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AGAINST THE GRAIN: A family plays at Will Rogers State Beach on Monday, three days after a sewage spill prompted officials to close the beach.

Beach reopens in wake of sewage spill

By Daily Press Staff

WILL ROGERS BEACH Swimmers can wade back into the water today with county health officials reopening a one-mile stretch of the Santa Monica Bay following a sewage spill last Friday.

"The beaches are open," said Eric Edwards, acting chief of environmental health for the county. "Bacteria levels were found to be well below state standards."

A spill in the Santa Monica Canyon Creek affected portions of Will Rogers and

Santa Monica beaches, forcing health officials to post signs warning swimmers to stay out of the water a half-mile on both sides of the spill.

Officials said about 10,000 gallons of raw sewage linked into the creek following the rupture of a sewer pipe.

Swimmers who come in contact with fecal bacteria have a higher probability of contracting illnesses such as stomach flu, ear infections, upper respiratory infections and skin rashes.

Will Rogers State Beach has received poor

marks for water quality in the past from environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, which rated the beach as one of the 10 "bummers" in the state. Much of that had to do with the fact that a storm drain is located in close proximity to the beach.

Information on Los Angeles County beach conditions is available by calling the Department of Public Health hotline at (800) 525-5662 or online at www.lapublichealth.org/eh.

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Where everyone knows more than your name

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD Imagine a community in which neighbors know more about each other than their first name; where its residents are more than casual acquaintances, but friends whom they could trust.

Such a utopia has been a dream for Santa

Monica resident Robert Moskowitz and his life partner, Rayni Joan, who in the past couple of years have bought into a growing national trend of collaborative living called "cohousing."

The concept of cohousing incorporates the benefits of individual home ownership with the idea that residents should not live in isolation. In cohousing communities,

residents are usually involved in the design, development and ongoing operation of the project.

The intent is to allow neighbors to form bonds by actively participating in the maintenance and use of common facilities like the garden, kitchen and pool.

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Council digging Davies

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL After laying dormant for more than a decade, the old Marion Davies estate is about to see some life.

The City Council tonight is expected to approve a construction contract with Pankow Special Projects for the complete renovation and adaptive reuse of the estate, transforming the relic of the "Gold Coast" era into a premier public beach club complete with volleyball courts, a kiddie pool, snack bar and lounge.

"This is the Big Kahuna contract," said Craig Perkins, City Hall's director of Environmental and Public Works Management. "This is the big action and, basically, we don't have to come back to the council before we start construction, except perhaps for a few minor changes that may be made."

The contract with Pankow is valued at just over \$28 million, the majority of which — \$21 million — will be paid for by a grant from The Annenberg Foundation. To reflect that gift, the beach club will be named the Annenberg Community Beach Club at 415 PCH (Pacific Coast Highway). The intersection at PCH leading into the club will be named Marion Davies Way, according to a

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Rendering courtesy of City of Santa Monica
IT'S A DRAW: A new poolhouse will complement existing structures at the refurbished Marion Davies Estate at 415 PCH.

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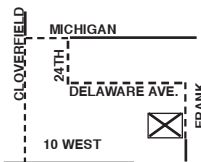
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Story series for 2-year-olds at the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library. Registration is required.

Free Seminar for New Owners of Santa Monica Rental Property

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

Tickets are on sale at the Wadsworth Theatre box office or online by visiting www.WadsworthTheatre.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007

Preparing for Mt. Whitney Clinic

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

The raffle to get permits secured for the Mt. Whitney Trail begins and ends in February. Come to this class and learn all the details of the permit process and how to best prepare for your trip. Training and nutrition tips will also be discussed.

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CORRECTION

In a Community Profile article about Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Axe ("Success stories read like an open book," Jan. 22), there were several inaccuracies. Axe's downtown LA office is located on Los Angeles Street, not Spring Street. One third of Esperanza Elementary School's student body attending a Reading to Kids session was a one-month record, not a typical occurrence. A picture of the Aero Theatre marquee on Montana Avenue (page 13) incorrectly identified the theatre as the Axe Theatre.

Catalina researcher to go where eagles dare

By The Associated Press

AVALON The bald eagle nesting season is approaching at Santa Catalina Island and wildlife biologist Peter Sharpe is ready to midwife eaglets.

Operating on a meager budget, Sharpe and the Institute for Wildlife Studies are protecting eagle eggs and hatchlings for a second consecutive year. Government funds from a lawsuit settlement have been cut off and donations keep the program going.

"We're scraping by," Sharpe said. "We're doing our own fundraising and just cut way, way back."

The lawsuit settlement stemmed from DDT pesticide ocean dumping off the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The DDT contamination works up the food chain to seafood-loving bald eagles, thinning and weakening their eggs.

The Montrose Settlements Restoration Project trustees — state and federal officials handing out DDT lawsuit settlement money — decided to concentrate on wildlife regeneration projects elsewhere in the Channel Islands.

The plan is to continue evaluating the re-establishment of bald eagles on the northern Channel Islands over a period of several years, said Milena Viljoen of the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program.

In coming weeks, the four pairs and one threesome of nesting bald eagles on Santa Catalina Island should start laying eggs. Sharpe will retrieve the eggs, swapping them for fake ones.

The eggs will be incubated until hatching about a month later.

This year, Sharpe will let one nest keep its own egg.

Then, along with other freshly hatched chicks from the San Francisco Zoo, he'll go back with the live chicks and leave them, hopefully two per nest, for the parents to raise.



All his dogs aren't barking

'Johnny the Dog Watcher' babysits a pack of 'street legal dogs' at the Main Street Farmers' Market on Sunday. All of the dogs under Johnny's watch had current dog licenses on the heels of a recent crackdown on unlicensed canines.

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Reed Park gets reshuffled

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas — items routinely passed by the City Council that may have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Reed Park is getting a facelift.

The City Council is expected tonight to spend just over \$85,000 on a consultant to help design several improvements to the park, including new landscaping along the perimeter and the removal of the existing

roque court, shuffleboard and horseshoe area to expand the existing and heavily used playground area, according to a city staff report.

By removing the roque court, shuffleboard and horseshoe area, the council could add an additional 6,000 square feet for more children's play equipment, including, but not limited to, basketball hoops sized for young children.

In all, the council is expected to spend more than \$722,000 on everything from the park improvements to a new maintenance contract for the Big Blue Bus fleet and office space on Fourth Street for the Cultural Affairs Division.

REED IN NEED OF A NEW LOOK

A complete renovation of Reed Park was concluded in 1995, with Miles Playhouse receiving an extensive rehabilitation in 1998. At that time, the roque court ("roque" is an American version of croquet) and the horseshoe and shuffleboard area was in demand. Since then, however, the area is rarely used, while demand for children's playgrounds has increased.

That, coupled with a need to improve signage and landscaping so that plants can be more drought-tolerant and sustainable, prompted city staff to go before the council

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fluoride in water is 'grotesque'

Editor:

Thanks very much for the front page press of the fluoridation issue in Santa Monica ("Not all smiles for fluoride treatment," page 3, Jan. 19). I've been as active as possible with the Santa Monicans for Safe Drinking Water.

The idea of adding fluoride to our city water is grotesque.

There already is "naturally occurring" fluoride in our water. What is being added is toxic waste material from the fertilizer/aluminum industries, known as hydrofluoro-silicic acid and sodium fluoride. Plain and simple: Toxic.

What also wasn't mentioned is that hundreds of cities in the last six years or so are removing and rejecting fluoride from public water. Europe is 98 percent non-fluoridated.

Currently, there is a nationwide movement to ban all water fluoridation, and I only hope I live long enough to see that come to pass.

This is truly a horrible injustice on the innocent public that this toxin is added to our public waters. It is truly all money-driven with profits to the chemical industries as the main goal. We are being chemicaled to disease and death in this country.

Joyce Martino

Santa Monica

Writer had a mind bloc

Editor:

I had to laugh at a recent letter you printed by local resident John O. Legreid ("What are we willing to pay for war?" page 4, Jan. 19) in which he states that the "war in Iraq is the Bush payoff for the Jewish bloc vote." What ridiculous nonsense! There are now 300 million people in America, of which there are six million Jews, and they represent 2 percent of the voting public. Or, better said, 98 percent of Americans who vote are not Jews. As a group, Jewish voters are quite liberal; haven't we all heard the words "Jewish liberal" used repeatedly? In a recent scholarly article, 87 percent of Jews polled voted for Democrats. A "Jewish bloc vote" for George Bush? Absolute stupidity.

If you go to Google or any other search engine, you will find that in 2000 George Bush received the votes of only 19 percent of American Jews living in the U.S., and only 35 percent of American Jewish voters residing in Israel (a much smaller number of voters). In 2004, (John) Kerry received between 75 percent and 78 percent of the Jewish vote.

Ken Karmiole

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

White House will cost them

THE HORSE RACE — WELL, THE Democratic Donkey race is more like it — is off and running. With this weekend's fateful announcement by Senator Hillary Clinton that she is entering the race for the Democratic Primary and, eventually, the White House; the topic du jour of all TV news pundits, columnists and talking heads is presidential politics — for the next 21 months.

There will be essays that will describe the end of the world that a Hillary victory would ignite. There will be hours dedicated to pundits on TV chewing on the racial implications of a Barack Obama in the White House.

This next presidential election will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, if not a billion. Money that could and should be spent by those donating, on far greater efforts than deciding which politician has told us the most convincingly what we wanted to hear.

Gender politics is certainly going to rear its ugly head again. We will hear time and time again how people don't like Hillary because she stood by Mr. Clinton in the face of his adultery. These are generally the same people who are also screaming that gay marriage is an affront to humanity and an attack on our sacred way of life. Of course, had Mrs. Clinton divorced Mr. Clinton, she would have been pilloried as a 'cut and run' wife who left her husband and evaded her vows.

Experience counts, some will say, and that is reason to be against Senator Obama. Then, these same people will turn around and claim that Hillary is a bad choice because experience has shown her to be unethical — even though she has not been indicted or charged with anything illegal.

Gov. Bill Richardson entered the fray, hoping to jump from his home state of New Mexico to 1600 Pennsylvania in one breath-taking leap. John Edwards is trying his hand again in a crowded field, hoping that his experience two years ago will yield better results this time.

The Republicans are fielding some impressive early comers in Mitt Romney and Senator Sam Brownback, and Senator John McCain will enter the game early this time.

What does all of this mean to us the voters? It means that money, money, money will be running the next presidency, much as it has the current one. It means that the likelihood of an independent ever running a convincing campaign becomes less and less likely. It means that campaign reform will be less likely than ever.

This early competition for money also means that campaigns have to crystallize faster, positions must be taken and then defended sooner. Early 'training camps' for the candidates must ramp up that much faster as the candidates are facing debates,

interviews and the tiresome vetting process that much earlier in the process.

The debates are beginning already, with New Hampshire and South Carolina planning debates this spring. This process of early position-taking by candidates makes for a campaign that will have a hard time gauging what the public wants. It precludes the candidates from getting much input from the voters, but a lot from their big contributors, who will have a much easier time getting the precious amount of face time a candidate has for meetings.

When people ask why can't we get good people to run for office, this is a prime example of what scares off capable candidates. A capable candidate is essentially forced to sell out to the big money contributors, they must dance to the tune of big business because the little guy has no voice.



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Who would want to spend the next 20 months shaking down people for money, having their life opened up to scrutiny by all quarters, and being "on" for 12 to 18 hours a day, giving the same stump speech five times a day, and trying each time to pack it with a punch? This is a process that is designed, not to weed out the inappropriate, but to ensure the weak of ethics are guaranteed election.

There should be a moratorium on campaigning prior to 12 months before an election. We should make this process shorter and more focused. It should be an open field that allows more candidates to participate.

Only the independently wealthy, or those already on the public payroll, can now afford to run for the office that every child is told, they can run for. Sadly, that is no longer true. It is a lie, just like Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and all people are created equal. Not because they are the wrong skin color or the wrong gender, but simply because they don't have access to corporate checkbooks.

Candidates are now determined not on their merits, but on their Mastercard.

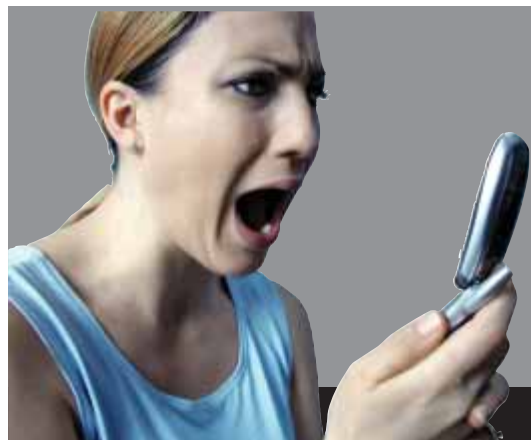
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free File preps payers for tax time

The Internal Revenue Service announces the opening of this year's Free File program that provides free tax preparation and free electronic filing to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is \$52,000 or less. Free File is available only through the IRS web site at www.irs.gov and is a partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a group of tax preparation software companies.

"California had the largest number of users last year at over 292,000 out of the 3.9 million Free File users nationwide," said IRS spokesman Victor Omelczenko. "But we know that many more California households qualify to use Free File since about half of the households in the state have incomes below \$52,000."

Changes in Free File as it begins its fifth year include:

- Taxpayers can use Free File to request the Telephone Excise Tax Refund, either the standard amount, which ranges from \$30-\$60, or the actual amount. Some Free File Alliance members will provide free access to Form 1040EZ-T for those people who have no legal obligation to file a tax return, but who can request the one-time telephone excise tax refund. Some alliance members also will offer free access to Form 8913 to request the actual amount.

- Two companies will offer Free File in Spanish.

- Participants will no longer offer refund anticipation loans (RALs) and other ancillary products.

- Some alliance members are offering the state return for free. All alliance members' Web sites display whether state online tax preparation and filing services are available and the associated fees, if any.

- Taxpayers can use Free File to file a Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File.

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'Making Great Melodies' performance

The Santa Monica Public Library hosts "Making Great Melodies," a concert of vocal music on Saturday, Jan 27. Renowned Santa Monica composer and bass vocalist David Avshalomov is joined by distinguished local artists: Mezzo-soprano Lauri D. Goldenhersh, soprano Rene Burkett, tenor Jeremy Schoenberg, with accompaniment by pianist Greg Schreiner.

This musical event will feature selections that range from oratorio and opera excerpts to sacred arias, Elizabethan madrigals, show tunes, traditional and even some folk and light popular songs, as well as a few surprises.

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In a poll by the Web site AmlAnnoying.com, former "The View" host Star Jones was selected by voters as the most annoying celebrity of the year, alluding to her bitter departure from the show and alleged kickbacks for on-air product plugs. Rounding out the top-10 were: Donald Trump, Paris Hilton, Michael Jackson, Justin Timberlake, Stacy Kiebler, Dr. Phil, Oprah Winfrey, Lindsay Lohan and Tom Cruise.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:
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Lawsuit threatened beach house dreams

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city staff report.

Construction crews are expected to break ground by the end of Spring, and finish by November 2008, according to Barbara Stinchfield, City Hall's director of Community and Cultural Services.

"This is indeed a cause for celebration," Stinchfield said.

The 5.5-acre estate was built by William Randolph Hearst in the late 1920s for actress and mistress Marion Davies. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan, who also created Hearst Castle in San Simeon. The Santa Monica estate consisted of 100 rooms, guest-houses, tennis courts, an elaborately decorated swimming pool and dog kennel.

The property was sold in the 1940s to a private party and converted to a hotel and beach club. The state purchased the property in 1960. Under an agreement with the state, City Hall leased it to a private beach club, the Sand & Sea Club, and later operated it as a seasonal public beach facility.

Damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, all structures except the beach cafe were subsequently "red-tagged," or designated as unsafe to occupy.

Following an extensive community planning process, in 1999 the council approved a re-use plan that determined the site's potential as an important public resource, leading to the current development proposal.

The beach club design would preserve and restore the original swimming pool, which is constructed of Italian marble tiles with inlaid designs. The north house would also be rehabilitated along with the interior

design, including hand-painted bathroom tile, the marble fireplace, cabinets and a crystal chandelier.

New facilities include an entry pavilion, an event house and pool house (for more information, go to 415pch.smgov.net).

The dream of a public beach club almost died a year ago when members of the

Transportation to have a traffic signal installed.

A settlement was ultimately reached in September 2006. In exchange for dropping the lawsuit and ensuring the project went ahead as scheduled, City Hall has agreed to operate the beach club according to conditions approved by the association and pro-



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Barbara Stinchfield
City Hall's director of Community and Cultural Services



Photo courtesy City of Santa Monica

ROLL OVER: Marlon Davies plays at her estate.

Palisades Beach Property Owners Association and multi-millionaire Jonathan Ornstein filed a lawsuit asking a judge to stop the project because City Hall allegedly violated conditions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as a local law prohibiting the creation of food-serving facilities along the beach.

The plaintiffs also said the beach club would create dangerous driving conditions on an already deadly stretch of PCH, and therefore, a stop light needed to be installed.

City officials made several attempts to appease the residents, including scaling back portions of the facility, as well as the hours of operation. Additional security was also included, and city staff entered into negotiations with the California Department of

vide around-the-clock security for at least seven years, with certain conditions in effect for a decade.

The City Council will also adopt a resolution specifying the terms and conditions for operation and that the terms be included in the facility's permit with the California Coastal Commission. The council also agreed to use its best efforts to have CalTrans place a traffic signal at the property, located at 415 PCH. CalTrans has been "receptive," according to a city staff report.

The operating conditions are expected to be approved by the council at their meeting tonight, along with an additional \$6,488,000 from the Annenberg Foundation that will help ensure the agreement is kept.

Charles Levy, president of the association,

said residents were never against the project, nor its mission. They were concerned that if the project proved to be unsuccessful and a drain on City Hall's coffers, elected officials would cut back and create an eyesore that would eventually attract squatters.

In a statement shortly after the settlement was reached, Levy said homeowners were "very pleased" and were "confident that it will now be possible for a pattern of operation ... that will ensure maximum enjoyment of the beach club," while maintaining the quality of life for those living nearby.

Joel Brand, chair of Friends of 415 PCH, a collaborative comprised of residents and former elected officials who organized in support of the beach club amid the lawsuit, said the council's decision to greenlight the project tonight will signal a "major step forward" in the fight to create greater access to public beaches along PCH, once known as the "Gold Coast" because of the seaside mansions that dotted the landscape and the opulent lives of those who lived in them. Davies oftentimes held elaborate costume parties that drew the likes of Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Cary Grant, Gloria Swanson and Howard Hughes

"It was only last summer that some of us were worried that we would never get to this day," Brand said, "and to have it finally arrive after the community spoke with such a loud and concerted voice is a tribute to the foundation's vision, the city's professionalism and the residents' determination."

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Sharing friendships until they can share their homes

FROM COHOUSING PAGE 1

It's similar to a college dormitory where the students own their dorm rooms that come equipped with its own kitchen and bathroom.

There are more than 90 cohousing communities in the United States, 18 in California. Of the 42 cohousing groups in California, 24 are still in the planning or construction phases.

It's an attractive idea to Moskowitz, who was surprised to learn a few years ago that neither cohousing nor a similar type of development existed in Santa Monica.

"I couldn't believe there wouldn't be one in Santa Monica," Moskowitz said on Sunday.

Seeing a void, Moskowitz and Joan formed a group to lay the foundation of what would be the first cohousing development in the city's borders.

"We love Santa Monica," Joan said. "Part of what Robert and I are looking for is a sustainable lifestyle where we can walk everywhere in Santa Monica."

Since its inception almost one year ago, the Santa Monica Cohousing [SaMoCoHo] group has grown from a membership consisting solely of Moskowitz and Joan to a list of more than 50 people.

"I've always been interested in community," said Joan Temple, who lives in an apartment in West LA. "I like the idea of helping each other."

Temple became interested in community housing a few years ago when she found a cohousing group in Pasadena. Though the cohousing group in Pasadena never realized its full potential, Temple heavily considered the move even though it would've drastically changed her lifestyle.

HOMeward BOUND

About eight members meet every three weeks to discuss the logistics in developing a cohousing community in Santa Monica, something they acknowledge will be a complicated undertaking considering the scarcity of land in the city and the stringent rent control laws.

Rent control law prohibits new property owners from taking their units off the rental market.

The group is trying to work around the regulations and is considering several alternatives, including tearing down an apartment building and replacing it with a non-rental cohousing complex, and colonizing an existing condominium.

But Santa Monica Cohousing members have not given up on city officials, asking them to bend the rules against pulling

rental units off the market. Their reasoning is that a cohousing project fits well within the city's goals of encouraging community participation.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," Moskowitz said.

Aside from the planning involved in developing a housing complex, the SaMoCoHo group meetings also provide the future would-be neighbors an opportunity to acquaint and become friends.

On Sunday, the SaMoCoHo group held its monthly meeting at the UnUrban Coffeehouse on Pico Boulevard. Because of the holidays, the group had not gathered for a few months.

Members greeted each other like long lost friends, asking about personal relationships and talking about literature.

"I like to be in a place where my neighbors and I don't feel isolated," said Donald Cram, who has participated in cohousing groups in San Diego, Santa Monica and Pasadena. "When people say they know their neighbors, what they mean is they know their first name."

WHEN PEOPLE SAY THEY KNOW THEIR NEIGHBORS, WHAT THEY MEAN IS THEY KNOW THEIR FIRST NAME."

Donald Cram
Los Angeles

The group includes members of all ages and all walks of life. One of the youngest members — Yuliya Sullivan of West LA, joined the group with her husband a few months ago.

The Sullivans have been seeking a community for the past four years, a time in which they moved numerous times while they both were finishing up school.

Sullivan sees cohousing as the perfect environment in which to raise her children; an environment where all neighbors get along and understand differences and embrace diversity.

"I would like to live someplace where neighbors and I are on friendly terms," she said. "I want to live with people who respect and value differences."

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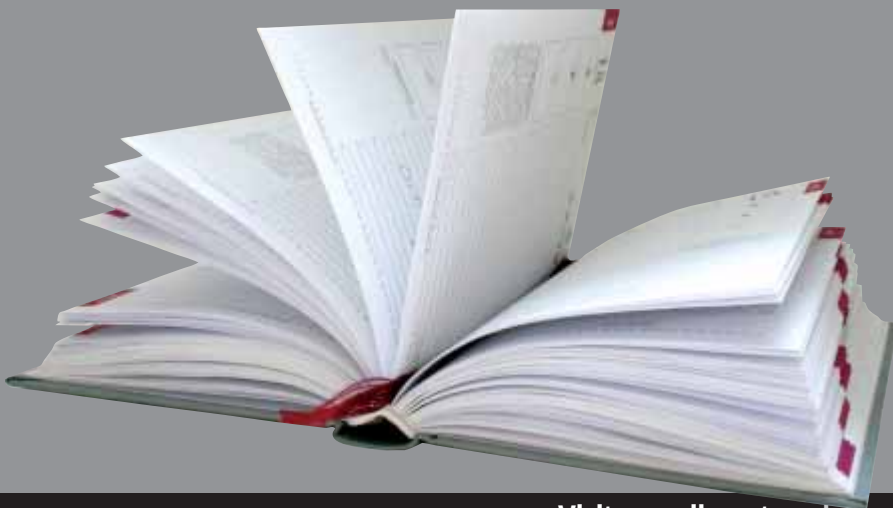
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City Hall appears just too small to do it all

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

with the upgrades, according to a city staff report.

The firm of Katherine Spitz Associates was picked from the two firms that competed for the design contract. Spitz will be paid \$85,085 for their services. The overall budget for improvements is \$602,800.

Spitz has worked on several civic projects before, including streetscape improvements to Ocean Park and Pico boulevards.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Ensuring that the public can get to point A from point B, city staff is requesting the council approve two maintenance contracts for the Big Blue Bus fleet.

One contract is for \$250,000 and includes engine overhaul services that cannot be performed by staff because of insufficient garage space and the lack of warehouse space, and the specialized equipment required to test engines after the repairs are made. Current staffing levels are also insufficient, according to a city staff report.

The second contract is for \$200,000 and includes replacement parts for Detroit Diesel Allison engines and transmissions.

Over the lifetime of a bus — around 12 years — diesel and natural gas engines experience normal wear and tear that may require engine replacement, head or cylinder repair, turbocharger replacement and an assortment of other engine parts that may need to be rebuilt or replaced.

To perform this work, City Hall is looking to two firms — Valley Power Systems, Inc., and Service Motor Parts/Ironman Renewal.

Valley will perform 60 percent of the work, while Ironman is expected to perform the remaining 40 percent. The contract for each firm is one year, but Ironman will have two additional one-year renewal options at rates subject to a 5-percent increase on the previous year's price.

The total estimated expenditure for the three-year term is \$1.5 million, however, the cost is pegged at \$250,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

As for diesel engine and transmission repair, that work will also be done by Valley. That contract is for one year, with two one-year renewal options at a 3 percent price increase for each year, bringing the total estimated cost for a three-year term to \$930,000. The estimated cost for the remainder of this fiscal year is \$200,000.

Every day a bus is out of commission, City Hall loses roughly \$550 in revenue, according to a city staff report.

OFFICE SPACE

Due to the lack of office space at City Hall, city staff is asking the council to approve a five-year lease with one five-year option for 1,351 square feet on Fourth Street in downtown, which will serve as the new home for the Cultural Affairs Division.

Metropolitan Pacific Capital, LLC, is offering to rent the space to City Hall for \$3.30 per square foot, with an increase of 5 percent per year. The total cost for the contract is estimated at \$60,000.

Space continues to be an issue for city staff, with City Hall leasing approximately 46,000 square feet of office space throughout Santa Monica. City Hall remains compacted

with two or more people sharing offices that were originally designed to hold one person, and staff working in areas that were once used for storage or hallways, according to a city staff report.

City Hall was dedicated in November of 1939 and included just 40,000 square feet. The most recent expansion came in 1991 with the addition of the mezzanine level, which is currently occupied by staff from Planning and Community Development and Community and Cultural Services.

If the council votes in favor of the lease with Metropolitan, City Hall will be occupying the entire third floor of a building located at 1433 Fourth Street. The Civil Engineering and Architecture Division is expected to move into that space in mid-March, followed by Cultural Affairs.

A FEW MINOR CHANGES

Some unforeseen circumstances are forcing the council to approve an additional \$97,000 for two contracts, one of which concerns the Civic Center Parking Structure, while the other involved hazardous waste management.

When Smith Emery Co. was hired to perform inspection services for the parking structure, city staff did not realize that sand backfill surrounded a large, Los Angeles County stormdrain running diagonally under the structure. As a result, Smith Emery had to provide additional inspection services.

That increased the cost of the contract by \$50,000.

As for the hazardous waste, the council is being asked to spend an additional

\$47,110.19 for services provided by General Environment Management Inc., after City Hall canceled a similar contract with another firm that performed poorly, according to a city staff report.

On average, city staff serves about 3,000 people who dispose of approximately 130,000 pounds of various hazardous waste, ranging from pesticides and paints, to motor oil and nail polish.

As a result of their performance during the interim basis, General was hired for three years for a total of \$600,000.

MAKING SURE OUR VOICES ARE HEARD

To ensure that public transit in Santa Monica gets its fair share of federal dollars, the council is expected to approve a lobbying contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC for \$30,060.

The Big Blue Bus works with six other transit systems in the county to obtain federal funds for transit projects. The cities — Commerce, Culver City, Gardena, Montebello, Norwalk and Torrance — are part of the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition. The Ferguson Group represents the coalition.

Because of lobbying efforts, BBB received slightly more than \$3.1 million last year in federal funds, one of the highest figures in California.

In addition to the \$30,060, Ferguson has another contract with City Hall for \$70,885 to monitor federal legislation, spending bills and new regulations passed by Congress.

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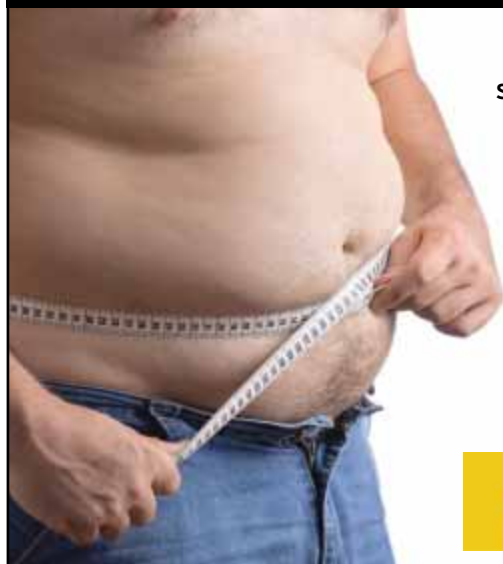
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Big chill's ripple effects could cripple the economy

By The Associated Press

FRESNO The freeze that destroyed \$1 billion in citrus crops earlier this month could have ripple effects that ravage the broader Central Valley economy.

Five consecutive nights of below-freezing temperatures starting Jan. 12 devastated citrus crops and severely damaged fields of strawberries, leafy greens, cabbage, celery, onions and nursery plants. The disaster prompted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last week to declare a state of emergency for the counties of Imperial, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Clara, Riverside, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura and Stanislaus.

California's Central Valley was the hardest hit, and economists say the full impact won't be felt until the spring.

The deep freeze could cost thousands of people their jobs and erase drain hundreds of millions of dollars from the area's agriculture-intensive economy, local employers say. As many as one of five workers in the Central Valley is directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture.

Pickers and truckers will be the first to feel the strain, followed by equipment dealers and manufacturers, restaurant owners and retailers. As fresh citrus supplies dwindle in the next couple weeks, packinghouses will close down — maybe until new harvests in October or November.

Mark Gillette, managing partner of Gillette Citrus Inc. in Dinuba, which grows and packs oranges, usually employs packinghouse workers for 12-hour shifts in January and February. He usually spends \$2 million annually on worker salaries.

This year, payroll will be a fraction of that; no one is working a 12-hour shift for at least six weeks, he said. The navel orange season usually ends in May.

"There's going to be some fruit, but there's just going to be a lot less hours than they're used to," Gillette said. "It's tough. People are going to need help. It breaks my heart."

On Saturday, California Agriculture Secretary A. G. Kawamura put preliminary estimates of the loss statewide at nearly \$1 billion.

On Friday, Fresno County's Department of Agriculture issued a damage estimate of \$92 million for citrus only, including \$69 million to navel oranges, \$6 million to lemons and \$17 million to grapefruit, mandarins, tangerines and other citrus.

Citrus, which ranks just behind grapes as the Valley's most valuable fruit crop, brought in just over \$1 billion of the region's \$11.4 billion agricultural economy.

College student killed in jealous rage after taking part in Internet flirting

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. He was an 18-year-old Marine headed to war.

She was an attractive young woman sending him off with pictures and lingerie.

Or so each one thought.

In reality, they were two middle-aged people carrying on an Internet fantasy based on seemingly harmless lies.

When a truthful 22-year-old was drawn in, authorities say, their cyber escape turned deadly.

"When you're on the Internet talking, you haven't got a clue who that is on the other end," Erie County Sheriff's Lt. Ron Kenyon said. "You don't have a clue."

When Brian Barrett was shot to death Sept. 15 outside the factory where he worked to help pay for college, investigators and his family were stumped.

Barrett, 22, was an aspiring industrial arts teacher, an accomplished high school athlete who had coached Little League all summer and helped his father coach soccer. Those who knew the Buffalo State College student described him as quiet and unassuming.

He had clearly been targeted. Barrett was shot three times at close range in the neck and left arm after climbing into his truck about 10 p.m. at the end of a shift at Dynabrade Corp. in Clarence, 20 miles outside of Buffalo. His body was found two days later when a co-worker spotted his pickup in an isolated part of the company parking lot.

"He was just a nice kid, a gentleman," said Starpoint High School Athletic Director Tom Sarkovics, who was Barrett's baseball coach for two years. "I don't think anybody could say a bad thing about him."

On Nov. 27, Barrett's 47-year-old co-worker and friend, Thomas Montgomery, was charged with Barrett's murder. The motive, investigators said, was jealousy over Barrett's budding Internet relationship with the same 18-year-old woman Montgomery had been wooing since the previous year.

What neither man knew was that the woman was really a 40-something West Virginia mother using her daughter's identity to attract Internet suitors. Cyberspace, it appeared, was enough for her, and it was a near certainty she would never have met either man.

"The game would have been over at that point and time for sure," Kenyon said.

When Montgomery began chatting with the woman in 2005, the former Marine portrayed himself as perhaps a previous version of himself — a young Marine preparing for deployment to Iraq, Assistant District Attorney Ken Case said.

For a time, they communicated strictly through chat rooms and e-mail.

Then the woman began sending gifts to Montgomery's home, Case said. Pictures of the woman's daughter, lingerie

and a set of custom-made dog tags arrived at the pale yellow suburban house that Montgomery shared with his wife and two teenage children.

Montgomery's wife intercepted one of the packages, Case said. She wrote back to the woman at the return address, and included a family portrait to make her point.

"As you can see, Tom's not 18," Case said she wrote. "He's married and he's a father of two. He's 47 and I'm his wife." And, believing she was writing to an 18-year-old: "You've obviously been fooled."

The West Virginia woman remembered a friend named Brian that Montgomery had mentioned. She recalled enough of his computer screen name to contact Barrett to



I'M HOPING THAT THIS CASE WILL MAKE PEOPLE THINK TWICE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO ONLINE AND WHAT THEIR ACTIONS CAN CAUSE IN THE LONG RUN."

J.A. Hitchcock
Internet crime expert

ask him about what Montgomery's wife had told her.

Soon Barrett was in regular contact with the woman. Despite knowing the truth about Montgomery, the woman remained in contact with him as well, Case said.

The woman made no secret of the fact she was chatting with Barrett, Case said, and Barrett talked about the relationship at work. Montgomery, authorities say, became jealous.

Sheriff's investigators believe Barrett's killer wore camouflage and a ski mask when he approached Barrett in the parking lot with a .30-caliber rifle and fired at close range.

Montgomery is being held without bail after pleading not guilty to second-degree murder. Tall and with thinning hair, glasses and a mustache, he said nothing at a procedural court appearance on Jan. 10. He is due back in court in June.

His wife, whom authorities have not named, has begun divorce proceedings, Case said. She did not respond to a message left at Montgomery's home in suburban Cheektowaga or answer a reporter's knock there.

Internet crime expert J.A. Hitchcock, author of "Net Crimes & Misdemeanors," said the case illustrates the dangers that lurk on the web.

"I'm hoping that this case will make people think twice about what they do online and what their actions can cause in the long run," she said.

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A sorry State: Most have soured on Bush

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Americans seem sour on the state of the union in advance of President Bush's address on the subject. A poll finds most believe the country is on the wrong track — a complete flip from five years ago.

Most people also are not confident that Bush and the Democrats who now control Congress and share responsibility with him for running the country can work together to solve its problems, an Associated Press-AOL News poll finds.

Americans see the president as likable, decisive and strong but also stubborn. And only a minority think he is honest — 44 percent, down from 53 percent two years ago.

Bush delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday night, nearly two weeks after he told the nation he is sending 21,500 additional U.S. troops to Iraq in a new effort to end violence there.

The White House says the speech will focus on a few issues, energy and health care among them, on which Bush might be able to reach agreement with Democrats, who control the House and Senate for the first time during his two-term presidency.

Two-thirds of Americans, 66 percent, think the country is on the wrong track. That's about the same as a year ago, when 65 percent thought so, the poll found.

That's a stark reversal from mid-January 2002, when 68 percent said the country was on the right track and 29 percent said it was not. Then, the nation was still coming to grips with the terrorist strikes four months earlier on New York and Washington that killed nearly 3,000 people. And, U.S. troops Bush sent to Afghanistan had toppled the Taliban government that harbored the terrorists believed responsible.

After the U.S. led an invasion of Iraq in March 2003, public support for the mission there began to slide as the war continued, the U.S. death toll climbed and the violence raged on.

John Raab, 77, of Allentown, Pa., a conservative Republican, said the United States can change course "if people rally around

the president and he can get this fiasco in Iraq under control."

Kerry Moore-O'Leary, a 31-year-old Democrat from Boston, said it will take new leadership.

"I really think the only time we are going to see some real changes is when we elect a new president," she said. "Even people who are moderate Republicans are going to say that we need someone who's a breath of fresh air."

Lawmakers in both political parties have promised more bipartisanship and comity since the November elections, when voters took away the reins of Congress from Bush's Republican Party.

Nearly two-thirds, 60 percent, have no confidence that the political institutions at either end of Pennsylvania Avenue can work together to solve the nation's problems. Overall, the public has grown less confident since the days after the election when nearly half, 47 percent, expressed confidence that Bush and Congress could work together.

Four in 10, or 42 percent, think the country will now be better off with Democrats controlling Congress, while 18 percent think it will be worse off. Thirty-nine percent think it won't make much difference.

Iraq remains the public's top concern, with 65 percent disapproving of Bush's handling of the situation.

Support for sending more troops to Iraq grew slightly after Bush's speech, although the idea is still unpopular.

Almost one-third of the public — 31 percent — favor the plan, an improvement from 26 percent in a survey done almost entirely before he spoke to the country Jan. 10. Thirty-five percent now believe additional troops will help stabilize the situation in Iraq, also up from 25 percent.

Bush's overall approval rating inched upward to 36 percent, from 32 percent early in the month. Despite that low score, 53 percent of Americans say he is likable; 58 percent, decisive; and 58 percent, strong.

In the eyes of 83 percent of Americans, he also is stubborn.

"Mainly it's his 'stay the course' attitude," said Bill Basher, 21, a Republican from Angola, N.Y.

N.M. governor seeks D.C. digs

BY JENNIFER TALHELM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Democrat Bill Richardson took the first step Sunday toward a bid to become the first Hispanic president, saying the country needs his extensive experience as a governor, cabinet secretary and ambassador.

The 59-year-old New Mexico governor announced in a video posted on his Web site that he would set up an exploratory committee that will allow him to begin raising money and assembling his campaign organization.

His candidacy would make history as the field of Democratic candidates would be the most diverse ever. On Saturday, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said she wanted to be the first female president. Last week, Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois jumped in, a formidable contender who would be the first black commander in chief.

Richardson, whose father was an international banker from Boston and whose moth-

er was Mexican, said he believes the country "has changed enough" that voters are ready for a woman or minority president.

"The country is looking for somebody who, one, brings the country together — a unifier, a healer," Richardson told The Associated Press. "And two, somebody who gets things done. Those two quests by Americans override any other concerns."

A former U.N. ambassador, Energy Department secretary and congressman, Richardson stressed his experience. He said he wanted U.S. troops to return quickly from Iraq and urged a change of leadership in Washington that would work to bridge a wide partisan divide.

"What this country needs is bipartisan-ship and to bring back civility" in government, he said. "I've actually done what a lot of candidates give speeches on."

Richardson polls far behind the Democratic front-runners: Clinton, Obama and 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards. Raising money for a presidential race will be challenging for Richardson.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Helping junior find his own place

A lot has been written about children being alone after school. Since you know your child's maturity level, only you can decide if your child is old enough to be left alone.

Here are some tips that parents can follow to ensure that your child has proper guidance and safety.

■ Always prepare a child who is mature enough to be home alone for any challenges he or she may face.

■ Let your child know the safety risks involved, i.e., how to stay safe from fire, a stranger knocking on the door, etc. Teach your child how to respond in emergencies. List phone numbers in a prominent place so that your child can call if they have any questions regarding their safety. Be sure to include each parent's workplace and cell phone number, the police department, fire

department, emergency medical team in your area, poison control center number and your trusted neighbor's number.

■ Set rules and place them on a large board in your home. Talk to your child about specific rules and the need for them. Ask for your child's input on these rules. Some rules may be for the use of phone, computer, TV; using the stove or other appliances; doing homework; allowing friends to come over; leaving the home to go outdoors; and the necessity to leave a message on your phone if your child does go outdoors.

■ Your child must also be prepared for emergencies such as losing their home key, discovering a fire, injuring themselves, missing their ride from school, and perhaps finding your home door open when they come home.

■ Let your child know the length of time they will be alone each day and if you say

you'll be home by 6:00 PM, don't stop on the way home to buy milk and bread. Call your child if you really can't avoid being late. Let your child know what is expected of them. Encourage your child in doing their homework assignments. Perhaps you can ask your child to set the table, fold the clothes in the dryer or some other chore while they are home.

■ If your child becomes bored until you arrive home, find time to talk about a hobby your child may be interested in. On the weekends go to the library and research the hobby. Go to your local hobby shop to purchase items needed. At-home hobbies can include collecting things, writing, art, music, etc.

■ Your child's well-being and safety is in your hands. Help your child make the most out of their time home alone. Don't forget to spend some quality time in the evenings

with your child. Talk to your child about their school day and time spent alone. Plan special activities on the weekends.

Make your shared time a special time for your child.

Latchkey children are the result of our changing society where two-parent families often need their income to meeting their cost of living expenses, single-parent families are increasing and many families may not be able to afford before and after school programs. Remember parents are the "key" to their own child's safety and well-being when left home alone.

Linda Milo is "The Parent-Child Connection Coach." For more information, visit www.empoweringparentsnow.com. To book a free parent coaching session, write linda@empoweringparentsnow.com.

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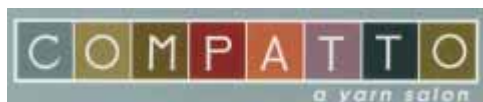
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The workshop dates are Thursday, January 18th at the Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday, January 20th at the Santa Monica Main Library 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Tuesday, January 23rd at the Montana Avenue Library The classes on Tuesday and Thursday 7:15pm to 8:45pm & Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college.

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Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
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Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Current session thru Feb. 7 for both.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time – 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Spanish Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m., ages 2 – 5.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border’s, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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Other

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THURSDAY

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

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Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

11:00 a.m. – playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05; Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent’s Night Out at Child’s Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
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Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support – 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

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

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Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children’s Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA – 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.

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Pig farmer on trial for 26 murders

BY JEREMY HAINSWORTH

Associated Press Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia The trial of a pig farmer accused of murdering 26 women — mostly prostitutes and drug addicts — begins Monday, in what is one of Canada's most anticipated trials ever.

A judge warned jurors to expect testimony "as bad as a horror movie" during the trial of Robert William Pickton, 56, charged with murdering the women, most of whom vanished from Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside neighborhood in the 1990s.

Pickton has pleaded not-guilty to six first-degree murder charges in his first trial, which is expected to last at least one year. British Columbia Supreme Court Justice James Williams, who is presiding over the case, ruled that the other charges will be heard in a later trial so as not to overburden the jury.

Evidence presented in more

than a year of preliminary hearings, which has been under a publication ban, has been so gruesome that some reporters have sought psychological counseling.

Under the ban, details of the case have remained off limits to the print and broadcast media. Williams ruled earlier this week, however, that the ban on courtroom testimony would be lifted on Monday since neither the defense nor prosecution has expressed any objection.

If convicted on more than 14 charges, Pickton would become the worst serial killer in Canadian history, after Marc Lepine, who gunned down 14 women at the Ecole Polytechnic in Montreal in 1989 before shooting himself.

Pickton was arrested in February 2002 and has been in custody since then. It is believed he lured women to his family's 17-acre pig farm outside Vancouver in Port Coquitlam.

Sarah de Vries is among the

women in the second set of murder charges against Pickton. A 1995 entry in her diary revealed the prostitute was aware of the dangers she faced working the streets of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

"Am I next?" she wrote. "Is he watching me now? Is he stalking me like a predator and his prey? Waiting, waiting for some perfect spot, time or my stupid mistake."

After Pickton was arrested and the first traces of DNA of some missing women were allegedly found on the farm, the buildings were razed and the province spent an estimated \$61 million to sift through acres of soil at the farm.

Health officials then issued a tainted-meat advisory to neighbors who may have bought pork from the Pickton farm, concerned the meat may have contained human remains.

This is not the first time Pickton has appeared before a judge. He was charged with attempted murder and unlawful confinement in

1997 in the case of sex-worker Wendy Lynn Eistetter. She claimed she had been handcuffed and attacked at the farm, but Pickton countered he acted in self defense and for reasons that remain unclear, the charges were dropped.

In a departure from the usual procedure in Canadian criminal trials, the defense and the prosecution will be given 15 minutes to make opening statements outlining their strategies.

The prosecution is expected to call about 240 witnesses.

The case will be heard in a cramped, 35-seat courtroom in the Vancouver suburb of New Westminister. A special media room has been constructed with closed circuit TV into the courtroom for the dozens of reporters who won't be able to get seats.

Pickton sat for pretrial hearings in a specially built defendant's box surrounded by bulletproof glass. Clean-shaven with a bald crown and shoulder-length hair, he has

occasionally chuckled to himself or scribbled in a notebook.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Vancouver Police Department have come under intense criticism by community activists and advocates for sex-trade workers who claim authorities were slow to search for the missing women.

Authorities countered that their resources were limited and the magnitude of the case overwhelming.

A police task force says it has located at least 102 women who were believed to be missing. Another 67 women remain on the list, as well as three unidentified DNA profiles from the Pickton farm.

ON THE NET

■ Site devoted to the missing women: www.missingpeople.net
 ■ RCMP missing women joint task force: www.rcmp-bcmedia.ca/missing-women.jsp

Hawaii spends \$8M on campaign to lure Japanese tourists

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU Waikiki's ongoing revitalization projects and Hawaii's unique culture will be the focus this year's \$8 million state marketing plan to attract Japanese visitors to the islands.

The campaign is aimed at reversing a downward trend in Japanese visitor arrivals, which declined by 9 percent for the first 11 months of 2006. It will attempt to target more older, more savvy travelers who already may have visited Hawaii at least once.

Tourism officials said they want to show that Hawaii is constantly evolving beyond just having beautiful beaches, and not an unchanging place with only limited appeal.

The advertisements feature Japanese actress Mayumi Sada, who has starred in recent Japanese films and in the TV series "Hana Yori Dango," and Japanese American ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, but

he will have a smaller role than the past few years.

The "Discover Aloha" theme depicts a female visitor who experiences the feeling of aloha through various encounters that could only happen in Hawaii, according to Hawaii

er Amy Hanaialii Gilliom.

The strategy is to communicate that Hawaii offers events, festivals and many attractive features that are authentic to Hawaii and at the same time still not known to the Japanese, said Takashi Ichikura, execu-

THEY EXPECT HAWAII TO BE A REFINED AND SOPHISTICATED DESTINATION TO MATCH THE PRICE THEY ARE PAYING."

Takashi Ichikura

Executive director for Hawaii Tourism Japan

Tourism Japan, which is contracted by The Hawaii Tourism Authority for marketing in Japan.

Posters show hula and lei-making and Sada in a lanai overlooking the ocean. TV commercials will feature the song "Discover Aloha," which was written by local entertain-

tive director for Hawaii Tourism Japan.

"With the rising fuel surcharge and other cost factors, Hawaii now looks expensive in Japanese consumers' eyes, and they expect Hawaii to be a refined and sophisticated destination to match the price they are paying," he said.

Several redevelopment projects are under way in Waikiki including Outrigger Enterprises Group's Waikiki Beach Walk project and the renovation of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center.

Last year's decline in Japanese visitor arrivals followed two consecutive years of growth, Ichikura said.

The decline of available airline seats from Japan to Hawaii, higher fuel surcharges, rising hotel charges and a weakening of the Japanese yen have discouraged Japanese travelers, he said.

The high-spending Japanese are a vital part of Hawaii's \$12 billion tourism industry.

"We need to convince people that Hawaii is still a place worth spending more money on than in the past," said Frank Haas, vice president of tourism and marketing for the Hawaii Tourism Authority. "Just selling Hawaii as a beach, which we haven't done for a while, is something that just isn't going to work."

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MLS’ bet on Beckham may hinge on Hispanics

Mexican immigrants’ passion for soccer key in import’s success

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Whether David Beckham’s American adventure proves a financial boon or multimillion-dollar blunder for Major League Soccer could depend on how well Beckham wins over fans such as Rodrigo Diaz.

Diaz emigrated from Mexico when he was 14, plays soccer with his friends at a local park and occasionally goes to watch the league’s two Los Angeles-based teams, Chivas USA and the Galaxy.

“I’ll go to one or two games to see how Beckham is playing,” the 32-year-old Diaz said while buying a knee brace at Niky’s, a soccer store in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. “If I see he’s not into it, I’m not spending any more money.”

Hispanics made up a third of fans at MLS games last season, according to league statistics, with the percentage higher in Hispanic-heavy cities such as Los Angeles and Dallas. Regular-season games averaged 15,504 fans, a tiny fraction of the tens of millions of soccer fans and players the league estimates are in the United States.

Hispanic immigrants are both a substantial MLS fan base and a relatively untapped market. The 13-team league is hoping a recent deal with Spanish-language giant Univision to broadcast some games this season will help change that.

Even with more exposure, the sell could prove difficult: Many Hispanics scorn MLS

as a bush league where players show little of the panache and artistry that gives soccer its “beautiful game” name.

“Soccer here looks like a game of American football,” said Juan Munguia, a 30-year-old cook from Mexico. “It’s all blows but very little grace.”

Enter Beckham. Los Angeles Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas, a former U.S. national team and MLS standout, said the former England captain will attract savvy Hispanic fans by elevating the level of play. The Galaxy certainly hope so — the team promised Beckham millions of dollars more in salary than any other player as part of a five-year deal worth about \$50 million.

That’s an unheard of compensation package for MLS, where the average player salary was \$100,000 last year and the last team to sell, D.C. United, went for \$33 million a couple of weeks ago.

Lalas said Beckham speaks some Spanish after playing several years for Spain’s Real Madrid, but wasn’t sure whether he’d use it in commercials or team promotions. Galaxy news releases are in English and Spanish, and the team soon will launch a Spanish version of its Web site.

“David Beckham on the surface couldn’t be more disassociated with the Hispanic community,” said Lalas, referring to the Hollywood glitz he brings with his wife, former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham. “But the fact is this is a player who has played with some of the biggest teams in the world, including Real Madrid.”

Beckham should add to the rivalry between Galaxy and Chivas USA, said Chivas USA CEO Javier Leon. The northern sister team of Mexico’s popular Chivas Guadalajara team, Chivas USA joined MLS a few years ago and caters to Hispanic fans.

GOLF

Hoffman ‘survives’ for first victory

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

THOUSAND PALMS, Calif. Charley Hoffman was the last man standing on a wind-swept day in the desert.

At the end of a long, gusty Sunday in the weather-plagued Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Hoffman won his first PGA Tour title by ramming in a 4-foot birdie putt to beat John Rollins on the first playoff hole.

“Definitely the survivor. It was brutal out there, probably the hardest conditions I’ve played in, for sure,” Hoffman said after playing 91 holes over a five-day stretch.

The 30-year-old Hoffman birdied No. 17, eagled the 18th in regulation, then birdied the 18th in the playoff. He closed with a 1-under 71 on The Classic Club course to match Rollins (73) at 17-under 343.

Others had their problems on a day when the wind gusted to 40 mph. Phil Mickelson hit three balls into the water in a three-hole stretch. With two double bogeys, five bogeys and three birdies on his card, the two-time Masters champion, 2005 PGA winner and two-time Hope winner finished with a 78 that left him tied for 45th at 7 under.

Rollins tied Hoffman with a birdie on the final hole of regulation, then his shot into a fairway bunker on the extra hole cost him.

His third shot left him 30 feet from the pin, with Hoffman 37 feet away in two. Hoffman lagged up short, Rollins’ try for birdie was left of the cup, then Hoffman sank his to end it.

Although the wind calmed a bit late in the day, it made club selection a guessing game and merely standing over putts a challenge for most of the round. Players’ pant legs whipped back and forth and they tried to steady themselves, and sometimes the gusts even rocked the ball on the green.

The wind churned the small lakes around the course, stirred up grit from the desert and sent it swirling over much of the course.

Asked if he had ever played in similar conditions, Hoffman grinned and said, “Usually I go inside when it’s blowing this hard.”

Rollins, who spent some 6 hours, 20 minutes on the course during the final round, said, “It feels like we played 36 today. It seems forever ago that we teed off.”

The players spent a lot of time setting up for shots, then backing off.

“You’re standing over putts and the wind is blowing and you’re worried about the ball moving, or you’re not quite steady over a shot,” Rollins said. “Or you doubt your yardage or what kind of club you’re going to use. So you just take your time and make sure you’re hitting the right shot, and you just have to back off.”



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SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

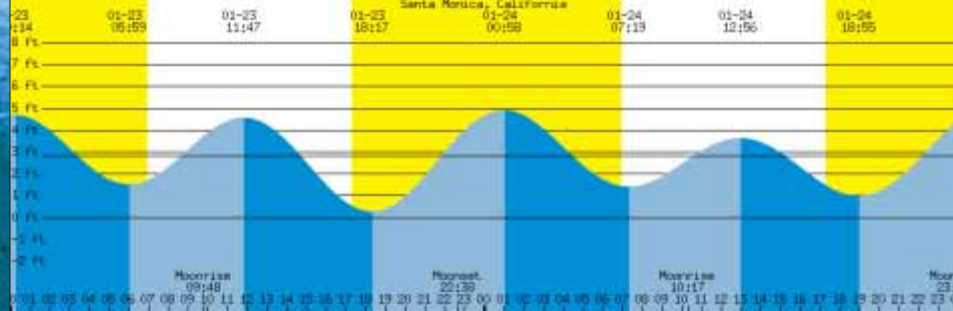
Today the NW that's in the water now should peak with similar size as today; chest high at west facing breaks with occasional pluses at standouts. Tide should recuperate for early AM sessions, but winds could be rather brisk off-shore (15+) for some areas until the afternoon.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SUBSTANTIAL NW LATE IN WEEK...

TRACKING NW FOR 29TH...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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
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+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	A+
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	C	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19048 PCH stairs	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	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+	D
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	B	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
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+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D

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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)

★★★★★ You have the muscle of the planets behind you. Still, you might have a hurdle or two to clear. Others want and expect a lot. What would suit you? Your answer to this question will determine your actions. Tonight: Remember, the world is your oyster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Though you might feel as if you can take on the world, don't try. Reflect, think and plan right now. Action taken later will be successful. You might need to seek out different opinions. Tonight: Do research on the Net or read.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might tumble over a bump in the road, but you will get where you are going. Value your friends, especially over a very difficult association. Listen to suggestions; you will choose the right one. Tonight: Hang where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Even if you don't feel like it, you will take your place at the helm of the ship. Make decisions, even if you are uncomfortable. Others can be challenging. Truthfully, nothing you do would be right right now. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your mind will lead you on a new or unseen path. Follow it. A work or daily problem might frustrate you, but there are solutions. It is your job to find them. Others pitch in. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Break your patterns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner or associate wants some project or happening to go the way he or she visualizes. You can be as creative as you want when discussing this issue and still get nowhere. Find a better use for your energy. Tonight: Gather your tax information.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others run with the ball. Pretend you are an umpire – watching, not playing. Resist the judgment call, and everyone will be friendlier – OK? An upset in your immediate environment might be good. Relax with change. Tonight: Go along for the ride, remembering that you are an observer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Don't allow flak from different sources to drain your energy. Focus on what you need to do rather than what everyone thinks you should do. The results will be much better, and you will be more satisfied. Tonight: Lounge and relax. Let go of tension.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination fills in the gaps where others seem dumbfounded. In fact, you enjoy the change and challenges. Your charm and style make waves where it counts. Let someone know just how much you care. Tonight: Start enjoying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Letting go of self-restraint and letting someone know how angry you are might not be the ticket. Perhaps you need some distance and a stress-buster. The person you choose for this steamy show might not be the right person. Tonight: Chill out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your ways can win over many people. But still be in touch with an underlying frustration or anger. You might self-sabotage otherwise. Remember, anger is hurt gone too far. Express hurt rather than be Mount Vesuvius. Tonight: At your favorite haunt with your buddies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Know when to back down and not get into it with a friend. All you'll do is add to the irritation. Give the situation time and some detachment, and you might not even mind what is going on. Confide in a trusted friend. Tonight: Treat yourself. What would you like?

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Actor Rutger Hauer (1944)

Actor Gil Gerard (1943)

Actress Tiffani Thiessen (1974)



Happy Birthday!

This year you are naturally lucky with men and your career. If you are a man, you have an unusual attractiveness and appeal. Use care with communication. Sometimes you try to say one thing, but actually your statement comes off differently. Work on getting in touch with your inner feelings so they don't permeate situations. If you are single, friendship will play a big role in your choices. You must have a friendship with a loved one. If you are attached, decide on a mutual goal and make it happen. Don't let your frustration out on your significant other. ARIES helps you laugh.

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Golden Globe winner Whitaker overcame doubts

Over his career, **FOREST WHITAKER** has played roles that weren't written for black actors. "I had moments where the directors were open enough to let me do that, yeah," he told Newsweek for editions on news-

stands Monday. "In 'Good Morning, Vietnam,' my character was written as a nerdy Jewish guy. In 'The Color of Money,' the character was originally a Yuppie." Whitaker received a Golden Globe for best

actor in a drama for his portrayal of Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland." He also is considered a favorite for an acting Oscar. But there was a time when his family had

doubts about his choice of careers. "I wasn't making much money, and sometimes really struggling, but I was, like, 'No, Ma. This is what I want to do.'" Those were difficult conversations because I had my

own doubts," he said at the magazine's Oscar panel discussion with other actors. "It took me a long time to feel comfortable thinking, 'I'm an actor. I can do this,'" he said.

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TRAVIS BARKER

Drummer **TRAVIS BARKER** is leaving a European tour with his new band +44 because of an unhealed fractured arm.

The former Blink-182 drummer had been on tour despite a fractured right arm he suffered Sept. 9 while filming a video, according to Interscope Records.

Barker, 31, will return to Los Angeles to be treated. The band has not announced a replacement drummer.

A message left at Interscope Records was not immediately returned Sunday.

Barker starred in the MTV reality series "Meet the Barkers" with former Miss USA Shanna Moakler, to whom he was married at the time. The show documented the former couple's lavish wedding and life.

AP

Mills' lawyers deny settlement offer

Lawyers for **HEATHER MILLS MCCARTNEY** said Monday that she has not agreed to a financial settlement in her pending divorce from Paul McCartney.

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Solicitors, which is representing Mills McCartney in the bitter split, denied a report in Sunday's News of the World that McCartney had offered a settlement worth \$63 million. "With regard to the arti-

cle in yesterday's News of the World, we would like to state that there has been no offer made whatsoever at any time to our client and therefore no settlement has been agreed," the law firm said.

McCartney, 64, and his 38-year-old second wife announced their separation in May and began divorce proceedings in July. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Beatrice.

AP

Lil' doubt: Promoters sue over no-show

LIL' WAYNE has been sued by promoters who claim he missed a concert date and refused to reschedule it.

Nunoise Entertainment and Jahfari Promotions, both based in the Tampa Bay area, filed the lawsuit Friday in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court. The lawsuit claims Lil' Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Carter, signed a

contract Sept. 18 to perform at a Tampa nightclub on Oct. 29.

Lil' Wayne missed the event and returned a \$15,000 deposit, but he still owes promoters \$45,000 for canceling the show, the lawsuit said.

The 24-year-old rapper was also obligated to schedule another performance in the Tampa Bay area to make up for the

missed date but has not done so, the lawsuit said.

"He did miss a date, he admitted he missed a date, and he was supposed to make it up," said attorney Marlowe Blake, who is representing the promoter. "It's a simple breach of contract type of matter."

Besides \$45,000 in actual damages, the lawsuit said Lil' Wayne's can-

cellation caused more than \$200,000 in lost profits from the concert.

A telephone message was left after hours with his record label, Cash Money Records, in New York.

Lil' Wayne's albums include "Tha Block Is Hot," "Lights Out," "Tha Carter" and "Tha Carter II."

AP

'Bloodlines' auteur gets back to roots

The photojournalist who produced the critically acclaimed "Reggae Bloodlines" some 30 years ago returned to Jamaica recently to work on another collection.

PETER SIMON, younger brother of singer/songwriter Carly Simon, last

visited Jamaica in 1976 while working on "Reggae Bloodlines," which he produced with writer Stephen Davis and included their interviews with some of the legends, including Bob Marley.

Simon spent nine days in the Caribbean island for

"The Reggae Scrapbook," which will be released in November by Random House. The book will come with a CD of rare reggae songs.

With the popularity of dancehall acts like Sizzla and Sean Paul among American youth, Simon

believes his latest work is likely to strike a chord in the United States.

"The kids really love it," he said in Kingston last week. "Back in 1976, a lot of people in the States didn't know how to pronounce reggae."

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Primeval (R)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15

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Alpha Dog (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
Children of Men (R)
2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
The Hitcher (R)
1:00, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:25
Night at the Museum (PG)
1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40
Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)
1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00

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Curse of the Golden Flower (Man cheng jin dai huang jin jia) (R)
9:50
Letters From Iwo Jima (R)
1:20, 4:45, 8:00
The Painted Veil PG-13)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00
The Queen (PG-13)
1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55
Volver (R)
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

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Arthur and the Invisibles (PG)
11:30am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R) 7:10, 10:00
Casino Royale (PG-13)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
Charlotte's Web (G)
11:40am, 2:00, 4:30
Freedom Writers (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
The Last King of Scotland (R)
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
Stomp the Yard (PG-13)
11:10am, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

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Difficulty
SILVER

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8							4	
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

5	3	8	6	2	7	1	4	9
4	2	7	1	8	9	5	3	6
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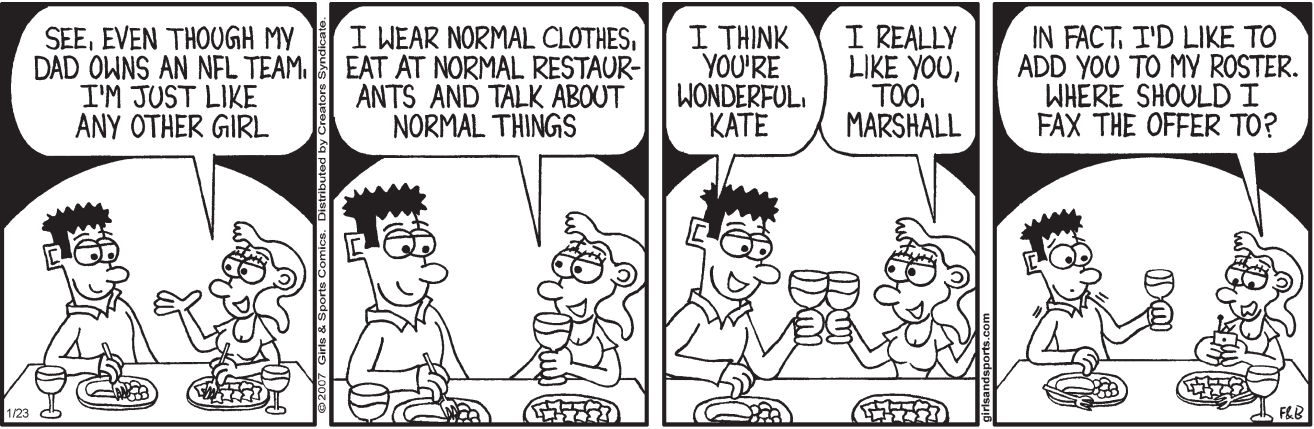
SEE, EVEN THOUGH MY DAD OWNS AN NFL TEAM, I'M JUST LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL.

I WEAR NORMAL CLOTHES, EAT AT NORMAL RESTAURANTS AND TALK ABOUT NORMAL THINGS.

I THINK YOU'RE WONDERFUL, KATE.

I REALLY LIKE YOU, TOO, MARSHALL.

IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO ADD YOU TO MY ROSTER. WHERE SHOULD I FAX THE OFFER TO?



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

ALEXANDRA, I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE ENTRY-LEVEL MANAGERIAL POSITION.

YOU?
HA HA HA HAHAAH HA!

I'M SERIOUS.

I KNOW.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO FUNNY.



The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

SIMON, I'M MAKING A TOMATO SALAD FOR LUNCH. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?

VICKY, VEGETABLES HAVE FEELINGS. PLUCKING A TOMATO FROM THE VINE IS BASICALLY MURDER.

CLEAR!

BEEP BEEP BEEP



Garfield

By Jim Davis

LOVE IS WEIRD

IT JUST SORT OF SNEAKS UP ON YOU WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

SORT OF LIKE A CHILI DOG IN AN ELEVATOR

I LOVE CHILI DOGS



Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

ALL IS LOST, DOUG!

OUR ATTEMPT TO SUMMIT EVEREST HAS FAILED.

I'M SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU INTO THIS!

GUYS! NOT SO CLOSE WHEN I'M SHOVELING! YOU'LL GET BURIED.

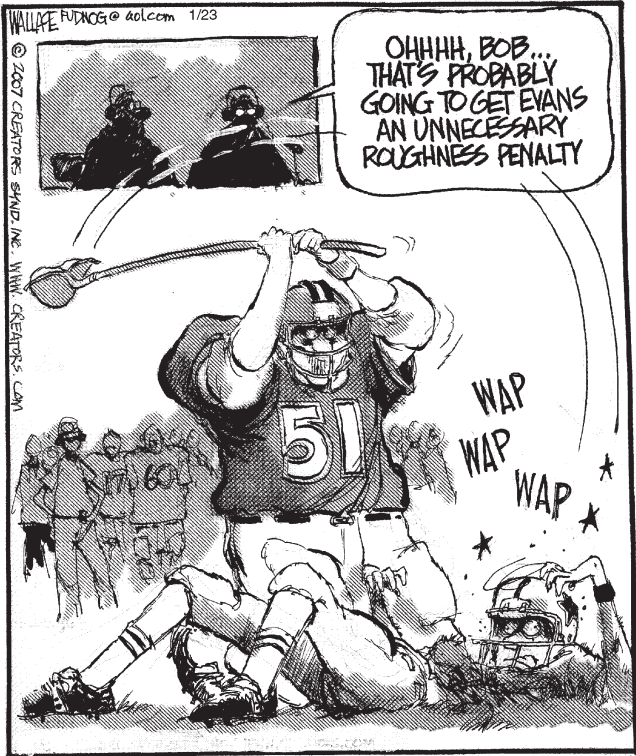


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ People Disrespecting Their Bodies: John Sheehan, 33, was arrested in November, nude, near the rapid-transit station in El Cerrito, Calif., and when asked if he was carrying contraband, admitted that he had a "screwdriver" in his rectum. (Police treated the item as a potential weapon, training guns on him while he removed the 6-inch-long "awl" wrapped in electrical tape.) And a week later, in Monkwearmouth, England, a 22-year-old Iraq-war veteran told buddies he was bored and, imitating a prank from a "Jackass" movie, inserted a firework "up his backside," according to a Daily Mail story, and lit it. When it exploded, he was taken to Sunderland Royal Hospital with a scorched colon and other serious injuries.

■ News of the Weird has previously mentioned how difficult some Japanese and Singaporean people find it to smile, even when their jobs depend on it, and Chinese people preparing for the 2008 Olympics are having similar problems turning Beijing into a "city of smiles," as the campaign is called. Said one man attending a class on smiling: "At first, I thought (it might be) difficult to smile after you became tired. But later I realized if you don't treat smiling as ... work ... you may find it very easy to smile all the time." (In popular literature in China, people who smile frequently or for no particular reason are often regarded as either silly or devious.)

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CASE NO. BP102491

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 13, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARTIN CHAPKOSKY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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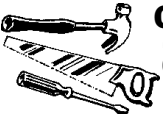
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