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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Pilgrims recently flocked to the following places: (1) Brancalione, Italy, to see a life-sized bronze statue of the recently sainted Padre Pio supposedly weeping blood (December); (2) Passaic, N.J., to see a 2-foot-high tree stump whose shape resembles the Virgin Mary (October); (3) Bridgeport, Conn., to see a stain-like image on the ceiling of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church resembling the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus (December); (4) Bethlehem, to see a baby born with a birthmark across his cheek resembling the Arabic letters of the name of his uncle, a Hamas militant killed by Israeli soldiers (December).



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"San Francisco is like granola: Take away the fruits and the nuts, and all you have are flakes."

— Unknown



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Check those receipts: Botching bottom line puts retailers in court

Four additional stores accused of overcharging

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Prosecutors have accused four more Santa Monica retailers of overcharging their customers.

Borders on the Third Street Promenade, the 99 Cent Only Store on Pico Boulevard, Sally Beauty on Lincoln Boulevard and Planet Funk in the Santa Monica Place mall each allegedly overcharged investigators by as much as \$10 in

an undercover sting last summer.

The latest allegations follow nine convictions against local retailers for overcharging customers by as much as \$100. Officials from the Gap pleaded no contest on Friday to overcharging a customer by \$7.50. To date, Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins has ordered a total of \$42,813.01 be paid in fines and penalties as a result of the convictions.

"Consumers should be very aware that overcharges are common," said Deputy City Attorney

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Waldorf School's woes could chase celebrities

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The so-called "fundraiser to the stars" is in need of a serious lesson in charity after bilking organizations such as the private Westside Waldorf School in Santa Monica out of more than \$1.5 million.

Aaron Tonken has pleaded guilty in federal court to defraud-

ing charities supported by such notable celebrities as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former President Bill Clinton, prompting Attorney General Bill Lockyer to propose limiting the secret practice of giving millions of dollars in cash and gifts to entice celebrities to attend charitable events.

The proposed legislation also would set new audit requirements

This bud for you?



John Wood/Daily Press

Brenda Berkley, owner of the Flower Box on Santa Monica Boulevard, prepares bouquets on Friday. Today — Valentine's Day — and Mother's Day are the two busiest days of the year for area florists.

and increase charity governing boards' control over fundraising campaigns and executives' financial compensation.

Tonken, 37, pleaded guilty in a federal court in December and filed for bankruptcy this week.

The 170-student Waldorf School on Fourth Street was

forced into an economic crisis nearly three years ago after Tonken arranged for a major donation from the Cynthia Gershman Foundation that never fully came through, officials have said.

Tonken, who has offices in

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Alaska's hardcore homeless brave the winters outdoors

BY RACHEL D'ORO

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Ron Feldhouse draws the line at 45 degrees below zero. Then it's time to sleep indoors.

Otherwise, the 47-year-old man sets up camp in the woods outside Fairbanks, where winter temperatures can hover around minus-20 or colder for weeks at a stretch.

Dealing with extreme elements is the norm for Feldhouse and other hardcore homeless Alaskans who live outdoors in weather so cold it can be easily fatal for the unprepared.

"It's a learned art," Feldhouse said. "After a while, you just start getting used to it."

Many of Alaska's indigent — a population that's difficult to measure — cope by drifting from couch to couch or sleeping in motels, cars, boats and homeless shelters in the state's larger cities. But a small number say they prefer dealing with the bitter cold to following rules at shelters, which offer limited stays, forbid the use of alcohol and drugs and impose strict curfews.

Ed Heeckt arrived in Alaska a year ago from Arlington, Wash., settling in

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Nicky Five Aces/Special to the Daily Press

The location of this deer remains a mystery. No one managed to guess where last week's photo was taken. The first reader to accurately describe where this buck calls home will win a free lunch at Stop 'n Cafe Greek Cuisine on the Third Street Promenade. E-mail answers to sack@smdp.com.

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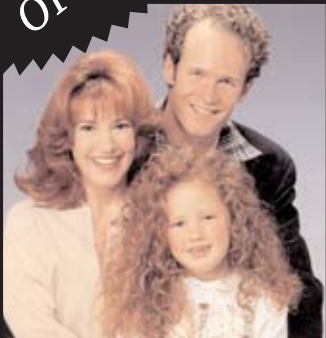
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have a very special treat up your sleeve this Valentine's Day, which might involve traveling or playing out some exotic surprise you have been thinking of for a while. Not only do you delight yourself, but also those around you. Tonight: Let another give back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You know whom you want to be with. There's no question whom you will ask to be your valentine. Don't worry about the response, either; express your affection on a personal level. This person will not appreciate a grandiose display. Tonight: Need we spell it out?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want more than one person to be your valentine. Now what? Do you play it low-key with cards and expressing your affection? You actually might decide to hide out at home rather than make a choice. Tonight: Be diplomatic when saying "no," or screen your calls. Perhaps you could get the last-minute flu.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You express your affection through actions. You might opt to indulge your sweetie with a day at the spa, though you might prefer to be the masseuse. You communicate your affection through these simple acts. Tonight: Accept another's offering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are the sign of romance, and this is your special day. Even though you might drop some flowers or cards on more than one person, you know who is the apple of your eye. Make plans that you consider romantic. Don't worry about expenses. Tonight: You could never get to sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Although you want to express your feelings for that special person, you might have a touch of shyness to overcome. You can do it, and when you do, you will be delighted by this person's response. Order in champagne. Tonight: The action is at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You cannot imagine a Valentine's Day without a valentine. It seems that you have your share of admirers, left and right. Yet there is that special person whom you have a dreamy connection with. Make plans. Tonight: Vanish happily together. No words are necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the cost of treating a loved one or a new sweetie to an appropriate valentine. Talk through different options and let this person know just how important he or she is. One rose could say it all, no matter which sex receives it. Tonight: Indulge, indulge and indulge. (You do this well.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You find that the Moon in your sign this Valentine's Day could bring admirers left and right. The true question is, what do you want? Who do you want to be with? Now is the time to set the score in motion and let this person know how much you care. Tonight: Whatever works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to think through what is happening in your life rather than activating this Valentine's Day. Someone close might have some strong feelings. Do you? Make sure everything is mutual before leaping in. Tonight: Nowhere to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You value your friends, who might all receive valentine cards, but how about that special person you daydream about? Make the approach and let him or her know how special he or she is to you. This person sometimes feels lost with all your friends. Tonight: Make yourself and others happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Everyone looks to Pisces this year, if for nothing less than romantic suggestions for his or her valentine. Meanwhile, you get a great idea for your sweetie, who will be nothing but delighted. Expect the same, as he or she will be romantic and loving, too. Tonight: Out for dinner.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Love is in the air

By Daily Press staff

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Around Horne: Actor Hoffman helps fete opera singer

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College, which is opening a 500-seat theater on the Madison Campus at 11th and Santa Monica Boulevard in 2005, honored Marilyn Horne and her foundation at Melisse Restaurant in Santa Monica.

The private donor event served a dual purpose: To recognize the renowned opera singer's birthday and her foundation, and to convey the high caliber of arts that the theater will bring to Santa Monica and the westside, officials said.

The private luncheon, underwritten by Madison Project supporter Hanna Kennedy, drew such luminaries as Dustin Hoffman and Santa Monica College alumnus.

"There is no substitution for live theater," said Hoffman in a speech at the luncheon. During his impassioned remarks, Hoffman thanked the donors for their contribution to the theater. He continued his address by playfully interviewing Horne on her life as a committed opera singer.

Marilyn Horne Foundation artist and soprano Jennifer Aylmer performed at the luncheon in addition to performing four education outreach concerts in Los Angeles and a full recital at the Doheny Mansion.

"We were thrilled to honor Marilyn and her foundation," said Dale Franzen, director for the Madison project and a former Los Angeles opera singer. "Just as Marilyn celebrates superb new vocal talent, our theater will showcase emerging and well-known artists."

The teaching and performing arts complex will host world-class professional presentations including dance, theater, vocal performances, recitals, chamber orchestra, film and lectures.

Architect Renzo Zecchetto, whose previous projects include the California Center for the Arts in Escondido, and Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe, is designing the facility.

For more information, visit www.smc.edu/madison, www.marilynhornefdn.org and www.zecchetto.com.

Perform with Venice Arts

By Daily Press staff

Professional artists this spring will mentor and teach young people, ages 9-18, film-making, black-and-white and digital photography, flash animation, PhotoShop, creative writing, Hip-Hop and more at Venice Arts.

For children ages 6 to 8, a special "Art Discovery" class will explore creativity in the visual and performing arts. Classes, which are 10 weeks long, culminate in an exhibition and performance in April.

Classes begin Feb. 15. Parents may register their children through Feb. 20, space permitting. Programs are free to low-income families and reasonably priced for others.

Register in person, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. 2 p.m. Saturdays, at Venice Arts, 610 California Ave., in Venice.

For more than 10 years Venice Arts has brought talented artists together with young people to nurture their creativity, imagination and talent. Venice Arts core programs, based on a model of arts mentoring, include documentary photography, digital arts, and creative writing, among others.

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surf report

Look for 3-5 ft. - waist- to head-high sets, occasionally 8 ft., and fair-good conditions today.

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CLARIFICATION — In the Feb. 12 edition, the article regarding holiday pay for city workers was misleading. City workers represented by the Municipal Employees Association were given a "floating holiday" in place of observing Lincoln's birthday in an effort to not disrupt customer service in City Hall on that day. Employees weren't given an extra holiday with pay.



Mystery photo winner

Paul Gulino of Santa Monica is the winner of the Jan. 31 mystery photo — a statue at McKinley Elementary School. Check out page 1 for this week's mystery photo. The first person to guess where the photo was taken gets a free lunch.

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LETTERS

Government's gay-bashing is whacked

Editor:

Of late, there has been a great deal of debate over the topic of religion.

Clearly, the line is blurred in this day and age about if marriage is a religious ceremony or a civil right. Marriage as an institution began as a religious ceremony in which two couples were joined in a union typically at the satisfaction of whatever God they happen to worship.

Most religions have some sort of ceremony like this. I can't think of one that doesn't, but I am admittedly not the most educated man. I do believe that it would be hard to deny the origins of marriage being religious. That being said, as well as our prohibition on religion in the governing of state affairs, leads me to believe that all marriages should not be governed by the federal, state or local governments. Every "marriage" should be recognized as a taxable situation in that two people are sharing income. It would then be labeled legally "civil union" for everyone and the state would clearly not be able to deny that status to any couple, regardless of sex. Well, the term "marriage" is quite well woven into our society — maybe too well to be removed in favor of a label of "civil union" in the government's eyes.

So, it is simpler to refer to the legal status of two people who are "together" as married as well as their religious status if they so practice. Marriage is a generic term now, not a religious one. It probably wouldn't hold much water to state otherwise.

We must also note that "separate but equal is not equal" has been held true for decades as a civil right.

If two humans who happen to be the same sex love one another and wish to marry, who are we as a society to stop them? Society determines right and wrong based upon the local values and morals. Local values and morals are driven by the locals themselves. What they think is right is what is right. The values in Los Angeles are clear-

ly different than those in Savannah, Ga., but our basic morals — don't kill, don't steal, don't lie — are all relatively the same.

Discrimination against a person based on race, religion, creed, sex, etc. is illegal. You can't deny a gay man a driver's license unless he's unfit to drive. You can't deny a gay woman a rental property based on the fact that she's gay. You can't not hire either of these people based on their sexuality or their sexual preference. Why then is it legal for our government to deny these people the basic rights we give most everyone in the country? If they want to be together and document it legally that they are together the same way and for the same reasons that I married my wife, who are we to stop them? Regardless of religion, which has no legal bearing on the law, who are we to say this is wrong?

Personally, I will not listen to any religious argument on this subject. Religion and law do not mix. Our forefathers separated church and state for a reason. I respect religion, but I will not have it making my laws.

As far as religion is concerned, they can do what the Boy Scouts do. If you're gay, you're not allowed in the Boy Scouts. If you don't believe in God, you're not allowed in the Boy Scouts. It's that simple. It's their club and if you don't like their rules, go start your own club. Religion is the same way, the organized religions are under no legal obligation to recognize these marriages or perform them.

Where is the argument now? Being gay just isn't right? You'll have to have something better than that. I don't claim to understand homosexuality, but I'm in no position to deny it either. Frankly, it's just not up to me to judge these people for how they behave as consenting adults.

Mike Lipsey
Santa Monica

Looming deadlines no excuse for columnist to sell out

MODERN
TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

I've received many e-mails from readers over the past few months, but I was surprised last week that I didn't get one e-mail that was upset because I didn't write about "Nipplegate." Apparently, readers feel that Janet Jackson's breast had too much exposure.

Here are some of the recent comments that you sent me:

Responding to the column on AIR-PLANE FOOD:

LOU: "Great commentary on how a traditionally bad thing just seems to get worse!"

BRIAN (who is in the airline culinary business): "I would suspect that you have never experienced a meal flying first-class international. Is your article aimed at the entire airline industry or just what you see flying coach class (bus service with wings, ever get fed on a bus?) ... I can assure you that ... the front of the bus passengers continue to get good service."

In THE CADILLAC OF COLUMNS?, I wrote about how J.D. Power was not interested in rating columns in general, and even less interested in giving me an award.

GERALD: "Cadillac?... well, maybe a Volvo or a Saturn."

One of my all-time favorite e-mails was from MATTHEW. He actually went to the trouble of dummyping up a phony J.D. Power award for me as — "The best column that's usually humorous that appears online weekly. On Wednesdays. In the morning."

Responding to my YEAR-END RECAP column, JAY wrote, "To be humorous and not offend anybody isn't easy."

Proving Jay's point, CHRISTOPHER wrote, "... Because things are going so well, it must be a dismal time to want to criticize this administration. Gotta admit, though, ... you don't do so with the vitriol I've come to expect, and that is refreshing."

I got some interesting responses to my I'M GOING TO WIN THE LOTTERY column.

Like many readers, BRIAN had one question for me: "Did 'ya win?"

As I reported the next week, for some reason, I did not win. This was surprising, since I thought I had played it perfectly. I wrote to the California Lottery Commission, asking them to check to make sure that they hadn't made any mistakes. Surprisingly, they not only answered my letter, but responded with a sense of humor.

G. RUDY DI MASSA replied, "Despite the fact that it appears that you did everything right, we regret to inform you that no one won the January 7th jack-

pot and that you did not match any of the six numbers that were randomly drawn for that draw date."

Responding to my column about AMATEUR SUMO WRESTLING, JON wrote: "Well, finally a sport has arrived which is suitable to my current body shape."

On the other hand, BOB wrote, "Just because you are near deadline, doesn't mean you should sell your credibility to write rubbish like this."

TALKING DIRTY IN CONGRESS, a column about one Congressman's bill to ban seven words from television, drew many responses.

THOMAS said, "Next they will try to tell us what to think!"

ROGER responded to the column by saying, "The same people that say profanity is OK are the same that declare we should let our children engage in premarital sex, embrace homosexuality as 'acceptable' behavior, believe abortion isn't murder, justify lawsuits that steal other people's money, and when their world crashes in, blame society for failing them."

MARTY didn't think I went far enough, and said, "You should have printed the bad words."

I received more responses to my column about the PROPOSED AMISH REALITY TV SHOW than to any column I've written in quite a while.

KEARNEY responded, "What's next? Sending hookers to a Trappist monastery to tempt the monks?"

MIKE felt that the show just might demonstrate the strength of Amish values: "Maybe it will teach all of us a lesson about what we give up by living this fast-paced lifestyle — and what the Amish gain by choosing not to."

GARRETT said that he "... must disagree about your pointed opinion of trying to protect the innocence of the 'Amish' people. Your obvious lack of exposure to deeply indoctrinated religion has given you a skewed viewpoint. These religions pound beliefs into their youth offering very little choice in a matter while growing up."

JOE, tongue firmly planted in cheek, accused me of "pandering to your large Amish and Hassidic audience."

Sometime in the near future I'll report back with more readers' responses. In the meantime, I can promise you that even if Janet Jackson exposes the other breast, I won't write about it. I won't "sell my credibility" for that kind of "rubbish," even if I'm "near deadline." If she exposes both breasts, I make no promises.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He also has read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com).

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OPINION

The Q-Line

Big Brother just isn't looking out for us

This past week, Q-line asked:

"What should be done to solve our local economic crisis?"

Here are your responses:

■ "The only way we can solve our economic crisis is to impeach President Bush. He is doing the worst job ever of any president regarding our economic crisis. We should never have had this recall of Gov. Davis. We put in a body-builder as governor and all he's doing is nothing but screwing up this state. What I think we should do is have nothing but Democratic administrations, we always do well economically with them in office."

■ "The school district should completely divest itself from owning the Doubletree hotel and any other non-essential school property it owns to completely balance its own budget, rather than to constantly threaten and further in-debt the community. The City Council made a terrible mistake in gifting them millions. The local businesses in the community itself would prosper more if the City Council would require that 10 percent of all labor used on the \$75 million Main library project and all city contracted labor be performed by homeless people through the Ocean Park Community Center."

■ "We need to rebuild the boat dock at the breakwater. This will allow access to the pier for commercial fishing, tour boats, scuba diving boats, pleasure

boats. This will bring in more tourists and more revenue."

■ "There is so much dead wood on all levels. An honest look at cutting redundant jobs would be a start. Locally, we need a new mayor and a new City Council, one that will act on the will of the people and not their own money squandering agendas. They are totally inept when it comes to the real issues that impact our everyday life."

■ "First, you need to vote out everybody that runs this town, get somebody that actually cares about profit organization, loves this city and has lived here for more than 10 years. Get rid of these stupid examples like this \$75 million library that the bums are gonna sleep in. The bum home over on Cloverfield and the \$120 million low-income housing where the Rand Corporation is gonna be. This will solve a lot of your problems. Accountability is the No. 1 issue. Our leaders are not accountable. Next start with the school district, bring the state in. They will lop off the top percentage of the overpaid dead wood in the schools, get the PTA out of any kind of decision making. All they seem to be good for is wasting money and telling us what time Oprah is on. Make the teachers work 12 months instead of eight."

■ "I think you just can't have services without taxes, contrary to what he Republicans seem to think. I mean, who is going to pay for the schools and the roads and the firemen and police? These are public services we have come to expect as a civilized society. They cost money. The only way to get the money is through taxes. If you never pay taxes, you never get any new income and your services languish. There is another factor, the federal government which spent \$87 billion in Iraq. Imagine what that money could have done for all the states that are broke, all the cities that are broke, the schools that are broke, and the children that are going hungry here in our country. It is truly astonishing."

■ "I have to tell you, the only way to turn around the economy in this country is

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Customer's always right, but worker can be wrong

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Adam Radinsky, who is prosecuting the cases. "These undercover investigations often show as much as 20 or 30 percent of random items to be overcharged.

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Planet Funk allegedly overcharged a customer by \$10 on a single item. Borders is accused of overcharging on three items, by \$4, \$3 and \$2.40. Prosecutors said Sally Beauty overcharged on two items, by \$2.59 and \$2, and the 99 Cent Only Store also overcharged on two items, by \$2.97 and .99. All four merchants will be arraigned in March.

David Margulies, spokesman for Sally Beauty, said he didn't know the specifics surrounding the overcharges in question,

"These undercover investigations often show as much as 20 or 30 percent of random items to be overcharged."

— ADAM RADINSKY
Deputy City Attorney

but added that workers make mistakes when dealing with thousands of items and making millions of transactions each week.

"Of course it's not intentional," Margulies said. "There are rarely any errors made. In most cases, the consumers bring it to our attention ... We have employees and they're human beings, and sometimes things like that do happen, but rarely."

Other stores targeted in the sting include Carlton Cards in Santa Monica Place, Walgreens on Wilshire Boulevard, the Coffee Bean on Montana Avenue, and Diesel, Bebe, Urban Outfitters, Barnes &

Noble Bookstore and the Puzzle Zoo on the Promenade. The highest overcharge was at clothier Diesel, where an investigator was overcharged by \$101.10 on one item.

Each violation of the misdemeanor law carries a maximum penalty of \$3,300. Also, each store must post a notice of vio-

lation in its window for 60 days.

The sting was conducted last summer by investigators from the Los Angeles County Weights and Measures bureau, a division of the LA County Department of Agriculture. About \$400 will be paid to the bureau for each of the charges, covering the costs of the investigation, officials said.

Jeff Humphreys, deputy director of the Weights and Measures bureau, said his team of 14 inspectors regularly patrols all 8,400 LA stores with scanners. Since February of 2002, stores have been required to pay a sliding-scale registration fee for scanners to cover the costs of the investigations.

Star-studded fundraisers might be losing some luster

WALDORF, from page 1

Beverly Hills, allegedly brought two donors to the school in January 2001 — Cynthia Gershman, a trustee of the Cynthia Gershman Foundation, who signed a pledge to Waldorf for \$650,000, and Loren Arbus, who agreed to put on four annual fundraisers.

After paying Tonken for arranging the donation and putting forward a good-faith deposit, the school was left hanging. Waldorf even ended up having to foot the bill for vendors at one of the fundraisers that was meant to be donated by Arbus, officials said.

And shortly after the first event fell apart, Gershman withdrew her "irrevocable pledge," which sent the school further into an economic tailspin. Gershman didn't provide any reason for the change of heart, school officials said.

The Waldorf school is just one of many organizations and individuals Tonken allegedly defrauded, prosecutors said. Among them are fundraisers with Diana Ross, Milton Berle and the cast of the television program "Ally McBeal." Those events are attached to the criminal case, to which Tonken is expected to plead guilty.

That investigation prompted Lockyer's proposal that professional fundraisers like Tonken be required to deposit donations with their charity within five days.

Tonken gave celebrities including former President Ford and actors Rick Schroder, Camryn Manheim and Dean Cain millions of dollars in cash, gifts and travel to ensure their attendance at charity events, according to the attorney general and documents obtained by The Associated Press.



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STATE

Not all are happy and gay in the city by the Bay

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — City officials have issued marriage licenses to nearly 100 same-sex couples and could unite scores more while opponents are in court Friday seeking to block the nationally unprecedented nuptials.

While the practical value of the marriage licenses remains unclear, their symbolism was evident — especially on a day when lawmakers in Massachusetts debated a constitutional amendment that would strip gays and lesbians of court-ordered marriage rights. As mandated, they adjourned shortly after midnight Friday — but without reaching a consensus.

San Francisco's newly elected mayor, Gavin Newsom, directed the county clerk to accept applications from gay and lesbian partners for the first time Thursday — an act of political and legal defiance aimed at challenging California's ban on same-sex marriages.

So many couples took the city up on its surprise offer that, by late afternoon, overwhelmed officials told new applicants to return Friday. In all, the clerk's office issued 95 marriage licenses to same-sex partners Thursday, and 87 couples took their vows on the spot.

"Even people who are anti-gay marriage might shift their thinking now and realize it's most harmful to take something away when someone already has it," said Virginia Garcia, 40, after wedding Sheila Sernovitz, 50, her partner of 14 years.

The city's bold move, however, caused an outcry from elected officials and groups opposed to marriage rights for same-sex couples.

One group, Campaign for California Families, said it would ask a Superior Court judge Friday for a temporary restraining order that would enjoin the city from granting any more licenses. The organization is also seeking a ruling from the court declaring the city's actions illegal.

"Those who received the marriage licenses need to know that they are worthless," said Mathew Staver, whose Florida-based law firm, Liberty Counsel, is representing the plaintiffs. "We are confident that they will be invalidated as soon as a judge is able to issue an order."

It was because of a court order that the Massachusetts Legislature convened its constitutional convention, which began Wednesday. The state's Supreme Judicial Court in November ruled it was unconstitutional to ban gay marriage.

Gay and lesbian advocates see the lawmakers' failure to pass an amendment approving civil unions as at least a temporary victory. They condemned the idea of civil unions, arguing it would revert gay people to second-class citizenship after a hard-won court victory.

"We've beaten back three amendments to discriminate," said Sen. Jarrett Barrios, an openly gay Democrat from Cambridge. "We'll see what comes next."

Like their counterparts on the West Coast, conservatives in Massachusetts stood firm.

"The democratic process has been stymied," said Gerald D'Avolio, executive director of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference. "The people at this point have no way to respond to the (court) decision. We had a lot of people who wanted this Legislature, this convention, to give them something to vote on, and that was marriage between a man and a woman."

San Francisco officials tried to keep the first marriage — between longtime lesbian activists Phyllis Lyon, 79, and Del Martin, 83 — confidential so they could complete it before any court intervention. The pair, who will celebrate 51 years together on Valentine's Day, were wed by San Francisco Assessor Mabel Teng at 11:10 a.m. in a closed-door ceremony.

The secrecy that surrounded the Lyon-Martin wedding ended up being unnecessary since California courts were closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

As word spread, they rushed to City Hall, most dressed casually in jeans with hastily assembled witnesses, and holding hands as they waited in a long line to pay their \$82 license fee. The marble passages beneath City Hall's ornate golden dome echoed with applause as jubilant couples breezed through brief ceremonies, promising to be "spouses for life" instead of husband and wife.

"There is a part that doesn't feel romantic at all, but obviously it feels historic," said Guillermo Guerra, 29, who married Andrew Parsons, 39, his partner of eight years.

San Francisco officials acknowledged they might have a long court fight ahead of them, but insisted that the licenses were legally binding, saying they would imme-

diately confer new benefits in areas ranging from health coverage to funeral arrangements. At the same time, the freshly revised marriage applications they issued encouraged "same-gender couples" to "seek legal advice regarding the effect of entering into marriage."

"Marriage of lesbian and gay couples may not be recognized as valid by any jurisdiction other than San Francisco, and may not be recognized as valid by any employer," the disclaimer said.

Assemblyman Mark Leno, who shared officiating duties at City Hall with the assessor and four of her deputies, formally introduced legislation that would legalize same-sex marriage throughout California. "It is a tandem challenge," said Leno, a Democrat from San Francisco. "One will be heard in a judicial setting, and the other in a legislative setting."

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What about us? Asians raise concerns over being forgotten

BY DEBORAH KONG
AP Minority Issues Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — They've watched presidential hopefuls woo NASCAR dads, blacks in South Carolina and Hispanics in New Mexico, and now some Asian-Americans are wondering: What about us?

Saying they're tired of being overlooked, Asian-American activists are trying to make their voices heard by candidates and political parties. Eighteen groups jointly released a first-of-its-kind platform of their priorities for presidential candidates Thursday, while a separate effort is in the works aimed at persuading Asians to vote in a bloc for a single candidate.

"In this election season, I think we've been fairly invisible," said Karen Narasaki, president of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, a member of the coalition that created the platform.

Candidates look to Asians "for financial support for campaigns, but they're not reaching out to our communities in terms of caring about our votes."

Though Asians comprise a small portion of the overall national population — about 4 percent — they are concentrated in key electoral states. In California, for example, there are 1.9 million Asian-American citizens of voting age; that exceeds the 1.3 million votes that separated President Bush and Al Gore in 2000, Narasaki noted.

When it comes to political parties, Asians are almost evenly split between Democrats, Republicans and independents, said Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

"Our votes could easily be swayed by candidates who understand our community, understand our issues," Kwok said.

Bringing together such a diverse group — Asians come to the United States from 50 countries and speak more than 100 languages and dialects — hasn't been easy.

"Outwardly, non Asian-Americans see us as one grouping," said EunSook Lee, executive director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium. "At the same time, we have

different priorities."

The 75-page agenda released Thursday is the result of a yearlong effort by the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, a coalition of national and regional Asian-American groups.

"This is really the first time we've come together and said we're going to make it clear that all of our communities are standing behind these issues," Narasaki said.

The agenda calls for policies that will help Asians overcome poverty, find affordable housing and get a good education and access to health care — issues important to most Americans.

But the platform also strives to shatter the stereotype of Asians as "model minorities" with above average incomes, education and few serious problems.

The report notes the poverty rate in 2000 for Hmong people was 38 percent; 29 percent for Cambodians; 19 percent for Laotians and 16 percent for Vietnamese.

Other priorities include protecting affirmative action and the right to vote and fighting hate crimes and racial profiling. South Asians, in particular, were victims of racial profiling after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Narasaki said.

The agenda also says the immigration system must be reformed, a key issue in a community where two-thirds are foreign born. Some were disappointed that President Bush's recent immigration proposal did not provide a specific solution to family immigration backlogs that affect many Asians. Some Filipinos who are U.S. citizens, for example, have been waiting 22 years for brothers and sisters to join them.

"We don't want to oppose anything that benefits other immigrants, but we are put in a position of, 'Hey, what about us?'" said Bill Ong Hing, professor of law and Asian-American studies at the University of California, Davis.

A separate effort to get 80 percent of Asian-American voters to cast their ballots for one candidate is being organized by 80-20, a nonpartisan political action committee. About 62 percent of Asians voted for Gore, the candidate 80-20 endorsed in 2000. The group will make its 2004 endorsement later in the year.

Animals can't stand the heat, killed in laboratory accident

By The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Mont. — Thirteen monkeys and dozens of hamsters used in disease research at a federal laboratory died after a heater malfunctioned and they were left in 100-degree heat.

Many other animals in the same room were not harmed, said Marshall Bloom, associate director of Rocky Mountain Laboratories.

All of the animals that died last week-end were used to research chronic wasting disease and other disorders in the family of brain-wasting diseases that include mad cow disease. The monkeys had been exposed to chronic wasting disease, found in deer and elk, to determine whether it can be transmitted to primates.

The animals were in the laboratories' 10,000-square-foot animal research wing, where the temperature normally is 72-78 degrees. The heating malfunction

occurred sometime after 4 p.m. Saturday, Bloom said.

An alarm sounded but it was not designed to alert the 24-hour security staff, he said. The technician who cares for the animals had gone home for the day and found them dead Sunday at 8 a.m.

The heating system has been repaired and the alarm changed to alert security workers.

The deaths were reported to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., overseer of the operations here, and the labs' Animal Care and Use Committee, which includes members of the public.

Bloom said the Rocky Mountain Laboratories have a long, accident-free history of working with animals and the deaths will not jeopardize working with them in the future.

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Prison guard held hostage clung to faith, daughter

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A female prison guard who was held hostage for 15 days in a watch tower by two violent Arizona inmates was angry that she was the victim of a security breach but pulled herself together by praying and thinking of her daughter, according to records released.

Though she was sexually assaulted during the standoff west of Phoenix and began to lose faith, the guard tried to keep her wits, thought of ways to escape and did what she could to protect herself from the armed prisoners.

"I just want to get out to see my daughter," the guard told investigators after her Feb. 1 release. A transcript of her interview was obtained through a public records request.

The guard's identity was withheld by The Associated Press because she is a sexual abuse victim. She couldn't be reached for comment.

In her interview with investigators, she described the suffering she and another guard experienced after the tower was overtaken.

She also said the prisoners wanted to "take out" police officers. While she was frustrated with negotiations, she believed the situation could be resolved.

The two prisoners took the female guard and guard Jason Auch hostage Jan. 18 at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye. Auch was released eight days before the female guard.

Authorities are investigating the standoff and filed criminal charges Thursday

against inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy.

Coy is accused of sexual assaulting the female guard and a female worker who was in a prison kitchen where the inmates first overpowered an officer before going to the tower. Wassenaar was allowed into the three-story tower because he was wearing a uniform taken from a guard.

The female guard worried about authorities rushing the tower.

"It's gonna take days, but we can talk this out," she said. "I can come out of here alive."

She said she drew strength from her fellow guards wearing yellow ribbons — encouragement that was needed.

She was physically attacked by an inmate, faced requests for sex from the inmates and had some days when she wasn't given food.

Both guards were physically assaulted and lost feeling in their hands because the cuffs on their hands were too tight. The prisoners also used them as shields to protect themselves in case authorities fired on them.

At one point, the female guard said Auch, bloody after a prisoner hit him in the head, looked as though he was going into shock.

While Coy ignored her pleas for him not to sexually assault her, she was able to decline Wassenaar's request for sex.

She questioned why Auch let Wassenaar into the tower without vocal or visual identification.

She seemed angry Auch was released before her, but she came to accept it. "Auch's a good guy. He's young. He's got his life ahead of him," she said. "And for some reason, God wanted me there."

Show of faith: Judge orders jury in bishop trial to stay put

BY ANANDA SHOREY
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A juror in the trial of Catholic Bishop Thomas O'Brien was excused Friday for personal reasons, and the jury was instructed to begin deliberations again with a new juror in the hit-and-run case.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Stephen Gerst gave no specific reason for the substitution, but he instructed the panel of eight jurors to begin deliberations anew.

He also asked the jurors "not to speculate, to guess or to discuss what you think may be the reasons for the substitution."

The jury in O'Brien's case deliberated about 3 1/2 hours on Thursday. The panel began over again Friday morning with a male alternate juror replacing the dismissed juror, who was also male.

O'Brien, 68, could get anything from probation to 3 3/4 years in prison if convicted of leaving the scene of the accident that killed pedestrian Jim Reed, who was jaywalking when he was hit June 14.

The bishop, whose arrest ended his 21-year career as head of the Phoenix Roman Catholic Diocese, said he thought he hit a dog or that his car had been struck by a rock.

Prosecutors argued that O'Brien knew or should have known that he hit someone because of the loud noise and the big spider-web crack in the windshield of his

Buick. A prosecution expert testified the crack pattern was consistent with injuries to Reed's head and shoulder.

Defense attorney Tom Henze told the jury the prosecution's case was based on speculation.

"They don't have enough evidence to convince you that he had seen anyone before or after" the accident, Henze said. "In fact, the evidence shows otherwise." He added: "This case is really about approximately 10 seconds — the 10 seconds or so that surrounded the accident."

Prosecutor Anthony Novitsky noted that the law requires motorists to stop when they know they hit someone. "It does not encourage willful blindness," Novitsky said.

O'Brien said he heard a loud crash but never saw anyone in the road. He acknowledged that he did not see a dog or anyone throwing a rock at him. He admitted he did not call police after learning officers were investigating a fatal accident in the same area where he hit something.

The defense contended that dim lighting, headlight glare and the victim's dark clothes made him hard to see.

The bishop resigned after his arrest. The accident happened less than two weeks after prosecutors announced O'Brien had struck a deal to avoid indictment on obstruction charges for protecting priests accused of child molestation.



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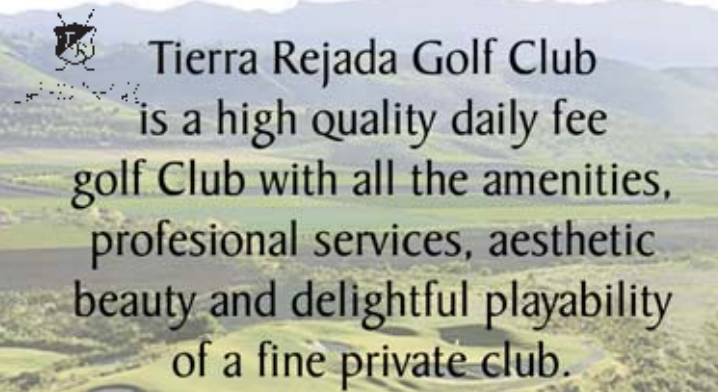
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Juneau where he got a short-lived job processing fish for \$8.50 an hour. He stayed at the Glory Hole, a local shelter, for a week, but hated the cramped quarters.

Unable to afford even the cheapest rent, he set up a hand-me-down tent among spruce and alder trees at an abandoned mining site just outside downtown Juneau. In the summer, he has a perfect view of the cruise ships that frequent the Southeast Alaska town.

"I can't handle the snoring and the smelly feet of a shelter," said Heeckt, 36.

"But I'm very independent and I can survive anywhere."

Practiced campers say it's not that hard to stay warm in a state on the far northern latitudes — it just takes a little ingenuity.

They dig caves out of snow mounds, pack snow high around outer tent walls for insulation, and line inner edges with clothing. Some burrow in trash bins or curl up in doorways.

On cold nights, Heeckt burns a can of gel fuel inside his tent for 10 minutes to get it "nice and warm." He puts on layers of shirts, pants, a couple pairs of socks and a hat before diving into his mummy-style

sleeping bag, which is sandwiched between a plastic foam pad and a pile of blankets.

Feldhouse, who's been without a permanent home in Alaska and North Dakota for 25 years, is a regular at several Fairbanks coffee shops. When temperatures plummet, he can be found inside long past midnight, nursing a cup of coffee before heading to his camp on his bicycle.

"People ask me, 'Don't you get cold?'" No, not really, only when I get out of my sleeping bag," he said. "I just don't like being tied down. Living like this lightens the load. I don't have to answer to anybody, don't have bills to pay."

In Anchorage, a city of 274,000, agencies that work with the homeless estimate between 8,000 and 10,000 people find themselves without a permanent roof at least temporarily over any given year.

Only a fraction end up at one of the 35 makeshift camps currently well-hidden around the city and its suburbs. The number of camps fluctuates as authorities make periodic sweeps.

Many campers are Alaska Natives, said Norma Carter, social services director of Bean's Cafe, a day shelter and soup kitchen. She knows a 92-year-old man who grudgingly moved into a subsidized assisted-living home three months ago.

The elderly man, who grew up in a Western Alaska village, told Carter he misses his old life.

"I think it's a cultural thing in some cases, where people are accustomed to taking a boat up the river and sleeping on the bank, under the stars," she said. "For

others, it's just not having money, not wanting to be found. There are different reasons why people camp."

It's a choice for Ellamae Clark, who has camped in Anchorage for nine years. She shares a site with her boyfriend and six other men. They sleep four to a tent, which goes a long way to staying warm. Clark said they all drink heavily, so watching each other is crucial to avoid freezing to death.

Clark, 43, said she rarely feels the cold, having grown up in the village of Selawik above the Arctic Circle.

"I even sleep in shorts," she said. "For me, it's an easy life. Having a camp is harder in the summer because you have to watch out for teenagers who want to vandalize it. In the summer, it gets too hot."

Chronic homelessness is almost unheard of in rural villages, where few people are strangers. That applies even to the southwestern hub of Bethel — a largely Yupik Eskimo town of 5,900 people that serves as the regional center for 56 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta.

"Yupik society is pretty generous," said Bob Herron, Bethel's city manager. "If your second cousin is in need, society out here will take care of them. You can pretty much get help."

Or move out.

Most of Alaska's homeless wind up in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and other urban areas, where shelters, public transportation, job opportunities and low-income medical care are available.

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Reportable homeless population rising

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — No one really knows how many homeless people live in Alaska.

Experts say the reportable winter rate has grown almost 42 percent in recent years. But that number is suspect because more social service agencies are now participating in an annual survey.

Last winter, the Alaska Housing Finance Corp. counted 1,425 cases statewide through 64 agencies that participated in a one-day survey. In 1997, the agency counted 763 homeless reported by 53 participants. The figures from this winter are not yet available.

During the same period, the state population grew about 7 percent, from about 609,600 to nearly 649,000.

The agency also conducts a one-day count in the spring, when the numbers are much higher.

Because some major service providers choose not to participate, there's no way of telling the true count of homeless residents, said Kris Duncan, an AHFC staffer who specializes in homeless assistance.

But the numbers in Alaska vary wildly. Experts in Anchorage estimate that the state's largest city alone has as many as 10,000 people who are homeless at some time during a given year for various reasons, including domestic violence, mental disabilities, substance abuse and job loss.

The AHFC survey is just a snapshot of a fluctuating population, Duncan said.

"We know we're only scratching the surface," she said.

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Iraqis want to make power move

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A consensus is building among Iraqi leaders to scrap a U.S. formula for choosing a new government and instead to hold elections later this year, several Iraqi officials and Governing Council members said Friday after meeting a U.N. envoy.

Some members of the U.S.-picked Governing Council were pushing a plan to hand power to an expanded council, which would rule Iraq after June 30. The council would then arrange elections before the end of the year.

Support for this plan appeared strongest among the 13 Shiite council members.

Doubts about the complex U.S. caucus plan, announced Nov. 15, were expressed Friday to U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi during a meeting with the 25-member Iraqi Governing Council.

"We have agreed that the timing should not be a prisoner to any deadlines. We need to organize elections as early as possible, but not earlier than possible. All Iraqis agreed that elections is the only way to form the permanent Iraqi government," Brahimi told reporters.

Under the U.S. blueprint, 18 regional caucuses would pick a new legislature, which in turn would choose a provisional government to take power June 30 and serve until elections in 2005.

A rebel yell in northern Haiti

By The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebels massed in the north for an expected police offensive to end a bloody uprising that has paralyzed pockets of the country and

threatened the presidency of Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The northern city of Gonaives remained in the rebel hands Thursday while pro-government militants crushed an opposition rally in the capital, Port-Au-Prince, before it began — erecting flaming barricades along the route of a protest march and hurling stones at demonstrators. Diplomats, meanwhile, sought a solution.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he has been dealing with the situation on a daily basis and planned to discuss it at a meeting Friday in Washington that was to include Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the Organization of American States, and Bill Graham, Canada's foreign minister.

Representatives of Caribbean countries seeking a peaceful solution jointly with the OAS also will participate in the meeting.

Powell, speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington, recalled that instability in Haiti 11 years ago prompted tens of thousands of Haitians to flee on boats for the United States.

"We'll do everything we can to not have that situation again," Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The past week's violence has killed 49 people.

Until equations do us part

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A researcher believes he can predict the outcome of most any marriage with a few squiggles on a chart.

John M. Gottman said a 20-year study involving more than 600 married couples shows that by carefully plotting how a husband and wife interact and then reducing those observations to a formula, researchers

can tell which marriages will succeed and which are heading for the rocks.

In a report at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Gottman said studies by his Relationship Research Institute and the University of Washington show that how couples resolve differences is a key factor in whether a marriage will last.

The methods used by couples for conflict resolution can be expressed mathematically or on a simple graphic to predict how the marriage will endure. In effect, math has now found a place in love and marriage, he said.

To gather the data, a team of researchers observed video tapes of couples in interviews by marriage counselors and noted how husbands and wives responded to each other.

Road ahead looks promising

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States would get an additional \$100 billion over the next six years to build roads, repair bridges and improve public transit under a Senate-passed bill that the White House says is extravagant in an age of record deficits.

The Senate voted 76-21 Thursday to approve the \$318 billion surface transportation bill, a winning margin that would be enough to override a presidential veto threatened by the administration.

The current six-year highway spending bill, which expires at the end of this month, provided \$218 billion.

The legislation now moves to the House, where lawmakers are deeply divided over the measure. Some say even the Senate bill is inadequate to improve the nation's congested and unsafe roads; others agree with the president that Congress must begin to show fiscal discipline.

The White House has recommended \$256 billion over the six years and says the president will be advised to veto any bill that goes beyond that or uses tax increases or deficit spending to finance it.



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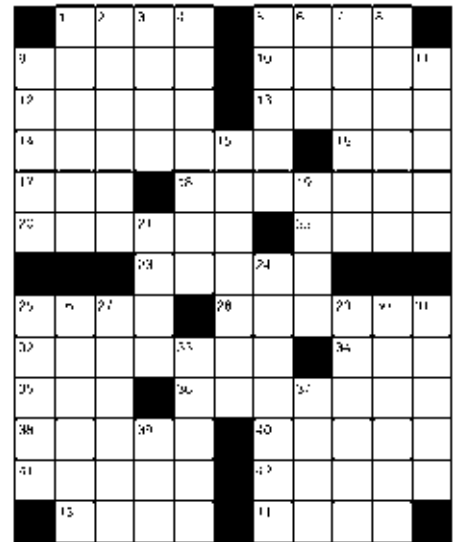
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kingsley's Oscar-nominated turn was all in the bag

By The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — Oscar nominee Ben Kingsley listened to a CD of piano music recorded by Jonathan Ahdout, who plays his son in "House of Sand and Fog," to relax after some of the film's more violent scenes.

"(He) is a very, very accomplished composer and musician. So ... I listened to his music in the trailer," Kingsley told reporters in Los Angeles recently, according to AP Radio.

A scene where his character attempts suicide by placing a plastic bag over his head was especially difficult, the 60-year-old actor said.

"The first take I had the bag on for too long and the effects, I can promise you, are absolutely terrifying," he said. "I can feel it in my chest now as I talk about it, actually. It was horrible."

Kingsley is nominated for a best actor Oscar for his portrayal of a stern and unforgiving former Iranian Air Force colonel in "House of Sand and Fog," also starring Jennifer Connelly.

■ **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Dixie Chick Natalie Maines is expecting her second child.

Maines, 29, who sings and plays guitar, posted the news on the group's Web site. Maines and her husband, actor Adrian Pasdar, are "ecstatic about the news."

The couple, who were married in 2000, have a 2-year-old son, Jackson Slade Pasdar.

Maines didn't announce a due date.

"Can you imagine the next tour for us? Five kids (or more) back stage? Oh, the THOUGHT is just exhausting," the Web site said.

Martie Maguire, the fiddle and mandolin player in the group, announced in November she is expecting twins. The third Chick, Emily Robison, has a 1-year-old son.

■ **BERLIN** — Taking up the identity struggles facing second-generation Turks in Germany, director Fatih Akin says he's sympathetic to his parents' generation in his new film, "Gegen die Wand (Head On)," a violence-tinted love story.

"Gegen die Wand" premiered Thursday at the Berlin International Film Festival. It is among 23 movies at the festival competing for prizes, which will be awarded Saturday.

Akin's film tells the story of a young Turkish-German woman so desperate to escape the strictures of her family that she convinces a middle-aged, beer-guzzling punk to marry her. Reluctant to let her go but satisfied that she will be marrying someone of Turkish origin, her family agrees to allow her to leave.

"I myself came from this tradition," said the 30-year-old Akin, who was born in Hamburg to Turkish parents.

Though the young woman is driven away by the conservative values of her family, "I actually didn't want to criticize the parents," Akin told reporters.

■ **HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn.** — Al Green and Sandi Patty led a diverse quartet of industry veterans inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

"We always want to honor the spectrum of music that has the gospel in it," said Gospel Music Association President John Styll. "For us, it's not about the style, it's about the message, and it's a way of showing that the gospel can be packaged in any number of ways."

Also inducted were Vestal Goodman, who died in December of flu complications, and BMI President Frances W. Preston.

The ceremony was taped Wednesday for broadcast later in the year on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the first time the induction ceremony will be televised.

"By making it a television special, our goal was to raise the level of recognition and honor these folks get

because they deserve it," Styll said.

In his speech, Green said he wasn't recognized by the Grammy Awards community until he made a gospel record. "I made records and records and records and didn't win a one. I come to Nashville, cut a gospel record, and they give me two," he said.

Patty, the all-time Dove Award leader among female artists with 39, said she appreciates the growth and diversity of gospel music.

"I'm a mom of many teenagers, and I'm thrilled there are groups out there like Third Day and MercyMe that my kids absolutely love, and they're not only getting great music, but they're getting good stuff for their heart, too," she said.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Houston Rockets All-Star Yao Ming is the new global spokesman for McDonald's.

Yao's multiyear sponsorship deal was announced Thursday at a McDonald's outlet inside the Los Angeles Convention Center. He is in town to play in Sunday's NBA All-Star game.

"I have always been a big fan of McDonald's ever since the first restaurant opened in China 10 years ago," Yao said.

He replaces Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant, whose three-year deal with the fast-food company expired Dec. 31 and wasn't renewed. Bryant has lost other sponsors while his sexual assault case proceeds in Colorado.

"We had a long, mutually beneficial partnership with Kobe," said Larry Light, McDonald's global chief marketing officer. "His contract expired and we mutually determined under the circumstances it was best to not renew."

Light said the fast-food company is focusing its marketing on sports, music, fashion and entertainment. The company's research showed Yao's attitude and charm are as much a part of his appeal as his athletic ability.

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