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TATTLE TELLY

Parents use GPS software in cell phones to keep tabs on kids

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TOUGH CELL: Santa Monica High School Senior Nick Piacentini, 17, talks on his Motorola cell phone during lunch break on Tuesday as he waits for his sandwich at the Donut King. Asked if his cell phone was equipped with a tracking device, Piacentini answered, 'Hell, no!'

Witty newspaper hops on the local paper trail

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The nation's gay population has kicked off a campaign demanding they receive the same library card privileges as heterosexuals, the Onion has reported.

In other news, the Onion also reports that Donald Rumsfeld purposely left out information about his most recent post as Defense Secretary from his resume.

Such satirical news by a publication proclaiming itself to be "America's Finest News Source" has brought laughter to Santa



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PAPER THE TOWN: Print copies of the satirical newspaper, the Onion, have recently popped up in stands and eateries in the Santa Monica and Los Angeles area.

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Mistaken identity

Stepfather says he believed officers were gang members

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE The stepfather of a 21-year-old Santa Monica man charged with the attempted murder of two undercover police officers testified Tuesday that he believed the officers were gang members looking to kill him, and that may have been the reason why they were attacked.

Richard de la Cruz, who was called to the stand by the judge, also testified that his stepson, Michael German Espindola, could not have been the shooter because he saw Espindola inside the family's apartment just as shots were fired outside the front door.

The man responsible for firing at least three shots at the officers is Espindola's cousin, who was with de la Cruz as the two walked from their van to the apartment, the stepfather said.

"I was halfway to my apartment when I heard a gunshot," the 33-year-old de la Cruz said. "I tried to duck, and as I looked up, I could see through (the apartment) window and saw Michael. He jumped up and ran (from his computer)."

Defense Attorney David Diamond pressed de la Cruz about his recollection of the shooting, an incident that lasted just a few seconds.

"Are you confident that (Espindola's cousin) is the shooter?" Diamond asked.

"Yes," de la Cruz said.

"Do you have any reason to lie?" Diamond asked.

"No," de la Cruz replied.

The shooting occurred in the early morning hours of Feb. 2, 2006.

Undercover officers with the Santa Monica Police Department were following a van being driven by de la Cruz on Pico Boulevard after receiving a call from their commander that the van was parked suspiciously at Ralph's supermarket, on Cloverfield and Olympic boulevards, just a

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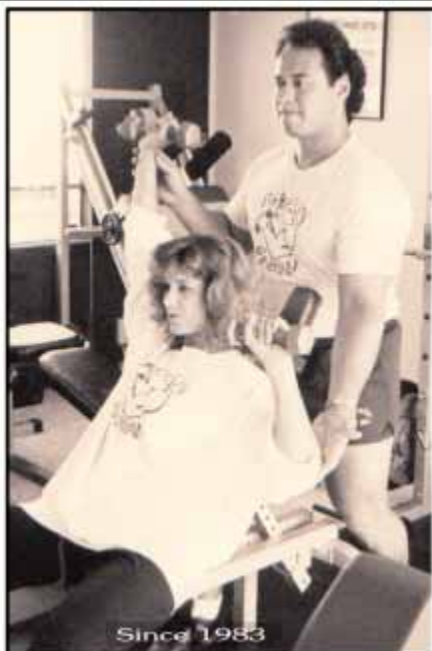
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Pacific Crest Trail presentation

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

Robert Francisco, a 2006 PCT thru-hiker, will speak about his journey on foot from Mexico to Canada at REI.

No More Kings at the Gypsy Lounge

23600 Rockfield #3A, Lake Forest, 8 p.m. — midnight

Check out this pop/funk/rock band as they sing about zombies, Surfs and the Karate Kid.

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.



COVER STORY

Kids can talk but can't hide

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD News last week that two teenage boys were found alive in a Missouri apartment after they were reported missing, one of whom had vanished more than four years ago, has kept a cell phone business here busy the past few days.

Parents worried that their child could be the next victim of abduction have flocked to Startronics — an electronics store selling car stereos, home theater systems and cell phones — to grab a hold of a new cell phone equipped with Global Positioning System [GPS], a software normally utilized in the form of a car navigation system.

Fifteen-year-old Shawn Hornbeck had been missing since 2002 when he was discovered by police on Friday in a Kirkwood, Mo., home during a search for 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who had gone missing earlier that week. Police arrested Michael Devlin, 41, charging him with one count of first-degree kidnapping.

In the parental version of Big Brother, wireless companies like Verizon and Sprint have banked on the GPS market, rolling out high-tech cell phones with features like the turn-by-turn navigation system and a family finder feature that enables parents to keep tabs on their children at virtually all times.

Through a computer on their own cell phone, a parent can locate their child through the GPS tracking system installed in the cell phone. The function displays a map of the real time location of the child, the speed at which they are traveling and the nearest address. Other features allow the parents to set boundaries in the phone, which will immediately notify the parent if the child leaves those boundaries. For example, if a parent sets the perimeter of Santa Monica High School as a boundary, then a message will be sent to their phone whenever their teenage child ventures off campus.

The option is available through Sprint in a service called "Sprint Family Locator," and Verizon, which offers "Chaperone." The

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BIRD TESTING



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SITTING DUCK: Dilyn Murphy held onto her 2-year-old son, Dashiell, while he fed the ducks at Douglas Park on Tuesday.

No harm, some fowl

CLEAN BILLS: Local ducks show no signs of avian flu virus

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOUGLAS PARK County health officials have given ducks here a clean bill of health, at least when it comes to the deadly avian flu virus.

After testing the fowls' feces over the last several months, Emily Beeler, a veterinarian with the Los Angeles County Department of Health, found no signs of "highly pathogenic H5N1," more commonly known as bird flu.

The testing, which will continue until August, is being funded by a pandemic flu grant from the Center for Disease Control.

"We're testing in a few different places in the county that are geographically spread apart so we can sample where wild water fowl land and defecate so we can get fresh samples,

not just old samples," Beeler said. "Santa Monica, since it has so many mallards, is a good testing area. Mallard ducks are a good bird to monitor for avian flu viruses."

Avian flu caught the attention of millions worldwide in October 2004, when researchers discovered that H5N1 is far more dangerous than previously believed and was being spread by waterfowl to chickens, crows and pigeons. The virus also showed an increasing ability to infect mammals as well, including humans.

A total of 157 people have died as a result of contracting the virus, most in Indonesia and Vietnam, according to the World Health Organization.

Scientists fear that as the virus mutates, it could be spread more easily amongst

humans, leading to an outbreak that could kill anywhere between 5 million to 150 million people.

At least 12 companies and 17 governments are developing pre-pandemic influenza vaccines in 28 different clinical trials that, if successful, could turn a deadly pandemic infection into a non-deadly one.

Beeler stressed that none of the ducks tested showed signs of the deadly strand, however, some have other viruses.

"They're found to carry a number of flu viruses," Beeler said. "The vast majority are mild and do not infect people at all."

Feces from ducks has long been a concern of city officials, who must drain the ponds at

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Going organic for the latest clothing trends

Dear EarthTalk

Where can I find fashionable clothing brands that use organic materials?

Trey Muhlhauser

Chicago, IL

INCREASED ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS worldwide have not escaped the notice of the fashion industry, which has been fast incorporating organic materials into its designs. Materials like hemp and bamboo are coming on strong, but organic cotton is by far the fabric of choice for most green clothing designers. According to Organic Exchange, a nonprofit committed to expanding the use of organically grown fibers, global retail sales of organic cotton products increased from \$245 million in 2001 to \$583 million in 2005.

The problem with traditional cotton — by far the most used clothing fabric in the world constituting a \$300 billion global market — is that producers use liberal amounts of insecticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers to grow it. Analysts estimate that cotton crops use about one quarter of all the agricultural insecticides applied globally each year. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seven of the top 15 pesticides used on U.S. cotton crops are potential or known human carcinogens.

Given such problems, choosing organically grown alternatives may be one of the best things consumers can do to help the environment. Luckily, many designers are using such materials to great effect in their newest lines. Examples include Kelly B Couture, Xylem, Turk + Taylor, Blue Canoe, Stewart + Brown, Armour Sans Anguish, Ecoganik, Nature Vs Future, EcoDragon, Gypsy Rose, Maggie's Organic, Two Star Dog and Enamore, all which are making waves in fashion circles with their cutting edge clothing designs crafted from materials grown without harmful synthetic chemicals. Big players like Levi Strauss, Victoria's Secret, Esprit, Patagonia and Timberland are also increasingly offering organic cotton products.

Singer Bono, along with his wife Ali Hewson and designer Rogan Gregory, launched their Edun brand in 2005, offering organic cotton T-shirts and sweatshirts



Photo courtesy

EARTHLy BUSINESS: Materials like hemp, bamboo and organic cotton are the fabrics of choice for many natural clothing designers.

made in Tunisia and Peru. A key part of Edun's mission involves fair wages and healthy working conditions for garment workers in developing countries.

Some online retailers featuring hip clothing made from organic materials include upstarts like ShopEnvi, Bamboo Styles, Grassroots Natural Goods, and better-known outlets like Gaiam. Even Wal-Mart and Target are now stocking a wide range of organic cotton clothing. To find other organic clothing retailers, the online repository of all things green, EcoMall, offers an impressive listing of sources for a wide range of cool, green-friendly garments on its clothing page. Another Web site, EcoBusinessLinks, provides a listing as well on its Natural Clothing Retailers Page.

Meanwhile, the non-profit Organic Consumers Association has launched "Clothes for a Change," a campaign to pressure major clothing retailers and manufacturers to wean themselves off of traditional cotton and petroleum-derived polyesters and to start using more organic materials. Another key element of the campaign is to educate consumers about the benefits of clothing made from organic materials.

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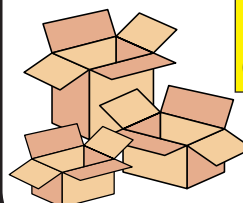
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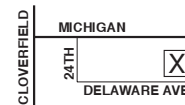
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How should the former Z-boys spot be remembered? Suggestions run the gamut from a mural to a skate park to a Z-Boys walk of fame. Or should the original building remain?

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GPS feature gives parents the option to locate children

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service is also available through Disney Mobile.

Parents cannot use the feature without the child's knowledge, said Kathleen Dunleavy, Los Angeles spokeswoman for Sprint. Whenever a parent sends in a request asking for their child's location, a text message is automatically sent to the child's cell phone notifying that "mom has just located you," she said.

The product has grown slowly in popularity since wireless companies introduced the feature more than a year ago, since Allan Keiter, CEO of MyRatePlan.com, an unbiased comparison shopping Web site.

The navigation system is currently the more popular GPS product since it appeals to a broader audience. The child locator, on the other hand, might take some time, especially considering children who are young enough to warrant such a feature might not even have a cell phone, Keiter said.

But younger children might be more open to the idea of being under the watchful eye of a parent at all times, he said.

"Kids in late elementary school are old enough to have the cell phone, but are young enough to not be turned off by the feature," Keiter said.

Last year, many children received their Christmas presents from Startronics where parents, attracted to the idea of having the peace of mind of knowing where their kids are at all times, purchased new cell phones.

The interest in the cell phones subsided until last Friday, said store manager Eddie Borgwardt on Tuesday.

"They want to get a hold of their kid 24/7," Borgwardt said. "I got a 50-percent increase in parents looking to keep in touch with their kids after the kidnapping a few days ago."

If Karen Beardsley's children were still young, she would've been more than happy to activate the feature on their phones. Her children grew up knowing that they would have a hard time keeping secrets from their mother, who wasn't afraid to say that she searched their personal belongings.

"A privacy issue didn't exist in my home," the Bakersfield resident said during a visit to downtown on Tuesday. "As long as they're in my home, I was going to police them. It didn't matter if they were 6 or 16 [years old]."

After the final bell rang on Tuesday afternoon, students spilled onto the sidewalks and streets outside Santa Monica High School, about 80 percent with a cell phone attached to their ears.

"This is too much," said sophomore Sadal Shokli of the GPS feature, while hanging out with her friends on Michigan Avenue after school. "You need your privacy with your phone."

The feature would be best applied to young children, since they are more vulnerable to kidnappings and can get easily lost, according to Shokli.

"Once a child turns 15, a parent should give them a real phone without the GPS," Shokli said.

"I would turn my phone off."

David Mun, a freshman at Samohi, doesn't believe his parents would force the child locator feature on his phone since they have a good, trusting relationship.

"I think it's OK in some cases, when the kids are wild," Mun said.

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few minutes earlier. The two undercover officers were assigned to robbery suppression and were wearing street clothes and driving an unmarked vehicle, police said.

Fearing for his life, de la Cruz said he drove quickly down Pico Boulevard and turned onto 17th Street. He said he parked his van and began to walk inside.

When the officers turned onto 17th Street from Pico Boulevard, a Latino male popped out from behind the van and opened fire, sending three bullets into the officers' car, according to police. One of the .38-caliber bullets struck the officer driving the vehicle in the right wrist.

Both he officer in the passenger's seat of the unmarked car and another officer who saw the van parked at the Ralph's have identified Espindola as the shooter. He was arrested and charged with attempted murder. Espindola was also charged with two counts of assault with a firearm, and one count of firing at an occupied vehicle.

In addition, the complaint against Espindola, who was at one time a member of a local Santa Monica gang known as SM17, alleges the attempted murder was to further the activities of a criminal street gang.

Espindola has plead not guilty to the charges and is being held on \$2.4 million bail. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

UNCOMMON PRACTICE

In a rare move, it was Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Antonio Barreto Jr. that called de la Cruz to testify. Barreto said he was looking for clarification from the stepfather as to what he believed happened before, during and after the shooting last February. The judge allowed both sides to question de la Cruz.

It is the defense's claim that Espindola was at home downloading music and watching racy videos on his computer at the time of the attack on the officers, and that it was his cousin, now living in Washington state,

who committed the crime.

During questioning by the defense, de la Cruz said that while he saw Espindola in the apartment, he did not turn around to see who was shooting at the officers. But, he is confident that it was Espindola's cousin.

A gun that was linked to the shooting through ballistics was found in Espindola's apartment. However, no DNA evidence was found and no fingerprints were recovered that could link Espindola to the weapon.

The prosecution alleges Espindola was the shooter and that the absence of fingerprints is common, presenting an expert witness who testified earlier in the now nearly two-week long trial that fingerprints are found on only roughly 5 percent of weapons recovered.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Tavelman also called one of the officers who was targeted. The officer testified that Espindola was the shooter. Another officer said he saw Espindola riding in the van with de la Cruz minutes before the shooting.

During opening statements, Tavelman suggested Espindola fired at the officers because he wanted to get back in favor with his gang after helping police in an investigation into a double murder at the Moose Lodge in Santa Monica. Tavelman also said Espindola may have fired because he thought the officers were rival gang members looking to kill him.

As with the Espindola's mother, who testified last week that her son was at home at the time of the shooting, the prosecutor tried to discredit de la Cruz by bringing up inconsistent statements he made in a pre-trial hearing and during his testimony in court.

Several times de la Cruz could not recall the names of people he was in contact with in the hours before the shooting, nor was he sure as to what time the attack occurred.

Testimony is expected to continue today, with closing arguments coming in the afternoon or Thursday morning.

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Several hundred racks contain the Onion in SM

FROM THE ONION PAGE 1

Monicans in recent months as print copies of The Onion popped up in newsstands, bars and pizza parlors across the city.

The Onion newspaper is the brainchild of two former University of Wisconsin students, who began distributing free copies of their weekly rails against standard news publications in the Los Angeles area in August.

"It's been on the charts [to come to LA] for a long time," said Rob Bedell, LA city manager for the Onion. "We wanted to get our business

model set before coming into Los Angeles."

Laid out like a normal newspaper, the Onion dishes satirical articles on local and national news, sports, politics, business, education, science and technology. The only section that offers true, yet humorous, commentary is the AV Club — the paper's entertainment section.

Several hundred news racks containing the Onion are scattered throughout the city, including Wildflower Pizza on Main Street, Britannia Pub on Santa Monica Boulevard and Over Under Sports Grill on Santa Monica Boulevard.

The paper has a circulation of 50,000 in the LA area, 20,000 of which comes from Santa Monica, Marina del Rey, Brentwood and Venice. The paper seems to be most popular in the North of Wilshire region, where almost no papers remain when new issues are delivered in the middle of the week.

"I work at three bars in Santa Monica and there's never any copies left by the time they deliver the new editions," said Tona Mondragon, a bartender at Over Under Sports Grill, 14 Below and The Shack.

Mondragon reads a copy whenever she can, appreciating the funny content that keeps her customers occupied whenever they venture into a bar alone. Some stop in just to grab a copy.

Bedell believes the paper is most appreciated among the college-educated to post-graduate crowds.

"They're the overeducated, overpaid people who like to go out and have fun," he said. "They get it, they're in tune with business and the cultural events going on."

The paper keeps Cara Wanek occupied whenever she's in a restaurant and dining by herself.

"I love how people come up with stuff off the top of their head," she said while sitting on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday.

'Item found in garbage to be turned into lamp someday' - the Onion

During the 1987-88 school year, Chris Johnson and Tim Keck, two students at the

University of Wisconsin at Madison, were sitting in their dorm room and making up funny stories. They soon put those stories into print and started selling ads.

"It ran rampant in the university and soon spilled over into the community," Bedell said.

The Onion was soon distributed in Milwaukee, and then Chicago, gradually growing until 1996, when its popularity exploded during the dot-com boom. The humorous news that had brought tears of laughter to the eyes of so many people in the Midwest was now available online.

"The online component really took off because people could e-mail stories to each other," Bedell said. "A lot of people have the confusion that it started online, but the roots are in print."

Onion books began publishing in the late 1990s when print distribution began expanding to other markets. Today, the paper is offered for free in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Austin, Denver, Madison, Milwaukee, Los Angeles and, of course, Santa Monica.

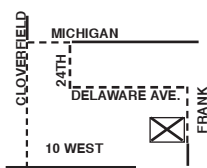
How the founders came up with "The Onion" moniker remains a mystery to this day.

"I fear that it is lost in the annals of time," Bedell said. "I have heard many rumors — it has layers that you have to peel back or reading it makes your eyes tear with laughter."

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DUCKS IN A ROW: City staff must be careful when dealing with ducks as they are protected by state and federal laws. The ducks may not be disturbed while nesting.

City aims to clean the ponds

FROM AVIAN FLU PAGE 3

Douglas park annually to clean them. If not, the feces can cause algae to grow and kill plants, which the ducks depend on to survive. The ponds are scheduled to be drained in February or March, city staff said.

Because the ducks are protected by state and federal laws, city staff must be very careful in how they deal with them. The ducks cannot be disturbed when they are nesting, and special permits are needed to trap them. City staff has, for the most part, left the ducks alone, allowing them to come and go as they please.

"The ducks are a nice feature for a lot of people out there," said Elaine Polachek, the open space manager for City Hall. "We just have to manage them."

To do that, city staff is looking at installing a series of drainage pipes so that the ponds can be cleaned one at a time, allowing the ducks to migrate from one pond to another and not be without water. Some residents complained last year when City Hall drained all three ponds around the time that some ducklings had hatched.

"We are trying to also educate the community that while it is fun to come to the park, and the kids really like feeding the ducks, is a problem," Polachek said. "There is plenty of food for the ducks."

"The plant material within the pond is what they eat, so bringing Cheetos really is a disservice to the ducks."

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Netflix plans to start offering movies over the Internet

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writer

LOS GATOS Netflix Inc. will start showing movies and TV episodes over the Internet this week, providing its subscribers with more instant gratification as the DVD-by-mail service prepares for a looming technology shift threatening its survival.

The Los Gatos-based company plans to unveil the new "Watch Now" feature Tuesday, but only a small number of its more than 6 million subscribers will get immediate access to the service, which is being offered at no additional charge.

Netflix expects to introduce the instant viewing system to about 250,000 more subscribers each week through June to ensure its computers can cope with the increased demand.

After accepting a computer applet that takes less than a minute to install, subscribers will be able to watch anywhere from six hours to 48 hours of material per month on an Internet streaming service that is supposed to prevent piracy.

The allotted viewing time will be tied to how much customers already pay for their DVD rentals. Under Netflix's most popular \$17.99 monthly package, subscribers will receive 18 hours of Internet viewing time.

The company has budgeted about \$40 million this year to expand its data centers and cover the licensing fees for the roughly 1,000 movies and TV shows that will be initially available for online delivery.

Netflix's DVD library, by comparison, spans more than 70,000 titles, one of the main reasons why the mail is expected to remain the preferred delivery option for most subscribers.

Another major drawback: the instant viewing system only

works on personal computers and laptops equipped with a high-speed Internet connection and Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. That means the movies can't be watched on cell phones, TVs or video iPods, let alone computers that run on Apple Inc.'s operating system.

Despite its limitations, the online delivery system represents a significant step for Netflix as it tries to avoid obsolescence after the Internet becomes the preferred method for piping movies into homes.

"This is a big moment for us," Netflix Chief Executive Reed Hastings as he clicked a computer mouse to quickly call up "The World's Fastest Indian" on the instant viewing service. "I have always envisioned us heading in this direction. In fact, I imagined we already would be there by now."

Besides preparing Netflix for the future, the instant viewing system also gives the company a potential weapon in its battle with Blockbuster Inc. As part of an aggressive marketing campaign, Blockbuster has been giving its online subscribers the option of bypassing the mail and returning DVDs to a store so they can obtain another movie more quickly.

Since its 1999 debut, Netflix has revolutionized movie-watching habits by melding the convenience of the Web and mail delivery with a flat-fee system that appealed to consumers weary of paying the penalties imposed by Blockbuster for late returns to its stores.

After first brushing off Netflix as a nettlesome novelty, Blockbuster has spent the past few years expanding a similar online rental service that provoked a legal spat over alleged patent infringement.

Netflix has been able to maintain its leadership so far, building so much momentum that the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., abandoned its efforts to build an online DVD rental service in 2005.

In the last three years, Netflix has signed up nearly 5 million more subscribers to become increasingly profitable. Although Netflix won't report its 2006 earnings until later this month, analysts believe the company made about \$44 million last year, up from \$6.5 million in 2003.

Despite the company's growth, Netflix's stock price has dropped by more than 40 percent over the past three years, shriveling to \$22.71 at the end of last week.

The erosion largely reflects investor misgivings about Netflix's long-term prospects.

Once it becomes more practical to buy and rent movies within a few minutes on high-speed Internet connections, few consumers presumably will want to wait a day or two to receive a DVD in the mail. If that happens, Netflix could go the way of the horse and buggy.

Online movie delivery already is available through services like CinemaNow, MovieFlix, Movielink, Vongo and Amazon.com Inc.'s recently launched Unbox. Apple Inc. also is emerging as major player, with hundreds of movies and TV shows on sale at its iTunes store and a new device that promises to transport media from a computer to a TV screen.

But none of those online services have caught on like Netflix's mail-delivery system, partly because movie and TV studios generally release their best material on DVDs first.

States step up to fund Amtrak service, but want federal to match

BY SARAH KARUSH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Pacific Surfliner, running from San Luis Obispo, Calif., down the coast to San Diego, is Amtrak's second-most popular route, with nearly 2.7 million passengers last year.

But one thing sets it apart from most other trains run by the federally funded passenger railroad: It's paid for by the state of California.

California is among 14 states that fund corridor service that Amtrak wouldn't otherwise provide. On Tuesday, Sens. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Trent Lott, R-Miss., are expected to announce the introduction of legislation that would, among other things, encourage more state investment in Amtrak by making federal matching funds available.

The sweeping bill — similar to one that passed in the Senate 93 to 6 last year but was never voted on in the House — calls for \$12 billion in federal funding for the next six years. Many Amtrak supporters believe it has a better chance this year with Democrats in control of Congress.

But one aspect of the bill is relatively uncontroversial. The idea of matching funds for state investment in Amtrak is one that both supporters and critics of the railroad have embraced — and something states like California believe is long overdue.

As for Amtrak itself, "states are our future," President Alex Kummant told The Associated Press last week. He said a matching program for capital investments, along with making Amtrak "more user-friendly" for states, is essential if Amtrak is to capitalize on growing demand for intercity rail.

Even without such matching funds, states have been stepping up. The biggest player, California, currently contributes \$73 million for the Pacific Surfliner and two other trains it runs jointly with Amtrak.

Illinois last year doubled its annual subsidy to Amtrak to \$24 million. The increase followed several years of double-digit growth in the number of riders on routes connecting Chicago with St. Louis, Carbondale, Ill., and Quincy, Ill., and allowed Amtrak to offer much more frequent service.

Other states that subsidize Amtrak service are Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Outside of Amtrak's busiest route — the northeast corridor from Boston to Washington — the state corridors are the biggest success stories. They provide a stark-contrast to the railroad's long-distance trains, which many critics believe should be eliminated because they are costly and attract comparatively few riders.

State involvement is healthy, "as opposed to having our trains totally planned by a centralized, monopolistic, Washington, D.C., organization," said Joseph Vranich, a former Amtrak spokesman who is now one of its most vocal critics.

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Biomass plant grows

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press Writer

SNOWFLAKE, Ariz. Teeny leftover paper fibers, a forest full of charred trees, and a pile of wood chips so high it looks more like a mountain all sit waiting in eastern Arizona for the biomass plant they soon will help fuel.

The 24 megawatt, \$53 million plant now under construction will be the second and by far the largest biomass plant in Arizona.

Builders and backers of the plant in Snowflake, about 130 miles northeast of Phoenix, say it will provide a stable source of electricity for the eastern mountain communities of Arizona, allow the state's utility companies to use more renewable energy, and help clean Arizona's forests of small-diameter trees, which have helped fuel some of the most devastating wildfires in state history.

"This project is about environmental protection and creating electricity in an environmentally safe and renewable fashion," said Scott Higginson, executive vice president of NZ Legacy, a land and energy development company building the Snowflake White Mountain Power plant, which is expected to be in full production by December.

Fuel sources for the plant will come from leftover recycled paper fibers at a neighboring paper mill and from "woody waste," Higginson said.

The woody waste will come from three sources. The first will be small-diameter trees that were burned in the Rodeo-

Chediski fire, which in 2002 charred 469,000 acres and burned 491 buildings in eastern Arizona while becoming the largest wildfire in state history.

More woody waste will come from forest thinning projects on wildland-urban interface — land where buildings meet the forest. The third source will be leftover wood at sawmills.

Arizona's new plant will join nearly 100 biomass plants in the country, said Bill Carlson, chairman of the Redding, Calif.-based USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance, a national group of owners and

we're always looking for domestic renewable forms of energy that would get us out of the stranglehold of the Middle East on our energy policy and our energy future," Carlson said.

He said biomass provides the nation with 2 percent to 3 percent of its energy and less than 1 percent of its electricity.

He said biomass plants are most common in California and Northeastern states, including Maine and New Hampshire, because those areas have more readily available fuel and their electricity systems have a high-cost structure that makes using alter-

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Scott Higginson
Executive vice president, NZ Legacy

operators of biomass plants. The state's other biomass plant was in Eagar but recently shut down. Its owner plans to open it again in May.

Carlson defined biomass as any type of woody material, ranging from bits of leftover wood to eucalyptus trees, that can be converted to fuel.

"It's a renewable form of energy, and

nate fuels more financially logical.

In order for more biomass plants to be built, Carlson said governments need to issue more renewable energy requirements. For example, the Arizona Corporation Commission approved new rules in October that require state-regulated utilities to get 15 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025, with annual increases of roughly 1 percent.

Suit seeks to enforce ban on Yakama reservation booze sales

By The Associated Press

TOPPENISH, Wash. A Yakama tribal member has filed suit to get the federal government to enforce terms of an 1855 treaty banning alcohol from the 1.2-million-acre central Washington reservation.

In the lawsuit filed last week in U.S. District Court in Yakima, Marlene White also alleges the government is not enforcing federal liquor laws that prohibit alcohol sales on reservations without tribal permission.

"There has been no enforcement," White said. "When we first started the alcohol ban in reference to our treaty, we were successful in getting rid of the state liquor stores, but since then nothing has been done."

White's lawsuit seeks a court order banning alcohol six years after the tribe voted to limit reservation sales.

Tribal attorney Jack Fiander said many tribes have been successful in regulating and taxing alcohol on their reservations based on federal laws. Most lacked the legal power the Yakamas have in their 1855 treaty, Fiander said.

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Californians are getting the last restricted rolls of Golden State quarters for next 48 hours

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By D. L. COTTRELL
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - The clock is ticking. Hotline operators are bracing for the flood of calls.

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But today, thousands of state residents are calling for some of the last remaining California state quarters.

For the next 48 hours only the World Reserve Monetary Exchange is offering up the last of its private hoard of Golden State state quarters to California state residents only.

Those state residents who beat the deadline will be getting these restricted rolls of the last of their home state quarters at face value, in brilliant, never-circulated condition. They are only asked to cover the processing fee and shipping. But the government is not the one to thank.

"Everyone knows how important the state of California is, so we felt Californians deserved to get the last of these state quarters before anyone else could get their hands on them," confirms John T. White, Executive Director of the privately owned World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"That's why we're opening our vaults exclusively to Californians for the next 48 hours," White said.

"Non-residents are restricted from getting these special state resident rolls of the Golden State quarters. And, you can't find these rolls at the U.S. Mint, at the Federal Reserve or at any local bank. You can't get them rolled this way anywhere else," said White.

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why collectors hoard them whenever they can get their hands on them.

"We felt Californians deserve to get the last of their state quarters in the restricted rolls before anyone else can get their hands on them."

- John T. White,
Executive Director,
World Reserve Monetary Exchange

"You cannot find these never-circulated coins in your pocket change. Once circulated they are handled and virtually worthless to collectors," said White.

Many of the earlier state quarters in never-circulated condition with mint contact markings have increased

dramatically in value.

"Values always fluctuate and there's never any guarantees as to how much these California state quarters will be worth in the future. But I can tell you that an uncirculated Tennessee state quarter has already increased in value by 1200% since its release," White said.

"We've put on extra staff and have earmarked all our entire vault stock. That means there will be enough of these special twenty-five coin state resident rolls for all Californians who beat the 48 hour order deadline," said White.

But with less than 48 hours remaining, and with a very limited number of coins actually minted, the demand is expected to be at record levels.

"Lots of people will be getting

10 rolls because they make such wonderful gifts for any occasion for their children, parents, grandparents and friends," said White.

"To keep these quarters in their never-circulated condition, they are being carefully placed into rich gold embroidered vault bags, and special custom-tailored coin jackets for California residents only," White said.

"These vault bags turn the rolls of coins into an impressive gift. The person who receives it will feel like they just got a pot of gold. And these vault bags and custom-tailored coin jackets are available only to California state residents," he added.

Whether readers get these special restricted California State Quarters for themselves or to give as gifts, one thing is certain, this marks the

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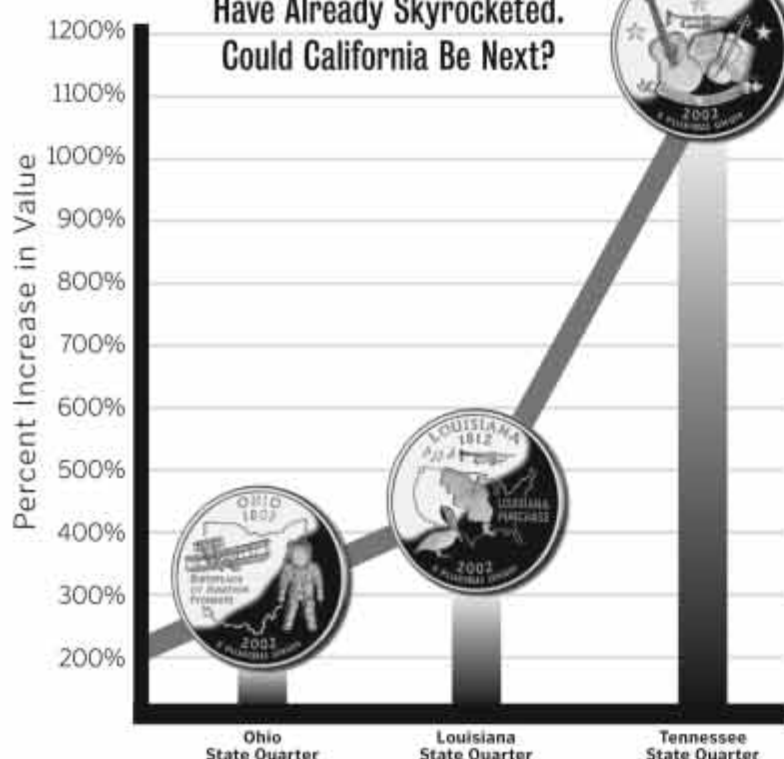
Values for state quarters soar

If the past can predict the future, the last of the California state quarters soon may be hard to find

"It's staggering how much some of the uncirculated state quarters have already increased in value. In fact, the Tennessee State Quarter has already increased in value an astonishing 1200%. The values of the Ohio and Louisiana State Quarters have also risen dramatically since their release date," confirms John T. White, Executive Director of the privately owned World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"It's important to get both mint marks. The values of coins can differ dramatically and there are never any guarantees. That's why savvy collectors always make sure to grab up both mint marks when they can get them. And for those who do get the last of the California Golden State Quarter-Dollars it wouldn't be surprising if they were worth significantly more at this same time next year," White said. ■

Values For These State Quarters Have Already Skyrocketed. Could California Be Next?



Here's how residents are getting free State Quarters

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Beginning at 8:00 am today, residents of northern California should begin calling to get all the rolls of quarters they want. Southern California residents have a different number and should begin calling at 8:30 am.

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Days on the Market

Jodi Summers

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Mostly sunny for LA real estate

The experts are predicting good prospects in commercial real estate in 2007 ... and even better news locally. Stan Ross, chairman of the board of the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate cites New York and Los Angeles among the "leading metropolitan markets" where properties will continue to command top dollar.

The Lusk Center also suggests that, in addition to investing in traditional office, retail, industrial and hotel assets, speculators will examine alternative investments, including urban infill, adaptive reuse and multi-family retail developments near inner city transit centers.

Economists note that throughout 2006, sales and leasing were on a growth curve in the office, industrial and multifamily sectors. They foresee these property types continuing to grow through 2007 and into 2008. The retail property market will be softer.

The expanding U.S. economy and an influx of institutional investment capital are keeping the volume of sales transactions high in the commercial sectors.

"Institutional investors have returned in a big way," say NAR economic analysts.

Ross calls 2007 the "Year of Recycling" for real estate capital. The Lusk institute chairman explains that capital is not leaving property markets, but it is "being recycled

into small equity funds, limited partnerships and alternative investments."

It's believed that much of what is now evolving with capital investments is an outgrowth of last year's privatization push — when some of the larger public Real Estate Investment Trusts went private.

Investors still have access to the inexpensive debt of recent years, which leaves room for potentially higher returns from real estate investments than other types of investments offer. With these factors at work, the USC Lusk Center chairman says, real estate "will continue its dominance as an asset class in 2007."

For all commercial sectors, lending volume is up and delinquencies are down. Construction costs are keeping speculative development to a minimum. Import and export activity continues at high levels, sustaining demand in warehouse and distribution facilities. Strong corporate profits are stimulating businesses to expand office and production space.

"The U.S. economy is proving very resilient, and that favors commercial real estate," confirms Kenneth Riggs, CEO of Real Estate Research Corp.

The National Association of Realtors has spoken to those in the know and makes the following 2007 commercial property predictions:

OFFICES:

A minor rise in new office buildings in 2006 kept office vacancy rate relatively flat, but with healthy job growth, continued robust absorption levels, and moderate speculative development, the vacancy rate is expected to drop by the end of 2007.

Industrial:

A shortage of properties suitable for traditional and inland ports is driving the need for build-to-suit warehouse and distribution facilities. The chic conversion of older industrial properties to mixed-use purposes is also keeping inventories down and rents up. Vacancy rates are forecast to maintain the steady down trend they've seen since early 2004. Rents are expected to increase slightly.

RETAIL:

Retail is the dark spot in the commercial marketplace. Hit by still-soft consumer confidence and a mega merger between the Federated Department Stores and the May Department Stores that prompted store closings, retail was the only commercial sector in which vacancies rose and rent growth decreased in 2006. Regional shopping centers and neighborhood centers alike are suffering from store closures and softening consumer confidence. Retail vacancy rates are predicted to rise slightly in 2007. Average retail rent is forecast to increase marginally.

MULTIFAMILY:

The apartment market is strengthening as potential home buyers remain in rental housing and echo boomers enter the rental market. Vacancy rates will continue to be marginal at best.

Our country will continue to be appealing to foreign investors. U.S. property prices look competitive from a global perspective. "The weak dollar also has given global investors more buying power in America," observes Ross.

The commercial market will be lucrative, but not as lucrative as in years past. "Investors will have to look for ways to enhance value," concludes Riggs.

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2007 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OVERVIEW

	VACANCY RATE	RENTAL RATE CHANGE	NET ABSORPTION
Industrial			
2005	9.9%	2.8%	285.5 million (sq. ft.)
2006	9.7%	1.5%	291.2 million (sq. ft.)
2007*	9.0%	5.8%	255.1 million (sq. ft.)
Multifamily			
2005	5.2%	2.8%	3,950,919 (units)
2006	5.2%	4.8%	2,921,752 (units)
2007*	5.3%	5.0%	2,051,000 (units)
Office			
2005	15.9%	5.2%	94.5 million
2006	15.0%	5.5%	74.5 million
2007*	12.2%	5.3%	77.0 million
Hotel			
2005	7.2%	2.8%	51.5 million
2006	6.2%	-1.4%	5.0 million
2007*	6.2%	2.9%	15.0 million
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In your Space

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Maintaining a partnership takes a special touch

A common way to own investment real estate is as a member of a partnership. Being in a partnership has many advantages, but does present a challenge if one of the partners wants to cash out using a 1031 exchange.

In the eyes of the IRS, a partnership “interest” is considered personal property and does not qualify for a 1031 exchange. The general rule is that the “entity” that sells the relinquished property must be the same “entity” that purchases the replacement property. A simpler way to look at it is the tax return that sells the relinquished property must be the same tax return that purchases the replacement property (there is an exception under the “disregarded entity” rule). If the partnership sells the relinquished property and the partnership purchases the replacement property, then the transaction is “like kind” and qualifies for a 1031 exchange.

With careful planning and forethought, the members of a partnership can structure a transaction or series of transactions that allow one or all of the partners to cash out and “go their separate ways” while deferring capital gains taxes.

FEW OPTIONS

The partnership can exchange the single property for several like kind properties with an aggregate “equal” value; allowing easy dissolution of the partnership or further exchanges. This strategy is commonly known as “swap and drop.” The partnership creates separate limited liability companies (LLCs). The LLCs hold each new property for a sufficient amount of time to prove that they held it for investment to insure the exchange will be valid. The partnership then distributes the LLCs to the individual partners. Some adjustments relative to fair market value may be needed to keep the distributions equal to the respective percentage interest.

The partnership can transfer the interest in the real estate to the various owners as Tenants-In-Common (TIC). Holding title as a TIC means that each co-owner has an “undivided fractional interest” in the property and provides a separate deed to each co-owner. This way of holding title allows each co-owner to exchange their interests separately, meaning that one can exchange into another property without the other co-owners.

The partnership could purchase the replacement property and after it closes refinance and the proceeds can be distributed to the partner who wants to cash out.

Sample Properties For Sale

Net Leased Investments

Name	State	Price	Cap Rate
Big 10 Tires	GA	\$1,855,623	7.3%
Pollo Tropical	NY	\$2,230,196	7.2%
Office Max	SC	\$3,150,000	8.0%
Logans Roadhouse	AL	\$5,056,700	6.7%

Tenant In Common/Alternatives (No Management)

Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year One Cash On Cash	Year Five Cash On Cash
Retail Center	IN	\$175,000	7.40%	11.20%
Managed Condos	MS	\$219,000	20.00%	20.00%
Student Housing	TN	\$250,000	9.35%	11.06%
Widgreens-Anchored Center	NY	\$350,000	9.00%	12.00%

The common requirement for all of these is that the property be held long enough to qualify as an investment. Doing the ground work for a successful 1031 exchange should be done long before the actual exchange happens. This is done to minimize the risk of the IRS claiming that the individual members or partners purchase the property for resale rather than for investment or that the exchange was really an attempt to

exchange partnership interest which as mentioned above, is excluded as like-kind property under a 1031 exchange.

As always, each investor should consult with their tax/legal professional to discuss the risks and other factors involved with partnerships prior to making any decisions.

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Avoiding home-improvement headaches

BY DAVID BRADLEY
Associated Press Writer

IF YOU'RE MOUNTING A REMODELING project in the new year, here's a checklist of nine things you can do to curb homeowner angst and avoid the pitfalls of home-improvement makeovers gone awry.

SET A REALISTIC BUDGET

It's okay to start with a general number to fit your pocketbook. But be sure to compute every cost factor, including materials, labor, permits and special-order items in as much detail as possible. Plotting out your costs on computer spreadsheets will give you a big-picture overview for how much you're spending and will be helpful in your planning. A firm budget also sets perimeters and helps contractors know what you have to spend.

KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS

If you don't have the skills to do the work right the first time, hire a professional. Too often, shoddy work by homeowners is penalized by finicky buyers when the time comes to sell your home. Shelve your ego in favor of work that looks good and is done correctly.

HIRE AN EXPERIENCED CONTRACTOR

Interview multiple contractors and resist the temptation to employ the first available tradesman. Ask potential contractors the tough questions: How much experience do you have on this type of project? Do you have proof of insurance? Have you ever been sued for bad work? Do you show up on time? How do you handle payments and project expenses? Then do your homework and call the Better Business Bureau where you live to find out if any complaints have

been lodged against the contractor. Finally, make sure to ask a prospective contractor to provide you with references, then call them to check out the quality, reputation and workmanship of previous jobs.

DON'T BUY ON COST ALONE

A lower cost contractor who doesn't show up on time, or who changes quotes for labor and materials mid-project, isn't a good value and may end up costing you more than you've budgeted. So don't quickly rule out contractors who may want to charge you more for better service and a promise to finish on time and within budget. In the long run, you may actually save money — and avoid financial woes later.

GET IT IN WRITING

Say it with me: No deal with a contractor is ever done on a handshake. If a contractor

candidate offers a standard contract, run it by your real estate attorney to make sure your interests are included in the terms. (An attorney also has sample contracts that will give you an idea of the language and terms usually covered.) Note: As a homeowner, you have leverage in the contract. Most contractors who want or need the work, will probably be flexible in meeting your demands.

USE THE CORRECT MATERIALS

Here's a good rule of thumb: If a project budget is tight, spend the most money on the objects (fixtures, knobs, door hardware) that are touched frequently or are visually prominent and less on other items typically out of view. If you can do without costly wood, use weather-resistant composites or plastics for crown moldings, decking and flooring. You'll save on maintenance headaches, too.



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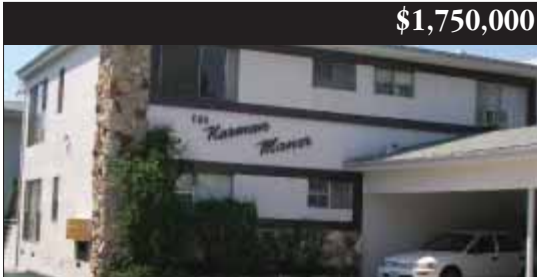
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Slim down Clean out the closets and keep clutter moving

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
Associated Press Writers

In the '70s, actor and comedian Redd Foxx portrayed the character Fred Sanford on the hit TV series "Sanford & Son," in which he and his TV son played owners of a junkyard. Although the show's set was a simple, sparsely decorated home, you just knew it was smack dab in the middle of the messiest junkyard known to humankind.

Well, we don't live anywhere near a junkyard, but we often feel like we're "smack dab in the middle" of the one that belonged to the Sanfords. So we have a New Year's resolution that will ensure clear paths and junk-free surroundings: unclutter everything!

Here's our plan:

First, we will be giving as much as possible to charities. Yes, a garage sale is great, but it doesn't come with high returns via built-in tax credits.

Next, we will list what's left on eBay. You can sell just about anything on the Internet.

Then comes the garage sale. Keep this one in third place and your gain will be 20-fold over past experiences.

And finally, a trip to the junkyard — not Fred Sanford's, the real one.

Once you've accomplished these tasks, you'll be left with more storage space than you know what to do with. With all of the extra room, you ought to be able to store what's left in a far more organized fashion. When you can easily access what you have, then it becomes more valuable.

Moving from last to first on the list above, we all know about making a trip to the junkyard. It isn't rocket science. Load the stuff up and get it there. Pay a small dump fee and drive away relieved.

A garage sale isn't much more complicated. Place signs around the neighborhood a day or two in advance (check into any required local permits), try to get neighbors to hold sales on the same day in hopes of attracting more buyers, put prices on everything and make the prices really low. Oh, and try to run your sale over a whole weekend rather than just one day. This gives passersby a chance to think about what they saw.

Getting rid of junk begins to get a bit complicated as you move up our list. However, the closer you get to the top, the better your chance of walking away with money for your trouble and your stuff.

The world of buying and selling on the Internet is somewhat different than you might be used to. If you haven't done it before, find a friend who has. Look into something

known as PayPal: It is a secure way of exchanging money over the Internet without disclosing personal information with every transaction.

Finally, back to the first part of our plan: Giving to charities definitely is a good thing. It helps others who are less fortunate. And there is a great tax advantage associated with donating. As a tax deduction, you can take full value for what you give. Wow — help yourself while helping others!

Donating isn't always as easy as you might think. Many organizations have strict rules about what they will and won't take. Don't be discouraged. The charitable organization has to be able to sell what you give them. In some cases, their sales resources are limited. In other cases, the charity doesn't sell the item, but is geared only to use what is donated.

Make a list of what you have, then make a few calls before you load your car. Just because you want to donate it doesn't mean the charity will be able to accept it.

By the way, if you are interested in which charities do what, how they work financially, who does the best job with your dollars and other donations, go to a Web site called Charity Navigator at <http://www.charitynavigator.org>. It's full of information about the country's biggest, smallest, best and worst charities.

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Adopt-a-shark?

Conservationists strive to rally support for the rapidly dwindling number of sharks

BY TARA GODVIN
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Rows of razor sharp teeth, a carnivorous appetite and a bad reputation as a “man-eater” have made sharks a tough public relations challenge for conservationists striving to rally support for protecting the misunderstood fish’s dwindling numbers.

But experts say people’s attitudes toward sharks have been changing since the days when a single mistaken nibble on a human in Hawaiian waters spurred hunts for the “rogue” suspect.

Tactics for bringing attention to sharks’ plight have included adopt-a-shark programs, awareness stickers designed by cartoonist Jim Toomey, and a public disavowal of the Chinese delicacy shark’s fin soup by NBA star Yao Ming.

Combining fascination and mortal fear, it’s easy to see why tales of attacks grab headlines.

The Global Shark Attack File logged the first shark attack of 2007 on Jan. 5 off Kauai. That shark, estimated at up to eight feet, bit a 13-inch half-moon chunk out of a surfer’s board. The surfer was unhurt, and the spat-out chunk later washed up on shore.

Fatalities, however, are few. Of the 86 known and suspected shark encounters in 2006, only seven are known to be fatal with the shark involvement in another two ocean fatalities uncertain, according to the attack file.

Meanwhile, about 100 million sharks and their close relatives are killed each year, either deliberately or as fishermen’s bycatch, according to the Shark Alliance, a five-month-old international coalition of advocacy and ocean recreation groups.

That would make for a fatality ratio of about 1 to 10 million, some conservation advocates point out.

“They’re not all just teeth,” said Sonja Fordham, policy director of the Belgium-based Shark Alliance and director of the shark conservation program of the Washington-based Ocean Conservancy.

Over the past 15 years both the public and government ocean managers have come to realize that sharks — which include more than 400 species — are a more diverse group than the voracious monster portrayed in “Jaws,” she said.

MORE THAN JAWS

Sharks range from the world’s largest fish, the whale shark, which grows up to 50 feet long and feeds mostly on plankton and other small prey, to the diminutive cookie-cutter shark, an up to 20-inch, bioluminescent fish that cuts plugs of flesh out of its much larger prey.

Relatively few species pose a threat to humans.

Still, the public needs do more than just

give up its fear and begin acting on behalf of sharks if species are going to be saved from extinction, Fordham said.

About 20 percent of the world’s sharks are now estimated to be threatened, Fordham said.

Public effort can come in the form of petitioning lawmakers, changing fishing practices or choosing not to make a meal out of species deemed to be in trouble, advocates say.

Ironically, the most feared of sharks, the great white, is also among the most protected. In New Zealand fines of up to \$172,000 and six months in prison for harming the fish are about to go into effect.

The path to protection, however, is more difficult for lesser known shark species such as the spiny dog fish, which has an unfortunate name and what some call “beady eyes,” Fordham said.

SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES

Several years ago the Ocean Conservancy faced just such a challenge when it led a push to get U.S. protection for the smalltooth sawfish, a shark relative with a bizarre-looking, long snout ringed with protruding teeth.

“When these species are going up against salmon and right whales ... and other endangered marine mammals, they’re not exactly the most cuddly of the group,” Fordham said.

The campaign including Toomey’s cartoon sticker featuring a kindly looking shark saying, “Please help protect my pal, the endangered sawfish,” brought an unprecedented response and helped lead to the sawfish’s listing as endangered in 2003.

Shark finning, the practice of killing sharks for their fins used in a popular Chinese soup, is considered to be among the biggest threats to sharks.

Awareness campaigns and documentaries have brought attention to the issue, which even made it into celebrity news this summer after San Francisco-based conservation group WildAid persuaded the Chinese-born Ming to join the campaign.

But shark consumption isn’t limited to Asia. British fish and chips and German beer garden snacks have used the meat of spiny dog fish, which takes up to two years to develop inside its mother before being born, Fordham said.

A MATTER OF TRUST

The European Union has become one of the focuses of shark advocates because its regulations are considered relatively weak.

Unfortunately, many Europeans are unaware they even have local shark populations, and shark sightings are often followed by negative media attention, said Ali Hood, director of conservation at the U.K.-based Shark Trust.

“They’re not patrolling our coastlines look-

Fins to the left

The Associated Press

THE QUANDARY: Memories of the “Jaws” movies and ongoing shark attacks give the toothy fish a bad reputation. But conservation activists say their numbers are dwindling.

WHAT THEY SAY: “When these species are going up against salmon and right whales ... and other endangered marine mammals, they’re not exactly the most cuddly of the group,” said Sonja Fordham, policy director of the Belgium-based Shark Alliance.

THE SOLUTIONS: Shark advocates have set up adopt-a shark programs and enlisted NBA star Yao Ming in the campaign against shark fin soup.

ing for a meal in the shape of a person as the media would like to portray them,” she said.

The Shark Trust offers an alternative view. Visitors to the group’s Web site can, for example, “adopt” a great white shark for about \$39 with proceeds going to research and conservation, or join in the Great Eggcase Hunt.

The pillow-shaped, leathery cases protect the developing young of a variety of sharks and often wash up on shores. Hunters can report their findings online and learn more about them.

“It celebrates sharks. And it helps bring home to people that we have sharks in our waters,” Hood said.

The trust and other groups also promote the value of live sharks as an attraction for scuba divers.

Whale sharks can generate hundreds of thousands of dollars for local businesses that cater to divers seeking to view the giant animals, said Marie Levine, executive director of the Princeton, N.J.-based Shark Research Institute, which in addition to its advocacy work organizes trips for divers on shark research vessels.

“Sharks underwater are just the most magnificent animals,” Levine said. “They just move with such grace you expect to hear music.”

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Rising prices, tight market, lead to construction

By The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. Rising prices for building materials and a tight labor market have put a number of construction projects on hold here, and park officials have returned to the drawing board to see if they can make them less expensive.

Among the projects is a proposed visitor center at Old Faithful, and a new wastewater treatment plant at the park’s Madison Junction.

Park officials say the first hints of potential problems came in August 2005, when bids for two projects were 30 percent to 50 percent higher than anticipated.

“That’s when we knew were in trouble,” said Steve Iobst, Yellowstone’s chief of maintenance,

Officials encountered similar problems last July, when they received just one bid for the Old Faithful visitor center. That \$26 million bid also was higher than expected.

“It was way beyond the world of reality,” Iobst said.

The same happened with the next phase of work on the historic Old Faithful Inn.

“We ran into a bidding market buzzsaw as well on that,” Iobst said.

At a time when the park was expected to be buzzing with construction projects, it is relatively quiet, instead. Projects on hold are the two at Old Faithful, a new justice center at Mammoth Hot Springs, a new entrance station at the park’s west gate, and the wastewater treatment plant.

Work on the \$3.5 million plant, to replace one that park officials have said could see a “major failure” at any time, was supposed to start last summer.

The projects coincided with a dramatic rise in costs, especially for materials such as steel, concrete, copper and wood — much of it driven by international construction markets in China and India.

Meanwhile, construction in the region has been booming, especially in Montana’s Gallatin and Flathead counties.

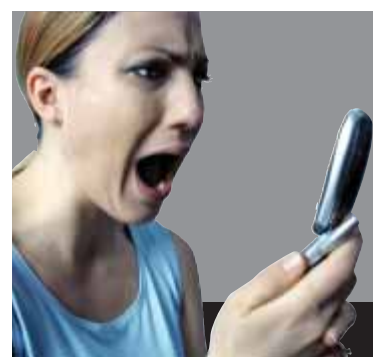
“It’s been somewhat unprecedented in terms of the amount of construction in Montana,” said Cary Hegreberg, director of the Montana Contractors’ Association.

All of the activity means workers are hard to find and keep. Contractors are having particular difficulty finding workers who can pass a drug test, Hegreberg said.

“If someone can make \$30 an hour in Phoenix or Las Vegas, they will move from Montana to those markets,” he said.

Geography also works against Yellowstone. A major project at Old Faithful typically requires that workers live close by in temporary housing, away from home and families.

“If you can get a stable, steady job where you’re home every night at 5 o’clock, why pull up stakes and go to Yellowstone National Park to build a new visitor center?” Hegreberg said.



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Dancing around

Sundance Film Festival brings money, but inconveniences for many Utah residents

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL

Associated Press Writer

PARK CITY, Utah Residents here love to hate it.

For 10 days each January their ski town is overrun by visitors with their eyes on films, rather than the slopes. Traffic is a nightmare and parking is nearly impossible. But with the Sundance Film Festival comes a lot of money and recognition leading many to say that for all the inconvenience, Sundance still makes January cool.

"Sundance is a really great thing to happen to this town," said Ron Wedig, a bartender and manager at the No Name Saloon on Main Street here.

Wedig says the 18-hour days he and his staff endure are worth it when business is as good as will be all year.

"You meet amazing people," said Wedig, who has been in the bartending business for about three festivals now. "You see a lot of fur coats. Tipping is very good."

Wedig has to put in triple his normal liquor order for the festival.

"A couple weeks before the festival I'll put in an order that is twice the normal amount so I don't shock the system when I do make that big order," he said.

Vodka is the big seller, he said, usually mixed with Red Bull.

Davin Topel, a bartender at O'Shucks just next door agrees that it's his busiest time of the year.

"It's only 10 days of hell," he said. Topel he uses the extra money he makes during Sundance to pay of a lot of bills. While the resorts are busiest during the Christmas-New Year holidays, Sundance is the busiest time for the bars, he said.

"During Sundance there's nobody up on

the mountain. If we get time off, that's where we go," Topel said.

Last year an estimated 52,850 people attended the Sundance Film Festival, which also has venues in Salt Lake City, Ogden and the Sundance resort in Provo Canyon. The majority of the festival's venues and action takes place in Park City, population 8,000, about 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Ken Mihal is the manager at Chimayo, an upscale restaurants on Main Street. During



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the first weekend of Sundance, the restaurant will have enough business to stay open until 1:30 a.m. and will serve about 400 dinners a night.

"It's weird because it used to be that Sundance wasn't that big a deal," said Mihal. "But that first year after the (2002 Winter) Olympics, it looked like the Olympics all over again."

Not every business on Main Street benefits from the traffic, which all describe as gridlock.

"For me, it's basically a big headache," said Carl Roehmann an employee of the Images of Nature Gallery.

"Parking is impossible. It doesn't seem to boost our business," he said.

But Roehmann finds something positive in the festival — music. He's in a band and part of a group that sponsors an event called the "Radical Rat Review" at a nearby restaurant and

bar. The idea is to help musicians get business in films by performing around all the film industry-types who flock to the festival.

"We've had some success. We've placed some artists in films," Roehmann said.

Sundance is constantly working with Park City to do what they can to make the impact of the festival a little easier for locals, said Jill Miller, managing director of the Sundance Institute.

The city's free shuttle system increases its hours during the festival and runs special routes to service Sundance venues.

The city's Web site has an area devoted to helping locals "enjoy and/or get around the festival with minimal impact to your daily

schedule."

An economic and demographic study conducted last year by the University of Utah's Bureau of Economic and Business Research estimated the festival generated \$61.5 million in economic activity for Utah, \$52.9 million of that in the Park City area.

The Sundance Film Festival, in its 22nd year, is considered North America's premier showcase for national and international independent film. The 2007 festival is scheduled to open with a screening of the documentary "Chicago 10," about the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, on Thursday. The festival continues through Jan. 28.

ON THE NET

■ <http://festival.sundance.org/2007/>

Colorado ski resorts on pace to break visitor record

BY ROBERT WELLER

Associated Press Writer

DENVER Despite getting less snow, Colorado resorts are on a pace to break last season's record of 12.53 million skier visits, with 6.74 percent more in the first part of the season than the same period last year, the industry reported Tuesday.

The resorts had nearly 3.3 million skier visits from October through December 2006, up 207,533 from the same period in 2005.

A skier visit is one skier or snowboarder purchasing and using a lift ticket.

Colorado resorts have benefited from a lack of snow in the East, but their Western competitors have had plenty.

"This record first period puts us on a pretty good pace for the rest of the year," said Molly Cuffe, spokeswoman for Colorado Ski Country USA, an industry group.

The state's high-dollar destination resorts, including Aspen, Steamboat Springs, Telluride and Crested Butte, have had an even bigger increase in skier visits, 11.9 percent over the same period of 2005. Those resorts are farther from Denver's airport and attract higher-spending visitors.

Front Range destination resorts, including Vail, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain Keystone and Winter Park, were up 3.57 percent.

Destination resorts usually attract visitors for overnight stays. The Front Range resorts are closer to Denver and the state's other population centers.

The state's smaller resorts were up 10.74 percent.

"We achieved some great results under some fairly challenging weather circumstances during the critical holiday season," said Rob Perlman, president and CEO of Colorado Ski Country.

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SOCCER

MLS may move to buy out Beckham's contract

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Now that Real Madrid says it won't use David Beckham anymore, Major League Soccer could move to buy out the remaining months on his contract and bring the star midfielder to the United States in time for the start of the league's season in April.

Such a move would involve MLS working out a transfer with Real Madrid — including paying the Spanish team a percentage of Beckham's \$11.3 million salary on top of a transfer fee — before the current window to transfer international players closes Jan. 31.

Beckham agreed to a five-year contract last week with the Los Angeles Galaxy, a deal that starts after his contract with the Spanish club expires June 30. Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello said Sunday that Beckham will no longer play for the team, just practice.

“We would love to have David Beckham at the earliest opportunity, but I’m not holding my breath,” Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas told The Associated Press on Monday. “We have structured everything based upon the assumption that he is going to be available after the season with Real Madrid.”

Beckham spokesman Simon Oliveira said Monday that the 31-year-old Englishman intends to fulfill the rest of his Real Madrid contract. Reports in Europe, however, say he could soon leave the club and head for Los Angeles. His Galaxy deal is worth up to \$250 million in salary and potential commercial and endorsement income.

“Until the club sits down with him to address the situation, David will continue to train with Real Madrid until the end of the season with his usual professionalism,” Oliveira told the AP.

MLS commissioner Don Garber said Monday that Beckham will remain a Madrid player until his contract expires, denying a Spanish newspaper story that said Beckham's lawyers were trying to arrange his early release.

“There have been many recent reports from the news media that have attributed incorrect quotes from my office, including fabricated quotes that were attributed directly to me earlier today,” said Garber, who is vacationing in Mexico.

Marca, a daily newspaper in Spain, quoted Garber as saying: “I understand that the lawyers of David Beckham are working to arrange a possible friendly way out with the white club because we would not be able to pay the buy-out clause. We want to have him as soon as possible and for this reason Galaxy and the league itself are going to do what is necessary to bring him as soon as possible. In addition, David wants to come soon.”

Galaxy coach Frank Yallop was quoted in British newspapers as saying the team would see if it can get Beckham earlier than August.

“We have to wait and see what the details of his Real Madrid contract are, and if he can get out of it,” Yallop was quoted as saying. “Under normal circumstances he would join us in August, but we will see if he can come sooner.”

Asked whether MLS is working on a transfer involving Beckham, Lalas said, “I have no absolutely no knowledge of that. It's not appropriate for me to comment on a player that's under contract to another team.”

By agreeing to a transfer, Real Madrid could recoup a percentage of Beckham's salary this season as opposed to getting nothing when he becomes a free agent on July 1.

Lalas said he and Yallop will travel to Spain at some point to meet with Beckham and “make sure he's comfortable with the direction that we're going and also inform him. There is a great unknown for him over here, too.”

Capello's decision leaves Beckham with the prospect of a lengthy layoff following Jan. 7, his last appearance for Real Madrid.

“We want him to be playing as much as possible to keep up fitness and to keep sharp, but we have no absolutely no say or should we in the coaching situation at Real Madrid,” Lalas said.

“Even if he were not to play for a period of time, he would have no problem in a very short time being match fit.”

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General manager, Galaxy

Los Angeles says it has sold over 5,000 full season tickets since the Beckham announcement. The so-called “Beckham effect” also has boosted ticket sales for other MLS teams, he said.

“We are in uncharted territory here,” Lalas said.

On Sunday, Capello criticized Beckham for signing with the Galaxy before informing the Madrid club.

“He signed his contract before he spoke with Madrid and for me that doesn't seem right,” Capello said after Madrid's 1-0 home victory over Real Zaragoza, a game Beckham watched from a spectator box.

“If a player has a contract (with another club) it isn't right that you continue to treat him as just another player.”

In an interview with Spain's Onda Cero radio, Real Madrid president Ramon Calderon also took issue with Beckham's conduct.

“We have been given the run-around for the past two months,” Calderon said. “We were never told that he had signed for another club, that he had the house bought and had everything ready to go. That, to me, is not right.”

Oliveira said Beckham had made his intentions clear to club officials in a meeting before signing with the Galaxy.

“We've done everything above board,” Oliveira said. “We made our intentions clear to Real Madrid that David wasn't staying at the club before meeting with the Galaxy.”

Beckham joined Real Madrid from Manchester United in 2003. The team hasn't won a major trophy since, and the former England captain was mainly a substitute this season.



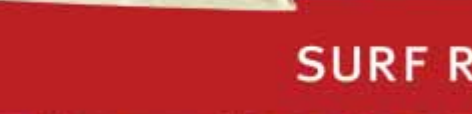
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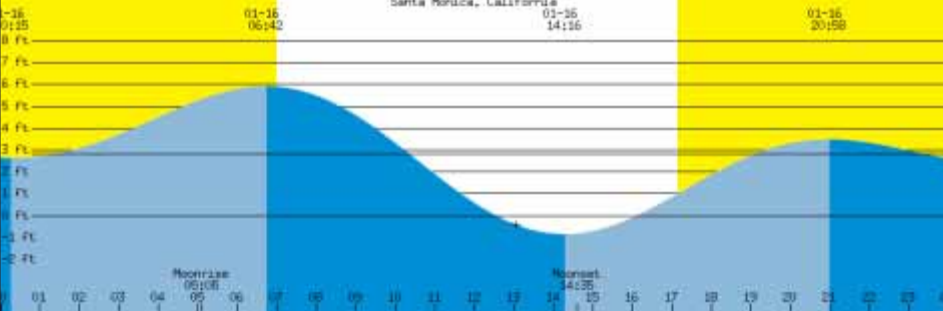
SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

It looks smaller in the waist high range for west facing breaks as winds turn to an onshore flow and likely pick up rather early. Tide will be an issue for the early AM sessions and could shut some spots down.

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

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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

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★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Be thankful for your strong instincts, as they will guide you in a new direction. You handle a community or professional commitment differently. A change of style might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Read between the lines. If a question isn't being asked, or a major detail is missing, you might need to zero in on what is lacking. Your insight draws a surprising result. New information continues to come forward. Tonight: Check out several restaurants.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ A key person's support allows you to head in a totally different direction. You have reason to smile, as you draw surprising results. Express your unusually dynamic personality and leadership skills. Tonight: Togetherness. Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Whether playing poker or dealing with a real-life situation, others clearly hold the cards. Know when to gracefully back out. Understanding where a friend, associate or loved one is coming from can increase the mutuality between you. Tonight: Think winter weekend away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Plug into what must be done as opposed to what you really would like to do. Fun and games might distract you from some task that is very important. Enlist a partner in a project. Together you make quite a team. Tonight: As late as you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your playful style takes you in a new direction. Trust that others might want to be there for you but could be too flaky and off-kilter. Allowing these special people to chip in through their creativity can only enhance your relationships. Tonight: Midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Fatigue might be a normal reaction to what is going on around you. You have had unexpected jolts of energy in the past few weeks. You might be more comfortable working from home or being more low-key. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might have a lot to say. The power of your words easily could be determined by your timing and tone. Use ingenuity and your sixth sense. Of all signs, you know how to make waves. Tonight: Hang at a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Know when to stop playing the role of leader and allow others their time in the limelight. You can use this period to evaluate an expenditure or repair that you might like to avoid but should not. Tonight: Order in for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ What you say makes waves, and others naturally step back. You might wonder where all this power is emanating from. Perhaps it might be as simple as your dynamic word choice and tone. Others understand better than you think! Tonight: Go with quirky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

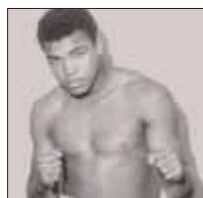
★★★★★ Intuitively knowing when to step back can fortify a situation. Your sixth sense works, especially with money. You still could see wild swings from the plus to the minus column and back again. Tonight: Take advantage of a lull.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Your behavior has ramifications with friends. You might see some unexpected, strong reactions. Do you have a group of staid and true friends? Tonight: Where the action is.

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Upon a star

The Donald trumped Rosie when his star was unveiled Tuesday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

DONALD TRUMP, producer and host of NBC reality show “The Apprentice,” has been waging a war of words with Rosie O’Donnell, moderator of ABC’s “The View.” O’Donnell doesn’t have a star.

The unveiling of Trump’s

star – the 2,327th on the Walk of Fame – took place on sun-splashed Hollywood Boulevard. The event was broadcast live.

“It really has been a special moment in my life,” Trump said. He said “The Apprentice” has been an “absolutely amazing experience.”

Trump’s baby son, Barron, almost managed to

steal the show as his father held him at the podium.

“He’s strong, he’s smart, he’s tough, he’s vicious, he’s violent – all of the ingredients you need to be an entrepreneur, and most importantly, hopefully he’s smart because smart is really the ingredient,” the 60-year-old billionaire developer said.

Barron, meanwhile, had

Trump gets his place on the Hollywood Walk

taken a firm grip on the microphone.

“Uh, oh, he won’t give up the mike,” said Trump, who was also accompanied to the ceremony by his wife, Melania.

The feud between Trump and O’Donnell, 44, erupted in December after Trump announced that Miss USA Tara Conner would keep her title, which had been in

jeopardy because of underage drinking. He owns the pageant.

O’Donnell said the twice-divorced real-estate mogul had no right to be “the moral compass for 20-year-olds in America.” Trump fired back in various interviews, calling O’Donnell a “loser” and a “fat pig.”

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INQUIRY LAUNCHED

A formal inquiry into the death of Anna Nicole Smith’s 20-year-old son has been scheduled for March 27 in the Bahamas, the chief magistrate said Tuesday.

The reality TV star, who gave birth to a daughter three days before **DANIEL SMITH** mysteriously died at her hospital bedside on Sept. 10, will be among the witnesses required to testify before the jury inquest, Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez said.

“It’s to try and answer all the unanswered questions that have been raised in this matter,” he told reporters. “We hope by going through this process and having lawyers cross-examine witnesses that more information would come out.”

AP

Urban easing back on the country scene

KEITH URBAN, out of rehab for alcohol abuse, to launch world tour in April, his spokesman says

Keith Urban has completed his treatment for alcohol abuse and will ease back onto the stage with a short run of club shows in the United Kingdom and Germany in April, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Paul Freundlich, the

country singer’s publicist, said Urban had finished treatment over the weekend and will head to Germany this week for promotional appearances.

Urban, 39, had checked himself into rehab in October.

The shows will launch Urban’s world tour in support of his latest album, “Love, Pain & the whole

crazy thing,” Freundlich said.

The tour dates are still being finalized, but after the club shows he will play arenas in Australia in May and in the U.S. and Canada in June.

Urban sought treatment just before the album came out in November, forcing him to delay the tour and several TV appearances.

Despite his absence for promotion, the album reached No. 1 on the country chart and spawned the hit singles “Once in a Lifetime” and “Stupid Boy.”

The Australian-reared singer and Nicole Kidman, also 39, were married in Sydney, Australia, in June. The couple then moved to Nashville, where Urban records.

AP

Guilty plea of assault from Campbell

NAOMI CAMPBELL pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault Tuesday for hitting her maid with a cell phone over a pair of missing jeans.

“I threw a cell phone in the apartment. The cell phone hit Ana,” Campbell told Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Robert Mandelbaum. “This was an accident because I did not intend to hit her.”

If convicted at trial, Campbell, who originally had

been charged with second-degree felony assault, could have been sentenced to two to seven years in prison.

Campbell, 36, hit Ana Scolavino in the back of the head with the phone in a Manhattan apartment last March. Scolavino was treated for a head injury.

In exchange for her guilty plea, Campbell must pay Scolavino’s medical expenses of \$363, do five days of community service and

attend a two-day anger management program.

The British catwalker wore stiletto heels, a thin gold anklet on her right leg under sheer black hose, a formfitting black dress under a charcoal gray, waist-length jacket and several gold chains around her neck.

Outside the courthouse, her lawyer, David Breitbart, said he didn’t want Campbell exposed to stalkers, so “I’m hopeful she can do the com-

munity service indoors.”

Assistant District Attorney Shanda Strain indicated in court that she had no objection to Campbell working indoors.

Breitbart said Campbell will be working in fashion shows for the next several weeks in California, London, Paris, Milan, Italy, and Brazil, will have until May 21 to complete the community service condition in her sentence.

AP

ENTERTAINMENT

‘Babel’ and ‘Dreamgirls’ go Golden

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

BEVERLY HILLS “Babel” won best drama and “Dreamgirls” was named best musical or comedy at Monday’s Golden Globes, establishing them as potential front-runners for a showdown at the Academy Awards.

“I swear I have my papers in order, governor, I swear,” “Babel” director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu of Mexico joked after California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger presented the best drama prize for the sweeping ensemble drama that takes place on three continents.

Inarritu’s wisecrack was a highlight of an otherwise ho-hum Globes ceremony, a show that failed to live up to its reputation as a freewheeling Hollywood soiree where stars sometimes cut loose with amusing antics.

The Globes for best dramatic performances were awarded for renditions of two wildly different heads of state: Helen Mirren won best actress as Britain’s priggish monarch Elizabeth II in “The Queen,” while Forest Whitaker took best actor as magnetic but savage Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in “The Last King of Scotland.”

Mirren noted that at age 25 in 1952, Elizabeth “walked into literally the role of a lifetime, and I honestly think this award belongs to her, because I think you fell in love with her, not with me.”

Both Mirren and Whitaker have been regarded as Oscar front-runners since their films debuted last fall.

Mirren also won the Globe for best actress in a TV movie or miniseries as the current monarch’s namesake of centuries ago in “Elizabeth I.”

The crowd-pleasing musical “Dreamgirls” also won acting honors for Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson, its three prizes possibly positioning it as the nominal favorite heading toward the Oscars.

“Babel,” a tale of families around the globe linked by tragic events in the African desert, won only best drama, leaving its Oscar prospects somewhat up in the air. Other dramas it beat, including the crime saga “The Departed” and “The Queen,” still could challenge for the top Oscar.

Murphy, previously a three-time loser in the best-actor category at the Globes, finally won a major Hollywood honor after a 25-year career in which his fast-talking comic persona made him a superstar while critical acceptance eluded him.

“Wow. I’ll be damned,” said Murphy, who plays a

slick soul singer struggling to change with the times and find new relevance as the Motown music scene evolves through the 1960s and ‘70s.

“People don’t come to me with supporting roles,” Murphy said backstage. “The reason I responded to this was that it was a great role. I’ve always been open to it; it just never came to me.”

Hudson rose to fame barely two years ago on “American Idol” on the strength of her powerhouse voice, which she uses to great effect in “Dreamgirls,” a film that also shows her remarkable acting range, from brassy comedy to heartbreaking pathos as a soaring vocalist in a Supremes-like singing group.

“I had always dreamed but I never ever dreamed this big. This goes far beyond anything I could have ever imagined,” said Hudson, who dedicated her award to the late Florence Ballard, one of the singers from the Supremes on whom her “Dreamgirls” character was based.

After a decades-long drought in which musicals were virtually absent from Hollywood’s lineup, “Dreamgirls” is the third song-and-dance flick to click with audiences in the last five years. “Moulin Rouge” scored a best-picture Oscar nomination for 2001, while “Chicago” won best-picture for 2003, a feat “Dreamgirls” aims to emulate.

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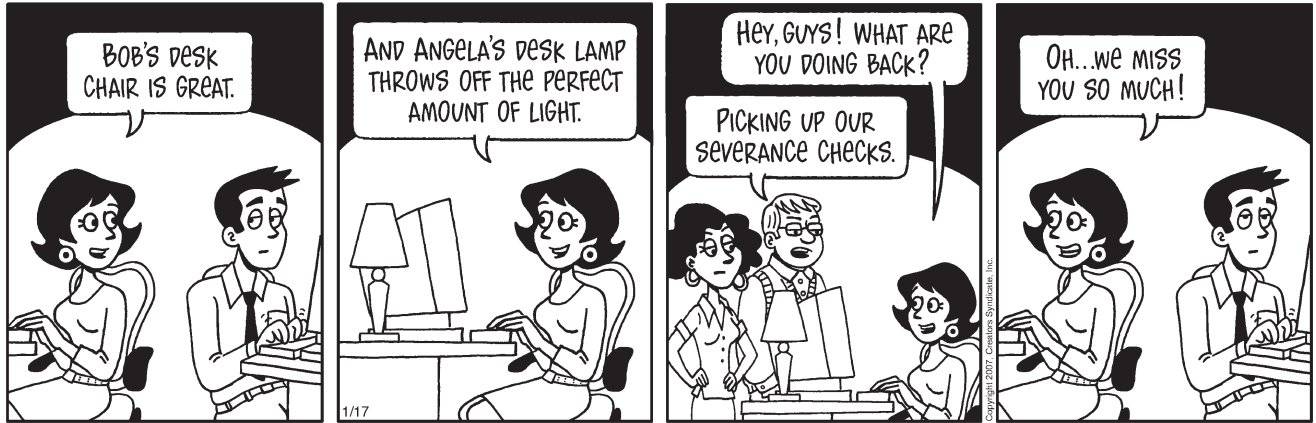
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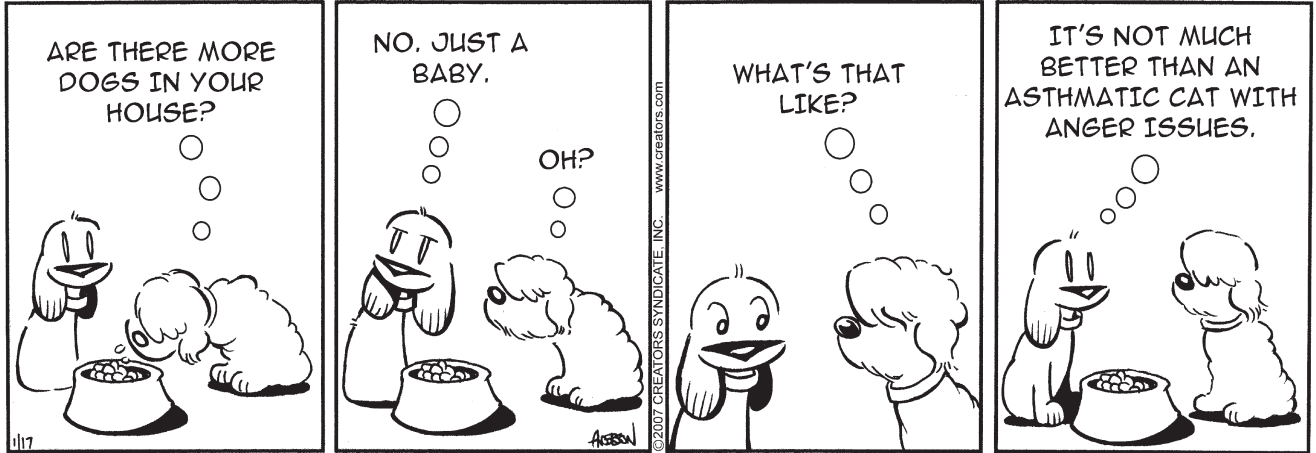
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

James Joseph Dresnock, 65, a native of Norfolk, Va., who has lived the last 44 years in North Korea, again pledged his allegiance to Kim Jong-Il, whom he refers to as the "Great Leader" in scenes from a British documentary to be shown at Utah's Sundance Film Festival in January. According to an October New York Times report on the film, Dresnock (who defected from the U.S. Army in 1962) has probably lived a heartier life in Pyongyang than he would have lived in the United States, given his abandonment by his parents, his teenage turmoil and his limited education. Said Dresnock, "I wouldn't trade (the North Korean) system for nuthin.'"

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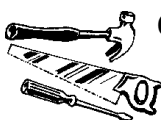
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