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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, a judge of Scotland's Greenock Sheriff Court released Hui Yu, a college student from Beijing, from a traffic charge by disregarding two police officers' identification of Hui. Said the judge, "(A)ll Chinese people can look the same to a native Scot. It's only when you have time to look that you begin to see the differences."

■ The chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Guy Fournier, resigned in September after giving an interview to a French magazine in which he expounded on, as The Associated Press put it, "the joys of bowel movements."

■ Former highly regarded Texas drug agent Barry Cooper (800 arrests) announced in December he would begin selling his video, "Never Get Busted Again," instructing drug users on how to conceal their stashes. (Cooper called the "war on drugs" counterproductive.) And in December, former New York City parking court judge Haskell Nussbaum published "Beat That Parking Ticket," in which he advises that harried judges look for the slightest defect in a ticket, in that it's the easiest way to move quickly through a docket. "Every ticket is worth fighting," he told the New York Post in October.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1920 Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

WORD UP!

eddy \ED-ee/, *noun*:
1. A current of air or water running in a direction contrary to the main current, or moving in a circular direction; a whirlpool.

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College is looking attractive this winter

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Enrollment here for the winter session has increased by 3 percent over last year, thanks to an aggressive marketing campaign and a new department dedicated specifically to recruitment and retention, college officials said.

At the beginning of the enrollment period, Santa Monica College officials noticed a 20 percent drop-off in the number of students signing up for classes this winter.

That sparked a series of e-mail blasts, phone calls and postcards, which coincided with the creation of a new department — Enrollment Development — in charge of keeping students on campus while making sure they have the classes and supplies needed to succeed.

While it may be too early to tell if the new department is having a significant effect on enrollment, there is excitement about what the future may bring.

"I'm a methodologist, so I hate to confuse correlation and causation," said Susan Aminoff, chair of the SMC board of trustees. "It is very easy to say that the increase in enrollment and the new department are related. But we really don't know."

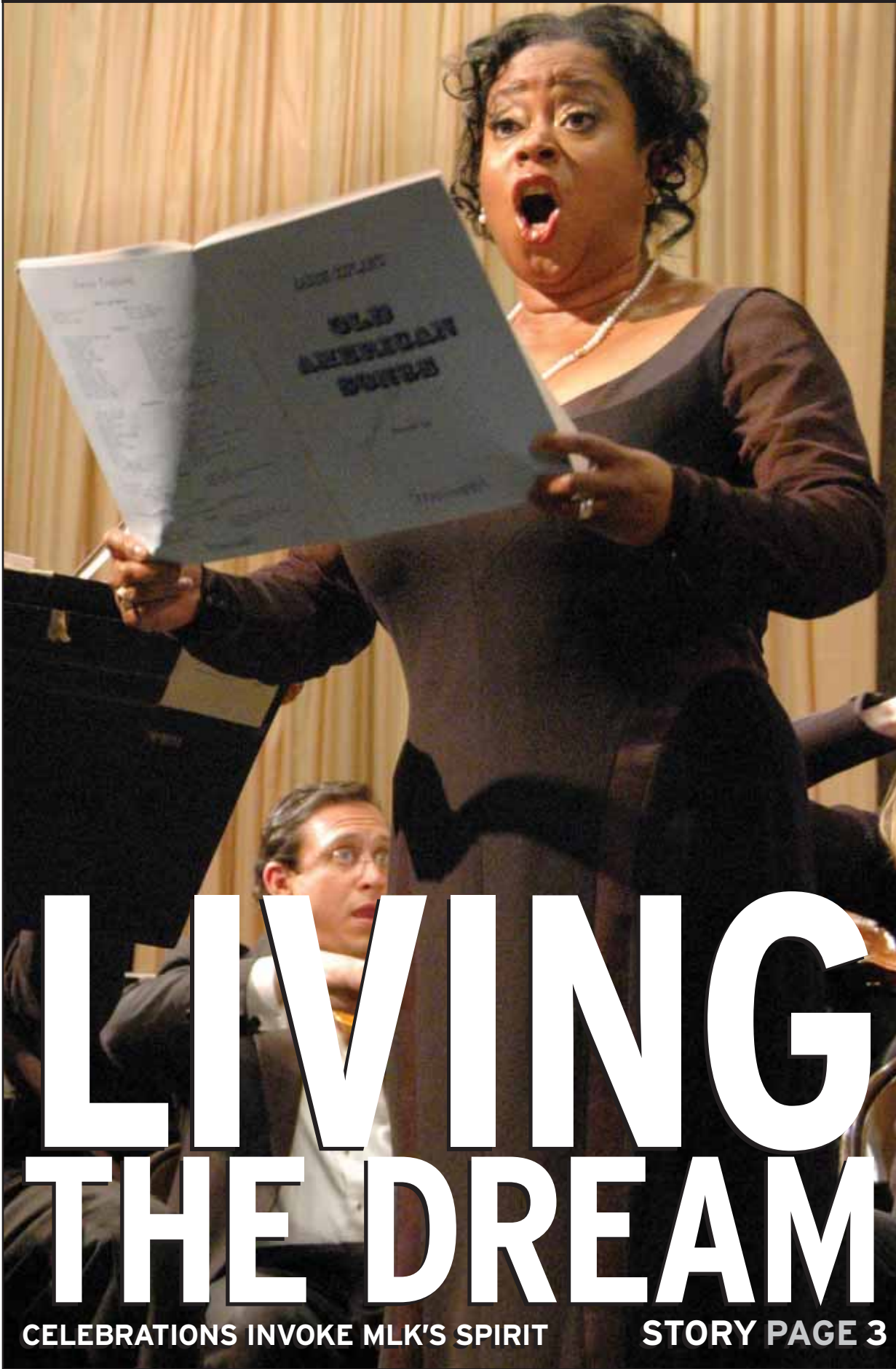
"The board is very pleased that efforts are being concentrated under one roof."

The department is the brainchild of SMC President Dr. Chui Tsang, who consolidated enrollment efforts last fall, identifying a need to bring students back after the college was forced to make deep cuts in programs because of the state budget crisis.

Since the state bases funding on the amount of growth, Tsang felt it was imperative to create the department as a way of expanding the college, said Bruce Smith, public information officer for the college.

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KING FOR A DAY



CELEBRATIONS INVOKE MLK'S SPIRIT

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SINGING HIS PRAISES: Soprano Juandalynn R. Abernathy performs a solo with the Santa Monica Symphony on Monday as part of the 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at the SGI Auditorium.

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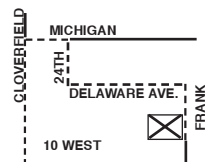
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2601 Main St., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Story series for 2-year-olds at the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library. Registration is required.

Monthly Movie Classic: "Pillow Talk"

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Free screening of the Doris Day and Rock Hudson classic in the MLK Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library. All ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 2:15 p.m.

Joan Collins and Linda Evans in "LEGENDS!"

11301 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Wadsworth Theatre box office or online by visiting www.WadsworthTheatre.com. Tickets can also be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Westside Enrichment Community Adult Classes

11800 Texas Ave., times vary

Westside Enrichment provides a wide range of classes for adults in various locations throughout the city. Their next session of classes begins the week of Jan. 16. For details, visit www.westsideenrichment.com or call (310) 312-8727.

The Anatomy of Dance

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., call for times

TAG Gallery hosts an exhibition showcasing a collaboration of the Los Angeles Ballet Company and Ryman Arts. The exhibit will feature large-scale drawings and paintings of the ballet dancers in rehearsal for the 2006 performance of the Nutcracker by current students and alumni of Ryman Arts. Call (310) 829.9556 or visit www.TAGTheArtistsGallery.com for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2006

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1711 Stewart St., 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

For more information, call (310) 515-4840.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Playhouse box office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers.

Joan Collins and Linda Evans in "LEGENDS!"

11301 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Santa Monica law for grocery workers could be struck down

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA A Los Angeles Superior Court judge has cleared the way for the California Grocers Association to sue the City of Los Angeles over a law that protects grocery workers from being fired once a store is sold.

The outcome of the lawsuit could have implications for City Hall after elected officials in Santa Monica passed a similar law last year. If the Los Angeles law is struck, Santa Monica's could be next.

The law is the first attempt in the nation to require a certain class of supermarket retailers to retain workers when a store changes ownership, according to Peter Larkin, president of the association.

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TRIAL Attorney out to set 'Black Widow' free

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, LA The attorney for Santa Monica resident Helen Golay, who stands accused of murdering two homeless men in an elaborate insurance scheme, is demanding her murder charges be dropped because she has been denied the right to a speedy trial.

Attorney Roger Jon Diamond filed papers last week asking the court to throw out murder charges filed against Golay, 75, the Santa Monica landlord arrested along with co-defendant Olga Rutterschmidt, 73, on May 18 on federal mail fraud charges, which were dropped in favor of the murder charges on July 31.

Over Diamond's objections, the scheduling of a preliminary hearing has been postponed repeatedly, most recently on Dec. 13. The delays were requested by Rutterschmidt's attorney, Public Defender Michael Sklar, who joined the case months after the charges were filed and kept asking

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Memorial Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com
Flowers and candles mark the spot on Ashland Avenue in Ocean Park where former resident Martin Schmidt leapt to his death last month in an apparent attempt to flee from police. Schmidt was sought for questioning in connection with the attempted robbery of a nearby market.

Santa Monica honors legacy

Civil rights leader's message revived for a new generation

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD "We have overcome."

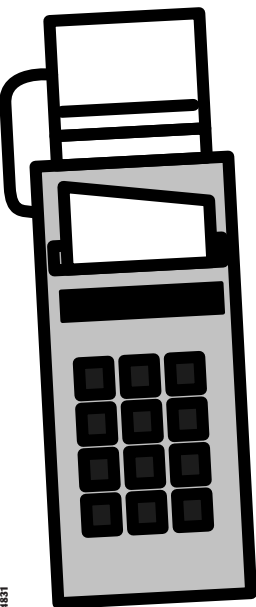
Away from the bitter cold temperature outside on a mid-January morning, away from the horrors of war and genocide overseas, hundreds of people filled the Soka Gakkai World Culture Auditorium on Monday, finding warmth and comfort in the words of the late Martin Luther King Jr.

"Non-violence is absolute commitment to the way of love," the civil rights leader said in 1957. "Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty sentimentalism. It is the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

On what would have been Dr. King's 78th birthday, local and state officials and members of the community honored the civil rights leader, reflecting on his principles of equality and peace and applying his Mahatma Gandhi-inspired message of non-violence to current events.

Regarded as one of Southern California's largest holiday celebrations, the event — co-sponsored by Westside Coalition, the city of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College Associates — drew a host of current and former local politicians including Council members Bob Holbrook and Bobby Shriver, former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives, State Assemblywoman Julia Brownley and State

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Answer is the same as it ever was
Editor:

As I was quoted out of context in (the Daily Press') recent article regarding the landmarking of the surf shop on the corner of Bay and Main ("Rise of the new Z-boys, Jan. 13-14, page 1), I would like to publicly state my position.

As a life-long resident of the Santa Monica Bay area, a 30-plus-year resident of Ocean Park, Samohi graduate (class of '69), local home owner, small business owner and board member of the Ocean Park Association, I have a vested interest in the future of our city.

One of the main points that Santa Monica residents repeatedly make is that the existing heights and scale must be maintained for Santa Monica to retain its essential historical quality as a classic California beach town.

Main Street is more than a key civic artery. It is the essence of the Ocean Park neighborhood and is in danger of being irrevocably altered to the point of being unrecognizable. Of course, the redevelopment of Main Street south of Ocean Park Boulevard, up until the new mixed-use building on the southeast corner of Marine Street, has been a good example of respectful redevelopment.

However, Main Street between Pico and Ocean Park boulevards has not been as fortunate and the block between Bay and Bicknell streets is undergoing a redevelopment that, if extrapolated out to the surrounding blocks, will render Main Street more suited to Irvine than the historical ambiance that Santa Monica residents have repeatedly stated they wish to preserve.

The proposed demolition of the Horizons West Surf Shop and adjacent artist studios would be the final blow in the consolidation of a vision that disrespects the expressed wishes of the residents of Santa Monica.

The Z-Boys phenomenon of the '70s, while culturally and historically important, is only one component of the necessity of keeping the corner of Bay and Main intact, as is.

During the '50s, '60s and '70s, there were a number of small locally owned surf shops that are the diametric opposite of the multi-national corporate stores on the Third Street Promenade – Quicksilver and Rip Curl.

The last standing hard-core surf shop in Santa Monica is Horizons West and it is a direct link back more than 30 years to the Select Surf Shop, Jeff Ho/Zephyr and the indigenous beach culture that is a major component of our city's history.

In addition, Main Street used to be internationally known for the studios of prominent artists: Sam Francis, James Turrell, William Wegman and others, including Richard Diebenkorn, whose universally acclaimed Ocean Park series was painted in his studio on Main Street.

The last remaining individual artist's studio on Main Street is behind Horizons West – the studio of John Baldessari, arguably the most influential art educator of the past 50 years. The whole building on the corner of Bay and Main streets is important in maintaining the real history of Santa Monica as a low-rise intimate beach town that stands in stark contrast to the blatantly corporate Third Street Promenade.

While I applaud the intention to build a low-density LEEDS building, it is more suited to a purely residential street and that building it on the corner of Bay and Main streets will destroy a vital part of Santa Monica's living history.

Jacob Samuel
Santa Monica

City Hall can't walk the walk
Editor:

As I follow the daily exploits of my hometown in the Daily Press online, I was truly excited that the City Council finally did something progressive and banned smoking in public, basically everywhere, but perhaps in the middle of an intersection.

Returning to Santa Monica last weekend, I was disappointed that no one seems to be enforcing the ban. As my wife and I walked on the Third Street Promenade, we encountered more smokers than I can remember, including one guy smoking a big stogie outside Yankee Doodles.

How about some signage on the promenade citing the law and letting people they're breaking it? Sadly, from the ban on homeless sleeping in doorways to public feeding to preferential parking zones, Santa Monica seems good at passing laws, just not enforcing them.

Ron Yukelson
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Women don't have a better grasp on power than men

FOR 30 YEARS, THE PHRASE "YOU'VE come a long way, baby" has meant Virginia Slims cigarettes and was social shorthand for the advances that women had made in becoming equal to men in our society. That growth in equality has continued to the point where women can now be just as boorish, self-centered, hedonistic, egocentric and condescending as men.

This great leap forward in female freedom was exhibited this past week by two of our nation's greatest examples of womanhood — Dr. Condoleezza Rice, current Secretary of State, and Senator Barbara Boxer were trading barbs over the role that Dr. Rice plays in defending the President's decision to send more troops to Iraq.

Dr. Rice, a single woman with no husband and no children, was described by Sen. Boxer as someone who will not be paying the price for sending our troops into the ongoing Iraq situation (Is that an occupation? Civil war?).

Sen. Boxer did at least own up to the fact that she too will not be paying the price, as her children are too old and her grandchildren are too young to fight.

It is a clear example of the societal bias that still plays out in sometimes subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle ways. In essence, Sen. Boxer was saying that Dr. Rice was not as qualified to make the case for war because she has no 'skin in the game,' which is a subtle way of saying that she is not a complete woman.

I think that is patently unfair.

Even though I don't like the Republican party, and I don't have kids, I don't think those are prerequisites to being able to discuss whether the actions taken by either Republicans or parents are appropriate.

One certainly doesn't need to be a parent to know that you have to change a baby's diaper with alarming regularity, much like politicians, and for the same reasons.

Historically, women have not been in the positions of power in our country. That is slowly changing. The much talked about possibility of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton is bringing the issue of women's role in our society to the forefront. Many are saying that the nation is not ready for a woman to lead, others are saying that we are well overdue.

Personally, I believe a good woman president could do much to force this country to

face the issues that need to be addressed. Issues such as subtle bias, bigotry and the pervasive sniping of the political parties could hopefully be opened and addressed by a new thinking about the role women can play in our government.

I'd like to see more women in the Senate, and hopefully, they could bring a sense of greater purpose to the halls of power. Perhaps the ability of women to see greater opportunities than men could bring about the breakthroughs we need in the Middle East, the Asian theater and on such important global topics as the environment, health and population control.

But, then I read about the sniping between Senator Boxer and Secretary Rice and I think, maybe women are just as narrow-minded and biased as men. Maybe it doesn't really matter that they are women, maybe it is the fact that they are political creatures, and will say and do just about anything to get into, and to stay in, power.

After all, when the Equal Rights Amendment was being circulated it failed to pass; and this, in a country where women comprise more than 50 percent of the voters. Maybe women can be just as bad at working together as men can be.

For Sen. Boxer to imply that Dr. Rice is not qualified because she is single suggests that only married people are capable of seeing the tremendous loss of life. Frankly, that displays a chauvinism that harkens back to the Archie Bunker days. It is this sort of political haymaking that makes everyone a loser.

The senator ends up looking foolish and Dr. Rice becomes the martyred poster child for single women. In a world where women have run England, Israel, India, Germany and a host of other major countries, this political fighting based on someone's marital status is unseemly and petty.

So, on the one hand, women have come a long way by being in the halls of power, on the other, they seem to have picked up the bad habits of the men, rather than being the standard bearers for a better way.

I guess there is still a long way to go.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY TABOR R. MACHAN

For us, it stands to reason

A THEME THAT COMES UP OFTEN IN commentaries about contemporary American culture is the absence of firmly grounded and widely embraced basic values among the people. While Americans have a coherent and stable enough legal tradition, they seem to lack a basic ethics by which their lives might be guided or given meaning. It is for this reason, it is often said, that people require religion in their lives.

Why do we need values? Because humans lack instincts. We are born with the instinct to suckle, and that is about it — the rest is a matter of learning. Each of us must learn on our own to figure out ideas, to form principles about life and its innumerable facets. America is a highly pluralistic country — millions of people live here, coming from extremely diverse cultures, traditions, religions and ethnic groups. It seems, therefore, that just relying on such backgrounds as sources of the common bond of ethics will not help. Instead, as elsewhere in the world, such sources often pit people against one another. Christians versus Jews or Muslims, Muslims against ‘infidels,’ agnostics against theists, atheists against agnostics, and so on — there is no end of the varieties of conflict that can arise if we depend on these sources for moral guidance. Why? Because they lack a common base. They draw their principles of human behavior from diverse belief systems that are, themselves, not grounded in some common and accessible reality.

When we depend on the teachings of our culture, we can be reasonably sure that some connection to reality must have infused what we believe. However, a good deal of it is myth and fiction, made up by the human imagination and showing about as much diversity as that faculty can produce.

So what can Americans hope for? There is, first of all, no guarantee that we will come together on any possible answer as we search for a common ethics. That is because human beings are quite free to ignore even the best answers to questions they pose — say, if they find an answer to be unpleasant, disturbing, scary, inconvenient or whatnot. But some answers probably offer a better chance at consensus than others.

In ancient Greece, it was Socrates — the first major Western philosopher — who proposed an answer to this question of how to come by an ethics that we can all agree on, even if we do not choose to. He proposed that reason must be used to study human nature and that when we learn what human nature is, we will also learn how to live right. Human nature is something we can all study. It is there before us every second of every minute of every hour of our lives. We have ample opportunity to examine what it is to be a human being. And doing so will give us a strong clue as to how to live a human life properly, ethically.

The most important thing about human beings is that they are living creatures who must use their minds to navigate their lives. It is human intelligence, the activity of figuring things out and living accordingly that seems to be the best guide to living well.

As Socrates put it, “The unexamined life is not worth living.”

But only nature and, for our purposes, human nature, is available for common study and ultimate consensus.

In a diverse society such as America, the people cannot hope to reach peace, harmony and justice by finding principles from diverse traditions. Trying to do so runs the serious risk of conflict, since people interact so frequently and pervasively. What we need to learn is to use, trust and be guided by the one thing all humans have in common — our reasoning capacity.

Using reason to study our world may get us what all else has failed to, namely, a set of ethical guidelines that will help us come to agree on solutions to our problems.

There is no utopia in trusting reason. But as novelist Scott Turow put it in his best-selling book “The Burden of Proof:” “In human affairs, reason would never fully triumph; but there was no better cause to champion.”

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Community meetings are being held to determine the fate of a building at Main and Bay streets — now home to Horizons West Surf Shop — and how to pay homage to the Z-Boys skateboarders that emerged from a skate shop once located there. The present owner wants to demolish the structure and erect a mixed-use “green” building in its stead. At the suggestion of the Landmarks Commission, meetings are being staged to collect public input of how to properly commemorate the site.

This week's Q-Line question:

How should the former Z-boys spot be remembered? Suggestions run the gamut from a mural to a skate park to a Z-Boys walk of fame. Or should the original building remain?

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King's message of non-violence invoked

MLK DAY, from page 3

Senator Mark Ridley Thomas, whose 26th District represents West LA, Culver City and other parts of greater Los Angeles.

The diverse audience seemed to embody the goal that King worked so hard to achieve. During a musical performance by the Understanding Principles for Better Living Church Choir in West Hollywood, the audience — young and old, black and white, Christians and Jews — joined hands, singing along to a current rendition of "We Shall Overcome," now titled, "We Have Overcome."

'TODAY IS FOREVER'

If King was alive today, he would not be able to stay silent about the current state of affairs, particularly about the United States' involvement in the Middle East, according to keynote speaker Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., the professor of religion and the dean of the International Chapel at Morehouse College, where King graduated in 1948.

Carter became the first dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel in 1979. He is also an adjunct professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

"Tomorrow is today, and today is forever," Carter said, adding that the actions of today will affect what happens tomorrow.

The country is in a troubled state of affairs because the "American business and government marginalize people and put profit at the center," Carter said.

The United States must lead by example, he said. If the country is promoting peace, then its officials must be peaceful.



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STILL BEATING: The New Roads School student drummers perform the opening number of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Monday at the SGI Auditorium on Wilshire Boulevard.

Carter criticized Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and President Bush, calling the former a "secretary of war" who is articulate and "dangerous," drawing a applause from the audience. In regards to Bush, Carter said "you reap what you sow and what you have done to others will be done to you."

Carter talked about how King "agonized" about whether he should speak out against the Vietnam War, fearing he would have to turn his back against President Lyndon B. Johnson, who signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

King decided to speak out, decided that

he could not "segregate his moral conscience," Carter said.

Carter told the story of how he found out about King's death. It was April 4, 1968, and Carter was watching a play with his wife-to-be at Boston University, where he was involved in the Christian ministry. During the middle of the play, which coincidentally was about the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Carter saw the dean rise from his seat with a distraught look on his face. He followed the dean outside where he found out what had happened — King had been shot in Memphis and died about 30

minutes earlier.

"I knew my life would never be the same," he said.

HONORING KING THEIR OWN WAY

September Hill and her husband brought their 4- and 2-year-old daughters to Monday's event, intent on showing the elder daughter, who is learning about King in her preschool class, that the legacy and history of the civil rights leader is for real.

"We have the same values as King, that it's important to love one another and to be peaceful," Hill said. "We can have different viewpoints while getting along for the common good."

Long after the event was over and most of the audience had dispersed, several people sat back in reflection.

"I am truly inspired," said Santa Monica resident Cindy McQuade, while sitting in her seat after the event. "I seek to be a peace-maker myself."

McQuade contends she is a believer and advocate of non-violence, at a time when the rest of the world seems to have forgotten King's message.

She was a junior high school student in New York when King was murdered. Times were different back then, she said, and though schools are desegregated and people are more accepting of diversity, racial injustice still exists.

"I'm here to unite with like-minded people," she said. "I am reminded not to give up and live with compassion and reach out to those in different cultures."

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City officials contend law is matter of health

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“We are pleased that Judge (Ralph) Dau has ruled to allow our case to proceed,” Larkin said. “Since the grocery worker retention ordinance has been in effect, retail grocery sales transacting in the city of Los Angeles have ceased. Stopping the growth of new retail in the city demonstrates the first of many harmful impacts this law will have on city residents.

“Our lawsuit charges that the ordinance is unlawful and unenforceable because it is preempted by federal labor relations laws, violates the equal protection rights of employees, conflicts with state food-related health and safety laws and improperly dictates rules of employment,” Larkin added.

Worker retention is heavily supported by local unions, and grocery workers who have been affected by a transfer in ownership in the past have testified before the Santa Monica City Council at least twice, offering horror stories of poverty and despair following such a sale.

The workers said the parent company of Albertsons is planning to close several of its unionized stores and replace them with non-union Whole Foods markets.

Representatives from Albertsons did not return phone calls seeking comment.

There are two Albertsons within Santa Monica, in addition to a Whole Foods Market.

As a result of the law, grocers over 15,000 square feet in size are required to retain employees for up to 90 days following a transfer in ownership. During the period, employees could only be fired for just cause.

Within five days of the sale or transfer, the current employer must also post a notice of the change in ownership, and leave that notice up for the entire time of the transfer.

Within 15 days of the sale or transfer, the former owner is required to provide new management with a list of the names, addresses, dates of hire and employment

classification for each grocery worker currently employed. If it is found that the store can be operated with fewer employees than hired under the previous owner, the current store operator must retain workers based on seniority, according to the law.

A HEALTHY OUTLOOK

While the association is focused on the Los Angeles law, it could also challenge that passed in Santa Monica.

“We will evaluate future options based on the outcome of our present legal challenge,” said Dave Heylen, spokesman for the association. “It’s definitely on our radar.”

The council was warned in May of last year that the association may file suit if it passed the retention ordinance. Despite that, and charges that elected officials here are beholden to unions, the council approved it.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who sponsored the law, said at the time of its passage, that the law was not to help unions, but rather protect the public. If 30 to 60 employees were to leave a grocery store all at once and be replaced by new employees who need to be trained, McKeown said he is concerned that food quality could be jeopardized.

The council also expressed concern for low-wage grocery workers who may suffer hardship by suddenly losing their jobs to a change in ownership. With the retention ordinance in place, it is the council’s intent to protect the health, safety and welfare of these families, who may have to scramble for new employment and could therefore lose their homes in the city’s highly competitive and expensive housing market.

In a report to the council last year, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie seemed confident that Santa Monica’s law would be upheld if challenged in court. That said, she did express some concern about arguments claiming federal law preempts local authority.

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Focus on enrollment works

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“What we are seeing is a whole institutional change,” said Smith. “Everyone from the professors up to the administration are taking a great role in increasing enrollment, which is critical given community colleges across the state are struggling to maintain or slightly increase enrollment.”

SMC recently lowered tuition for students by \$6 a unit — to \$20 — as a way of enticing students to sign up for classes. The winter session was also expanded, with approximately 900 classes, including 90 online courses. In the spring, SMC will offer a full curriculum, with 2,800 courses, including approximately 190 online classes.

Roughly 30,000 students attend SMC, which has an annual budget of \$161.2 million.

By increasing enrollment, the college is hoping to increase the level of funding received from the state. So, while 3 percent may seem small, it is really significant, said Smith.

“Our strategies for recruitment and enrollment are much more campus-wide, with everyone playing a role,” Smith said. “It’s

not just administrators, but teachers and students as well.”

To oversee efforts, Tsang appointed Teresita Rodriguez as head of Enrollment Development, where she is now in charge of enrollment services, admissions and records, financial aid, outreach, matriculation and assessment, among other duties.

Rodriguez previously served as the assistant dean and then dean of enrollment services and matriculation for the last six years at SMC.

“This was sorely needed,” Aminoff said. “We were performing all of these functions, but in various departments, so this is an effort to streamline and concentrate all of the efforts in one place. We will continue to monitor enrollment for the spring and with that, measure our progress.

“But again, it’s not just about making sure we retain students, but also provide them with the tools they need to be successful, whether that be transferring to a university or receiving their certification.”

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Attacks on gas prices falling short yet again

BY MARK NIESSE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Frustrated with the failure of the nation's only gas price controls, Hawaii lawmakers are trying to force the oil companies to reveal why gas prices are so high in a captive island market.

But eight months after the gas cap experiment was repealed, state government has not yet enforced a compromise law that requires local oil refineries to reveal their pricing practices to the Public Utilities Commission.

Democrats accuse the state's Republican governor of protecting oil interests. The governor's administration has blamed lawmakers for not funding the project. Regulators say they need more time.

The two refiners, Chevron and Tesoro, both say they don't want to reveal sensitive information that could hurt the industry.

Meanwhile, motorists continue to pay the highest pump prices in the nation — an average \$2.92 for a gallon of regular this weekend.

"The commission hasn't placed a high priority on holding the oil companies accountable for the excessive profits they've been earning," said state Sen. Ron Menor, D-Mililani, unsuccessful U.S. congressional candidate who has led the fight for fuel regulation. "The consumers of Hawaii would like to see some relief from gas prices."

Under the law passed in the waning hours of the 2006 legislative session, Hawaii's two oil refiners were required to periodically disclose the number of gallons sold and imported, the wholesale fuel prices they charge, their operating expenses and their profit margins.

The idea was that lawmakers could come back this year and use that information to make more effective regulations to bring down pump prices for consumers. Previous efforts, such as the state-mandated gas price controls, failed in part because no one could determine a fair price without the data.

As lawmakers prepare to open the 2007 session on Wednesday, there's no indication whether this year will bring much relief from the state Capitol other than a possible reinstatement of an 11 cents per gallon tax break for ethanol-blended gasoline that lapsed Jan. 1.

The Public Utilities Commission has been negotiating with a company that would create a database to analyze gas pricing information, and it has hired an economist, said chief researcher Lisa Kikuta.

"We are mindful of the desires of the lawmakers and consumers who would like to see this information and some analysis done sooner," Kikuta said. "It hasn't come together as quickly as some people would like."

There are many reasons for the delay.

The Legislature gave the commission only \$1 to collect and analyze the oil companies' pricing information, and the only other funds available for that project came from a \$316,000 interagency transfer.

The commission hasn't specified exactly how much money it needs for the analysis, Kikuta said.

Another problem is that much of this gas information is both confidential and complex, which means the government must find a way to publish its analysis of the oil companies without compromising their business practices.

"It's really complicated," said John Tantlinger, branch chief for energy planning and policy for the state's Department of Business, Economic Development and

Tourism. "It's a big project, a big effort and it's very worthwhile."

Some lawmakers accuse Lingle of bowing to pressure from the oil companies in opposing the gas cap and not pushing harder for more openness on pricing. She retains the power to reinstate the gas cap but is unlikely to use it.

"The governor really doesn't want to analyze this industry. There are going to be inefficiencies pointed out," said Rep. Kirk Caldwell, D-Manoa. "There's no doubt the consumer is very troubled."

Lingle's office dismisses those claims, saying the gas price transparency efforts are moving forward with her "wholehearted support," said spokesman Russell Pang.

Representatives for the oil companies say they support educating consumers, but they're concerned that the law could require too much proprietary information.

"It's not clear to us where this is all heading," said Chevron spokesman Albert Chee. "Some of the information that they are asking for is very sensitive."

Tesoro spokesman Nathan Hokama said he doesn't have a problem with continuing to provide the state with basic information, but he said additional disclosures could endanger the industry.

"Even if we did provide the state all the information that's required of us, what would they do with the information?" Hokama said. "For a free market, attempting to regulate or control profits would be very arbitrary."

For now, the Public Utilities Commission will keep collecting the basic pricing information required under Hawaii's now-defunct gas price cap law.

LOCAL

'Black Widows' to meet again on Thursday

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for more time to gather his defense.

Neither Diamond nor Sklar could be reached for comment on Monday.

During the most recent hearing, Sklar told Commissioner James Bianco that he expected to be ready to schedule a preliminary hearing date when the attorneys met again at the Downtown LA Criminal Courthouse on Thursday.

The "Black Widows" — so-called because they are accused of befriending two homeless men, convincing them to sign the women onto their life insurance policies, and killing them in separate hit-and-run incidents — are being tried together, thus preventing Golay's case from moving forward.

Investigators believe that Rutterschmidt, of Hollywood, and Golay cashed in on more than \$3 million in life insurance payouts for the deaths of Kenneth McDavid and Paul Vados. McDavid, 51, was killed in 2005, and Vados, 73, was killed in 1999 in similar, but separate, hit-and-run incidents that both occurred in alleys.

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Air passengers being asked to put cash in bins with their shoes

BY JACOB ADELMAN

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LOS ANGELES Nationwide travelers could soon see ads for laptops, expensive cars and other products in the trays that carry their shoes and cell phones through X-ray machines at airport security checkpoints.

After a six-month test in Los Angeles, the federal Transportation Security Administration was expected to formally issue guidelines Thursday to vendors that want to offer the ads at other airports.

Under the plan, ad companies would pay fees to airports and provide the TSA with millions of dollars worth of trays, tables and other non-electronic items used at the security points.

In return, advertisers get to hawk watches, laptops and cell phones in a place where travelers regularly stash such items of their own.

Passenger Lisa Guerrero said she hadn't noticed the ads as she passed through the security gate at Los Angeles International Airport to catch a flight to Florida. Still, she thought it was a good idea.

"If they help pay for security, then they can bombard me all they want," Guerrero said.

Michael Boyd, an airline security consultant, said it was a mistake for the TSA to get involved with advertising schemes, when it should be concentrating on safety.

"It's a stupid idea," Boyd said. "We have bigger things to worry about than putting advertisements in shoe bins."

Doug Linehan, operations chief for SecurityPoint Media, the St. Petersburg, Fla., company that devised the program, said officials at dozens of airports are eager to try the strategy.

"We are always looking for creative ways to increase our non-airline revenue to keep operating costs down," said Wendy Abrams, a spokeswoman for the Chicago city aviation department.

During the test in Los Angeles, airport administrators declined cash payments and instead opted for free ads for airport shuttle buses in 15 percent of the 3,000 bins provided by SecurityPoint Media, Linehan said.

TSA spokesman Nico Melendez said the free trays, carts and tables provided under the program have helped security operations in Los Angeles.

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Blame the ghostwriter

Simpson claims he didn't write book either

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES O.J. Simpson says a chapter from his unpublished book that hypothesizes how he would have killed his ex-wife and her friend was created mostly from a ghostwriter's research and is not a confession.

"I'm saying it's a fictional creation," Simpson said Sunday in a telephone interview. "It has so many (factual) holes in it that anybody who knew anything about it would know that I didn't write it."

His comments came as Newsweek published a story for its current issue paraphrasing the chapter, called "The Night in Question," which the magazine said it had obtained from an anonymous source.

Simpson was acquitted of the 1994 murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ron Goldman after a yearlong trial. A civil jury later held him liable for the killings. On Sunday, Simpson again denied killing the couple.

Simpson declined to provide a copy of the chapter to The Associated Press.

"I don't have it," he said. "I shredded everything I had about it, and I thought I shredded it from my memory."

Newsweek's account of the chapter describes Simpson as becoming angry with his ex-wife at his daughter's dance recital. He later went to her condominium to scare her,

entering with a knife through a back gate with a broken latch, the account states.

Simpson encountered Goldman and accused him of planning a sexual encounter with Nicole. He became enraged when Nicole's Akita dog appeared to recognize Goldman as a familiar visitor, the account states.

Nicole rushed at Simpson and fell, hitting her head on the ground, according to the account. Goldman then took a karate stance, further angering Simpson, who dared Goldman to fight before pulling back.

"Then something went horribly wrong, and I know what happened, but I can't tell you exactly how," Newsweek quoted Simpson as writing.

The account contains no descriptions of the actual killings but says Simpson was drenched in blood and holding a bloody knife when he regained control of himself. Both victims were dead.

The ghostwriter of "If I Did It" knew nothing about the case when he came into the project and had to do a lot of research, Simpson said. The writer was not a witness at the criminal trial, as has been reported, Simpson said.

Simpson said he saw a number of factual flaws while proofreading the chapter but did not correct them because he thought that would prove that he did not write it, he said.

Author Laurence Schiller, whose book "American Tragedy" contains a detailed account of the crime and its aftermath, said

he was contacted last November by someone who read the chapter to him.

"There's not a fact in there that wasn't previously printed or was in the trial discovery papers," Schiller said.

Schiller agreed with Simpson that there are technical flaws in the chapter, including the claim that Simpson entered Nicole's home through a broken back gate. Both Schiller and Simpson said the front gate had the broken latch.

The book was to be published on Nov. 30 by News Corp.-owned HarperCollins. News Corp. head Rupert Murdoch called off the project 10 days before, apologizing for any pain that it had caused the families of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson.

When the proposal for a book was brought to Simpson, he implored the publishers not to include the "created half-chapter" about the killings, he said.

However, "they said it was the hook that would sell the book," Simpson said.

He said he elicited a promise that there would be no descriptions of anyone being killed, something he feared would upset his children.

"Was it tacky?" he said. "Yes, it was tacky. But it was brought to me. I didn't have an agent out there saying, here's a book from O.J."

He said he agreed to the book because he needed the money for his family.

"I knew going in it would be what it would be," he said. "It was worth it. I made a decision that it would benefit my family and my life. I don't have any regrets."

Schwarzenegger taking 'a little bit' of his medication

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is taking only "a little bit" of medication to ease constant, throbbing pain in his leg, he said in a television interview aired Sunday.

The actor-turned-governor told ABC's George Stephanopoulos in a taped interview that he's mostly staying away from the medicine chest because he doesn't want to contend with garbled speech or other possible side effects.

Schwarzenegger is expected to need two months to recover from surgery on his leg, which he fractured in a skiing accident last month.

"You only want to take a little bit of medication because otherwise, you know, you maybe forget what you want to say and start slurring because medication has an effect," the Republican governor said on "This Week."

The governor fractured his right femur after falling at the Sun Valley resort in Idaho on Dec. 23. Three days later, surgeons used cables and screws to repair his leg.

Under doctor's orders, he has cut back his public appearances and traveling and has been hobbling around on crutches.

"I've had many injuries before, and I'm going to go through this also," Schwarzenegger said.

For the seven-time Mr. Olympia, the broken leg was just the latest in a line of injuries.

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Ceremony honoring MLK poses challenge to youth

BY ERRIN HAINES

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA From the pulpit of the church where Martin Luther King Jr. once was pastor, Atlanta's mayor reminded the congregation Monday that the civil rights leader's work for peace and justice remains unfinished.

Mayor Shirley Franklin admonished congregants at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church not to pay tribute to King's dream on his birthday, observed as a national holiday Monday, and then contradict it the next.

"Millions can't find jobs, have no health insurance and struggle to make ends meet, working minimum wage jobs. What's going on?" she said, repeating a refrain from soul singer Marvin Gaye.

"Thousands of black and Latino students drop out of high school believing education will not matter and statistics say it doesn't because they can't find jobs ... What's going on?"

Roman Catholic Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta joined the speakers at the Baptist church.

"I feel more American, more human when I visit Ebenezer Baptist Church," said Gregory. "The most celebrated pastor of this church invited all to consider ourselves sisters and brothers with the very message of hope that he proclaimed and preached. This is a holy place. Dr. King became the pastor of this nation while serving as the pastor of Ebenezer."

Earlier in the service, Georgia's newly elected congressman, Rep. Hank Johnson, paid tribute to King's children and their late mother, Coretta Scott King, who died nearly a year ago.

"On this day we honor their sacrifice and commitment, and we must carry on their work," said Johnson, a Democrat. "Today as we salute Dr. King, we also lift up the life and work of Mrs. King who left us last year."

President Bush, in an unannounced stop at a high school near the White House, said people should honor King on the holiday by finding ways to give back to their communities. Classes were not in session but volunteers were sprucing up the school.

"I encourage people all around the country to seize any opportunity they can to help somebody in need," Bush said. "And by helping somebody in need you're honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King."

Visitors paid homage to the civil rights leader and his wife at their tomb, not far from Ebenezer Baptist.

"They're together at last," said Daphne Johnson, who was baptized by King at

Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Crowds lined up early at the Atlanta History Center to see the first exhibition of King's collected papers since they were returned to his hometown.

Seeing King's papers brought back difficult memories for some.

"I remember a lot that I don't care to say," said Bertis Post, 70, of Atlanta, who marched with King in Alabama and Atlanta. "I always wanted to see the papers in person — just to be here and be around what you believe."

Thousands of volunteers observed the holiday by taking part in an array of service projects. Organizers expected about 50,000 people to take part in about 600 projects by day's end, said Todd Bernstein of the MLK Day of Service.

Freezing rain in Texas canceled King day events in Austin and a parade in Fort Worth.

Several hundred people gathered Monday morning in West Columbia, S.C., for a breakfast prayer service, where the Rev. Brenda Kneece, 45, executive minister of the South Carolina Christian Action Council, said King set the standard for sacrifice and vision.

"The vision became even more powerful because he understood the risks he was taking," Kneece said. "It's very important for our children to know that his sacrifice didn't win the war. We still have to keep at it."

Marchers commemorating King Day in Troy, Ohio, were heckled by a group of seven neo-Nazi protesters shouting white power slogans and carrying signs, police said. There were no arrests, police Capt. Joe Long said.

And in North Carolina, a management refusal to grant the King holiday as a paid day off led to a job action Monday at a huge Smithfield Foods Inc. hog slaughtering plant at Tar Heel. The company a union request last week for the day off came too late for a change of work plans.

This year's holiday comes on the day King would have turned 78. King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. His confessed killer, James Earl Ray, was arrested two months later in London.

Coretta Scott King died last year on Jan. 31 at age 78. An activist in her own right, she also fought to shape and preserve her husband's legacy after his death, and shortly after his death she founded what would become the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

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North Dakota lawmaker sets out to be first American hemp farmer

BY DALE WETZEL

Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. David Monson began pushing the idea of growing industrial hemp in the United States a decade ago. Now his goal may be within reach.

Monson turned in an application Monday to the state Agriculture Department to become the nation's first licensed industrial hemp farmer. State Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson said Monson provided fingerprints with his application, which will be used for a background check to prove he is not a criminal.

The farmer, school superintendent and state legislator would like to start by growing 10 acres of the crop, and he spent part of his weekend staking out the field he wants to use.

"I'm starting to see that we maybe have a chance," Monson said.

Last month, the state Agriculture Department finished its work on rules farmers may use to grow industrial hemp, a cousin of marijuana that does not have the drug's hallucinogenic properties. The sturdy, fibrous plant is used to make an assortment of products, ranging from paper, rope and lotions to car panels, carpet backing and animal bedding.

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Dorie Meek

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Something to chew on

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You're not challenged at all, and you're right on track for the introduction of all finger foods. Children are usually ready somewhere between eight months and a year, but it depends on a few things.

1) Is your daughter pretty good and gumming and swallowing so far? If she's gagging a lot, she may still be learning to swallow and you should hold off.

2) Is she watching you while you eat or

reaching to your food? This usually indicates an interest and readiness in hand-to-mouth feeding.

3) How are her fine motor skills; is she picking up small items with her thumb and finger, and not her fist? This is another indicator of readiness.

You will know the answers to these questions and can take it from there. As long as the food item is easily dissolvable, you're not limited to Cheerios. Use your culinary creativity and have fun. Good luck. Dorie

DORIE MEEK is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

BY JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D.

Kids need to make do

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILDREN are born with only 17 percent of their brain building blocks connected? Did you know that part of this basic wiring is the potential for competence? Did you know that the remaining 83 percent of the brain wires in response to the environment? Have you noticed that sometimes loving parents can, without meaning to, override that basic need to be competent and raise children who believe they are helpless? How does that happen?

The experiences leading to competence or to learned helplessness differ. The infant repeatedly struggles to reach for a toy and finally is able to reach it, or each time he reaches out, someone hands him the toy. The toddler tries again and again to climb up on the sofa and eventually succeeds, or each time she tries someone lifts her up. The 2-year-old storms for what he wants and the adults repeatedly give in, or he is usually allowed to storm and given the chance to learn to handle frustration and delayed gratification. The 3-year-old wants to help make the hamburger patties and is sent away because that would be messy, or, hands washed, is allowed to make some patties and is praised at the dinner table. The parents do the homework for the school child so he will be sure to get a good grade, or he gets help with homework from his parents when he is stuck. The teenager wants certain label clothes and is allowed to get whatever she

wants, or she is expected to work for them.

Since infants are born helpless, we become accustomed to doing things for them. Then, as children grow, how do we know if we have slipped into doing too much, doing things for them that they should be doing for themselves?

The children tell us — "You do it." "Do it for me." "I don't know how." "I'm tired." "I'm busy." "I don't want to." "That's not fun." "Have my sister do it." "It's not my job." "I can't." "Why me?" "My stomach hurts." "I didn't hear you."

If we get these "I'm helpless" responses on a regular basis, it's time to figure out if we have been doing too much.

THE LUCKY DOZEN

If we feel confused about when to help and when to stand back, there are the Lucky Dozen questions we can ask.

ABOUT THE CHILD:

- Does the child know how to do this task?
- Is the child capable of doing the task?
- Is the child well/getting enough sleep?
- If the stomach hurts, is the child physically ill?
- Is the hassle about the child's need for more connection with the adult, rather than about the chore or the homework?

ABOUT SELF:

- Do I hang around and criticize or argue about how she is doing something?
- Do I regularly give in?
- Am I making threats that I'm not going to carry out?
- Does another family member interfere and rescue the child?
- Do I do things for this child that he should do for himself because I'm in a hurry or want it done in a certain way?
- Am I doing this because I like to feel needed?
- Am I doing this for the child because I don't know how or don't want to take the time to teach the child?

These are the Lucky Dozen because just one may give us a clue about how we can change what we do in order to let our children build brains wired for competence.

JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D. is a co-author of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likable, Responsible and Respectful Children." She can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com.

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WED., JAN. 17 – WE SHALL OVERCOME: A MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION - 3:30 p.m., Main Library. Creative Playground introduces children to the words and ideas of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through story and song. Grades K – 3. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 310-458-8621.

SAT., JAN. 20 – FOLK DANCING for ALL AGES with JANE GLASER – 2:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 310-450-0443. FREE!

SUN., JAN. 21 – DINOFAIRE at the STAR ECO STATION – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Eco Station is transformed into a Mesozoic forest for the day in this dinosaur celebration. Featuring live interactive performances from Dinoman, an archeological dig and displays of real artifacts and fossils. The Eco Station's mission is to show how interconnected we are to nature and how humans can help prevent the extinction of endangered species. \$11 adults, \$9 kids 16 and under. Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, 310-842-3938.

TUESDAY

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 11:00 a.m., babies up to 2 years, current session thru Feb. 13.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, current session thru Feb. 6
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.
YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling and Library Programs
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park

Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Current session thru Feb. 7 for both.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time – 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Spanish Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m., ages 2 – 5.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
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Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. yogababyla.com
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Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – noon for children born 3/06 – 12/06; 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03; Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m, ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session thru Feb. 1.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave.,

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The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05; Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net
Cinderella- select Fridays thru May 12, 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations. \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

Classes

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Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
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Other

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Family Theatre; Saturdays & Sundays, thru Feb. 11; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
The Bridge Cinema Deluxe - Enjoy a G-rated movie for kids every Sat. and Sun. Tickets are \$3.50. 6081 Center Drive, LA, 310-568-3375.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
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Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
NexGen Family Sundays at LA County Museum of Art – 12:30 – 3:15 p.m. – Hands-on, artist-led activities for families. FREE! 5905 Wilshire Blvd., LA, 323-857-4737, www.lacma.org.
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Hangings continue

Hussein's relative decapitated in execution

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq Two top aides to Saddam Hussein were hanged before dawn Monday, and the head of one of them — the former Iraqi dictator's half brother Barzan Ibrahim — was severed from his body during the execution, a government official said.

Two weeks and two days after Saddam was executed in an unruly scene that has drawn worldwide criticism, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh stressed that all laws and rules were respected during Monday's hanging of Barzan, the former intelligence chief, and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court.

"Those present signed documents pledging not to violate the rules or otherwise face legal penalties. All the people present abided by the government's rule and there were no violations," he said, adding the hangings occurred at 3 a.m. "No one shouted slogans or said anything that would taint the execution. None of those charged were insulted."

The official government video of the side-by-side hanging that was screened for reporters showed Barzan and al-Bandar wearing red prison jumpsuits. As they reached the gallows, black hoods were put on their heads and five masked men surrounded them.

After the trap doors opened, al-Bandar could be seen dangling from the rope. Barzan's body was lying on the floor, chest down, his still-hooded severed head resting several yards away.

The execution was conducted on the same gallows where Saddam was hanged Dec. 30 in a building located in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the gallows were built to international standards and in accordance with human rights organizations.

"We will not release the video, but we want to show the truth," he said. "The Iraqi government acted in a neutral way."

Prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said Ibrahim looked tense when he was brought into the room and said "I did not do anything. It was all the work of Fadel al-Barrak." Ibrahim was referring to a former head of two intelligence departments.

The government came under widespread condemnation because of Saddam's chaotic execution in which video of the hanging,

recorded on a cell phone camera, showed the former dictator being taunted on the gallows.

Barzan and al-Bandar had been found guilty along with Saddam in the killing of 148 Shiite Muslims after a 1982 assassination attempt on the former leader in the town of Dujail north of Baghdad.

The announcement drew outrage from some in the Sunni community while majority Shiites who were heavily persecuted under Saddam's regime expressed joy.

Khalaf al-Olayan, a leader of the main Sunni bloc in parliament, demanded to see any video taken during the execution.

"It is impossible for a person to be decapitated during a hanging," he told Al-Jazeera television. "This shows that they (the government) have mutilated the body and this is a violation of the law."

WE WANT TO SEE THE VIDEO THAT WAS TAKEN DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE TWO MEN IN ORDER FOR THEM (GOVERNMENT) TO PROVE WHAT THEY ARE SAYING."

Khalaf al-Olayan

Leader of the main Sunni bloc

"We want to see the video that was taken during the execution of the two men in order for them (government) to prove what they are saying," he added.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information, said the families of Ibrahim and al-Bandar would collect the bodies later Monday.

The two men were to have been hanged along with Saddam, but Iraqi authorities decided to execute the former dictator alone on what National Security Adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie called a "special day."

Last week, President Jalal Talabani urged the government to delay the executions but gave no explanation during a news conference with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said that Khalilzad asked him to delay Saddam's execution for 10 days to two weeks, but added that Iraqi officials rejected the demand.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, along with U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour, had called on Iraq to refrain from executing Ibrahim and al-Bandar.

Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, meanwhile, called for the release of five Iranians detained by U.S. forces in what he said was a legitimate diplomatic mission in northern Iraq, but he stressed that foreign intervention to help insurgents would not be tolerated.

The statement by Zebari highlighted the delicate balance facing the Iraqi government as it tries to secure Baghdad with the help of American forces while maintaining ties with its neighbors, including U.S. rivals Iran and Syria.

"Any interventions — or any harmful interventions to kill Iraqis or to provide support for insurgency or for the insurgents should be stopped by the Iraqi government and by the coalition forces," Zebari said in an interview with CNN's "Late Edition."

He also stressed Iraq has to keep good relations with its neighbors in the region.

"You have to remember, our destiny, as Iraqis, we have to live in this part of the world. And we have to live with Iran, we have to live with Syria and Turkey and other countries," he said. "So in fact, on the other hand, the Iraqi government is committed to cultivate good neighborly relations with these two countries and to engage them constructively in security cooperation."

The U.S. military said the five Iranians detained last week in the Kurdish-controlled northern city of Irbil were connected to an Iranian Revolutionary Guard faction that funds and arms insurgents in Iraq. It was the second U.S. raid targeting Iranians in Iraq in less than a month.

Iran's government denied the five detainees were involved in financing and arming insurgents and called for their release along with compensation for damages.

Frigid weather won't be ending anytime soon

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Overnight temperatures broke records Monday all over Utah, led by Manti and Delta at 24 below zero and other communities not far behind.

There were reports of frozen pipes but no weather-related emergencies in Delta, 105 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, Millard County sheriff's Lt. Roger Young said.

"I think everybody's just kind of bundled up at home. When you go out to start your car and the tires are square you just can't go very far," Young joked.

A high-pressure system moving from the west will do little to alleviate the cold temperatures in Utah's valleys, the National Weather Service said.

A least 11 record lows for Jan. 15 were reported, including Randolph in Rich County at 23 below zero and Richfield in Sevier County at minus 22.

Bryce Canyon Airport near Bryce Canyon National Park reported a low of 17 below zero. Alta, in the Wasatch Mountains east of Salt Lake City, was at minus 7.

"Even normally warm St. George's been in the teens for lows so everybody's cold right now," said Mike Conger, a Weather Service meteorologist in Salt Lake City.

When the new weather pattern moves in, an inversion will sock the Wasatch Front with fog and haze. Temperatures in Utah's mountains could be higher than those in cities on the valley floor, Conger said.

"The higher valleys and a lot of the northern valleys stay with the cold air trapped to the surface," he said. "Maybe toward the later half of this week we'll have something that will stir us up a little bit."

Temperatures will remain below normal in Salt Lake City, which typically sees highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s at this time of year, Conger said.

"We're at the coldest point of the winter" for the state, he said.

Young, a Wisconsin native, is familiar to cold weather, but even Delta's low was a shock. The previous record for Jan. 15 was 10 below zero in 1997.

"Negative 24," Young said, "is awful."

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SWIMMING

Coughlin sets new standard; Phelps so-so at Grand Prix

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LONG BEACH, Calif. Natalie Coughlin lowered her own 4-year-old American record in the 200-yard freestyle, and Michael Phelps won his 400 individual medley specialty but lost to Brendan Hansen in the 200 breaststroke at the Southern California Grand Prix of Swimming.

Coughlin won in 1 minute, 41.66 seconds — 99 hundredths of a second faster than the time she swam in 2002 as a junior at California. Kaitlin Sandeno finished second in 1:46.61.

“The last 25 (yards) I could hear the crowd,” Coughlin said. “The pool is so small, the noise echoes and I can feel the energy.”

Coughlin returned later to win the 50 free in 22.03 seconds, defeating 1996 Olympian Allison Wagner. It was Coughlin’s third victory of the meet, a tuneup for the world championships in March.

The meet is being contested in yards, instead of Olympic meters.

Phelps challenged Hansen, the world record holder in meters, in the 200 breast and came up 3.12 seconds short.

Hansen won in 1:53.78; Phelps finished in 1:56.90, a personal best in an event he hasn’t raced in three years.

“I could see him pretty much the whole time,” Phelps said. “I was like, ‘Maybe I can catch him,’ and then I was like, ‘What am I thinking? There’s absolutely no way I can catch him.’ It was definitely fun to be able to race the best breaststroker of all time.”

Hansen said he was nervous with Phelps in the field.

“I heard the crowd start going and I thought, ‘I hope Michael isn’t too close to me,’” he said. “It’s so important to race when we’re tired and that’s what we’re doing now.”

Phelps picked up his third victory of the meet in the 400 IM, winning easily in 3:39.61.

“Tonight was a really, really good night for me,” he said.

Sandeno, who trains with Phelps in Ann Arbor, Mich., notched her fourth victory in three days, winning the 400 IM in 4:09.74.

“You can’t not swim fast here,” she said about the Belmont Plaza Olympic pool, where she competed as a youngster while growing up in Lake Forest. “I cannot think of

a meet I’ve swam poorly here. My family is here and being in front of a home crowd, you want to do your best.”

Sandeno’s family and other swimmers have benefited from her victories and generosity. She gave away pairs of sunglasses she won to family members, and handed out her \$30 cash prizes to younger swimmers.

Jason Lezak, who at 31 trains without a coach or a club team in Irvine, won the 50 free in 19.49 seconds. Fellow Olympian Ian Crocker was second in 19.77.

Aaron Peirsol, usually on his back in the water as the world record holder in the 100- and 200-meter backstrokes, got in some training time by winning the 200 free in 1:34.96.

“I’m not feeling great, but it was a good swim,” he said. “Everyone is pretty tired.”

Caitlin Leverenz, a 15-year-old who will compete in the Pan American Games this year, upset Olympian Tara Kirk in the 200 breaststroke. Leverenz won in 2:08.11; Kirk touched in 2:08.25.

“This is my favorite event,” Leverenz said. “Tara and I have gone head-to-head before and we’re friendly competitors.”

FOOTBALL

Everest is tapped by Niners to lead special teams unit

By The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. The San Francisco 49ers hired veteran assistant coach Al Everest to be their special teams coordinator on Sunday.

Everest spent last season as a consultant at Southern California after serving as the New Orleans Saints’ special teams coordinator from 2000-05. He had the same job with the Arizona Cardinals the previous four years.

Everest replaces Larry Mac Duff, who resigned Jan. 7 to become assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator at Texas. San Francisco still must hire a replacement for defensive coordinator Billy Davis, who was fired after the 49ers’ 7-9 season.

Everest also coached in the CFL and the Arena League.

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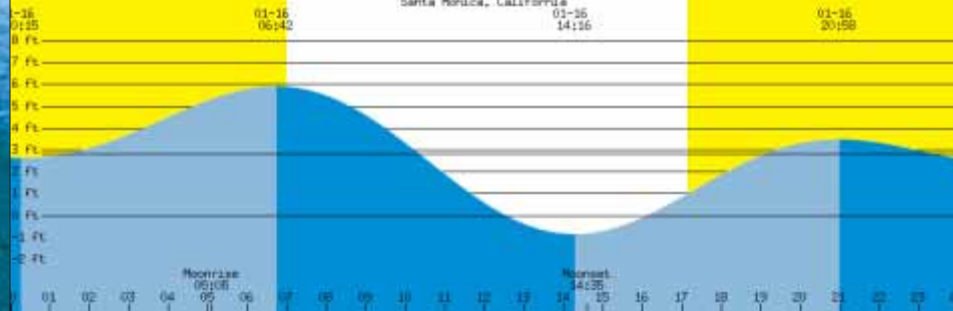
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WATER TEMP: 58°

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Looks smaller as the NW fades. Size for west facing breaks is expected to drop towards waist to chest. The tide swings rather high for AM sessions, and winds will likely remain a bit brisk from the ENE.

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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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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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Time to enjoy, Capricorn

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Daytime spontaneity works in your favor, yet you might decide at the last minute to totally reverse direction. Of course, you will have a good reason – like you wanted to or just felt like it. You become more serious as the evening approaches. Tonight: Run errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ An associate, close friend or loved one becomes an invaluable resource once more. It appears you have really perfected the art of teamwork. Before making a major decision, find an expert or get more info. Tonight: Surf the Internet or watch TV.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others want their way. Truth be told, you cannot change anyone or anything anyway. A power play late in the afternoon might demand that you walk the other way and not get into it. Tonight: Special time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to take in new vistas and would like to see situations differently. If you achieve this goal, your ability to enhance the quality of your life will increase. Just because someone wants something doesn't mean you have to give it. Tonight: Decide who you would most enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination cannot and will not be restrained, so don't even try! To many people, you act just like a kid, as you are so enthusiastic about life and what happens. You'll revitalize a relationship as a result. Tonight: Early to bed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Happiness surrounds the home front. In fact, sensing this, you might decide to take the day off and hang close to loved ones or even your animals. You might be amazed how refreshing vanishing can be. Tonight: Must we rearrange the furniture?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Zoom in on what you want. Little can stop you except a change of mind. You have the ability to create much more of what you want. Think before you buy a new car or computer. Listen to the advice of an older friend. Tonight: Out and about, smiling as only you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ If you must make a purchase, do so. You might wind up returning the item quite quickly. Decisions will suddenly come from a more practical basis than just "I want." Schedule a meeting for the end of the day. Tonight: Meet a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might be like a ball rolling down a hill – unstoppable. You might hit a bump that forces you to rethink ideas and plans. How you visualize a changing situation defines the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself to dinner out, or perhaps a new item for your wardrobe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time during the daylight hours. You could change your opinion many different times. Know when you are ready to discuss this issue. Tonight: Time to enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by all that heads down your path. As a result, you might decide to restructure a key relationship. Your goals also are changing. Tonight: Time off from the world. Do you have a good book?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Others keep tossing more and more on you. If you keep accepting new responsibilities, people will not realize you are on overload. Look at your life and reorganize. Feel free to let go of a duty or errand. Tonight: You feel like the fun might be just beginning.

Born Today

Director John Carpenter (1948)

Model Kate Moss (1974)

Singer Sade (1959)



Happy Birthday!

You have an unusually dynamic style this year. Often, you don't say or reveal much and then suddenly reverse directions and startle those around you with information and feedback. You could decide to revamp certain areas of your life, especially involving long-term goals and friendships. If you are single, you cannot be too discriminating this year. Someone you choose could be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, spend lots of time together. Split for some fun weekends. CAPRICORN understands you.

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Miss preggers

Another Miss USA bails; contestant is with child

Another Miss USA tiara is changing heads.

ASHLEY HARDER, Miss New Jersey USA, has resigned because she is pregnant, The Philadelphia Daily News reported in Monday's editions.

Harder, 20, told the newspaper she voluntarily stepped down because it's against pageant rules to compete while pregnant.

She could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press.

Both the pageant and the runner-up for 2007 Miss New Jersey USA confirmed Monday that the reins have changed hands. Erin Abrahamson, 23, said pageant officials called her Friday to let her know she would be assuming the title.

"Whatever made her

resign, I wish her lots of luck and hope she's OK," Abrahamson said of Harder, adding that pageant officials didn't tell her why she would be taking over.

Harder's resignation is the latest to hit the pageant. Miss Nevada USA Katie Rees was stripped of her title after racy photos of her appeared on the Internet. Miss USA Tara Conner, who

was caught drinking in New York bars when she was still underage, was allowed to keep her tiara after she agreed to go into rehab and undergo drug testing.

Harder, who was crowned in October, told the newspaper she's expecting her child in "late summer" and plans to marry her live-in boyfriend. Pageant spokeswoman

Lark-Marie Anton confirmed Harder's resignation, but would only say it was "for personal reasons."

The Miss USA pageant is to be held on March 23 in Los Angeles. The winner of that competition goes on to compete in the Miss Universe pageant. Both pageants are owned by Donald Trump and NBC.

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DON'T PINCH HER

JENNIFER HUDSON belted out some pop classics as the Palm Springs International Film Festival honored her performance in "Dreamgirls."

Hudson received the breakthrough performance prize at a gala Saturday after missing the festival's award ceremony earlier this month.

"I never imagined any of this, I never thought about the outcome," Hudson said. "All I wanted was the part. It never occurred to me I would be a part of such greatness."

Later, she launched into Aretha Franklin's "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" and the Barry Manilow favorite "Weekend in New England" _ the last song she sang before being voted off 2004's "American Idol."

Hudson, 25, plays soulstress Effie White in "Dreamgirls," adapted from the stage hit about a singing group that rises to stardom in the 1960s.

Her film debut has earned a Golden Globe nomination, and she's considered a potential Oscar nominee.

"I'm going to have to do a lot of praying to get ready for that," Hudson said of the Academy Award nominations.

AP

Prince's girl puts focus on paparazzi

Photographers snapping **PRINCE WILLIAM's** girlfriend found themselves the focus of attention Monday after her lawyers said they have collected video of them ahead of any possible harassment claims.

Kate Middleton, who turned 25 last week, has been the subject of intense media focus recently after rumors of an impending betrothal to her long-term boyfriend started circulating.

Her pictures have been splashed across Britain's newspapers, while photographers have remained camped outside her house and her office.

Middleton's lawyers issued a request to newspaper editors, saying they have prepared a dossier of

video footage ahead of any possible harassment claims. Middleton's lawyer, Gerrard Tyrell, was not available for comment.

"We have received a letter from her lawyers and we'll be sending it to people in the industry," said Tim Toulmin, director of the Press Complaints Commission, the country's media watchdog.

Toulmin said the letter made reference to video evidence but he had yet to see it.

The Telegraph newspaper it had seen a copy of the letter, and that the video included incidents outside her home and office, and when she arrived at and left nightclubs both with and without the prince.

"The intrusion into my

client's private life and the harassment that she has suffered are now amply evidenced by the events of the past seven days," the paper quoted the letter as saying.

"We have a large amount of very interesting but disturbing film footage of those events. ... What I should make quite clear is that if there is any further intrusion, then a complaint will be made to you."

Toulmin said that Middleton's representatives accepted that there would be times she would be focus of media attention but felt that permanent coverage was unfair.

"She has said that while she is not with William in public and going about her daily business there is no development or public interest in the story," he

said. "She has made it clear she doesn't want to be followed."

Toulmin added that earlier appeals for calm seem to have worked, saying, "as far as I know the paparazzi aren't following her around anymore."

News International, which owns The Sun and The Times newspapers, and the Guardian newspaper group decided announced last week that their titles would not use paparazzi shots of Middleton.

The focus on Middleton has been compared to that on William's late mother Diana. From before her wedding to Prince Charles in 1981 to her death in a 1997 Paris crash, she was routinely followed by paparazzi.

AP

Bollywood bombshell ties the knot

Bollywood movie stars **ABHISHEK BACHCHAN** and **AISHWARYA RAI** are engaged and will marry later this year, the former Miss World's manager confirmed Monday, ending months of speculation about their relationship.

Rai and Bachchan exchanged engagement rings in a small ceremony before a small group of relatives and friends late Sunday, Hari Singh told The Associated Press.

"Yes, it is true. Abhishek and Aishwarya are engaged," Singh said. "The wedding will definitely take place this year."

There has been speculation for several months about the love lives of the two actors, and news of their engagement was the top story in several Indian newspapers. The Times of India newspaper reported the wedding would take place in February or March.

"The children (Abhishek and Aishwarya) have decided (to marry)," Amitabh Bachchan, Bollywood legend and Abhishek's father, told The Times of India. "We are very happy."

Abhishek Bachchan, 31, and Rai, 33, have worked together in several movies.

In "Guru," Bachchan plays a man from a small Indian village who works his way to becoming a top industrialist and Rai plays

his supportive wife.

The two also starred in a period drama "Umrao Jaan," "Kuch Na Kaho" or "Say No More" and "Dhaai Akshar Prem Ke" or "Two and A Half Words of Love."

Rai has acted in more than 30 movies.

Bachchan comes from a famous Bollywood movie family _ his father, Amitabh, and mother, Jaya, are among India's best known actors.

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10:15am, 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)
10:45am, 4:55, 10:55

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Alpha Dog (R)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:50, 8:00, 10:50, 12:00am
Children of Men (R)
10:00am, 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
10:40am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Night at the Museum (PG)
11:20am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
11:30am, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40
Primeval (R)
11:50am, 2:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 11:40
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Little Children (R)
11:00am, 10:00
The Queen (PG-13)
1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55
Sweet Land (PG)
11:00am
Volver (R)
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

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

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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	5	2	1	6	8	3	9	4
8	3	6	2	4	9	1	7	5
9	1	4	3	7	5	2	8	6
2	8	7	9	3	6	5	4	1
5	6	1	4	8	7	9	3	2
3	4	9	5	1	2	8	6	7
1	9	8	6	2	4	7	5	3
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1/16

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YOU TWO LOOK SO CUTE SITTING ON THE FROZEN POND.

CLICK

ONE MORE PICTURE.

CLICK

AND JUST ONE MORE...

CLICK

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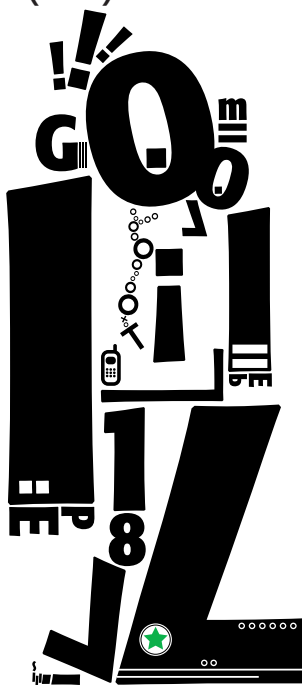
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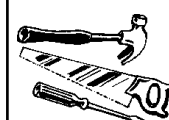
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