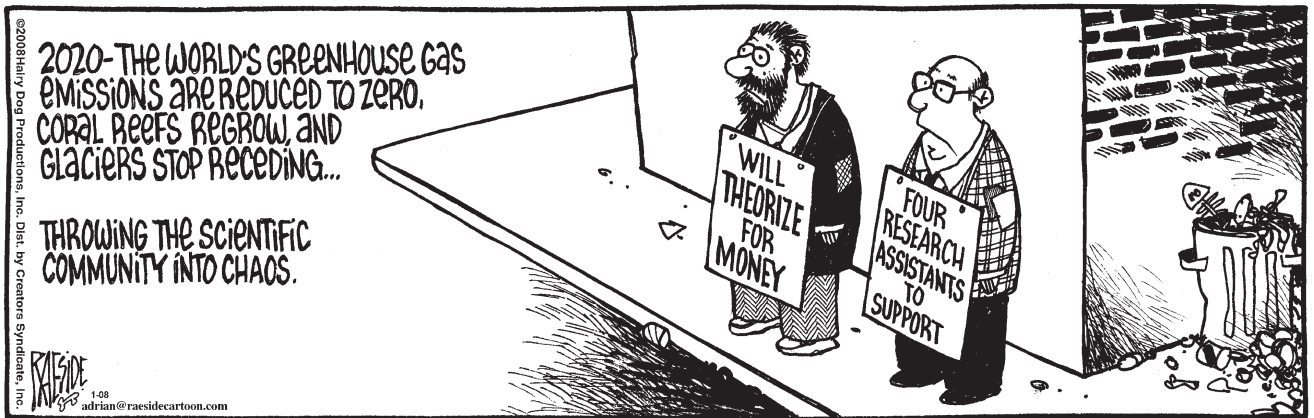
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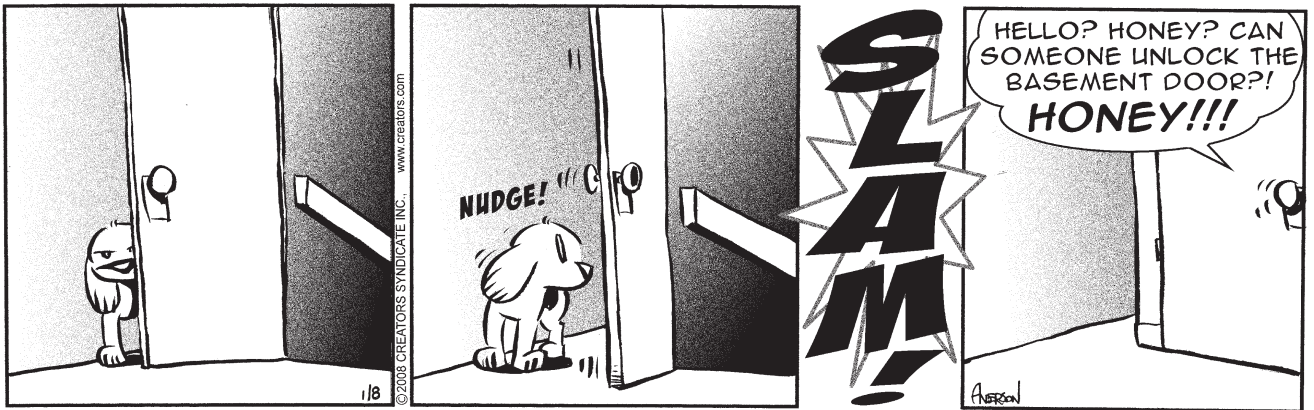
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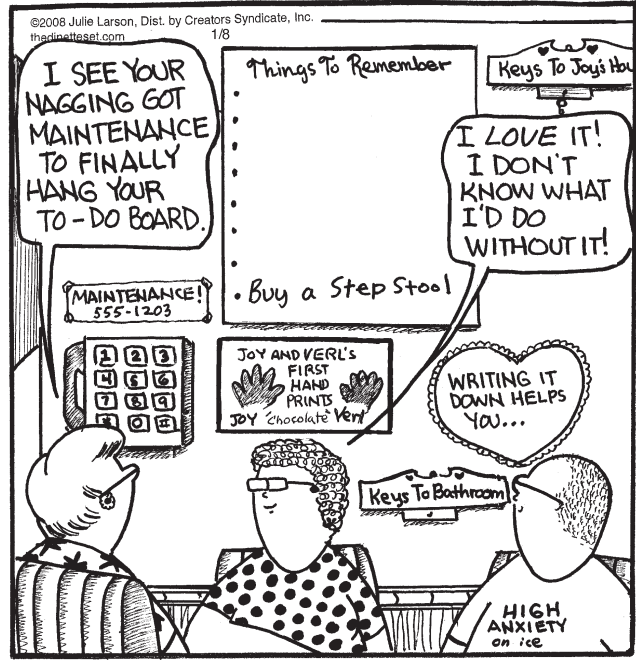


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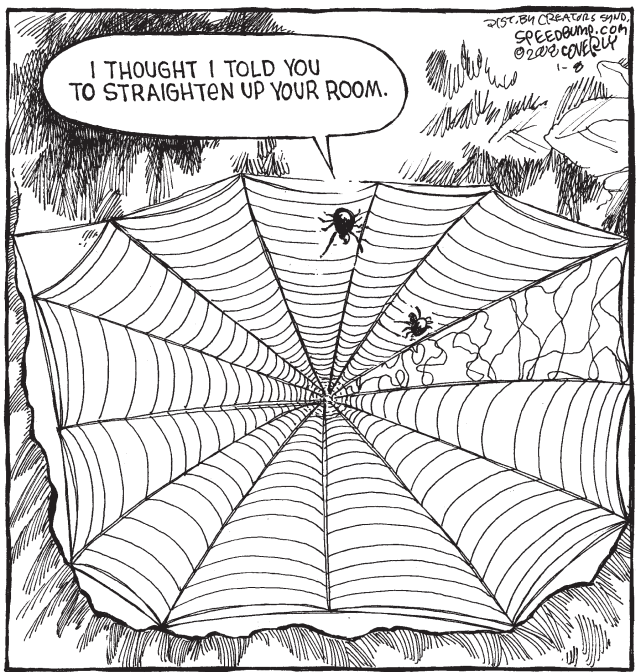
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- 1 Stories
- 6 Make law
- 11 Coral island
- 12 Caffeinated drink
- 13 Time to get some caffeine
- 15 Choose
- 16 Longoria of TV
- 17 Conk out
- 18 Turn aside
- 20 Caffeinated drink
- 23 Exporter of caffeineated beans
- 27 Milky gem
- 28 Frog's cousin
- 29 Alamo setting
- 31 Abbey group
- 32 Stirring aid
- 34 Concert aid
- 37 Ludacris' music
- 38 Father's pride
- 41 Time to get some caffeine
- 44 When expected
- 45 47-Across in Italy
- 46 Pound pooches
- 47 With added sugar

DOWN

- 1 Folded food
- 2 Resting on
- 3 Big apartment
- 4 Sprite
- 5 Coat part
- 6 Set out
- 7 Negative link
- 8 Passed easily
- 9 Caffeinated drink
- 10 Confiscate
- 14 Time of planning
- 18 Map book
- 19 Wyoming's — Range
- 20 Parking place

- 21 Mimic
- 22 Receipt line
- 24 Sine qua —
- 25 Shaggy beast
- 26 Plugs
- 30 Benders
- 31 Scooters' kin
- 33 Rower's need

- 34 Wee bit
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- 36 Treaty
- 38 Foot part
- 39 In the past
- 40 Moscow denial
- 42 Director's cry
- 43 Trim the grass

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A few days after professional skier Stoil Popov was killed while kite-surfing in the rough winter waters off of Connecticut's Long Island Sound in 2004, his widow told the Connecticut Post that she had "begged" her husband not to go out "because it's January." Nonetheless, in November 2007, she filed a wrongful-death lawsuit in federal court, charging that her husband's tragic demise was actually caused by the town of Stratford, Conn., which was negligent in not posting warning signs along the stretch of beach used by Popov (of "hazardous and unsafe conditions") and for not having lifeguards on duty.

■ On Nov. 7, news media reported that New York City's Serendipity 3 restaurant had been noted by the Guinness Book of World Records for having the planet's most expensive dessert (a \$25,000 chocolate sundae, featuring, among other delicacies, edible gold flakes). On Nov. 16, the same news media reported that the city's Department of Health had ordered Serendipity 3 closed after inspectors found a live mouse in the kitchen, along with mouse droppings, fruit flies, house flies and more than 100 cockroaches.

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1815 U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

1918 President Wilson outlined his "Fourteen Points" for lasting peace after World War I.

1918 Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

1959 Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

1964 President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" in his State of the Union address.

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