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Santa Monica Daily Press

School bullying in the digital age

TAPE MEASURES: District grapples with disparaging videos being posted on Web

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL A popular video Web site has become cause for alarm here, with administrators increasingly concerned about the presence of posted videos that poke fun at teachers, students and depict risky behavior on school grounds.

For the past few months, unauthorized footage of Malibu High School has appeared on YouTube, a Web site that allows users to post videos as long as they don't violate copyright agreements.

In the beginning, the content was innocent, with students posting funny videos of their friends as a playful joke, said Senior Sarah Paxton on Friday.

"Some of the people posted videos of

themselves just because it was funny," the ASB Treasurer said.

In time, things got a little out of hand. Videos of classroom sessions, highlighting blunders by teachers and their attempts to make jokes, began popping up, obvious attempts to make teachers look foolish.

Other clips showed footage of students running amok on campus, jumping off the roof of the building, performing acrobatic

moves off of tables, and literally running up and off the walls.

"It must've been on the weekend or after hours," Principal Mark Kelly said on Friday.

YouTube guidelines prevent public comment on individual videos without any background on the videos in question.

"If the video shows someone getting hurt,

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

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Santa Monica Lions Club

20th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, 12:15 p.m.
Club meets every Thursday at the Best Western Hotel.

Writing to Start the New Year Right

821 Via de la Paz, Pacific Palisades, 12:45 p.m. — 1:45 p.m.
Rachel Ballon, Ph.D., will conduct a writing seminar at the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

Laughter Yoga Group

717 Broadway, 5 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing and laughter exercises. The class fee is \$10 per person. For more information, call Kim at (310) 471-5773.

Hatha Yoga at FPC

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.
Yoga instructor John Sweetman will lead in the Renaissance Room at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Cost is \$5 per class.

"Feel Free to Prosper"

3084 Motor Ave., Beverly Hills, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Marilyn Jenett, a prosperity mentor, is conducting her "Feel Free to Prosper" program at the Beverly Hills Country Club. Only 20 participants will be accepted. For more information, visit www.FeelFreetoProsper.com.

Green Living Workshops

3301 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, offers a six-week Green Living Workshop designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, and protect their health. For more information or to reserve a space, visit www.sustainableworks.org.

Pianorag's Record Release Party

3233 Helms Ave., Los Angeles, 8 p.m. — midnight
Pianorag is a group of young multi-instrumentalists who draw from jazz, bluegrass and funk. They will perform two sets at The Jazz Bakery in celebration of their self-titled, full-length release. Attendees will receive a copy of the CD with admission.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007

Humanbeings Live at the Knitting Factory

7021 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, 8:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit www.knittingfactory.com.

Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Story series for 2-year-olds at the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library. Registration is required.

Free Seminar for New Owners of Santa Monica Rental Property

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn basics of Santa Monica rent control laws. Opportunities to ask questions. To be held at the Main Library Branch.

Westside Enrichment Community Adult Classes

11800 Texas Ave., times vary
For details, visit www.westsideenrichment.com or call (310) 312-8727.

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.





REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

ONE WOMAN'S TAKE ON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Maybe it was the location, or maybe it was the discussion about banning non-biodegradable containers, but the Board of Education meeting on Thursday momentarily felt, at times, like a City Council meeting.

Still, the adjournment time — 9:32 p.m. — definitely didn't contribute to the "City Council" feel.

In its first meeting of 2007, the school board decided to gather in City Council Chambers. In the interests of being fair to both Santa Monica and Malibu parents, the board rotates meeting locations between Malibu City Hall, Santa Monica City Hall and District Headquarters. The board usually meets every two weeks.

Sitting on the dais, the school board welcomed a special guest in attendance — Council meeting regular Brian Hutchings.

His points covered everything from Harry Potter to No Child Left Behind. There is nothing worse than a Rhodes Scholar, said Hutchings, adding that Harry Potter, Osama bin Laden, Vice President Dick Cheney and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should all be sent to Darfur for a fact-finding mission.

The school board members just stared, getting a hard taste of a typical City Council meeting.

"I don't think Martin Luther King Jr. would be in favor of No Child Left Behind," Hutchings said.

Other than the color Hutchings provided, the meeting on Thursday was pretty mild in substance. The one item that was expected to spark a lot of discussion — findings and recommendations on the AB1200, a plan outlining how a collective bargaining agreement would impact district finances — was tabled to a later time because some unexpected information came to light recently that made district officials feel they weren't ready to bring the matter back to the board.

While preparing to post the AB1200, the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team discovered that the board authorized a

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Canvassing the joint

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Santa Monica College President Dr. Chui L. Tsang and his wife, Echo, take a gander at a watercolor painting during the opening reception of the Tom Fong Bold and Spontaneous show on Thursday at the Emeritus College Gallery, 1227 Second Street. The show runs through February.

Market crash trial headed to L.A.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE A compact courtroom schedule here has forced the supervising judge to move the Farmers' Market civil cases to downtown Los Angeles for trial.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz made the decision last week after speaking with Judge Valerie Baker about the possible length of the trial, which involves more than 40 plaintiffs in 34 cases related to the events of July 16, 2003, when an elderly driver plowed through an open-air market on Arizona Avenue, killing 10 people and injuring more than 60 others.

The cases will now be handled by Judge William A. MacLaughlin, Dept. 89 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

"The time estimate for trial was 42 days, at least, and that becomes very problematic for a court that is carrying anywhere from

350 to 400 cases," Lefkowitz said. "To be honest, there are other trials that would be disrupted and Judge Baker's trial schedule would make it virtually impossible to give fair time to other motions before her."

Further complicating matters, Baker has been nominated by President Bush to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Her confirmation by the U.S. Senate is expected sometime this year, calling into question her ability to oversee the market cases.

The trial is scheduled to begin March 20, however, it could be delayed further because of the inability to interview driver George Russell Weller, who is appealing a criminal conviction for his role in the deadly car crash more than three years ago. Weller was convicted of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter in October of last year and received five years probation.

Weller has refused to speak with the vic-

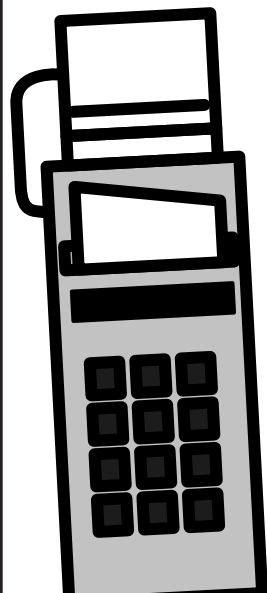
tims' attorneys about what happened that summer day in 2003 out of fear that statements made may be used against him during his appeal.

Victims are suing Weller and the Bayside District Corp., a public-private management company that oversees downtown Santa Monica. The group of plaintiffs originally sued Weller, Bayside, City Hall, mental health provider Step Up on Second and Southland Farmers' Market Association, however, Southland, which promotes farmers' markets, was subsequently excused from the case, as was City Hall.

Step Up settled the case against them for \$5 million, with a judge currently trying to determine how that amount should be divided up amongst the plaintiffs, sources close to the settlement said.

Under an agreement between Bayside

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting the record straight
Editor:

Thank you for printing the letter I sent about the new buildings (“Call for architectural grace period,” page 4, Jan. 17). I have (since) been informed by someone who knows the process and the people involved, that folks on the Planning Commission do indeed leave the room whenever anything they are involved with is being voted on.

I have committed the error of assuming that the gentleman whose letter I was supporting had checked his facts when he asserted that they did not. Since I would not write such a letter without checking the facts on its most crucial point, I made the mistake of assuming that no one else would, even though, having heard some AM talk radio, I should know better.

So, ‘duh’ on me.

I apologize to the entire Planning Commission and anyone else my letter abused and I would still love to see some more attractive public housing buildings. I may have to apply to one someday.

Lily Houston-Helbig
Santa Monica

Keeping it safe on the fly
Editor:

Why have a no-fly list at all? It is supposed to safeguard flyers, but ends up restricting the free movement of people who have done nothing wrong. And what terrorist would use their own name these days anyway?

What is next? A no-drive list forbidding people driving trucks like those used in the Oklahoma and 1993 World Trade Center bombings? A no-knife list? To what extent will the police state overtake us?

Many need to fly to keep their jobs – their name on a no-fly list may make them unemployable. Many need to fly to a loved-one’s deathbed. Many people fly on vacation. Flying is a right.

A no-fly list violates the right to movement we all have. It is especially egregious that the list is populated by gossip and innuendo from unreliable informers and torture by secret agencies without the possibility of the passenger confronting his accusers or the secret evidence.

We do need to safeguard flyers, but this can easily and safely be done while respecting human rights better. Change the no-fly list to a special-scrutiny list. Let the listees be carefully examined for possible weapons. Require their luggage to go in the hold. Let the listees be seated furthest from the cabin. Let all the airplane crew know of them.

This will still be hugely embarrassing to the listees, but at least they will be able to fly, to go on vacation, to keep their jobs, to be with someone close facing death.

Tom Trottier
Ottawa, ON



Modern Times

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Bending for Beckham

NOT SINCE THE MUSICAL “BRITISH Invasion” of the ’60s have American journalists gone so nutsy over the prospect of some Brits coming to the United States. Unless you’ve been sleeping 24 hours a day, you probably know that soccer star/fashion model/sex symbol David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl/skinny person/compulsive shopper Victoria are moving to Los Angeles. He’s going to make approximately \$250 million over the next five years while endorsing all kinds of things and attempting to make European football, or “soccer” as we Americans call it, a major sport in the United States.

It’s not an easy task. In America, we love our baseball, football and basketball, and we think it’s cute that our kids play soccer. But very few of us take it seriously. We may watch an important Olympic or World Cup match on television, but very few of us understand the game and actually have paid money to see it played. Those who own and run the Major Soccer League are hoping that Beckham will help change our attitude towards the sport.

And it already seems to be working. In 24 hours, Beckham’s new team, the L.A. Galaxy, sold more than 2,000 season tickets. In Toronto, which will have a new team in the league this year, they sold more than 1,000 season tickets after the Beckham announcement, and those folks aren’t even guaranteed that they’ll see Beckham this year in a game. I understand it. This guy’s a legend and the rest of the world loves soccer, so why not check him out?

That’s my thinking, and I’ll definitely buy a ticket to see Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy play this year.

The question, of course, is will those of us who go to see Beckham play continue to be fans after that match? Will America ever embrace a game where there is so little scoring? Will we ever have the patience to learn the finer points of the game? Will we ever take a sport seriously where it’s forbidden to touch the ball with your hands, but you can hit it with your head?

But wait a minute. If Americans don’t care about soccer all that much, why was the war in Iraq, the Democratic Congress and even the new “American Idol” season pushed off the front pages of America’s newspapers by the Beckhams? It’s because they are bigger than

soccer. In England, this couple has been dubbed the “alternative Royal family.”

Beckham and “Posh” are famous in the entire soccer-loving world — in other words, everywhere outside of the United States. What they wear, how their hair looks and where they hang out is big news internationally. So now they will have a chance to become hugely famous here, too. Or as the Wall Street Journal put it, “Can they replicate their global superstardom in the U.S., where soccer doesn’t draw huge crowds?”

My feeling is that if the Wall Street Journal is speculating about this couple, they are on their way.

They also have a good start, since Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are among their best friends. In fact, Beckham said that he turned to Cruise for advice before signing his new contract. Of Cruise, Beckham said, “He’s a very wise man and a very good friend of mine.” Yikes.

But Tom and Katie won’t be their only competition for the title of “The Most Glamorous Couple In The World.” On a radio sports talk show the day after Beckham signed his contract, the sports experts were not talking about his soccer ability or whether the United States would finally embrace soccer. These guys, who would not have been able to pick out either Beckham from a lineup a week before, were debating whether the Beckhams or Brad and Angelina were the biggest celebrity couple in the world. On a sports show! That’s how pervasive the cult of celebrities has become.

I wouldn’t be surprised if Brad and Angelina had an emergency meeting with their publicist right after the Beckhams blew them off the front page. Expect some big move from them soon, like maybe they’ll announce that they’re going to adopt triplets from some unfortunate country. But the Beckhams aren’t amateurs in the self-promotion business. It’s just possible that they could top this. All they have to do is make an even bolder move: announce that they’re adopting someone, too — Jennifer Aniston.

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"We have heard loud and clear the call for deeper American engagement. You will have my commitment to do precisely that."

- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, speaking to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Ababas, during her five-day tour of the Middle East.

"It's time for us now to find an end point for this show."

- Carlton Cuse, executive producer of ABC's "Lost", discussing plans for the hit series amid fans' concerns that the show has gone off track

"Today, we are feeling a different kind of tremor rocking St. John's."

- Lou Lazatin, president and chief executive officer, speaking in reference to a \$35 million donation given to the health center

"Today, our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, common-sense way."

- Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, beginning his campaign for president, though he has yet to 'officially' announce his bid

"I think he wants to be an actor, not a footballer."

- Designer Giorgio Armani on why he thinks David Beckham signed a \$250 million deal to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy

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

- Elaine Polachek, open space manager for City Hall, on the public feeding of ducks at Douglas Park

"Governor, I swear I have my papers in order."

- "Babel" director, Alejandro González Iñárritu, at the Golden Globes, accepting the award for Best Picture from Gov. Schwarzenegger

"Our ancestors have been out of the ground for several years and in storage. This action is ... genocidal."

- Anthony Morales, tribal chairman and chief of the Gabrielino Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, speaking on the exhumation of bodies to make room for the Playa Vista project in Playa del Rey

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- Cindy McQuade, Santa Monica resident, while attending the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at the Soka Gakkai World Culture Auditorium



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The QLine

Z-BOYS' HOME COULD BE GRINDING TO A HALT

This past week, Q-line asked:

"How should the former Z-Boys' home at Main and Bay streets 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 intact?"

Here are your responses:

"I AGREE WITH THE TWO YOUNG MEN who were interviewed in your paper the other day about a memorial to the Z-Boys. I agree with them. It's a practical solution and the best tribute would be a skate park. Forget more murals or a new building with a plaque, I think a skate park would be very much in order."

"I DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON Z-Boys. However, it is interesting that nearly every building in Santa Monica is a potential landmark. I do not recall when landmarking first started, but I am aware that landmarking is here to stay. I will attempt to name a few buildings for potential landmarking that are still standing and a few that are gone. Still standing are: Hot Dog on a Stick, the Aero and all other theaters, Marion Davies' old eye-sore residence on Pacific Coast Highway and the old City Hall. Gone are: The Aragon Ballroom that was on the pier, Jack's at the Beach restaurant, the Broken Drum on Wilshire Boulevard, Zucky's Deli that was on Wilshire Boulevard (only the sign remains), the Boathouse restaurant on the pier and Sinbad's, which succumbed to a storm. The Z-Boys' location will become part of those grand old businesses that have gone, but will remain in the hearts of many."

"I WANT TO SAY THAT THERE SHOULD be something absolutely real on this building. I don't want any commercial fakeness. I want straight-up, Dogtown real, and that's all that matters. As long as it is not fake, I'm cool."

"NOT BEING A SKATEBOARDER, I CAN'T say the significance of the place. But since it's Southern California, any building over 25 years old has to be derelict and torn down. That's the way they do it in California. They don't keep anything old. So out with the historic and old, and in with the new crud."

"AS A FORMER PROPERTY OWNER IN this town, I think that the property owner should be able to do what he wants with the property. But maybe he could erect a little emblem denoting that this was once a Z-Boys skating area. That would be a good idea."

"I'VE LIVED IN SANTA MONICA FOR 30 years and I think that corner should stay. That is what Santa Monica is all about and it's disappearing little by little with all these new buildings and corporations and what-not. I think we have to preserve that corner."

"WHAT HAPPENED TO PRIVATE PROPERTY in this town? It's funny how you can be allowed to build anything as long as you include low-income units or 'green' building saving a whole watt of electricity. If you want preservation, why not buy the property. Better yet, have stricter building codes so owners will have an incentive not to remove structures to build 10 condos. City Hall will never do that because they can tax 10 residences rather than one."

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Taxpayers are being asked to fix prisons

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California taxpayers will be asked to spend billions of dollars to reform the state's overcrowded and mismanaged prison system.

Before they do, however, they are spending millions to employ the federal overseers who will direct those reforms and their staffs. An Associated Press review of spending within the various federal offices guiding prison reform found that California is spending more than \$10 million a year for their advice, most of which goes to salaries.

One office — the federal receiver overseeing reform of the prison's medical system — includes five of the 10 highest paid jobs in California government, according to records.

The \$500,000 annual salary of that receiver, Robert Sillen, is nearly two-and-a-half times the salary of the governor — a salary Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declines to accept.

The salaries and office expenses have drawn fire from state lawmakers of both major parties.

"We should not need an overpaid receiver and ... exorbitantly paid staff to tell us we need to act," said Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, R-Orange, chairman of the Select Committee on Prison Construction and Operations.

Medical treatment is just one aspect of prison operations that now fall under federal oversight.

The same judge who appointed Sillen also named a special master to investigate guard brutality and employee discipline. Other federal judges have found so many problems with the state's juvenile justice, parole and inmate mental health programs that they, too, have appointed special masters to oversee reforms.

"I would suspect that the bill across the board gets pretty humongous," said Michael

Keating, the special master who has overseen inmate mental health services for a decade.

Those reforms are likely to trigger hundreds of millions of dollars in additional state spending. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed an \$11 billion construction program to relieve overcrowding and improve prison medical services.

If lawmakers don't act, he warned that federal judges could take over more of the prison system, sapping money from programs such as education and health care.

Sillen took over the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's \$1.5 billion medical system after U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson found evidence of neglect and malpractice leading to an "unconscionable degree of suffering and death."

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Robert Sillen
Department head of Corrections
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Henderson set Sillen's \$500,000 annual salary when he gave the former Santa Clara County public health chief unprecedented control over California's prison health care system in April.

Sillen said management of the hospitals and pharmacies in the state's 33 prisons is so poor that he had no choice but to set up his own health care bureaucracy.

"If you want good talent, you have to be prepared to pay for it," Sillen said.

He ordered higher salaries not only for his own staff, but for hundreds of state medical workers. That means long-term savings because the higher pay will let the department fill numerous health care vacancies.

Lessons from past freezes

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO As the chill air descended on California last weekend, citrus farmers were already prepared for the worst. Past freezes in 1990 and 1998 taught the state's growers to insure crops that are one frigid night, hail storm or pest infestation away from disaster.

State agriculture officials said Thursday that they were still assessing the damage from five consecutive nights of subfreezing temperatures in California's fertile Central Valley, and they could not yet estimate how much would be paid out by insurers.

With losses to the state's citrus crop alone totaling an estimated \$1 billion, the tally is certain to be considerable and will give growers, packers and shippers some relief from their otherwise devastating losses. But crop insurance will only soften the blow, said Shirley Batchman, spokeswoman for the trade group California Citrus Mutual.

"They're not going to be made whole again," she said.

Growers insure their crop for about 65 to 70 percent of its value, on average. Up to half of their insurance costs is subsidized by the federal government, said Bob Blakely, direc-

tor of grower services for California Citrus Mutual.

So, a farmer who spends \$2,000 per acre to grow oranges, may get \$1500 back from their insurer. But that's still a \$500-per-acre loss, plus living expenses and the costs of planting next year's crop, Batchman said.

In 1990, fewer than 100 of the state's roughly 3,000 citrus growers at the time had crop insurance. That year, some growing regions stayed frosty for more than a week, wiping out the crop and damaging the trees so severely that it took farmers two years to bounce back.

"I tried for two years to sell crop insurance to orange farmers," said Bill Nielsen, an agent with Nielsen & Associates Insurance in Exeter. "They all said, 'For what?' The last freeze before the big 1990 one was decades before. So I guess people forgot citrus could freeze."

Nielsen said more growers got the message after the next big freeze, which came just eight years later. The three-day freeze in December 1998 cost growers more than \$500 million — 85 percent of their crop at the time, according to state officials.

About 3,000 farmers will get some insurance payout from this week's cold snap.

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BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

Cpl. Trent Thomas, 25, entered the pleas through his attorney, Victor Kelley, in a military court. He also pleaded guilty to conspiracy, making a false official statement, larceny, assault and house-

Thomas also pleaded guilty to

Prosecutors say the squad, based in the rural town of Hamdania, kidnapped Hashim Ibrahim Awad, 52, took him to a roadside hole and shot him to death. They then placed a stolen AK-47 and shovel by his body to

Thomas said squad leader Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III initially formed the plan with the blessing of the platoon's commander, 2nd Lt. Nathan Phan. Hutchins had dubbed the plan "Operation Vigilante" and initially schemed to

The throat-slitting plan never transpired. Instead, Thomas said that he and three other troops formed a “snatch team.” They went to the house of the suspected insurgent, but were spotted by someone inside the home, so they instead turned their attention to the house next door.

BY RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

But the mayor and other civic leaders are standing by Berkow — in large part because he is moving aggressively to bring down the violent crime rate that is tarnishing

Berkow, a 51-year-old former deputy chief in Los Angeles with a law degree and 30 years of police experience, was brought in with high hopes at the Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department on

Berkow's legal problems surfaced in December when a Los Angeles judge unsealed a sexual harassment lawsuit by

The documents included a deposition taken from Berkow in October, after Savannah hired him, in which he admitted to an affair with a subordinate officer while separated from his wife, but he said the relationship was carried out off-duty and he has denied any job-related misconduct. Berkow headed the Los Angeles bureau charged with rooting out officer misconduct.

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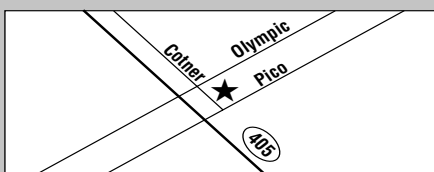
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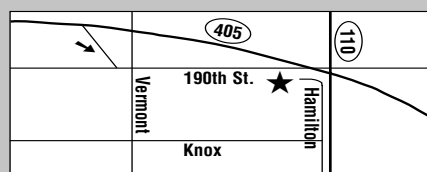
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House votes to better protect teenage pages

BY LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The House on Friday overhauled the board supervising its teenage pages, responding to a scandal that left youngsters vulnerable to a lawmaker's sexual come-ons and helped Democrats win control of Congress.

The vote was 416-0 to equalize the political membership of the House Page Board, whose Republican chairman never told two board colleagues that he believed — for a year — that Rep. Mark Foley was a “ticking time bomb.”

The expanded board also will include a former page and the parent of a current or former page, to add new pairs of eyes to spot any future examples of misconduct.

Pages are high school students who run errands for lawmakers while learning about Congress, attending a congressionally run high school and living in a supervised dormitory.

Members of the page board, part of a congressional network serving as surrogate parents, also would meet regularly under the legislation.

Foley, R-Fla., resigned Sept. 29, and polls showed the scandal was a factor in Republicans losing control of the House in

November.

The former lawmaker became acquainted with the teenagers while they worked in Congress, and kept in touch after they left — sending some overly friendly e-mails and others, sexually explicit instant computer messages.

In remarks before the vote, lawmakers expressed anger that the past board chairman, John Shimkus, R-Ill., failed to convene the board when he learned in the fall of 2005 that Foley had sent overly friendly e-mails to a former Louisiana page.

Frozen out were Reps. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., the new board chairman, and Shelley

Moore Capito, R-W.Va., who will remain on the board.

Both said they learned of Foley's conduct when he resigned and his conduct became public. They were co-sponsors of the newly approved changes.

The House ethics committee, in a December report on the scandal, said that after Foley resigned, Shimkus told Capito “that he believed he had done the right thing in 2005 based on the information he had, but added words to the effect of Dale's (Rep. Kildee) a nice guy, but he's a Democrat, and I was afraid it would be blown out of proportion.”

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Kwan on the edge

Skating great makes near-flawless transition to American diplomat

BY STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

BEIJING Michelle Kwan's first performance as an American diplomat was almost flawless.

In two hours Thursday at a hardscrabble school for migrant children — and two more at one of Beijing's most prestigious high schools — America's most decorated figure skater turned on the charm.

"She skates, she's Chinese, she's Disney and she's magic," said Zheng Hong, principal of Dandelion School, an abandoned cinderblock factory converted into a middle school that has 380 students on the southern edge of the capital.

The dusty concrete-floor classrooms and attached dormitories have virtually no heat. It was colder inside than outside, where the temperature hovered around freezing. Minimal warmth in a few rooms came from an ancient furnace, spewing sulfur and coal dust just outside the school auditorium, once the factory's dingy warehouse.

Kwan seemed unfazed as America's first "Public Diplomacy Envoy," a position created to try to improve the U.S. image abroad. Greeted by students two- to three-deep, Kwan waded into the crowd and surprised a young boy, Luo Haoming.

"Hi. How are you? Nice to meet you. Give me five," Kwan said.

The boy smiled and instantly responded.

"It's a bit of a scrum," U.S. Ambassador Clark T. Randt said.

By the end of the visit, Kwan's ankle-length black coat was smudged with white dust, and she nearly cried when a girls choir sang the school's anthem:

"Dandelion, dandelion flying to the east, flying to the west; floating in the breeze around the world; landing on the ground without a sound ... making friends wherever we go, sending down roots wherever we are."

"I got teary-eyed," Kwan said. "I had to look around and just compose myself."

The setting was worlds away from the glittery world of figure skating.

Kwan is a five-time world champion and has won Olympic silver and bronze. She underwent right hip surgery five months ago and will skip this season.

Kwan got the diplomat job last year. Sitting at a White House dinner with Chinese President Hu Jintao, President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Kwan told Rice she was studying political science at the University of Denver.

Rice, who earned her Ph.D. at Denver, later made her an offer.

"I have represented the United States for 12 years in many competitions, and I feel that I can do the same thing as a diplomat," Kwan said. "It has sort of prepared me for this job."

In remarkably good English, 14-year-old Lin Zhao Di asked Kwan: "How do you handle life when it is difficult?"

"That's a very good question," Kwan replied. "Life and skating is full of a lot of falls, but you have to get up and keep going. And you have to work hard. Sometimes, I do fall and make mistakes, but you can learn from your mistakes."

Asked if she was ready to retire, Kwan said: "I haven't ruled anything out yet. If I had made up my mind, I would have told everybody."

Beijing's population is estimated at 15 million, including about 3 million migrants, part of what is called the "floating population" of rural Chinese flocking to cities for work.

"The families recycle garbage, recycle metal, raise pigs and tend vegetable gardens," Zheng, the principal said.

Jordan wants peaceful nuclear program amid regional tension

BY SHAFIKA MATTAR

Associated Press Writer

AMMAN, Jordan King Abdullah II said Friday that Jordan wants to develop a peaceful nuclear program, joining Egypt and Arab Gulf countries in considering a nuclear option. Arab nations are fearful over the West's failure to stop Shiite Iran's nuclear ambitions, which they worry will lead to Tehran having an atomic weapon.

Arab countries have complained for years about Israel's nuclear program and reported arsenal, but it never prompted them to seek programs of their own.

But Iran's progress in building nuclear facilities has sparked a rush among Arab nations to look at programs of their own, raising the possibility of a dangerous proliferation of nuclear technology — or even weapons — in the volatile Middle East. Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia,

nations where Sunni Muslims predominate, have expressed concern over Iranian influence in Iraq and Lebanon. Now they fear the mainly Shiite Persian nation could develop warheads to back its growing regional power.

Any significant Arab nuclear program is likely years away, and some observers are skeptical that cash-strapped countries like Egypt and Jordan have the resources for such facilities. But simply announcing the intention could be meant as a signal to Iran that its ties to Arab nations will suffer over its nuclear endeavors — and to the United States that its Arab allies are concerned.

"Jordan is trying to toss another log on the fire and ... obliquely point out to the Iranians that the acquisition of such a weapon would create such pressure on the Arab neighbors (to respond) that acquiring the bomb would not be useful" for Iran, said Justin Logan.

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Video site hosting controversial videos about students

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attacked or humiliated, we ask our users not to post it," a YouTube spokesperson said on Friday. "And we remove such material promptly once we are notified."

"Our community controls the content on the site and they're the ones [not us] who flag content they deem inappropriate."

The spokesperson for the video Web site would not provide a name.

The issue of the disparaging videos was brought to school officials' attention about a week ago, when the student newspaper ran an article about the increasing presence of MHS footage on YouTube. Curious, an administrator decided to search for Malibu High School videos and was disturbed by what they saw, according to Kelly.

One video that caught their attention was of a lecture by a substitute teacher who often

fills in at MHS. The student shot the footage of the classroom lecture with their camera phone and later posted it on YouTube, adding unflattering music and commentary.

At the request of school officials, YouTube deleted the video from its Web site.

Cell phones are permitted on campus, but need to be shut off during school hours.

"[The videos] are not in-line with our mission here," Kelly said.

Some videos can be downright cruel.

Two videos posted by the same user poke fun and make assumptions about the sexuality of two students. The videos were both posted about a week ago, according to the site.

Not all videos seem to poke fun at students or teachers. One stages a fight between two students, aiming to teach a lesson that violence is not the answer.

"I personally think that some of the students are feeling very disrespected because some of the videos are making fun of them," Paxton said. "I think it's an issue that needs to be addressed through policies or having administrators and teachers monitor technology a little better."

School officials are assessing what measures they could take without getting into legal trouble themselves, since deleting posts could be a violation of free speech. For the past few days, administrators have spoken with parents, advising of the situation and the potential ramifications for not only the students and teachers whom the videos are targeting, but the perpetrators themselves.

"When speaking negatively or disparagingly of another student, that does sometimes have ramifications for the campus," Kelly said. "We're not really sure what we can



Courtesy photos

STOP ACTION: Videos recently posted on YouTube include several calling into question students' sexual orientation (left) and one depicting youth running wild on an unguarded Malibu High campus.

do ... we're not going to sit and monitor YouTube [every moment].

"On the other hand, we have to be careful how it is affecting the school here every day," he added. "Is it disrupting instruction? Disrupting what is going on at school?"

One big first step school officials did take recently is block access to the Web site from all computers on campus.

The student council has met several times over the past few weeks to address the issue and are working to figure a way to limit the embarrassment of those students who have been targeted.

The attention was brought to the Board of Education on Thursday when Paxton announced that administrators were working to rectify the issue. Paxton is the student

representative to the school board.

Board members suggested adding a policy on video postings and soliciting student input in formulating regulations, since the youth are well aware of technological changes.

"Even on my time on the board, we changed our policy on cell phones twice," said school board member Jose Escarce. "On this issue, we're behind, which is not surprising because it is changing so quickly."

The YouTube brand made national headlines this week when a video of a violent fight between teenage girls stuck in a love triangle was posted on the site. That video has since been removed from the site.

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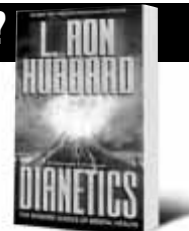
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Sandwich lovers are taking sides

Prices, proximity and people make Wilshire delis unique

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. Whether it's bagels, blintzes or matzo ball soup, cravings for all three get satiated each day along a small section of this bustling boulevard, home to three of the most popular delicatessens in town — Izzy's, Bagel Nosh and Fromin's.

Combined, they have more than 60 years of experience and have cultivated reputations for being the best of the best, offering up friendly service, a clean and cozy dining experience and featuring menus that specialize in Jewish cuisine.

The only problem for most Santa Monicans is deciding which one to patron. All three are located within a few blocks of one another, creating conflict for many cus-

tomers who have a hankering for all of them.

"I love this place," said Tim Lappen, while enjoying blueberry blintzes with his sons Moshe and Jay at Fromin's. "Every time I come here, it brings back a lot of memories. I used to take my boys here for breakfast before school. It just feels like family here. They've had the same servers for years. They know your name and they don't advertise liquor too much ... It's excellent."

Many had similar sentiments about Izzy's — the self-dubbed "Deli to the Stars," as it is decorated with photographs of famous celebrities from the '70s and '80s — located just three blocks west of Fromin's and one block west of Bagel Nosh, on the 1400 block of Wilshire Boulevard.

There, regulars fall back into the comfortable booths and soak in some television or some conversation with staff, many of whom have worked there for years and years, sharing stories about their home lives with customers.

"The service is always great. I love it," said Ian Miller, who has been going to Izzy's for the last four years for their jumbo onion rings and barbecue bacon burgers — not necessarily Kosher, but definitely a savory



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THE HOLE TRUTH: Blandina Lopez fulfills a customer's request for a dozen bagels at Bagel Nosh.

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THE BETTER HALF: A corned beef sandwich awaits an appetite at Fromin's, one of three Jewish delis vying for customers along a three-block stretch of Wilshire Boulevard.

treat for those wanting to be a little sinful. "It's just a very relaxed environment. Everyone is friendly and you get a lot of food for what you pay for. Some might think it is a little pricey to pay \$12 for a sandwich, but once they get a look at the huge mound of pastrami in front of them, you can't help but reconsider."

For Stephanie Brownstein, a regular at Fromin's who tried Izzy's for the first time last week, the menu at Izzy's proved more to her liking.

"It seems there are healthier options here than at Fromin's," Brownstein said after finishing her lunch — a "huge" salad. "It's hard to say which one I like better. I think they're both great."

Then there's Bagel Nosh, a hybrid of sorts, offering up fresh bagels daily along with the usual Kosher-style eats. Somewhat smaller than the other two delis, it doesn't feature mainstay servers. Rather, folks are encouraged to order at the counter and wait for the food to be delivered to their table by a staff of loyal cooks.

For entertainment, owner Jack Braun provides a wide-screen television and free wireless Internet access.

"I come here to do the casual breakfast thing, bagels mostly," said Nancy Greenstein, a Santa Monica College trustee who was leaving Bagel Nosh earlier this week with an armload of fresh bagels. "If I want Matzo ball soup, I'll go to Fromin's. Izzy's, not so much, but they do have better hours."

Bagel Nosh closes at 2:30 p.m. on weekdays while Fromin's shuts its doors at 10 p.m. Izzy's, meanwhile, stands alone as the only deli in Santa Monica open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering late-night revelers a place to satisfy their grumbling bellies.

For Hal Weiner, who is retired and living on a fixed income, it's not about the hours of operation so much as the pricing. He finds Izzy's to be too pricey, and prefers the java he gets at Bagel Nosh.

"We find Bagel Nosh and Fromin's more to our liking," Weiner said as he left the former with his wife. "Fromin's kind of went overboard on the pricing for their coffee ... If I want blintzes, I go to IHOP."

THREE'S A CROWD

How the three delis came to be located so close to one another is unclear, but it seems to boil down to the old adage that it's all about location, location, location. Each found Wilshire Boulevard to be suitable for their needs, offering maximum exposure to those coming into and heading out of Santa Monica. There is also a lot of single-family homes nearby, providing each with a steady stream of loyal customers. Izzy's opened first, in 1973, followed by Fromin's in 1979 and Bagel Nosh a short time later.

"We had our heart set on Wilshire," said Braun, who can often be seen behind the counter at Bagel Nosh serving up freshly-made bagels with onion, sesame seeds or raisins. "If we would have known (Fromin's) was going to be here too, we probably would have looked elsewhere, but we're here now and we're doing really well."

The delis' owners don't seem too concerned about their competitors. Instead, each seemed to have only kind words for one another.

"I've eaten at Izzy's," said Maurice Solomon, co-owner of Fromin's. "We don't really view anyone as competition. We just try to do the best we can. I don't want somebody opening up right next door to me, but we're all friendly to one another."

"If you just concentrate on your service and on offering the best food you can, then the rest of it will take care of itself."

Braun said each deli caters to a different clientele, and specializes in different foods, giving customers a variety.

Jim Lynch, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce said it all boils down to free enterprise.

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"I really admire them for being able to work together, clustered in such close proximity," Lynch said. "They certainly know what they're doing ... Clearly, they are doing well and that is a testament to their quality and to their knowledge and outreach to their clientele."

Of course, not everyone has fallen in love with the Wilshire Boulevard triumvirate. When it comes to delis, the three have nothing on those back on the East Coast, according to Harry "H", who refused to give his last name because he still eats at the three delis, even though he finds them overpriced and somewhat bland.

"I grew up in Philadelphia and in New York, so I guess I'm spoiled," he said, as he carried his young son on his shoulders along Wilshire Boulevard. "You would think in a city like Santa Monica there would be some more good coffee shops."

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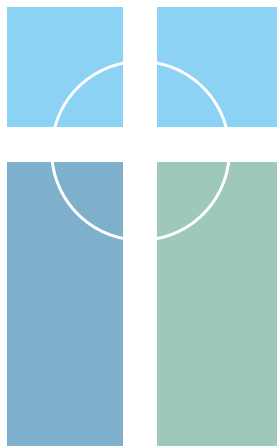
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**School board members
garner a pat on the back**

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motion to freeze \$3 million in 2005. The district cannot post the AB1200 until more information is uncovered about what caused the board to freeze the \$3 million, said Superintendent Dianne Talarico.

The school board cannot engage in conversation related to the posting of the AB1200 until 10 days after the posting date.

The school board and Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association reached a tentative agreement this past October for a 5 percent pay raise. The initial AB1200, submitted to the LA County Office of Education in October, showed that the district could face financial troubles down the road if it approves the raise.

Making this process even more difficult is the absence of a chief financial officer [CFO], after Winston Braham abruptly resigned from the district in November. The district has since signed an agreement with School Services of California to help find a permanent CFO, according to Talarico.

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Junior, Samohi

"[Deputy Superintendent] Tim [Walker] and I are aggressively having conversations and we're hoping one will join in the interim capacity as soon as possible, because it's been a while now and it's starting to take its toll," Talarico said.

The goal is to hire a permanent CFO in May and for that person to begin July 1.

KICK THE EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE HABIT

It gives adults a warm fuzzy feeling knowing they're doing something right, when a young student speaks out passionately against plastic foam, a non-biodegradable material on which breakfast and lunches are served.

In all schools in the district, lunch and breakfast are served on these plates. It takes 500 to 1,000 years to break down this substance in a landfill, said Rachel Horn, a jun-

ior at Samohi, who said she's been concerned about the environment due to pollution. Most of these plates, however, end up on the beaches, she said, citing a finding by Heal the Bay.

Approximately 4,000 lunches are served on these plastic foam trays every day in the district.

The student definitely did her research in preparation for her presentation to the school board and appearance on CityTV. A non-profit organization called World Centric offers a product that can break down in about 30 days, she said.

"There is no measure of debt that Styrofoam is getting us into," she said, holding up an example of the tray used in school.

By the way, it's expanded polystyrene [EPS], not Styrofoam, which is a trademarked name, Walker said.

All city facilities, including public schools, will also fall under a city ordinance passed earlier this month that bans all EPS containers in businesses. Unlike businesses, which have until Jan. 1, 2008 to comply, schools must be rid of their EPS supplies by Feb. 8.

KUDOS TO THE BOARD

For all their hard work and dedication, the district recognized the Board of Education. Patting the members on their backs, Talarico read proclamations by Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and Malibu Mayor Ken Kearsley, neither of whom were in attendance.

In addition to being National Mentoring Month and National Oatmeal Month, January is also School Board Recognition Month.

The members' tenure on the board varies from as little as two months — Kelly Pye and Barry Snell, who were elected in November — to six years — Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vazquez.

The recognitions and commendations didn't stop there. John Adams Middle School, and essentially new Principal Martha Shaw, were honored for the positive changes made at the school in the past year. The commendations also give school board members the opportunity to echo the same feelings already vocalized.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for next month, but an exact date has yet to be posted. Stay tuned.

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and City Hall, if the management company is found guilty, City Hall would be required to foot the bill. City Hall has an insurance policy valued at \$20 million. Bayside's insurance would cover an additional \$2 million, according to Geoff Wells, an attorney representing several of the plaintiffs.

Attorneys are scheduled to meet with Judge MacLaughlin this Tuesday for a status conference. At that time, the trial date may be changed.

RELOCATION SEEMS REAL POPULAR

The move to downtown was expected by everyone involved, given Baker's nomination and the expected length of the trial.

"This is not a total surprise," Wells said. "It's happening maybe earlier than we figured, but because of its length, this case is suitable for (downtown). I'm kind of surprised that this didn't happen sooner."

Trials that are expected to last three weeks or more are often transferred to downtown because courtrooms there are set up to handle them better than those in Santa Monica and other areas, Lefkowitz said.

"It's very routine," Lefkowitz said. "These long-cause case courts are set up for precisely these cases. The judges carry no calendar, so cases can come in and get tried one at a time and there is no shoveling other work to the back of the desk."

Wells doesn't feel the move will create a hardship for his clients.

"This is great because we will have a judge who will be able to dedicate the right amount of time that is needed in this case ... It's better that we get it going now than waiting until Judge Baker is confirmed."

Dana Fox, an attorney for Bayside and City Hall, said he does not believe the move will affect his clients, even though there are some who think it helps the plaintiffs

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Dana Fox
Attorney representing Bayside District Corp. and City Hall.

because a jury would most likely be comprised of people who do not live in Santa Monica, and therefore, would be less concerned about their tax dollars being spent on satisfying a financial penalty.

"I actually think that we are all fortunate," Fox said. "We are going from one excellent judge to another."

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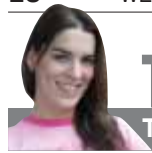
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After consuming copious amounts of food and gorging yourself in all the bountiful delights of the holidays, you may be craving something simple, yet delicious and nutritious. Try this soup.

I gave this recipe to my good friend Annie the other day and she had great success.

Well, let her tell you.

"I'm often very apprehensive about cooking, since I have the culinary dexterity of a fully padded ice hockey goalie in the kitchen. However, I was blown away by how simple this dish was and how delicious it tasted.

"I was nervous when (Theo) said to remove the giblets; I had visions of my mom back in Omaha tweezing out the hairs of the chicken she just bought from the kosher butcher. Thank goodness for modern convenience, the giblets were in a bag inside the chicken and my manicure is still intact!

"As the soup takes a while to make, I invited some friends over while it was cooking. We drank tea, talked about cooking, enjoyed the smells emanating from the kitchen, waxed poetical about life ... and when the soup was

ready, we slurped it down. It was a sharing experience and we all felt so grateful for each other and the food we had.

"This Jewish princess-on-a-budget loved the fact that I had healthy lunches for days."

Healthy lunches for days, indeed!

Chen's soup is stocked with healthy ingredients, including Shiitake mushrooms. In Asia, mushroom extracts are used to treat cancer patients. Research has shown that they also have powerful anti-viral properties and are effective at lowering cholesterol and high blood pressure. The mushrooms I used in this soup were from the Clearwater Farms stall at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue. These shiitakes are grown on wood blocks in a controlled, zero-chemical environment. If you can't get the mushrooms fresh, dried ones are just as tasty and can be found in most supermarkets. However, Asian supermarkets have better value for the money (Nijiya on Sawtelle is a good one). Ginger aids in digestion, as it stimulates the pancreas to secrete enzymes. It is also helpful as an expectorant, alleviating congestion as a result of a



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cold or flu. Garlic has well known antibacterial properties.

With the California winter in full swing, a tasty soup is a great way to warm the body and soul, as well as protect against or alleviate symptoms of a cold or flu.

As with any recipe, this one for Chen's Chicken Soup is a guideline. Feel free to make it your own ... experiment ... add or subtract an ingredient or two. Just cook.

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CHEN'S CHICKEN SOUP

- 1 Whole organic free-range chicken (giblets removed)
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 1 Turnip, peeled and cubed
- 14 Shiitake Mushrooms dried or fresh from Clearwater Farms at the SM farmers market (with stalks removed)
- Organic Spinach — 1 bunch
- 1 Packet of Rice Noodles
- 8 cloves of garlic roughly chopped
- 3-inch piece of ginger peeled and thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Chili flakes to taste

Rinse the chicken. Plop chicken in a large pan and cover with H2O. Bring to a boil and then simmer for an hour. When cooked, remove chicken from water and remove the skin and bones. Break up the chicken into bite-size pieces and put back in the pot. Add the garlic, ginger, carrots, turnip and mushrooms. Simmer for 20-30 minutes. Add salt, pepper and chili flakes to taste. Ten minutes before you are ready to serve the soup, add the noodles and then the spinach. This soup will keep in the fridge for a few days and actually tastes better the next day!

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FOOTBALL
Dolphins hire Cameron
to take head coach post

BY STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. Cam Cameron will try to succeed where Nick Saban failed — with the Miami Dolphins.

Miami concluded a two-week coaching search Friday, hiring Cameron, the San Diego Chargers' offensive coordinator the past five seasons.

Cameron signed a four-year contract to replace Saban, who left for Alabama after a 6-10 season. Saban missed the playoffs in both years with Miami, whose roster needs an overhaul to fix an aging defense and a feeble offense.

Cameron went 18-37 as a head coach at Indiana, then directed a high-powered attack in San Diego. Led by the NFL's most valuable player, LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers ranked fourth in the league in offense this season and finished 14-2, best in the NFL.

A news conference was scheduled for 7 p.m. EST Friday.

He will be the Dolphins' fourth coach in nine seasons. It has been a frustrating a stretch of instability for a franchise that had the same coach — Don Shula — for 26 years.

The Dolphins interviewed at least 12 other candidates in their most extensive coaching search since the franchise's first season in 1966. Among those still being con-

sidered midweek were Miami defensive coordinator Dom Capers, former Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora, Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey and former Alabama coach Mike Shula, son of ex-Dolphins coach Don Shula.

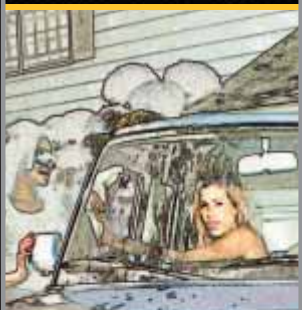
Cameron, 45, inherits one of the NFL's largest coaching staffs and Mueller, who might be given more responsibility under the new regime. He also might inherit defensive coordinator Capers, who was offered a new three-year contract in that role last week.

Cameron first interviewed with the Dolphins shortly after Saban quit and became available when the Chargers were eliminated from the playoffs last Sunday. He has been in South Florida since Wednesday, when he began a second round of interviews. At midday Friday, he returned to the team complex accompanied by general manager Randy Mueller, then met with management for more than four hours before the deal was announced.

An offensive-minded coach appealed to the Dolphins, who averaged 16.3 points per game in 2006, their lowest figure since 1967.

Cameron also interviewed this month for head coaching jobs with the Arizona Cardinals and Atlanta Falcons. Arizona hired Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, and Atlanta hired Louisville coach Bobby Petrino.

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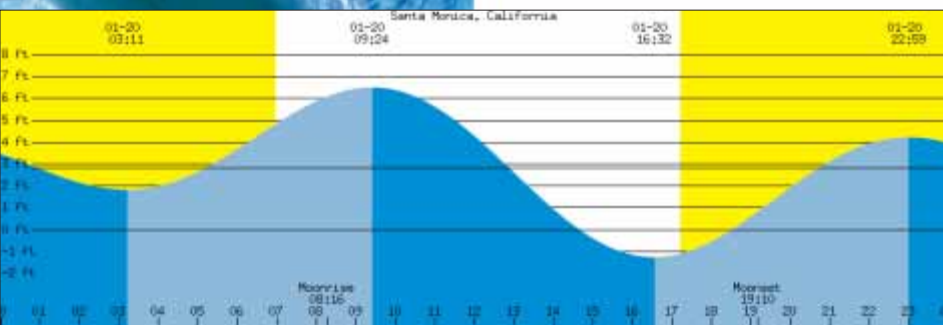
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
Today looks small like today with waist high surf at best and around west facing breaks. Note though that some forerunner energy from the swell due on Sunday is likely, especially by the afternoon. The extreme high tide mid morning could shut down many spots, yet winds should remain mild but somewhat onshore for the AM.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 8
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 36
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 9

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	F	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	D	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A+	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Say 'yes' tonight, Scorpio

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Enjoy the fact that you can do nearly no wrong right now. Friends surround you and cheer you on, whether you are telling a joke or running the big race. A child or loved one might have lost his or her sense of humor. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Someone you choose to visit might not be happy that you thought about him or her. Meanwhile, someone close to home could be morose. Your pet might even be missing you more than usual. Juggle your time. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Take off, or at least allow your mind to relax and work with present facts. Music, pleasant scenery and new people will revitalize your thinking. Don't let a mundane problem ruin the moment. Tonight: Make the bohemian choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner or dear friend finally lets you know how very much he or she cares. In this warm climate, you don't need to exaggerate your feelings. They are quite obvious. Avoid using money as a way of showing you care. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Though others invite you to join in on their plans, you are standoffish. How can you enjoy yourself with that attitude? Revise your mood, and you might find that a blah day becomes a really great one. Remember, you create your own reality. Tonight: Say "yes" rather than "no," my dear Lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might be dealing with fatigue or a low-level depression. Get out and be physical. The more you relax and join in, the better you will feel. If a personal matter is draining you, try looking at the situation differently. Tonight: Talk to a friend who looks at life very differently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your playfulness comes out with a child, or could it be that you are acting like a kid yourself? Allow more of that loving and joyous nature to enter your life. A new relationship could spice up your life. Tonight: Think someone could be jealous?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Happiness surrounds your domestic life. Entertain from home, if you want. You might not have any choice, as many people stroll through your door. Spontaneity contributes to the moment. Someone you look up to might be glum. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your enthusiasm is contagious. You really cannot stop yourself from hopping out of your immediate surroundings and visiting. You'll meet people doing just that. Make plans with a special friend – perhaps a movie and a meal. Tonight: Laugh and chat till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might want to play Ralph Nader when making a purchase. On the other hand, you could be flagrant and playful with spending. You might shock a friend or associate with your carefree nature. Tonight: Treating too?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You seem to do the right thing to make everyone happy. You aren't always as lucky, but you seize the moment. Others, especially a friend, want to be around you. A changing situation will open your eyes to someone's other side. Tonight: Just ask.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Step back and discover what makes you happy. You don't always need to be with people. Listen to your instincts with a boss or someone you put on a pedestal. Do exactly what you think is right. Tonight: You could be very happy at home alone.

Born Today

Comedian George Burns (1896)
Astronaut Buzz Aldrin (1930)
Director David Lynch (1946)



Happy Birthday!

Lady Luck walks in stride with you this year. Is there some goal or wish you have been wanting? Your dream might become a reality. How you deal with others changes during the next 12 months, as you suddenly seem more willing to share your dreams and thoughts. Others work to make your wishes realities. A partner could be a bit glum and might test your patience. Look at this situation as a phase and not something permanent. Give your sweetie space but also caring. If you are single, you might not be left alone a lot, even if you want to be.

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Irwin's daughter to stay the course

BINDI IRWIN is ready to continue her famous father's work spreading the wonder of wildlife. "I'm going to become a wildlife warrior just like he was," 8-year-old Bindi, daughter of the late Steve Irwin, told an audience Friday at Washington's National Press Club. Five months after Steve Irwin was killed by a

stingray, Bindi and her mother Terri are touring the United States to promote Bindi's upcoming television series. Asked Friday if the attention was too much too soon, Terri said that Bindi told her after Steve's death that she wanted to get back to filming wildlife shows as soon as possible. "Grief is a road that

each individual travels in their own way," Terri said, her daughter by her side. "For us to get right back up and be able to say that Steve's work counted for something" has been a help to the Irwin family and others. Steve Irwin was killed in September after a stingray's barb stabbed him in the chest during the film-

ing of a documentary. Authorities have handed over the video of Irwin's death to his family; Terri has said the family destroyed the footage. As proof of her commitment to her father's work, Bindi cheerfully described some of the world's most ferocious animals as "so sweet and gentle," praising crocodiles as "such great

mothers" and snakes as "just gorgeous." Bindi, who has appeared on several entertainment and news shows while in America, was asked how she compared snakes and reporters: "I really think I like poisonous snakes," she answered, grinning for the dozens of assembled cameras and journalists. ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPRAH'S ON TOP

Surprise, surprise. Grass is green, the world is round and **OPRAH WINFREY** is the richest woman in entertainment. The talk-show titan, who's amassed \$1.5 billion over the course of her impressive career, has bested "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling and lifestyle guru Martha Stewart to take the No. 1 spot on Forbes.com's list of "The 20 Richest Women in Entertainment." Rowling, who is finishing the seventh and final installment in her boy wizard series, ranks second with \$1 billion. Stewart is third with \$638 million. Madonna ranks fourth with \$325 million, followed by Celine Dion (\$250 million), Mariah Carey (\$225 million), Janet Jackson (\$150 million), Julia Roberts (\$140 million), and Jennifer Aniston and Jennifer Lopez (both \$110 million). AP

Retiring Barker isn't hard of hearing

The man with a golden voice who gave away warehouses of refrigerators and sofas during his 35 years as host of "The Price Is Right" says the secret to a good game-show host is the ability to listen. Too many are thinking of what they should say next instead of picking up on what the contestants are telling them, said the soon-to-retire **BOB BARKER**.

"These people are little gems with which you can create laughter and good times," Barker told TV critics late Thursday. None of his bosses asked Barker for his opinion on a successor. He said he doesn't have a favorite. Barker, who turned 83 in December, said he wanted to retire "while I'm still young," and credits his vegetarian diet for his good

health. He had a different answer when asked how he's able to maintain his energy. "Booze," he said to a laugh. His last taping of CBS Corp.'s CBS network show is June 6, with the swan song to air soon after. Reruns will be used until a new season starts in September. Barker said he couldn't understand why he, and his

show, have become cult favorites for college students. He talks about the number of young people who ask him to say his salty line from his appearance in the Adam Sandler movie "Happy Gilmore." "I've been in television 50 years and what am I going to be remembered for?" he said, then repeated his line. AP

Clarkson revs up expansive partnership

KELLY CLARKSON will soon be showing her racing stripes in the biggest partnership NASCAR has ever made with a music artist, the sports franchise announced Thursday. "Anyone who knows me knows I'm a race fan and love NASCAR," the former "American Idol" and Grammy-winning singer said in a NASCAR press release. "I look forward to hanging out with the fans, drivers and the entire NASCAR community."

Clarkson will be "integrated into all aspects of NASCAR," including television spots, charitable events and NASCAR's awards dinner in New York City in December, NASCAR said. The deal kicks off with Clarkson headlining the Nextel "Tribute To America" concert airing live on Fox just before the Daytona 500 in Florida on Feb. 18. During the appearance, Clarkson will film a 30-

second NASCAR spot for TV featuring a new song from her upcoming third album. She will also serve as a spokeswoman for the fourth annual NASCAR Day on May 18, 2007. Other artists who have partnered with NASCAR include the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Sheryl Crow, Jewel, Lenny Kravitz and LeAnn Rimes. Clarkson's "enthusiasm for NASCAR as a fan of NASCAR will surely devel-

op into an unparalleled relationship," said NASCAR's Sarah Nettinga in a statement. The 24-year-old singer rose to pop-rock stardom after snagging the first "American Idol" crown in 2002. Her debut album, "Thankful," earned double-platinum status, and the multiplatinum follow-up, "Breakaway," garnered two Grammy awards in 2006. AP

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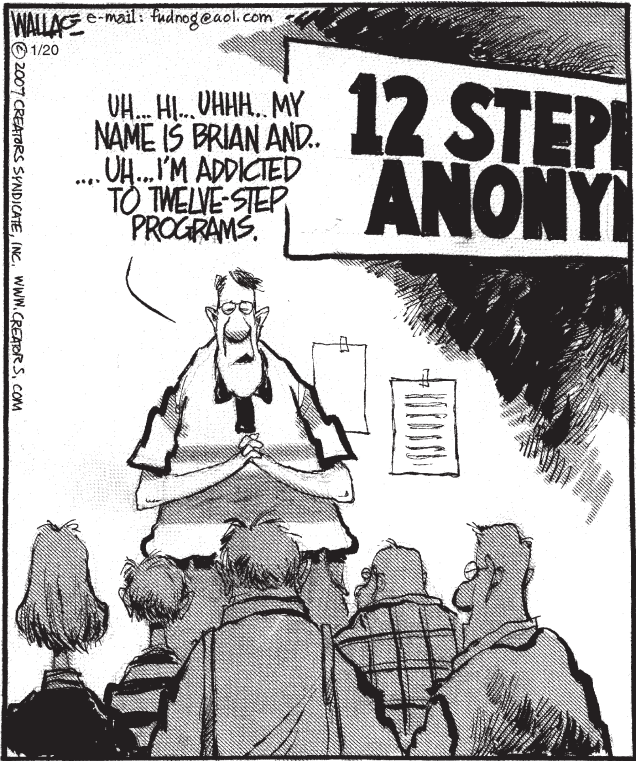
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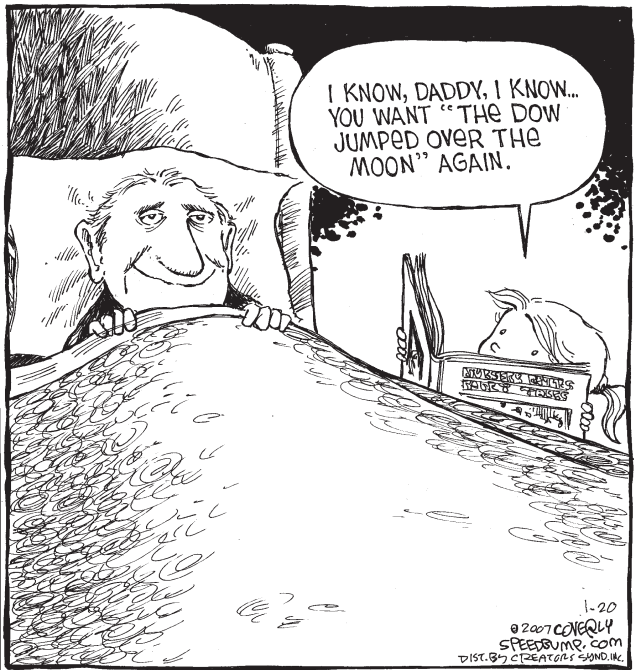
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 17 Urges
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- 22 Jazz style
- 25 Stock holder
- 26 Minus
- 27 In awe
- 29 Fling
- 33 Basmati and arborio
- 34 Mystic deck
- 35 Chair part
- 36 Minor weakness
- 37 Movie lion
- 38 Make it
- 39 Match parts
- 40 Vacillate

DOWN

- 1 Rash
- 2 Sky tint
- 3 Hawk's grabber
- 4 Charlie Parker played it
- 5 Take in
- 6 McShane of "Dead-wood"
- 7 Tourist stop
- 8 Tapestry subject
- 9 Ticked off
- 10 Like Old Nick
- 16 Sandbox toys

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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Mount
- 20 Frasier's brother
- 22 "The Ten Commandments" director
- 23 Like a broken arm
- 24 "Top Hat" star
- 25 Examines sentences
- 28 Greek letters
- 30 Space circle
- 31 Puzzle out
- 32 Herd member
- 34 Went fast
- 36 Dieter's no-no

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Many voters, and critics in both parties, chided the "do-nothing" 109th Congress (2005-2006) as a body tied up in partisanship and divisiveness. However, the Congress did manage to pass 383 pieces of legislation, except that almost 100 of those laws were merely authorizations to name post offices and other federal structures after famous Americans (such as Ray Charles, Ava Gardner and Karl Malden).

■ Politicians in the German states of Lower Saxony and Bavaria proposed in December to criminalize "cruel" violent acts in video games when they are directed at "humans" or "human-looking characters." Bavarian interior minister Gunther Beckstein pointed to a November incident in which an 18-year-old player of the violent game "Counter Strike" went to a school, shot 37 people, and then killed himself.

■ Following a military coup in November, Fiji's army chief Frank Bainimarama took over and placed classified ads in local newspapers to seek candidates to be ministers and senior civil servants. The minimum qualifications: no criminal record and not to be bankrupt. And Nigeria's People's Democratic Party started screening candidates in December to run for president this year, ranking applicants on the following criteria: patriotism (10 percent), integrity (15), ethnic neutrality (10), knowledge of law (10), tolerance (5), transparency (10), knowledge of development (10) and leadership qualities (15). (Arithmetic ability was not a criterion.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

1942 Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

1887 The U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

1841 The island of Hong Kong was ceded by China to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

1936 Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

WORD UP!

yeasty (YEE-stee), *adjective*: 1. Of, pertaining to, or resembling yeast. 2. Not yet settled or formed; immature or incomplete. 3. Marked by agitation or change. 4. Frothy or trivial; frivolous. 5. Full of vitality; exuberant.

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People crave all sorts of things. Hot buttered popcorn. Donuts with those little multi-colored sprinkles on top. That first shot of caffeine in the morning. And what's wrong with that? What's wrong with indulging your little cravings now and then, huh? Well, before you hightail it to your local donut palace or new age coffee shop, look a little deeper.

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The all-new CR-V boasts a sleek, new exterior as well as an amenity-rich interior. And performance? Nothing in its class even comes close to the CR-V in the area of performance. For example, the CR-V's new suspension system delivers an unprecedented ride with improved handling and response, its iVTEC engine utilizes variable intake valve timing to optimize both torque and horsepower, and its revolutionary Real Time 4WD system is just what's needed to navigate any terrain with confidence. But let's cut to a most serious topic, shall we? Safety.

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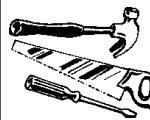
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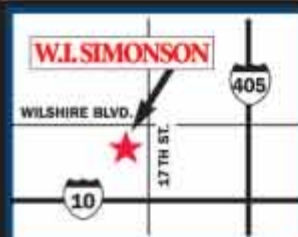
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