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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Charles R. Grady sued Frito-Lay in 1993 after he suffered an esophageal tear and bleeding while swallowing a Doritos chip. Grady has been trying for several years to be permitted to introduce as evidence a study by a retired University of Pittsburgh chemical engineering professor who measured the downward force and quantity of saliva necessary to chew and swallow a Dorito and found them dangerously hard and sharp. In December 2003, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court sided with Frito-Lay, saying the professor's testing was not "generally accepted" science and therefore was not admissible.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I can write better than anybody who can write faster, and I can write faster than anybody who can write better."

— A.J. Leibling

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Santa Monica landscaper Aaron Landworth (second on left) directs workers who plant a 22-foot-tall palm tree in front of Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall on Monday. The tree is one of three that will, in descending order according to their height, line the building's entrance. (Inset) The massive trees before they were lifted by crane.

Samohi plants seeds for a harmonious future

By Daily Press staff

SAMOH — Barnum Hall's facelift is nearly complete.

Six Washingtonia robusta palms, a large multi-trunk European fan palm, and birds of paradise plants were planted in front of the historic Santa Monica High School theater on Monday.

The installments complement Barnum Hall's recent \$6 million restoration. They are the crowning jewels of a landscape plan designed to recall the glamour of Hollywood in the 1930s, when the Streamline Moderne theater was built.

"Campus Beautification" organizers Judi Bloom and Bonnie Freeman, who secured

funding from PTSA and private donations, oversaw the project.

"Landscaping a beautiful building like Barnum has been a labor of love for all concerned," said Bloom, co-chair of the beautification committee. "It was the ideal private-public collaboration — one that everyone involved wanted to see happen. With students, the community and this beautiful building in mind, professionals and representatives from PTSA, 'Restore Barnum,' the district and the Samohi administrations did their best to make the project run smoothly and economically."

Samohi students will install

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SM businessman threatens to sue local newspaper

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica man found liable two months ago for defrauding associates is threatening to sue the Santa Monica Daily Press because he claims the newspaper's reporting of the trial has and could harm his future business associations.

CV through his attorney Monday threatened to sue reporter John Wood, his editor and the paper for allegedly misrepresenting the jury's finding in a Dec. 27 report on the case.

A Santa Monica Superior Court jury held on Dec. 24, 2003, that he and his company, Surf Channel, LLC., defrauded and broke contractual obligations with two associates who helped his company create extreme sports programs for cable television. The

jury awarded them \$884,000 in damages. The two parties have since settled outside of court. (See related story below).

The man's attorney, Jay Wool-lacott, said his client has lost several million dollars in potential business deals and his reputation has been damaged as a result of the published article, which is available on the Internet and can come up in search engines.

The legal threat comes seven weeks after the jury's verdict and three days after a subsequent settlement between the man and his business associates. CV and his lawyer now say they can't comment on the settlement, citing a deal to keep details under wraps.

The threat came after a potential business partner who is described

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Surf Channel suit closes out with settlement

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — A secret settlement agreement was hashed out here on Friday, closing the file on a contentious, more than 15-year-old business spat involving a Santa Monica entrepreneur who in December was found liable by a jury for defrauding his former associates.

CV and Surf Channel, a company he created that produced extreme sports shows for cable television, were found liable for \$884,000. The money was to reimburse Keline Howard, who helped create the programs, and Phillippe Ney, a video editor that worked on them.

In the trial, Ney and Howard said they were promised more than 40 percent of company shares but given nothing by CV, who went on to forge a partnership with a third party that pumped another

"You never know whether there might be appealable issues."

— GEORGENE VAIRO

Law professor,
Loyola Marymount University

\$5 million into Surf Channel.

He cashed out a short time later for \$2.2 million.

But rather than try to collect the money — or face an appeal by the man and Surf Channel — Ney and Howard agreed on Friday to settle the case. Because the parties decided to make the deal confidential, lawyers on both sides declined to comment on it.

Georgene Vairo, a distinguished

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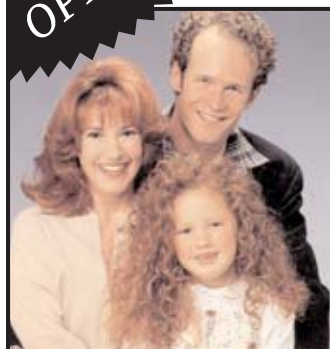
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You're all business and responsibility wherever you are. Examine your financial expectations, and don't forget what your desires are. Can you make these two separate interests shake hands? With a little creativity and determination, you can. Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Make it your business not to get caught up in details and problems. Distance yourself, and you'll get results. Examine alternatives and think outside of the box. Use your dynamic energy to find solutions. Brainstorm with others. You'll come out on top as a result. Tonight: Relax your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Working as a duo sometimes can be difficult for you, as you have a tendency to get locked into personal freedom issues. Create boundaries where you need to, knowing that they will prevent problems rather than cause them. A loved one or family member cannot do enough for you. Tonight: Let someone else be dominant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others push and pull to get what they want. Keep your eye on the big picture right now. Examine your communications, finding the most effective way to relate. You might even decide to schedule a class in the art of choosing the right words. "Tonight: Say Yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You dig into work, ready to go, even if you might be dragging a bit. Your fire and energy make a difference, especially with an authority figure. Take stronger control of your finances, and you'll like what happens. Tonight: Pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be playful and true to yourself, even with a difficult friend, associate or situation. Have more faith in your innate creativity to get through a problem. You will dig and dig until you have the right solution. Brainstorm with an expert. Tonight: Play away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be more direct in how you deal with others. Your ability to call a spade a spade might not be popular with a family member, but it helps establish boundaries. A partner or associate pushes hard for his or her terms. Tonight: Don't give in unless you want to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at distance for either professional feedback or advice on a personal matter. Experts make a difference. A partner comes up with many new ideas. Aim for more of what you want from a friendship. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Review news carefully and handle what could be a money problem before it becomes one. The issue might not be you. Go over all paperwork and financial agreements. You might need to put in some overtime or take a strong stand around work. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are coming up roses, while others feel like wild weeds. You might want to pitch in and try to help others move past their problems. You have more power than you realize, especially if you don't get plugged into what is happening. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Slow down and take your time right now. You might be more tired than you realize, or possibly quite aggravated with yourself or someone close. Mistakes and accidents could happen in this manner. Slow down and take care of yourself. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have what you need in order to head into the winner's circle. Stress communication. Don't wait for calls to be returned; call again. You are unusually successful working with groups and in meetings. Others naturally work with you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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LOCAL

Pedestrian struck by car

By Daily Press staff

A pedestrian was hospitalized on Monday after being struck by a car at the intersection of 29th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The victim's condition is unknown, police said.

The incident occurred at 1:04 p.m. The victim was taken to a local hospital and underwent surgery for unknown injuries. Police had no information at presstime regarding the motorist or if the pedestrian was walking in a crosswalk.

Samohi Vikings meet their match-ups with strength

Local Sports



THE HOT CORNER

By Jonathan Lee

The winter sports season at Santa Monica High School has been truly remarkable. With the wrestling, soccer and basketball teams meeting many of their expectations, the upcoming off-season will be very exciting.

■ The boys basketball team can now call itself the Ocean League Champion. After finishing 17-8 and winning nine of their last 10 games, the Vikings are looking for continued success in the playoffs. Although they lost some momentum in a 73-93 loss against North Torrance, the Vikings can count on some of their seniors to carry the team through the playoffs. **Tim McGrath, Elliot Phillips, Greg Walker and James Yoo** have all made contributions over the course of the season and provide leadership to their young teammates.

■ Finishing its season with an above-average record, the girls basketball team is showing the kind of consistency it will need in the playoffs. A 38-31 win on Feb. 12 against Inglewood has the girls confident coming into the off-season.

Senior point guard **Adriana Gutierrez** is the key of the Lady Vikings' defense, playing with an unrelenting style that has led to many turnovers by opponents. **Head Coach Marcus Charuvastra** also can count on a strong bench to assist the starters. While the girls may not have as much speed as some

of the other teams in the Ocean League, strong teamwork and a balanced scoring attack will prove invaluable in the playoffs.

■ Throughout its season, the wrestling team has dominated nearly all of its opponents. On Feb. 11, the Vikings were able to prove just how talented they were once again. Hosting Torrance, North Torrance, Peninsula, and Mira Costa, Samohi was inspired by a large crowd. **Geoff Moy, Matt Kim, Linus Narbutas, Brett Jellen, Al Kinslow and Matt Ishler** all won in their respective weight classes to finish as league champions. Such success across the board has the grapplers ready to face all challengers in the Central Division CIF.

Freshman Jazzy Green also overwhelmed her competition this year. She came into the California Varsity Girls State Wrestling Finals ranked as Section 4 No. 2. Green more than matched the enormous skill of her competitors, capturing third place.

■ Both the boys and girls soccer teams finished as champions in their respective leagues. **Manu Appelonius** leads the boys into the Bay League playoffs while **Serafin Rodriguez** has the girls contending in the Ocean League playoffs. Notable performers on the girls team include **Sam Green, Michella Fitten, Zoe Mosk, Lucy Fairweather and Claire Beitcher**. The boys team has enjoyed immense contributions from **Carlos Lopez, Daniel Dinay, and Omid Shokoufandeh**, among others.

(Jonathan Lee is a sports editor at The Samohi and enjoys being Homecoming Duke, writing, playing sports, and hanging out with his homeboys and girls. He can be reached at jleebroadcast@yahoo.com)

surf report

The WNW swell will level off today and then a new WNW swell will likely come back up again later Wednesday and into Thursday.

Outlook: The surf will taper off a bit into Wednesday, with a new WNW/storm swell mix building in the afternoon and best Thursday.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break. Epic.

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SUNDAY	3:45 AM	4:36 PM	9:48 AM	11:02 PM
MONDAY	4:30 AM	5:08 PM	10:28 AM	11:37 PM
TUESDAY	5:23 AM	5:38 PM	11:14 AM	N/A
WEDNESDAY	6:30 AM	6:06 PM	12:15 AM	12:15 PM
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The Q-Line

Cell phone companies are pressuring City Hall into allowing them the right to install antennas and other infrastructure throughout Santa Monica to improve reception. Two of them — AT & T and Verizon — have sued City Hall because it doesn't have an ordinance in place to regulate them and therefore can't grant them permission.

In response, City Hall has created a draft law that aims to regulate where, when and how the industry will install

equipment here. The proposed law will be discussed by the City Council on Feb. 24.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Would you mind visible cell phone equipment in your neighborhood if it meant better reception?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

Mystery photo winner

Ray Beers correctly identified this week's mystery photo which was a statue of a deer in the Elks section of Woodlawn Cemetery. Beers has won a free lunch at Stop 'n Cafe Greek Cuisine on the Third Street Promenade.



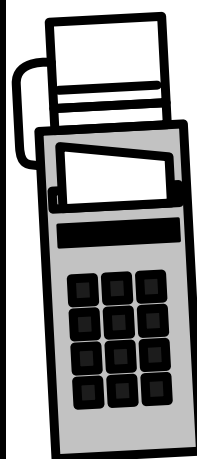
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LETTERS

Price gouging is nothing new

Editor:

Cleaner By Nature is glad that the city is moving to enforce anti-price discrimination laws for cleaners and laundries ("SM City Hall pressing local dry cleaners," SMDP, Feb. 11, page 1). As a woman business owner, I have always had a gender-blind price structure, even before it was the law.

But bias is not the only way some cleaners hide their real prices. Most cleaners charge "upcharges" for silk and/or linen, pleats in pants, lining in pants or skirts, even for white items. Not to mention that some charge an "environmental surcharge." That's why most cleaners don't give customers an itemized receipt at drop-off — they don't want you to know what you will be charged.

Our company has figured out an average price for each type of item which takes into consideration variations in style. We only charge more for items that are oversized or obviously fancy. This simpler system is easier for our staff and our customers to understand. And we tell customers the price up front.

My advice to consumers: Don't believe the price list, ask for an itemized invoice for your clothes when you drop them off. Don't pick a cleaner on price alone, but when comparing prices, be sure you are comparing the real cost.

Deborah Davis
Santa Monica

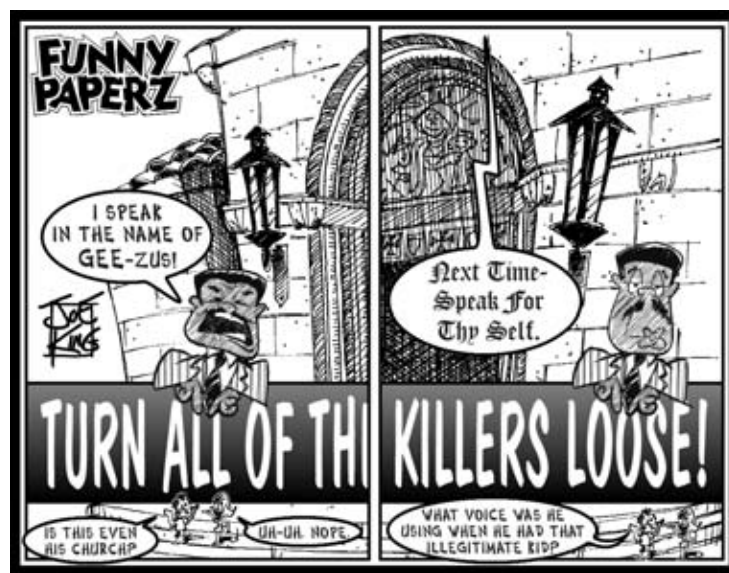
Less vacation, more bus rides

Editor:

Your report on the Lincoln's birthday holiday observance at City Hall (SMDP, "Public workers pocket another paid holiday," Feb. 12, page 1) made reference to City Hall's practice of closing on alternate Fridays "to cut down on car emissions." I've often wondered why they use this excuse to give themselves 26 extra holidays a year.

Surely City employees don't (gasp!) drive to work? Surely they use public transport? We are constantly being exhorted by the city to "hop on the bus, Gus," to use one of their own promotional phrases, so why don't they set an example?

I suggest that if taking the bus to work five days a week is too burdensome, city



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employees use the bus every other Friday. This would be a triple-win situation: more customer service, less car emissions, and a city government that practices what it preaches.

Jill Renton
Santa Monica

Presidential primaries must be given a regional approach



THE FLORA FILES

By Todd Flora

Iowa and New Hampshire alone should not decide the momentum of a presidential primary. The demographics of both states are almost exclusively white, and both lack sizable urban centers, not really allowing for "big city" issues in the public debate. Further, while taxes and fuel additives are incredibly important issues, presidential candidates should not feel they must cater first to the Ethanol lobby and America's most anti-tax residents to qualify for further consideration.

More power to Iowa and New Hampshire for displaying their patriotism in a way that embraces rather than recoils from presidential elections. The people seem wonderful. I myself have Iowa roots. But let's be honest — there is really no rhyme or reason to it, other than tra-

dition and state pride. And those just aren't good enough reasons when presenting sizable momentum to a potential leader of the free world.

I stand with those who favor a regional primary system for presidential elections. The National Association of Secretaries of State — each state's chief election official — passed a resolution in 1999 endorsing a rotating system of regional primaries. Under this plan, several states would group together to vote first in electing a president. A different region would vote first four years later, and so on. The Secretaries of State even included language allowing Iowa and New Hampshire to stand independent from regional groupings, so long as they conduct their caucus and primary, respectively, within a new timeline established for the whole system.

Creating this system would make more sense for voters and candidates. With regional primaries scheduled close together over a tight, four-month cycle closer to party conventions, it would shorten the election cycle and create more of a sense of a "national primary." This will increase

the viability of candidates who until now have had a hard time staying in the race.

But a regional primary system alone will not bring equity, fairness and order to our presidential primary system. We also must reform the system of public funding for presidential aspirants. Currently, candidates running in the presidential primaries can seek matching funds for donations up to \$250 if they agree to spending limits. The matching funds are a 1-for-1 match, so a \$50 donation earns you \$50 in matching funds. But the system has some inherent flaws. One of them is candidates must still rely on and cater to those who can afford a \$250 contribution. The second is that the \$40 million primary candidates are allowed to spend overall may seem like a lot, but it is difficult to stretch that into a national campaign when one begins a quest for the presidency two years in advance.

We would better arm primary candidates for president — especially for a system of regional presidential primaries — if we switched to a "clean money" system of public funding. Under this system, can-

didates would gather a set number of small contributions from residents of a particular state. If they meet the threshold number of "qualifying donations" set for that state, they would qualify for public funds — a solid amount that will keep them competitive.

Regional primaries alone are warranted given voters' desire to make more of a difference in presidential primaries. There is no justice in Iowa and New Hampshire voters enjoying seven to nine presidential choices, while the ensuing momentum for the winners leaves states like California facing a clear front-runner and as few as five choices by March 2. Couple this with a reformed public funding system, and voters would one day truly benefit from a choice among candidates who were able to sustain more viable campaigns.

Todd Flora is a seven-year resident of Santa Monica. He is a former state director of the California Clean Money Campaign, and is active with Heal the Bay. To comment or reach Todd, e-mail him at: reformadvocate@yahoo.com.

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OPINION

Politics of character assassination is an unending game



HERE'S THE THING

By Lara M. Brown

Sometimes it starts with a whisper and sometimes it is set off by a scream — either way the news makes the rounds just as fast. Enemies insinuate, supporters are stunned, and the media feigns surprise at the nasty turn of events. This is the politics of character assassination, and over the past month, the presidential contest has been rife with these fabricated scandals.

Dean is unstable — his scream after losing Iowa was too much. Kerry is unpatriotic — he protested the Vietnam War (with Jane Fonda) after returning from decorated military service. Kerry is disloyal — he may have been unfaithful to his wife with a younger woman. President Bush is a liar — there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. President Bush is a deserter — there is a six-month gap in his National Guard pay records.

These charges are debatable, their veracity and what these stories reflect about the character of the individual they are meant to slander — a fact not lost on cable television executives or their advertising partners. Many concerned citizens have expressed outrage over the national political conversation becoming engrossed with these debates.

But should we be outraged that character assassinations take place in presidential politics? Is it all that bad? Do these scandals provide us (the voters) with information? Do they matter in elections? Should character matter in politics?

Dispelling the myths

Character assassination is not a recent

invention. Politics has never been nice. This tactic usually plays out publicly in newspapers (or on radio, television, and now, on the Internet) because the aim is to reduce the character assessment of the target in the eyes of many, not the few. The longer-term goal is to show that the individual or the political party of that individual is unfit for public office.

In 1792, the "paper war" waged between Thomas Jefferson, the first Secretary of State, and Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, (who both wrote under pseudonyms) was so vicious that President George Washington personally had to ask the two men in his cabinet to please make peace.

Outrage implies that there is something unjust occurring. While I agree that the practice of character assassination is unseemly, it is not unjust. People who choose to participate in public life are well aware of the rules of the game. It may not be fair, but it is legitimate to examine the lives of our public officials because the only real protection against corruption in government is good character.

We live in a representative democracy, which means that we (citizens) transfer our power to our representatives through our vote, to make decisions on our behalf in government. The media's job is not to spend its entire time focused on informing us of the issues, as though we were in government ourselves. Their job is to inform us about the issues generally, and the people who represent us more specifically, so that we may better be able to judge whether or not they are worthy of our vote, and whether we should continue to trust them to govern on our behalf.

The character assassinations in the presidential race should not be surprising, or of great concern because we are in primary season. Primaries are when partisans vote on character. Voters are in the process,

especially on the Democratic side, of determining who is the right person to carry the party platform. When it comes to November, most people will decide their vote based on the issues — most people would rather have a sleazy person who represents their issues than a perfectly good person who doesn't represent them at all.

Having researched the impact of scandals on the electoral fortunes of incumbents, I have found that scandals do hurt incumbents more in primaries than in general elections. My findings also reveal that Democrats are more harmed by monetary (conflict of interest, abuse of funds, etc.) scandals than are Republicans; and Republicans are more harmed by morality (sexual misconduct, alcohol abuse, etc.) scandals than are Democrats. This suggests that most of the allegations swirling about the presidential candidates now will amount to "much ado about nothing" when

it comes time for the general election in next fall.

■ Here's the thing:

Fret not yet. It's primary season. Expect character assassinations, and the election year gamesmanship of public officials artfully dodging and accusing each other of scandalous behavior. If you are a supporter, don't take it personally, or get cynical about the process.

More importantly, try to take the time to think about the character of who you would like to represent you and your issues. Character does matter in government and the primaries are a perfect time to make that sentiment known to elected officials through your vote.

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LOCAL

Attorney won't comment on threat or settlement

THREAT, from page 1

as a "prominent clothing manufacturer" allegedly saw the Daily Press report on the Internet and refused to do business with him as a result. Woollacott, the lawyer, claims a potential deal had already been negotiated.

He claims that the article damaged his reputation because it referred to the plaintiffs as partners in his company rather than business associates who were entitled to membership shares and because it didn't fully explain the breakdown of the money said by the jury to be due the two plaintiffs.

"The amount as against CV in the jury's verdict was not \$900,000, but at most \$584,000," Woollacott insisted.

The jury decided that Surf Channel and CV were both responsible for \$600,000 in punitive damages and \$284,000 for fraud and breach of contract, as the Dec. 27, 2003 article reported.

The story's headline and first paragraph indicated CV was responsible for the entire amount. The original suit was brought against him and Surf Channel by Keline Howard and Phillippe Ney. They claimed that they were promised ownership percentages in the company which they never received. CV argued that they were paid for work done.

Woollacott also differed with the newspaper's reporting that the jury decided he and Surf Channel "must pay" the plaintiffs. As a matter of procedure, only a judge can order a defendant to pay once a verdict has been rendered, the lawyer said.

Woollacott further argued that a settlement after the jury award expunged him of liability. He demanded that the SMDP publish a correction, retract the article and remove it from the newspaper's Web site, smdp.com. Until the threat to sue, no request for a published correction had been made.

attorney 'pleased' with settlement

SETTLEMENT, from page 1

law professor at Loyola Marymount University, said plaintiffs will often settle a case even after receiving a favorable verdict.

"You never know whether there might be appealable issues," she said, pointing to possible errors in the jury instructions, or new evidence that may be admitted. "Also, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. You get your money now, rather than let appeals drag on for God knows how long. Why not take the money and run?"

CV, through his attorney, said he was pleased with the new agreement.

"Although the litigation was hotly contested, and some harsh and unkind things were said by both sides in the heat of the argument, Howard and Ney's faith in CV and his integrity have been restored," reads the press release, which was signed on Feb. 12 by him, Ney and Howard.

Jurors in Santa Monica Superior Court deliberated only one day after hearing the week-long trial. After delivering their verdict, some of the jurors said CV's testimony was contradictory and his memory of events was weak. Howard spoke outside the courtroom, characterizing him as greedy and adding she was never supplied any explanation of why

she wasn't paid.

Jay Woollacott, his lawyer, asserted during the trial that Howard's work for Surf Channel was simply in return for favors supplied earlier by him and said Howard was paid for her expenses. As to Ney, Woollacott said he had already been paid for his work. What's more, Woollacott argued neither Howard nor Ney could be given shares because company officials had never voted on the matter.

"Let's be real," he said in the courtroom, adding the \$5 million later invested into the company was simply a nest egg for future growth. "The company at that point had burned up the \$200,000 (investor Jean Pierre) Murray had put in ... The assets of Surf Channel was not much, if anything ... Surf Channel had debts."

Michael Blaha, attorney for the plaintiffs, conceded company officials had never voted on the shares, but pointed to a written contract guaranteeing Howard 10 percent of the company shares and a verbal contract he said entitled Ney to 8 percent of shares. Blaha further argued that Howard was first promised one-third of company shares, but when paperwork arrived that number dwindled to 10 percent.

The case was heard before Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Lorna Parnell.

Barnum project almost complete

HALL, from page 1

smaller plants to complete the project at a later date.

"It's been a year since Barnum Hall reopened, but we're still completing the restoration, piece by piece," said Jean Sedillos, chairperson of the Restore Barnum Hall committee. "It has been a pleasure to watch Judi and Bonnie put together this amazing group of professionals to add the finishing touch to Barnum on the outside."

Contributors to the landscaping project include:

■ Santa Monica landscape designer Mary Effron, who drafted the design, which features lush tropical plants that do not require excessive maintenance or water.

■ Aaron J. Landworth, owner of LanDesign West, Inc. in Santa Monica, who donated many of the plants and is providing the larger trees and labor at cost.

■ The Hammer Company. Owners Norman and Steve Hammer, as well as Steve's son, Dr. Carl Hammer, are Samohi grads. Carl Hammer is assistant band director at Samohi.

STATE

Oil, tobacco, liquor companies are biggest Prop. 56 foes

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — With so much upward potential for California's cigarette, liquor and gasoline taxes, nothing so alarms their manufacturers like a Legislature suddenly freed from its two-thirds "supermajority" requirement to raise taxes.

Now, as public employee unions push Proposition 56 to lower that threshold to 55 percent, tobacco, oil, liquor and insurance companies have emerged as the measure's most identifiable opponents. Widespread industry fears of being quick, easy targets for tax hikes are showing up as several million dollars to defeat the measure March 2.

"We feel we could easily be scapegoated, and we would expect to be taxed in the next couple of years," said Mike Falasco, lobbyist for the San Francisco-based Wine Institute. "We don't expect to be targeted once, but again and again."

California lawmakers have not suggested they will rapidly raise taxes if the ballot measure passes, and backers of the measure have downplayed the idea. But evidence shows such companies may have reason to worry.

A January poll by the Public Policy Institute of California revealed that 75 percent of likely voters favor tax hikes on cigarettes and alcohol to help stem the state's red ink. Numerous other states have already done so, raising cigarette taxes by a combined \$3.9 billion during the last two years, gasoline and diesel fuel taxes by \$475 million and liquor taxes by \$43 million during the same time, estimates the Denver-based National Conference of State Legislatures. Finally, comparisons with other states show California's excise taxes on wine are among the nation's lowest, while those on beer, distilled spirits and gasoline are in the nation's mid-range.

Such figures suggest plenty of capacity to absorb increases as the state's budget crisis expands into its fourth year and lawmakers grapple with spending cuts, bonds and

tax hikes to close billions of dollars in shortfalls.

Already, Sen. Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, has proposed raising liquor taxes by a nickel per drink to raise \$500 million for California's trauma centers. Romero's idea follows last year's unsuccessful move by former Gov. Gray Davis to raise California's 87-cents-per-pack cigarette tax to \$1.97.

"By our estimate, 20 states raised cigarette taxes in 2002 and 14 raised them this past year."

— ARTURO PEREZ
NCSL fiscal analyst

"Whatever the industry, their concern is the same," said Al Lundeen, anti-Proposition 56 spokesman for oil companies, cigarette makers, and insurance firms that fear potential increases in their \$2 billion annual premiums tax. "It raises a great deal of uncertainty about what taxes are around the next corner."

The March ballot measure aims to overturn Proposition 13's two-thirds legislative requirement to raise many state taxes, but it does not affect local property taxes. It also ends a 1933-era requirement for a two-thirds majority to pass a state budget. Proposition 56 would make state legislators stay in session without pay when they miss their June 15 constitutional deadline to pass a budget as they have done every year since 1986.

Opponents, however, have focused solely on its ability to raise taxes more easily.

Beer companies such as Anheuser Busch, Miller Brewing and Coors Brewing and their California distributors have contributed an estimated \$1 million for television

commercials against the measure. The Wine Institute and Washington D.C.-based Distilled Spirits Council have provided another \$400,000 each.

"Every time you increase the tax on beer, wine or spirits, you reduce the profitability of the industry and reduce the sales volume of the industry and you cause a loss of jobs," said Dr. Peter Cressy, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Distilled Spirits Council. The group claims it has defeated new alcohol taxes in 32 of the 34 states that proposed them during 2002 and 2003.

As California's alcohol consumers pay an estimated \$294 million in excise "use" taxes this year, 19 states charge higher taxes than California's 20 cents a gallon for beer. Forty states charge more than California's 20 cents a gallon for wine, reports the Tax Policy Center of the Washington, D.C.-based Brookings Institution. The state's \$3.30 a gallon use tax for distilled spirits is in the middle nationally, the institution reports.

Similarly, 18 states charge more than California's 87-cent-per-pack cigarette tax. New Jersey, by comparison charges \$2.05 per pack. Cigarette taxes brings \$115 million a year to California's general fund, nearly \$1 billion for special health programs, and were last raised in 1999.

"By our estimate, 20 states raised cigarette taxes in 2002 and 14 raised them this past year," said NCSL fiscal analyst Arturo Perez, who called cigarette taxes "the most common form of tax increases that we saw in the last two years."

Nationally, 37 states charge a higher "use" tax for gasoline than California's 18 cents per gallon, reports the American Petroleum Institute. Amid recent Capitol talk of raising the 1994-era tax for highway improvements, major oil companies such as Chevron Texaco, Exxon Mobil and BP Corp. have contributed nearly \$800,000 to defeat Proposition 56. The API also notes that when California's other state and local taxes are considered, the state ranks fourth nationally behind Hawaii, New York and Nevada for total taxes per gallon.



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Santa Monica

A weekly look at events and programs for Santa Monica

Young children can and do suffer from depression

BY MARGAREL ALTMAN
Special to the Daily Press

Ben is 3 years old. He is usually a quiet little child who likes to play with his favorite toy truck and action figure. This youngster has never been a behavior problem like his older brother or teenage sister. He's the "good child" in the family.

Ben's parents have lots of things to worry about — finances have become uncertain because Ben's father might be laid off, Ben's mother has realized that she has to go back to her job and leave Ben with a caretaker and the teenage daughter is scaring the daylights out of them by skipping school and hanging out with drug abusing kids. She and Ben used to be close buddies until she reached adolescence.

For about a month, Ben's parents had noted that Ben was eating less and didn't seem to have much of an appetite. He also would wake up from a bad dream and he couldn't get back to sleep. His father thought that it was simply a case of growing pains and that Ben would bounce back quickly. Then his pet turtle died and Ben cried for hours. His mother believed that his reaction to the loss was normal and she wasn't alarmed when he became even more quiet and didn't want to play with his little friend next door.

Ben's parents did what they could do in light of all the other things going on around them. They offered him a new turtle, they encouraged him to eat and they expected that he would get back to his old self.

When the time came for Ben's scheduled appointment with his pediatrician, the nurse weighed him and realized that he hadn't gained any weight since his last visit. She recognized that there was some change in his appearance and she noted in his record that he looked "sad" and "listless."

Ben's father met with the doctor and when he was told about these findings he was shocked and a bit defensive. He said, "Ben is only a baby! He is too young to even experience anything like depression at his age."

In fact, children can and do experience powerful emotions. Recent research has demonstrated that the preschool age group has been neglected in terms of recognizing and treating depression, anxiety and other mood disorders in a timely fashion. Childhood depression, for example, can be a serious, recurring and disabling condition unless parents and professionals pick up the warning signs and intervene in time.

It is often very difficult for parents who are in the middle of their own struggles to identify a young child's behavioral symp-

toms. Youngsters don't have words to describe depression and they may act out in ways that seem to express anger instead of sadness. Depressed children who have a track record of temper tantrums or irritability might, for example, have more frequent and long lasting outbursts. Youngsters like Ben may slip below the parent's radar screen because they tend to be quiet kids.

On the other side of this dilemma about young children and their emotions, there is sometimes a rush to diagnose a child who behaves as if he or she has emotional problems and to medicate these behaviors away. Youngsters who are depressed and who act out because they cannot communicate how they feel might be put on stimulant medication for attention problems.

Parents need some guidelines in order to recognize signs of depression in young children. The following is preliminary data from recent studies.

The most common symptoms of depression in young children are:

- Irritability
- Angry or resentful actions
- Death themes in play
- Easily frustrated
- Stays alone and avoids other children
- Changes in eating, sleeping and toilet patterns

When a parent consults with a professional about their child's emotional status they should be aware that the following steps should be taken:

■ The assessment of the child must include an evaluation of the family as a whole and not just the individual youngster.

■ The assessment of the child must include a physical, as well as a psychological evaluation because illnesses may underlie depressive symptoms

■ If medication is prescribed, the parents should know that clinical trials of medication for very young children are limited and a great deal of research has yet to be done on using anti-depressants with pre-school children.

Little children may be impacted by depressing events in their family and in the world around them. Youngsters experience strong and compelling emotions which they cannot cope with and cannot begin to describe. Parents who are aware of the signs of emotional problems can prevent them from becoming serious obstacles to their child's development.

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"Cold Mountain" showing February 10 at 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and

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Storytelling

Main Library – Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. Stories for two year olds with adult. **Fairview Branch Library** – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Twilight Story Time – 7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

School Age Stories and Crafts – 3:30 p.m. every other Tuesday, Feb. 10 & 24. Stories and crafts for ages 5-9. **Ocean Park Branch Library** – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30, February 24 – March 6. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds with adult.

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Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381 – Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) – 10 – 11 a.m.; Pre-natal yoga – 7 – 8:15 p.m. **Yoga Works** – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Mommy Care** – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

* NEW TO OUR CALENDAR!

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4. This neighborhood coffee shop has a comfortable atmosphere, toys and storytelling every Wednesday, as well as yummy coffee and baked goods.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-3804. Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. An ongoing story time for parents and their children ages 3 – 5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
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Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381 – Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) – 10 – 11 a.m.; (infants only) – 1 – 2 p.m. Prenatal yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Yoga Works** – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15

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THURSDAY

Storytelling

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Main Library – Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 a.m. Stories for two year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time at Reed Park; 10:30 a.m. Stories for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m., Jan. 8 – Feb. 19 (no program Feb. 12); six-week series for 24-36 month olds with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m. Stories for 3-5 year olds with adult. **Ocean Park Branch Library** – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Lap Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m., Jan. 8 – Feb. 19, six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Program.

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Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd., at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies

welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station – 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Night Sky Show at SMC's Digistar II Planetarium – Feb. 6 and 20th, 7 p.m. Followed by the presentation "Report from Mars." Follow the exploits of the robot explorers Spirit, Opportunity and Beagle II as they explore the Red Planet. 7 p.m. show – \$5 adults, \$4 ages 12 and under; both shows \$9 adults, \$7 ages 12 and under. John Drescher Planetarium on SMC main campus, 1900 Santa Monica Blvd., 434-3000.

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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.

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Other

LA ZOO – BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION – Saturday and Sunday, February 21 & 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., all ages. See Special Events section for more info.

CINDERELLA at the Santa Monica Playhouse – Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. thru March 28, \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0463, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC presented by UCLA's KID'S FLICK – Sunday February 22, 2:00 p.m., James Bridges Theatre, UCLA Campus. See Special Events section for more info.

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Lap Time at Joslyn Park, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 5 – June 4. Ages 0-24 months with adult in conjunction with the Infant and Family Support program of SMMUSD. Followed immediately by "Family Connections" – a series of discussions related to early childhood development and growth. Children welcome, free.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.

"Spanish for Little Ones", 11:15 a.m., Jan. 5 – Feb. 23. Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

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Tahoe faces same fire threat as Southern California

BY SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. — Overstocked forests around Lake Tahoe are in danger of catastrophic wildfires like those that burned 750,000 acres in Southern California last year, industry experts warned at a logging conference last week.

"I want the people of Lake Tahoe to know they will not be safe if all they do is clear brush around their homes or build narrow little fuel breaks," said Tom Bonnicksen, a forestry professor at Texas A&M.

"It is a false sense of security. Those are the last lines of defense," he told reporters at the 55th annual Sierra-Cascade Logging Conference.

"Tahoe could burn and if it does, it will be virtually unstoppable. ... I don't think people in the Tahoe basin fully appreciate exactly how dangerous it is."

Three Californians — Bill Dennison, a Plumas County commissioner and director of the conference, San Bernardino County fire marshal Peter Brierty and

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Don Sterrenburg, president of a homeowners' association — joined Bonnicksen if drawing comparisons between conditions at Tahoe and the ones that existed before fires destroyed more than 3,600 homes and killed two dozen people in Southern California last year.

They urged more intensive logging and thinning of forests miles away from residential areas.

"That's where the fires come roaring into communities from," said Bonnicksen, an expert on California forests who has testified before Congress for more than a decade in support of increased logging on

federal lands.

"These flames are 200-feet tall, burning at 2,000 degrees, moving at sometimes a mile a minute," he said.

Some large trees will have to be cut as well as underbrush, Bonnicksen said. He criticized Forest Service restrictions putting most trees larger than 30 inches in diameter off limits to logging under the agency's latest plan for the Sierra Nevada.

Jay Watson, the wildland fire program director for The Wilderness Society based in California, described Bonnicksen as "the timber industry's hired, scientist gun."

"The wood products industry can play an important role in reducing fire risks and even in ecological restoration," Watson said.

"But if they demand that they still be able to fire up the chain saws on America's old-growth forests, then they are in for a buzz-saw of opposition," he said.

"By and large, it is not the large, old fire-resistant trees that need to be removed to reduce fire risks. It is the surface fuels, the brush and accumulated woody debris and the small- to mid-diameter trees that serve as ladder fuels," allowing fire to climb from the forest floor into tree crowns, Watson said.

Brierty said he's spreading the word about how lucky San Bernardino County was so other communities can guard against disaster.

"We dodged a bullet. We have 50,000 homes in the San Bernardino Mountains. We lost 500. We could have lost every single one of them," he said.

Sterrenburg said the Dogwood-Blue Jay Canyon Homeowners Association was one of the most active in wildfire prevention in the mountains above San Bernardino.

"We took an inventory of dead trees. We have taken out 7,200 trees over 148 acres and we're not done yet," he said.

Brierty said "bureaucratic red tape" prevented homeowners from removing trees they viewed as a fire risk on their own property.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's regulation requiring a permit to remove any tree larger than 6 inches in diameter "is silly," Bonnicksen said.

"It is scientifically unjustified," he said.

The agency's officials said they do not believe it has prevented any landowner from reducing fire threats on their property.

"It's a safety gap so landowners don't just go out and start removing lots of vegetation for view enhancement or for no apparent reason," said Mike Vollmer, a soil scientist who is the regional planning agency's vegetation program manager.

It also is intended to help guard against erosion that poses a threat to Lake Tahoe's clarity, he said.

Vollmer said fire threats in Southern California are different than those at Tahoe.

"Fuels are a very important part of fire behavior but the biggest driver is weather," he said.

"In Southern California, there was a weather pattern for three days with hot, dry winds blowing to the ocean. We don't typically have those kinds of weather patterns here," he said.

"I'm not saying it's not possible. We just don't see the same event happening at Lake Tahoe."

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Kerry's front-runner position strengthened by debate

BY NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — Howard Dean shook up his campaign for the second time in just over two weeks, revealing that national chairman Steve Grossman is out, as John Kerry looked to cement his front-runner status for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In a stunning disclosure to reporters in advance of an appearance in La Crosse, Wis., Dean said he had not talked to Grossman since publication of remarks in which Grossman said he expected the former Vermont governor to curtail his campaign if he fails to win in Wisconsin.

"I have not talked to him since this came out in the newspaper," Dean said. "I'll speak for the campaign."

Grossman, in an interview with The Associated Press, said, "When Howard Dean says he's not going to quit, what he means is the battle to restore democracy and citizen participation is long-term and he's not going to quit on that battle."

Just over two weeks ago, campaign manager Joe Trippi was ousted in the wake of Dean's loss to Kerry in the New Hampshire primary. Dean at the time said

he was giving Roy Neel, a longtime associate of former Vice President Al Gore, the top campaign position. Trippi said he couldn't live with that, and he refused to accept a lower-echelon post.

Kerry had said earlier that he would "do the work" necessary to win Wisconsin's Democratic presidential primary, even though he has a hefty lead in the polls. Kerry emerged largely unscathed from Sunday night's debate with rivals trying to make a likely last stand.

Dean and John Edwards were given several chances to criticize Kerry during the 90-minute faceoff, but Edwards seemed more inclined than Dean to take advantage. "Not so fast," he blurted out at one point when Kerry talked as if the race already had been decided and that it was time to focus on President Bush.

Dean in particular was uncharacteristically lenient on his leading rival. At one point, he rose to defend Kerry from Republican attacks that he is beholden to special interests, even though Dean himself has leveled similar charges.

"I think George Bush has some nerve attacking anybody about special interests," the former Vermont governor said.

Dean on Monday continued to aim his

fire at Bush, not Kerry.

"The principal difference between myself and George Bush is I believe we cannot continue as a divided society," Dean told the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, criticizing the administration for what he called a too-harsh stance against Americans of Arab descent in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Dean has said he would make a stand in the Wisconsin primary but is trailing Kerry.

Some of his supporters, including his national campaign chairman, are urging him to quit. The former Vermont governor insisted Sunday, "We are not bowing out."

Edwards also resisted suggestions that the contest is over.

"Not so fast, John Kerry," the North Carolina senator said after his Massachusetts colleague declared he would beat Bush. "We're going to have an election here in Wisconsin this Tuesday. And we've got a whole group of primaries coming up. And I, for one, intend to fight with everything I've got for every one of those votes."

Kerry, winner of 14 contests, said he's prepared for GOP attacks. "I am ready for what they throw at me," he said with all the confidence that he will win the nomination.

During the debate, Edwards challenged

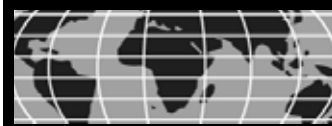
Kerry's support of trade agreements that he said have cost jobs in Wisconsin. He also poked fun at Kerry's long-winded response to a question about whether he felt partly responsible for the cost and casualties of the Iraq war after voting for it.

"That's the longest answer I ever heard to a yes-or-no question," Edwards said.

The North Carolina senator is in a slightly better position than Dean to survive a defeat Tuesday. While Dean is winless and losing credibility, Edwards won his native South Carolina and has impressed Democrats with a polished, upbeat style.

After vying in Wisconsin and its 72 delegates, the remaining candidates will focus on March 2 elections in California, New York, Ohio and seven other states. Edwards hopes Wisconsin voters will bounce Dean from the race, leaving him standing alone against Kerry as a serious contender.

The scenario presumes that Edwards would do well enough Tuesday to keep money flowing into his campaign, even as party donors and leaders rally behind Kerry. Edwards' backers say the odds are steep, and they won't rule out the possibility he'll be forced from the race this week.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Bomb kills two U.S. soldiers

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A roadside bomb killed a U.S. soldier Monday in central Baghdad and gunmen ambushed a car carrying American civilians south of the capital, killing one and wounding three others, the U.S. military said.

Another American soldier was wounded in the Baghdad attack, which occurred about 9:20 a.m. The victims were part of a three-vehicle military police patrol from the 1st Armored Division, which is due to leave Iraq in the coming weeks and be replaced by the 1st Cavalry Division.

On Saturday, gunmen in a white sedan opened fire on a taxi that was taking Americans from a religious group from the site of the ancient city of Babylon back to Baghdad. The three wounded were taken to a hospital in Mahmudiyah, about 15 miles south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said Monday.

U.S. paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division learned of the attack while patrolling in Mahmudiyah.

The statement did not identify the religious group with which the Americans were affiliated, but a number of Christian humanitarian groups working in Iraq.

Haitian rebel force grows

By The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A rebel force trying to oust President Jean-Bertrand Aristide grew in size as former exiled paramilitary troops joined the insurrection and aid workers hurried to get doctors and supplies to the cut-off north.

A humanitarian convoy was expected leave Monday from Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, for St. Marc, a northern port city where rebels burned the police station and torched a clinic. The Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross would lead the convoy, officials said.

Rebel roadblocks have halted most food and fuel shipments since the unrest began.

The rebels launched a rebellion on Feb. 5 from Gonaives, 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince. Although the rebels are thought to number less than Haiti's 5,000-member police force, exiled paramilitary leaders and police have reportedly joined them.

Countries with nukes meet for peace

By The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan began historic meetings Monday aimed at preparing the way for a sustained peace dialogue on Kashmir and other disputes that have kept the neighbors at loggerheads for decades.

Pakistan is eager to show quick progress during the three days of talks, which also are likely to cover confidence-building measures in the nuclear field to avoid an accident — especially considering admissions of leaks of nuclear technology by the father of Pakistan's nuclear program.

India and Pakistan last held formal peace talks in July 2001 in Agra, India.

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee agreed to launch the new dialogue when they met on the sidelines of a South Asian summit in January.

Jalil Abbas Jilani, a director-general in Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, and Arun Kumar Singh, a joint secretary in India's External Affairs Ministry, shook hands and smiled before the start of the meeting.

Highway shooter escapes again

By The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The day after the chief investigator said authorities were closing in on a serial highway shooter, a man stood in plain view on an overpass and fired a handgun at cars below. He then walked to his car and slipped into traffic.

Ballistics testing has confirmed that the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday. No one was injured in that shooting.

The bullet recovered from the battery of a sport utility vehicle struck on Interstate 70 matches eight others recovered during the investigation, including the one that killed a woman in November, according to a release. The others have been linked by factors including location and circumstances.

Experts said the shooter is becoming bolder after evading capture for three months, when authorities first established a pattern in the shootings.

On Friday, Franklin County Chief Deputy Steve Martin said he felt confident in the investigation's progress.

Bush courts small business votes

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — President Bush is winding up two days courting voters in the state that decided the 2000 election with a defense of his economic record at a small, family owned business.

Bush's schedule Monday, the second day of his 19th visit to Florida as president, included a tour of NuAir Manufacturing, a window and door manufacturer run by a Hispanic woman, and a public "conversation" on his economic agenda with a group of small-business owners and employees.

Across the state Sunday, Bush opened the Daytona 500 and watched most of stock car racing's ultimate prize.

The president's chief proposal is to make the tax cuts passed under his watch permanent. He also advocates limiting medical malpractice lawsuit awards, more restrictions on class-action lawsuits overall, more global trade agreements, increasing domestic energy supplies and trimming back small-business regulation.

Scientists clone mules

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Three young mules who are the first members of the horse family to be cloned are all healthy, normal and energetically enjoying life, say researchers who put them on display here Sunday.

Idaho Gem, born May 4, 2003, was the first successful cloning of an equine. He was followed by siblings Utah Pioneer on June 9 and Idaho Star on July 27. The clonings were a project of the Northwest Equine Reproduction Laboratory at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

All three were born to surrogate mares from embryos that were cloned using eggs from horses and cells taken from the 45-day-old fetus of a mule. The cloned mules are the true siblings of Taz, a famous racing mule. Researchers bred Taz's parents, a jack donkey and a horse mare, and allowed the resulting fetus to grow for 45 days. This provided the DNA needed for the clones.

Gordon Woods, director of the University of Idaho laboratory, said the animals undergo intensive medical tests every three months and all three appear to be normal and healthy.

"We have not seen anything out of the ordinary with these animals," Woods said at a presentation at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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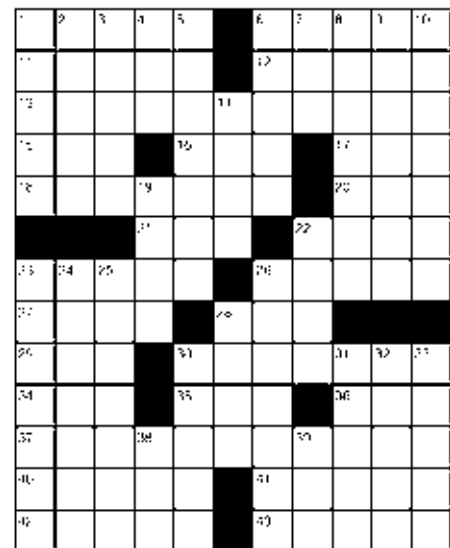
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bush upstages actor Ben Affleck at Daytona 500 race

By The Associated Press

■ **DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — Actor Ben Affleck got the loudest ovation among the celebrities who attended the Daytona 500, but he also got some bad news.

"They told me I was going to be bumped, and I was like 'bumped? What are you talking about bumped? Who's bumping me?'" said Affleck, who drove the pace car. "'The President of the United States.' OK, terrific. Guess I'm bumped then."

Affleck served as the grand marshal — even though some of his duties were given to President Bush. Whoopi Goldberg was an honorary starter, and LeAnn Rimes sang the national anthem and was the featured performer in the pre-race "Tribute to America" show.

Lee Greenwood and the reigning Miss America, Ericka Dunlap, also sang.

■ **HAVANA** — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker debuted the Spanish translation of her novel "Meridian" in Havana, telling her Cuban fans there is a direct correlation between the U.S. civil rights movement and the socialist revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power.

"I thought about Cuba a lot when I was writing this," Walker told a packed audience Sunday at an international book fair. "It has meant very much to me that Cubans have understood what I'm doing. Sometimes in

my own country, I am very severely criticized by people who don't bother to read me at all."

"Meridian," first published in English in 1976, explores the private internal and interpersonal struggles of a young protagonist by the same name who is involved in the civil rights movement in the United States.

"I feel that Meridian understands a very important basic thing, which is that it is very important to choose the people who make up the majority of the planet, to stand with the poor and to stand with people who are struggling, because in the end we will win," said Walker, 60.

Walker, a Georgia native, won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1982 novel "The Color Purple."

■ **PRINCETON BOROUGH, N.J.** — Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to be at Princeton University this week for a birthday tribute to George Kennan, the former ambassador and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Powell, along with political scientists and diplomats from around the world, were invited to celebrate Kennan's legacy as the principle architect of the U.S. policy of containment toward the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Powell is scheduled to deliver opening remarks Friday to conference attendees and students. Kennan, who turns 100 on Monday, is too frail to attend.

Kennan, a Princeton graduate and Institute for

Advanced Study scholar, wrote two definitive policy papers that formed the basis for the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, framing U.S. strategy toward global resistance to communism after World War II.

Kennan is the author of several books including "American Diplomacy 1900-1950" and "Nuclear Delusion: Soviet-American Relations in the Atomic Age." Kennan was also an ambassador to the Soviet Union.

■ **BOSTON** — Although Meg Ryan's last movie didn't do so well at the box office, she didn't get involved in it simply for the cash.

While doing publicity for the boxing movie "Against the Ropes," Ryan talked about her role in Jane Campion's controversial thriller "In the Cut," which generated lots of publicity for her in-the-buff lovemaking scenes.

"I learned on the last movie out that there's a very particular idea of me that people don't want to give up. And you know what? That's fine, I'm happy to do comedies as well," Ryan told the Boston Herald in Sunday's editions.

"I mean, I'm an actor, and I want to do all kinds of different things. But that was never a movie for everyone. That was always a movie that has a great director telling a very, very personal story. It's great to serve that kind of vision as well as a more commercial vision. They're just two entirely different things."



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