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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Latest person to believe he had been beaten up in a mugging when actually, as his doctor informed him, he had been shot in the head (with the bullet still there): Keishun Scudder, Paterson, N.J., December. Latest annual New Year's Eve death toll in Japan from eating the traditional mochi rice dumplings, which are notoriously difficult to swallow, especially for the elderly: six (with 25 more hospitalized).

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.



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Santa Monica College facing financial fall-out

BY ANDY FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The future isn't looking so bright for Santa Monica College.

With nearly a quarter of its \$114 million budget expected to be slashed by the end of next year, college officials are preparing for lay-offs, tuition hikes and fee increases.

"We think it's the worst budget situation since World War II," said SMC spokesman Bruce Smith. "That's how drastic it is."

The college's budget was cut by \$8 million before the current school year began, and the num-

ber of classes offered was reduced by 3 percent.

Now — to help plug California's historic \$34.5 billion deficit — the level of state funding to SMC is being reduced again by another \$5 million.

The college has nixed raises for managers, who last received a pay increase in January 2002. College officials also reduced spring semester classes by 7.5 percent, closing 250 courses to students. Every department must make a 10 percent reduction in their annual operating costs. All temporary employees were let go

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A Valentine for the White House



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dozens of people stop at the peace table on the Third Street Promenade on Friday where an eight-foot-tall Valentine card was available to sign. The card will be mailed to President George Bush and signifies people's anti-war sentiments on the probable attack on Iraq.

There will be peace at Santa Monica Beach today

By Daily Press staff

There will be peace in at least one place in the world today and it happens to be in Santa Monica.

Peace on the Beach, a three-hour event today at the west end of Ocean Park Boulevard, will highlight music, speakers and meditation in an effort to find peaceful solutions to events around the world. Organizers say it is an opportunity to come together and celebrate the power of peace.

It will involve thousands of people who want to send a visually clear message in our country and to the world that war is obsolete and peace is the only solution. Participants will be asked to form a human peace symbol on the sand for an aerial photo.

Peace on the Beach starts with two simultaneous gatherings:

■ Noon to 12:30 p.m. — silent meditation on Ocean Park Beach (where Ocean Park Boulevard meets the sand)

■ Noon to 12:30 p.m. — peace walk from Venice to Ocean Park Beach (meet at Windward Avenue and Ocean Front Walk, south of Rose Avenue and north of Venice Boulevard.) Participants are encouraged to arrive at 11:45 a.m.

Organizers say the event encourages an understanding of the difficult realities in maintaining peace, but it supports viable and peaceful solutions available to U.S. government — solu-

tions we can only demand or hope to achieve by our own individual daily efforts for peace, they say.

It will be an afternoon of awareness and empowerment to take back into our lives, our communities, and our perceptions of people and events around the globe, organizers say.

Peace on the Beach has support from many

Los Angeles neighborhoods, political groups, religious organizations, and culturally diverse people of all ages. Bring the kids — they will inherit everything that comes from these moments, organizers say.

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Desperate times require desperate measures this Valentine's holiday

By The Associated Press

NORWOOD, N.J. — Sandy Grossman isn't promising women the moon. He is promising them a free sports car.

All you have to do is marry him.

He's serious about finding a bride by Valentine's Day, and drives around northern New Jersey in a 1959 Cadillac ambulance topped with a billboard advertisement for a bride.

The ad promises "Free Sports Car With Marriage" and lists his e-mail address, photo and vital stats: "43, 5'11, 175 pounds and NEVER MARRIED."

"It sure beats trying to come up with a snappy one-liner in a Jersey nightclub," Grossman said.

So far, he's gotten only five e-mail respons-

es (and no "I do's") since his campaign began earlier this month. He's confident a Mazda convertible will seal the deal with someone.

"I'm a romantic," he said. "I think this is the ideal way to find somebody."

Joy Browne, author of "Dating for Dummies," gave Grossman points for trying.

"I call this 'auto eroticism,'" she said. "Somebody out there will take him up on it. It's getting him some publicity, and that seems to be the name of the game these days. Nothing is beneath contempt anymore."

Grossman says he doesn't want much from a bride.

"I don't need a model, just someone who is pretty and funny and appreciative of me," he said. "I will treat her like a queen. I just hope she can drive stick shift."

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Capricorn, follow another's lead



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003:

Your instincts lead, and success will follow — if you are ready. You learn to let go of control and not insist on having everything your way. You will find that through letting others play their cards first, you'll gain. Consider and delight in your many options this year. Be sure confusion is eliminated in conversations and decisions. Read contracts extremely carefully. If you are single, you could fall in love easily, though when the haze lifts, you might not like what you see. Keep on trying, as you're slated for a special bond this year. If you're attached, learn to allow your partner to have greater say in what happens. LEO loves to be with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Extremes mark all your relationships. You might think you're the stimulus, but, actually, others just might be acting out. Go off and enjoy yourself. Know that everyone doesn't have to agree with you. Whatever you do, do so because you want to. Tonight: Have a spontaneous party.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Understanding takes you to a new level. What you hear from an authority figure or someone in charge could make all the difference in your judgment. Do you find that this person is unclear? Look at him or her as somewhat of an idea person. You'll understand him or her better this way. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out, thinking through a decision that helps you head in a new direction. Creativity needs to come into play when making plans. Break out of the mold. Do something a bit different. Speak your mind when asked a question. Don't push too hard. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with a vague partner or loved one. You might need to ask for some support and help. On the other hand, you might be the one acting as an anchor. Do what you must to reverse a situation or change directions. Indulge both yourself and someone else. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You're personality opens up new doors, allowing you to head in a different direction. You find someone's feedback to be instrumental. This person has a more universal way of looking at issues. Express your happiness and upbeat personality. Know that anything is possible. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ News filters in, even if you decide to isolate yourself. Key into a project, understanding that this is what you want. You don't have to answer calls or do anything specific. Take your time with a friend who asks for advice. One-on-one relating brings understanding. Tonight: Make mystery OK.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Question what would make you content. Friends happily join in, because they agree and want to be part of the action. Don't say "no" to an invitation. You could be surprised at how much fun you will have. Let go. Check in on a friend; stop at a favored spot. Tonight: You are the party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You're inspired. Others appreciate your suggestions and work with them. You might not see that you're doing something differently, but others do. A must appearance draws new acquaintances. Network and party away. Others naturally join in. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take your time with someone at a distance. What feels like a gut feeling or comes through like a sixth sense needs to be honored. You could be delighted by what happens. Distance yourself from someone you don't "get" or understand. Tonight: As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Carefully review what is happening on the home front. You might not be exactly sure what is comfortable for a close friend or partner. Ask rather than assume. You might be delighted, as well as your friend. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Without realizing it, you inspire others. Listen well to feedback from a child or partner. You find that this person has much to offer. Together, take off and make the most out of the moment. Your playfulness speaks for itself. Let it all hang out. Tonight: Ask and expect to receive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Start a project, but don't be surprised if you suddenly become scattered. You have less control than you realize. Not everything is as it seems. Ask more questions. Someone's feedback proves instrumental. Listen, especially if his or her thoughts ring a bell. Tonight: Don't push yourself.

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LOCAL



Hopper highlights Santa Monica Film Festival today

By Daily Press staff

Academy Award nominated Dennis Hopper will receive a life achievement award tonight as part of the Santa Monica Film Festival.

Hopper will be receiving the lifetime achievement award for persistence of vision for his work as a director, actor and writer.

The lifetime achievement award was created to pay tribute to filmmakers who have proven their diverse creative talents over the years. Tonight, there will be an encore performance of his controversial film, "The Last Movie" at 6 p.m., followed by an after party at Gotham Hall with a live performance by Grammy winners Ozomatli at 8 p.m., where the award presentation will take place.

Hopper's most well known films include "Rebel Without a Cause," "Apocalypse Now," "Rumble Fish," "Blue Velvet," "River's Edge," "Out of the Blue," "Hot Spot," "Giant," "Colors," "Easy Rider" and "Hoosiers," for which he received an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor. In addition to acting and directing, Hopper is a noted photographer and painter with exhibitions in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Festival director Michael Cain has always listed Hopper as one of his favorite filmmakers.

"The opportunity to give Mr. Hopper an award is an overwhelming experience for me. With hundreds of critically acclaimed movies under his belt since the 1950's, he truly deserves this award," Cain said. "His filmography is thought-provoking, diverse and has left an indelible mark on moviegoers and filmmakers alike."

The Santa Monica Film Festival, which is being held Feb. 13-16, has a programming line up that takes place at the Laemmle Theatre, with additional short film programming at The Yard.

The festival will showcase over 40 short and feature films at the Laemmle Theatre including "Anne B Reel" (an urban feature film directed by Lisa France), "Briar Patch" (a dark love story starring Dominique Swain and Henry Thomas), "Stevie" (a documentary by "Hoops Dreams" director Steve James) and "Lost Junction" (starring Neve Campbell). For a complete film guide



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Matt Stone and Trey Parker mingle with the crowd at Union restaurant on Thursday for the Santa Monica Film Festival kick-off party. The creators of the animated phenomenon South Park were awarded the "Maverick Filmmakers" award for persistence of vision on the opening night of the Santa Monica Film Festival. The Maverick Filmmakers award was created to celebrate individuals who are driven to make films their own way with their own voice and vision. It is intended to honor artists who have made a unique contribution to the independent arts.

Stone and Parker garnered worldwide attention from television and cinema audiences alike in 1999, when the show was created. The South Park franchise proved its staying power with the feature film release of the Oscar-nominated "South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut." The duo's film career also includes "BASEketball," "Cannibal the Musical" and "Orgazmo."

and schedule or to purchase tickets, visit www.smff.com.

The Santa Monica Film Festival is produced by DEFMAN (Deep Ellum Film, Music, Art and Noise.) DEFMAN is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the independent arts in Dallas and Santa Monica, while raising money for families affected by cancer.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Rain advisory remains in effect until Sunday, so for your own sake, stay away from the ocean for a few more days.

The disappointment will be easier to take when surfers see conditions today. We're looking at mostly small waves; the north half of Santa Monica and Malibu barely cracking waist-high.

For what it's worth, the building northwest swell should put San Diego in shoulder- to head-high surf, but the angle is simply too steep (290-300 degrees) to do any good for L.A. this weekend.

Choice spots in South Bay offer some shoulder-high sets for the hard-core who fear no infection.

Forecasts show a southwest swell due Sunday, but time of day is hard to predict.



Today's Tides:

Low-	1:44 a.m.	1.90'
High-	7:46 a.m.	6.01'
Low-	3:02 p.m.	-1.14'
High-	9:19 p.m.	3.96'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair NA
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair NA
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair NA
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair NA
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair NA
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2:30 p.m. — O.T. OUR TOWN; documentary

4:30 p.m. — Shorts program No. 2

6 p.m. — THE LAST MOVIE — Dennis Hopper tribute film followed by presentation of the Lifetime Achievement for Persistence of Vision Location: Gotham Hall

8:30 p.m. — BRIAR PATCH and short film BOX MAN

10:30 p.m. — GETTING HAL

Location: The Yard

6:30 p.m. — Shorts program No. 3

8:30 p.m. — Chrysler Million Dollar Film Festival Selected Shorts

Location: Midnight Special Book Store

1 p.m. — Directing your First Feature Panel

3 p.m. — The Future of Independent Cinema Panel

Location: Gotham Hall

8 p.m. — "Dirtbox Party." An art and music extravaganza. Featuring live music by Ozomatli.

Dennis Hopper will be in attendance to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Council wasting time on war

Editor:

Don't the City Council members have anything better to do with their time (and our money) than to engage in the political showmanship of voting to oppose a possible war with Iraq?

I can understand how high school students, who have no clue about the real world, would attend this "100 person march." But for the alleged adults that sit on the council to waste time on this is yet another example of the constant disregard for the other 79,900 people who live in this community.

Your job is to improve (or at minimum not degrade) our quality of life in Santa Monica. Stick to that!

And to the students that are going to have a fit because I said they don't understand the real world — relax. Enjoy your ignorance. Keep watching "Real World — MTV." You'll have plenty of time in the future to make a difference when you start paying 40 percent of your paycheck so that these idiot politicians can waste it by voting against war.

Tony Street
Santa Monica

Landmark dictators

Editor:

In my view, the point of Proposition A is a simple one: Historic designation, be it a so-called structure of merit, or an entire district, must be the result of full participation of individual property owners BEFORE the fact. Why are the Landmark Commission members and certain members of the City Council so reluctant to concede that the current process smacks of the kind of behavior found in a tyrannical dictatorship?

Adrian Shymko
Santa Monica

Lazy critique

Editor:

Tom Flora's diatribe in the Feb. 11 edition paper is not so much a critique of Prop. A as it is a character assassination of Tom Larmore, who is not even one of the sponsors of the initiative. If Mr. Flora wants to attack the character of the people behind Prop. A, he should have the courage to name those people. Specifically, myself, Phil Grunland and Eleanor Haynes, all Santa Monica homeowners. What possible hidden agenda does Mr. Flora think we have? What could we gain by promoting the interests

of developers? Mr. Flora will never find a connection between us and any developers because there is none, which is why it is easier to attack one of our supporters, Tom Larmore. This is just lazy writing.

Furthermore, his attack on Tom is poorly thought out and doesn't make sense, especially when he talks about Tom's billable hours. Tom is a land use attorney; he makes money fighting the city on behalf of property owners. If Prop. A passes, homeowners will be able to do what they want to with their homes (within the parameters of the monster mansion laws). We won't need Tom. If all Tom cared about was his billable hours, he would be fighting against Prop. A!

This is why character assassination is the laziest form of journalism. In his piece, Flora leaves out the most important fact about Tom in regards to his support of Prop. A; he is a Santa Monica resident who has owned and lived in his home on Seventh street for 27 years. His own house is on the city's hit list (the "inventory of historic resources"). He has a personal stake in this, as we all do.

Tom is not only a friend to the homeowners of this city, he is one of us. He is our neighbor. Mr. Flora's clumsy attempt to demean his character in a public forum is beneath the dignity of the people of Santa Monica.

Gregory Poirier
Santa Monica

Home values at stake

Editor:

During the next few months, two special elections will be held in Santa Monica that will have an impact on property values: Prop. A providing homeowners with the right to choose whether or not they want their own homes to be designated as historic, and the opportunity to support a school funding measure to save our public schools from serious deterioration.

Interestingly, both of these measures have one thing in common — the value of ALL Santa Monica homes will increase if both pass.

If Santa Monica voters support Prop. A, then the Landmarks Commission will be unable to severely restrict the flexibility of homeowners to make reasonable improvements on their own property. As a result, these homes will be easier to sell and will bring higher prices. If a large number of homes are sold in Santa Monica at higher prices, then the value of ALL Santa Monica homes will increase. Thus, every Santa Monica homeowner, including those who believe their homes will not be arbitrarily designated as historic, have a vital interest in supporting Prop. A.

The proponents of Prop. A have made a compelling case in regard to property values. The same logic pertains to the school funding measure in June. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is faced with an unprecedented budget deficit of \$12 million as a result of severe cutbacks in education funding from the State of

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These are modern times — the swimsuit issue



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

As you read this, you are participating in history. This is THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS' first swimsuit edition in a column.

I have mixed feelings about being the author of this historic column, but the realities of today's competitive market have forced my hand. For years, sex, skin, and swimsuits have been used to attract people to products, publications, and productions. Many of us in the media have resisted joining the flesh peddlers for as long as we could. But when National Geographic came out with a swimsuit issue this month, that was the straw that broke our sunscreen-slathered backs. No, you won't see sexy pictures in this column. But I am wearing a swimsuit as I write.

As I sit in my 100 percent nylon made-

in-Hong Kong "Tommy Bahama" suit, I should tell you that Sports Illustrated started the whole thing with its first swimsuit issue in 1964. Every year since then, the issue has grabbed readers' attention during that winter lull between the Superbowl and the baseball season. Sports Illustrated's wise editors have continued to display beautiful people in the middle of winter, wearing ridiculously expensive swimsuits that nobody would ever actually swim in.

Comfortable in my quick-dry suit, I'm reminded that the success of Sports Illustrated's famous issue got the attention of other magazines. Over the years, many publications have put out their own swimsuit editions. Of course, while all this was happening, the rest of our culture also was being inundated with scantily clad images. Semi-naked models sell everything from cereal to soap, and many movies and television shows would be considered conservative if their actors wore things that covered them up as much as bathing suits. And it's impossible to avoid seeing sexy images on the Internet.

But many in the mainstream refused to participate in this frenzy. Until now.

National Geographic's February swimsuit issue opened the floodgates, and there will be no way to hold back the water that models will dip their pedicured toes in. Of course, the people at National Geographic and other highly regarded publications are quick to point out that their swimsuit issues are tasteful. Furthermore, National Geographic's editor says this issue is all about "fun and wonder — as well as total astonishment at what some people will wear in public." Nice rationalization. If this is completely true, I guess we'll soon be seeing a special edition of National Geographic devoted to "100 Years Of Ugly Golf Pants." If it's an anthropological and sociological study, why didn't they choose, "The Majesty Of The Loose-Fitting Flannel Shirt?" or "Sweat Pants Worn by Those Who Made a Difference?" No, they chose swimsuits, because they're swimsuits.

I'm not a prude. I like gratuitous sexiness as much as the next person. But it's just gotten to be silly. (By the way, now I've changed into my blue Nautica suit with the orange trim). It seems to me that there are places that are appropriate for semi-dressed people to be displayed, and

places that are not appropriate.

Who's going to be next? Are Newsweek and Time going to have issues devoted to "The Swimmers of Congress?" "Scientific American" could accompany the photos with explanations of gravity-defying design techniques. And Reader's Digest should have no problem showing us even briefer bathing suits.

Having switched to my 100 percent polyester Polo Sport suit with the little fishes on it, I can honestly say that I'm not sure where all this will end. But I will give you one promise. I will never ask you to read a column that I've written while wearing a thong.

Well, if I do, I guarantee it will be a tasteful one.

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OPINION



LETTERS

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California. Unless two-thirds of the voting public in the district support this funding measure, there will be gargantuan cuts and the quality of the district's schools will deteriorate dramatically.

Many families are willing to pay more for homes in Santa Monica because the quality of our public schools is far superior to most schools in the Southland. As a result, property values are quite high in the area. However, if the schools deteriorate — and they will if this funding measure fails — the value of ALL homes in Santa Monica will also deteriorate.

Thus, supporters of Prop. A and the school funding measure share a common bond. Both must pass to prevent a significant reduction in the value of ALL homes in our wonderful city.

Harley Frankel
Santa Monica

Bush should fight

Editor:

We are heading faster and faster into war. In the old days, the king would lead his troops into battle. We should revive the practice. Give President Bush, Vice-president Cheney, Secretary Rumsfeld and all the rest of the big shots some uniforms, rifles, grenades and whatever else a soldier needs, and let them have a go at it with the rest of the troops. It would be good for morale, ensure a second term for Bush/Cheney and show the rest of the world what this country is made of. It could happen. But don't count on it.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

The Q-Line

Build the breakwater

This past week, Q-Line asked,

"Do you think the city should use its financial resources to build a new harbor? Would it be bad or good for Santa Monica?"

Here are your responses:

■ "Yes, the city should use its financial resources to rebuild its breakwater. It's been years since it was destroyed. The Pier was rebuilt, yet it has no protection from the same elements that destroyed it. The fact that we have no yacht harbor and we have a historic sign that says there is a yacht harbor is appalling. If this city would get its act together and think of its real residents and those that come to spend money and enjoy the beauty of our city, they would do this. The fact that the federal government has allocated funds for this and the city drags their feet is a slap in the face."

■ "I think it's a great idea to rebuild the harbor. At least then the unsuspecting tourists who see the sign at the entrance to the Pier and don't realize that it's just

a historical marker would find a harbor when they do get out to the end. But really, let's do it!"

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Gas Leak at the Big Blue Bus garage

By Daily Press staff

The Big Blue Bus was evacuated this past week after a bus leaked natural gas. No injuries or damage occurred.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the Big Blue Bus garage at about 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday after it was reported that a bus was leaking natural gas. Big Blue Bus staff self-evacuated the surrounding buildings and firefighters turned off the valves leading to the 200 gallon LNG tank. They pulled a hose line as a precautionary measure and monitored the outside air and the air inside the administrative building. All readings were well below the level of flammability.

A standard verified hazardous materials response involves sending two fire engine companies, the truck and rescue company, a paramedic ambulance, the battalion chief and the hazardous materials truck. The SMFD hazardous materials truck is a specialized vehicle equipped for a variety of possible hazardous materials situations. It carries hazardous materials entry suits with differing levels of protection, decontamination solutions, gas monitors, a computer station, and is equipped for chemical testing with a pull-out laboratory. It is staffed as needed with specially trained fire department personnel.

Big Blue Bus cuts back service to UCLA

By Daily Press staff

The Big Blue Bus will no longer offer service to the UCLA bus terminal on Hilgard Avenue before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. beginning on Sunday. Buses traveling toward UCLA will drop off and board passengers on Westholme Avenue at Charles E. Young Drive.

The Big Blue Bus will continue to service the UCLA bus terminal and the other stops on Hilgard Avenue at all other times.

Doctor elected to chief of staff at SM-UCLA Medical Center

By Daily Press staff

Dr. Peter Galier, an internal medicine specialist with the UCLA Medical Group in Santa Monica, has been elected chief of staff at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center for 2003. He had served as vice-chief of staff for the past two years.

A Pacific Palisades resident, Dr. Galier has been with the UCLA Medical Group since 1994. He completed both his medical-school training and residency at UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, where he also served as chief resident. He earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University.

Joining him as officers on the hospital's 2003 Executive Medical Board are Dr. Michael Herbst, who was elected vice-chief of staff, and Dr. David Baron, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Both are family physicians practicing in Santa Monica and Malibu, respectively.

Other members of the physician board, which oversees medical affairs at Santa Monica-UCLA, are Drs. William Growdon, Chester Griffiths, Stephen Ross, Bernard Weintraub and Dennis Woo.



DR. PETER GALIER

Local Boy Scout makes trip to Washington

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica Boy Scout was selected to travel to the nation's capitol to deliver a report on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America.

Santa Monica Jonathan Nagata, a Star Scout in Troop 2, has just returned from a five-day trip in Washington, D.C.

Each year, the national office of the Boy Scouts of America presents a report to leaders of the United States government in Washington, D.C. A delegation of scouts and scout executives travels to the nation's capitol to deliver the report to various leaders. This year, eight scouts, representing the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts, were selected from around the country to represent the Boy Scouts of America as members of the 2002 Report to the Nation Delegation.

Scouts are selected after an exhaustive search, starting at the national level. There is no application process — scouts did not even know they were being considered for the honor.

Those who have earned meritorious (e.g. lifesaving, heroic action) medals are the initial group to be looked at. Nagata recently received the Medal of Heroism. Screening then proceeds through national regions, local councils and eventually district levels and troops. Scouts are interviewed over the phone, letters of recommendation are provided by Scoutmasters and prospective delegates are discussed and selected by committees at the district, council, regional and national levels.

Nagata, along with the rest of the delegation, presented the annual report to various leaders in government including the Secretary of Education, Secretary of State, Joint Chiefs of Staff, various Senators and Representatives, heads of sub-committees and, hopefully, the President of the United States.

Nagata is the only delegate chosen from the West coast this year and will represent Troop 2, the Crescent Bay District and the West LA County Council.

ENTERTAINMENT



Luke Wilson talks about old times and 'Old School'

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES — He once romanced Drew Barrymore and Gwyneth Paltrow, but these days Luke Wilson says he is perfectly happy being single and proud to remain close pals with both of his exes.

"Drew is one of my best friends," the lanky native Texan boasts, after re-teaming with his former flame for the upcoming sequel "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle."

"The fact that she hired me for the first movie when we were no longer dating and were not even necessarily getting along all that well says a lot to me," he said. "I wouldn't hire anybody I had been going out with."

Sure, Luke, but would you put the moves on her co-star, Cameron Diaz?

"I always think ... Gosh, I wonder what it would be like to kiss her," the star of "Home Fries," "Legally Blonde," and "The Royal Tenenbaums" told Cosmopolitan.com last fall, adding: "Some of the most interesting friendships are between people who are attracted to each other but can't act on it."

The one relationship Wilson has continued to cultivate over the years is with his brothers, Owen, 34, and Andrew, 38. They grew up together in a middle-class suburb of Dallas and attended the prestigious St. Mark's School, where Wilson still holds several all-time records in track and field. Their father, Robert, worked as an advertising executive; mother Laura, was a photographer.

"I remember being in our teens and our dad saying we should find some other friends," the actor shares with a laugh.

Wilson, who appears this month along with Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn in the new campus comedy "Old School," is a disarming, yet mostly private person. He admits to having many quirky habits — like constantly chewing on toothpicks and always picking the third newspaper in a stack at the newsstand.

"Once I was in an airport getting ready to fly and there was only one newspaper, so I didn't take it because there wasn't one underneath it," he remembers.

As 6 p.m. approaches,



Luke Wilson

the 31 year-old actor is polishing off a quart of fresh squeezed orange juice in his high rise hotel suite and enjoying a spectacular Southern California sunset. From his balcony you can almost see Santa Monica, where Wilson shared a house with Owen for more than two years before finally buying a place of his own a few months ago. They are still best friends, he says, and often compete in friendly games of ping pong or H-O-R-S-E.

"Luke and Owen are very similar," notes pal Ben Stiller. "They have their own unique connection that even I don't completely understand."

The two brothers also have been known to indulge in a casual wager, Wilson admits.

"We bet dinner on whose movie will make more money at the box office," he said.

So far, Owen is off to a big lead. His martial arts comedy "Shanghai Knights," co-starring Jackie Chan, opened No. 2 at the box office last weekend, earning just under \$20 million.

"Old School" — a raucous comedy about a trio of thirty-something buddies who try to recapture their college days by starting their own off-campus fraternity — opens Feb. 21.

"These are guys who are at the point in their lives when they have to choose what path they are going to take," director Todd Phillips explains. "In a nutshell, it is responsibility versus irresponsibility."

Or, as Wilson simply puts it: "It's a lot like 'Animal House.'"

Wilson's collegiate experience was not. He entered Occidental College in Pasadena as a star at both track and foot-

ball, but quickly lost interest in sports after enrolling in a playwriting class. An admittedly shy young man, Wilson studied English and art history and maintained "an eclectic group" of friends, but always avoided participating in fraternity life.

"There seemed to be a mentality among the frat guys to do everything the same: Wear your jeans the same, wear the same kind of coat, wear the same backwards baseball cap," he explains. "I knew that just didn't appeal to me."

Wilson eventually transferred to Texas Christian University (he lasted six weeks) and then to Southern Methodist University, but quit school before completing his degree to work with his two brothers and director Wes Anderson on the quirky independent movie "Bottle Rocket." All four teamed up again last year on "The Royal Tenenbaums."

"There is a lot of potential for Luke," Anderson believes. "There is a gentleness about him that comes across clearly. He's someone who can be soft-spoken, good natured and really sweet tempered."

It's seeing his name in print — particularly the gossip pages — that isn't quite as exciting. That made Wilson's six-month relationship with Paltrow a constant struggle with the media. The two actors met on the set of "The Royal Tenenbaums," in early 2001 and shared one of their first dates enjoying a performance by Sheryl Crow at The Cutting Room on West 26th Street.

In November, Wilson attended a memorial service for Paltrow's father, Bruce, who died suddenly of a heart attack. The rest of their relationship, past and present, he prefers to keep private.

"It has always been my personal feeling that unless you are married, there is something that is not very dignified about talking about who you are dating," he explains. "I mean, I am just as interested in who Jack Nicholson is seeing as everybody else. I don't fault people for it. I just don't put myself out there."

(Sean Daly is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica and is president of Showtime Entertainment.)



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LOCAL

'Ramifications are sobering' at Santa Monica College

SMC, from page 1

Friday.

But the worst is yet to come. Next year, college officials are predicting another \$15 million cut in state funding, Smith said.

"The administration is grappling with the best way of handling this," Smith said.

The California School Employees Association has distributed a flyer stating that at least 125 of the 460 maintenance workers, secretaries, groundskeepers, and others they represent are facing lay-offs as well.

"We're the employees that do the processing, and keep the campus safe and clean," said Jimmie Thompson, the labor relations coordinator for CSEA local 36, which represents SMC employees. "We're the support staff there, so a lot of the services the college provides will be drastically affected by any reductions to our staff."

The union has been working without a contract since January when the last one expired.

Thompson, who returned a call Friday from a maternity ward where her daughter was having a baby, accused the college of being too management-heavy. She said while nearly a quarter of the employees the union represents could be let go, not one manager's job is on the chopping block.

The college does not plan to notice teachers and managers by March 15 that they could be laid off next year, Thompson said. If SMC administrators don't meet the state mandated deadline, all faculty and administrators are promised full employment next year. However, union employees can be let go with a 30-day notice, Thompson said.

"One of our strategies was to ask the board to give us a level playing field and

show us every place they could possibly cut," Thompson said. "But if they don't do this by March 15 and notice, their options will be very limited."

"We think it's the worst budget situation since World War II. That's how drastic it is."

— **BRUCE SMITH**
Santa Monica College spokesman

Smith said the college isn't considering lay-offs on the level of what the union is suggesting. He said no final decisions have been made.

Meanwhile, construction projects stemming from the college's \$160 million modernization bond, which voters approved in 2002, is moving forward. The bond money can only be used for modernization projects, and legally it can't be put toward offsetting any budget cuts.

"We're moving ahead with those," Smith said. "We would be foolish not to. We are going to come out of this eventually."

Still, there will likely be more classes canceled and Gov. Gray Davis has asked that tuition at all community colleges statewide be increased from \$11 to \$24 a credit. The Community College Association of California estimates the tuition increase will be too expensive for 206,000 prospective students.

"The ramifications are sobering," Smith said.

Music, speakers and peace planned today on the beach

PEACE, from page 1

Event schedule:

1-2 p.m. — Speakers, spoken word and music

Scheduled speakers:

Rev. Michael Beckwith, Agape church
Tom Hayden
Blase Bonpane
Ron Kovic, Vietnam veteran and author of "Born on the Fourth of July"
Eisha Mason
Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica Mayor pro tem
Jodie Evans, Code Pink and recent traveler to Baghdad
Spoken word artists, Joshua, Rives and Cesar Cruz

Readings from several spiritual traditions and indigenous people.

2 p.m. — Formation of Picasso inspired peace symbol

Aerial artist John Quigley will create a human peace symbol. (Dark blue or solid color shirt will help aerial photo.)

The U.N. recently covered Picasso's

"Guernica," a painting depicting the horrors of war, as Colin Powell addressed the Security Council. Quigley will guide and shape over 1,000 people on Saturday, as they become Picasso's "Face of Peace."

1- 3:15 p.m. — Music

Program includes:

Agape Director, Rickie Byars Beckwith and The Agape Sound.

Additional guest performers to date: Acclaimed guitarist, SLASH, Lead singer for LIVE, Ed Kowalczyk, Violinist and signer Lili Haydn, Drummer Ravi Jakhotia, Guitarists Stephen Fiske and Ed Munter,

Western Shikuhachi master David Zasloff,

Janet Planet, and Drum Circle facilitators, Ron La Pointe and Stephanie Buffington.

Organizers ask Santa Monica and other local residents to walk, bike, or carpool.

For more information, visit www.peaceonthebeach.com

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CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Booze OK, sex and tobacco bad

By The Associated Press

MANHATTAN BEACH — Women's lingerie and birth control products won't be propped up alongside giant inflatable beer bottles at the summer Manhattan Beach Open volleyball tournament.

The city's contract with the Association of Volleyball Professionals bans advertising for tobacco, sexually related films, products associated with birth control or feminine hygiene, Victoria's Secret models or Trojan Man mascots.

But booze — distilled spirits, wine products and beer — is OK.

City officials said the guidelines are contained in decades-old boilerplate language that has been part of the AVP contract for years and it remains in place for the Manhattan Beach Open, which includes major sponsors Bud Light and Nissan.

"It's such a big event they want it to be tasteful and restrained. ... They didn't want condom ads," City Attorney Bob Wadden said. "They're more good-taste things, and of course taste is relative."

Wadden said that if a sponsor for one of the banned products came knocking, and the AVP wanted them, he figured the two would work something out.

Womens Coalition South Bay coordinator Vanessa Poster said she wasn't aware of the ad guidelines, but she wondered why they specifically focused on women's issues.

"My second reaction is why are things related to women's reproduction so offensive," Poster said.

Dramatic rescue made at Seal Beach Pier

By The Associated Press

SEAL BEACH — A woman was in critical condition after she fell, or jumped, from the Seal Beach Pier.

The woman, whose name wasn't released, was pulled from the sea shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday by the Orange County Harbor Patrol and she was in full cardiac arrest as she was rushed to Community Hospital in Long Beach, authorities said.

Capt. Scott Clegg of the Long Beach Fire Department said rescuers were called out after people walking along the pier heard a splash, then noticed the woman in the water. Orange County crews were assisted by Long Beach lifeguards and police.

Diners at a nearby restaurant said they noticed the woman standing alone at the edge of the pier.

"Another couple who had been standing on the pier not far from the lady said they heard a splash and the husband thought it was a seal," Clegg said. "His wife was the one who saw it was the woman after she saw the lights shining on her glasses (in the water)."

Two men jumped into the water to save the woman but were quickly swept up in the rough currents and battered against the pier. One was saved by the harbor patrol while the other was able to swim back to shore. They weren't hurt, Clegg said.

Automotive repair watchdog suspends disclosure practice

BY JESSICA BRICE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The Bureau of Automotive Repair has suspended its practice of making violations against auto mechanics public after a Southern California law firm used the information to file thousands of lawsuits against auto repair shops.

The move was prompted by a lawsuit filed last month by a Southern California auto body repair company, alleging that information posted on the bureau's Web site fueled thousands of frivolous lawsuits.

At least five law firms and private companies are being investigated by the California attorney general for allegedly using a decades-old consumer protection law to file mass lawsuits and then demand hundreds of thousands of dollars in settlements.

Among them is the Beverly Hills-based Trevor Law Group, which says it has filed between 2,000 and 5,000 suits on behalf of a one-man, for-profit organization called the California Watch Enforcement Corp. Many of the suits were based on minor violations posted on the Bureau of Automotive Repairs Web site.

After being sued twice by the Trevor Law Group, Caliber Collision Centers, an Irvine-based auto body repair company, challenged the bureau's practice of making violations public.

The company filed a lawsuit in the Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging that the bureau has no legal right to post the violations because the auto repair shops aren't given a chance to contest the claims, said Caliber attorney Michael Camunez.

"It's an unfair situation when good companies are subjected to this type of litigation because of the bureau's misconduct," Camunez said.

The bureau announced this week it would stop issuing notices of violations and would halt the practice of disclosing consumer complaints to the public.

Glenn Mason, spokesman for the Department of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the Bureau of Automotive Repair, said the decision was prompted by the recent rash of lawsuits.

"We want to be aggressive in protecting consumers, but we also want to be fair with the businesses we regulate," he said.

California's Unfair Competition Law allows private attorneys to sue on behalf of the public to stop false advertising, price-fixing and other deceptive business practices.

Critics to the law applauded the bureau's decision, but say it won't end abuse of the consumer law.

"It will put a small dent in one type of shakedown lawsuit, but it won't do anything to solve the overall problem," said John Sullivan, president of the Civil Justice Association of California, a group out to change civil liability law.

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INTERNATIONAL

Major powers insist on more time for inspections

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — In a dramatic showdown, major powers rebuffed the United States in the Security Council on Friday and insisted on more time for weapons inspections after top U.N. inspectors failed to give Washington the ammunition it needs to galvanize support for military action.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, meeting stiff resistance in the 15-member council, warned that the world should not be taken in by "tricks that are being played on us." But only Spain and Britain spoke up for the U.S. position, and even Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw held out hope for a peaceful solution if Iraq dramatically accelerates its cooperation.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin's impassioned speech seeking more time for inspections elicited rare applause from diplomats in the chamber. He told The Associated Press that France would not support a U.N. resolution authorizing war. China and Russia also pressed for more inspections.

The presentations by chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei were far more measured than the harsh assessments of Iraq they issued two weeks ago to the council.

The response to their reports makes it highly unlikely that the United States could muster the nine votes needed to authorize war now. Without nine votes, France, China and Russia would not be placed in the position of having to exercise their vetoes.

The United States and Britain say they are willing to go to war without U.N. backing but would prefer to have it. U.N.-backing is particularly important for the British government, which faces strong public opposition to a war.

Powell said he would return to Washington and consult with President Bush and others and make a decision "in the not too distant future" about a new resolution. Later, in an interview with CNN, he said the Iraq issue would be decided within "weeks."

The differences between the council powers were so serious that a planned meeting of the five veto-holding members was canceled. De Villepin called for another ministerial-level council meeting on March 14, but Powell said council members decided not to make a decision now. U.S. officials noted that another report from Blix is due on March 1.

Powell sat impassively as speaker after speaker rejected the United States' position that Iraq has run out of time to comply with a string of U.N. disarmament resolutions. The secretary quietly took notes during Blix's presentation, listening from his seat across a horseshoe-shaped table.

When it was his turn to speak, Powell set aside his prepared remarks.

"More inspections — I am sorry — are not the answer," he told the council.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri, the final speaker, stressed to council members his country's commitment to full cooperation with inspectors and "the path of peace."

"The French speech and the reaction was extraordinary. The atmosphere in the council today was one of peace and not war," he told AP. "I have been worried but today I am a little calmer."

Hours before the U.N. presentations, Saddam Hussein decreed a ban on all weapons of mass destruction from Iraq, a



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

Iraq's Ambassador to the U.N. Mohammed Al-Douri, left, addresses the United Nations Security Council meeting concerning weapons inspections in Iraq as U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, right, listens on Friday.

longtime U.N. demand. The White House scoffed at the announcement.

In his report, Blix cited improved cooperation by Saddam's government and reported the hunt for banned arms had thus far failed to find weapons of mass destruction.

But he also said independent experts found that missiles which Iraq declared had a range exceeding the permitted limits and chastised Iraq for not giving a full accounting of chemical and biological weapons programs.

ElBaradei, the nuclear chief, told the council that inspectors found no evidence Iraq had resumed its nuclear weapons program and said inspectors could do their job without Iraq's full cooperation.

He later told CNN that he probably needs about six more months for the inspections, which resumed in November after a four-year break.

The inspectors' reports were strong fodder for council members opposed to war.

"We are willing to give peace a chance," de Villepin said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan agreed: "Only when we go along the line

of political settlement can we truly live up to the trust and hope the international community places in the Security Council."

Diplomats in the chamber and members of the public in the gallery greeted the remarks of the French and Russian foreign ministers with applause. The rare response caught the council by surprise and led German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who presided over the meeting, to ask for order, noting that applause is not allowed in the council.

Powell's comments, by contrast, did not receive any applause.

"The threat of force must remain," Powell told the council, adding that Iraq was strengthening its links with terror groups. "We cannot wait for one of these terrible weapons to turn up in our cities."

Blix cast doubt on evidence Powell provided to the council last week claiming that Iraq had cleaned up suspect sites before inspectors arrived.

Pointing to one case Powell highlighted using satellite photos of a munitions depot, Blix said: "The reported movement of munitions at the site could just as easi-

ly have been a routine activity" as one designed to hide banned materials before inspections.

"In no case have we seen convincing evidence that the Iraqi side knew in advance that the inspectors were coming," Blix said.

Blix said it was significant that "many proscribed weapons and items are not accounted for."

As an example, he cited a document that suggested some 1,000 tons of chemical agent were unaccounted for. Although he said he could not conclude the chemicals still existed, there was no proof that they had been destroyed.

Blix also reported that missile experts found two versions of Al Samoud 2 missile were capable of exceeding 93 miles. "This missile system is therefore proscribed for Iraq," he said, adding that more information was needed on a second missile, the Al Fatah, before deciding if it was in violation.

Blix said private interviews with three Iraqi scientists "proved informative," but since the interviews conducted in Baghdad on Feb. 8-9 no more had been done in private — "on our terms."

"I hope this will change," he said. "We feel that interviews conducted without any third party present and without tape recording would provide the greatest credibility."

Under intense pressure, Iraq agreed earlier this month to prod scientists to agree to private interviews. Previously, all scientists insisted on being accompanied by an Iraqi official or having their interview tape recorded.

Blix said U.N. personnel in Iraq now numbered 250, including about 115 inspectors. He said there had been more than 400 inspections at 300 sites since the process began in November.

ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said reiterated that inspectors found no evidence Iraq had restarted its nuclear weapons program.

In addition, he said, inspectors did not need Iraqi cooperation.

"The IAEA's experience in nuclear verification shows that it is possible, particularly with an intrusive verification system, to assess the presence or absence of a nuclear weapons program in a state even without the full co-operation of the inspected state," ElBaradei said.

Cloning pioneer Dolly the sheep put to death

BY JANE WARDELL
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Dolly the sheep, the world's first mammal cloned from an adult, was euthanized after being diagnosed with progressive lung disease, her creators said Friday.

The decision to end the life of 6-year-old Dolly was made after a veterinary examination confirmed the lung disease, a statement from the Roslin Institute said.

Dr. Harry Griffin of the institute said Friday that sheep can live to 11 or 12 years and lung infections are common in older sheep, particularly those like which are kept indoors.

"A full post-mortem is being conducted and we will report any significant findings," Griffin said.

Dolly was born July 5, 1996 in a research compound of the Scottish institute, and she created an international sen-

sation when the achievement was announced on Feb. 23, 1997.

Researchers had previously cloned sheep from fetal and embryonic cells, but until Dolly it was unknown whether an adult cell could reprogram itself to develop into a new being.

The Dolly breakthrough heightened speculation that human cloning inevitably would become possible.

Dolly, a Finn Dorset sheep named after the singer Dolly Parton, bred normally on two occasions with a Welsh mountain ram called David, first giving birth to Bonnie in April 1998 and then to three more lambs in 1999.

In 1999, scientists noticed that the cells in Dolly's body — cloned from a 6-year-old sheep — had started to show signs of wear more typical of an older animal.

Then in Jan. 2002, her creators announced she had developed arthritis at the relatively early age of 5 1/2 years,

stirring debate over whether cloning procedures might be flawed.

Some geneticists said the finding provided evidence that researchers could not manufacture copies of animals without the original genetic blueprint eventually wearing out.

There are now hundreds of animal clones around the world, including cows, pigs, mice and goats, many of them appearing robust and healthy.

Many attempts to clone animals have ended in failure. Deformed fetuses have died in the womb with oversized organs, while others were born dead. Still others died days after being born, some twice as large as they should have been.

Dolly's body has been promised to the National Museum of Scotland and will eventually be put on display in Edinburgh, the Roslin Institute said.

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Mora, Knapp will remain on Erickson's 49ers staff

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA — Defensive coordinator Jim Mora and offensive coordinator Greg Knapp will stay with the San Francisco 49ers on new coach Dennis Erickson's staff.

The 49ers also will retain offensive line coach Pat Morris and quarterbacks coach Ted Tollner. The rest of Erickson's staff could be completed by next week, the coach said Friday.

Mora was among the finalists to replace Steve Mariucci, who was fired on Jan. 15. Instead of leaving for one of several opportunities, including a possible reunion with Mariucci in Detroit, Mora will remain in San Francisco, where he has been the defensive coordinator for the past four seasons.

"I was thrilled about being one of the finalists for the head coaching job, and I know I'll be a head coach someday in the near future," Mora said.

"I love the direction this team is head-

ing. I love the players and the way they work. I've been with many of them since the start of their careers, helping them develop, and I wanted to see it through."

Mora, who has one year remaining on his contract with the 49ers, interviewed for the Carolina Panthers' defensive coordinator job, which went to Mike Trgovac earlier this week, and at least one other job. Mariucci was thought to be interested in bringing Mora to Detroit, where Mariucci was hired two weeks ago.

San Francisco's defense ranked 14th in the NFL last season despite losing several defensive backs and linebacker Jamie Winborn to injuries for much of the season. The unit has steadily improved since 1999 with annual additions of young players who have matured under Mora's direction.

At the Wednesday news conference announcing his hiring, Erickson said he planned to retain Knapp, who was San Francisco's offensive coordinator for the

previous two seasons. Knapp signed a contract extension with the 49ers shortly after Mariucci was fired.

True to the wishes of general manager Terry Donahue, the 49ers will run a version of their famed West Coast offense filtered through Erickson's predilections for aggressive downfield passing.

"Greg and I have very similar beliefs about offensive philosophy, and I felt it was a good match for our offense," Erickson said. "He understands the offense that has been in place here for more than two decades, and keeping that continuity was very important to me."

Several members of Mariucci's staff already have scattered. Linebackers coach Richard Smith joined Mariucci in Detroit, special teams coach Bruce DeHaven went to Dallas, receivers coach George Stewart joined the Atlanta Falcons and defensive line coach Dwaine Boards went to Seattle.

Flutie, Chargers agree to restructured contract

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Chargers have reached agreement with backup quarterback Doug Flutie on a restructured contract that could be worth \$1.5 million next season, his agent said Friday.

Flutie, 40, had been due to make \$4.5 million next season.

Under the new deal, Flutie will make a \$655,000 base salary, agent Kristen Kuliga said. He will make a \$500,000 bonus if he is on the roster in March and another \$355,000 bonus if he is on the roster in September.

Flutie signed the restructured contract within the past week, she said.

Flutie, the Chargers' starter in 2001, played in only one game last season when he relieved starter Drew Brees in the fourth quarter of a 20-13 loss at Buffalo in December.

"If he didn't agree to this they (the Chargers) likely would have released him," Kuliga said. "He would have been a free agent and could have shopped the market around. He really likes San Diego. ...It was an overall great fit for him."

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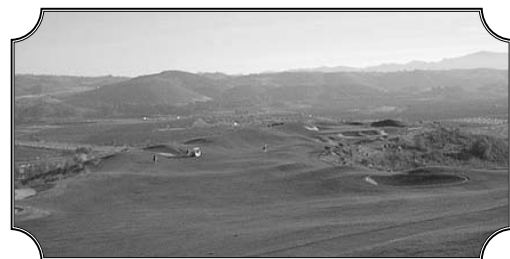
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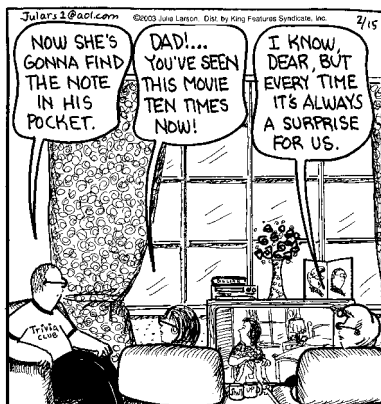
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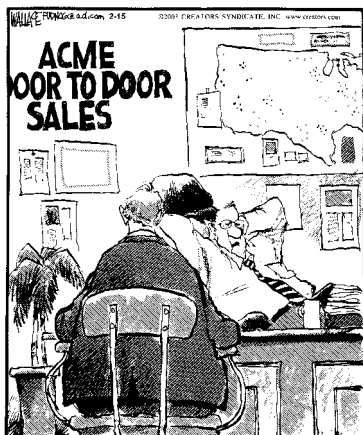
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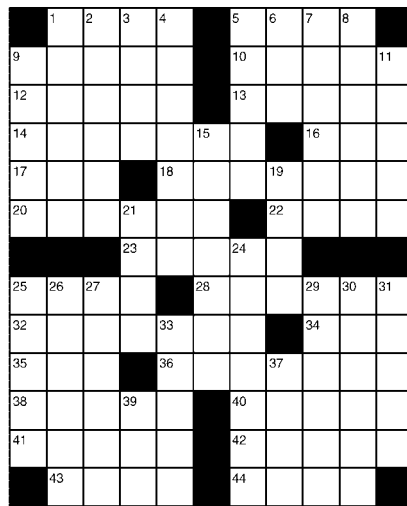
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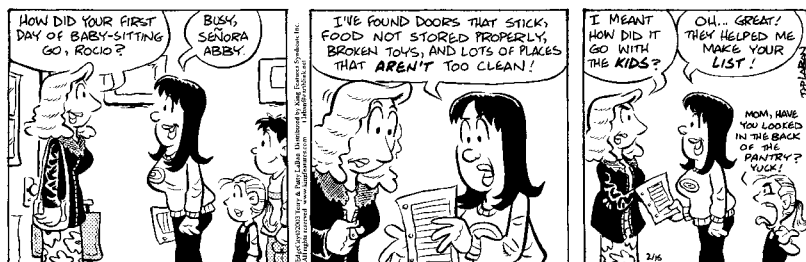


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BACK PAGE

California coffee chain moves into Starbucks' home turf

BY HELEN JUNG

AP Business Writer

SEATTLE — Forget the Starbucks on the corner. Ignore the coffeehouse across the street and the espresso drive-through a block away.

Seattle needs another coffee chain. Really.

At least that's the story from California-based Peet's Coffee & Tea, which will open its first Seattle coffeehouse in June in the Fremont neighborhood — a nifty move into the home turf of resident caffeine king Starbucks Coffee Co.

"Seattle is a place where people know good coffee and certainly appreciate it," Patrick O'Dea, Peet's president and chief executive officer, said Thursday. "We wouldn't view it as a limited sort of pie."

The city referred to by some as latte-land is already home to chains including Starbucks, Tully's Coffee Co. and Seattle's Best Coffee. Then there are the long list of independents including Espresso Vivace Roasteria and Zoka Coffee Roaster & Tea Co.

Isn't the market oversaturated?

"That question has yet to be answered," said Mike Ferguson, a spokesman for the Long Beach, Calif.-based Specialty Coffee Association of America. "We have yet to see what saturation means for quality espresso in Seattle."

As for Peet's entry into Seattle, Starbucks barely acknowledged the news.

"We just don't really comment on the competition," said Starbucks spokeswoman Lara Wyss.

The two companies even have com-

mon roots. The founders of Starbucks learned their dark-roasting coffee techniques from Alfred Peet, the founder of Peet's, both companies said.

Founded in 1966, Peet's is headquartered in Emeryville, Calif., and has 65 stores in California, Oregon, Illinois and Massachusetts. It plans to open six stores

in 2003 in California, Oregon and Washington.

It may seem sacrilege to drink a California coffee over Seattle Starbucks, but not for some locals who happily greeted the news of Peet's impending opening.

"Starbucks is everywhere," said Julianne Bryant, a Seattle resident who

works in the Fremont neighborhood at Getty Images. "Seattle's inundated with (Starbucks.) ... There's something nice about a little different place."

And competitors weren't too concerned.

"We're going to eat their lunch," said David Schomer, owner of Espresso Vivace Roasteria.

Impostor's identity is a coast-to-coast mystery

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — As graduate student Joseph Horvath, he studied parapsychology. As restaurant worker Joseph Hessler, he went to prison for lying when he claimed he had been robbed of a \$30,000 night deposit.

And as systems manager John Truelove, he made about \$200,000 a year for Adelphia Communications in Buffalo, N.Y., before he allegedly steered \$2.1 million to an old college friend through phony computer contracts.

Along the way, the man facing federal fraud charges in the Adelphia case posed as a California doctor, stole the identity of a dead Connecticut child and burned down his Pennsylvania bungalow for \$226,000 in insurance money, authorities say. He is now in the Lehigh County Prison.

By any name, he is starting to look like Frank Abagnale Jr., the con man-impostor whose exploits are depicted in the movie "Catch Me If You Can."

If anything, this case might be more complicated.

"I am assuming nothing, as far as his real identity," Lehigh County prosecutor Matthew Weintraub said after a man answering to the name Hessler was arraigned this month on arson charges in the bungalow fire.

The blaze broke out last May in Upper Saucon, near Allentown. It was suspicious, and police took the fingerprint of the owner, a man known to neighbors as Truelove.

It turned out the FBI had the same prints on file — from a man named Hessler, in the night-deposit embezzlement case in 1990 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Investigators also connected him to the fraud case at Adelphia, whose former management is accused of looting the now-bankrupt cable company of billions in an unrelated case.

Truelove, or whatever his name is, has been jailed ever since.

Attorney Barnaby Wittels said his client will fight the charges. But even he cannot clear up the identity question. At a Jan. 30 hearing, a judge asked the lawyer who his client really is.

"Judge, I cannot answer that question," the lawyer replied.

It is something federal investigators and authorities in at least two states are trying to figure out: Hessler, Horvath or Truelove? Or someone else?

According to the federal indictment, "John Doe" stole the name and Social Security number of a boy named John Wayne Truelove in 1983. The boy was born in Connecticut in 1954 and died in New York before his fifth birthday.

In court, the defendant gave his date of birth as Christmas Day 1955, but Upper Saucon investigator David Petzold later said: "If I have one date of birth, I might have 12."

Hessler's criminal file in California includes a charge of practicing medicine without a license in the early 1990s. In that case, a restaurant co-worker complained about a strange procedure allegedly performed by Hessler.

"He cut circles in his shoulders, to remove the skin, and was trying to document the healing process. He claimed to be some kind of doctor to this guy," Petzold said. The case ended in a plea bargain; the details could not immediately be established.

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