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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Buddy, a 6-year-old German shepherd mix, wandered into the emergency room at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Bellflower, Calif., in October after having just been hit by a car, and he resisted efforts to remove him, apparently waiting until someone attended to his injured hind leg (which turned out to be broken), according to local animal control officials interviewed by the Whittier Daily News. Owner Fabian Ortega was called (by virtue of Buddy's implanted microchip), and a vet fixed him up.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1794 President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

1966 Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson.

WORD UP!

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1. Having a fleshy pink color. 2. Red; blood-red.

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Rise of the new Z-boys in town

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK LIBRARY Taylor Lane and his friend Cory Micas look up to the guys who helped create the modern version of skateboarding and would like to see their history honored in a way befitting the Z-Boys.

Taking an interest in what might become of the rundown building on the corner of Main and Bay streets, Lane, 13, and Micas, 16, both of Venice, attended a community meeting on Thursday night, expressing their desire to see a new structure that would welcome skaters by incorporating elements like a rail or staircase.

"The Z-Boys wouldn't want a museum or a plaque," Lane said of the site of the former Zephyr skate shop. "They would want something you could skate on."

During the first community workshop, a dozen or so people threw ideas around on how they would like to see the cultural history that occurred at the former Zephyr shop commemorated. The building today houses Horizons West Surf Shop and artists studios.

Holding a copy of the Santa Monica Daily Press from Jan. 11, Jerry Rubin quoted a story where former Z-Boy Nathan Pratt is quoted as saying he would like to see a skate park created to honor the memory of the Z-Boys. Both Lane and Micas, sitting a few rows behind Rubin, nodded their heads in agreement.

The teens are hopeful that a new proposed building for the site,

See HORIZONS SURF, page 16

BOTTOM DOLLAR



SIGN LANGUAGE

Coining a good phrase equals payday

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com
RHYME FOR A REASON: Royce Hummer displays a sign on the intersection of Third Street and Santa Monica Blvd. 'The police says that I'm not allowed to ask for money so I decided to offer a poem in return instead.'

Not your dad's storage shed

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

A plan to build a 21,000 square foot storage shed near homes in Sunset Park has renewed calls for the City Council to develop a comprehensive land-use plan for the Santa Monica Airport.

The Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood group and the Airport Commission have rejected the current proposal to build the shed south of Fire Station No. 5 on airport property, instead asking city staff to come back with detailed mitigation plans, including landscape drawings and specification.

They feel the storage shed as it is

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Santa Monica High has extended its play for two final performances. Call (310) 458-5939.

"And Awaay We Go To Wonderland"

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For tickets and information on this Rudie-DeCarlo Family Theatre Musical, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

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1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.

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

Faith Odyssey 2007

725 California Ave., 8 a.m. — 6 p.m.

St. Monica Parish Community's speaker event will feature Barbara Hall, creator of the television series, "Joan of Arcadia" and the developer and executive producer of "Judging Amy" as keynote. For more information, call (310) 566-1500.

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3101 Pico Blvd., 9 p.m.

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Break Point Bridge Sunday Meeting

1210 Fourth St., 10 a.m. — noon

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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.



Whales eye SM shoreline

BY KRISTIN MAYER

Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH When Caroline Gerstley and her Sierra Club friends were strolling along the beach just south of the Santa Monica Pier earlier this week, they spotted a whale pop out of the water and break an otherwise smooth horizon.

The Pacific gray whale surfaced several times, to the amazement — and concern — of the beach-goers.

Gerstley instinctively thought the whale was in distress, as she had never seen a whale swimming by itself so close to that area of the coastline. The friends approached lifeguards out of concern for the mammal, but were soon reassured that the sighting, though rare, was no cause for stress.

Gerstley's reaction is a common misperception of the mammals, which average 40 feet in length and weigh about 40 tons, said John Nietl, a whale observer for the past decade at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center in Rancho Palos Verdes.

"People tend to look out in the ocean and see water, so when they see something they aren't used to seeing all sorts of assumptions come to mind," Nietl said.

Contrary to popular perception, gray whales swim in solitude and navigate coves along the shore, rarely gathering in pods like killer whales.

"We'll get a barrage of calls when they get really close to shores like that," said Capt. Terry Harvey of the Los Angeles County lifeguards.

Whales in distress have no reason to head for the shore, so those spotted near the coastline are most likely healthy, according to Nietl. Whales that end up beached are pushed in with the tide and are physically beyond rescue.

"If it's not beached, it's fine," Nietl said.

Whales, like the one Gerstley spotted on Tuesday, typically pass by Southern California when they migrate from frigid Alaska to the warm and sheltered waters of Baja California, where they mate and birth their young, Nietl said. The 14,000-mile round trip lasts from December to May.

"We see them going into coves and exploring on their way down," he said.

See GREY WHALES, page 16



Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

BRINGING THEM TO JAMBA: Erick Lopez (right), 24, and Katrina Swietek, 18, hair students from the Vidal Sassoon Academy drink juices from Jamba Juice on Thursday. Swietek drinks a 24-ounce Aloha Pineapple packing 500 calories. Lopez sips a fresh-squeezed 16-ounce orange juice containing 220 calories.

You are what you drink

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Forget carbs and partially hydrogenated fats, it's what we're sipping on that might be making us fat.

One of the driving forces behind America's expanding problem with obesity can be found in the sodas and mochas with whip that so many Santa Monicans carry around through the day, a new report suggests.

The report, brought to you by the same group behind the "Got Milk" campaign, was based on a study by ENVIRON International Corporation on the drinking habits of more than 10,000 Americans age 4 and older who responded to a survey by the National Health and Nutrition Examination. Released this week, "What America Drinks" found that beverages accounted for 22 percent of the total calorie

PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE IN THE PYRAMID THAT THE DAIRY GROUP IS VERY IMPORTANT IN A DIET."

Valerie Gawin
Registered Dietitian

intake for the average American.

In health-conscious areas such as Los Angeles and Santa Monica, nutritionists steering clear of the demons of bread and pasta on their plates would be wise to take a closer look at what's in their cups.

"I'm not a big coffee drinker, but I take 2 percent with mine," said 28-year-old John

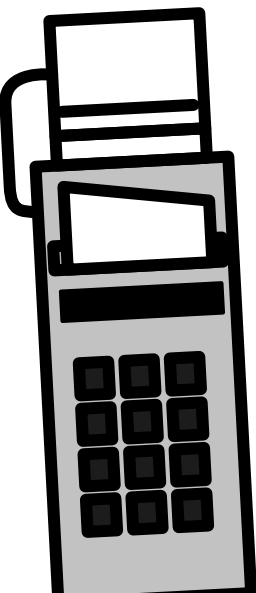
Griffith at the Third Street Promenade on Thursday. "I am a pretty healthy drinker when I'm not drinking beer."

Some studies indicate that teenagers and adults who drink more milk and less artificially flavored and sweetened drinks will have an easier time maintaining a healthier lifestyle.

The daily calorie intake varies from person to person, but most diets are based on a 2,000-calorie intake, said Valerie Gawin, the owner of Westside MNT Specialist in Malibu, and a registered dietitian and public health specialist.

High calories can be found in some of the most popular drinks in the world — a Peenya Kowlada at Jamba Juice contains 690 calories for a 24-ounce drink, or about 230 calories for an 8-ounce drink; a 12-ounce, or "tall," Starbucks White Chocolate Mocha

See DRINK CARBS, page 20



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EDITORIAL

Put a stocking in it already

It's been said that fish and houseguests begin to stink after three days' time. So what then to make of those households and businesses about town that keep firing up the Christmas lights night after night, even as we approach the middle of January? Nothing tarnishes the memory of a party quite like the guest that stays entirely too long.

Even the marketers who keep extending the holiday season by preying on consumers earlier and earlier each autumn have moved on, sensing the well of spirit has pretty much run dry. As has, most likely, the collective patience of those who don't celebrate Christmas.

Non-Christians who, throughout the holiday build-up, put on a happy face in the midst of blinking lights, dying evergreens and a steady barrage of whimsical music that couldn't find airplay 11 other months of the year shouldn't be expected to tolerate the party from which they're excluded forever. After beginning earlier each year, must we keep it running later?

Even the excuse that the lights are to be kept on until the so-called Three Wise Men arrive doesn't hold water, as Christians traditionally mark the arrival of the Magi and their myrrh on Jan. 6.

There's another expression that stipulates nothing is ever as great as we remember it to be, meaning that with time, the negatives tend to fall by the wayside and we remember the joy and the love and the celebration – leaving us with a desire to return to that Hallmark mindset the same time next year. By holding on too tight and not allowing memories to forge, decorating delinquents are already putting a tacky tarnish on next year's festivities.

Those determined to invoke the holidays throughout the 2007 calendar would do better to retain the spirit of selflessness rather than approach the world with such a literal reminder.

Take down the lights and stick Christmas '06 in a stocking.

- LOL:

laughing out loud
- BRB:

be right back
- MUSM:

miss you so much
- A/S/L:

age, sex, location
- BF:

boyfriend
- OLL:

online love
- LULAS:

love you like a sister
- POS:

parent over shoulder
- WTGP:

want to go private?
- LMIRL:

let's meet in real life
- HDOP:

help delete online predators

Every day, children are sexually solicited online.



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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I'll have a clone burger with my hybrid fries

RECENTLY, THE FOOD AND DRUG Administration said that eating food from cloned animals caused no health risks. They don't even anticipate a need to label cloned food as "cloned food." I understand what they're saying: These animals will be exact duplicates of the animals they are cloned from, so why should they be any more dangerous than the original? This makes sense, but I guess I haven't been reacting to this logically, and emotionally, eating food from cloned animals is hard for me to swallow.

I'm a pro-science guy. When the late Dolly was in the news as the first cloned sheep, I thought it was exciting. I'm all for stem cell research. I think it would be great if animal cloning or genetic research leads to curing human diseases. This is perhaps one of the few areas in which I don't feel paranoid. I'm not worried about the alleged "slippery slope" that calls up images of scientists in darkened basements eventually grinding out "Xeroxes" of humans. And yet, eating a burger from a cloned steer seems a bit weird to me.

I know we've been eating vegetables that have been "genetically engineered" for decades. There have been hybrids that produce bigger and tastier vegetables. Some plants are being bred to resist the effects of herbicides or disease. And I imagine that agricultural experts can produce two identical rhubarbs if they want to. So, why doesn't science messing around with nature bother me when it comes to plants?

For the same reason that it doesn't bother most people -- because we aren't plants. Even in this age that has somehow produced people who don't believe in evolution, most folks feel a closer affinity to animals than to plants. That's why an organization like PETA exists, but there is no "People for the Ethical Treatment of Plants." It's not just because PETP makes a bad acronym. It's because even though vegetables are living things, eating them or experimenting with them doesn't cause the same reaction in even the most radical thinkers. You don't hear about pro-vegetable people interrupting the Secretary of Agriculture, and protesting by dumping fertilizer over him.

For some years now, there has been a voluntary moratorium in the agriculture and

food industry on selling cloned food. Despite the FDA's finding nothing wrong with food from cloned animals, they didn't urge an immediate lifting of the moratorium. They said a more definite report would come out in the near future — maybe in a few months, maybe in a year. If their scientific evidence found nothing wrong, why didn't they just say, "Farmers, start your cloning?" My theory is because, as with me, it just seems a little weird to them. And it's going to take time for many of us to get used to the idea.

I think we'll have that time. With the current technology, cloning is very expensive. A cloned calf can sell for as much as \$82,000, which is about \$81,000 more than a typical non-cloned calf. All kinds of genetic science has to come into play to make a cloned calf. To make a regular calf, all you need is a male, a female, maybe some romantic music, and a little moonlight over the barn.

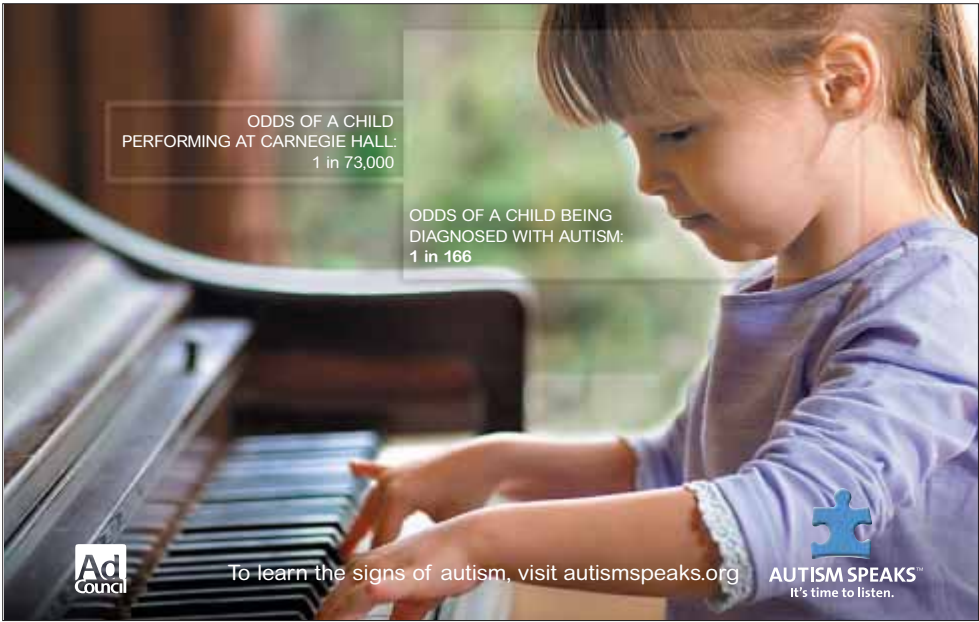
I assume the price tag of cloning will come down. Most technological things do. Look how cheap computers are today compared to, well, the day before yesterday. And once the cloning price comes down, I understand how helpful this scientific advance may be to the world.

A single cow may produce enough cloned offspring to give milk to a large needy area or even to an entire country. A rancher will be able to keep his Blue Ribbon prize steer, providing the best possible meat for consumers --- over and over again.

In fact, consumers will be able to buy precisely the cuts of meat that they like best. Soon, you'll be telling the butcher things like, "I'd like a pound of ground cloned steer #167 and some #617 chops, please." And they'll taste just like the last 167 and 617 you bought.

So by the time cloning is practical, I'm sure I'll get used to the idea. I guess we all will. But we'll probably also have to get used to kids — and other family members — saying things like, "Not again. We had the exact same thing for dinner last night." And they'll mean, the exact same thing.

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The QLine

QLINE HEADLINE

This past week, Q-line asked:

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?

Here are your responses:

CITY HALL IS ONCE AGAIN ON THE wrong track. This time, it's regarding affordable housing projects. Are these for people of low income, no income or are they for hard-working people who know about birth control? What is affordable, anyway? How does the city choose among millions of people to live in the nice area with new construction. The Pico area is full of low-income housing and plenty of gang violence, I might add. The buildings on 26th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard and the one at 15th Street and Broadway are all so oversized it's pitiful. One-story buildings with parking lots have been replaced with three and four stories which take up the entire property. What happened to open space management? I saw the article in the Daily Press which showed a wall in the new building at 15th and Broadway. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw what they call art. Aluminum soda and beer cans on the wall – this place is worse than I suspected when driving by it. I just wonder how close to these monsters any of the council members live or if they have friends and family planning to move in? Who benefits from these buildings besides those who live in them?

SANTA MONICA HAS MUCH MORE THAN its share of low-cost housing. Anything to increase this slum-making process needs to be checked before it begins. However, with the city council bound and determined to keep Santa Monica on its downward path of slum-making endeavors it would take a miracle to prevent any such actions.

CITY HALL SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD a review process for affordable housing projects at all costs. Santa Monica does have more than its share already. So, if they are going to continue having affordable housing, we should continue to be able to have public input. That's what a democratic government does.

THE REVIEW PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE eliminated or eased. The building department review process is designed to ensure a quality construction product. The review process enables the city of Santa Monica's planning and building department the opportunity to examine before and while a building is under construction. This enables the inspection department to discuss both the merits of the project and also make critical comments when necessary to ensure that the building will be safe for occupancy. We must keep in mind that California is earthquake country, and that each new earthquake shakes, rattles and rolls with increasing intensity. Anyone who lived through the 1994 earthquake, as I did, should understand that the next one will be a doozy. Let us not compromise the safety and quality of these new buildings simply due to the buildings being for the poor folks.

THERE ARE ALREADY SO MANY buildings going up in Santa Monica. No matter what you do – somebody somewhere is going to complain.

THE CITY IS OUT OF CONTROL. THEY ARE a bunch of lefty, social engineers that are trying to push low-income housing into every neighborhood. How would you like to buy a million dollar condo and have a 25-unit low-income building next door with a bunch of people from areas that are not even associated with Santa Monica. You have an increase in crime, the schools are

overwhelmed and it's a total mess. If I want to build a building in Santa Monica, I have to go through hoops. But these people can come in and put up these buildings that are absolutely atrocious.

I AM AGAINST THE CITY COUNCIL making a new ordinance that would exempt the affordable housing projects with 50 or less units. I against that exemption. I think all buildings should go through the public.

AS A FORMER APARTMENT HOUSING owner, and now a disabled individual, I think Santa Monica is indeed on the right track. We need more housing projects for people who need it like the disabled.

OUR COMMUNIST NIGHTMARE THAT IS SMRR is guilty of murder, rape and robbery by creating rent-controlled and building ugly affordable tenements in our once quiet little town along with codling homeless and crooks. It has become dangerous to walk our streets and parks. Even our homes are invaded by transients and affordable housing gang bangers. Next to three million dollar homes, we build these tenements. I wouldn't be so mad if the so-called poor only came from Santa Monica, but they come from gang areas like east LA and Compton. These ugly tenement buildings will increasingly become eyesores and breeding grounds for crime.

CITY HALL IS TAKING SANTA MONICA onto the track of progressive oblivion. Socialist, lazy income housing is the lead weight drowning Santa Monica into an aesthetic, cultural and economic cesspool.

THE REVIEW PROCESS SHOULD BE THE same for all – no matter rich or poor. This is a democracy. Also, a project of 50-units seems far too large for the city. The city should just subsidized the housing cost for some desirable people who are too poor to pay the rent here.

THIS TOWN IS GOING TO BE OVERRUN with flop houses and tenement apartments.

AS A 55-YEAR-OLD, THIRD-GENERATION resident who is currently weaving through fiery hoops to rebuild my house that the city exempts itself from same rules that I and other private residents have to endure is outrageous. But the council majority that has exempted the city are students of Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. It's all under the banner of 'good for you' and we'll see how that turns out.



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Farmers prepare for freeze that threatens crops

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO A cold snap predicted in several western states this weekend is expected to lower temperatures in California to the teens, worrying farmers with a citrus crop still hanging on trees.

In the San Joaquin Valley, growers in the middle of the citrus season are firing up huge fans to circulate warm air in the fields and are planning all-night vigils to monitor the health of nearly \$1 billion worth of oranges, tangerines and lemons.

“Even a few degrees can mean the difference between complete disaster and saving your crop,” said Nick Hill, who grows oranges, tangerines and lemons on 500 acres in Dinuba.

Farmers in this mostly agricultural region of California keep a close watch on the weather and try everything to raise temperatures, even by just a few degrees.

For citrus farmers, the tried and true method for the past 40 years has been to water their land to take in sunlight during the day and run 30-foot wind machines to pull naturally rising heat back down to the orchard floor. They run them any time tem-

peratures dip below 30 degrees. Hill worries that this time there might not be enough heat to pull back down.

A severe cold snap can destroy crops, leave hundreds of farmworkers unem-

ployed and have long-term effects if trees are damaged. The industry took two years to recover from a 1990 freeze that lasted a week, said Joel Nelsen, president of California Citrus Mutual, a 2,000-member trade organization.

fruit in the next few months, Nelson said.

“The citrus season usually lasts until May, but a big cold snap can cut that down to ending it in 30 days,” Nelsen said.

The central San Joaquin Valley, with 210,000 acres devoted to citrus, is the state’s top producer of fresh naval oranges, according to California Citrus Mutual. More than 70 percent of the region’s crop is still on the trees and workers were scrambling Thursday to pick and store as much as possible.

Orange varieties usually fare better than lemons because the sugar content lowers the freezing point.

Most crops are not in season and will be spared. Olive growers said low temperatures could cause damage to newer trees but expect the low temperatures will instead have a positive impact by killing olive fruit flies.

The cold snap was brought on by an arctic mass that will move across the region, according to the National Weather Service.

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Nick Hill
Farmer

This weekend’s freeze likely won’t last that long, but meteorologists have said it could be comparable to a freeze that wiped out the citrus crop in 1998. If that happens again, consumers will pay more for citrus

Woman pleads no contest to abusing her four adopted children

By The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA A former day care operator charged with caging two of her four adopted children and keeping a third in filthy conditions unexpectedly pleaded no contest for abusing her kids.

Sylvia Jovanna Vasquez entered the plea Thursday as a jury was about to be picked in her trial. If the felonies are reduced to misdemeanors, she faces up to a year in jail instead of the possible 10 years in prison if

convicted by a jury on all counts, authorities said.

Superior Court Judge Frank Ochoa released her until sentencing in March despite prosecution pleas to keep her jailed on \$1 million bail. A sentencing hearing starts March 12 and could last a week.

Ochoa ruled that Vasquez could have contact with her children — ages 6, 9, 12, and 13 — under the supervision of child welfare officials. Vasquez will also be monitored electronically.

Besides the no contest pleas involving three of the children, Vasquez pleaded no contest to a fourth felony count of injecting one of the children with a puberty-blocking drug Lupron.

Defense attorney Robert Sanger said the no contest plea was a “painful decision.”

“Ms. Vasquez entered this plea, in part, because she is very concerned about her children,” Sanger said. “She wants to get this over with and move onto the next stage.”

Senior District Attorney Joyce Dudley said

she did not offer a plea bargain in this case.

“The judge indicated if she pled at this time that she would not serve any more than one year in the County Jail,” the prosecutor said.

Vasquez, 50 was accused of abusing her four children at various times over a three-year period that ended early last year when a neighbor contacted law enforcement. The day care business in her Foothill Road home was shut down when she was arrested on Jan. 6, 2006.

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Against crime

New Orleans residents march in the wake of recent killings

BY BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS Residents young and old, black and white, marched in the thousands on City Hall — unified in their anger and demanding action be taken to stem violent crime that has claimed nine lives this year and left many contemplating their future in this hurricane-ravaged city.

Mayor Ray Nagin's response Thursday: "I heard you loud and clear."

Nagin pledged to intensify his focus on fighting violent crime during a news conference after the march. "We will not recover unless our citizens feel safe," he said.

One by one, speakers declared their love for a city, struggling to recover from 2005's Hurricane Katrina, and their fear that the violence will force families to leave or keep others from coming home.

"I don't like Houston, I love New Orleans. I don't like Atlanta, I love New Orleans. I don't like Tennessee. I love New Orleans," Hot 8 Brass Band trombonist Glen David Andrews shouted in one fiery speech. His band mate, drummer Dinerral Shavers, was shot to death Dec. 28 as Shavers' family watched.

"It's about time the people came out in support for putting a stop to this," said police officer J.W. Jones, a patrolman on horseback helping with crowd control.

Police estimated 5,000 participated in the march and rally.

Nagin did not participate, at organizers' requests, but he listened to the speeches and took in a scene that included signs reading: "Where's the Mayor?" and "No Leadership, No Results."

"We want to open a dialogue, but this was not the time. It would have been too big a shift from listening to the people to sudden-

ly have a politician talking," said Baty Landis, a Tulane University professor and music club owner who helped organize the march.

Members of the Hot 8 led the march, chanting "We Shall Overcome" as they carried a banner that read "March For Survival, Walk With Us." Several people carried pictures of independent filmmaker Helen Hill, gunned down in her home last week; others carried pictures of other murder victims.

Protest signs targeted Nagin, Gov. Kathleen Blanco and President Bush, accusing them of failing act on the city's crime problem.

Some faulted Bush for sending more troops to secure Iraq while New Orleans — where the police force is already being augmented by the Louisiana National Guard — needs help.

"I want more troops here," said Eddie Ecker, 38, a musician walking with a snare drum strapped to his chest.

Not all the frustration was aimed at government.

"Seeing a crime, seeing criminal activity and not saying something is a crime," said Amy Brown, 35, who said she is rebuilding a home in the Central City neighborhood, home to some of the worst violence.

In a black-majority city where most of the murder victims have been black, the crowd was predominantly white, but racially diverse.

"It's not about white. It's not about black. I think now people are realizing that because everybody's blood is red," said Keqante Brown, 30, a black woman who said five members of her family have been murdered in the last 12 years.

Amy Brown said she was disappointed that more young black people did not participate.

Architect Adam Perschall, 36, and his wife, Caroline, 35, said crime has affected them and so many of their friends that they are thinking about leaving the city.

"I don't want to do that," said Adam Perschall. "I love New Orleans."

New Orleans had 161 homicides last year, the lowest total in 60 years. But the population was way down from its pre-Katrina total of 455,000, and is still only about 200,000.

Tanker breaks from dock

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska An oil tanker that broke free of its moorings at a Nikiski dock last year got into more trouble at the same dock this week after ice strained its ropes, forcing it to retreat to safer waters.

The Coast Guard is investigating the incident Tuesday involving the Seabulk Pride.

When it broke free last February, the ship spilled some petroleum into the ice-choked waters and drifted powerless onto a nearby beach. Rescuers eventually saved the 600-foot vessel.

The latest incident shows continuing gaps in Cook Inlet shipping safety, watchdog groups said Thursday. But Coast Guard officials said the Seabulk Pride operator apparently followed regulations and performed well.

On Tuesday, the ship was unloading crude oil at a dock near the Tesoro refinery at Nikiski. Around 8 a.m. some of the multiple ropes and cables securing the vessel to the dock were strained by ice 6 inches thick and carried by a slow-moving tide pushed against the ship.

One cable snapped and four other lines at the bow were strained, causing winches to pay out a few more feet to relieve the stress

and slacken the lines, according to Coast Guard officials and a spokesman for the tanker operator.

The ship captain quickly decided it was safer for the ship to sail south to Kachemak Bay at Homer to inspect the ship for damage.

No oil spilled, there were no injuries and no serious damage to the ship, said Coast Guard officials and Jim Butler, a Kenai representative for the tanker's operator, Seabulk Tankers Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The Coast Guard cleared the ship to return to the Nikiski dock Thursday night to resume unloading oil.

Coast Guard Lt. Court Smith, who is investigating the incident, said the Seabulk Pride crew appeared to be abiding by Coast Guard rules for operating in heavy ice, and performed appropriately.

A Coast Guard investigation into the Feb. 2 incident was seriously critical, citing inadequate training for deck hands and a lack of readiness on both the bridge and in the engine room. State environmental regulators continue to investigate the mishap.

Two watchdog groups, the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and the Shipping Safety Partnership, said Thursday this week's incident underlines the need for further Cook Inlet shipping precautions

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Not all fun and games

Controversy follows a decision to pull Columbine video game from film fest

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY An alternative film festival that also showcases aspiring video-game developers has caused controversy by suddenly rejecting a game depicting the Columbine High School massacre.

A key sponsor from the University of Southern California withdrew in protest and six game makers pulled their creations at the Slamdance Film Festival in Park City.

A statement on the festival's Web site said: "There are moral obligations to consider with this particular game and the interests and welfare of the Slamdance organization and its community.

"Ultimately, after much internal conflict and debate, we decided to pull this game and hope a choice like it will never have to be made again," the statement said.

It is the first time in the festival's 13-year run that any media have been removed from competition.

"In the gaming world this has come to be known as 'Slamgate,'" said Danny Ledonne, whose "Super Columbine Massacre RPG!" was removed from the festival's Guerrilla Gamemaker competition this week.

Ledonne's game, which can be downloaded off the Internet, has cartoon graphics and photos of Columbine shooters Eric

Harris and Dylan Klebold and some of their writings. Players take the place of Harris and Klebold, who killed 13 people and then themselves in April 1999.

Ledonne, of Alamosa, Colo., said he was a sophomore in high school when the shootings took place.

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Danny Ledonne
Video game developer

"I had the same kinds of issues in high school that the two shooters did and I just dealt with it differently, fortunately," he said Friday.

He said he wanted to make a game about an important event and believed it would spark serious discussion about the shootings, which were blamed in part on the teens' exposure to violent games.

Ledonne said Slamdance contacted him about entering his game in their competition.

"They picked up something that they, in the end, didn't have the courage of their con-

victions to stand behind," he said.

The University of Southern California's Interactive Media Division planned to offer summer fellowships to the winners but withdrew the sponsorship.

Assistant professor Tracy Fullerton said rejecting the Columbine game was "detrimental to the overall project of supporting independent game makers."

"To have the game pulled based on either pressure from backers or a fear of liability is to say that independent games do not deserve

the same respect and conscientious protection by artistic venues as independent films," Fullerton said on the department's Web log.

She did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment Friday. Slamdance president Peter Baxter planned to comment Friday, a spokeswoman said.

The Slamdance festival, Jan. 18-27, is separate but runs at the same time as the Sundance Film Festival, also in Park City.

Slamdance bills itself as an independent alternative to Sundance. Films come from first-time directors working with budgets under \$1 million.

Federal officials open review of Tongass plan

BY ANNE SUTTON

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska Opposing sides were already lobbing mudballs as federal officials on Friday opened public review of the latest management plan for the nation's largest national forest.

The plan spells out seven alternatives for balancing logging, recreation, and other uses of Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska.

The Sierra Club describes the proposal as "fatally flawed" because it places too much emphasis on logging to the detriment of the environment and other uses.

Logging industry officials say the plan leaves little room for a viable timber economy to flourish in southeast Alaska.

The release of the document is the latest step in a revision of the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan.

That plan allocated 3.9 million acres as logging areas, 2.4 million acres of which are in roadless parts of the forest.

A federal appeals court ordered the forest service to revise its plan in August 2005 after six environmental groups challenged the timber program.

A three judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that mistakes made by the federal agency in projecting timber demand seriously impaired the plan for the Tongass.

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Designers construct model guidelines

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

Associated Press Fashion Writer

NEW YORK The American fashion industry says it wants its models to be healthy, not anorexic, not bulimic and not chain-smokers. And to help models achieve that, the Council of Fashion Designers of America on Friday released a list of recommendations as part of a new health initiative.

The panel that formulated the guidelines included CFDA president Diane von Furstenberg, nutritionist Joy Bauer, modeling agent Louis Chaban, fitness trainer David Kirsch and Dr. Susan Ice, vice president and medical director of Philadelphia's Renfrew Center, which is dedicated to eating disorders.

The guidelines were issued three weeks before designers start showcasing their fall collections during New York's Fashion Week, which starts Feb. 2.

The guidelines, which are only suggestions and not binding for the industry, include the following:

- Keep models under 16 off the runway and don't allow models under 18 to work at fittings or photo shoots past midnight.

- Educate those in the industry to identify the early warning signs of eating disorders.

- Require models identified as having an eating disorder to receive professional help and only allow those models to continue with approval from that professional.

- Develop workshops on the causes and effects of eating disorders, and raise awareness of the effects of smoking and tobacco-related disease.

- During fashion shows, provide healthy meals and snacks, while prohibiting smoking and alcohol.

What's missing from these voluntary guidelines — aside from a means of enforcement — is any mention of the Body Mass Index. In September, Madrid Fashion Week banned models with a body mass index of less than 18. The standard accepted by the World Health Organization is that anyone with an index under 18.5 is underweight.

Italian government officials also got involved in this too-skinny model debate, apparently prompted in part by Spain's move and by the death in November of Brazilian model Ana Carolina Reston, who weighed 88 pounds when she died. In a December deal with the Italian fashion industry, designers agreed not to hire models younger than 16, and to require all models to submit medical proof that they do not suffer from eating disorders.

"The CFDA Health Initiative is about awareness and education, not policing. Therefore, the committee is not recommending that models get a doctor's physical examination to assess their health or body-mass index to be permitted to work," according to a statement from the CFDA. "Eating disorders are emotional disorders that have psychological, behavioral, social, and physical manifestations, of which body weight is only one."

Steven Kolb, executive director for the CFDA, told The Associated Press that the designers' understanding of the issue as explained to them by health specialists is that BMI is only one factor in a long list of criteria to identify eating disorders.

"A lot of the girls who work the runway are genetically thin. You go backstage and you see a lot of girls eating a lot of food and

they're not gaining weight," Kolb said.

Kolb, however, anticipated the question about voluntary guidelines being a strong enough statement to turn around the trend of too-thin models.

"As an industry, fashion has always been concerned about health. Here at the CFDA, we've been in the forefront in terms of efforts (like) Fashion Targets Breast Cancer and HIV/AIDS awareness," he said. "As the issue of underweight models became global, we, as a group, outside of what other countries have done, decided to do something. I actually think it was a really responsible move."

But Dr. Cynthia Bulik, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a former president of the Academy of Eating Disorders, said she'd like to see the fashion industry adopt stricter standards in an effort to protect two populations: the models and all the young girls who look up to them.

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"I've asked patients about what they see when they see models. They say, 'I look at their skinny arms, their hip bones and their flat stomachs and then I look at myself and say I'm too fat,'" Bulik says. "It zeros in on their self-esteem and their perceived inadequacies, and these are girls who are already underweight."

Michael Vollbracht, the creative director at Bill Blass, which will stage its next runway show Feb. 6, agrees that the industry has an obligation to showcase apparel models who are also role models. But he also expects it will take time for industry eyes to adjust to a less-thin thin model.

"Thin is always in, it's how you show clothes," Vollbracht said. But then those size 0 styles are plucked by stylists for Hollywood actresses who then feel fat — and then diet — when they can't fit into the tiny garments, and there are so many girls and women who then look up to the stars. It's a perpetual cycle, he said.

Vollbracht pointed out that in the 1980s and early '90s, top models Claudia Schiffer and Cindy Crawford had more curvaceous figures. "Heroin chic changed a lot of things," he said. "It'll take some time to change back."

The Illinois-based Academy of Eating Disorders offered its own counter-suggestions to the CFDA, using a minimum BMI of 18.5 for models over 18. That would translate into a 5-foot-9 female model weighing more than 126 pounds. An alternative formula for models between the ages of 16 and 18 would call for a 5-foot-9 teen girl to weigh more than 117 pounds.

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Two divers killed in training

Report: Crew members drinking beer before deadly Coast Guard dive in Arctic

BY CURT WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE Crewmembers assisting a training dive that killed two Coast Guard divers in the Arctic were untrained for the job and had been drinking beer during a partylike leave beforehand, an official investigation said Friday.

The two divers, from the Seattle-based icebreaker Healy, also were loaded with too much weight before entering the water and plunging to about 200 feet, nearly 10 times further than intended.

Coast Guard Lt. Jessica Hill, 31, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Boatswain's Mate Steven Duque, 22, of Miami, Fla., were killed in the Aug. 17, 2006, accident, about

500 miles north of Alaska.

Their deaths were the result of a chain of mistakes, said Vice Adm. Charles Wurster, the Coast Guard's Pacific area commander.

"Had any link been broken, this accident would not have occurred," Wurster told a news conference Friday.

That included the untrained "tenders," who were monitoring the divers from the ice above. Two of the tenders drank three beers or less during an "ice liberty" before the dive, the Coast Guard's report said.

The Healy was sailing through the

Arctic with about 35 scientists to collect data that would help them map the ocean floor. Hill was the ship's dive officer, as well as the liaison between the scientists and the crew.

Shortly after the deaths, the Healy's commander, Capt. Douglas G. Russell, was relieved of duty and reassigned to administrative tasks. His superiors cited "a loss of confidence in Russell's continued ability to command."

Russell and other officers in charge of the ship received official reprimands or admonitions, Wurster said Friday.

Canoe Hokulea sets sail to western Pacific

By The Associated Press

WAILUKU, Hawaii After a weeklong delay, the crew of the voyaging canoe Hokulea has set out on its five-month, 7,000 mile journey spanning the western Pacific.

The 62-foot-long, double-hulled canoe was expected to meet up with the newest Hawaiian voyaging canoe, the Alingano Maisu, at Kawaihae on the Big Island before the two boats embark Saturday on their mission of gratitude to Micronesia.

At the Micronesian island of Satawal, the Alingano Maisu will be given to navigator Mau Piailug for his role in the

Hawaiian voyaging renaissance.

"We need to go, complete what we said we were going to do, honor our teacher, honor all our teachers, train young people, thank Micronesia, the greatest navigators in the world," said Nainoa Thompson, Polynesian Voyaging Society president and Hokulea navigator.

Piailug, 75, taught Hawaiian voyagers how to use wind, stars, the sea, birds and other cues to make accurate landfalls after long voyages.

After leaving the Alingano Maisu in Micronesia, the Hokulea will continue on to Okinawa and the main Japanese islands.

Eleven people aboard the Hokulea will make the long trip.

At Kawaihae, Thompson hands over the tiller to fellow navigator Bruce Blankenfeld for the next big leg of the canoes' voyage, to Majuro in the Marshall Islands. Shorty Bertelmann will serve as captain and Chad Paishon as navigator aboard the Alingano Maisu.

Once the ships reach Majuro, they will hop from island to island to reach Satawal.

Along the way they will be accompanied by the sailboat Kama Hele, which has an engine powerful enough to tow both canoes if necessary. While the Hokulea has

no motor, the Alingano Maisu has an out-board motor to help get in and out of tight harbors.

Each of the vessels also has aboard a shortwave radio and satellite telephones, in addition to short-distance radios to communicate with one another.

The Hokulea was scheduled to depart last week but was delayed by gale force winds across the state.

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Indian tribes file suit against government

BY ALICIA P.Q. WITTMAYER
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Nearly a dozen Indian tribes, including the Nez Perce of Idaho, have filed suit against the federal government, asking it to account for billions of dollars held in tribal trusts.

The lawsuit is the latest legal challenge to the government's handling of American Indian trust money, which tribal representatives contend has been shoddy and inadequate.

The Native American Rights Fund, a Boulder, Colo.-based nonprofit law firm, is seeking to represent about 240 tribal governments that have trust accounts with the United States. The firm says the U.S. Department of the Interior, which manages the accounts, has failed to provide a complete accounting despite several congressional orders.

The government holds about 1,600 trust fund accounts for more than 300 tribes. Their total worth is estimated at about \$3 billion.

Tribes have been worried about the state of their trust funds since the early 1980s, when several government agencies issued reports showing the accounts were in disarray, said John Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund.

"The reports detailed records lost or never kept, systems that didn't work or weren't coordinated, and policies that were deficient or never even existed," Echohawk said.

The funds — some of which date back to the 1800s — contain money awarded to tribes from judgments against the United States for unlawful appropriation of American Indian lands. They also hold revenue from oil, gas, timber and other natural resources on tribal lands that have been tapped by the U.S. government.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 28 — days before a Dec. 31, Congress-imposed deadline would have closed the statute of limitations on law-

suits challenging the government's trust fund accounting.

The Native American Rights Fund filed the lawsuit in hopes of ensuring that tribal governments that either didn't have the resources for a legal fight or weren't aware their right to sue was about the expire, didn't permanently lose the chance to ask for a complete accounting, said NARF attorney Don Wharton.

The lawsuit asks the court to rule that a government effort in the early 1990s to satisfy Congress' orders was unacceptable, Wharton said. The tribes are also asking the court to order the Interior Department to perform a complete accounting.

Department of Interior spokesman Shane Wolf said it would be inappropriate to comment on pending litigation.

The law firm estimates that about 70 tribes have already sued the U.S. government on an individual basis.

The latest lawsuit joins another claim alleging mismanagement of Indian trust funds. In that case, Blackfeet Indian Elouise Cobell, of Blackfoot, Mont., sued the government in 1996 over what she said was its mismanagement of hundreds of thousands of accounts held on behalf of individual Indians, containing more than \$100 billion.

That suit is on hold while the Indians fight an appellate court decision to remove a federal judge from their case. The government has said it is too expensive to piece together from its records how much the Indian accounts are actually worth, and has proposed an \$8 billion settlement.

The other named plaintiffs in the latest case are: the Yakama Nation in Washington; the Klamath Tribe in Oregon; the Mescalero Apache Tribe in New Mexico; the Tule River and Yurok tribes in California; the Hualapai Tribe in Arizona; the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe, the Pawnee Nation, and the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma; and Santee Sioux Tribe in Nebraska.

Sponsors of telescope project seeking some public support

By The Associated Press

HILO, Hawaii Sponsors of an astronomy project, that would place telescopes able to rapidly scan the sky to detect large asteroids and comets heading toward Earth, are trying to win public support to locate on Mauna Kea.

The Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System, or Pan-STARRS, would replace a nearly 36-year-old University of Hawaii 88-inch telescope if it's built at the summit of the Big Island volcano.

Officials from the project will hold public meetings to explain the project and take comment between Jan. 23 and Jan. 31 and plan to draft an environmental impact statement.

Pan-STARRS also could be built at two sites on Haleakala on Maui, but scientists warn the project, which scans space for objects with trajectories that could cause a devastating collision with Earth, would take twice as long to complete there.

Scientists believe they can complete a survey of the potential threats in 10 years if Pan-STARRS is built on Mauna Kea, which many scientists regarded as the best location for astronomy in the world. It would take almost 20 years on Haleakala.

The project, funded by the U.S. Air Force, is expected to cost \$80 million to \$100 million and will be operated by the University of Hawaii, which will also process the data and images.

Environmentalists and Hawaiian activists have argued against additional development on the mountain and some scientists have expressed concern about additional construction as 13 telescope sites are already built.

But the most outspoken critics of development on the mountain have said they are not against the advancement of science, said Michael Maberry, assistant director of the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy.

"We believe that we can coexist in a respectful manner at the summits of Mauna Kea and Haleakala," he said.

Project manager William Burgett said using the existing site could help quell criticism as well as a \$1 million environmental impact statement, which is a step not usually taken for the other projects of similar scope.

The project includes four 71-inch mirrors that would gather light and the largest digital cameras ever built, scientists said. The system would be able to survey the entire sky once a week, and would be able to detect asteroids as small as 1,000 feet across.

Free Workshop Reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA —An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of December at various Santa Monica locations.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

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

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

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Getting thumbs up

Approval on the rise for Congress with Dems in control

BY NANCY BENAC

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Public approval of Congress has edged up a bit now that Democrats are back in control, but it's still nothing to write home about.

Approval for the way Congress is handling its job rose to 32 percent in the latest AP-Ipsos poll, up from a meager 27 percent a month earlier. That puts Congress on par with President Bush, whose 32 percent approval rating represents a new low for him in AP-Ipsos polling.

The Democrats, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, took control of Congress when the new session began on Jan. 4.

The softening of attitudes toward Congress suggests legislators may have an opportunity to improve their standing in the new year, but there appears to be little opening for Bush to move up similarly, public opinion experts believe.

"The question for Nancy Pelosi and Mr. Reid and the Democrats is whether they show the American public they can govern

in a responsible way," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. Bush has less chance for improvement, Thurber said, because the unpopular war in Iraq is "the driving issue" in assessing his performance.

Congress typically gets fairly low approval ratings, although individual legislators tend to receive better reviews.

Congressional approval hit a low of 18 percent in March 1992, according to the Gallup organization, and the institution was particularly unpopular from 1992 through 1994. Its popularity increased from 1995 to 2001, peaking after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

It's been downhill ever since, and by 2006 congressional approval was back in the 20s, just as in 1993 and 1994.

Jackie Imler, 51, of Versailles, Mo., was among those polled this week who disapproved of Congress' job performance, but she said she's hopeful that will change.

"I think in the past few years, things have gone towards big business and not the middle class, so I'm hoping things will turn around with the new Congress," she said.

Robert Shapiro, a political scientist and public opinion expert at Columbia University, cautioned that congressional leaders need to work to keep disagreement over what to do in Iraq from spilling over into broader partisan gridlock.

"The danger for everyone, Democrat and Republican, is that this division on the war leads to partisan conflict of the sort

Democrats wanted to diminish after the last election," Shapiro said.

John Mueller, an Ohio State University political scientist and author of "War, Presidents and Public Opinion," said that Bush's ratings are "basically hopeless" even if the situation in Iraq improves, because people already feel the war's cost has been too high.

Legislators can thank Americans who describe themselves as Democrats for the improvement in their report card this month: In December, 19 percent of Democrats approved of Congress, compared with 33 percent of Republicans. In this month's poll, 28 percent of Democrats approved of Congress; the GOP number was about the same, at 32 percent.

Other groups that showed relatively large increases in their approval ratings for Congress included adults aged 35 and older, Midwesterners and Westerners, single women and white evangelical Christians.

The telephone poll of 1,002 adults was conducted Monday through Wednesday and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Associated Press writer Ann Sanner, AP Manager of News Surveys Trevor Tompson and AP News Survey Specialist Dennis Junius contributed to this report.

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1939 law banning booze, politics goes down harsh

BY JOHN MILLER

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Since 1939, hard liquor and politics in Idaho haven't mixed — at least for employees of the state agency whose stores sell spirits.

The head of the state Liquor Dispensary now is trying to get lawmakers to repeal the 67-year-old law forbidding his staff from engaging in partisan politics, including joining a political party, making campaign contributions or even sticking candidate bumper stickers on their cars.

James "Dyke" Nally, dispensary superintendent, says other state agencies aren't governed by similar restrictions, so the law should be changed to make things uniform for all of Idaho's 19,000 state workers.

The statute is another reminder of conservative Idaho's uneasy relationship with alcohol, a throwback to an era when lawmakers feared blending boozing and schmoozing in the liquor dispensary could produce a cocktail too volatile to allow.

Nally says the law likely harkens back to those post-Prohibition days when polling places were still located in taverns and voting for candidates, no matter how distasteful, might be washed down with a double on the rocks.

"I think it came from the old days ... when people would pile everybody into the back of the truck and head down to the saloon to vote," Nally told The Associated Press.

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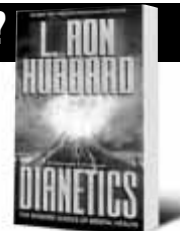
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Yellowstone trout declining in Idaho

BY KEITH RIDLER

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Two of the West's largest remaining populations of Yellowstone cutthroat trout face sharp declines due to contamination from phosphate mines in southeast Idaho, Idaho State University professors say.

Rob Van Kirk, a professor who specializes in mathematical models of aquatic ecosystems, and Sheryl Hill, a biology professor, on Thursday released a study that predicts a precipitous fall of the prized game fish in some streams and an overall decline in populations in the region.

They said contamination comes from selenium leaching out of waste rock from the mines.

Selenium is a naturally occurring mineral that is healthy in small quantities but can build up to toxic levels. At phosphate mines, it leaches out of waste rock and accumulates in stream sediments, where it goes through the food chain from plants to insects to fish.

“The bottom line is there are (selenium) concentrations in fish that are high — high by anyone’s standards, not just cherry picking standards — and that indicate a high risk of population declines,” Van Kirk said.

The Bozeman, Mont.,-based Greater Yellowstone Association — whose stated mission is to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem — paid the university about \$8,600 to produce the report.

The organization is trying to collect expert data on how phosphate mines are effecting fish and wildlife, spokesman Marv Hoyt said.

The Blackfoot and Salt river drainages in southeast Idaho contain two of the six largest remaining populations of Yellowstone cutthroat, Van Kirk said.

The population has already suffered major setbacks in what was its main habitat, Yellowstone National Park, following illegal introduction of lake trout to Yellowstone Lake. In February, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined to list the species, though the selenium threat was considered.

“There were some concerns that were identified,” said Wade Fredenberg, native fish

coordinator with the wildlife service. "I don't want to trivialize it, because in those drainages it might be serious, but the point is we're not going to cease phosphate mining in every drainage that contains Yellowstone cut-throat trout."

Southeast Idaho contains large formations of phosphate rock. Phosphate is used for agricultural chemicals and fertilizer. Mining began in 1907 and increased significantly after World War II.

According to the coalition, the area has three operating phosphate mines and up to 26 closed mines. The main operators are Boise-based J.R. Simplot Co., Monsanto Co. in St. Louis and Agrium Inc. of Calgary. All three supply agricultural products to growers.

Fred Zerza, a Simplot spokesman, said the report from ISU was one of several designed to derail the company's planned expansion of its Smoky Canyon mine.

“This would be another in a succession of those,” Zerza said, “to discredit the efforts of the company to develop the mine.”

He said the company has made efforts to control selenium contamination with water and fish monitoring systems as well as rerouting one stream away from waste rock.

Researchers found that fish in the Salt and Blackfoot drainages contained an average 9.81 micrograms of selenium per gram of body weight, which they say is more than 2 micrograms above the point where fish populations start declining.

Of the 63 fish samples that looked at selenium levels, Van Kirk said most were taken in 2005 and 2006. The samples ranged from 1.8 micrograms up to 52.3 micrograms.

Four streams had concentrations above 20 micrograms, Van Kirk said, including East Mill Creek, a tributary to the Blackfoot River.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has warned parents to limit the number of fish children eat from the creek because of the high selenium concentrations. But Van Kirk said selenium has killed most fish in that stream.

Three other streams that contained fish with levels above 20 micrograms were Sage, Deer and Crow creeks, all tributaries to the Salt River.

Gov. wants to kill all but 100 wolves

BY JESSE HARLAN ALDERMAN

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter says he'll support public hunts to kill all but 100 gray wolves in the state once the federal government removes the animal from Endangered Species Act protections.

The governor said he hopes to shoot a wolf himself.

The Idaho Office of Species Conservation estimates the state's current wolf population at about 650, in roughly 60 packs. Otter told The Associated Press after a rally of hunters on the Capitol steps that he wants hunters to gradually kill about 550 of the animals, leaving about 100 wolves or 10 packs, the minimum the federal government would allow before wolves again would be considered endangered.

"That management includes you," Otter told the approximately 300 hunters, many wearing camouflage clothing and blaze-orange caps. "I'm prepared to bid for that first ticket to shoot a wolf myself."

based in wolf opponents from as far as Twin Falls, 130 miles away, for Thursday's rally with Otter and several state lawmakers. They urged the government to immediately remove wolves from endangered species protection.

Otter also signed a proclamation making Thursday "Idaho Sportsmen Day."

The crowd — including one hunter with a stuffed baby fox around his neck and a sign declaring “Wolves are illegal immigrants too” — stood for more than an hour in the midmorning snow. They applauded wildly as Otter amplified their position that wolves are rapidly killing elk and other animals essential to Idaho’s multimillion-dollar hunting industry.

But Suzanne Stone, a spokeswoman for the wolf advocacy group Defenders of Wildlife in Boise, said most biological studies show that wolves do not substantially damage elk or other big game herds.

She said Otter's proposal to sustain Idaho's wolf population at the "very edge of the minimum required for survival" would return the animals to the verge of eradication.

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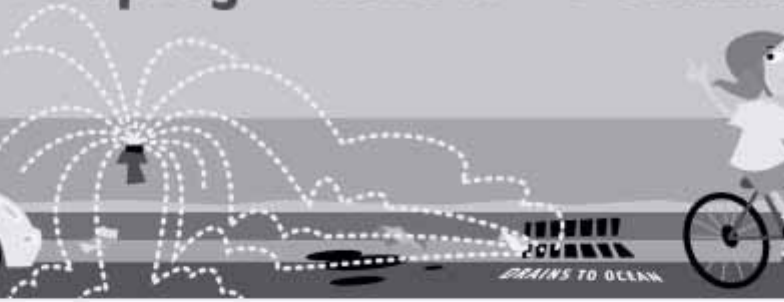
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BY J.M. HIRSCH

Associated Press Food Writer

Dinner parties took on an entirely new meaning after the birth of our son.

With a busy 2-year-old now seemingly in charge of the house, even just thinking about pulling together a lavish dinner for friends makes me tired.

But slowly my wife and I have discovered that parenthood need not mean the end of adult conversation. And the secret to post-partum parties is neither takeout nor shipping junior off to his grandparents.

The tricks include using a handful of fresh ingredients to breathe vibrancy into purchased items, keeping cooking to an absolute minimum, and plan for lots of small bites instead of one large (and complicated) dish.

This entire meal can be on the table in about 30 minutes. And that means we have time to tuck our son into bed, set the table, prep the food and still not be rushing around as our guests arrive.

For this party I usually go Mediterranean

because it's easy to find quality prepared foods. It also helps that many of the items are best served room temperature.

There is no centerpiece dish in this menu. The idea is to fill the table with lots of starter-style foods and a few bottles of wine, then let people nibble and drink.

I usually begin with a bowl of purchased hummus, which I top with a drizzle of olive oil, a pinch of smoked paprika and a squirt of lemon juice. This is accompanied by a selection of flatbreads and crackers.

For something green, I have a bowl of purchased tabbouleh, a flavorful mix of grains, parsley, onion, garlic and tomatoes. If the flavor is a bit dull, I liven it up with salt, lemon juice and a bit of olive oil.

Next is the feta platter, which is deceptively simple to assemble but offers wonderfully complex flavors. Just set a block of feta on a platter, drizzle with olive oil, then sprinkle with pine nuts and fresh oregano.

Be sure to let the feta cheese come to room temperature before making this; the flavors are much better. Serve it with slices of baguette (toasted, if you have time).

DOLMADES

16 dolmades
2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
Freshly ground black pepper
1 lemon

Arrange the dolmades on a serving platter. Sprinkle them with the dill, then season to taste with pepper. At this point, the dolmades can be covered and refrigerated until ready to serve. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before serving. Use a fine grater to zest the lemon, sprinkling the zest over the dolmades. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze the juice over the dolmades.

Makes 4 servings.

(Start to finish: 5 minutes)

FETA WITH PINE NUTS AND HONEY

1/2-pound block feta cheese, room temperature
1/2 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted
1/3 cup honey
1/4 cup fresh oregano leaves, washed and patted dry

Place the feta cheese at the center of a large serving plate or platter. Drizzle honey over the feta, allowing it to run down the sides of the cheese.

Sprinkle the ground nuts over the top of the cheese, then scatter oregano leaves over and around it. Serve with cracker, baguette slices or flatbread.

Makes 4 servings.

(Start to finish: 10 minutes)

Finally, I arrange a platter full of dolmades, or stuffed grape leaves. I buy these in a 70-count can at a local Greek market for about \$12. Sprinkled with pepper, fresh dill, lemon zest and lemon juice, they are delicious.

If you're so inclined, a platter of cured meats and a bowl of mixed, herbed olives would round out the meal nicely.

For drinking, I usually put out some my "house" wine, \$5 bottles of a South African cab-merlot blend that drinks like something triple the price.

Meals such as this are how I assure my childless friends that having little ones doesn't mean the end of adult fun, but it does require that you rethink how you have it.

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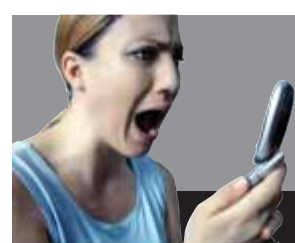
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planned as a mixed-use "green" development, somehow paid homage to the skateboarding pioneers by actually encouraging a new generation to take part in the sport.

If not, the young skaters would like to see a park built near Main and Bay streets.

Since skaters are known for filming other skaters in motion, a skate park dedicated to the Z-Boys could also memorialize the history every time anyone filmed on the site, Micas said.

The first part of the two-workshop series, the second of which will be held on Jan. 25 at the Ocean Park Library, focused mainly on the building owner's plan to construct a green mixed-use complex. At the conclusion of Juli Doar's presentation on the potential future of the surf shop, several ideas were thrown around, including a mural and a skate park.

One idea that drew some nods from the audience came from community activist Abby Arnold, who organized the workshop along with Doar, the granddaughter of the building's owner. Their idea was to create a skateboarding walk of fame, where original Z-Boy skateboards would be embedded into the sidewalk, creating a trail from the new building to a new skate park on Bay Hill.

Several people in attendance seemed opposed to tearing down the existing building and suggested landmarking it instead.

Jacob Samuel is concerned that the intersection at Main and Bay streets is losing its character, with a relatively large scale development being erected directly across Main Street. But what the developer is doing, in reaching out to the community and designing a green building, is admirable, Samuel said.



THE Z-BOYS WOULDN'T WANT A MUSEUM OR A PLAQUE."

Taylor Lane
Skater

"Skateboarding is an ongoing cultural phenomenon," Samuel said. "For me, Main and Bay is the last piece of beach corner we have in this city."

Ocean Park resident Shannon Leavey said she would like to see the building landmarked and can't imagine how the developer would be able to capture the history of the building with a new structure.

"People come to Santa Monica just to see the shop," Leavey said.

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Landmarks guide the whale's route

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Certain underwater landmarks, such as Point Vicente and the oil platforms at Huntington Beach, are believed to guide whales as they plan their routes, Nietl said.

Gray whale sightings are a rarity in the Santa Monica Bay because it is outside the whales' normal migration route, Harvey said.

Whales typically swim in deeper waters on the far side of the Channel Islands, but come into shallower waters of 100 feet or less to feed on shrimp-like creatures close to shore.

"As something appeals to them, they might grab a quick snack," Nietl said.

Whales tend to scrape along the ocean

floor when they feed, but it is unclear whether they scrape off the barnacles on purpose or just happen to as they scavenge for food.

Mothers and calves sometimes seek out the protection of the nooks and crannies along the shore, Nietl said.

Harvey, who has spotted many whales with unsuspecting beach-goers during his 24 years lifeguarding up and down the Southern California coast, calls himself fortunate.

"We'll get a mom and a calf come in and scratch their backs for half an hour," Harvey said "It's a very rare sight to see."

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FAA agreement ties City Hall's hands at the SM airport

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currently designed is too large for the site, insufficiently designed and harms the character and quality of life of the neighborhood.

The call for action highlights a 20-year battle between residents and City Hall over how the airport is used. Because the shed would be built at the airport, it does not need to go through the typical approval process, which includes reviews by both the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board.

Residents want that changed.

"This is about 15 years of discussion on how things should be done at the airport," said David Kaplan, an airport commissioner and resident of Sunset Park. "When I first moved here 20 years ago, there were no metal buildings at the airport. Now we have several. Prior city managers passed resolutions establishing a proper notifying process for construction process. Now, that seems to have been forgotten."

"They really do need something for the fire department," Kaplan said. "But there are other sites that are not right next to homes."

The storage shed would be used to store the fire department's reserve and emergency response vehicles and equipment, disaster supplies and maintenance equipment that is currently sitting outside the various firehouses throughout the city.

In addition, airport maintenance materials, tools and equipment will also be kept there.

Storing the fire equipment will eliminate the deteriorating impacts of keeping the equipment and materials outside, enhance security, reduce response time during times of extreme emergencies and reduce blight, city officials said.

"This is not for our need. This is for the community's need," said Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Davis. "The community is very generous and has given the fire department the best equipment to care for them ... This building will allow us to put equipment inside so that we can better take care of the investment made by the city and the residents."

Davis said the location of the shed, which many residents would like changed, is ideal because it is next to a firehouse with the proper staffing levels to maintain the vehicles, supplies and other equipment. By being next to the airport, the shed could be used as a staging area to either transport victims to area hospitals or gather food, water and medical supplies that would be brought in by plane or dropped from a helicopter hovering overhead.

"With everything spread out currently, we cannot mobilize quickly in the event of an emergency," Davis said. "With this facility, the emergency vehicles would be fully equipped and ready to roll at a moments notice."

Zena Josephs, a member of Friends, said residents support the fire department, but are simply seeking a proper review process that allows for more public input.

"This is a symptom of the airport not being zoned," Josephs said. "Because it does not go through the regular planning process, the only people who will have control over the design is the City Council. We have no control over what is happening and who's to say that once they're finished that they couldn't go back and build something even

bigger. There are 227 acres at the airport."

There is already an existing storage shed at the site, but at 4,743 square feet, it is too small to house airport maintenance vehicles and the emergency response vehicles, city officials said.

What to do with the airport has been a contentious issues in the city for decades as elected officials have struggled with a legally-binding agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration that prevents City Hall from closing the airport down and converting it into a park or housing, as some have suggested.

The 1984 agreement will be around for another eight years, at which time there is hope amongst residents and city officials that the airport could scaled back if not demolished, however, until then, City Hall's hands are tied when it comes to zoning, said Andy Agle, the director of resource management and a former city planner.

"At one point during the land-use review process (currently underway) it was considered whether or not to include the airport, and based upon some legal constraints, the council instructed staff not to include it," Agle said. "But the planning of the airport is an important issue and we will continue to take public input on that."

To ensure that the shed is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, city

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Bruce Davis
Deputy Fire Chief

staff held a community meeting in November, at which time they presented three options that included different roof heights and facades.

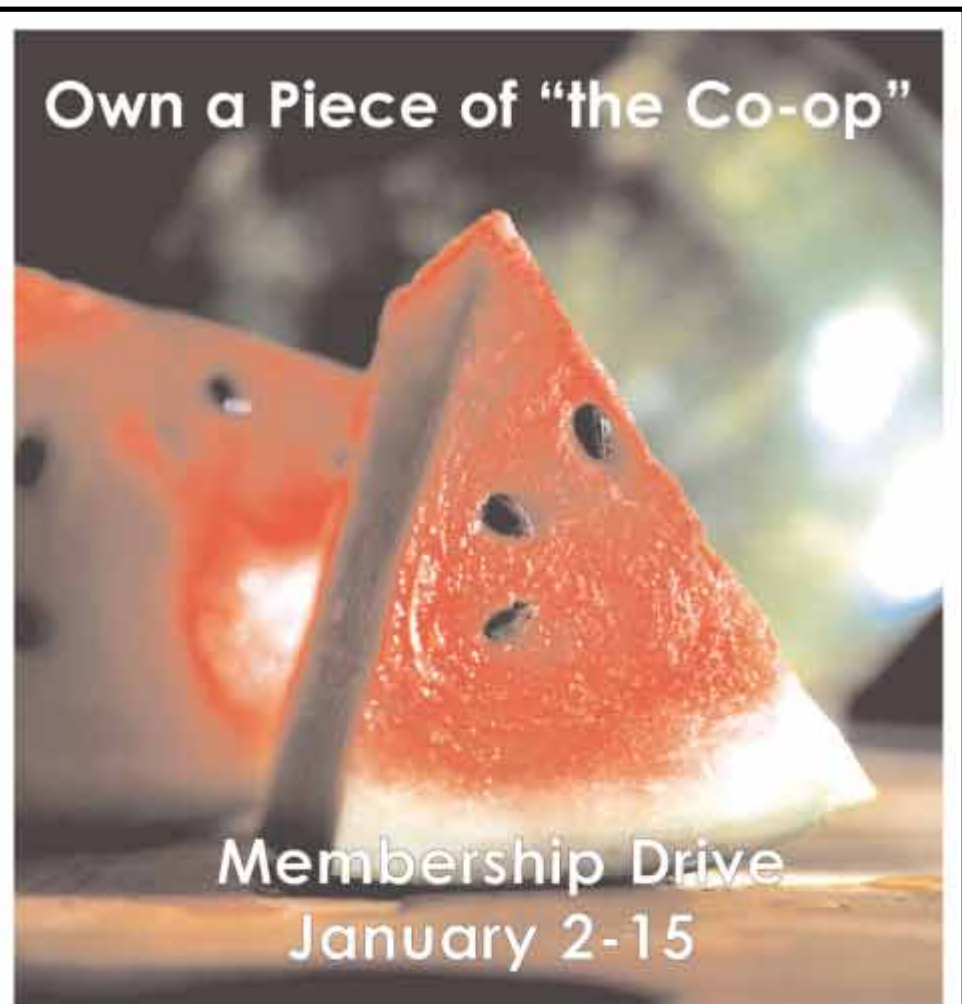
That meeting was called at the request of the Airport Commission, and city staff failed to notify the public as required by previous commission action related to construction projects at the airport, a letter from commissioners to the council states.

"It was also noted that drawings and exhibits were incomplete and deficient for public discussion without showing full site, accurate use of spaces or scale of adjacent properties," the letter adds.

The shed is expected to cost \$77,000 to build.

"(Zoning at the airport) has certainly been a big issue in the Sunset Park neighborhood," said Amanda Schachter, a planning manager at City Hall who has worked in the city for 20 years. "It is an issue that council hasn't given us direction at this point. Really, we have been instructed to just look at very broad policy, and any specifics will follow."

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Signs, signs, everywhere a sign

Homeless have a lot of competition for a the public's attention

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Standing beside his backpack and sleeping bag, homeless poet Royce Hummer held up a sign he made out of cardboard and watched as people passed him by without even glancing in his direction.

Written in black ink was an offer by Hummer to trade a poem for a small donation. It wasn't the most eye-catching slogan, but one in which Hummer takes pride.

"I won't do it," the 56-year-old said, when asked why he didn't just ask for money. "I don't believe in it. I feel like I should be offering something in return ... and since I'm a poet, that's what I can give."

Even though Hummer knows he has a good product, it's hard to get people to listen. Some of that is due to his inability to advertise.

"Signs are very important," he said. "People look at them before they look at you, but without any money, all I can do is stick with what I have, and I know that's not enough to make any real money."

Talk to any advertising executive and they will attest to the power of good marketing. Whether it's a billboard promoting beer, an ad in a magazine for cosmetics or a homeless person's appeal for food or cash — each must be able to catch a reader's eye and a communicate just enough information to keep them interested.

Those that can achieve that are usually invaluable in business circles, able to make someone a loyal consumer for life. One only has to think of the beer Corona and images of a relaxing, tropical vacation rush to mind.

"Colors and images are clearly very important," said David Stewart, chair of the marketing department for the USC Marshall

School of Business. "Just a plain, old image won't catch people's attention. You have to make it stand out. If you can get something that is novel, unusual, you can shock people and grab their attention."

Case in point, a homeless man on the corner of Arizona Avenue and Third Street who was seen recently holding a stick with fishing line attached to a Styrofoam cup

dom attracts a lot of attention.

"They could help themselves by writing something on white poster board," Stewart said. "That would stand out more than a cardboard box."

Despite his lack of artistic ability when it comes to graphic design, Hummer said a man actually gave him \$5 for one of his signs.

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and a sign underneath reading, "Fishing for change."

"Yeah, I notice things like that," said shopper Fares Al Salem. "I like the ones that say things like 'I need money for weed or for beer.' At least they are telling the truth. Other ones, where the people are saying they're veterans, I'm not so sure."

"I don't really know if I can believe them or not."

The problem with many who are down-and-out is that they do not have the money to make elaborate signs. If they did, they most likely wouldn't be on the streets begging for change.

Stewart said many signs are written illegally and are usually on cardboard, which sel-

"He said he collected them, so I sold it to him," Hummer said. "I used some of the money to make a new sign and here I am."

Hummer reports that he typically makes a few dollars a day panhandling. On a good day, he can earn as much as \$20, but has to compete with those who are more creative or fake injury to win sympathy.

"There's a lady here who is in a wheelchair when she doesn't even need one," said Hoffman, who migrated to Santa Monica from Florida 16 months ago to pursue his dream of being a published poet. "She can rake in as much as \$60 or \$80 dollars. It's not fair, but that's how it goes."

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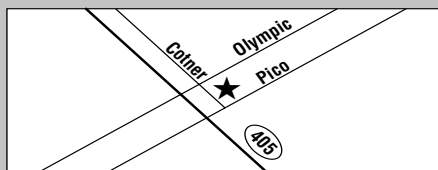
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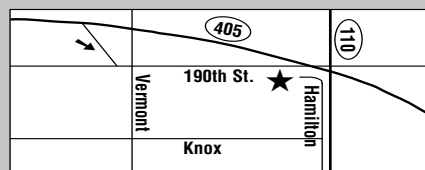
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Frappuccino, sans whipped cream, contains 240 calories; a bottle of Vitamin Water has 125 calories; and a 12-ounce soft drink contains about 150 calories.

Patrons along the promenade had mixed reactions to the study on Thursday. While some have fallen into the health-conscious mentality of Southern California, others simply don't care about what's in the drinks they consume.

"I drink Diet Coke. OK, actually normal Coke, and a lot of it," said 22-year-old Vanessa Pavan. "I also love fruit juices. I don't care about the health thing."

Many contend they try to drink water as much as they can, and avoid coffee and other high-calorie drinks.

Samantha Niseboim, 22, grew up in Chicago, where healthy eating was never a concern. But in Los Angeles, she tries to maintain the lifestyle by avoiding coffee and soda, and drinking what seems like 10 bottles of water every day, "just because it makes me feel good."

Milk is perhaps one of the most important drinks to consume, according to the report, which found that teenage boys consumed an average of 32 ounces of sweetened beverages a day — the equivalent of four glasses of soda, but only 12 ounces of milk. Teenage girls on the other hand, drink an average of 7 ounces of milk, which is not even a full serving.

As for milk, Gawin said that Americans should drink nonfat and lowfat milk when possible, though whole milk does have its benefits for Americans who are on the opposite end of the spectrum and are trying to gain weight.

One glass of fat free milk has about 90 calories, while whole milk has about 150.

"People are not aware in the pyramid that the dairy group is very important in a diet," Gawin said. "The dairy group is important because, in comparison to other beverages, milk is full of nutrients."

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BUSINESSES PUSH THE GOOD STUFF

Businesses like Starbucks and Jamba Juice say they have made strides in encouraging a healthier lifestyle for their customers.

Last year, Jamba Juice rolled out a series of new drinks with less than 190 calories in the standard 16-ounce sizes. Called "Jamba Light!" the drinks are made from 100 percent real natural fruit and a low calorie dairy base of non fat milk.

"We did it in an effort to meet the needs of the consumers after hearing that they were looking for something pure and simple, and nutritious and delicious at the same time," said Kara Burke, spokeswoman for Jamba Juice.

Because the drinks are higher in calories relative to other drinks and are rich in nutrients, some customers do substitute them for actual meals.

Smoothies are a popular drink of choice for many people

Some sparkling alternatives

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Put down that can of Coke, there are other ways to satisfy a sweet tooth.

Valerie Gawin, a registered dietitian and owner of the health consulting firm Westside MNT Specialists, in Malibu, said sweet and healthy drinks are within reach. It just takes a little imagination.

There's no need to indulge in an artificially sweetened soda with high fructose corn syrup. Follow these healthy drinking tips:

■ Take some sparkling water, which has close to zero calories, and add a splash orange juice, grapefruit juice or cranberry juice. The combination results in a sweet and healthy carbonated drink that has much less calories than a soft drink.

■ There's nothing wrong with a little Splenda. Unlike the popular pink and blue packets available at your local coffee shop, Splenda is actually a real sugar molecule that is modified so that it mimics a carbohydrate sugar molecule, but has no calories, Gawin said. "That is what I use when I want to sweeten something," Gawin said.

■ Still can't get away from soda? Then reach for the Diet Pepsi than the regular Pepsi.

"Stay away from the high calorie content drinks because they do add significantly in terms of calorie content of a complete meal," says Gawin.

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who want to indulge in a sinful-like drink with very little guilt.

"I make shakes and smoothies at home," said 36-year-old Pete Cho on the promenade on Thursday. "I like to add my own protein boosts."

Seattle-born Starbucks, known for its high-calorie yet oh-so-delicious drinks, also offers a series low-fat and low-calorie drinks like the Frappuccino Light blended beverage line, said Montey Dunn, a local Starbucks representative, on Friday.

More than one-third of the beverages sold from the stores are low calorie and low fat drinks, including non-fat lattes and brewed coffee, Dunn said.

"We have made progress and will continue to manage our menu, balancing positive nutrition and the wide variety of products our customers demand," Dunn said.

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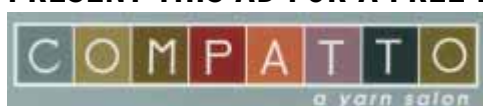
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Rosendahl elected chair

Pledging to revive a dormant organization and build consensus, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl has been won election as chair of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA).

Members of SCRAA Thursday selected Rosendahl, the Los Angeles councilmember representing LAX, to head the panel.

Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County Supervisor was named vice-chair.

Rosendahl said he would lead an effort to broaden the organization, bringing in airports, counties, cities and airport neighbors throughout Southern California.

"Regional aviation calls for everyone to have a seat at the table," Rosendahl said. "As chair of SCRAA, I want to create an open, healthy dialogue in order to find solutions that make sense for everyone."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, who nominated Rosendahl to the chairmanship, praised the selection.

"Bill Rosendahl is the perfect choice to serve as chair," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. "The participation of the City of Los Angeles and the Councilman's appointment to be the City's representative to SCRAA is critical to the organization's success. We face regional challenges at our airports and we need regional solutions to solve those challenges. Councilman Rosendahl believes that as much as I do and I am looking forward to working with him on SCRAA."

Rosendahl said he is excited about the chairmanship and the role he will play within the newly re-activated board.

"If we are to make significant gains in the name of regional aviation, we must work together to craft fair and equitable regional solutions," Rosendahl said. "As chair, I will have the opportunity to ensure that this panel serves as an open, inclusive forum for communities throughout the Southern California region."

The Southern California Regional Airport Authority, a joint powers agreement between the City of Los Angeles, and the Counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange, was established in 1984. The panel, which works to regionalize air traffic throughout Southern California, became inactive in 2003.

As a result of an historic settlement agreement last year ending LAX expansion, the City of Los Angeles led efforts to revive SCRAA, expand participation beyond the existing membership, and jumpstart efforts to promote regional aviation.

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One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2009.

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One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2009.

Applicants shall be residents of Santa Monica.

Arts Commission:

One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2010.

Applicants must reside or work in Santa Monica, and be actively involved in the Arts.

Landmarks Commission:

One seat available for a term ending June 30, 2010.

Applicants shall be residents of Santa Monica and over 18 years of age.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

Appointment to be made by City Council, February 27, 2007.

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Somalia's warlords agree to disarm

BY MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN

Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia Somalia's warlords have agreed to disarm and join a new national army, a government official said Friday as violence in the capital brought home the challenge of restoring order in this fractious and heavily armed country.

The announcement followed a meeting between President Abdullahi Yusuf and clan warlords that proceeded even as clan gunmen outside fired a rocket-propelled grenade and briefly exchanged gunfire with government troops.

The fighting, which one fighter said was sparked by a dispute over where to park an armored car, left at least six people dead and 10 wounded.

"The warlords and the government have agreed to collaborate for the restoration of peace in Somalia," said government spokesman Abdirahman Dinari, who said Yusuf had met with three top Somali warlords and two other faction leaders.

"The agreement means they have to disarm their militia and their men have to join the national army," Dinari told The Associated Press.

The rout of the Islamic fundamentalist movement, which had controlled much of Somalia for the past six months, by Somali government troops and Ethiopian soldiers has allowed the country's weak U.N.-backed transitional government to enter the capital for the first time since it was established in 2004.

Besides clan divisions, resentment of Ethiopia's intervention and remnants of the Islamic movement also were likely to bedevil the government for some time to come.

There are believed to be around 20,000 militiamen in Somalia and the country is awash with guns. Rival clan fighting and warlords already have been the undoing of 13 other attempts at government in Somalia since the country collapsed into chaos in 1991. The government's call last week for countrywide disarmament went unheeded.

One of Somalia's most powerful warlords, Mohamed Qanyare Afrah, told the AP after the meeting the war lords were "fed up" with guns and ready to cooperate with the government.

"If the government is ready to reconcile its people and chooses the right leadership, I hope there is no need to revolt against it,"

said Muse Sudi Yalahow, whose fighters control north Mogadishu. "If they fail and lose the confidence of the people, I think they would be called new warlords."

The United States, United Nations and the African Union all want to deploy peacekeepers to stop Somalia from returning to clan-based violence and anarchy.

There have been at least three attacks against government forces and their Ethiopian allies since Tuesday, killing five people, witnesses in the capital said.

"Deploying an African stabilization force into Somalia quickly is vitally important to support efforts to achieve stability," U.S. Ambassador Michael Ranneberger said in an opinion piece in Kenya's Nation Newspaper Friday.

So far no one on the continent has responded to the call for 8,000 African peacekeepers for Somalia, although Uganda has indicated it is willing to deploy 1,500 peacekeepers as part of a wider mission.

Meanwhile Ethiopian and U.S. forces were in pursuit of three top al-Qaida suspects, with a senior U.S. official confirming that none of them was killed in a U.S. airstrike and all were believed to be still in Somalia.

In Washington, officials said U.S. special operations forces were in Somalia. Pentagon officials dismissed suggestions they are planning to send large numbers of ground troops.

Somalia has not had a functioning government since clan-based warlords toppled dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991 and then turned on each other, sinking the Horn of Africa nation of 7 million people into chaos.

Ethiopia sent troops in on Dec. 24 to attack the Somali Islamic fundamentalist movement. Most of the Islamic militiamen have dispersed, but a few hardcore members have fled south toward the Kenyan border and the Indian Ocean, and others in hiding in the capital have threatened to wage guerrilla war.

The U.S. has repeatedly accused the group of harboring three suspects wanted in connection with the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.

Associated Press Writers Salad Duhul in Mogadishu, Somalia, Chris Tomlinson in Nairobi, Kenya, Colean Jacobson in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations contributed to this report.

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Beckham looks like a perfect fit for LA

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Bend this, TomKat and Brangelina: Becks ‘n’ Posh are coming to Hollywood.

And David Beckham didn’t even have to audition to become the next American Idol.

The most recognized soccer player on the planet — fashion icon, tabloid fixture, marketing giant — announced a deal Thursday to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

“David Beckham is a global sports icon who will transcend the sport of soccer in America,” gushed Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber.

Bringing free kicks, glitz and his Spice Girl wife, Beckham is leading another British invasion, hoping to do for American soccer what the Beatles once did for pop music — make it rock.

“There are so many great sports in America,” the 31-year-old former England captain said. “There are so many kids that play baseball, American football, basketball. But soccer is huge all around the world apart from America, so that’s where I want to make a difference with the kids.”

Beckham turned down a two-year contract extension from Spanish team Real Madrid, where his fading skills left him on the bench.

The Galaxy didn’t say exactly what they’ll pay him, but floated a figure of \$250 million in salary and commercial endorsements over the five years of his contract. In other words, his move could be worth \$1 million a week.

Los Angeles opens its season April 8 in Houston, but Beckham is not expected to join the team until August. His four-year contract with Madrid expires at the end of this season.

He’ll start for the Galaxy and could enter a whole new universe: His deal was negotiated over 10 days by major entertainment industry players Simon Fuller, creator of “American Idol,” and Creative Artists Agency,

home to some of Hollywood’s biggest actors. Fuller manages both Beckham and his pop star wife, Victoria — whose pal Katie Holmes (and her husband Tom Cruise) are represented by CAA.

Victoria Beckham hasn’t hidden her desire to launch a Hollywood career.

“It’s not lost on them that it’s the entertainment capital of the world and they know many people in the entertainment industry here,” said Tim Leiweke, president and chief executive officer of Galaxy owner AEG and a personal friend of the couple.

The Beckhams should fit in just fine in L.A. He opened a soccer academy at the Galaxy’s stadium complex last year, and she was photographed house-hunting in the area. Their young sons carry headline friendly monikers: Brooklyn and Romeo.

Draws paparazzi like movie stars, Beckham and his wife regularly find their way onto tabloid and magazine covers. With trendy clothes and rotating hair colors and styles, he’s the epitome of the modern celebrity-athlete.

A “Bend It Like Beckham” sequel, with more than just a cameo this time?

“The first thing he needs to do is get himself a part on ‘The Simpsons,’” as a guest star, said Richard Laermer, a New York-based marketing expert.

Beckham’s soccer skills are only part of the equation. He’s David Beckham Inc., a multinational corporation with links to Pepsi, Gillette, Motorola and Adidas.

The United States is the last — and biggest — market where Beckham’s cult of personality has few converts. A superstar whose movements have convulsed Asian capitals and helped sell millions of European tabloids has been able to walk American streets in relative anonymity.

In Los Angeles, Beckham’s mandate calls for raising the profile of an average team in a soccer league that has little respect overseas and less recognition than the University of Southern California football team.



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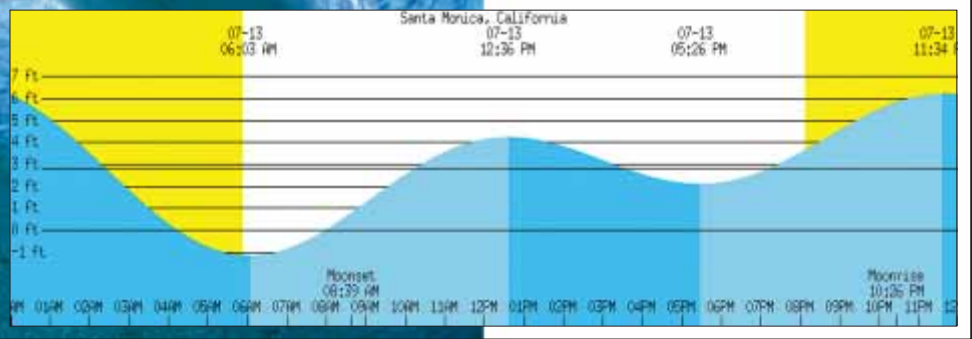


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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 6
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 13
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 28
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	C	B
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	C	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	C
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	B
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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★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be tossed out of kilter by others' energy buffeting you in different directions. Instead of feeling tossed by the winds of fate, step out and look at the many options appearing at your door. Tonight: Decide to indulge a special person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Challenges only add to your strength and power. You might feel as if you have just stepped into a whirlwind. Jump out and decide what you want. Others seem to have flaky energy. Pick and choose your company. Tonight: So many invitations – poor you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Slow down rather than get caught up in a frantic pace. If you step back, you will feel much happier and contained. Laughter will break out if you can lighten up and not be so serious. Don't make every statement or action significant. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity can bypass any problem that might mosey down your path. If you need to say "no," don't hesitate. You will be much happier as a result. Refuse to go overboard, even with another's encouragement. Tonight: Live it up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Sometimes you simply cannot control what comes through your door. A similar situation could develop. If you want to run away or vanish, no one is stopping you! Enjoy wandering. Tonight: What would make you feel good?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind, and others will listen. They might act as if they are impervious to your words. Not so! A strong sense of direction helps you make decisions when others seem at a loss. Tonight: Laugh and enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Expenses go overboard, unless you lock up your checkbook and say "no." You still might not have a choice. Pressure heads your way from friends or because of some plans you have. Be willing to adjust and be realistic if need be. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Claim your power, especially as you could be overwhelmed by all that is spinning around. The Moon in your sign gives that additional push to create more of what you want. Someone might disappoint you – for now. Tonight: Decide what works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Take your time making decisions. You might not feel comfortable with what is happening. Don't hesitate to back out or do something very different. Make it OK to head in your own direction, with or without support. Tonight: A low profile might be most comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Aim for what you want; though at some point, you might feel as if you are wading through others' issues. Keep your focus on friends and enjoying your life. A partner could simply be out of sorts. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ A must appearance seems inevitable. You could be put off by an associate or people in general. Having an attitude will not help you work through hassles. Put yourself out there with a smile and a positive attitude. Tonight: Trust your instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Plans could rapidly change, whether you go to the movies or decide on some other adventure. Maintaining a sense of humor can turn a not-so-nice happening into a memorable one. Not everything has to be significant or heavy. Tonight: Be an observer in the situation you are in!

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You make headway because you insist on getting things done this year. If you hit obstacle after obstacle along your path to a certain goal, you might want to rethink the end result. You find friendship instrumental to your happiness, even more so than in the past. Keep your eye on your desires, and you might realize what you want. Network. Open doors. Recognize a need to end certain situations or relationships if they are no longer tenable. If you are single, a friendship might be instrumental to a developing bond. A friend also might introduce you to someone.

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Going south

MEL GIBSON will travel to Mexico next week for the Mexican premiere of his new movie "Apocalypto," about ancient Mayans, 20th Century Fox publicist Christina Inman said. "Apocalypto" tells the

BACK WITH BLACK

JACK BLACK turned his "The School of Rock" role into reality when he plucked two preteen musicians from obscurity and asked them to perform with his rock band. Black played a teacher who turns his class into a rock band in the 2003 comedy, directed by Richard Linklater.

The 37-year-old actor-musician was touring New Zealand's South Island with his two-man band, Tenacious D, when he spotted the boys performing for money in central Christchurch on Monday.

Impressed, Black asked the young duo to open Tenacious D's Christchurch gig on Tuesday, according to media reports.

Drummer Max Tetley, 11, and guitarist Alex Philpott, 10, said they didn't sleep the night before the concert and had practiced their song — Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower" — only about 10 times before the performance.

"We'll be scoring heaps of chicks," Christchurch's The Press newspaper quoted the duo as saying.

AP

story of the Mayan people — who built a civilization in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras — and is in a Mayan language. Gibson employed Mayans for the film and has said he wants to make the Mayan language "cool" again

and encourage young people "to speak it with pride."

However, the movie also depicts Mayans as being extremely violent and carrying out beheadings and human sacrifices. Some Mayans descendants in

Gibson travels to Mexico for 'Apocalypto' premiere

Mexico and Guatemala say the portrayal is derogatory, showing them as being savage.

Publicist Alan Nierob confirmed that Gibson will attend the premiere on Monday.

"Apocalypto" has bro-

ken box-office records for foreign-language films in its opening weekends in several countries, including Britain. It has also earned a Golden Globe nomination for best foreign-language film.

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Spock pops by Wright retirement bash

Wright State University President Kim Goldenberg received a surprise at his retirement bash — a visit from MR. SPOCK of "Star Trek," aka actor Leonard Nimoy.

Nimoy greeted Goldenberg with the

Vulcan salute, usually paired with the well-wishing, "Live long and prosper."

Goldenberg, 59, said he and his wife, Shelley, are Trekkies.

"We don't collect the paraphernalia and all

that," he said. "We like the show for its philosophies."

Goldenberg will retire Jan. 31 after nine years as president of Wright State.

About 200 people attended the celebration

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Bravo plans a series about an 'American Idol'

Straight up — Bravo says it's making a TV series about the life of PAULA ABDUL.

"Hey Paula," set to debut sometime later this year, will follow Abdul, 44, as she films a new season of Fox's "American Idol," works on "Bratz: The Movie" and develops her own perfume and cosmetics line.

"It fits the Bravo mandate to show what's going on in the culture of the moment," said Bravo President Lauren Zalaznick.

The pop culture network has hits with "Project Runway" and "Top Chef," and announced Friday that the upcoming fifth season of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" will be its

last. It makes a similar docu-series with comic Kathy Griffin, who mocks her life on "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List."

Besides showing the frenzy of life in Hollywood, "Hey Paula" will offer "an intimate glimpse at the real woman behind the headlines," Zalaznick said.

Bravo hasn't decided whether that will include

mention of Corey Clark, the 2003 "American Idol" contestant who accused Abdul of coaching him and initiating an affair. Fox, a unit of News Corp., cleared Abdul of any wrongdoing.

"What we want it to be is the current Paula," Zalaznick said. "We're not a biographical or historical channel."

AP

Ousted Miss Nevada finds a \$2 million-plus job in Vegas

Dethroned Miss Nevada USA KATIE REES has quickly rebounded from her public firing by pageant owner Donald Trump.

Rees has signed a two-year, \$2 million-plus deal to host a revival of an "estrogen-heavy" variety show at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Jeff Beacher, promoter of the club night

known as Beacher's Madhouse, announced Friday.

"She's a cool girl, she's beautiful, she's fun, she's got a great stage presence. I thought she'd be a great fit," Beacher told The Associated Press.

Miss USA officials, including Trump, last month stripped Rees of her tiara and the chance to

compete in the national pageant after provocative photos of her partying and posing in various stages of undress emerged on the Internet.

Her new gig could involve similarly raucous behavior. Beacher's Madhouse boasts of "live monkeys, the world's oldest male stripper ... and the hottest chicks in Sin City"

and bills itself as "Cirque du Soleil meets Girls Gone Wild."

Rees' agent, Randall Edwards, confirmed the 22-year-old aspiring actress had taken the job, but added that she had rejected other offers to appear in a Girls Gone Wild adult video and pose for Playboy magazine.

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MOVIEGUIDE

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Avenue
(310) 395-4990

Friday
Volver, Pans Labyrinth
7:30
Saturday
Letters from Iwo Jima, The Lives of Others
7:30
Sunday
M*A*S*H
7:30

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Babel (R)
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

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

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

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8228

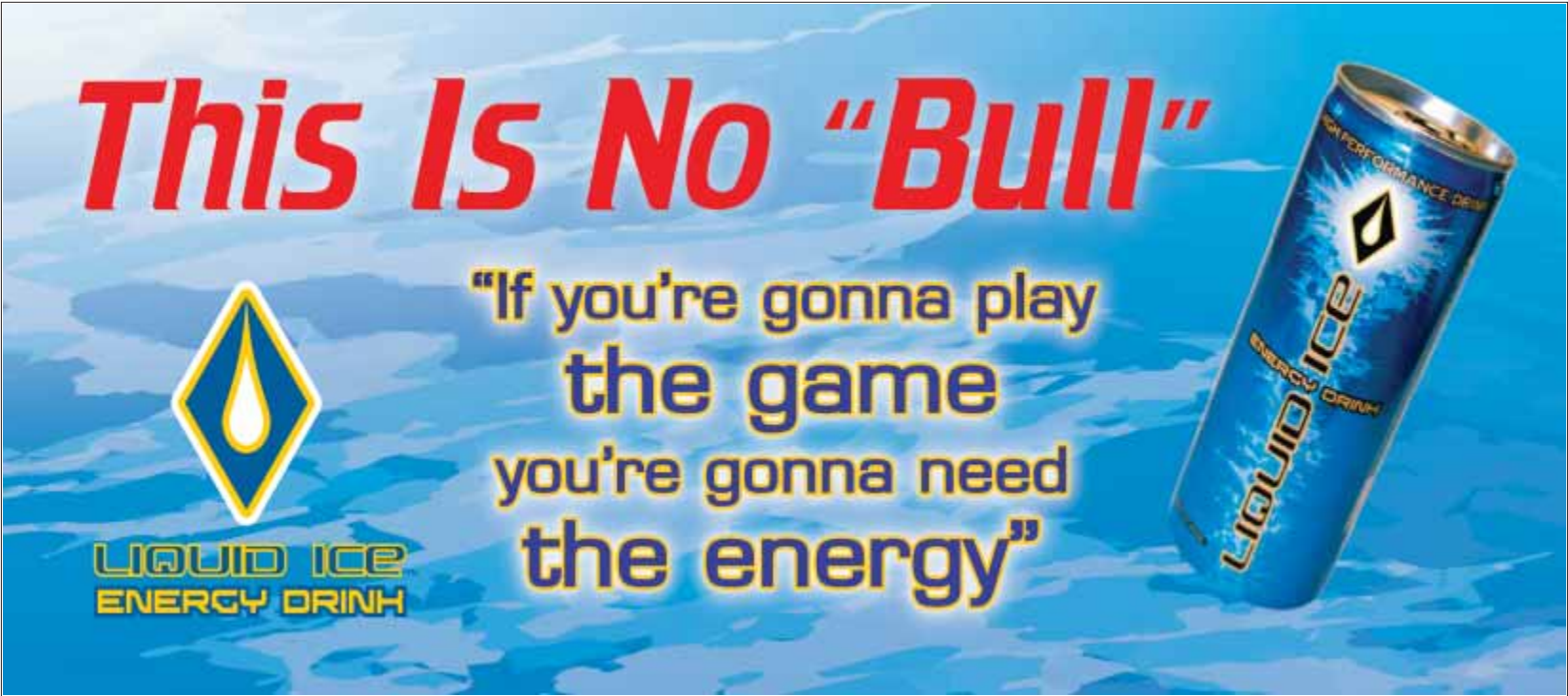
Miss Potter (PG)
11:00am, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Notes on a Scandal (R)
11:10am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Curse of the Golden Flower (Man cheng jin dai huang jin jia) (R)
1:35, 7:20
Letters From Iwo Jima (R)
1:20, 4:45, 8:00
Little Children (R)
4:20, 10:00
The Queen (PG-13)
1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55
Volver (R)
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Arthur and the Invisibles (PG)
11:30 am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
Casino Royale (PG-13)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
Charlotte's Web (G)
11:40 am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
Code Name: The Cleaner (PG-13)
4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Eragon (PG)
11:20 am, 1:40
Freedom Writers (PG-13)
11:00 am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
Stomp the Yard (PG-13)
11:10 am, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20



Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

7	4	9	8	1	3	5	6	2
6	5	1	2	7	4	3	8	9
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9	1	8	6	5	2	7	3	4

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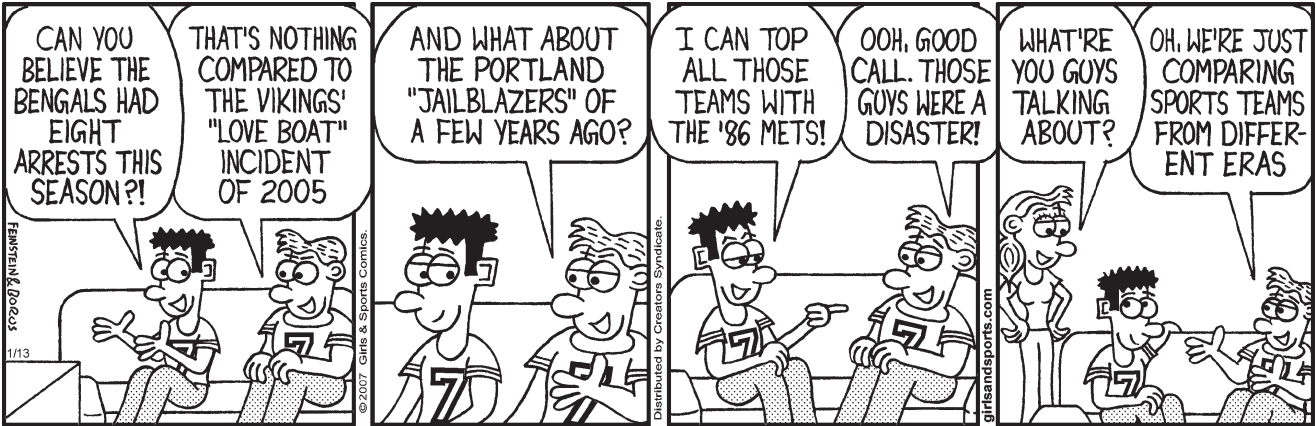
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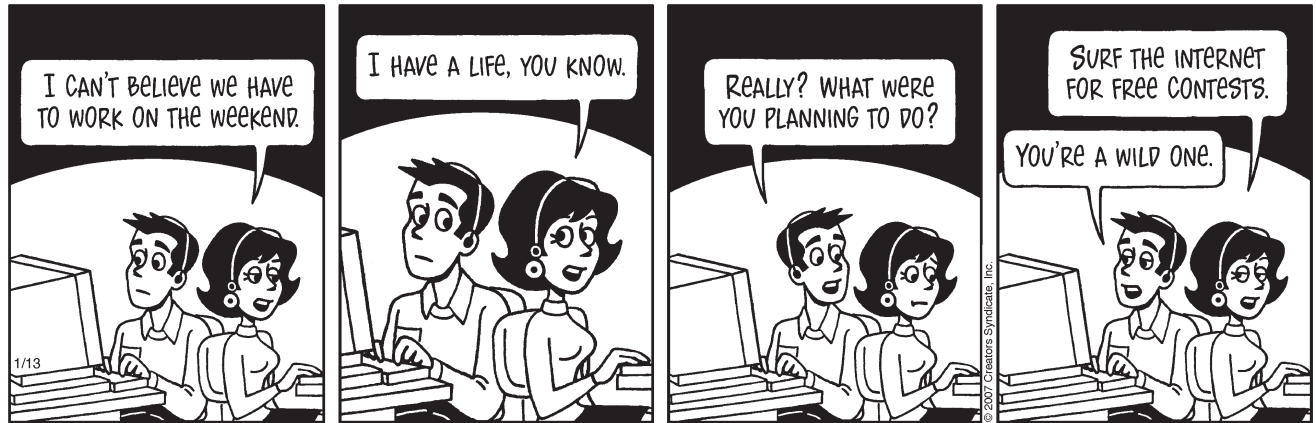
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



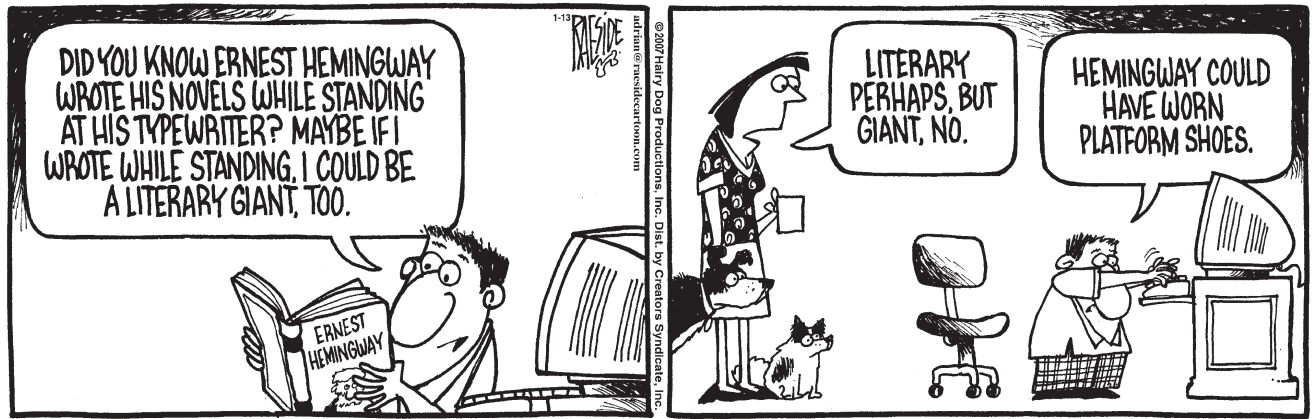
The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside



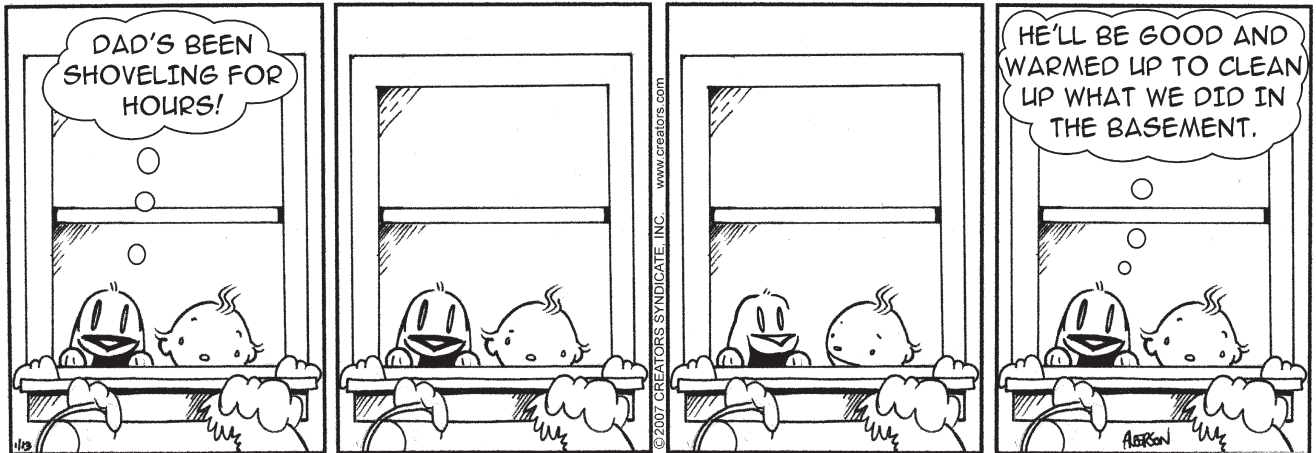
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson



The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



Natural Selection By Russ Wallace



Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



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Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rigging support
 - 5 Strait-laced
 - 9 Letter before iota
 - 10 Story-telling uncle
 - 12 Band-leader's words
 - 13 Deal-maker
 - 14 Acrobat's wear
 - 16 Casino card
 - 17 Convened
 - 18 Hoffman comedy
 - 20 Ready-made
 - 22 Took in
 - 23 Tiny bits
 - 25 Exhibit
 - 28 Orangey acid
 - 32 Batter-dipped item
 - 34 Hurler's stat
 - 35 — loss
 - 36 Jam choice
 - 38 Tore
 - 40 Taos material
 - 41 Did clerical work
 - 42 Caruso, for one

- 43 Bank
- 44 Sunrise spot

DOWN

- 1 Black eye
- 2 Small
- 3 Fighting
- 4 Jack-hammer sound
- 5 Spanish museum
- 6 Trade-mark
- 7 "Nashville" song
- 8 Indiana city
- 9 Knock
- 11 Spirited horse
- 15 Peter Weller film role
- 19 Midterm event
- 21 Forest youngster
- 24 Travel seasonally
- 25 Muffler's kin
- 26 Bombast
- 27 Wise one
- 29 Does some scouting
- 30 Asimov classic
- 31 Supply food for
- 33 Pop
- 37 Inkling
- 39 Sushi choice

P	A	D	S			L	I	P	S	
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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Where: Verizon
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Santa Monica, CA 90401
Time: 4:30 p.m.

We will have an overview of these positions, with testing to start immediately following.

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Yard Sales

Garage/Moving Sale. 1808 San Vincente Blvd. Sat. 1/13 10am-3pm.

Pets

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 I will watch your cat, water your plants, and take in your mail while you are away. Call Kirsten. References available (310)729-7258

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For Rent

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PALMS/BEVERLYWD ADJ. \$1375.00 2 Bdrms, 1 1/2 Bath, Stove, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Parking, No Pets. 2009 Preuss Rd. #11. Open Daily for Viewing 9am-7pm, Additional info in unit. Mgr: 101

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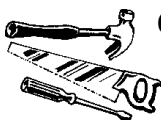
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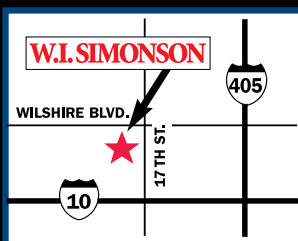
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