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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A 21-year-old man was hospitalized in intensive care in Murdoch, Australia (near Perth), in December following a barroom stunt in which he put on a helmet connected to a beer jug, with a hose that ran between the jug and a pump powered by an electric drill. The idea was to facilitate drinking a large quantity of beer without the laborious tasks of lifting a glass and swallowing, but the flow was so powerful that he had to be rushed to the hospital with a 10-centimeter tear in his stomach.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1881, Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.
In 1942, President Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals living in the United States.
In 1942, about 150 Japanese warplanes attacked the Australian city of Darwin.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In America everybody is, but some are more than others."

GERTRUDE STEIN
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1874-1946)

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Armed forces dip into college pool

BY KIM CALVERT

Special to the Daily Press

SMC — Marine and Army recruiters scan the students strolling the campus here and at random they slide up beside them, hoping that their pitch sticks.

"How are you doing? What's your major? Did you know we can help you meet your goals — help you solve your problems?" they tell the students.

A girl stops to chat with recruiters and shares her French fries. They tell her there are opportunities for women in the armed forces, too.

When recruiters see students they've talked to before, they call out their names and give a friendly wave. "We're still getting together on Friday, right? We'll pick you up at 10 — OK, see you then."

Jeronimo Saldana, 25, said recruiters have approached him numerous times on the SMC campus.

"Every time I pass by the library they hit on me," said Saldana,

SMC's Associated Student body president and also chairman of the Community College Caucus for the U.S. Student Association. "If I'm dressed nice, they come up and tell me about all the great options the service has to offer. If I'm not dressed up they say stuff like, 'Hey, what are you doing with your life?'"

Saldana said it appeared as if the recruiters target low-income minority students.

"I'd like to know if they do the same thing at more prestigious college campuses where you have a different demographic," he said, referring to SMC's 63.5 percent minority population.

SMC is just one of many community colleges the United States Marine Corps consider as recruiting venues because most students are high school graduates and in the age range between 18 to 28, according to Marine Corps Master Sgt. David Arriola, 40, who trains

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Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press

Military recruiters are encouraged by their supervisors to greet and shake hands with as many students as possible.

You and whose army? Housecalls irk parents

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — Military recruiters have ventured onto high school campuses for decades, but only in recent years have they begun routinely calling graduates at home, a move that's angered some Santa

Monica parents and students.

Under the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, every high school in the country is required to provide military recruiters with a directory of its upper-class students. Though parents can request that their children be taken off the list, many have been caught unaware by calls at home.

"It was after dinner," said

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Soldiers of misfortune



Devon Myers/Special to the Daily Press

Anti-war activists rake the makeshift cemetery on the beach just north of the Santa Monica Pier one recent Sunday morning. Activists placed crosses in the sand to represent each U.S. soldier killed in Iraq since the war began.

Mayor looks for Capitol gain in securing money for light rail

By Daily Press staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Santa Monica's top political leader this week met with congressional representatives here to lobby for millions of dollars to build a light rail system that would end near City Hall.

Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor went to D.C. with transportation leaders from the six counties that make up the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region to advocate for its 2005 Consensus Program, a mutually agreed upon package of priority transportation projects. The projects involved improvements to core transporta-

tion programs, such as light rail, rapid transit systems and enrichment of the region's goods movement network.

"Southern California's transportation system is the economic engine driving both the state and the national economies," said O'Connor, who also is a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority board member. "It delivers the largest proportion of goods and services that link the United States with its global markets. Our package was received positively by our congressional leaders, and we hope

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Let your intuition lead you with a family member or an investment. If you don't, you could find that you are deeply frustrated. In fact, don't be surprised if you feel stretched like a rubber band. You might have far too much on your plate. Tonight: Cozy and quiet.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Listen to a close friend, relative or neighbor. He or she might have surprising but delightful news. Demands and requests seem the same right now. Reach out for others, yet remain flexible. A change in plans seems likely. Tonight: Chat away



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Expenses could be awesome. Be less driven about your image and more in sync with the real you. Why would you be surprised by another's reaction? He or she might be challenged by your financial strength. Tonight: A must appearance



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ News allows you to energize and regroup. You might be surprised by how many options you actually have. Others could be contentious because of an innate rigidity or lack of perspective. Can you deal with this? Tonight: Your smile proves to be a winner



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Do bow out if you don't feel comfortable with what is happening around you. A partner will support your decision no matter which way you decide to go. Make it OK to vanish and maybe let go of plans. Tonight: Happily cuddled away



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Friends greet you with a multitude of invitations, suggestions and ebullience. A child or new friend could be a bit contentious because he or she needs time with you. What appears as a tantrum is just this person letting you know he or she misses you. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You're on top of your game. Use your energy constructively to eliminate any "must dos" early on. You're a force to be dealt with; hopefully you can choose where, when and how. Indulge a roommate, even if you don't want to deal with him or her. Tonight: You are the lead actor



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have an interesting way of perceiving situations. What is true today is that your sixth sense might be much more on target than your intellectual faculties. Go with your instincts and gut feelings. Tonight: Emotionally charge your night



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Work more closely with a partner, loved one or friend. You will like the end results. Unfortunately, some of you might decide that it is time to deal with your taxes. You could end up more frustrated than content. Tonight: Choose people over taxes



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might come on a lot stronger than you realize. If others react strangely, you might want to hold up a mirror and take a hard look at your behavior. Be imaginative and direct at the same time. Tonight: Accept an invitation that allows you to get out and about



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Work out energy and stress through physical activity. Sometimes you might be best off discharging your anger and not letting a "steamer" situation evolve. Your funds could play into this. Careful. Tonight: Go bowling, ice skating or dancing. Be active



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your unpredictability lately could cause some tension with friends. In fact, they might not understand what is going on and take your actions personally. Wouldn't it be better to have a face-to-face chat? Tonight: Be a wild thing.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Elks Hoop Shoot winners were silky smooth

By Daily Press staff



Photo courtesy of the Elks

Grady Sain and Lisa Meinhart of the Elks Club sign up Hoop Shoot finalist Jose Hernandez.

The Santa Monica Elks staged the finals for the District Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club.

About 1,500 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13 participated in local Elks contests in Culver City, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Torrance and Westchester.

Nothing but net:

Boys 12-13

1. Ryan Carter, Santa Monica
2. Matyre DeMarco, Westchester
3. Lekeyon Banner, Gardena

Girls 12-13

1. Anita Miyake, Torrance
2. Ashley Bautisa, Santa Monica
3. Angela Pacheco, Culver City

Boys 10-11

1. Joseph Moorer, Torrance
2. Jamie Harper, Santa Monica
3. Julian Harrell, Westchester

Girls 10-11

1. Jessika Reyes, Torrance
2. Alex Thompson, Gardena
3. Maliya Comas, Santa Monica

Boys 8-9

1. Jordan Rutherford, Westchester
2. Angelo Aparico, Culver City
3. Ray Mancini, Santa Monica

Girls 8-9

1. Vivian Ortiz, Culver City
2. Leslie Cooper, Gardena
3. No entry

Art gets digitized at SMC

By Daily Press staff

One takes pictures. The other writes code.

Santa Monica and the Susan Barrett Art Gallery are presenting the digital works of Jean-Pierre Hébert and David Holt, two contrasting digital artists.

Hébert creates new visual possibilities through a combination of physics and art that interact aesthetically with the computer.

Hébert is currently the artist in residence at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UC Santa Barbara. In 1979, Hébert pioneered the creation of conceptual drawings based on original code proofed by computer-driven devices. In 1983, he finished his professional career to devote himself fully to art. Hébert's work has been exhibited throughout the world, including New York, Finland, France and Berlin.

Holt has had a long career as a professional photographer and currently uses the computer to manipulate pictures. Holt, of Santa Barbara, has been an award-winning professional photographer for 35 years, having worked on record albums, book covers and much more. His work has appeared in many major magazines and exhib-

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SURF REPORT

Today is extra swampy, surfing with fungals. As for surf, we are expecting an increase in NW ground swell from a storm that formed off of the Kamchatka Peninsula a few days ago. Early morning sessions may not see much of a difference from Friday, but size should increase by the afternoon towards chest- to shoulder-high. SW is expected to back off. Sunday the 20th looks like the peak day of this NW swell with size once again chest- to shoulder-high waves.

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

Today the water is:

60°

	LOW TIDES				HIGH TIDES			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
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SUNDAY	12:54	2.5	2:10	-0.5	6:52	5.3	8:47	3.7
MONDAY	1:26	2.2	2:35	-0.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY	1:56	1.9	2:59	-0.7	7:59	5.6	9:22	4.0
WEDNESDAY	2:26	1.6	3:21	-0.6	8:29	5.6	9:40	4.2
THURSDAY	2:58	1.4	3:43	-0.4	9:00	5.5	10:01	4.3
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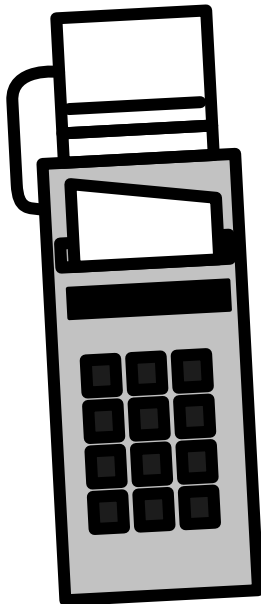
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The Q Line

SAFE AND SOUND: STREETS OF UTMOST CONCERN

This past week, Q-line asked:

"What do you think deserves financial priority in the city next year? Why?"

Here are your responses:

① "Those bright lights on our City Council that selected gang violence with all of its terrible ramifications and an end to homelessness and vagrancy as the top issues for the coming fiscal year have hit the nail on the head, at last. It's about time. One can only wonder why they waited so long until the issues have become monstrous. Oh well, better late than never. We need the city to return to peace, safety and cleanliness. Especially, get the freeloaders out of this city."

② "There is no hope for the city of Santa Monica. Santa Monica will always suffer from the influx of tourism, especially during the summer months. Regardless of the financial priorities of the city's administration, the city will remain a quagmire of traffic congestion, pollution and overcrowding."

③ "They should have more money for the police and the jail system. That way, they can go out, find a bum doing something illegal like loitering, going to the bathroom in public or stealing and arrest them. Of course, the only problem is they'll have to spend a few extra million dollars on soap."

④ "As an ex-captain of a homeless feeding program in Santa Monica, I think they should put attention on our streets. They need repaving. A lot of them do. And especially if you walk down Wilshire, it's a world-famous boulevard, so I think it should be repaved. We have a lot of new people coming here ... Spend the money on good things, not porking up their salaries."

⑤ "Homelessness and gang violence deserve the utmost attention of the entire community. With regard to financial priorities, this is something else again. Right now, finances are available for quelling gang violence in an eastside

neighborhood and addressing homelessness throughout the city. The finances are there but the logistics are not. If they really, truly want to rid the city of homelessness and eastside violence, they will sit down and analyze the problems. Solve the problems without throwing money at the problem. They can do it. All they have to do is use their common sense."

⑥ "One hundred people who donate \$5 per month, that's a dollar and a quarter per week, contribute \$500 per month to any common cause. Promoting, learning about the power and use of the budget group would be a good first priority financial investment for this or any other city. The financial power for all community members should be respected. For example, it can continuously provide funds for discount bulk food purchases for a neighborhood's children, making it possible for a neighborhood to fund its own free group meals. \$10 per month from 1,000 parents provides \$10,000 per month for their common family needs. That is the power of the budget group. Each family is a budget group. Each classroom is a budget group. Each city block of residents is a budget group. Just benevolence and cooperation are needed to form and use budget group financial support."

⑦ "The problems in this city — gang violence, homelessness, parking, traffic — are all due to the inattentiveness of the City Council, present and past. We need to take a sizable portion of the budget and get rid of the City Council and vote in people who have lived here longer than Santa Monicans For Renters Rights, when this city was a beautiful place to live. Get rid of these Marxist urban planners and get some people in with common sense who will come up with solutions to make Santa Monica a better place to live. And while you're at it, get rid of the school board, too."

National pastime could be a tough sell in Russia



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

It's happened again. There's been a serious national security leak. This time it's the Russians who are the recipients of some of America's deepest secrets. And it's all happening out in the open. It's hard to believe, but some Americans are bringing one of the greatest symbols of our country to Russia. They're teaching the Russians baseball.

Our "National Pastime" in the former Soviet Union? A generation of Cold Warriors must be turning over in their bomb shelters. What's next? Teaching China how to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? As Major League Baseball considers an international draft, scouts from professional teams have invaded Russia to try to promote baseball and develop some potential stars. The sport hasn't exactly caught on yet. The best Russian athletes go into soccer, hockey and basketball, leaving the leftovers to pick up a bat and glove. Fewer than a dozen fans attend a typical game. But if the Montreal Expos could sustain a team for so many years with similar attendance, who knows what will happen in Moscow?

Conspiracy buffs are probably asking why this happens to be going on during the Bush Administration. They may feel it's not a coincidence that news of the Mudville-Moscow connection has come out just when there is so much discussion about Major League baseball players using steroids. Maybe it's an attempt to deflect attention from the drug issue. After all, President Bush was the owner of the Rangers while Jose Conseco was in Texas using steroids and becoming slightly larger than the Alamo. They might wonder aloud, "What did George Bush know and when did he know it?" But I think it's quite a stretch to try to involve the President in this controversy — although it wouldn't be the last time that some people who worked for him had too much testosterone and not enough common sense.

Professional basketball has been inter-

nationalized in the last few years, and I think that's great. It's been fun to watch players from all over the world play with and against each other. Part of my enjoyment probably comes from my naïve, corny view of sports. It's that same mushy feeling that some of us get during the Olympics — "If people can get along so well on the playing fields, maybe we can all get along in the real world." So, why didn't I greet the news about trying to teach baseball to the Russians with the same enthusiasm?

I think it's because baseball seems uniquely American, and it's so much a part of our history. It's the Grand Old Game. Wartime soldiers used baseball terms as tests to tell if a stranger were an enemy or a friend. The President of the United States throws out the first ball of the season. And just about every American has played some form of baseball at some point in his or her life — even if just taking a few swings or tossing a ball around.

Deep down, I know spreading baseball around the world is a good thing. It'll just take me a while to get used to it. It's also going to take the Russians time to learn the game. Baseball may look simple, but there are all kinds of nuances that players must learn. For example, simultaneously spitting and crotch-scratching doesn't come easily. They'll also have to learn to say, "I'd play the game for free" while asking for tens of millions of dollars. The terminology might be difficult for foreigners to grasp: In baseball, "stealing" and "hitting" are good things, and a "screwball" is not just that shirtless guy who writes the team's name on his belly.

So, I figure by the time there are Russians in the Major Leagues, I'll be so used to the idea that I'll greet them with a standing ovation. In the meantime, I'll just try to imagine the vendors in the Russian stadiums crying out, "Hot dogs! Peanuts! Borscht!"

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COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN MARCIANO

History lesson points finger at conservatives

Since President Bush's reelection, Christian conservatives have renewed their call for Americans to return to that time when religion and morality had a greater influence on our civic life. This call rests on the fundamental premise that Christian "moral values," based on Biblical teaching, promotes a more decent society, and we have strayed from these guiding principles. Indeed, if such conservative values have engendered more humane social and political policies, one must ask: When did they prevail?

Was it in 1776, when the "inalienable rights" of the Declaration of Independence were denied in practice to indentured servants and other poor whites, women, slaves, free blacks and Native Americans?

Was it 1787, when the newly ratified Constitution, supposedly built upon religion and morality, affirmed the enslavement of black people, excluded Indians and women, and established the supremacy of the rich and powerful?

Was it 1790, when the U.S. Congress declared that only whites could become naturalized citizens?

Was it in 1838, when some 17,000 Cherokee were forcibly removed from their homes and sent on a death march that killed nearly half of them in the "Trail of Tears?"

Was it during the 1840s and 1850s, when Anglos made California a state and killed thousands of Indians in the process, kidnapping their children and continuing the old Spanish custom of raping Indian women?

Was it 1857, when the Supreme Court ruled that Dred Scott could not sue for his freedom because, as a slave, he was property and not a person?

Was it in 1882, when Congress barred the immigration of Chinese laborers to the U.S., a measure that was supported unanimously by Congressmen from the South and West?

Was it 1890, when the U.S. cavalry massacred 350 unarmed Lakota Sioux at Wounded Knee, South Dakota — mostly women, children and old men? The massacre was lauded by L. Frank Baum, author of the "Wizard of Oz" and editor of the "Aberdeen Saturday Pioneer," who stated that "we had better, in order to protect our civilization, follow it up ... and wipe these untamed and untamable creatures from the face of the earth."

Was it 1900, when the U.S., facing resistance by the vast majority of Filipinos to our imperialist and racist aggression, reacted by "resettling populations in concentration camps, burning down villages ... and engaging in mass hangings and bayoneting of suspects, systematic rape of women and girls, and torture?" Perhaps 250,000 Filipinos, mostly civilians, were killed in that "splendid little war."

Was it 1922, when the Supreme Court ruled that a Japanese man could not become a naturalized citizen because he was "clearly not Caucasian?"

Was it the 1920s, when the Ku Klux Klan had millions of members, including prominent U.S. political officials, and lynching and other acts of terror

against blacks were common in the South and the Midwest?

Was it during the 1930s and 1940s, when untold thousands of Jews attempting to flee Nazi Germany were prevented from entering the U.S. because immigration barriers were not removed?

Was it after World War II, when apartheid terror continued to rule education and social life in the South — the self-proclaimed center of Christian "moral values?"

Was it the 1960s, when laws barred interracial marriage in the South?

That bigotry has shifted from interracial couples to gays and lesbians, as Christian conservatives who oppose gay marriage are the not-too-distant relatives of those who once claimed it was morally wrong for blacks and whites to marry. These Christians now include some Black ministers who will "gather in the first of regional summits to build support for banning same-sex marriage" (Los Angeles Times, Feb. 1, 2005). Appeals to God and the Bible to deny marriage to blacks and whites were bankrupt; they remain no less bankrupt today when homophobic black ministers wish to deny fundamental human rights to gays and lesbians.

Or was it 1964 in Mississippi, when James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were kidnapped, beaten and murdered for helping blacks register to vote?

We could recite hundreds of other facts about U.S. history that document an indisputable conclusion: Every effort in American history to enlarge equality and freedom for all has been opposed by Christian conservatives. Their ceaseless pontification about "moral values" is a testament to the profound historical amnesia and civic illiteracy to which we have succumbed — created and sustained by a corporate mass media, educational and religious institutions.

When American history is examined truthfully, we see that Christian conservatives have defended slavery and the subjugation of non-European racial minorities in the U.S. They have opposed equality for women, using appeals to God and the Bible to justify their pervasive misogyny.

They have opposed efforts to improve the conditions of working people — including the formation of labor unions, minimum-wage legislation, child-labor protection and safety regulations.

Christian conservatives have supported every racist war in U.S. history, including the nearly 300-year conflict against Native Americans that ended with the massacre at Wounded Knee.

If we reject the historical myths taught in schools and reported in the mass media, we must ask some fundamental questions: How is it that Christian conservatives who have been on the wrong side of every important struggle in our history presume to lecture us about right and wrong? How did they pull off one of the great cons of all time: That they stand for compassion, decency and justice?

(John Marciano lives in Santa Monica).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

ited throughout the world, including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. A graduate of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, he also taught there for 12 years.

Holt said that before 2002 he would create pictures by merging several exposures onto one sheet of film. Since 2002, the registration and blending process has been done with a computer.

The exhibit will be held from Feb. 22 through April 1. An opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the gallery, located at Santa Monica's Madison campus on 11th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

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Homeless services provider to host garage sale

By Daily Press staff

OPCC will host a garage sale on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Proceeds from the sale will benefit OPCC's network of shelters and services that provide services to more than 12,000 men, women and children annually.

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RECREATION

Terms of engagement: Working out alone is OK



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT

BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

It's taken a while, but I finally found someone who will put up with me and so, I'm engaged.

It takes a special woman to deal with a man who shaves his legs, smells like chlorine and plans vacations around endurance events. But I found her and she has made me the happiest man in the world. My fiancée and I are getting married in July — right after I get back from my vacation to the Coeurs D'Alene Ironman in Idaho — and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with her: 359 days a year, 21 hours a day. I know that leaves a little time unaccounted for but I do have good reasons.

I don't claim to know much about the opposite sex, which my fiancée can attest to, but I have learned one important thing. Listen closely because this could possibly spare you a lot of heartache, and might even save your relationship. No matter how much you love your significant other, you need to make sure that you take time to do things on your own. Spending all of your time together can be unhealthy, and even dangerous to your relationship.

I have heard it said that the couple that plays together stays together, but I think it is important to put a limit on this. I love my fiancée more than new running shoes, and I am pretty sure that she loves me almost as much as new shoes, but when it comes to working out we tend to do our own things. She doesn't try to keep up with me running, and I don't try to do any of the poses that I have seen her do in yoga. We have our own things that we like to do and we are both OK with that.

Sure, we have tried a few times to work out together, but I don't think it was really that enjoyable for either of us. We had one especially memorable mountain bike expedition at Mammoth that I am still trying to make up for. You see, she is much more into working out for health and fitness reasons, while I am a tiny bit competitive and am usually trying to beat someone. Neither way is better than the other, but I would rather she not see me as I pound on the pedals up Sullivan Canyon and yell at myself to, "suck it up." I am sure she would love me just the same, but there is already the fact that I am awful with directions, and can't remember dates or names to save my life, so I will save my "agro" side for my riding buddies. The guys I ride with already know I am a little strange, and besides, I don't live with them so it's OK.

Similarly, my fiancée has conversations and interactions with her friends while they are working out that I would probably not be able to contribute much to either. In fact, I have begun to realize that

this is one of the main differences between men and women. Women who work out together talk continuously about everything from skirts to tsunamis. There really is no end to the conversations, and nothing is too small or too sacred to discuss while jogging on the boardwalk. I have overheard some discussions between women that made me blush, and others that I am sure would have made me blush if I actually understood what they were talking about. The thing about women is that when the workout is over, they rarely just say good-bye. My fiancée goes to yoga on Saturday mornings with a friend while I bike. When I return, I usually find them sitting around sipping coffee, still completely engrossed in conversation. I usually try to sneak in unnoticed for fear of having to give "a man's opinion," or talk about what I thought about the last restaurant we ate at that I can't remember the name of anyway. Luckily, they are usually too into their conversation to really notice a guy in bright green spandex sliding past, which is fine with me.

Men, on the other hand, talk about one thing while they work out together — gear. We talk about our new bikes or running shoes. We compare weights of materials and discuss costs. This important conversation usually takes about 10 minutes, and then we can run or ride together quietly for hours. Then, someone finally breaks the silence with, "Hey, can we stop and pee?" That is really about it, and that is one of the reasons that I work out. It is a time when I don't have to really think or talk about too much. It is my time to mentally "zone out," so to speak. I like to think of it as conservation of words. I figure I really only have a certain number of words to use on a given day and if I use them all up with the guys, I might run out at a key moment when my sweetie is asking me an important question about her outfit. Women, just for clarification, when you ask a guy a question and he looks at you with a sort of blank stare it is not because he does not care, he has probably just run out of words for the day.

I have seen too many couples fighting on the ski slopes, or bickering on mountain bikes because they feel like they have to do these things together. This inevitably leads to bruised pride, hurt feelings, and sometimes, actual injuries. I am here to say that it is all right to go your separate ways. Don't feel guilty. Go to yoga, take your spin class, swim and play hockey. Whatever you need to do is fine. We all need to be able to do our own things. It makes us happier, healthier people. Besides, if we did everything together, what would we have to talk about when we do share time together? Scratch that, I am sure all you ladies could think of something, but us guys could use the time to think of stuff.

(Thaddeus Reichley is a teacher and pro-triathlete living in Santa Monica. Look for his column on the weekends).

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STATE



Iraqi prisoner's death brings up scandal anew

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — An Iraqi whose corpse was photographed with grinning U.S. soldiers at Abu Ghraib died under CIA interrogation while suspended by his wrists, which had been handcuffed behind his back, according to investigative reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

The death of the prisoner, Manadel al-Jamadi, became known last year when the Abu Ghraib scandal broke. The U.S. military said then that it had been ruled a homicide. But the exact circumstances of the death were not disclosed at the time.

The prisoner died in a position known as "Palestinian hanging," the documents reviewed by The AP show. It is unclear whether that position — which human rights groups condemn as torture — was approved by the Bush administration for use in CIA interrogations.

The spy agency, which faces congressional scrutiny over its detention and interrogation of terror suspects at the Baghdad prison and elsewhere, declined to comment for this story, as did the Justice Department.

Al-Jamadi was one of the CIA's "ghost" detainees at Abu Ghraib — prisoners being held secretly by the agency.

His death in November 2003 became public with the release of photos of Abu Ghraib guards giving a thumbs-up over his bruised and puffy-faced corpse, which had been packed in ice. One of those guards was Pvt. Charles Graner, who last month received 10 years in a military prison for abusing detainees.

Al-Jamadi died in a prison shower room during about a half-hour of questioning, before interrogators could extract any information, according to the documents, which consist of statements from Army prison guards to investigators with the military and the CIA's Inspector General's office.

One Army guard, Sgt. Jeffery Frost, said the prisoner's arms were stretched behind him in a way he had never before seen. Frost told investigators he was surprised al-Jamadi's arms "didn't pop out of their sockets," according to a summary of his interview.

Frost and other guards had been summoned to reposition al-Jamadi, who an interrogator said was not cooperating. As the guards released the shackles and lowered al-Jamadi, blood gushed from his mouth "as if a faucet had been turned on," according to the interview summary.

The military pathologist who ruled the case a homicide found several broken ribs and concluded al-Jamadi died from pressure to the chest and difficulty breathing.

Dr. Michael Baden, a distinguished civilian pathologist who reviewed the autopsy for a defense attorney in the

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case, agreed in an interview that the position in which al-Jamadi was suspended could have contributed to his death.

Dr. Vincent Iacopino, director of research for Physicians for Human Rights, called the hyper-extension of the arms behind the back "clear and simple torture." The European Court of Human Rights found Turkey guilty of torture in 1996 in a case of Palestinian hanging — a technique Iacopino said is used worldwide but named for its alleged use by Israel in the Palestinian territories.

The Washington Post reported last year that after the Abu Ghraib scandal broke, the CIA suspended the use of its "enhanced interrogation techniques," including stress positions, because of fears that the agency could be accused of unsanctioned and illegal activity. The newspaper said the White House had approved the tactics.

Navy SEALs apprehended al-Jamadi as a suspect in the Oct. 27, 2003, bombing of Red Cross offices in Baghdad that killed 12 people. His alleged role in the bombing is unclear. According to court documents and testimony, the SEALs punched, kicked and struck al-Jamadi with their rifles before handing him over to the CIA early on Nov. 4. By 7 a.m., al-Jamadi was dead.

Navy prosecutors in San Diego have charged nine SEALs and one sailor with abusing al-Jamadi and others. All but two lieutenants have received nonjudicial punishment; one lieutenant is scheduled for court-martial in March, the other is awaiting a hearing before the Navy's top SEAL.

The statements from five of Abu Ghraib's Army guards were shown to The AP by an attorney for one of the SEALs, who said they offered a more balanced picture of what happened. The lawyer asked not to be identified, saying he feared repercussions for his client.

According to the statements:

Al-Jamadi was brought naked below the waist to the prison with a CIA interrogator and translator. A green plastic bag covered his head, and plastic cuffs tightly bound his wrists. Guards dressed al-Jamadi in an orange jumpsuit, slapped on metal handcuffs and escorted him to the shower room, a common CIA interrogation spot.

There, the interrogator instructed guards to attach

shackles from the prisoner's handcuffs to a barred window. That would let al-Jamadi stand without pain, but if he tried to lower himself, his arms would be stretched above and behind him.

The documents do not make clear what happened after guards left. After about a half-hour, the interrogator called for the guards to reposition the prisoner, who was slouching with his arms stretched behind him.

The interrogator told guards that al-Jamadi was "playing possum" — faking it — and then watched as guards struggled to get him on his feet. But the guards realized it was useless.

"After we found out he was dead, they were nervous," Spc. Dennis E. Stevanus said of the CIA interrogator and translator. "They didn't know what the hell to do."

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LOCAL

Lessons in recruitment met with mixed reviews

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recruiters. He said race and socio-economic factors were not a consideration.

"We're looking for qualified men and women — that's it," he said.

During the week of Feb. 7, Arriola supervised recruitment efforts on the SMC campus by seven newly trained Marine recruiters, along with two additional recruiters from the Marine recruitment center in Culver City. Arriola said response from the students varied.

"Some are open, some aren't," Arriola said. "Students get excited when we tell them what we have to offer, but when they go home to tell their parents, a lot of the time, that's the end of that. A lot of people have negative opinions about the military when they really don't know anything about us."

Arriola said the recruitment effort at SMC has been ongoing for years and wasn't prompted by an increased presence of military troops in the Middle East. He declined to say how many people they've been able to lure away from school.

It's most likely a tougher sell in liberal Santa Monica, where Democrats far outnumber Republicans. A large portion of the city's population is against the war, and college campuses are generally known as liberal.

Santa Monica resident Patricia Hoffman, who is a Democrat and has three sons in an age range attractive to the military, said she doesn't like students being recruited on campus.

"I know that colleges are free-speech zones," she said. "But I think aggressive recruiting, where they actually approach students and attempt to engage them in conversation is a violation of the student's personal space."

She said there's concern in Santa Monica not only about what goes on at SMC, but efforts to recruit students at the high school level as well (See related story).

"I doubt if they tell students 'we're going to give you an opportunity to serve your country and we want to put you in a life-threatening situation, oh, and by the way, if you get hurt, forget about benefits,'" Hoffman said, referring to budget cuts proposed by President Bush.

"I don't want to see our youth being used as fodder for canon fire," she added. "I don't like the idea of them attempting to hasten the death of our young people."

Her sentiment is shared by Julie Lopez Dad, president of the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

"I find their tactics heavy-handed, especially now," Dad said. "It goes against the grain of what public education is supposed to be about. Students should be free to pursue their education without that kind of pressure."

However, not everyone thinks the recruiters are a problem.

"I'm happy they're here," said Fran Chandler, who has been teaching business classes at SMC for 20 years and is the student advisor for SMC's 100-member Republican Club. She added that the recruiters were playing to a tough crowd at SMC, given not only the liberal environment of Santa Monica, but of college campuses in general.

"I appreciate what they are doing for us and for democracy," Chandler said. "They're offering students some great career training opportunities — and with tuition costs going up, joining the service

can be a way to get training that otherwise might not be affordable."

When Edwin Encaración, 52, walks by the recruiters on the SMC campus there is a mutual nod of recognition and respect. Encaración takes classes at SMC in drawing and jewelry design, and said he would like to major in art. He's also a veteran of the Marine Corps, serving in Thailand from 1970 to 1974 during the Vietnam War.

He said he enlisted after graduating from high school because he didn't have money for college and "my dad told me that two male crabs can't live in the same hole." He selected the Marine Corps because when he read the obituaries, there seemed to be fewer Marines listed than fatalities from other branches of the armed forces.

Encaración's son, Estefan, also became a Marine. He was severely injured when his HumVee ran over a land mine in Iraq.

"He has a titanium face now," Encaración said. "And a Purple Heart."

Encaración said he was glad that students on the campus had a chance to sign up — if that's what they wanted to do — but said he wished the United States just had a peacekeeping force.

"We need to forget about other people's troubles," he said. "I've had enough of the war on terrorism."

Signing on the dotted line

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Air Force: 368,000

Marine Corps: 174,000

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■ The Marine Corps' fell 84 percent short of its recruiting goals in January — with only 3,270 new recruits — the first time since July 1995.

■ The Army National Guard and Army Reserve are behind on recruiting as well, with the National Guard missing its 2004 goal — the first time since 1994.

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LOCAL



Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press

Recruiters discuss the benefits of enlisting with female students as well as males.

Not every parent wants kids to be all they can be

CALL OF DUTY, from page 1

Carol Wells, whose 18-year-old daughter, Dara, graduated from Santa Monica High School last spring. "The phone rang and I get a call asking for Dara, and I thought it was a little odd because any of her friends know she's at school."

"He wanted to talk to her," added Wells, who said the recruiter didn't immediately identify himself. "He wasn't interested in talking to me, for obvious reasons. The younger the kids are, the more vulnerable they are to their shticks, to their attempts at recruiting."

Wells, who works for a nonprofit organization in West Los Angeles, said she went "ballistic." She said it was unfair for the military to solicit new recruits at home, adding the process for parents to remove their children from the list needs to be more widely publicized.

"If people want their kids in the military, God bless them, that's great," she said. "But the people who don't want their kids recruited, and the kids who don't want to be recruited, need to have that right."

Samohi Principal Ilene Straus said the school distributed a form last school year informing parents of the school's new obligation. Like with having recruiters on campus, Straus said the home telephone calls didn't seem to be a problem for most parents and students.

"For the parents that do not want their students contacted, then they're taken out of that," Straus said Friday. "We dealt with the issue and it seems to not be a problem ... A high school's job is to help kids get ready for after high school. The military for some students is a viable option."

To be removed from the list that is supplied to military recruiters, guardians must fill out a form to that effect, sign it and mail it to the high school. The forms are available at the Samohi Web site, by



Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press
SMC Student Body President Jeronimo Saldana, who has been approached by recruiters numerous times, said the student organization Progressive Alliance was circulating a petition to keep the recruiters off campus.

following the "Administration" heading to the "Release — Student Info" link.

Not all parents have the access and know-how to find the form, argued Wells, who said the PTA ought to help distribute the information.

"If people are computer literate, which not all the Samo parents are, if they're not on the other side of the technological divide, which a lot of Samo parents are, then they can get the information — but I have a lot of friends whose kids went to Samo that said, 'I didn't know how to do it. I didn't know that was possible,'" Wells added. "It's not easy to do."

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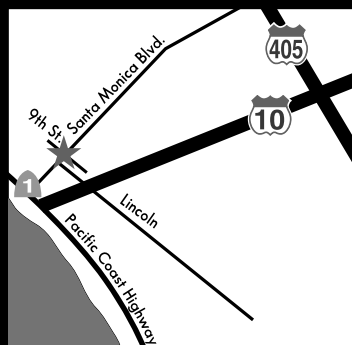
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STATE

Schwarzenegger's redistricting plan viewed by GOP as raw deal

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked fellow Republicans for more money for California this week — even as he pushed a redistricting plan that could threaten their jobs.

After meeting with House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis, R-Redlands, Schwarzenegger claimed progress on federal funds for transportation, health care and incarcerating illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

As for how to sell skeptical Republicans on his plan to redraw congressional and state legislative districts, Schwarzenegger offered an optimistic solution: "Magic."

He also promised old-fashioned negotiation.

"We all have concerns about different things and then we look at it and then we start working together, so that's what we're going to do," Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger drew presidential-sized crowds as he made his way through the narrow halls of the Capitol. It was his fourth Washington visit since his election in California's gubernatorial recall more than a year ago.

The Republican governor met with the state's congressional delegation, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

Democrats have accused Schwarzenegger of failing to live up to his campaign promise to be "the Collectinator" of federal funds, especially with Republicans in key posts in Congress. But after Thursday's meeting they were uncharacteristically complimentary.

"I'm very hopeful about the future," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-San Jose, leader of California's House Democrats. "I think there was pretty good consensus that all 53 of us will stick together under the governor's leadership" to accomplish the state's federal priorities.

The warm words didn't stop aides to state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, who accompanied Schwarzenegger, from alerting reporters to a funding decision by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services made public in Sacramento Thursday. HHS told California officials this week it was denying the state's request to delay paying \$167 million in penalties over its child support tracking system.

Schwarzenegger used the Leavitt meeting to discuss a different waiver, affecting \$4 billion for hospital care under Medicaid, that expires in June. The two agreed to work on renewing it, Schwarzenegger aides said.

Schwarzenegger wants a panel of retired judges to redraw California's political map next year. That job is currently done by state lawmakers, and under the normal timeline wouldn't happen until after the 2010 census.

Schwarzenegger argues his plan would result in a more democratic process and more competitive elections. It could also lead to more moderate politicians, like himself.

But some Republicans fear redrawing districts in Democrat-leaning California could cost the party seats in Congress. Even if the GOP managed to keep the 20 seats it now holds — Democrats have 33 — powerful lawmakers who lead in the Republican-controlled House could find themselves fighting for their jobs before unfamiliar voters.

"There's a legitimate concern about keeping the majority in the House," said Rep. George Radanovich, R-Mariposa.

Schwarzenegger discussed his plan with House Republicans Thursday, and participants emerged with mixed views on whether he changed any minds.

"I didn't really see that he attempted to change my thinking," said Rep. John Doolittle, R-Rocklin. "I don't support the (redistricting) commission and I don't support doing it in 2006."

GOP Rep. Tom Reynolds of New York, who heads the House Republican campaign committee, said Wednesday that the party wouldn't have money to defend 53 Republican candidates next year and redistricting should be left to the state legislature.

Even Schwarzenegger's top Washington ally, House Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-San Dimas, has told the governor he would prefer to wait until after the 2010 census.

Schwarzenegger appeared indifferent to the detractors.

"You have to understand that the people of California did not send me to Sacramento to support the Democrats or to support the Republicans," he said. "They sent me to Sacramento to clean house and to reform."

Although Democrats could gain under Schwarzenegger's plan, they're also wary. Many cite the remap House Majority Leader Tom DeLay engineered in Texas, costing four Democrats their seats.

"The Democrats don't fear an objective redistricting. In fact, if anybody has to worry it's the Republicans in Congress," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, said Thursday.

"The question is why midterm. Smacks of Texas-style to me, but perhaps that's not his motivation."

Schwarzenegger held a press conference with Common Cause later Thursday where the respected good government advocacy group endorsed his redistricting plan — to the dismay of Democrats.

The governor didn't escape home-state political battles. He was greeted by a full-page ad in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call taken out by the California Nurses Association, with whom he's been fighting over nurse staffing ratios.

The governor has endorsed a constitutional amendment introduced in the state Assembly calling for a remap, and has promised to collect voter signatures for a ballot initiative if the Legislature doesn't act by next month.

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The Southern California delegation met with congressional leaders, to advocate funding of the priority projects contained in SCAG's Consensus Program. Congress is currently in the process of reauthorizing TEA-21, the primary federal transportation legislation that will authorize funding for key transportation projects across the country.

The package of projects in the Consensus Program include funding requests for:

■ Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension: Light rail service in the eastside and Exposition Park areas of Los Angeles County.

■ Perris Valley Line: 19-mile extension to the Metrolink 91 line connecting Riverside and Los Angeles Counties.

■ Adding a multi-purpose lane to the 91 Freeway and a truck climbing lane to the 57 Freeway in Orange County.

■ I-215 widening the Colton Crossing grade separation in San Bernardino County.

■ Widening of the SR-23 and SR-118 Freeway in Ventura County.

■ Improvements to SR-78, SR-98 and I-8 in Imperial County.

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and SCAG president Ron Roberts. "This unified approach will go a long way in helping us get these vital projects funded, from roads and mass transit service to critical goods movement improvements."

In addition to O'Connor, the Southern California Consensus delegation was represented by:

■ Ron Roberts

■ Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace city councilmember and SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee chair.

■ Kelly Chastain, Colton city councilmember and San Bernardino Associated Governments vice president.

■ Art Brown, Buena Park mayor pro tem, Metrolink chair, Orange County Transportation Authority vice chair.

■ Robin Lowe, Hemet vice mayor and SCAG Riverside County Transportation Commission chair.

■ John Proctor, Santa Paula city councilmember and Ventura County Transportation Commission chair.

■ Victor Carrillo, Imperial County supervisor and Imperial Valley Association of Governments chair.

The group met with a number of the Southern California congressional delegation and other transportation leaders on Capitol Hill during their trip to Washington this week.

The regional delegation also presented its priorities to the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Undersecretary for Policy, and the State of California's transportation counsel.



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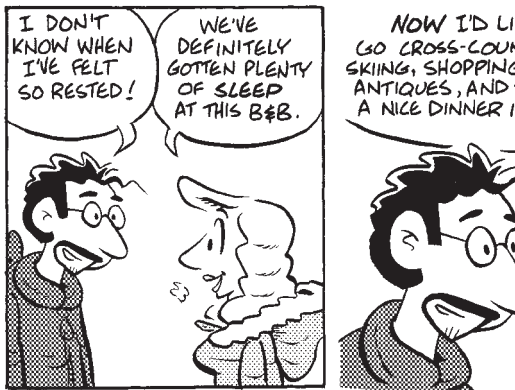
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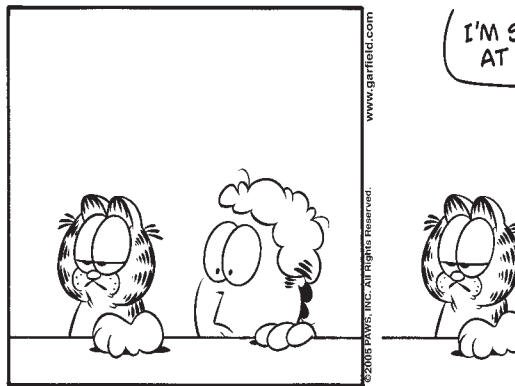


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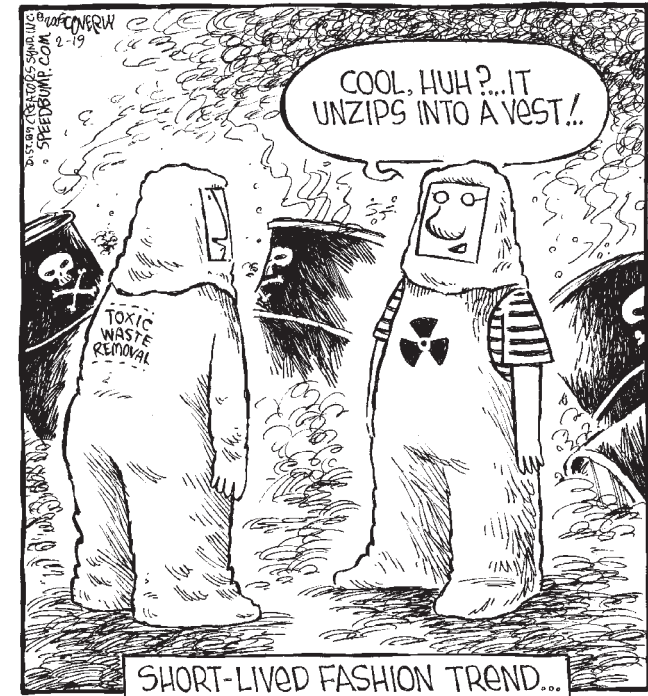
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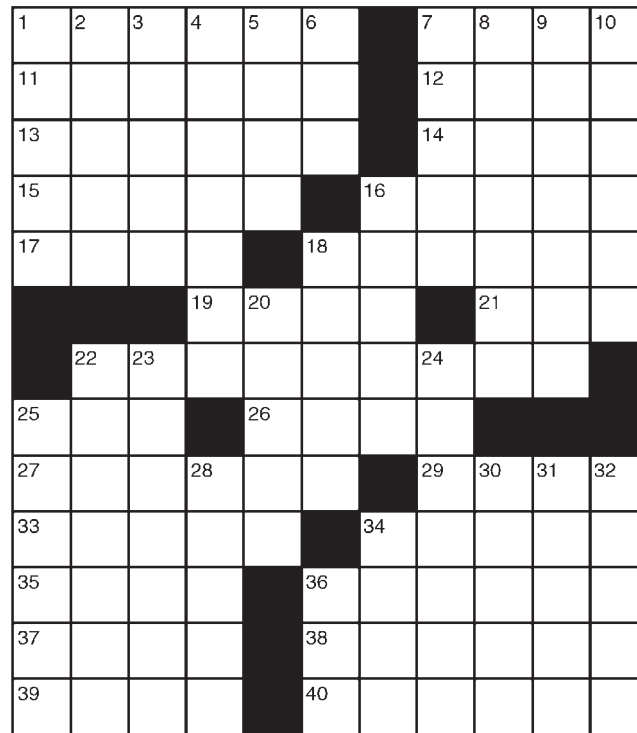
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