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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ New York City has more than 400 soup kitchens but nothing else like the Broadway Presbyterian Church's, where master chef Michael Ennes presides three days a week, turning leftover restaurant ingredients into gourmet meals. In fact, one pre-Christmas meal included octopus, as well as day-old bread from Le Bernardin restaurant. Ennes told London's Independent that he is motivated by the chance to help troubled people get "real nutrition," but he also likes serving "famous" homeless people, such as diners who claim to be, among others, George Bush, George Washington and Jesus Christ.

■ In October, in front of other people, town manager Bonilyn Wilbanks-Free of the upscale village of Golden Beach, Fla., referred casually to her black female assistant as "Mammy" (which is not her name) and then, when the assistant took offense, tried to soften the gaffe by telling her how much she "loved Aunt Jemima." (A subsequent investigation suggested that someone besides Wilbanks-Free might have made the latter comment, but Wilbanks-Free nonetheless resigned in December.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1945 During World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

WORD UP!

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1. To remove or modify the parts (of a book, for example) considered offensive.
2. To modify, as by shortening, simplifying, or distorting in style or content.

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Testimony in question

ON THE STAND: Mother's credibility is challenged by prosecution

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE — The mother of a 21-year-old Santa Monica man on trial for the attempted murder of two undercover police officers testified Thursday

that her son could not have committed the crime because he was at home when the attack took place. Josephine Lopez said her son, Michael German Espindola, rushed into her bedroom just seconds after she heard gunshots outside the apartment they share on 17th Street

— the scene of the crime. Lopez said her front door was most likely locked, and since the key was missing, there was no way her son could have gained access unless he was already in the apartment at the time shots were fired at the officers. "I love my son, but if he did it, then

he would have to pay the cost — pay the price," Lopez said as she looked at Espindola, who was seated next to his attorney a few feet away from the witness stand. "But I know he didn't do it ... I wouldn't be hiding him."

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Taking it to the streets

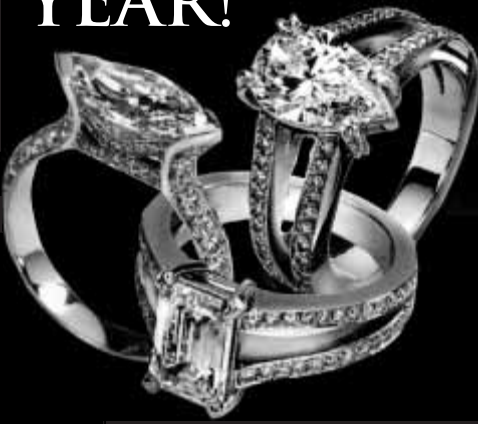
More than 200 students from New Roads High School in Santa Monica went out on the streets instead of class on Thursday, marching along Olympic Boulevard in protest of President Bush's announcement on Wednesday that he will be sending 21,000 additional troops to Iraq. In the evening, the organization MoveOn staged a rally to stop escalation in Iraq in Palisades Park, at Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

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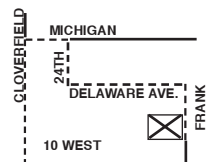
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Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

1711 Stewart St., 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

Weekly LeTip Business networking group

11th Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Weekly networking over lunch at El Cholo. Call to reserve a spot, (310) 356-7519.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

Salvation Army Youth Night

1533 Fourth St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Open to kids ages 5-12. Activities include games, crafts and Bible lessons. A meal is also included.

Friday, Jan. 12, 2007

"Across the Atlas" Presentation

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

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Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

1711 Stewart St., 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

Santa Monica Rotary

1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades, noon — 1:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome for lunch. For more information, contact June M. Doy at (310) 922-6274 or (310) 917-3313.

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.



Courthouse helps residents get it done

BY IRENE MANAHAN

Special to the Daily Press

SM COURTHOUSE — Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was on hand Thursday to help celebrate the official opening of the Santa Monica Self-Help Legal Access Center, a county service that helps residents without an attorney to maneuver through the complicated legal system.

The center, which is located inside the Santa Monica Courthouse on Main Street, is thought to be the first of its kind on the Westside, providing free legal services to residents in civil matters, especially family law and landlord-tenant issues.

"I'm delighted to bring [the center] to Los Angeles' Westside," said Yaroslavsky. "Without access to the legal system, the democracy is just incomplete."

Yaroslavsky joked that many are under the impression that residents on the Westside are all rich with houses by the beach.

"But there is a significant number of people who cannot afford a lawyer," he said. "Even in Santa Monica, Malibu and anywhere else on the Westside, we have significant human service needs."

Yaroslavsky went on to explain that residents have the right, but they also need the ability, to exercise the judicial system. Without a clear understanding of the court process, many people lose their cases.

A collaborative effort by the Los Angeles County court system, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Neighborhood Legal Services, the self-help center's volunteer staff assists self-represented litigates who cannot afford attorneys with completing court forms, filing documents and learning court procedures.

Chief coordinators Jennifer Winslow and Kathy Mitchell have worked at the center since its actual opening in mid-September.

"We've been here from the ground up and have seen everything fall into place," Mitchell said. "We're excited to see it grow in popularity."

"Before the center opened, many people were lost. They didn't know what to do. Nothing was getting done," she said. "Now they have someone to help. We give them a real chance to win in court."

Winslow was quick to point out that there is no criteria needed in acquiring help aside from the fact that residents cannot already be

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FOR THE BIRDS: The Santa Monica Library has several copies of "And Tango Makes Three," a book causing controversy in other parts of the nation.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Going to wilderness class

REI Santa Monica hosts clinics and classes on various topics for the outdoor enthusiasts. All clinics are held at REI Santa Monica, located at 402 Santa Monica Blvd. The January line-up of classes is as follows: **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL**

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Gay penguins welcomed in SM

No complaints over children's books in area

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — A controversial children's book that made headlines nationwide late last year after parents complained that the content inappropriately introduced the topic of homosexuality to a premature audience has hardly aroused a peep from Santa Monica parents.

In what is considered one of the most liberal and open-minded cities in California, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District [SMMUSD] and the city's public

libraries share an equally progressive approach to its collection of literary material.

In fact, the Santa Monica Public Library has several copies of the book "And Tango Makes Three" by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell.

The author states in the book that the story is based on actual events at the Central Park Zoo where two male chinstrap penguins, named Roy and Silo — whom zookeepers believe fell in love — adopted, hatched and raised their own chick, named Tango.

Released by Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in April 2005, the nature of the book and ensuing outcry from parents prompted school and library officials in parts of the country to temporarily pull the item from shelves while they evaluated

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting out while getting is good Editor:

It is no wonder we are getting the wrong answers in Iraq. We are asking the wrong questions! The question is not what will happen there if we withdraw our presence, but how will it compare now with what will happen when we eventually leave. Unless we intend to be there permanently, we must leave sometime.

Every day we are there we are killing people on both sides and increasing our debt recklessly, not even mentioning the adverse effect to the Iraqi people themselves. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging. Using temporary Band-Aids never works when major surgery is desperately needed.

This war, as no other in our history, has been totally botched and the answer is certainly not to make it worse by digging ourselves in deeper. The adding of troops is the expression of a spoiled brat who has been protected all his life by bailouts. It is time for some tough love to be used.

If we pull out completely now, and force Iraq to deal with the problems, it is not good, but this will be true no matter when we withdraw.

Art Chesluk
Santa Monica

Keep SM police in place Editor:

(Editor's note: This letter is in response to the Q-Line question of a week ago that asked readers if it is time to disband the Santa Monica Police Department and contract with the LA County Sheriff's Department in efforts to stem gang violence.) Gang Violence is epidemic, misunderstood and, unfortunately, has tentacles that reach out of darkness and pull our children and families into anguish.

The Santa Monica Police Department has a gallant reputation, dating back to the 1800s, and many members of this fine police department were born in Santa Monica and live in or near the community. A large percentage of our officers have college degrees, and most of all, none spent five to seven years guarding county prisoners as a prerequisite to patrol duty. This sheriff department "jail duty" hardens even the most compassionate aspiring police officer.

Look at one of the most dangerous (areas) in the United States – Compton. The occupation of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has done little to stem the murder rate. Please, do not allow Santa Monica to mirror the political mindset of Compton.

Even the suggestion that the Santa Monica Police Department be replaced is absurd.

Armando Lopez
Los Angeles



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Even Barney will turn on Bush

WITH THE HOPEFUL SPIRIT OF THE NEW Year still fresh, and the hangovers a memory, it might be a good time to look back on some of my columns during 2006.

In September I featured Ebba Rosenblad, a 75-year-old Senior Olympic gold medal winner. In 2006, Ebba had hip surgery but I'm happy to report she's back working out at Muscle Beach. She's resumed doing pull-ups on the bars, and learned a new sport — hula hooping. This with the help of her friend, Chris Saloman whose business is to teach hula hoop fitness. ("Dancin' in Circles") Don King says, "Only in America." I say, "Only in Santa Monica."

In July I wrote about another septuagenarian, Joe Geletko. After 30 years as a mailman, Joe pursued his dream, showbiz. In 2006, he played an admiral in Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Father." Joe's scene wound up on the cutting room floor, but a Vons commercial, in which he played a geriatric surfer, just extended through 2007!

In a column entitled, "Don't Worry Be Yappy," I featured "Tails of Santa Monica," a wonderful dog and cat boutique on Main Street. The courtyard features café style tables, the perfect setting for "Yappy Hour" where dogs and humans schmooze over hors d'oeuvres. It's every Thursday between 6 and 8 p.m. and is a big hit. With all the pretty women who attend, some guys even show up without a dog. (Michael H., you're busted.) Tails also has a pet adoption which rescues dogs about to be euthanized. It's every Saturday morning, and is in conjunction with Much Love Animal Rescue.

Speaking of much loved animals, Buck the brave shepherd ("The Last Sunset,") passed away just shy of his 16th birthday. During his last days Kate and Scott used to bring him down to the beach in a customized wagon. The loss of a pet, such a huge part of your life for all those years, is staggering. While they mourn Buck's passing, Kate and Scott are ever grateful for all the joy he brought them.

In "O.J. Got Away with Murder Again," I referred to O.J.'s TV and book deal with Fox, the fair and balanced folks. Yeah, right. But Fred Goldman's \$1.1 million lawsuit prompted a federal judge to prohibit O.J. from using the advance until a January 24

hearing. Surprise, surprise, O.J. spent the money. (While looking for the real killer?)

"The Summer From Mel," was about Mel Gibson's anti-Semitic rant during his Malibu DUI arrest. Since then "Apocolypto" was released and Mel is booked in movies through 2008. He is, however, apparently out of the running for the B'nai Brith "Man of the Year Award." And there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Mel blamed the recent Malibu fires on the Jews, saying, "Jews start all the fires."

In "A Porpoise Driven Life," Pat Robertson said on Larry King that God told him a tsunami would hit the U.S. in 2006. In 2007 Pat now predicts a terrorist attack. "The Lord didn't say nuclear, but I believe it will be." God told Pat major American cities, and millions of people, will be affected by the attack, sometime after September. (At least it won't interfere with summer vacation.)

The year 2006 wasn't great for George Bush. It wasn't for Cheney either, the first V.P. since Aaron Burr to shoot someone. With the theme of "sacrifice," W is calling for a "troop surge." (Orwellian for "escalating the war.") Sacrifice? How about the Bush going to Iraq? Or Walter Reed Hospital? Bush brags about how he listens to the commanders, unless they don't agree with him. To lead a war in the desert, he's just appointed as head of Central Command, an Admiral?!

W makes a decision and looks for facts later. Take the pre-war intelligence, or as I called it, "cherry picking time." Cheney spent so much time at CIA headquarters he should have brought a futon. It could have been worse. At least he didn't bring his 28 gauge shotgun.

The Baghdad body count continues with the echoes of Cheney, "The last throes of the insurgency," or Bush, "Mission accomplished." As for the troop surge, Bush is like the gambler who has lost every hand and keeps doubling the bet hoping to get even. He's offering roads, schools, hospitals and jobs for Iraq. How about that here at home? "I won't leave Iraq," he says defiantly, "even if only Laura and Barney think I'm right." Mr. President, my guess is you can count on Laura, but I've got a hunch that Barney, like so many, may have had enough of you.

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The Soap Box

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Time to say enough to Bush's attack on our civil liberties

A RECENT OPEN LETTER TO THE American people lamented that "under the pretext of 'the war on terror,' civil liberties in the United States are being increasingly curtailed. Even the privacy of individuals is fast losing its meaning. Judicial due process and fundamental rights are trampled upon. Private phones are tapped [and] suspects are arbitrarily arrested". The fact that this was written by Iran's President Ahmadinejad is galling given Iran's poor human rights record, but what is especially appalling is the fact that it is not far from the truth.

On September 10, 2001, we lived in a country that proudly stood as a beacon of freedom and which no country, let alone Iran, could criticize our commitment to civil liberties. Today, however, we are "decaying into a police state" according to a National Security Agency whistleblower, as without any warrant or statutory authority the Bush administration monitors our phone calls, banking transactions and Internet searches and spies on such "seditious" organizations as the Quakers and Veterans for Peace. Now President Bush claims the right to open our mail in "exigent circumstances" according to his signing statement in approving the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act which expressly prohibited the opening of domestic mail without a search warrant.

On September 10, 2001, "[o]ur great republic," was, as President Ford declared upon taking office after Watergate, "a government of laws, not men." Today, we face our most serious constitutional crisis since Watergate, as President Bush has held hundreds of citizens and non-citizens indefinitely without any charge and often without access to counsel. His administration also has tortured detainees held by the United States and transferred others against their will to foreign authorities for interrogation and torture, while refusing to provide to Congress the presidential directives authorizing such practices.

In doing so, President Bush not only has disregarded the Bill of Rights' protections against unreasonable search and seizures, due process and cruel and unusual punishment but he also has ignored constitutional limitations on his own authority. For example, the new postal law is one of over 750 laws that President Bush has claimed the ability to disregard in his signing statements.

President Bush's Constitutional blitzkrieg, however, has generated little outrage and only modest dissent. It appears that amidst the

hyper-patriotism that followed September 11th we have forgotten that what defines this country as a great nation is not our technology or weapons, but our liberty. We have forgotten that when our founding fathers declared independence from Great Britain, they recited a "history of repeated injuries and usurpations" that bears some resemblance to the actions of President Bush. More importantly, we have forgotten our own responsibilities as citizens, since it is we who have been entrusted with the responsibility of preserving what President Washington referred to as "the sacred fire of liberty".

Since September 11th, however, we have failed to be vigilant in preserving this "sacred fire". As Rev. Norman Vincent Peale noted, "[o]nce we roared like lions for liberty; now we bleat like sheep for security!" Part of the price we pay for our passivity is the disgrace of having rogue nations such as Iran rightly criticize America for violating civil liberties. What will it take before we finally stand up and say "enough"?

While we are fortunate that the courts have stepped in to invalidate a number of these actions while reminding President Bush that he is not king and only has the power given to him by either the Constitution or the Congress; we should not always have to count on the judicial branch to salvage our civil liberties.

It is time for the Democrats to remove their weathered cloak of timidity and finally roar like lions in fighting this unprecedented assault on our civil liberties. Just as President Ford stepped forward to steady an anxious nation by reassuring them that we are a government of laws, the Democrats must do the same now.

It is time that we remember our own obligations. As President Carter stated in his farewell address, "[e]very American has a right and a duty to shape the future course of the United States." For it is only by upholding and fulfilling our duty to protect the "sacred fire of liberty" that we can dispel the darkness of the past few years.

Finally, it is time for courage. If a ragtag group of colonists were willing to take on the global superpower of their day for the sake of liberty, then the Democrats should be able to muster the courage to challenge a president with 30 percent approval ratings and surely we the people, can find the fortitude to finally say "enough!"

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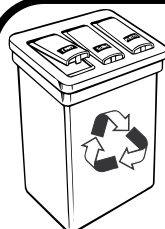
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This week's Q-Line question:

Is City Hall on the right track by easing the review process for affordable housing projects, or does Santa Monica have more than its share already?

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LOCATION: 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard
APPLICANT/ Neighborhood Storage Associates, LLC
APPELLANT: Neighborhood Storage Associates, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Perla Weinberg

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An appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Development Review Permit 05-003 to permit the addition of a 34,585 square foot second floor within the shell of an existing building at 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard, in conjunction with the conversion of the building from manufacturing to a self-storage facility.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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MORE INFORMATION

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

The Macy's way to steal

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3, AT 1:30 P.M. Santa Monica police officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding an employee in custody for stealing money from registers. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said an investigation into the employee's conduct revealed she stole \$1,500 over a one-year period. Officers took the employee into custody and booked her for grand theft. She was identified as Stacia Lynelle Shigg, 36, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$20,499.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2, AT 11 A.M. Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said two people walked into the department store, one of which pulled out a shopping bag from Mervyns and began to place clothes inside. After filling two bags with merchandise, the two left the store without paying for the items, police said. When confronted outside of the store, one of the suspects fled on foot and managed to get away. The other suspect was caught and arrested for commercial burglary. The suspect was also on parole for burglary, police said. The suspect was identified as Bonnie Jean Gaston 46, from Los Angeles. No bail was set because the suspect was on parole. The clothing, valued at \$2,436, was recovered.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4, AT 1:15 A.M. Officers on routine patrol in the 2700 block of Lincoln Boulevard observed a woman standing in the middle of the street. Officers stopped their car, got out and began to talk with the woman. During a routine warrant check, officers discovered that the woman had several traffic warrants. She was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail. During a search at the jail, officers discovered cocaine in her possession. She was charged with possession of narcotics and held on outstanding warrants. She was identified as Sandra Michelle Terry, 49, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$28,917.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5, AT 9 P.M. Officers responded to the 1200 block of Stanford Street regarding a suspicious person. When officers arrived, they noticed a man walking who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. When officers made contact, they placed the man under arrest for public intoxication. The man said he was not aware that being under the influence was a crime and admitted to having taken methamphetamines earlier that evening, police said. He was identified as Daryl Theirse, 39, of Beverly Hills. His bail was set at \$2,500.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7, AT 3:15 P.M. Officers responded to the 100 block of Alta Avenue regarding a report of an armed robbery. When officers arrived, they spoke to a woman who said she had parked in a carport in front of her residence when four suspects approached her. One of the men was armed with a handgun and put it to her head and took her iPod digital music player, her cell phone and \$80 from her purse, police said. The four then fled on foot. Officers armed with a description of the suspects were able to locate the men a couple of blocks away. The victim identified the suspects as those who robbed her and they were arrested. Officers searched the immediate area and found the woman's cell phone in bushes along a handgun believed to have been used in the crime. Two of the suspects were juveniles. The two adults were identified as Saul Fernandez, 18, and Christian Juarez, 19, both of Los Angeles. Their bail was set at \$105,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5, AT 7:15 A.M. Officers responded to the 1700 block of 11th Street regarding a report of a stolen car. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she and her ex-boyfriend had gotten into a fight and he had taken her car without permission. While reporting this to the police, the woman said her ex drove by her home in her car, jumped out of the vehicle and snatched her cell phone and then drove off again. Officers were at the scene when the ex-boyfriend returned with the car. He gave the cell phone and the car keys back to the woman and was arrested for robbery and car jacking, police said. He was identified as Bobbie Lee Houston, 37, of Los Angeles. No bail was set because the suspect was on parole, police said.

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Mother says she made mistakes, but is telling the truth about her son

ESPINDOLA, from page 1

Espindola has plead not guilty to two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a firearm, one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle and one count of unlawful firearm activity in the Feb. 2 shooting, during which one police officer was shot through the wrist.

In addition, prosecutors claim Espindola committed the crimes to further the activities of a criminal street gang.

Espindola has been held on \$2.4 million bail and could face life in prison if convicted, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The shooting occurred about 5 a.m. near the corner of 17th Street and Pico Boulevard on Feb. 2.

Officer Walter Ramirez, who had been on the police force for just over three years at the time of the shooting, was driving an unmarked police vehicle with his partner when they slowly rolled up on a dark blue van that they had been ordered to follow after it was seen minutes earlier parked suspiciously at a nearby Ralph's supermarket, police said. The two officers, who were not in uniform, were assigned to burglary suppression.

As they drove past the van, which was then parked near Lopez' apartment, a Latino man came around it and fired at least three shots at the officers, one of them striking Ramirez in the right wrist, causing a "through and through" wound, police said.

The bullet just missed Ramirez' partner, who ducked when he heard the bullets fly, said Deputy District Attorney Frank Tavelman.

The two officers did not return fire. Instead, they drove quickly from the scene,

radioed for help and parked at a nearby restaurant parking lot to wait for an ambulance.

Officers responding to a call of shots fired, surrounded the van and arrested Espindola's stepfather, who was in the driver's seat when they arrived. A SWAT team was sent to Espindola's apartment. A few hours later, at around 6:15 a.m., officers were able to negotiate the surrender of Espindola and his cousin, who was staying with the family.

The defense claims that Espindola was in the family's modest, two-bedroom apartment downloading music and watching racy



I DON'T BELIEVE IN LYING ON ANYTHING."

Josephine Lopez
Mother of Michael Espindola

videos on his computer when the officers were attacked, and that it was actually his cousin who was responsible for the crime. The cousin had been living with Espindola's family off and on and came running into the apartment with Espindola's step-dad just minutes after the shooting, Lopez said.

A gun that was linked to the attack through ballistics was recovered above a stove in the apartment, however, Espindola's prints were not found on the gun nor was his DNA, said defense attorney David Diamond.

Instead, investigators found DNA belonging to his cousin, meaning he should be the one on trial, Diamond said Monday during his opening statement to jurors.

Diamond portrayed his client as a former "SM17" gang member who dropped out

after cooperating with police in an investigation into a double homicide at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park.

"He didn't have anything to do with hanging out there (on the streets)," Lopez said. "He was working, going to school (at SMC). He was trying to change his life. He was growing mature, learning to do things on his own."

Lopez said she was awakened by gunshots on the morning of the shooting and immediately fell to the floor, covering her 12-year-old son.

"I was scared. I was afraid that the bullets

could come through my wall," Lopez said.

Seconds later, Espindola came into her bedroom to comfort the two, Lopez added.

The prosecution, which wrapped up its case Thursday, said despite the lack of physical evidence and the testimony of Lopez, Espindola is the shooter. He has been identified by one of the officers targeted as pulling the trigger. Another officer testified earlier this week that he saw Espindola riding with his step-dad in the blue van just minutes before the shooting.

Tavelman called a fingerprinting expert who testified to the rarity of finding fingerprints on a weapon, despite what people may think from watching television.

"She said it's basically 5 percent of the time," Tavelman said.

During his cross examination of Lopez,

Tavelman challenged her credibility and her recollection of the events immediately following the shooting, pointing out inconsistencies in her testimony when compared to earlier statements made to police.

Tavelman introduced Lopez' criminal record, which included a misdemeanor conviction for stealing Disney videos in the mid 1990s and a 2002 felony conviction for preventing a witness from testifying.

Lopez said the witness was her half-sister and that the issue was not as serious as the charge made it sound.

"It was just, you know, family stuff," Lopez said. "I went ahead and pleaded guilty."

As for the shoplifting charge, Lopez said she was desperate and wanted to get the videos for her son. She admitted that stealing was "stupid" and that she was ashamed of it.

Tavelman also pressed Lopez about her youth when she was known in the Pico Neighborhood as "Mosca," which is Spanish for fly.

Lopez said she did go by the nickname "Mosca" and "grew up in the streets," but that was a long time ago and she has since tried to lead a regular life and take care of her two sons, who are constantly surrounded by gang violence living in the Pico Neighborhood.

"I don't believe in lying on anything," Lopez said.

The defense is expected today to call Espindola's younger brother, as well as a computer expert to testify that Espindola was working on his computer during the time of the shooting.

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School districts had problems with 'Tango'

LIBERAL BOOKS, from page 3

whether it was appropriate for children.

"The topic of diversity and issues in the home is a whole area we intentionally collect material on to help families communicate and talk about issues and deal with the issues that come up in their household," said Santa Monica City Librarian Greg Mullen on Thursday.

The public library houses a collection of parenting books that deal with issues that could occur in the home. Examples include "Russ and the Firehouse," a story about a young boy with Down syndrome who spends the day at a fire department with his uncle; and "My Dad," which tells the story about a brother and sister who face the challenges of an alcoholic father.

Officials in SMMUSD believe that the books used in the classroom and available in the libraries should reflect the community in which it serves. In a technological age when young children and teenagers have easy access to a seemingly unlimited supply of materials, censorship would only spark their curiosity in the subject matter, said Superintendent Dianne Talarico.

"This is about providing children information and trusting that they're going to ask intelligent questions and will respond in a way that is developmentally appropriate, whether in the home or in the school," Talarico said on Thursday. "I believe information is power."

SMMUSD could not comment on whether the book was available in the school system. The book might not be in the collection yet since it's relatively new, Talarico speculated.

Though censorship and controversy

related to books has not come up during Talarico's helm at SMMUSD, it has popped up over the years while she worked for a school district in San Francisco.

Talarico was the principal of a middle school when a colleague in the district received some media attention for reading a book about a child with two mothers to her kindergarten class. When Talarico was a middle school teacher, the district evaluated its collection of books on Christopher Columbus and discovered that its materials were outdated and did not mention any current research by historians about what might have really happened.

The district decided to introduce both the old and new historical information to the students and asked them to draw their own conclusions.

"The situation in every community is very unique," Talarico said. "I still stand by the principle that kids have access to information so much more than we did as youth and it's how we respond to their questions about information."

The district policy of adopting books into the curriculum or the library starts with a list of books pre-approved by the California Department of Education. The SMMUSD Board of Education will then adopt the textbooks from the pre-approved list to add into its curriculum. Every year, the board will focus on a different subject area for its textbook adoption. For example, the board adopted new social studies books last year. This year, the subject matter is science.

The textbooks go through a seven-year cycle.

The process of adding new books into the school libraries is a bit more lax. Board

approval is not required if less than five copies are added to the collection, but library officials will still consult a state recommended list.

"We're really looking for books that are personally in line with state standards that provide multiple entry points for a variety of students' needs and learning style," said Maureen Bradford, director of educational services for the district.

The district has received little to no complaints from parents about the content of books in the library or the classroom.

Concerned patrons have the opportunity to voice their grievances with a particular book or video at the public library by submitting a challenge in writing. Whenever a challenge is received, the library forms a committee to review the material in question.

Mullen could only recall one item that was challenged and eventually removed from the collection. The topic of the book concerned a scientific subject matter that had undergone considerable development since the book was published. The book was removed because it was considered to be outdated.

Another book that was challenged was written by an author who was accused of plagiarism. Rather than pulling the book from the shelves, the library decided to add a note with the book warning readers that there was a newer version available.

"We're very careful about the selection process," Mullen said about the books in the library.

Once upon a time, a zookeeper by the name of Rob Gramzay observed that two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo fell in love and were trying to start a family of their own. The two penguins discovered each

other in 1998, the book states.

Gramzay noticed the two penguins were sitting on rocks, mistaking them for eggs, and decided to give them one of two fertile eggs that another penguin had laid, since the heterosexual penguin couple had problems in the past with raising two eggs.

The egg hatched and out came baby Tango. The three penguins could still be seen swimming around in Central Park Zoo, the authors say.

But rumor has it that Roy and Silo have since split up. It's unclear who has custody of Tango.

Superintendent Dr. Peter Gorman was only on the job for a few months at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in North Carolina when he pulled "And Tango Makes Three" from the shelves at the library.

In Shiloh, Ill., located about 19 miles from St. Louis, the Shiloh Village School District 85 formed a committee to review the book after a parent raised concerns about the theme in November. The committee recommended moving the book from the fiction section to another shelf. However, the district attorney advised against the move, believing that it would be a form of censorship.

Instead, the parents who do not want their children to check out the book can fill out a form to flag librarians, said Superintendent Jennifer Filyaw on Thursday.

"I think they were concerned for their own kids and care deeply about their own children, and that's what makes them great parents," Filyaw said. "We're trying to balance their concerns with the understanding of other people in our school system."

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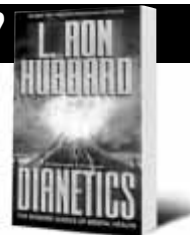
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Study: 744,000 homeless in U.S.

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — There were 744,000 homeless people in the United States in 2005, according to the first national estimate in a decade.

A little more than half were living in shelters, and nearly a quarter were chronically homeless, according to the report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, an advocacy group.

California had the most homeless people in 2005, about 170,000, followed by New York, Florida, Texas and Georgia, according to the report.

A majority of the homeless were single adults, but about 41 percent were in families, the report said.

The group compiled data collected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development from service providers throughout the country. It is the first national study on the number of homeless people since 1996. That study came up with a wide range for America's homeless population: between 444,000 and 842,000.

Counting people without permanent addresses, especially those living on the street, is an inexact process. But the new study is expected to provide a baseline to help measure progress on the issue.

"Having this data brings all of us another step closer to understanding the scope and nature of homelessness in America, and establishing this baseline is an extremely challenging task," HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson said. "Understanding homelessness is a necessary step to addressing it successfully."

HUD is preparing to release its own report on homelessness in the coming weeks, Jackson said. In the future, the department plans to issue annual reports on the number of homeless people in the U.S.

Some cities and states have done their own counts of the homeless, providing a mix of trends, said Nan Roman, president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. For example, New York City and San Francisco have seen decreases, while the number of

homeless in Washington, D.C., has increased, Roman said.

"In the last 12 to 18 months, the homeless population has essentially exploded in Philadelphia," said Marsha Cohen, executive director of the Homeless Advocacy Project, which provides free legal services to the homeless in Philadelphia. "We are seeing big increases in singles and families, both on the street and attempting to enter the homeless system."

"It's a whole influx of new people, and that's the really scary part," Cohen said.

In Columbus, Ohio, workers are scrambling to help an increasing number of people living under bridges and in wooded encampments near rivers and streams, said Barbara Poppe, executive director of the Community Shelter Board.

"We're very concerned about the health and well being of those people being out in the elements," Poppe said. "We had an encampment set on fire, and we had a woman struck by a train."

Nevada had the highest share of its population homeless, about 0.68 percent. It was followed by Rhode Island, Colorado, California and Hawaii.

Advocates for the homeless blame Nevada's high rate on a variety of factors, including drugs, gambling, mental health issues, low wages, high rents and a lack of insurance.

"They get a job. They get some money under their pocket. They gamble it away," said Rick Redding, executive director of the drop-in shelter managed by the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission.

Roman said a lack of affordable housing is the leading cause of homelessness, nationally. "If we don't do something to address the crisis in affordable housing we are not going to solve homelessness," Roman said.

She said many of the chronically homeless have mental health and substance abuse problems. Others, she said, simply cannot afford housing.

ON THE NET

■ National Alliance to End Homelessness
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/>

Santa Monica Self-Help Legal Access Center helps litigates effectively represent themselves

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While the staff provides legal assistance, it is an objective process.

"We sit down with them and explain which forms they need to use," said Winslow. "This is what that means, timelines, what the next step is ... we don't offer legal advice."

The center also provide information packets that cover everything from suggestions on what to wear to court to how to go about settling a case.

JusticeCorp volunteers Johanna Gerwer and Sean Rameswaram began working with the center in September and plan to remain throughout the year.

"It's a great experience to get out of the college and do some community service," said Gerwer, a biology major in her second-year at UCLA. She said that without help from the center, county residents were "getting stuck."

"Now, they are getting through the system quicker," she said.

Rameswaram is also a big fan of the new program, being that it's very hands on in

dealing with information that people get wrong much of the time. While litigates can do things on their own, many need help, he acknowledged.

"We help them understand why, and what do with it," Winslow said. "We give information no one else can give them."

Court assistant Fumiko Sahara said that before the center opened, clerks sent litigates to Inglewood — the closest place with a center that could advise them as to which forms to fill out. Residents on the Westside no longer get the runaround.

The Santa Monica Center — the county's seventh self-help center since establishing the first in Van Nuys — serves between 30 to 35 people per day. It is located in Room 210 of the Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main St.

All told, the county's system of centers assist nearly 6,000 people each month.

While the center offers professional guidance, coordinators and volunteers feel that it's more than that.

"I've gotten hugs," Winslow said. "It's been so great."

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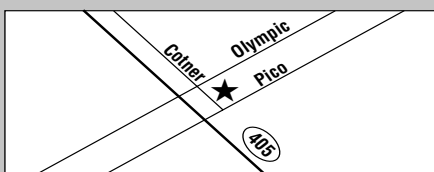
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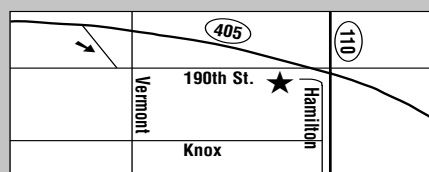
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Schwarzenegger economizes

Gov. releases a tight budget he says will eliminate deficit for the first time in a decade

BY AARON C. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released a tight-fisted spending plan this week that he said would eliminate the state's operating deficit for the first time in nearly a decade.

The governor's \$143.4 billion budget would limit general fund spending increases to less than 1 percent in the 2007-08 fiscal year, the smallest such increase in five years. It also is designed to clear the way for California to afford another round of massive borrowing for public works.

"It is a prudent and realistic budget, a budget that lives within our means but still provides crucial services for the people," Schwarzenegger said.

Some of the plan's underpinnings are shaky, however, relying on factors that are out of the governor's control. While it holds down general fund spending, the budget counts on tax revenues growing 7 percent from last year, even as the state's housing market remains sluggish.

The balance of the deficit would be covered with \$1.5 billion in new and untested revenue sources, such as money from Indian gambling agreements the Legislature has yet to approve.

The spending plan would put the state on track to pay off the billions in borrowing voters approved in 2004 to bail out the state after the dot-com crash. The bonds would be paid off in 2009, 14 years ahead of schedule.

That move appeared designed to free state resources to cover \$43.3 billion in new borrowing for construction of schools, pris-

ons, dams and other projects that Schwarzenegger proposed Tuesday in his state of the state address. That would be on top of the \$42.7 billion in bond spending California voters approved in November.

Fiscal conservatives praised portions of the budget that called for setting aside more than \$2 billion in reserves and for limiting spending. The state would hold general fund spending to \$103.1 billion, a \$1 billion increase over last year. That increase is far lower than what analysts had expected.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
California Governor

By contrast, the governor's office projected revenues to the state would grow faster than outside experts had projected.

Revenues will increase by about 7 percent, to \$101.3 billion, said Mike Genest, the governor's finance director. It is the first time the state's revenues would top \$100 million and the closest they could come to equaling spending since the heat of the dot-com boom.

Schwarzenegger's proposal, however, appeared poised to spark the perennial budget debate that occupies Sacramento during the months leading to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

One of the most controversial proposals regards diverting funding from schools.

Schwarzenegger increased school funding last year to make amends with the state teachers union before his re-election bid.

This year's proposed budget diverts \$269 million in Proposition 98 school funding to pay for a child care program for welfare recipients. The governor's office said the budget maneuver frees up federal block grant money to pay for other programs.

Some education groups said Wednesday they were surprised by the proposal and would fight any effort to divert money from schools.

Scott P. Plotkin, executive director of the California School Boards Association, said the funds might be the only discretionary money for many districts.

teachers, saving \$165 million annually.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, praised Schwarzenegger's attempt to balance the budget but criticized his planned cuts to welfare recipients.

"The last thing we want to do is balance the budget on the backs of single mothers and their children," he said.

Schwarzenegger warned that lawmakers must not "slip back into the same old habits" of spending more money than the state is scheduled to take in each year.

"As I have said many times before, we cannot make the same mistakes as in the past of using one-time revenues for ongoing programs," he said. "If we do that, our operating deficit can return as early as next year."

Without further cuts next year, the state could slip nearly \$1 billion back into the red, budget officials said.

The governor's total state budget of \$143.4 billion would represent a 9.1 percent increase over last year's \$131.4 billion spending plan. The difference between the general fund budget and the larger total includes special fund revenues and expenditures, such as the money the state collects from gas taxes and dedicates to highway repairs. It also includes new expenses to begin repaying the bonds voters approved in November.

A large part of that increase is billions of dollars in such debt payments, including \$2 billion to cover bonds for school construction.

The state also faces increased costs to fix its broken prison system

Corrections spending would top \$10 billion for the first time. An additional \$10.9 billion over two to five years would go to build more state prisons and county jail cells to relieve crowding.

The inmate population is projected to reach 177,000 by 2008, enough to fill every available prison cell by July or August, Corrections Secretary James Tilton said.

Coastal commission OKs restrictions on Navy's sonar

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

LONG BEACH — The Coastal Commission voted to impose restrictions on the U.S. Navy's use of sonar, which has been linked to harmful effects on whales and other marine mammals.

The Navy has been using sonar during training exercises off the California coast for decades, although this is the first time it has

come before the commission to seek approval of its activities.

The commission voted 8-1 to approve a staff recommendation placing restrictions on how the Navy conducts the training, including moving the exercises away from areas with a high concentration of marine mammals and lowering sonar levels when they are present.

The Navy decided to seek the commission's consent because of new internal

guidelines requiring it to ensure major exercises are environmentally compliant.

"We believe we've taken many steps to safeguard the environment, and we feel very confident the measures that we have in place protect the environment," said Matt Brown, spokesman for the Navy's southwest region.

The secretary of the Navy will respond after reviewing the commission's recommendations.

Environmentalists applauded the com-

mission's vote.

"The commission fulfilled its mandate from the people of California to protect our coast," said Cara Horowitz, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, which filed a federal lawsuit in Los Angeles demanding the Navy develop a mitigation plan for the exercises.

Last July, a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order to block the Navy from using sonar during training in Hawaii.



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House to pass stem cell research bill

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Their ranks bolstered by the November elections, supporters of legislation boosting taxpayer-funded research on embryonic stem cells were poised to easily pass the bill again even though President Bush vetoed it last year.

The House was to pass the bill Thursday. But the vote was virtually certain to fall short of the two-thirds margin needed to override another Bush veto, vote counters on both sides of the issue said.

At stake was whether research on cells taken from human embryos — considered by scientists to be the most promising approach to developing potential treatments or cures for dozens of diseases — should be underwritten with taxpayer funds.

The debate raises passions since the research typically involves the destruction of frozen embryos created for in vitro fertilization, which ensures fierce opposition from anti-abortion lawmakers and like-minded constituents who believe their taxes should not fund such research.

“I simply believe it’s morally wrong to create human life to destroy it for research,” said GOP conservative Mike Pence of Indiana, echoing Bush’s rationale for his veto in July. “This debate is not about whether research that involves the destruction of human embryos should be legal. This debate is about who pays for it.”

Polls show most Americans support embryonic stem cell research, and Democrats say the issue played a big role in the Nov. 7 elections that returned their party to the majority in the House and Senate.

In the House, Democratic gains of 30 seats don’t translate into anywhere near that number of new votes for the embryonic stem cell research bill, sponsored by Reps. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., and Mike Castle, R-Del.

For starters, many Democratic freshman defeated more moderate Republicans who voted for the bill when it originally passed in 2005 and on an unsuccessful veto override attempt last year. And some Republicans who supported the bill have been replaced with opponents of the measure.

As a result, said Douglas Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee, House embryonic stem cell research proponents have gained only about

a dozen votes. If every House member votes, it takes 290 votes to override a veto. Support reached a high-water mark of 238 in the prior GOP-controlled House.

“It will be difficult to get to 290 votes, but we’re gaining on it,” DeGette said.

Senate proponents of the research claim they now have enough votes to override a veto, but Johnson said that would require at least one senator who voted against it last year to change his or her vote.

Both the House and Senate have to override a veto for a bill to become law without a president’s signature.

DeGette made her remarks at a news conference where she was surrounded by Democratic freshman who said the issue resonated in their campaigns. One of them, Rep. Jason Altmire, D-Pa., opposes abortion but said he would vote for the bill.

“I’ve seen the promise” of embryonic stem cell research, Altmire said. “There’s no doubt in my mind that a vote for embryonic stem cell research is a pro-life vote.”

The debate comes just days after new research reported that stem cells extracted harmlessly from the amniotic fluid that cushions a fetus in-utero hold much the same promise for disease-fighting as embryonic stem cells.

Scientists still say, however, say that embryonic stem cells so far are backed by the most promising evidence that one day they might be used to grow replacements for damaged tissue, such as new insulin-producing cells for diabetics or new nerve connections to restore movement after spinal injury.

The legislation would lift Bush’s 2001 ban on federal dollars spent on deriving new stem cells from fertilized embryos. Bush’s veto of the bill last year was the first veto of his presidency.

Embryonic stem cells are able to morph into any of the more than 220 cell types that make up the human body. They typically are culled from fertility-clinic leftovers otherwise destined to be thrown away. But because the culling kills the embryos, Bush on Aug. 9, 2001, restricted government funding to research using only the embryonic stem cell lines then in existence, groups of stem cells kept alive and propagating in lab dishes.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 06APP-049 (Appeal of Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness 06CA-018)
2617 Third Street
APPLICANT: Mark Woollen
APPELLANT: Candra Docherty
PROPERTY OWNER: Mark Woollen

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Landmarks Commission's approval of Certificate of Appropriateness 06CA-018, permitting a 148 square-foot addition and rear modifications to the primary, single-family bungalow structure on the property and its relocation forward to no less than 25.4' from the front property line. The subject property is located in the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District and the bungalow is a contributing structure to the District. The appeal specifically objects to the structure's relocation on the property.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, January 23, 2007, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 06APP-049
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Landmarks and Third Street Neighborhood Ordinances and Guidelines are available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

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Fine art photography will be on display in Santa Monica for the largest photographic art exposition in the United States. The Photo L.A. 2007 exhibit will be held Jan. 18 to 21 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, located at 1855 Main St.

Created by Stephen Cohen, producer of highly acclaimed art fairs in New York, San Francisco and Miami, the show will feature photographic art on display and for sale, from the earliest 19th Century photographic experiments to the most contemporary photography and photo-based art. The preview reception, hosted by rock artist, photographer and photography collector Graham Nash, will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

A lecture and seminar series will also take place from Jan. 19 to 21, with guest lecturers including internationally renowned photographers Anderson & Low, Jim Goldberg, Mona Kuhn, Todd Hido, Alec Soth and Robert Weingarten. Mary Virginia Swanson, photography consultant; Stephen White, collector, historian and dealer in art photography; and Virginia Heckert, associate curator of photography at the J. Paul Getty Museum, will address seminar participants.

Exhibition hours are Friday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 20, from noon to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 21, from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for a one-day pass and \$30 for a three-day pass. Lectures are \$10 each and on-site collecting seminars are \$80 (includes a three day pass and catalog).

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Mozart birthday bash

The L.A. Chamber Players continue their inaugural season with a tribute to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, featuring Lisa Kohorn, basset clarinet, in the Viennese master's quintet. This concert, co-sponsored by the Miles Memorial Playhouse, is for families who want to experience two works of the great masters, each with a different instrumental twist.

Even though the clarinet family is a regular in the orchestra today, works that feature the instrument are relatively rare in the early classical repertoire. The works of Mozart stand among the greatest of his chamber pieces and are a staple of the classical clarinet repertoire.

The concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at noon in the historical landmark Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd.

Cost of admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children 14 and under. Tickets may be reserved by calling (310)458-8634.

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'Strange Snow' emerges

The Ruskin Group Theatre presents "Strange Snow" — a play involving Vietnam veterans that has been updated to reflect the Iraq war — from Jan. 26 to March 4.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays at Ruskin, located at 3000 Airport Dr. at the Santa Monica Airport.

The comedic drama by Stephen Metcalfe was commissioned by the Manhattan Theatre Club in New York and staged its world premiere there in 1982. A three-character play in which two are Vietnam veterans bearing heavy psychic wounds from their wartime experiences, "Strange Snow" has had successful runs at theaters throughout the U.S., as well as London, Edinburgh and Japan. It was also made into the major motion picture "Jacknife," with Robert DeNiro and Ed Harris.

"Strange Snow" is directed by John Ruskin and features Mike Myers, Dane Zinter and Sarah Maine.

Tickets for "Strange Snow" are \$20 general and \$15 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call (310) 397-3244 or go to <http://www.ruskingrouptheatre.com>.

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SATURDAY NIGHTS ALL RIGHT: The 18th Street Arts Center hosts an 'ArtNight' festival featuring food, music and various works of art by local, national and international artists. In the past, the event was a big success for the center.

Art down the street

BY LORI BARTLETT

Daily Press Staff Writer

18TH STREET — In the wake of the rush and chaos of the holidays, a calm, relaxing night of art and culture is what the 18th Street Arts Center has planned for this Saturday. The "ArtNight at 18th Street" event is a free festival held four times a year featuring group art shows, music, food and drinks.

Just over two hours long (beginning at 6 p.m.), the festival offers a lot in a limited amount of time, insists program coordinator Michael Sakamoto.

"There's art, there's music, there's lots of people, food, refreshments, drinks — it's just a really open, fun, convivial, creative, stimulating atmosphere," he said Thursday. "We basically do it for the general public ... as something that highlights the vibrancy of Santa Monica, as well as LA in general."

In the past, the event has been a big attraction for the 18th Street Arts Center, with nearly 400 people in attendance for the Nov. 4, 2006 show.

This Saturday's "ArtNight" features two opening receptions and exhibitions. The first in the main gallery, entitled "The Book of Lies: Volumes I, II, and III," is a group show of contemporary artists in a variety of mediums who explore the world of truth, lies, deception and knowledge. The 72-piece exhibition is curated by Eugenia Butler and explores the idea of truth versus fiction through many artists' visions.

"It's an on-going dialogue with dozens of artists, mostly in California, but also some out of state, who are dealing with the whole concept of what is reality," said Sakamoto. "How we as individuals, as human beings perceive reality around us, reality of our lives ..."

"Some are very personal, some are political, some are sound pieces, obviously visual art pieces ... it's just all over the place."

The second exhibition is a photo-based installation called "Toccata" by artist-in-residence Joe Biel. The show is basically small images which represent his thoughts as the visual image-making process develops.



Photo courtesy

ART AND SOUL: An exhibit called 'The Book of Lies: Volumes I, II, and III' opens on Saturday at the "ArtNight" festival.

In addition, a handful of studios will be open showing national and international works. Artists range from locals to as far out as Australia and Taiwan.

At 7:30 p.m., guests can put on their dancing shoes as a live concert by samba percussion group, Carlinhos and Os Amigos de Ouro, performs. The group is led by Carlinhos Pandeiro de Ouro, who is a musical legend in Brazil and has been playing Pandeiro for more than 50 years.

"Basically, they are going to put on a master classic concert for the audience," Sakamoto said. "It's going to be really great."

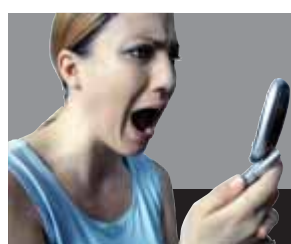
"ArtNight" also features a free open bar hosted by IZZE and Hpnotiq, and Mexican food.

"It's a way for the public to be exposed to art and culture on all levels; local, national, and international — for free. And that you just don't find most places," said Sakamoto.

"ArtNight at 18th Street" is a free event at the 18th Street Arts Center, 1639 18th St.

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Plans to commemorate Hughes in Nevada town

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Howard Hughes could have tied the knot with the Hollywood glamour girl anywhere. But the billionaire's obsession with privacy prompted him to marry actress Jean Peters in the remote mining town of Tonopah 50 years ago Friday.

After failing in an effort to save the improbable site of the secret Jan. 12, 1957 wedding — the L&L Motel — a group of Tonopah residents has announced plans to commemorate the event by building a life-size statue of the couple.

The group led by Tonopah businessman Bob Perchetti also is pursuing plans to open a Howard Hughes Museum and Wedding Chapel across the street from the motel that was razed about 18 months ago.

The plans are designed not only to recognize Hughes, but to help draw tourists to the struggling town of 2,800 surrounded by stark mountains and sage brush on U.S. Highway 95 about halfway between Reno and Las Vegas, more than a 200-mile drive in either direction.

"There's a mystique about Howard Hughes, just like there is about Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley," said Perchetti, chairman of the town's mural and monument committee. "People still find him fascinating, and we think our plans would be a natural."

The dilapidated, shuttered L&L was demolished after the town board concluded it would be too expensive to restore in the summer of 2005.

Perchetti had sought to turn the room where the wedding took place and office below into the Hughes museum and wedding chapel. Now, he's eyeing an old brick building across the street as a possible site for the project.

"It's not a lost deal. It's still a dream of mine to open the museum and wedding chapel," said Perchetti, former director of the Tonopah Convention Center and a former member of the Nevada Tourism Commission.

The museum would feature exhibits on the mysterious wedding and Hughes' role in Nevada history.

Hughes and Peters registered for the marriage license under fictitious names and got married at the L&L to avoid publicity.

The couple flew in and out of Tonopah that day from Southern California, with the entire stay lasting about two hours. Only a handful of Hughes' aides knew about it, and the news media didn't learn about it until months later.

"The wedding was very much in character for Hughes," state archivist Guy Rocha said. "The older he got, the less he wanted attention and glamour and the more he wanted to operate behind a veil."

"Tonopah was a wonderful place not to be scrutinized. That's a big event in the history of Tonopah and people in Tonopah still talk about it," Rocha added.

Afterward, Hughes' mental condition deteriorated, and both he and Peters vanished from public view. Except for a brief period, they lived apart.

Peters appeared in 19 films with such stars as Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, Ray Milland and Spencer Tracy. She left Hollywood after marrying Hughes, who was 21 years her senior.

In 1970, Peters filed for divorce. It was Hughes' second and final marriage and Peters' second of three marriages. Hughes died in 1976 at age 70, and she died in 2000



HUGHES

THE WEDDING WAS VERY MUCH IN CHARACTER FOR HUGHES"

Guy Rocha
State archivist

at age 73.

While holed up at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas from 1966 to 1970, Hughes bought seven casinos and scores of mines in Nevada. He helped transform Las Vegas from a mob-dominated gambling town to a corporate-owned modern resort destination.

Before becoming the "invisible man" in Nevada, Hughes was a movie producer, record-setting aviator, Trans World Airlines owner and major defense contractor.

While the L&L site is being considered for a new firehouse, Perchetti said, he also hopes to locate the statue there sometime in the next couple of years.

"It'll be a life-size statue of Howard Hughes and Jean Peters looking into each other's eyes and appearing as they did when they got married," Perchetti said. "We think it's finally time to recognize Howard Hughes in Tonopah."

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WITH THE HOLIDAYS FINALLY FINISHED, it's time to start off a whole new year of exciting art and cultural happenings in Santa Monica. And if this month is anything like what the rest of the year will bring us, it's going to be a great one. January starts off with a Santa Monica Museum of Art opening that will take you on an art trek to Tijuana; the 18th Street Arts Center will serve up a hot dish of Brazilian samba; Highways, the Santa Monica Symphony and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition remind us of the importance of the American Civil Rights Movement; local teens give us a look at their world at the Santa Monica Library and the galleries at Bergamot Station debut their new winter exhibitions.

It's definitely a good weekend to get out and about and experience the delights that Santa Monica has to offer.



STRANGE NEW WORLD: ART AND DESIGN FROM TIJUANA
Opening Reception – Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.
Exhibition runs through April 7
Santa Monica Museum of Art
Bergamot Station G1
2525 Michigan Ave.
(310) 586-6488

The Santa Monica Museum of Art presents "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana." This is the first major traveling exhibition to focus on the vibrant art scene in Tijuana, Mexico – a leading crucible of cultural innovation. Friday night's opening party celebrates Tijuana's cutting-edge electronic music scene with contributions from some of the city's top DJs and VJs.

For a sample of the exhibition and the party, check out the interactive virtual bus tour of Tijuana on the museum's Web site: <http://www.mcasd.org/exhibitions/strangenewworld/> It's only virtual, but it's still totally awesome!



THROUGH OUR EYES
SANTA MONICA TEENS AND SELF-EXPRESSION
Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.

On Saturday afternoon, the Santa Monica Teen Advisory Council will let us see the world from their perspective, telling us what they care about and what it's like to grow up in the world today.



HIGHWAYS HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
The Content of their Character
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12-13, at 8:30 p.m.
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th Street at the 18th Street Arts Center
(310) 315-1459

Award-winning filmmaker Charles Burnett brings an eclectic three-part presentation of poetry, song, multimedia and performance pieces to Highways this weekend. Parts one and two will take place on Friday night, with the final portion on Saturday. Works both serious and satirical will address the meaning of Dr. King's dream from a variety of viewpoints.

And for those of us who like our art in heaping healthy doses, there's even more art at Bergamot Station on Saturday night, when several of the galleries host receptions to open their winter seasons. Here's just a few of the galleries you should visit.



LEIGH SALGADO AND JOSE LOZANO
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Patricia Corriea Gallery
Copro/Nason – A Catalogue Raisonne
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Richard Sedivy and Masayuki Oda
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Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Avenue



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION
Monday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
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525 Wilshire Boulevard
(310) 434-4003

Celebrate the legacy of one of America's greatest leaders on Monday when the Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College present a multiethnic interfaith program on Monday. The morning includes a keynote address by Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta, followed by an readings and music. Immediately after the morning program, a Community Involvement Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. nearby at 606 Wilshire Blvd. offering informational displays by a variety of community organizations.



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Comet causing buzz

Alaska stargazers get excited about new Comet McNaught

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — When amateur astronomer Martin Gutoski braved 40 degree below zero weather to get a look at the comet, he didn't expect to be thrilled.

There hadn't been a lot of buzz about Comet McNaught. But, as the comet got closer to the sun it brightened and the word spread among stargazers. The Comet McNaught was special.

Gutoski drove to a lookout about five miles north of Fairbanks on Tuesday evening, when skies were especially cold and clear — good comet-viewing weather, even if it was frigid. He waited for sunset and watched as the sky turned salmon red and darkened. He turned his attention toward the spot on the horizon where the sun set.

Gutoski immediately saw the comet. When he raised his binoculars, the comet filled his field of view.

"It was exciting," he said. "It is a very large spike, almost a vertical spike at sunset... I was more than impressed with it."

The comet, discovered last year by Australian astronomer R.H. McNaught, is expected to remain visible in the Northern Hemisphere, conditions permitting, through Friday, when it likely will become obscured by the sun's glare. After that, it will begin its traverse around the sun, eventually emerging for people in the Southern Hemisphere to enjoy.

According to the Web site <http://www.spaceweather.com>, the Comet McNaught is the brightest one in 30 years. The comet is "plunging toward the sun, and the heat is causing it to brighten dramatically. A few days ago, it was barely visible in evening twilight, but now it pops into view while the sky is still glowing blue. Only Venus is brighter."

Comets — collections of ice, gas and dust — usually have two tails, one made of dust and the other of ionizing gases, Gutoski said. The Comet McNaught is bright because it is traveling close to the sun and toward it. That proximity is producing a long, highly visible, dust tail.

"It was a screamer," Gutoski said, when asked to describe the comet.

The comet is both visible in the morning and evening. Stargazers in the morning should look to the southeast horizon about a half-hour to 45 minutes before sunrise to get a good look at Comet McNaught. In the evening, the comet should be visible by looking to the southwest about a half-hour to 45 minutes after sunset.

Glenn Sheehan, executive director of the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium, said he hadn't heard anything about a comet until one of his colleagues spread the word that something was different overhead.

Sheehan went out to take a look Monday afternoon with a bunch of other people, some not even bothering to grab their coats before going out in the 36 degree below weather.

Sheehan said he knew by looking at the object it was something burning up the atmosphere, but what?

"I realized it wasn't exactly moving. A meteor, I've seen them and they go by like a whiz," he said.

He briefly entertained the thought that it was a plane. "That didn't make sense and I gave up and started calling

people to find out," he said. Something new is always welcome in Barrow during the long, dark winter, he said.

The sun is not expected to reappear above the horizon until Jan. 23. It's been gone since Nov. 18.

"It is neat to see something different going on in the sky," Sheehan said Wednesday. "The only other outdoor distraction today was a polar bear and two cubs going through here."

John and Dolly Kremers of Juneau, members of the Juneau Astronomy Club, got bundled up Wednesday night and grabbed their binoculars for a quick trip to the boat dock on Douglas Island to get a glimpse at the comet.

It didn't turn out as planned. They stayed for about an hour but only saw a couple of stars because it was overcast — a frequent condition in the southeast Alaska city.

Dolly said she was not disappointed. "We will have to keep tracking and keep trying. It was not easy for Galileo either," she said. "Eventually, you find something. It will be really exciting."

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Trans-Alaska pipeline back in operation

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The trans-Alaska oil pipeline was back in full operation Wednesday, one day after a loose fitting on a secondary pipe caused a leak that shut down the 800-mile pipeline for hours.

The amount of crude flowing through the pipeline Wednesday was about 900,000 barrels — more than normal to reduce the amount of oil that flowed into two large storage tanks at Prudhoe Bay during Tuesday's shutdown.

The two tanks at Pump Station 1 hold 210,000 barrels each, said Mike Heatwole, spokesman for the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., which operates the pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to the marine terminal in Valdez, where tankers are loaded with crude for shipment to the West Coast.

"We are running at higher rates for a little while to just get us back to the normal average of about 800,000 barrels," Heatwole said Wednesday.

The pipeline was shut down for about six hours Tuesday. The process to restart it began at 2:45 p.m., after work was completed to tighten a loose fitting on a pipe at a valve in the Brooks Range in northern Alaska.

The spill was discovered by a worker doing snow removal at Remote Gate Valve 32 south of Atigun Pass. It is one of 178 mainline valves in the pipeline system that are used to regulate the flow of oil and shut down segments of pipe.

Democrats select Denver for convention

BY BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The 2008 Democratic presidential convention will be held in Denver, the Democratic National Committee informed party and local officials Thursday.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean chose Denver to host the convention despite several logistical and labor concerns, several Democrats briefed on the situation told The Associated Press. A formal announcement was expected later in the day.

Dean's only other choice, New York, had eagerly sought the convention for months, but its mayor, Michael Bloomberg, said in recent weeks he would not commit the city to underwrite the convention's costs.

The convention — which is expected to attract 35,000, including 4,950 delegates and alternates — will be held from Aug. 25-28 after the Summer Olympics in Beijing.

The Republican National Convention will start just 4 days later, on Sept. 1 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

In November 2005, the Democratic National Committee invited 35 cities to apply to host the convention. Eleven cities eventually submitted applications, but only three were selected as finalists — Denver, New York and Minneapolis-St. Paul, which withdrew its bid this fall after it was selected to host the GOP convention.

Associated Press Writers David Espo and Jennifer Talhelm in Washington contributed to this report.

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Lawmakers still deciding fate of lynching murals

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — Lawmakers haven’t yet decided what to do with 26 Depression-era murals — including two depicting the lynching of an American Indian — in an abandoned courthouse slated to house the 2008 and 2009 Idaho Legislatures.

Renovation is under way at the old Ada County Courthouse so it can house 105 lawmakers and more state employees for two sessions while the 100-year-old Capitol nearby undergoes a \$130 million facelift and expansion.

Legislators are discovering it’s easier to tear out ceilings and fix 50-year-old mechanical systems than deciding the fate of the courthouse’s wall art, painted as part of the Works Progress Administration Artists Project in 1940.

Some state Indian groups object to murals showing an Indian in garb atypical for Idaho tribes as he’s apprehended by two white men, then lynched by two others. The murals were so offensive to one former District Court judge that he concealed them beneath American and Idaho flags when he worked in the building, which was closed in 2002 and sold to the state.

Members of the joint House and Senate budget committee are scheduled to vote Thursday on another \$3.2 million infusion to prepare the courthouse for the 2008 Legislature. They had some tongue-in-cheek suggestions for the murals.

“eBay comes to mind,” said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, referring to the Internet auction site.

The paintings are the result of the Roosevelt-era project that employed 5,000 artists — including such luminaries as Jackson Pollock and Willem deKooning — who produced a quarter-million works for American courthouses, post offices and other public buildings. The ones that landed in Idaho’s capital are from lesser-known artist Ivan Bartlett and were done in Southern California.

They’ve also been criticized for flaws such as a woman with two right arms, and they’re pasted to the walls out of chronological order.

Jeff Youtz, director of state Legislative Services, said the murals are on canvas and stuck to the walls with 67-year-old adhesive. Taking them down might be expensive, but

 **THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THERE WERE BOUNTIES OUT ON INDIAN SCALPS.”**

Ted Howard
Cultural resources director

possible.

“Someone (in the Legislature) at some point is going to have to make a decision,” Youtz told the budget committee Wednesday. “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. I think the collective judgment is, they’re not the greatest things in the world.”

Perhaps most controversial is the one of armed white men hanging the Indian.

While there is evidence of 19th-century Indian hangings in Idaho, including one just west of present-day Boise in 1854, historians say the courthouse depictions don’t represent actual events, but rather an archetypal model of frontier justice.

Some members of Idaho’s Indian tribes, including the Shoshone-Bannock, have said they’d like to see them removed or covered up.

Others, such as the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes on the Nevada border, want them preserved in place — as a reminder of their treatment by whites who flooded Idaho in search of gold and land.

“There were many instances when the Indian people were treated very badly,” Ted Howard, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe’s cultural resources director, said earlier this year. “There was a time when there were bounties out on Indian scalps.”

Local historians and preservation advocates, who in recent years have fended off attempts to demolish the old courthouse to make room for modern state offices, say the murals are an important part of history. Take them down, they say, and the building loses something integral.

“A really nice outcome would be to have an interpretive message posted, or in lieu of that, if they (the Indian murals) are really thought to be objectionable for a lot of different reasons, take them off” and give them to a state or county historical society, said Charles Hummel, a retired architect whose family firm supervised courthouse construction in 1938.

Review of rescue continues

By The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — An Oregon State Sheriff’s Association review of search and rescue efforts for the Kim family in southwestern Oregon won’t be done until next week.

The association had hoped to have the review completed Friday, but Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger said Thursday it won’t be completed until next Wednesday at the earliest.

The review was requested by Josephine County search and rescue officials after they came under criticism for not finding the

family sooner. San Francisco online editor James Kim died of hypothermia while trying to hike out for help. His wife and two children were spotted by a private helicopter pilot not connected to the search.

The Kims were stranded on a logging road in the Rogue River Canyon with little food for more than a week. After missing their turn off Interstate 5 for the coast, where they were planning to stay at a luxury lodge, they tried to drive a backcountry road through the Siskiyou National Forest during a snowstorm.

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U.S.-led forces detain six Iranians in northern Iraq

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S.-led multinational forces detained six Iranians Thursday at Tehran’s diplomatic mission in the northern city of Irbil, Iraqi officials said, as President Bush accused Iran and Syria of aiding militants and promised to “interrupt” the flow of support as part of his new war strategy.

The U.S. military said it had taken six people into custody in the Irbil region but made no mention of a raid on the Iranian consulate.

The forces entered the building about 3 a.m., detaining the Iranians and confiscating computers and documents, two senior local Kurdish officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information. Irbil is a city in the Kurdish-controlled north, 220 miles from Baghdad.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the

government was seeking clarification from the Americans and the Iranians “about these people and what they were doing there and whether they were employees.”

In Tehran, Iran’s Foreign Ministry summoned the Iraqi and Swiss ambassadors and “demanded an explanation” about the incident.

Iran’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini told state-run radio that the raid was “against a diplomatic mission” since the “presence of Iranian staffers in Irbil was legal.” Hosseini claimed the action by coalition forces reflected a “continuation of pressure” on Iran, aiming to “create tension” between Iraq and its neighbors.

At the Pentagon, a senior U.S. military official said the building was not a consulate and did not have any diplomatic status. The six Iranians were taken in a “cordon-and-knock” operation, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

The raid came as tensions are high between Iran and the United States. The Bush administration has accused Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons and of helping fuel violence in Iraq. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, meanwhile, is trying to expand Tehran’s role in Iraq as a counter to U.S. influence in the Gulf region.

Al-Dabbagh said any improvement in relations between the United States, Syria and Iran would only help Iraq.

“Sometimes we pay the price for the tension in relations between Iran and the United States and Syria, therefore it is in our interest ... that these relations improve, but not at the expense of Iraq,” he said.

Bush’s new strategy, however, ignored key recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, which in December called for a new diplomatic offensive and an outreach to Syria and Iran. Instead, he accused both countries of aiding terrorists and insurgents in Iraq.

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FOOTBALL

USC's Jarrett will enter NFL draft

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Dwayne Jarrett, the leading receiver in school history, has announced that he will skip his senior season at Southern California to enter the NFL draft.

“The biggest thing was the challenge. I’m ready to compete on the next level,” Jarrett said at a campus news conference, choking up as he talked about leaving.

When he began to sob quietly, his mother, Camille, stepped to the podium and hugged him.

“My teammates, without them I couldn’t have done any of this,” he said.

While Jarrett is leaving USC, coach Pete Carroll again insisted that he’s staying.

Asked if he had closed the door on the possibility of becoming the Miami Dolphins’ coach, Carroll said, “Yeah. I thought I said that yesterday. ... I’m not wavering.”

Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga, in the market for a coach since Nick Saban left to take the Alabama job, had met with Carroll for four hours on Sunday in Costa Rica, where the coach was vacationing.

Jarrett, a 6-foot-5, 215-pounder from New Brunswick, N.J., ends his college career with 216 catches for 3,138 yards and a Pac-10-record 41 touchdowns in 38 games.

“He knows he has to leave, but he doesn’t want to leave,” Carroll said.

The lanky, sure-handed wide receiver capped his impressive three years at USC by making 11 receptions for 205 yards and two TDs in a 32-18 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Carroll said Jarrett finished the season with good momentum, and that he is confident he will be picked in the first round of

the draft in April. The only question, the coach added, was how high he will go.

Camille Jarrett said her son intends to finish his degree in sociology at some point.

“Even when he was really young and talked about playing in college and the NFL, we always said that he was going to get his degree,” she said.

The 21-year-old Jarrett, a two-time first-team All-American, caught 70 passes for 1,015 yards and 12 touchdowns this season despite missing one game and being limited in several others because of an early-season shoulder injury.

The Trojans were 11-2 this season and 36-3 during Jarrett’s career, which almost ended shortly after it began because of a case of homesickness during his freshman year. But he stuck it out.

Jarrett caught 55 passes for 849 yards and 13 touchdowns as a freshman and had 91 receptions for 1,274 yards and 16 TDs as a sophomore. He broke Keary Colbert’s school record of 207 receptions, and surpassed Ken Margerum’s Pac-10 record of 32 TD catches early in the season.

Jarrett finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy voting, and figured to be a leading candidate as a senior had he stayed in school.

He faced a Jan. 15 deadline to declare for the draft.

Jarrett likely will be the only USC underclassman this year to leave school for the NFL. The Trojans finished No. 4 and figure to be at or near the top of the 2007 preseason rankings.

After the 2005 season, USC lost five underclassmen, including Heisman winner Reggie Bush. The previous year, 2004 Heisman winner Matt Leinart considered coming out early, but decided to return for his senior season with the Trojans.

BASEBALL

Worrell calls game over

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Relief pitcher Tim Worrell retired Wednesday after a 14-year career that ended with the San Francisco Giants.

Worrell pitched for nine teams as a dependable, durable reliever and an occasional starter. But the 39-year-old right-hander spent his final season bedeviled by problems with his throwing shoulder and neck, and he decided to retire after experiencing several setbacks in rehabilitation.

“I guess when you know it’s the right move, it’s a little easier,” Worrell said. “I think I’m at a point where I’ve come to grips with my career (being) over. I feel like I can’t get myself back to that level of competition.”

Worrell was 48-59 with 71 saves and a 3.97 ERA over 678 career appearances. He spent his final season in San Francisco, beginning the year as the Giants’ closer but pitching in his last game on June 8.

Worrell underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder in late August and expected to be ready for spring training. Instead, he spent the last two months failing to shake the persistent neck problems that can only be corrected by surgery.

Worrell decided the extra pain and aggravation wasn’t worth another season in a lengthy career, so he retired with one season left on a two-year, \$4 million contract with San Francisco.

“I feel that trying to play next year just to hold on doesn’t do anybody any good,” Worrell said. “I don’t want to end my career like that, just trying to hold on to something.”

Worrell was the setup man for closer Robb Nen on the Giants’ 2002 NL championship team, and he earned 38 saves for San Francisco in 2003. After signing with Philadelphia in 2004, Worrell left the Phillies for five weeks in 2005 to deal with “personal psychological issues,” but pitched exceptionally well after Philadelphia traded him to Arizona.

Though he intends to spend more time with his wife and four sons in their Phoenix home, Worrell also intends to explore roles with major league teams as a counselor or coach in future seasons.

“There will be an open door as far as what he may want to do for us in the future at some form in some level,” Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. “The greatest compliment is that he was always available, always willing to do anything for the club on most days, which is a rarity for a reliever.”



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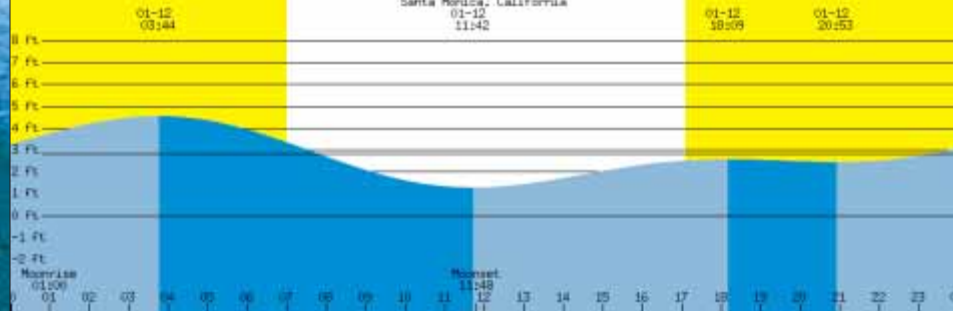
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 59°

SWELL FORECAST (5-7 FT)
Today is looking like a blown out, crappy day for surf. Wind swell should persist around chest to head high or so for west facing breaks, but winds are expected to be strong early on, weather could be a bit damp, and temps rather low.

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January 2, 2007

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 13

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 28

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 13

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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

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Time for a treat, Libra

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Let go of the reins and allow others to demonstrate what they have to offer. Get into a meeting. Enjoy the many people around you. A goal-directed conversation lays important groundwork. Tonight: Quality time with a special person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might disagree with others' choices. Recognize that everyone has to live his or her own life and see the consequences of his or her actions. A surprise visit or action allows you to relax more. Work with a pal. Tonight: Such a popular Bull! Work through your options.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ What you haven't completed might demand your attention. Clear your desk. Get errands done. If someone is distracted, smile and enjoy the compliment. Keep your main focus – for now. Others are full of surprises. Tonight: You might be underestimating someone's caring.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ With your imagination, you might be able to dream up what isn't obvious. Emotions could be a strong resource right now. What you feel might be going on probably is. Get facts to back you up. Don't just act. Tonight: Dance the weekend in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to pull back, especially if a situation doesn't make sense. If you have a strong intuitive feeling, check it out before acting on it. Someone might be more unpredictable with money than you realize. Tonight: Quiet and relaxing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You have the right words for nearly any situation. If you don't know the correct words, your actions will speak for themselves. You have a special way about you that makes others want to draw closer to you. Tonight: Someone acts like a wild thing!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might want to slow down, especially if your actions could have monetary ramifications. Know when you need to stop and process. Someone could become demanding and argumentative as he or she attempts to get you to cave in. Tonight: Time for a treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ With the Moon in your sign, you might be hard to stop. Realize your limitations with someone who has far different ideas from you. An expenditure could be going overboard. Think and decide just how important it is. Tonight: What knocks your socks off!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Know when to back off. You have reason to smile. Share good news with a caring friend. Not everyone has to hear your news right away. You might actually enjoy keeping some details hush-hush. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your goal is quite clear, and the good news is that with teamwork, you could hit a home run. Pressure yourself less and accept the inevitable. A hunch about an expenditure pays off – literally and figuratively. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Know your limits, and if you need to say "no," do just that. Don't stand on ceremony if you are uncomfortable with someone's request. Sometimes by saying how you feel, you can prevent doing a wild Aquarian rebellion. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Sometimes looking ahead is helpful, but at other times it could be a problem. By anticipating an issue, you could halfway cause it to happen just by your expectation. Decide to liberate your future by changing your behavior! Tonight: Opt for different.

Born Today

Author Jack London (1876)
Radio personality Howard Stern (1954)
Singer Amerie (1980)



Happy Birthday!

This year make a point of aiming for what you want with the full expectation of getting it. Your circle of friends and associates expands, opening new doors. Sometimes a new door could cause you to close another one. Make that OK, as you are in a period of tremendous change, which will ultimately create greater happiness. You will be like a cat with nine lives, always landing on your feet. Even if a situation looks bleak, it will turn around. Learn to trust more often. If you are single, meeting people will not be the issue. Your choice is what you need to consider.

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Free bird

Reclusive 'To Kill a Mockingbird' author emerges to meet with students

Reclusive author HARPER LEE attended a high school play based on her book, "To Kill a Mockingbird," on Wednesday, then met with students who appeared in the production.

The production brought together about 60 stu-

dents from nearly all-white Mountain Brook High and all-black Fairfield High Preparatory School.

The 80-year-old Lee was invited as a special guest to be honored by education and arts officials. Famous for prizing

her privacy, she rarely speaks to reporters, though she does occasionally meet with students.

The author has not published another book since "Mockingbird," which remains a best-seller even decades after its publica-

tion in 1960.

After the performance, Al Head, executive director of the Alabama State Council of the Arts, presented Lee with a piece of pottery made by Alabama artist Larry Allen and titled "Unity Vessel."

Lee held the piece up

toward the cast and crew, who stood behind her onstage, and waved to the audience, which gave a standing ovation. Lee did not address the crowd, but later talked to students at a private reception.

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BELAFONTE PLAYS ON

Entertainer and activist HARRY BELAFONTE implored college students to help shape the future during a two-hour talk that also included stories about the people who have influenced him.

"You are responsible for this generation the way we were responsible for the last one," Belafonte said Wednesday at Wright State University. "So if you see things that are unacceptable, you have a responsibility to change them. Make a difference. If you don't, you have no one to blame but yourself."

Also in attendance was comedian Dave Chappelle, who lives nearby in the southwest Ohio village of Yellow Springs. Chappelle's mother, Yvonne Seon, is founding director of Wright State's Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center and introduced Belafonte to the audience.

Belafonte, famous for his calypso-inspired music, told stories about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who have helped inspire him.

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Leno gets animated for 'Igor'

JAY LENO gets to be king in the upcoming animated feature "Igor."

The "Tonight" show host will be the voice of King Malbert, ruler of Malaria, in the saga of a mad scientist's hunch-backed assistant who dreams of winning the

annual Evil Science Fair, Exodus Film Group said Wednesday.

The movie, scheduled for release in the fall of 2008, also will feature Jennifer Coolidge, Jeremy Piven, Molly Shannon, Steve Buscemi, John Cleese and Christian Slater.

Leno's voice also has been heard in the animated movies "Cars," "Ice Age: The Meltdown," and "Robots."

Dark side of Matthew Fox: 'I'm a liar and a cheat and a thief and the ultimate manipulator'

AP



LENO

'Lost' star shows wild side

MATTHEW FOX, who plays the heroic Dr. Jack Shephard on ABC's cast-away drama "Lost," has a dark side.

"I'm a liar and a cheat and a thief and the ultimate manipulator. ... I tell lies

every day, man," the 40-year-old actor says in the February issue of Men's Journal magazine. "And when I say I'm phenomenally manipulative, I am."

Fox, who is now starring opposite Matthew

McConaughey in "We Are Marshall," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, says he "can be unapologetically vicious" and is "absolutely an instigator."

AP

Directors Guild names tops in TV

EDWARD JAMES OLMOs and CHARLES S. DUTTON were among five directors nominated Wednesday for a Directors Guild of America Award in the movies for television category.

Dutton, a veteran actor who starred in the early 1990s sitcom "Roc," got a nod for

directing an episode of Showtime's drama "Sleeper Cell" entitled "Home."

Olmos, who starred in "Stand and Deliver," was nominated for directing the HBO movie "Walkout."

Other nominees were Randa Haines for the TNT movie "The Ron Clark

Story," Walter Hill for the AMC miniseries "Broken Trail," and Peter Markle for the A&E movie "Flight 93."

"The work of these five directors underscores the power and impact of an art form that, for more than four decades, has been a cultural touchstone connecting viewing

audiences across the nation," DGA president Michael Apted said in a statement announcing the five nominees for 2006 films for television.

The DGA Award will be presented Feb. 3 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel.

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7:30
Saturday
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7:30
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1:15, 4:35, 7:40, 10:50
Blood Diamond (R)
12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30
The Good Shepherd (R)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:40
The Holiday (PG-13)
2:00, 8:00
Perfume: The Story of a Murderer (R)
4:55, 10:55

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Alpha Dog (R)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:50, 8:00, 10:50, 12:00am
Children of Men (R)
10:00am, 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
10:40am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Night at the Museum (PG)
11:20am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
11:30am, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40
Primeval (R)
11:50am, 2:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 11:40

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Little Children (R)
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The Queen (PG-13)
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Volver (R)
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Difficulty
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SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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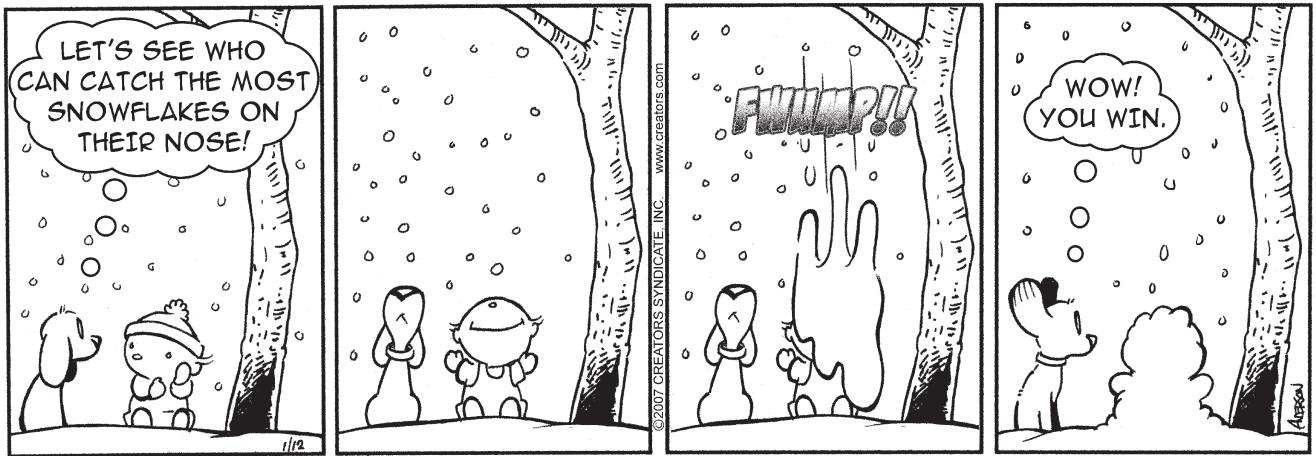
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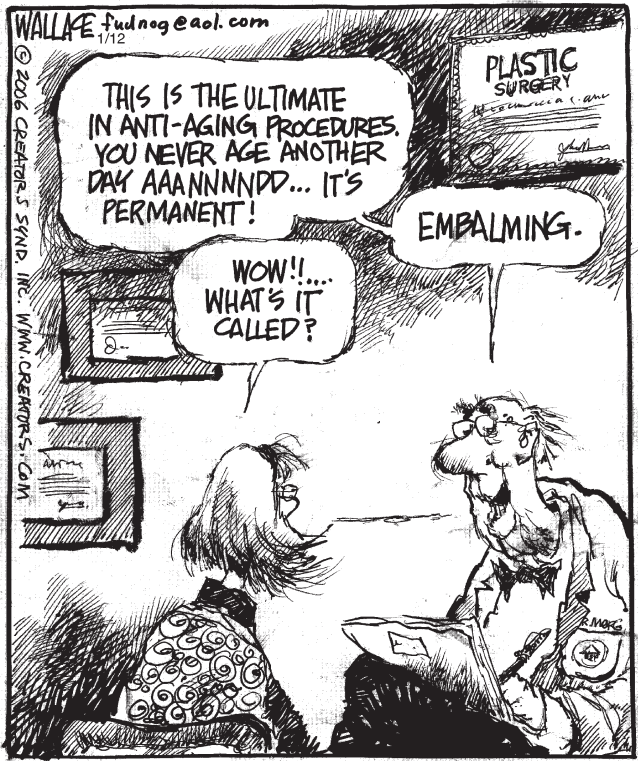
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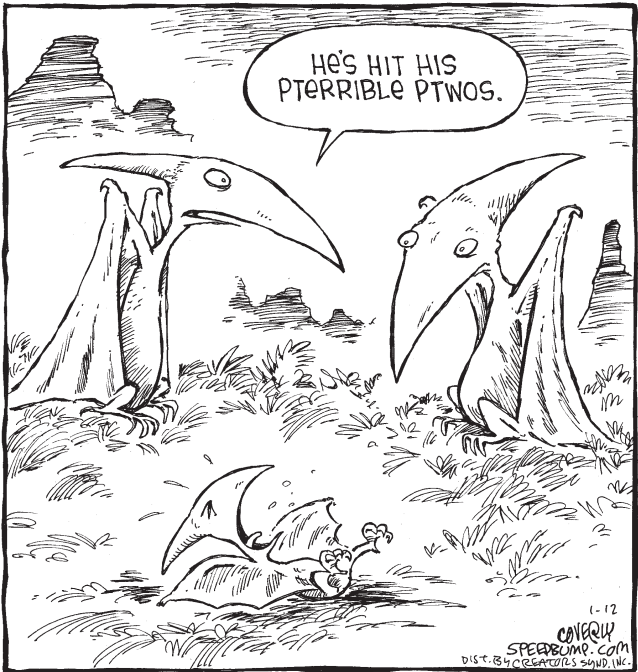
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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business address of the seller are: HIGHLAND POSTAL CENTER, LLC dba CHANNEL POSTAL CENTER, Located at: 130 W. Channel Road, Santa Monica, CA 90402

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: 528 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

(4) The name(s) and business address of the buyer are: TAREK MOHAMED ALY, 130 W. Channel Road, Santa Monica, CA 90402

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: all furniture, fixtures, equipment, leasehold improvements, leasehold interest, Inventory of Stock in Trade, Goodwill and Trade Name of that certain business located at: 130 W. Channel Road, Santa Monica, CA 90402

(6) The business name used by the seller at that location is: CHANNEL POSTAL CENTER

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is February 2, 2007 at the office of SANTA MONICA ESCROW, 2716 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 1055, Santa Monica, CA 90405, ESC. No. 4349-5, Escrow Officer: Bridget Hile

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is February 1, 2007

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: HIGHLAND POSTAL CENTER, LLC located at 528 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
Date: January 4, 2007
Transferees: TAREK MOHAMED ALY
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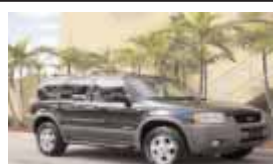
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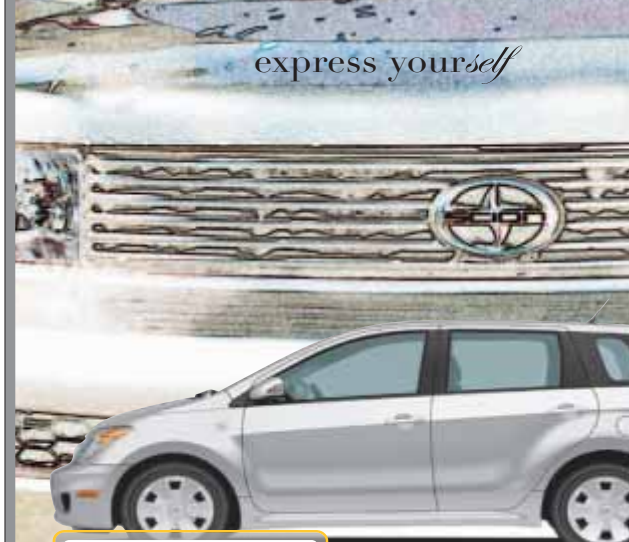
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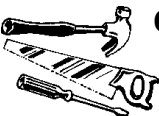
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