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The bottom floor of the city's newest parking garage was completely empty Friday afternoon, though vehicles had filled many of the spaces on the top two floors.

Can't find a space? Try the best-kept secret downtown

City's new parking garage goes largely unnoticed

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite spending \$5 million on a new downtown public parking garage, the city has failed to advertise it's open for business, officials say.

The garage, located on Fourth Street just north of Wilshire Boulevard, remains largely empty during the day with few signs directing motorists to its entrance.

"At the moment it's the best kept secret downtown," said Kathleen Rawson, executive

director of the Bayside District Corporation, which oversees the commercial district.

Some business owners said finding the new parking structure can be difficult. The entrance to the new garage looks like a small alleyway. And the parking structure, which is completely underground, is covered by a large apartment building.

Construction on the 294-space structure ended last July, but not many people knew about the extra parking because the senior housing complex above it was still being built.

"When it opened, the place looked like a de-militarized zone," said Rawson. "But now with all the construction over, things should pick up."

All city-owned parking structures, including its newest structure, are open 24 hours a day. From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., the first two hours are free, but it costs \$1 each additional 30 minutes.

However, there is a \$7 maximum charge, and all vehicles entering after 6 p.m. are charged a flat rate of \$3.

City officials said the garage is gaining notoriety among motorists and it's beginning to make more money.

"Unless you get right up on it now, it's still hard to tell if it's a parking deck," said Oscar Delgado, the city's parking coordinator. "But it's beginning to do well now."

When the structure opened, it

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Jury endured to hear lawyers suing lawyers

Judge warns attorneys not to make jury more hostile than it already is

BY DAVE DANFORTH
Daily Press Staff Writer

A local judge has warned a flock of lawyers that if their case goes too far, they will be ordered to cough up about \$300,000 they've already pocketed.

Because lawyers rarely battle over their fees in front of a jury, Superior Court Judge Robert Letteau found it offensive that the case he is presiding has three lawyers suing a fourth over the splitting of a "contingency fee."

"In 20 years, I've never seen a jury as hostile as this one," Letteau told the attorneys in Santa Monica Superior Court this week shortly after opening arguments in the legal fee case. "These jurors don't want anything to do with this."

The warning from Letteau comes because the lawyers promised to keep the identity of their client confidential in the original case, which is unknown because

of client confidentiality. Should the trial reach the point where the client is named, Letteau said he would order the lawyers to return all of the fees they already have earned due to the breach.

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— ROBERT LETTEAU
Santa Monica Superior Court Judge

One of the attorneys, Peter Scolney, who practices in Santa Monica, sued with two others, claiming the \$100,000 they were paid for partnering in a case with

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Californians look to win \$183 million Lotto jackpot

By staff and wire reports

Californians looked for ways to boost their luck Friday as the jackpot for Saturday night's SuperLotto Plus draw rose to \$183 million.

Mike Moini, an employee at Dee's Diner on Santa Monica Boulevard, said the restaurant typically sells between \$30-\$40 a day. By noon, the diner had sold \$400 in lottery tickets.

"People are on a money hunt," he said.

"Play Here" screamed lottery banners at a Chevron station in Los Angeles' Chinatown, where the lottery craze was mixing with Chinese New Year traditions.

"The last few days has been crazy," said manager Joe Shiber, 48, who was seeing many first-time Lotto ticket buyers.

Customers usually spend \$1 to \$5 on lottery tickets, he said, but that increased to up to \$50 after Wednesday, when no one won the midweek draw and the jackpot rolled over again.

"Now with the Chinese New Year, my Chinese customers have been spending a lot more. They tell me they're using

'good-luck' money," Shiber said.

A single jackpot winner who chose the option of 26 annual installments would receive payments starting at about \$4.57 million and rising to about \$9.33 million, before withholding of 27 percent federal withholding tax. The estimated cash

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The 7-Eleven on the corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard was jumping Friday as patrons lined up to buy lottery tickets.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You can no longer put off an expense. Bite the bullet rather than deferring. As a result, you'll feel better once you make the decision. Make an effort toward someone at a distance. Why not meet each other halfway? Tonight: As you like it.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Hop on an opportunity, even if it means pushing someone along. Be careful how you express your frustration or dismay. You don't want a brouhaha about this issue. Take your time right now. Work with a difficult personality. Tonight: Vanish. Do your thing.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Excess comes way too easily when you join certain friends. You'll have a ball wherever you are, no matter what you're doing or with whom. In some sense you cheer someone toward a long-term goal. Someone's hard words simply reflect this person's style. Tonight: Where your friends are.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to someone carefully. What seems difficult doesn't have to be. You might need to take charge and run with the ball. Evaluate what a boss or older relative wants. If you don't read between the lines, this person flares and lets you know! Tonight: Invite friends to join you.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You want to be in so many places at once that you might fantasize about cloning yourself. A trip might be very appealing. Your wildness comes out with a loved one or someone you care about. Spontaneity works right now. Tonight: Dance away.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating helps a relationship evolve in a new direction. Basics make a difference with a loved one or family member. Someone makes a fast move that could surprise you. Be ready to dig in your heels if you don't get what you want. Tonight: Have an important discussion.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Relate to others clearly and openly. Speak your mind and express your desires. Others are fiery and state their opinions. Make plans to go out where you can socialize and work through stress. Tonight: Go along with the program.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be more inspired to stay home and get into a project rather than run around aimlessly. You also might opt to do both. In any case, go with the flow and you maximize the good feelings that surround you. Return a call from someone at a distance. Tonight: Remember, everyone has limits!



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Express your innate childlike side. By expressing your heartfelt feelings, you allow someone to become a lot closer. Listen more and remain helpful to a child or loved one. Your ideas and efforts could make the difference between success and failure. Tonight: Play away.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Carefully review a decision involving family and investments. Someone throws so many ideas in your face that you could become overwhelmed and difficult. Listen to your instincts regarding a personal matter. You won't go wrong. Tonight: Rent a movie. Order in.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Find a favorite pal who likes to hang out. You discover a whole other point of view once you survey your immediate friends. Though you could reverse paths, you manage to have a good time with whomever you're with. Your circle of friends grows. Tonight: You don't have to go far.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Indulge someone, making the best out of a personal problem. Before either of you know it, you're laughing away, enjoying yourselves. Wherever you are, laughter emanates. Share a favorite pastime with a loved one. Enjoy being with loved ones. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

CORRECTION — In the Feb. 21 edition, the amount for developer Howard Jacobs' mortgage payment on his Main Street properties was inaccurate because of a typo. The correct amount is \$82,000 a month.



QUOTE of the DAY

“A closed mouth gathers no feet.”
— Anonymous

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LOCAL



New parking sign coming next month

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made \$4,300. However, in December — the last month for which the figures are available — the structure raked in more than \$29,000.

“It’s just tough right now because it’s north of the Promenade, but we’ve seen the fruits of our labor,” said Delgado. “We’re very excited as to how it’s done so far.”

But it has a long way to catch up to other city-owned 300-space garages. On a monthly basis, parking structures on Second and Fourth Streets average about \$65,000.

Both the city and Bayside have worked to raise awareness of the new structure, posting advertisements in area newsletters, the city’s Web site, and fliers distributed at other city parking garages.

When other parking structures fill up during the day, officials said the city has been re-directing visitors to the new garage.

“Normally structures along (Fourth Street) hit capacity or run at capacity during the farmer’s market days,” said Delgado. “Any time they fill up we start directing people north to (the new) structure.”

The city will install a new parking sign in front of the structure next month that will have an electric message which tells motorists when the lot is full and directs them to the nearest available garage.

The city wants to employ the messaging system citywide, so every deck will be able to alert motorists quickly.

“Our plan is to automatically be able to redirect people to the next structure,” said Delgado. “I haven’t seen it anywhere else in California, but all our people say it’s possible. We’re way out there on this one.”

Business owners say parking throughout the city has historically not been accessible for their patrons.

“As long as I have been on Bayside parking has been one of our highest issues,” said Rawson. “A lot of positive steps have been taken to provide adequate parking, but there is never enough parking downtown.”

Businesses want the city to put up more signs directing motorists from the freeway to available parking structures.

“The city needs better signs,” said Rawson. “Guiding people to the next structure that’s available sounds simple, but the city hasn’t done a good job of it in the past.”

People on a money hunt in state’s largest lottery

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option would be \$91.5 million, or \$66 million after federal taxes.

The \$183 million jackpot is a record for California. The previous mark was \$141 million on June 23, 2001.

At George’s Liquor, a Chinatown store that has sold two winning lottery tickets in the past, the line of customers went out the door and down the sidewalk.

Stan Ng, 33, a recreational assistant, said he stood in line for 10 minutes to buy 10 SuperLotto tickets.

“I seldomly play the Lotto, but since this is a big jackpot and it’s Chinese New Year, I’m trying my luck,” Ng said.

Ng said he wasn’t really spending his own money because he was using “good-

luck” money he’s received from relatives. He said he was also picking numbers himself, especially those with the lucky number eight.

“I don’t believe I will win, because of the odds, but I needed to spend my good-luck money,” he said.

Frank Benin, 37, went out of his way to buy tickets at George’s.

“A gambler in my office told me to come here. This is a big jackpot and I felt I needed to come to a lucky place to get my tickets,” he said.

Benin said that if he won he would build a community center in south Los Angeles and help underprivileged children.

“It’s all for fun. You play the Lotto to see where it will take you,” he said.

Hanging on to the holidays



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Procrastinators are just getting around to dumping their Christmas trees off for recycling at Reed Park.

Judge’s message to settle case heard loud and clear

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Matt Tamber isn’t enough. Tamber is denying their claim to a 45 percent split of the “contingency fee” and claims they were paid what their time, at \$325 per hour, is worth. The firm of Sherry Spees, Scolney, and Michael Weiss is claiming they’re owed \$80,000 more.

The dispute arose after the lawyers coaxed a \$1.55 million settlement in 1999 in a real estate case.

“I can see this case going sour on you,” Judge Letteau warned the combatants. “If the identity of the client emerges, this is over and you have to give the money back.”

Tamber objected to the warning, claiming he was being sued and might have to refer to the quality of work done in his defense.

But Letteau swept away the objection, warning the attorneys, “this is a collective risk we’re all going to take.” He said he would avoid blaming the parties and simply order the fees disgorged if the original client was named.

One attorney recognized the warning as a particularly fierce message to settle the case and send the jury home.

“No judge wants to preside over attorneys arguing over fees,” said Charles Lindner, who is representing Scolney and his partners. “It’s bad enough to deal with litigants.”

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Sylvester Stallone sues former business manager

By The Associated Press

Actor Sylvester Stallone has filed a lawsuit alleging a former business manager told him not to unload more than \$7 million in Planet Hollywood stock while telling others the restaurant chain was headed for bankruptcy.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in Santa Monica Superior Court, claims Stallone asked Kenneth Starr, who worked for him between 1997 and 2001, whether he should sell nearly 3 million shares of Planet Hollywood stock.

Stallone said Starr told him “he would be sending the wrong message to the market” if he sold the stock, the lawsuit said.

When the star of “Driven” and “Cliffhanger” finally sold the stocks in March 2000, he received less than \$300,000.

Stallone has asked for \$7.3 million in damages and attorneys’ fees.

“This suit is completely groundless,” Starr’s spokesman Dan Klores said.

Stallone and his attorney could not be reached for comment early Friday.

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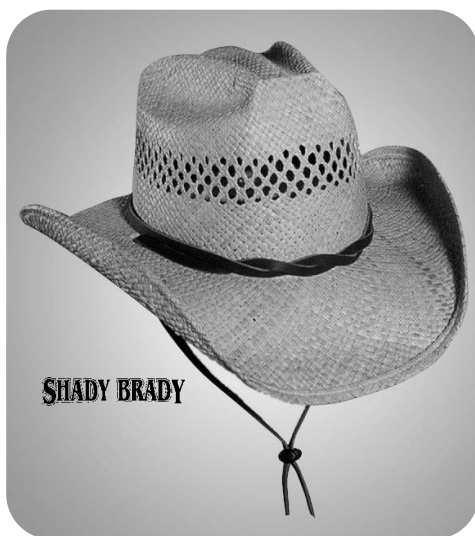
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Disney to announce new studio head Friday

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Richard Cook, who has spent 31 years with the Walt Disney Co., has been tapped to head its studio division, it was reported Friday.

Cook is expected to be named chairman of Walt Disney Studios on Friday, the Los Angeles Times reported. He will replace Peter Schneider, who left the company after just 17 months to build an independent Broadway theater production and investment company.

Cook, 51, has devoted most of his career to the Disney franchise. He began as a ride operator in 1970, running the steam train and monorail at Disneyland and was later credited for developing the company's distribution and marketing machine. Most recently, he was chairman of the Walt Disney Motion Pictures Group and was in charge of overseeing marketing and distribution of films and new videos.

His new position will make him one of the most powerful movie executives in Hollywood. Some of his duties will include worldwide production, marketing and distribution of live-action movies for Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone and Hollywood Pictures. He also will be responsible for marketing and distributing the studio's animated movies.

Most of Cook's predecessors left Disney and continued successful careers. Former studio chairman Joe Roth started Revolution Studios and Jeffrey Katzenberg helped form DreamWorks SKG.

Disney has slipped from the top grossing movie studio in recent years behind rivals Warner Bros., Universal Pictures and Paramount Pictures, according to ACNielsen EDI Inc. The studio has cut 500 jobs in its animation film division and expects to cut hundreds more by the end of 2003.

Court affirms conviction of Gwyneth Paltrow stalker

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A state appellate court has upheld the stalking conviction of an Ohio man who sent hundreds of letters, e-mails and packages to Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow and showed up at her parents' home.

Dante Michael Soiu was convicted in December 2000 of stalking Paltrow.

On Thursday, the 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled there was "no merit" to his claim there was insufficient evidence to prove he intended to cause fear.

After his conviction, Soiu, 51, was found to be insane and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Robert P. O'Neill to a high-security psychiatric hospital for as long as he is a threat to others or himself.

A mental health progress report hearing was scheduled for June 13.

Paltrow, who won a best actress Oscar for the 1998 film, "Shakespeare in Love," testified during Soiu's trial that she was "very fearful" of him.

Former Beatles in-law barred from selling memorabilia

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The former brother-in-law of George Harrison's widow was barred Friday from selling memorabilia allegedly stolen from the late Beatle.

Superior Court Judge Dzintra I. Janavs granted a preliminary injunction in a lawsuit that claims Carl Roles of Temecula stole 10 boxes of clothing, records, photographs and other items from Harrison's Bel-Air home in the 1970s.

The injunction supersedes a temporary restraining order granted last month

and will prevent Roles from selling items while the court battle is under way.

The judge exempted personal letters that Harrison and his wife, Olivia, wrote to Roles, and an autographed souvenir program.

Harrison was 58 when he died of cancer Nov. 29 at a home in the Hollywood Hills. His widow claims that Roles tried to sell stolen memorabilia a day later.

Roles was once married to Linda Arias, Olivia's sister. He has said he received permission to remove the items from the house and denies he tried to sell them.



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Global Crossing paid chairman's own firms

BY SIMON AVERY
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Global Crossing chairman Gary Winnick controlled companies that had lucrative dealings with his fiber optics network firm before it imploded, regulatory filings show.

The special relationships between the firms added an undisclosed amount to the personal profits of Winnick, who sold \$734 million worth of stock before the company began bankruptcy proceedings on Jan. 28.

The dealings involved Global Crossing paying millions of dollars to a privately held merchant bank and its subsidiaries founded and controlled by Winnick.

The fees paid to Winnick through Pacific Capital Group Ltd. and its subsidiaries covered real estate leases, corporate aircraft fees and financial advice, according to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission.

In one deal made in October 1999, Global Crossing agreed to pay North Crescent Realty, a subsidiary of Pacific Capital, \$400,000 a month to lease office space in Beverly Hills. Pacific Capital then subleased space back to North Crescent Realty for \$53,000 a month.

The agreement also involved Global Crossing paying North Crescent \$3.2 million toward \$7.5 million of renovations.

Global Crossing is formally based in Bermuda, although Winnick and other top executives work out of Beverly Hills. The company is expected to announce soon that it will leave its Beverly Hills offices and relocate 60 employees to El Segundo and the San Fernando Valley.

The company said an independent real estate consultant reviewed the complex transaction and determined it to be "the product of an arm's length negotiation."

Mike Sitrick, a spokesman for Winnick, said Global Crossing got three independent valuations of the property and paid North Crescent the middle quote. In addition, Winnick excused himself from the negotiations, Sitrick said.

Pacific Capital also billed Global Crossing \$2 million during 1999 for using airplanes in which Pacific had a stake. Sitrick said the fee was less than Global Crossing would have paid an independent charter company.

Global Crossing made another large payment to Winnick's companies as part of a consulting contract drawn up in 1997, in which a unit of Pacific Capital advised Global Crossing's wholly owned subsidiary, Atlantic Crossing Ltd., on a \$482 million loan.

Under terms of the deal, Pacific Capital's PCG Telecom was to receive 2 percent of Atlantic Crossing's gross revenue over a 25-year period.

In June 1998, Global Crossing terminated the deal by agreeing to pay \$135 million to Pacific Capital, several members of Global Crossing's own board, including Winnick, and two financial partners: the CIBC and Union Labor Life Insurance Co.

Since Global Crossing filed for bankruptcy protection, shareholders have accused the company of overstating revenue, and past and present employees have complained that they have lost the bulk of their retirement savings.

Matt Fico was laid off by Global Crossing in November. The 27-year-old customer support manager said he lost about \$20,000 in stock options and 401(k) retirement savings.

He said knowledge of the multimillion-dollar deals between Global Crossing and some of its top executives has left him feeling "distrustful."

"These things might be legal, but they certainly don't look ethical," he said.

In Washington, a spokesman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is investigating the collapse of Enron Corp., said the panel has begun looking into the Global Crossing affair.

"It's inevitable we're going to do something" related to Global Crossing, said the spokesman, Ken Johnson.

Biotech companies scramble to meet pet cloning demand

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Tundra died three years ago, but Susann Rivera never gave up hope that one day she would play with her furry friend again.

Her heart soared Friday after she learned that Texas A&M University researchers had successfully cloned a little calico kitten named cc, short for copycat.

"Tundra's coming back," said Rivera, the first cat customer of Genetic Savings & Clone, which charges people to store their pets' DNA.

The Burlingame woman — who has kept Tundra's toys and Elvis Presley costume in anticipation of his resurrection — is on a long list of pet owners hoping cloning can bring back their beloved companions.

Several biotechnology companies see a lucrative market in the frisky ball of fur that researchers unveiled Thursday. They say they've been inundated with calls since the feline hit the news.

Hundreds of people have already paid as much as \$1,000 each to freeze their pets' DNA with hopes that cloning will someday become affordable and safe. The cloned kitty has buoyed those hopes while opening a giant can of worms.

"I'm very worried that people are putting a piece of Fluffy in the fridge with the hope that cloning will

restore it," said Arthur Caplan, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist. "Cloning is an echo. It is not a copy. These companies border on deceiving people."

Even cc looks nothing like her surrogate, a calico cat named Rainbow. The genes are the same but cc's markings differ substantially from Rainbow's. That's no surprise since other cloned animals have displayed similar differences.

The kitten born in December looks different because the pigmentation pattern of the animal's coat isn't controlled strictly by the lineup of genes.

"This is a reproduction," said Texas A&M researcher Duane Kraemer "not a resurrection."

That's a huge hurdle for the successful commercialization of cloned pets given that people like Rivera want their Tundra back.

"The idea of cloning is a sham," said Wayne Spacelle, a senior vice president with the U.S. Humane Society. "Their behavior and personality will be different. You may have a better match personality wise by going to a shelter and seeing an animal that exists, than by rolling the dice with cloning."

Genetic Savings chief executive Lou Hawthorne agrees.

"Tundra ain't coming back," said Hawthorne, whose company funded the Texas A&M research and is putting the finishing touches on a new

7,000 square-foot cloning laboratory in College Station, Texas.

And though Hawthorne says it is spending millions on research to produce as close to exact duplicates of cats, dogs, horses and cattle as possible, he concedes that today's cloning technology is "crude".

"We can't give you a guarantee that the personality will be the same," he said.

The kitty clone was the research team's only success after transferring 87 cloned embryos into eight female cats.

Overall, the success rate was comparable to that seen in other cloned species, the researchers said.

Still, at least three other companies are racing to develop successful commercial pet cloning operations, including Cyagra of Worcester, Mass. Cyagra is a subsidiary of Advanced Cell Technology, the biotechnology firm that announced in November it had cloned a human embryo.

Lazaron Biotechnologies of Baton Rouge, La., and Canine Cryobank of San Marcos are two other companies interested in pet cloning.

Cyagra vice president Ron Gillespie estimates that up to 10 million pet owners would be interested in cloning their animals for about \$3,000 each. Hawthorne said his marketing studies show the same number of interested people, though he declined to talk about pricing.

Shoplifters steal \$42,800 diamond ring from Tiffany's in Palo Alto

By The Associated Press

PALO ALTO — A couple admiring diamond rings at a Tiffany & Co. store dashed out the front door with a \$42,800 rock, leaving customers and workers bewildered.

The woman was trying on different rings Wednesday in the upscale Stanford Shopping Center when the man suddenly yanked a 2.03-carat solitaire diamond off her finger and fled. The woman ran after him, police said.

Security cameras recorded images of the shoplifters,

but their faces were not clearly visible. A private processing firm is working to develop sharper photos.

If caught, the couple faces up to six years in prison for grand theft, police said.

Tiffany's is familiar with the grab-and-run shoplifting strategy. It was used about a year ago to make off with a 4-carat diamond ring from the downtown San Francisco store. The tactic also has been successfully repeated at other Bay Area locations and in Southern California, according to the Palo Alto Police Department.

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NATIONAL

Coast Guard distress system leaves gaps from Alaska to Florida

BY MELISSA B. ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Coast Guard's "911" system has at least 88 coverage gaps where rescuers cannot hear or locate distressed boaters who radio for help, a government investigation found.

Dead areas are scattered from Kodiak, Alaska, to Key West, Fla.

The 30-year-old National Distress and Response System, the Coast Guard's primary short-range communications network, monitors the international distress frequency — the maritime version of "911" — and coordinates search-and-rescue missions.

The system includes about 300 radio signal-receiving antennas mounted on towers at high elevations. They are linked to 44 communication centers, where Coast Guard personnel monitor distress calls on inland waterways and along the coast.

Transportation Department Inspector General Kenneth Mead said the system is "antiquated, expensive to maintain and difficult to upgrade."

Deficiencies such as the coverage gaps — sprinkled among 19 states and U.S. territories — and limited direction-finding and calling capabilities "impair the Coast Guard's ability to effectively and efficiently perform search-and-rescue missions and identify hoax calls," Mead said in a report released this week.

Dead zones constitute a serious safety problem, said Coast Guard spokesman Jim McPherson. Boaters who can't get through must rely on other means of communication, such as flares, mayday calls to other boaters, or emergency positioning systems that use satellites, he said.

The Coast Guard's rescue capabilities came under scrutiny after four people, including three boys, died in the 1997 wreck of the sailboat Morning Dew. The boat ran into a jetty in the Charleston, S.C., harbor on a stormy night, and survivors alleged the Coast Guard botched the rescue. They were awarded almost \$19 million from the federal government last year.

The Coast Guard has been working on a plan to upgrade the emergency system, but the latest version has significant shortcomings, Mead said. It still leaves coverage gaps, though probably smaller than now. The exact size and location of those that would persist won't be known until a contractor's plan is selected, he said.

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— RICHARD SELBY
Alabama Senator

In the current system, the 88 gaps total 24,725 square miles, or about 14 percent of the total coverage area. They range in size from 7 square miles to more than 1,840, the report said.

Also, the revised proposal provides only the general location of a distress call instead of pinpointing it, as the Coast Guard wanted, Mead said. And it won't be capable of transmitting classified information, a capability vital to the Coast Guard's security work.

The Coast Guard maintains the revised plan would result in important improvements, including reducing most search areas down to 5 to 10 square miles and eliminating most of the gaps. Those that would persist would probably be in coves, where it's too expensive to post antennas, said spokesman Jack O'Dell.

Members of the Senate Appropriations transportation subcommittee who heard about the revised plan Thursday were skeptical.

"Why would we buy a system that has coverage gaps?" asked Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby, the top Republican on the subcommittee.

The Coast Guard pegs the cost of the revised plan at \$580 million.

Stockbroker back in custody on alleged fraud

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A judge denied bond Friday for a stockbroker who became a fugitive for a month after admitting he'd defrauded his clients.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Baughman rejected defense arguments that Frank Gruttadauria, 44, should be released with electronic home monitoring.

In an affidavit, the FBI said Gruttadauria kept phony records for about 100 accounts held by 25 families. He allegedly reported inflated account values of \$277 million over 15 years while working for several firms, including SG Cowen Corp. and Lehman Brothers.

He was charged with making false

statements to a financial institution. Additional charges were possible, authorities said.

Around the time he fled on Jan. 11, the stockbroker left a note for the FBI admitting he mishandled his clients' accounts, authorities said. He had been renting an apartment in Colorado using the name of a friend who lost millions in the alleged scheme, they said.

Gruttadauria's lawyer, Roger Synenberg, said the stockbroker decided he didn't want to live on the run and returned to Cleveland, where for two days he secretly watched his children from outside his estranged wife's suburban home. He surrendered Feb. 9.

INTERNATIONAL



Melee breaks out at start of soccer match in Kabul

BY LOUIS MEIXLER
Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan police, swinging rifle butts and firing shots in the air, fought back an unruly crowd Friday trying to push their way into Kabul's main soccer stadium in a melee that marred a goodwill game between peacekeepers and an Afghan team.

The Afghan crowd responded with volleys of stones, bloodying some of the German and Austrian peacekeepers who tried to maintain order. Some in the crowd picked up smoke canisters and hurled them back at the police.

As a pre-game ceremony went on inside the packed stadium, thousands of people outside tried to fight their way through the gates, and police waded into the crowd. Austrian peacekeepers used fire extinguishers and guard dogs to try to keep back the crowds.

Police fired warning shots in the air and beat people with tree branches, strips of rubber, the butts of their rifles and — in at least one case — a grenade launcher.

Fifty Afghans were treated for injuries, mostly to the head, said German medics. Five peacekeepers were also injured when hit by fist-sized rocks thrown at them by the crowd.

None of the injuries was critical, said Capt. Graham Dunlop, the British spokesman for the peacekeeping force. The match went ahead, and the violence started to wane once play began. The peacekeepers won 3-1.

Associated Press photographer Lefteris Pitarakis was on a stadium wall covering the melee and described the bizarre experience of watching a diminishing riot on one side and a soccer game in progress

and fans cheering on the other.

"I saw thousands of Afghans pushing against closed doors and climbing to the walls trying to get in," Pitarakis said. "Afghan police were beating the rioters, and the stranded peacekeepers were trying to block the frantic entrance of the huge crowd."

**"Now we are free players.
I am very happy and I
will enjoy this a lot."**

— SHARIF
Afghan defender

The chaos was an ugly start to a match that symbolized the rehabilitation of Kabul's stadium, which under the former Taliban regime was used for public executions. The hard-line Islamic militia also amputated the hands of criminals in the stadium — often displaying the severed limbs to the crowd. Last year, two suspected bombers were hanged from the goal posts.

With the stadium packed to capacity with 30,000 people, several thousand people were outside pushing toward entrance gates. Men used their Afghan shawls as makeshift ropes to scale the stadium's walls. Some fell.

The Afghan team scored first. The peacekeepers' team — which included British, Italian, Danish, French, German, Dutch, Norwegian and Spanish players — evened the score 1-1 and then scored



Lefteris Pitarakis/Associated Press

An Austrian soldier and member of the international peacekeeping forces in Afghanistan, left, beats rioting Afghans trying to get into Kabul's main stadium, prior to a soccer match between peacekeepers and an Afghan team on Friday.

another two goals in the second half for a 3-1 victory.

The stadium fell into miserable shape under the Taliban, who discouraged sports. For Friday's game, the goalposts had been painted, and fresh boundary lines were drawn on a grass field that was mostly brown due to a severe drought.

"The fact that there is now a football game in a place where there were once executions is proof that the Taliban reign of terror is finally over," said Lt. Col. Dietmar Jeserich of the German peacekeeping force. "It's a good idea to have this game now and show people that these times are over."

During the Taliban's rule, athletes were forced to wear beards and pants that reached down below their knees. They were also forbidden to train after 4 p.m., which was prayer time.

"Now we are free players," said Sharif, an Afghan defender who, like many Afghans, uses one name. "I am very happy and I will enjoy this a lot."

The game was organized by the British Ministry of Defense with the backing of the English Football Association and the Premier League. About half of the 3,200-member international force in Kabul is British.

Yemen is holding five of 17 men on FBI terrorism alert

By The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen — Five Yemenis who allegedly trained in Afghanistan and were named in a recent FBI terror alert have been in Yemeni custody for at least a month, officials acknowledged Friday.

Under heavy U.S. pressure in the form of international terrorist alerts and lists of wanted Yemenis, authorities here were quick to add that they had provided information about the men to U.S. investigators. A police official in the capital, San'a, said the men were arrested sometime between late December and early January.

The men were among 17 people on an FBI terrorist alert issued on Monday that warned of a potential attack on the United States or against U.S. interests in Yemen. It was not clear why the names of the five men in custody appeared on the wanted list but the names were removed on Thursday.

The FBI is continuing a worldwide manhunt for 11 others, including Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Yemeni citizen born in 1979 in Saudi Arabia whom U.S. officials believe has al-Qaida links.

A Yemeni Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity that al-Rabeei had been jailed previously for robbery, kidnapping and producing false passports and identity cards.

Al-Rabeei apparently left Yemen in 2000, shortly after being released from jail, the official said. It was not clear how long he had been held.

A U.S. official in Washington said a sixth man on the list is in custody in a country outside the Middle East.

Yemeni officials have been working hard in recent weeks to show progress for their efforts to combat al-Qaida elements believed to be in Yemen — site of the deadly attack on the USS Cole in October 2000 that killed 19 U.S. sailors. Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network is believed to have been behind the Cole attack and the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

On Wednesday, Sameer Mohammed Ahmed al-Hada

accidentally exploded a hand grenade after being cornered Wednesday by security forces in a suburb of San'a, the capital. Officials said he had been under Yemeni surveillance for more than a week. His wife, who was captured in the operation, remained jailed Thursday.

One of al-Hada's brothers-in-law, Khalid Almihdhar, was among the five men who crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon. Another, Mustafa Abdulkader Aabed al-Ansari, was on the latest FBI alert.

His father, Ahmad Mohammad Ali al-Hada, is a known al-Qaida operative, a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity. In addition, Yemeni officials say that one of al-Hada's brothers — an explosives expert — was killed in Afghanistan. He was not identified further.

Police said at least five people have been detained in the al-Hada investigation, including relatives and friends.

On Thursday, a Yemeni Foreign Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity said that 32 Yemenis were among some 300 al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners being held by the U.S. military on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Iranian authorities on Friday were questioning some 150 people, who entered the country from Pakistan, about possible ties to Taliban or al-Qaida, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

According to the IRNA report, many of those being questioned were from Europe, Africa and the Middle East and had spent time in Afghanistan. The detainees are said to include European and African nationals who were carrying passports from countries such as France, Britain, Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands.

The Associated Press was unable to reach Iranian officials for comment.

CIA Director George J. Tenet said last week that Tehran has failed "to move decisively against al-Qaida members who have relocated to Iran from Afghanistan."

The U.S. administration also has complained that Iran, a neighbor of Afghanistan, has armed and financed fighters to destabilize the government of interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai.

Iran has denied those charges.



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SPORTS

Taniguchi takes lead at Riviera

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Toru Taniguchi is known as the “Japanese Tiger” on his home circuit, but only because he pumps his fists after a birdie and likes to wear red shirts on Sunday.

Winning the Nissan Open might help him really earn his stripes.

Despite his only bogey in the first two rounds, the 32-year-old from Japan had a 4-under 67 at Riviera Country Club on Friday and took a one-stroke lead over Brad Faxon, Scott McCarron, Jesper Parnevik and fast-closing Len Mattiace.

“I’m very happy and surprised to be in front,” Taniguchi said through a translator.

He was at 133, although that didn’t give much breathing room.

Typical with most tournaments at Riviera, the small, knobby greens and punishing bunkers rarely let anyone run away from the field.

The cut was at even-par 142, giving just about everyone a chance.

“This tournament always seems to have guys bunched up,” McCarron said after a 65 on the course he frequently played while on the UCLA golf team.

David Duval was only three strokes back at 136 after a 69, and he’s always dangerous when he comes back from a break. This one was only three weeks, but Duval felt recharged and excited to be playing.

“I want to be hungry to be playing,” he said. “I don’t come out here to finish 30th.”

Robert Allenby gets to finish, and that puts an end to a dubious streak on the PGA Tour. The Aussie avoided becoming the fifth straight defending champion to miss the cut, playing his final three holes in 3 under for a 66 that put him

at 139.

John Daly had a 69 and also was at 139, while Sergio Garcia (67) was another shot back.

Faxon had a 67 at Riviera Country Club, scene of his greatest PGA Tour round in 1995, when he had a 28 on the front nine and closed with a 63 in the PGA Championship to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

Parnevik had six birdies and four bogeys in a fun-packed round of 69, while Mattiace birdied his last four holes for a 65.

Taniguchi has won only three times on that circuit, and he hasn’t won since 2000.

Still, he is one of several Japanese players who is slowly emerging on the global scene. A year ago, he finished third in the Match Play Championship in Australia after losing 2 and 1 to eventual champion Steve Stricker, then beating Ernie Els in the consolation match.

Not many recall his third-place finish in a World Golf Championship event. A victory in the Nissan Open would be another matter.

“America is the top tour in the world. All the players are in the top class,” he said. “That’s a big difference from Japan. I’m satisfied winning Japan, but not totally satisfied. I’m trying to win in the U.S.”

His goal is to get his PGA Tour card without going to qualifying school. The simplest way to take care of that is to win this week.

Taniguchi described himself as a steady player who can be aggressive, and he used that combination well. His only birdie putt longer than 8 feet was a 25-footer on No. 15, and his only bogey over the first 36 holes came when he missed the green long on No. 18.

Taniguchi is playing on a foreign exemption, and typically plays the West Coast events when possible because he is familiar with the courses.

No one gets vibes quite like Faxon.

Nissan Open Scores

By The Associated Press

AT RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB Los Angeles, Calif. Purse: \$3.7 million Yardage 7,174; Par 71				Second Round			
Toru Taniguchi	66-67	—	133	Bob Burns	72-70	—	142
Brad Faxon	67-67	134		Kaname Yokoo	72-70	—	142
Scott McCarron	69-65	—	134	Stephen Ames	71-71	—	142
Jesper Parnevik	65-69	—	134	Bradley Hughes	71-71	—	142
Len Mattiace	69-65	134		K.J. Choi	69-73	—	142
Bob Tway	67-68	135		Peter Lonard	71-71	—	142
David Duval	67-69	136		Matt Peterson	75-67	—	142
David Peoples	66-70	136		Jay Haas	71-71	—	142
Tommy Armour III	67-69	136	136	Kenny Perry	70-72	—	142
J.J. Henry	69-67	136		Kirk Triplett	73-69	—	142
Rory Sabbatini	69-68	137		Craig Perks	71-71	—	142
José María Olazábal	66-71	137	137	Briny Baird	71-71	—	142
Fred Funk	69-68	137		Ben Crane	70-72	—	142
Scott Verplank	69-68	137		Failed to qualify			
Lee Westwood	69-68	137		Steve Pate	72-71	—	143
Per-Ulrik Johansson	70-68	138	138	Skip Kendall	71-72	—	143
Paul Azinger	69-69	138		Steve Lowery	68-75	—	143
Rocco Mediate	69-69	138		Matt Gogel	70-73	—	143
Billy Mayfair	69-69	138		Taichi Teshima	71-72	—	143
Brian Gay	71-67	138		Brett Quigley	74-69	—	143
Paul Stankowski	69-69	138	138	Jay Don Blake	71-72	—	143
Chris DiMarco	68-70	138		Duffy Waldorf	72-71	—	143
Jerry Kelly	72-66	138		Steve Elkington	73-70	—	143
Bob Estes	69-69	138		Woody Austin	70-73	—	143
David Sutherland	68-71	139	139	Danny Ellis	72-71	—	143
Scott Simpson	71-68	139		Brent Geiberger	71-73	—	144
Matt Kuchar	71-68	139		Stuart Appleby	71-73	—	144
John Daly	70-69	139		Shigeki Maruyama	72-72	—	144
Jim Carter	71-68	139		Kevin Sutherland	73-71	—	144
Esteban Toledo	67-72	139	139	David Gossett	71-73	—	144
Russ Cochran	69-70	139		Frank Lickliter II	69-75	—	144
Charles Howell III	68-71	139	139	Mike Sposa	73-72	—	145
Jeff Sluman	70-69	139		Darren Clarke	74-71	—	145
Loren Roberts	69-70	139		Hal Sutton	72-73	—	145
Tom Lehman	70-69	139		Rich Beem	74-71	—	145
Billy Andrade	66-73	139		Brandel Chamblee	72-73	—	145
Mark Brooks	71-68	139		Carl Paulson	72-73	—	145
Robert Allenby	73-66	139	139	Jerry Smith	70-75	—	145
Olin Browne	70-69	139		Corey Pavin	71-74	—	145
Edward Fryatt	69-71	140		Joe Durant	74-71	—	145
Pat Bates	72-68	140		David Berganio, Jr.	71-74	—	145
Pat Perez	71-69	140		Ian Leggatt	74-71	—	145
Michael Clark II	68-72	140	140	Chad Campbell	74-71	—	145
Scott Hoch	68-72	140		Jess Daley	72-73	—	145
Mark Calcavecchia	70-70	140	140	Deane Pappas	72-74	—	146
Bob May	71-69	140		Robin Freeman	74-72	—	146
John Senden	71-69	140		Miguel A. Jimenez	73-73	—	146
Andrew Magee	73-67	140		Luke Donald	68-78	—	146
Steve Flesch	69-71	140		Jeff Gove	76-70	—	146
Dennis Paulson	69-71	140	140	Scott Dunlap	74-73	—	147
Sergio Garcia	73-67	140		Fulton Allem	73-74	—	147
Cameron Beckman	69-71	140	140	Michael Long	72-75	—	147
John Cook	71-69	140		Tim Petrovic	72-75	—	147
Fred Couples	72-68	140		Bo Van Pelt	73-74	—	147
John Rollins	71-69	140		Brett Wetterich	75-72	—	147
Glen Hnatiusk	69-72	141		Heath Slocum	74-73	—	147
Michael Muehr	73-68	141	141	Richard Zokol	73-74	—	147
Carlos Franco	69-72	141		Jonathan Byrd	75-73	—	148
Tom Pernice, Jr.	71-70	141	141	Steve Shriver	71-77	—	148
Stewart Cink	70-71	141		J.L. Lewis	74-74	—	148
Jim Furyk	70-71	141		Jason Hill	75-73	—	148
Kenneth Staton	71-70	141	141	Brad Bell	71-77	—	148
Hideki Tanaka	69-72	141		Tom Scherrer	75-74	—	149
Vijay Singh	71-70	141		Paul Gow	73-76	—	149
Paul McGinley	71-70	141		Tim Herron	74-75	—	149
J.P. Hayes	74-67	141		Notah Begay III	74-75	—	149
Neal Lancaster	70-71	141	141	Garrett Willis	79-70	—	149
Greg Chalmers	69-73	142	142	Spike McRoy	71-78	—	149
				Bernhard Langer	78-72	—	150
				Steve Sear	77-73	—	150
				Brad Elder	75-78	—	153
				Eddy Lee	76-77	—	153
				Brett Massingham	81-80	—	161



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SPORTS



U.S. grabs 14th medal; Canadian skaters get gold

BY LARRY MCSHANE
Associated Press Writer



SALT LAKE CITY — Oh, Canada — it took four days, but your figure skating pair finally collected their gold medal.

And say, did you see — the Americans took three more medals, and have already enjoyed their best Winter Games ever.

The worst judging scandal in Winter Olympics history was finally resolved Friday, with Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier declared co-gold medalists with the Russian winners.

Pelletier and Sale both agreed that they had earned the medal in Monday's competition. But Sale said the way it was handled — a news conference announcement, rather than an on-ice presentation — took something away that will be lost forever.

"You bet," Sale said. "That's what every Olympian dreams of, and that's all I've dreamt of my whole life. ... I was prepared for it, emotionally and physically."

"And you bet, I was cheated out of that big-time."

The International Olympic Committee, acting on a recommendation from the International Skating Union, announced the unusual double medals.

The ISU suspended a French judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, after an investigation determined there was unspecified "misconduct" in her decision favoring Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze.

"There is no evidence of Russian involvement in the incident," said ISU head Ottavio Cinquanta. The Russian pair will keep their gold medals.

The investigation was continuing, he said.

While IOC President Jacques Rogge praised the decision as "one of justice and fairness," the head of the Russian Figure Skating Federation criticized the process.

"This is an unprecedented decision that turned out to be a result of pressure by the North American press, and turned out in favor of the fanatically loyal" fans, Valentin Piseyev told Russia's NTV television.

Far from the dueling news conferences, the American Olympians continued their record-setting games by adding three more medals.

The Americans rolled a lucky 7 — as in seven straight days of collecting at least one medal — as they again exploited the home field advantage they held for the first time since Lake Placid in 1980.

"I got the bronze here in front of all my friends and family and all the American people," said snowboarder Chris Klug, bronze medalist in the parallel giant



Amy Sancetta/Associated Press

Canadian figure skating pair Jamie Sale, right, smiles as her partner David Pelletier, looks on during a news conference after they were awarded with a gold medal on Friday at the Main Media Center in Salt Lake City. The highly unusual decision by top Olympic and skating officials uncovered judging misconduct in a controversy that has dominated the Winter Games. They also allowed the Russian pair to keep their gold medal.

slalom. "They're awesome."

Klug's medal was the 14th earned by the Americans in the first week of competition, one more than its previous Winter Games best set eight years ago in Lillehammer, Norway, and equaled in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

In the luge doubles, the U.S. team swept to a silver and a bronze — equaling their previous best effort, and giving Chris Thorpe his second medal in as many Olympics.

Germany remained atop the top of the medals chart with 16 (5 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze). The Americans were second with 14 (3-6-5), followed by the 10 medals of Norway (5-5-0) and Austria (1-2-7).

• **LUGE:** For the second straight Olympics, the American luge teams finished 2-3 — just missing out on an elusive gold. The Americans have never won a luge gold in either singles or doubles.

That didn't matter to the silver medal team of Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin, who made up for a poor first run to wind up in second. They were followed by Chris Thorpe and Clay Ives, who won the bronze and immediately announced their retirement.

"It is our last race," said Thorpe, a four-time Olympian who became only the second slider to win Olympic medals with different partners. He won at Nagano with Gordie Sheer, who retired two years ago.

The gold went to Olympic rookies Patric Leitner and Alexander Resch of Germany. Since luge was added to the Winter Olympics in 1964, the Germans have won nine of the 11 doubles gold medals.

• **SNOWBOARDING:** Nineteen months ago, Chris Klug was a liver transplant patient. On Friday, he was an Olympic medalist.

"It's a miracle," Klug said after taking the bronze medal in the giant slalom. "I'm so lucky to be here today. And for it to have turned out like this is pretty special."

Philipp Schoch of Switzerland, the second-slowest rider in qualifying Thursday, won the gold, defeating Sweden's Richard Richardsson, who took silver.

After winning his bronze, Klug hit his fist against his heart, then pointed over to his father, his girlfriend and the dozens of other overwhelmed friends and family who came to see him.

• **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Russian Larissa Lazutina won a silver medal in the women's cross-country pursuit, bringing her overall Winter Games total to 9 — just one short of a Winter Olympic record held by former Soviet cross-country skier Raisa Smetanina.

The gold went to surprise winner Olga Danilova of Russia, while the bronze went to Canadian Beckie Scott.



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Brian Martin, right, and Mark Grimmette of the United States, celebrate their final and silver medal winning run during the men's doubles luge at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics in Park City, Utah, on Friday.

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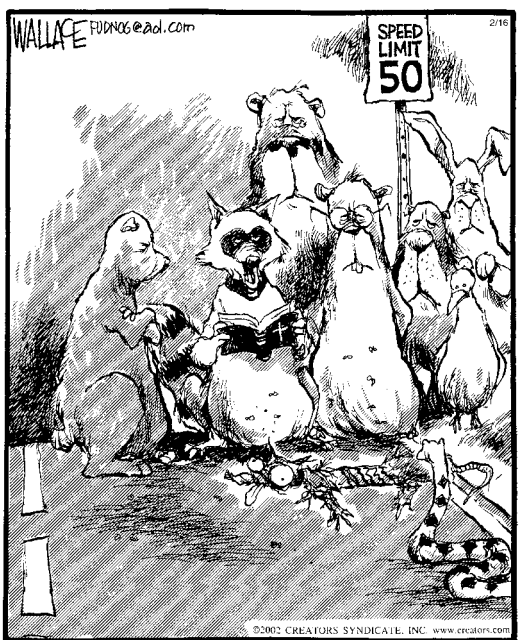


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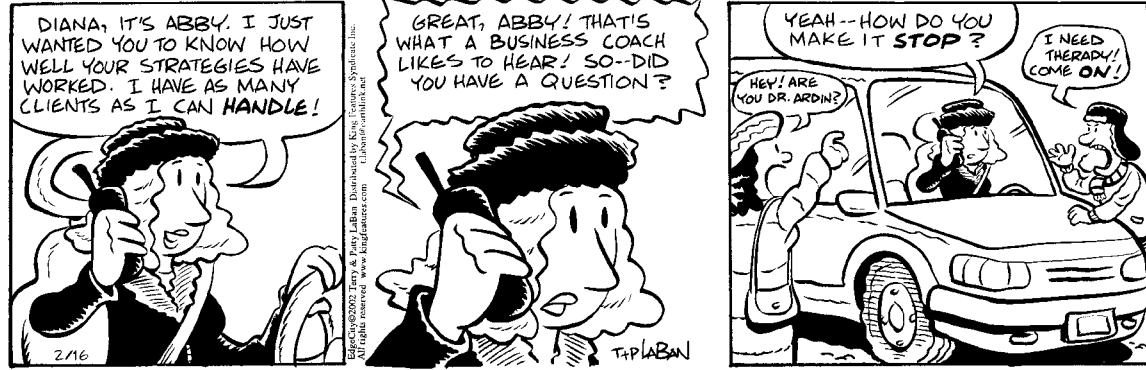
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 - 25 Throw away
 - 26 Titania's king
 - 27 Stir
 - 29 New York island
 - 30 Spuds
 - 31 Oodles
 - 33 Mild oaths
 - 37 Rx amount
 - 39 Took the bait

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