

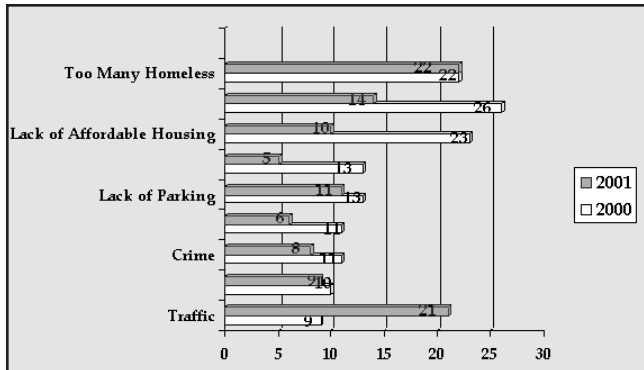
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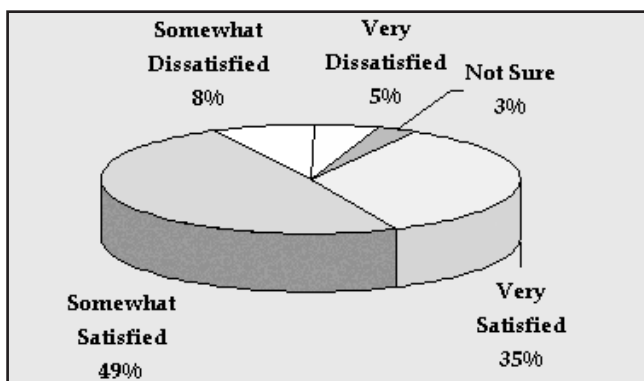
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The number of homeless people and increased traffic top the concerns of Santa Monica residents. This chart indicates that of the 411 people polled, these are the most important issues facing Santa Monica in 2000 and 2001.



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This chart identifies residents' satisfaction with the job the city is doing to provide services.

Survey says: Get homeless and cars off the streets

Resident survey dittos last year's concerns

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica residents want less homeless people and cars on city streets.

A recent survey found that 23 percent of residents want city officials to get homeless people off the streets and out of parks. The concern has topped the city's survey for two straight years.

Santa Monica gives nearly \$2 million in aid to area organizations pledged to helping the homeless find food and shelter, as well as jobs and counseling. And both the city and the police department have specialized departments that deal directly with the city's homeless population.

"We know these are problems for us," said mayor pro tem Kevin McKeown. "And the reason they continue to show up is that they are not easy problems to fix. But they are things we are continually looking into and are working very hard on solving."

"Our city does a great job with our homeless services. We try to get people off the streets in a positive way. You can't just ban people from the streets."

Mayor Mike Feinstein said the poll numbers do not necessarily mean residents want to throw the homeless out of the city.

"That number combines two camps of people who are more and less sympathetic," he said. "That's a measure of 'let's do more to help' and the ones saying 'let's run them out of town.'"

Feinstein said Los Angeles communities drive their homeless to Santa Monica and drop them off. He would not specify which cities have done this. He also said that because the city's moderate climate and a downtown accessible to the beach makes it an idea place for pan-handlers.

The mayor defended the city's homeless services but said it was time for other cities in the region to start doing their share.

"I'm all for First Amendment rights," he said. "But if we continue to concentrate it all on one city, then it becomes hard for policy writers to defend it."

City officials said they were not surprised at the results of the poll.

"Homelessness tops the list again. It was the No. 1 priority of residents last year and it remains the same today," said city spokeswoman Judy Rambeau. "Many of these results are not surprises though. They are the

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Artists challenge city law

Henna artists worried about becoming endangered species

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Henna artist Luke Chanthadara is facing jail time and a \$1,000 fine for what he says was simply expressing himself, a right he has under the Constitution.

Chanthadara was slapped with a misdemeanor ticket on the Third Street Promenade for operating without a business license on Jan. 4, after he performed Henna art on someone. He is contesting the ticket and is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 4.

"I'm considered a criminal for being an artist," he said. "From my standpoint, it's a bad law but I will keep coming out here. I guess they really could throw the book at me."

The Santa Monica City Council voted 4-3 in October to ban Henna artists from the Third Street Promenade and the pier, saying some of

the artists are posing a public safety risk. What's more, some officials think the 5,000-year-old art form is not performance and therefore doesn't fall under the city's code for street performing. As a result, Henna is no longer a permissible activity within the city limits.

"It's a catch 22," Chanthadara said Thursday. "(The city) won't give you a license" but as an artist, he feels it's his right to practice his art form.

Henna is a non-permanent dye used for skin art. However, some artists use dangerous toxic chemicals such as "black Henna" or phenylenediamine, a hair dye, that can produce skin rashes and other complications. The black Henna is cheaper than traditional Henna dye, which is red and has been used for skin decorations and body art for thousands of years.

The city was recently sued by someone who received a Henna tattoo after being told that it was temporary but it turned out to be permanent. As a result, the city staff advised the council to reconsider whether it wanted to permit these activities as a performance.

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

From left to right: Henna artist Brett Carr, community activist Jerry Rubin, and artists Luke Chanthadara and Roy Mayhew, talk to the press Thursday about their effort to petition the Santa Monica City Council to lift its ban on Henna.



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★★★★★ Do research in the morning, as the afternoon becomes more demanding. You're on call, whether you know it or not. Don't explode at someone's inadequacies. That is why this person looks to you for help. This person knows that he or she has a problem. Tonight: Once again, others want your suggestions.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your mind might be already gone for the weekend, even if your body is still at work. Face facts: You might as well call it an early day. Clear out calls. Network. You excel in social interactions. Don't forget someone at a distance. Tonight: Go to a jazz tavern or a blues haunt.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Deal with others individually and success will greet you. What you discover is that people might not want to share as much as you would like them to. Someone might just blow his or her fuse rather than reveal what's on his or her mind. Be compassionate and understanding. Tonight: Be a duo.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your fun nature emerges despite someone's change of plans or information that you hear. Don't be uptight with someone. Don't listen to gossip. Stay even-tempered when dealing with those in your life, as they present different options. Stay upbeat and positive. Tonight: Be a social animal.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Someone might push your buttons before you're even out the door this morning. As a result, you throw yourself into work, determined to get the job done. You relax through concentrating and accomplishing. Call a friend and make plans. Tonight: Get a good workout.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Someone might be clearly out of sorts with an emotional collision in the morning. Respond to others in your day-to-day life. Be grateful as people lighten up your mood. A flirtation could grow and become more. Trust. Tonight: Dance away.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Someone whom you count on is on a tear. Review your decisions carefully, especially at work. Sloppiness in any way, shape or form could cause a problem or snafu. Close your door when balancing and checking all financial figures. You cannot be careful enough. Tonight: At home.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Take a hint from today's Libra message, especially involving your finances. Avoid risks. You, however, could be the person on a tear — out of control trying to accomplish way too much. Slow down! Be cautious and develop a detail-oriented approach. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Someone charges right in and could let you know exactly what he or she feels and thinks. Don't allow a situation to get out of control. Listen more carefully to someone's sharing. Realize your limits with certain individuals, especially if trying to stabilize an emotional situation. Tonight: Treat someone to munchies.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You could have a blow-out in the morning. Though you might feel better, it could take another temper tantrum before you are heard. Remain sure of yourself when meeting someone's challenges. Your sense of humor goes far in relaxing those around you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ An unanticipated expenditure could cause you a problem. Rather than discussing the problem, you withdraw into your cocoon and work it out. Review a situation in your head. You not only find the solution, but also decide how to avoid this problem in the future. Tonight: Do what's good for you.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Understand that you could be exhausted. You react strongly in the morning to different items. Relax in the afternoon, making plans for the weekend. A meeting turns from businesslike to extremely social. What occurred in the a.m. quickly becomes the past. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CORRECTION — In the Jan. 9 edition, it was inaccurately reported that Santa Monica City Councilman Herb Katz voted against appointing a landlord to the Promenade task force. It was actually Ken Genser who cast the dissenting vote and the quote reasoning the decision was made by Genser, not Katz.



QUOTE of the DAY

“ Things have never been more like the way they are today in history.”

— Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1969)

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LOCAL

Officials not surprised at recent poll results

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same things we hear about from other ways too."

Traffic concerns grew 300 percent from the 9 percent of residents who said congestion was a problem in the 2000 poll to 21 percent in 2001.

Council members pointed to several downtown construction projects that made driving around the city difficult. They said when those projects were completed in May, the city would return to normal.

"I think in the past year we have had a lot of construction," McKeown said. "All of which will be long-term beneficial to us. But we're looking at our mobility and how we get around our city, and realizing we need to do more mass transit alternatives."

"Unfortunately, no matter what we do in Santa Monica, we will have traffic. I mean, we are surrounded by Los Angeles on all three sides. It's almost unavoidable," he continued.

The annual survey is used by the city to find areas that need improvement. This year's poll was taken in November which 411 residents were contacted by telephone. The Latino community was oversampled so that the number of Hispanic residents taking the survey was proportionate to the 2000 Census results.

Some wonder whether the survey paints an accurate picture given that 84,000 people live in Santa Monica. But experts say the city's poll was by the books and accurately represents residents' concerns citywide. An accurate poll, they say, will survey between 400 and 1,000 people and, in the city's example, will maintain ratios of the general population.

"As long as they kept their numbers so that it is representational of the make-up of all Santa Monica residents then it is generally considered an accurate poll," said Robert Stern, president of the Center for Government Studies, located in West Los Angeles. "Nationwide polls are considered accurate if they survey about 1,000 people, so it seems fair that Santa Monica would have had about 400."

Residents overwhelmingly said they were pleased with the city and the services it provides, with 84 percent of residents saying they are somewhat or very satisfied. However, in 1999 more than 90 percent of residents made the same claim.

Since last year's poll, the city cut in half the number of complaints about affordable housing, too much growth, a lack of homeless services, parking and education.

"We're pleased with the results of the survey," said Rambeau. "But they also present continuing challenges we face."



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Troopleader Cheri Liegh Dunn and her assistants teach the distinguished members of Girl Scout Troop #85 to properly needlepoint their way to earning the coveted "Making Hobbies" badge. Generously hosted by Monica Taylor's, Needlepoint on Montana, the troops enthusiastically worked on a traditional heart shape.

Henna artists fighting for their rights for a place on Promenade

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Fighting extinction

Three Henna artists and Jerry Rubin, a community activist, held a press conference Thursday on the Promenade, asking for a revote of the council to reinstate Henna immediately. With reporters from three television news stations, the Daily Press and the Los Angeles Times looking on, the artists demonstrated their work on tourists. With the Santa Monica Police mall headquarters just feet away, the artists' performances went on without incident.

The artists and Rubin have formed "Supporters of Henna Artists' Right to Express" which is actively campaigning the city to lift the ban. They are gathering signatures to petition the council to reinstate the art form. Rubin also said the group is considering legal action against the city for violating their civil rights. They are soliciting attorneys to represent Chanthadara at his February court hearing, which Rubin says he has a right to a jury trial — if the issue goes that far. He hopes the city will drop the charges before then.

In the meantime, the group will meet with representatives of the city's arts commission, city officials and representatives from the Bayside District Corporation, which oversees the downtown area, to convince them Henna should stay.

But the group may have a hard time convincing the four council members who voted for the ban to change their minds.

"Hell, no I am not going to change my mind," said Councilman Herb Katz, who thinks Henna is not a performance and is very much a public safety risk. "We, the city could very well be sued again ... There's no way we can consciously allow this."

'Performance' issue debated

Henna artists were on the brink of extinction about three years ago when the city considered banning them because the "tattooing" was becoming inappropriate in some offi-

cials' eyes. Katz said portions of people's bodies were exposed and people were lying on the sidewalks while artists performed on them.

"I wanted to get rid of it when I was on (the Bayside District Corporation Board)," Katz said. "My mind was made up three years ago."

The artists were left alone after the then-city attorney advised the council that banning them could be a violation of their civil rights and suggested that Henna art is a performance. But the majority of the council agrees with current City Attorney Marcia Moutrie that it isn't a performance and allowing them to perform "cosmetology" work on people opens the city up to liability.

"The safety issue wasn't what was motivating me but then I read the staff report and it convinced me," said Councilman Ken Genser. "I really don't think it's a performance ... but liability is another thing that supports my position."

Several artists put city officials on notice in 1999 that the so-called black Henna had surfaced in Santa Monica, yet they did nothing about it.

"It's part of Marcia Moutrie's rationale that the means justify the ends," said Brett Carr, an artists and filmmaker. "This being a violation of the ordinance and a misdemeanor is on the order of ridiculous."

The artists say the city has inaccurately stated the ancient Mehndi art form is a tattoo. They argue it's a safe art form that is not regulated as a cosmetology service by the state. They have just as much right to perform on the mall as do the creative portrait artists, balloon clowns and artistic flower makers, they argue.

What's more, they argue that Henna is a tourism draw on the mall and is even identified in numerous tourism publications.

"These artists are not able to work, put food on the table, pay rent ... it's unacceptable," said Rubin. "There is politics involved but it would be disrespectful not to protect this ancient art form."

Alternative fuel cars get free ride

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Special to the Daily Press

Driving one of the many new electric hybrid cars? Well, parking has just been made a lot easier for you in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica City Council waived parking fees for all alternative fuel vehicles at meters citywide Tuesday night, following Los Angeles City's example.

"The parking spaces, where they are located, can be used for any vehicle," said mayor pro tem Kevin McKeown. "But we want those spaces specially designated for electric refilling stations used for electric vehicles."

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

There was only minor opposition to the measure from a businessman along Montana Avenue that said two electric refilling stations were located in front of his store, making customers' parking difficult.

But officials disputed the claim.

"I think that this adds to Montana Avenue," said McKeown. "It will become a destination point for electric powered vehicles and all the shops there will benefit from business from those owners. It's a great trade-off for those parking spaces."

One drawback to electric vehicles is that they have to be charged or drivers will be stranded. The city installed charging stations at six locations throughout Santa Monica, including a designated space on Montana Avenue at 11th Street, the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Place, City Hall and the airport. The problem is that often times, the spaces are taken by normal cars. City council has dedicated those spaces to electric vehicles only. And if more spaces are used as charging stations in the future, they would be dedicated to electric vehicles as well.

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STATE

Companies aim to mass-produce cloned chickens

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. poultry growers have a chicken-and-egg dilemma.

For decades, people who raise chickens for dinner tables have been honing their "selective breeding" skills and have gotten pretty good at growing the fattest bird possible.

But meatier and faster-growing birds lay fewer eggs, and prolific egg-layers tend to be skinny. Chicken producers would love to increase production of meatier chickens by minimizing the influence of the skinny genes.

Origen Therapeutics and AviGenics are among biotech companies considering this dilemma as they pursue the perfectly engineered bird. And their solution is sure to rile a number of advocacy

Etches and his colleagues at Burlingame-based Origen Therapeutics Inc. aim to create a robotic assembly line that injects embryonic stem cells from meaty chickens into millions of eggs to duplicate nearly identical birds.

The process does not involve any genetic manipulation.

"We call it metacloning," said Origen chief executive Robert Kay.

Embryonic stem cells are identical "blank slates" formed in the first days of pregnancy that blossom into all the cells that make up an animal.

Scientists studying all forms of embryonic stem cells — including the human version — believe they can someday manipulate these primordial cells into any adult tissue of their choosing.

Origen hopes to breed bigger chickens faster by extracting embryonic stem cells from the fastest growing and biggest

"Animals aren't machines. Genetic engineering will only exacerbate the problem."

— JESSICA SANDLER
People for Ethical Treatment of Animals

groups, because it involves not just genetically modified food but also cloning and embryonic stem cells.

The idea is to create identical copies of eggs with desirable traits that can roll off assembly lines by the billions. The hatched chickens would be identically disease-resistant and grow and eat at the same exact rate.

This goal has yet to be fully embraced.

Biotechnology opponents fear that genetically modified organisms are little understood, that the potential for harm to humans is great. Animal rights activists argue that the science simply provides a more efficient way to harm chickens.

"We strenuously object to the mass production of chickens in the first place," said Jessica Sandler of the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals. "Animals aren't machines. Genetic engineering will only exacerbate the problem."

But with an estimated eight billion chickens bred in the U.S. for food annually, these biotechnology companies see an industry ripe for their technology.

Besides, they argue, engineering chickens is no different from selectively breeding them, as the industry does now.

"There is very little that is natural" in the current breeding process, said Robert Etches, vice president of research at Origen.

To prove his point, he grabs from his office bookshelf the American Poultry Association's "American Standard of Perfection," which is wedged between "The Life of Birds" and "The Poultry Production Guide."

The book lists and pictures more than 800 different breeds of chickens. Etches points to a photograph of the Chinese Silkie — a chicken with a white afro covered in fluffy hair-like feathers that resembles a poodle.

"Many things have been bred at the hand of man," he said, snapping the book shut.

chickens and injecting them into fertilized eggs of the skinnier egg-laying chickens.

Origen scientists hope they can coax the embryonic stem cells to take genetic control of the skinny chicken's egg, suppressing the parents' genetic expression, and create a meaty chicken.

It's not nuclear transfer — the best-known cloning technique — but Kay said the company someday hopes to consistently create chickens that are nearly carbon copies of the embryonic stem cell donors.

Kay would not explain Origen's methods, and said the technology is still years from fruition.

At the moment, the company's dozen researchers cut open the eggs and manually add embryonic stem cells to embryos, creating chicks with the genes of four parents.

Ultimately, they hope to automate the process without opening the eggs.

In July, the National Institute of Science and Technology awarded Origen and another biotech company, Embrex of Research Triangle Park, N.C., a joint \$4.7 million research grant. Embrex's role is to develop the industrial injection assembly line that will employ Origen's technology.

Embrex already makes machines that can inject vaccines into 50,000 eggs an hour.

In Athens, Ga., meanwhile, scientists at AviGenics are attempting to get around the egg problem by cloning chickens destined for digestion with favorable traits such as large breasts. AviGenics does employ nuclear transfer, the technology that brought the world Dolly the sheep.

Anthony Cruz, an AviGenics vice president, said the company has yet to successfully clone a chicken and won't predict when that may occur.

"There is still a lot of work to do," he said.

NATIONAL



Marine families grieve for crew lost in Pakistan

BY BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The new wedding ring was a surprise that Jennifer Germosen planned to present to her Marine husband when he returned from overseas next month. She never got the chance.

A few hours after buying the gold ring she thought was nicer than his original, military officials arrived at her apartment to tell her that Staff Sgt. Scott Germosen, 37, died with six fellow crew members of a plane that crashed into a mountain in Pakistan on Wednesday.

The ring now sits in a place of honor, beside the computer where Germosen surfed the Internet to download the '80s music he loved and beneath the first and only portrait of his small family.

"I don't have a finger to put it on now," Jennifer Germosen said, crying as she held the couple's 22-month-old daughter, Alyssa.

In Missouri, the family of Capt. Daniel McCollum mourned the loss of the 29-year-old pilot whose wife is expecting their first child on the Fourth of July. The native of Irmo, S.C., was remembered as a superb athlete and popular leader.

The mother of Gunnery Sgt. Stephen L. Bryson, of Montgomery, Ala., said her only child had called her on Tuesday, his 36th birthday, to say he was thinking of her. The family has a military tradition; Bryson's uncle, Raymond Bryson, died in a plane crash while serving in the Mississippi National Guard.

Flags were lowered at the tiny high school in Wilbur, Wash., to honor 1999 graduate Nathan P. Hays, an Eagle Scout and classic car buff. The 21-year-old sergeant had been proud to return to his hometown of 1,000 people in uniform to talk with students about life in the Marine Corps.

Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters, 25, is the first U.S. service-woman to die in combat since the 1991 Gulf War. Her family in Gary, Ind., recalled her as a committed athlete and fun-loving pianist who was determined to push herself to great accomplishments. Her father, who hadn't seen Winters in two years, took up a guitar and played a ballad he had hoped would be a duet.

Military officials said Thursday there was no indication that enemy fire had brought down the plane and the cause of the crash would take time to determine. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said efforts to recover the bodies were hampered by the difficult terrain.

In Coos Bay, Ore., Cub Scouts honored Bryan Bertrand, the corporal with whom they had been exchanging letters. The former all-state football player was remembered as a hero.

Capt. Matthew Bancroft was so proud of his hometown of Burney that he couldn't resist "buzzing" by the remote Northern California area in a KC-130 refueling jet after he earned his pilot's wings.

"He was tall, straight and proud. That's my son," Bob Bancroft said.

Germosen was the oldest member of the KC-130 crew. At 5-feet-7 inches, he was also the shortest. He took some good-natured ribbing, but loved his job as the loadmaster for a detachment based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego.

"The Marine Corps was his life and we were glad to be a part of it," his wife said.

Germosen, a New York native who lost a second cousin in the World Trade Center attack, volunteered for the overseas deployment. He and the others were part of a close-knit squadron of some 300 Marines, known as "the Raiders," who took pride in their critical role of fueling jets in the sky and ferrying troops and supplies to battle.

"Everyone knows exactly who everyone is in that squadron," said Capt. Kent Kroeker, a close friend of Bancroft. "We fly with each other all the time. It's one big team."

Kroeker struggled for words outside Bancroft's home. From inside the house came the cry of the pilot's 9-month-old daughter, and the roar of jets from Miramar thundered in the distance. "It's just really, really hard," he said. "He was a great pilot and a great man."

Across town, Jennifer Germosen, 25, accompanied by a fellow Marine wife, tried to make sense of the loss of her husband.

Patting her daughter's back, she said: "I have to figure out how to tell her she doesn't have a daddy. I just don't know."

Before he left on Dec. 11, she recalled feeling uneasy about the deployment. "You get this intuition in the pit of your stomach that you know it's not right."

Despite his personal connection to the terrorist attacks, her husband didn't talk about it with her. She said he discussed it with a military chaplain, keeping his anger to himself.

"At home, he was as sweet as a teddy bear," she said.



Associated Press

Lisa Winters displays a picture of her sister Marine Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters at her Gary, Ind. home Thursday. Winters among the seven Marines killed when their plane — a KC-130 used for in-flight refueling and hauling cargo—crashed into a mountain in Pakistan late Wednesday, as it approached a military airfield. Sgt. Winters was the first woman killed since the military campaign against terrorists and Afghanistan began.

Hockey dad's 12-year-old son testifies

BY DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press Writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A 12-year-old hockey player whose father is accused of beating another hockey dad to death testified Tuesday that he saw his father flip the man off his back and then, kneeling above him, punch him three times.

Thomas Junta, 44, is accused of pummeling Michael Costin to death after an argument over rough play at their sons' hockey practice on July 5, 2000. Costin, 40, never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead the next day.

Quinlan Junta testified that he ran to the rink lobby and saw his father and Costin fighting.

"I saw my dad, and then I saw Mr. Costin on his back," Quinlan said. "I saw him flip (Costin) over his shoulders. He went on the floor."

"I just like stood there," Quinlan said. "My dad hit him three quick times, really quick."

On cross-examination, prosecutor Sheila Calkins asked Quinlan: "You yelled out to your dad, 'Stop,' didn't you?"

He answered simply, "Yes."

The prosecution rested its case at midday Tuesday after emotional testimony from a woman who witnessed the fight.

Virginia Brings, whose grandchildren were at the skating rink, testified Tuesday that she screamed "Stop, please stop!" as Junta continued to pound Costin into unconsciousness.

"I remember yelling to Mr. Junta, 'He's not responding, he's not responding. Don't hit him any more,'" she testified.

Junta claims he hit Costin in self-defense. But prosecutors say Junta, a 270-pound truck driver, used his size to overpower the 160-pound Costin, then pounded his head on the floor until he lost consciousness.

During cross-examination, defense attorney Thomas Orlandi Jr. questioned whether Brings was certain of the number of punches Junta threw, given that she was so upset.

"It's something that I'll never forget. He went on and on," she said without hesitation. "I remember thinking at the time: he's either going to kill this man or he's going to have brain damage."

Earlier Tuesday, a college hockey player who helped pull Junta off Costin testified that Costin threw the first punch, and that Junta appeared to stop hitting him when Costin made a defensive move.

Ryan Carr, 21, said Costin put up his hand after Junta landed about three punches to Costin's head.

Orlandi asked Carr if Junta then instantaneously stopped hitting Costin.

"He appeared to stop, yes," Carr said.

His jaw trembling, Junta bit his lower lip and wiped his eyes with a tissue when Carr described how Junta left the rink and sat outside, waiting for police.

He fidgeted but maintained his composure as his son testified for about an hour. The judge adjourned court for the day after Quinlan's testimony.

Quinlan said the opponents started hitting him and his friends when they started to outscore them. He said he saw his father tell Costin, who was supervising the practice, to control the children.

"He said, 'Hockey's about hitting,'" Quinlan testified. "My dad said, 'That's (expletive). It's about having fun.'"

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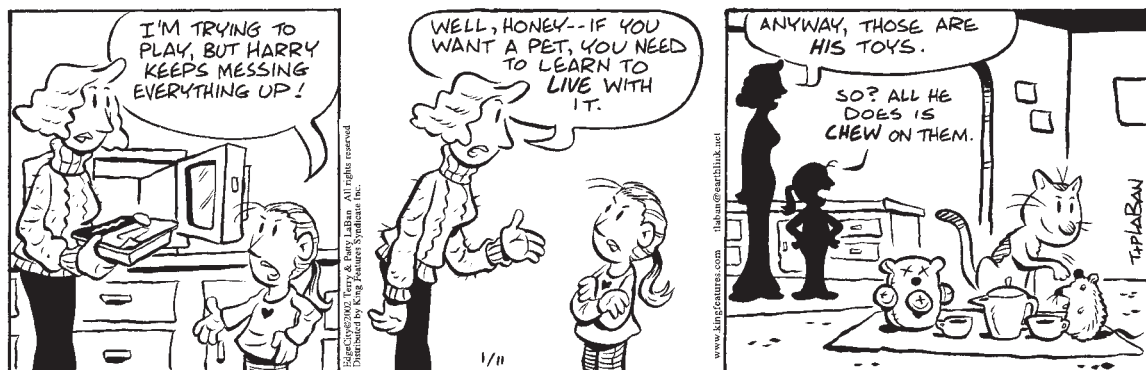


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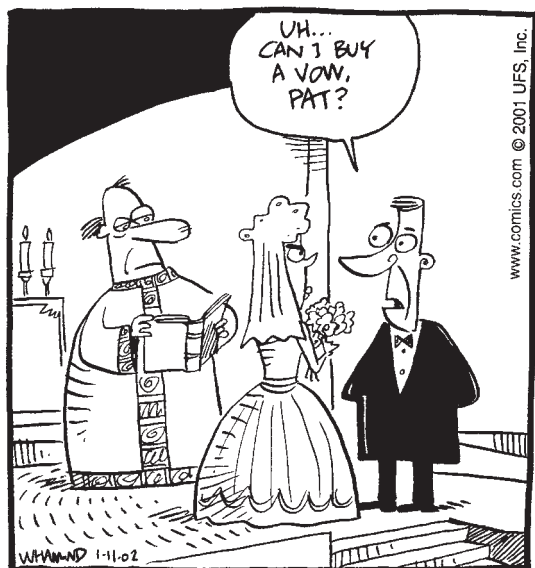


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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Man seeks shelter to flee from women

Rangers at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park just across the North Carolina line in Tennessee canceled a massive search they had scheduled on Oct. 19 when the missing man (Chien Nguyen, 47, a school custodian from Smithfield, N.C.) turned up in a homeless shelter in Knoxville. Nguyen said he had gone to the park, and then to the shelter, because he needed to get away from women, believing that his status as a Buddhist monk was being jeopardized by too much intergender contact. (Indeed, the Knoxville shelter was men-only.)

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Pomona school district getting a brothel as part of plea bargain

By the Associated Press

POMONA — The school district is getting a brothel. The Swedish Salon massage parlor, a front for a former house of prostitution, will be given to the adjacent Lincoln Elementary School as part of a plea bargain deal reached Wednesday.

Herschel Jennings and his wife, Kay, pleaded guilty to prostitution-related charges and agreed to give their

Garey Avenue massage parlor to the Pomona Unified School District rather than go to trial on 14 counts of pimping and four counts of filing false tax returns.

"Through the joint work of the Pomona Police Department, our office and the Franchise Tax Board, we've taken what has been a problem in this community ... namely a whorehouse next to a school ... and turned it into classrooms," Deputy District Attorney Gail Ehrlich said.

Elderly man intervenes in bank robbery, saves some of the loot

By the Associated Press

STOCKTON — Most 76-year-old men are taking life easy. Not Edward Christopher.

Wednesday authorities held a news conference to introduce Christopher as the man who single-handedly saved some of the loot when he intervened in a bank robbery.

Christopher took on two robbers Tuesday at a Bank of America branch, and managed to rip open one of several bags, spilling about 90 percent of the contents. The thieves escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash, said Doug Anderson, a Stockton Police Department spokesman. No arrests have been made.

Christopher, who fought the Germans hand to hand during World War II, said he's not crazy about police, reporters or even Bank of America, where he has banked since 1958. But he said he likes bank robbers even less, especially when they interrupt him when he's cashing a check.

"I was trained to kill and I've never been deprogrammed," he said.

Christopher tussled with the robbers when he saw them taking money from a teller. He wasn't hurt, and he said he'd do it again.

Police officers do not encourage witnesses to intervene, preferring them to lay low and get information that will help law enforcement.

Hells Angels leader accused of selling drugs

By the Associated Press

VENTURA — Hells Angels leader George Christie Jr. was released from jail after a judge ruled he could tap \$2 million worth of real estate to post bail.

Christie, 54, walked out of the Ventura County Jail on Wednesday and was greeted by his girlfriend. Properties owned by Christie supporters were used as collateral to secure his bail.

"I feel great," Christie said outside the jail after spending nearly a year behind bars. "I feel like a million dollars."

Christie will be under house arrest until his drug and racketeering trial. He is among 28 people indicted by a county grand jury and accused of selling drugs to school-age children. He is charged with fraud, tax evasion, drug sales to minors, firearms possession and the use of a street gang in a criminal conspiracy.

Christie has denied the allegations but several of those named in the indictment have already pleaded guilty to criminal charges.

A judge had previously set \$1 million bail but a defendant must post twice that amount if property is used as collateral instead of cash.

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