

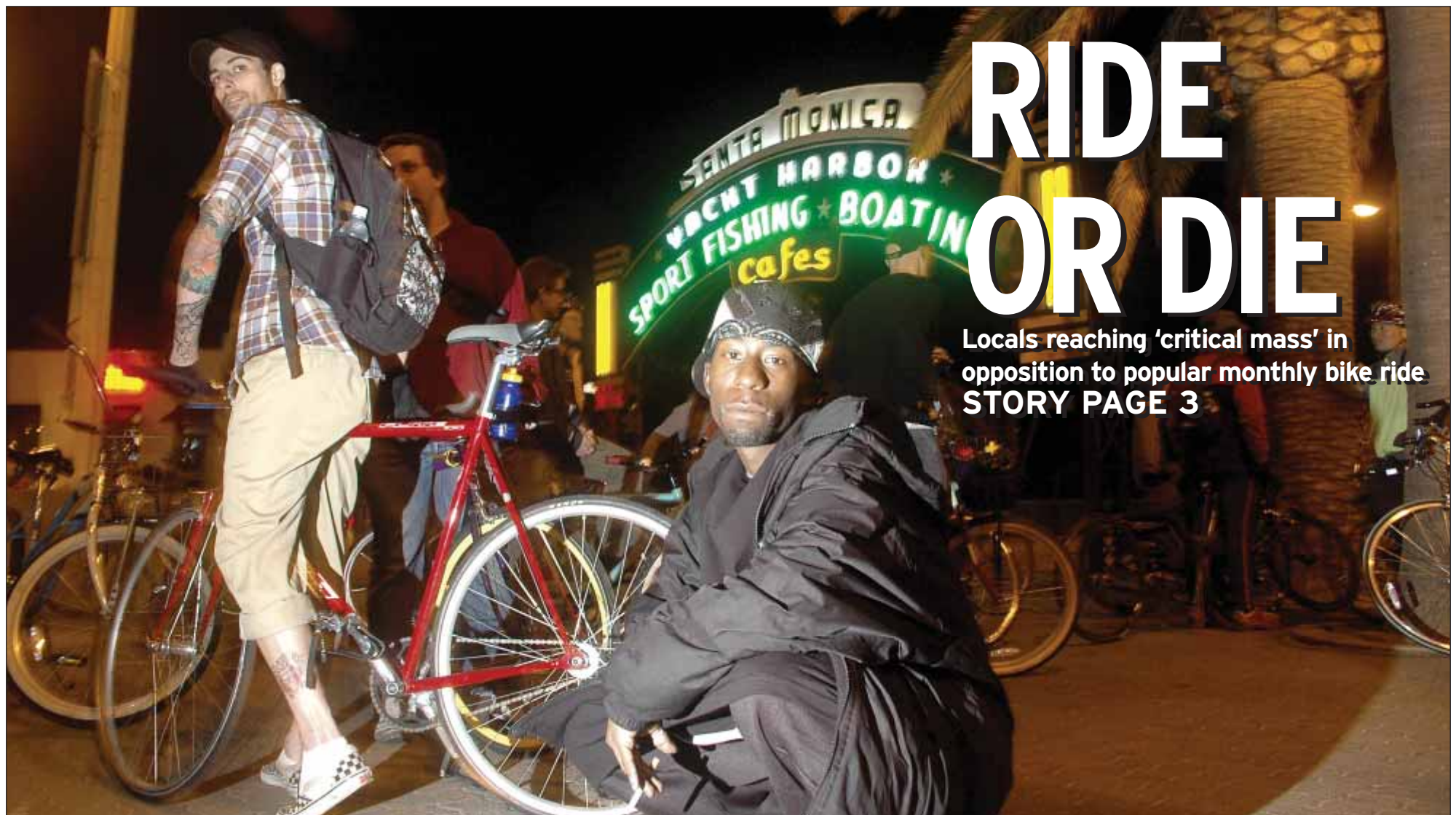


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RIDE OR DIE

Locals reaching 'critical mass' in
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Freeway fixes to skip Westside

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES While some commuters on congested Los Angeles freeways should get some relief, those on the Westside may feel stuck in a rut.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has made its choices from 149 projects proposed by the state Department of Transportation and regional agencies to improve state highways. Close to \$2.8 billion will be spent on 43 projects statewide — but just three are in LA County and none have much bearing on Westside traffic.

"Only 12 percent has been allocated to L.A. — that's pretty startling," said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom.

Despite the fact that 28 percent of all Californians live in LA County and suffer from the most congested highways in the state, the county was recommended to receive less than 12 percent of the \$2.8 billion in funding. The moneys are the

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'Black widows' set to have initial day in front of judge

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA Any last bit of hope that Kenneth McDavid had of becoming a filmmaker was dashed in one moment.

Walking in an alley in the 1200 block of Westwood Boulevard in Westwood on June 21, 2005, McDavid's life was cut short when he was struck and killed in a hit-and-run crash.

Today, his accused killers — 76-year-old Santa Monica landlord Helen Golay and her alleged accomplice, 73-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt, of Hollywood — will stand before a judge in a long-awaited preliminary hearing, anticipated to last approximately two days.

The case of the so-called "Black Widows" has attracted worldwide attention for its crime drama-esque storyline. The women were arrested in May and charged with federal insurance fraud for allegedly collecting millions of dollars in life insurance payouts following the mysterious deaths of two homeless men

— McDavid, 50, and Paul Vados, 73, both of whom were killed in similar hit-and-runs. Vados was struck on Nov. 8, 1999, while in an alley in the 300 block of North La Brea Avenue in Hollywood.

Those federal charges were dropped in the summer when murder charges were filed against the women on July 31.

Behind the intriguing story of the two women, whose make-up clad mug shots have been plastered across news outlets worldwide, is the story of McDavid, a victim who migrated to



Kenneth McDavid



Paul Vados

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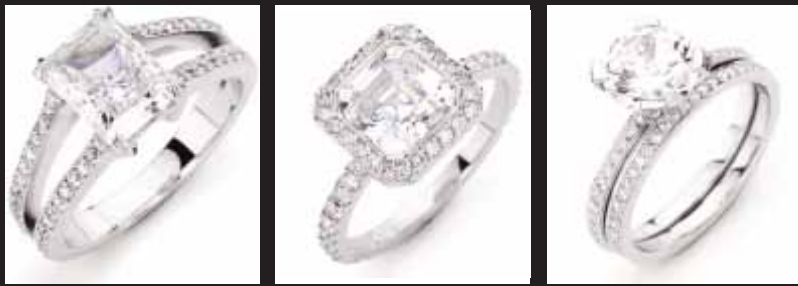
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

**Monthly Movie Classic: 'The Thin Man'**

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Free screening of the classic 1934 film 'The Thin Man,' starring William Powell and Myrna Loy
at the MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages welcome. Seating first come, first served.

Terrific Tuesdays: Chinese New Year Celebration

1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.
The Montana Branch Library is celebrating the Year of the Pig with stories
and crafts for elementary school children.

Yoga for the Lenten Season

725 California Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
To register, contact Larry Donnelly, St. Monica Pastoral Care Ministries,
at (310) 319-9764 or e-mail larry@stmonica.net.

Green Living Workshop

2811 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Sustainable Works' next Green Living Workshop starts tonight. Each six-week course is
designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable
resources, lower utility bills and protect their health. Cost is \$25 for the full six weeks.
To reserve a space, call Anna Cummins at (310) 458-8716.

'Altar Boyz'

11301 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
'Altar Boyz' is a musical-comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last
night of their national 'Raise the Praise' tour. Tickets are on sale at the Wadsworth Theatre
Box Office, or by phone at Ticketmaster (213) 365-3500
and online at www.WadsworthTheatre.com.

'The Edge of Form'

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The debut works of Joe Pinkelman, Susie McKay Krieser and Darlyn Susan Yee will
be on display. For more information on the exhibit and/or the artists, visit
www.TagTheArtistsGallery.com or call (310) 829-9556.

Nordic Lattitudes

601 Santa Monica Blvd., Main Library hours
The Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Library, and Moore Ruble Yudell Architects
& Planners are presenting a six-week design and discussion called Nordic Lattitudes, an
educational exhibit showcasing the best in Nordic furniture and lighting design.
For more information, visit www.smpl.org/nordiclattitudes.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
For more information, call the Playhouse box office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit
www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

1711 Stewart St., 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.
For more information, call (310) 515-4840.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007**Yoga for the Lenten Season**

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

Critical Mass reaching the boiling point

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM Once a month, they take to the streets more than a hundred strong in a show of solidarity. Their goal is to celebrate cycling and promote their rights to the road along with motorists.

To a growing number of peeved bystanders, the group of enthused cyclists known as the Critical Mass might be promoting bike riding as an alternative means of transportation, but it's doing anything but promoting safe cycling practices.

On the first Friday evening of the month, the group gathers near the Santa Monica Pier for a ride through the city's streets, meandering through Santa Monica for up to two hours. Their route is not predetermined, the effort is unorganized and there is no real pack leader.

To some, the rolling parade is nothing short of anarchy.

"The rules of the road state we are to 'share the road,' not impede innocent people with the inconveniences of their behavior," wrote Steven Weller, of Venice, in a letter to the Daily Press.

Santa Monica resident Ellen Drury concurs, arguing that Critical Mass poses a threat to public safety. She calls the mobile

mob "a bratty pack of bullies" and criticizes the Santa Monica Police Department for failing to enforce traffic laws on cyclists.

Under California law, bicyclists are subject to the same rules and regulations as motorists. More than one hundred bicyclists are killed in traffic-related collisions every year.

"They ignore traffic and public safety laws," Drury said. "They menace drivers and pedestrians alike, and do so with a dangerously contagious sociopathy."

Not so, according to Jon Michaels, the owner of Triathlete Zombie on Santa Monica Boulevard. Michaels has ridden with the group for the past two months and has not observed any illegal behavior by the cyclists.

"Riding is important to the city and it's important to be visible," Michaels said. "We need to get more attention on bicycle as a viable means of transportation."

Critical condition

Critical Mass groups exist in cities around the globe and have crossed law enforcement authorities in the past. Their activities have been called a protest and members have been accused of intentionally disrupting traffic flow and impeding motorists.



Christine Chang news@smdp.com

Cyclist James Silber bundles up like a pizza in preparation for the bike ride. Cyclists sometimes will wear different costumes in order to be different or to honor a fallen cyclist.

In 2004, the New York Police Department arrested 33 Critical Mass cyclists for running red lights and other traffic violations.

Two Critical Mass cyclists in Seattle were arrested last summer for allegedly blocking

an intersection in the city. The arrest incited claims of police brutality, as several of the plainclothes police officers were accused by

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Police seek killer

LOS ANGELES One of the two men convicted of the "Onion Field" kidnap-murder of a police officer in 1963 has violated parole and is being sought by authorities.

Jimmy Lee Smith, 76, has been at large since December 22, said California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokesman Jonathan Parsley.

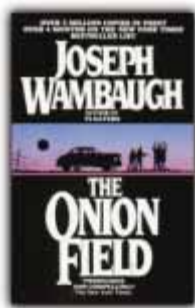
Parsley could not specify what parole condition was violated. Smith previously went back to prison in June 2005 after admitting that he had violated parole by possessing heroin.

Smith and Gregory Powell were convicted of abducting two Los Angeles policemen from a Hollywood street on March 6, 1963. The officers were driven 75 miles to an onion field south of Bakersfield where Powell shot Officer Ian Campbell to death and fired at Officer Karl Hettinger as he fled.

The case was the subject of 1973 best-selling novel, "The Onion Field" by Joseph Wambaugh, which was turned into a movie in 1979.

Smith and Powell were sent to death row but their sentences were commuted to life in prison in 1972 when the California Supreme Court overturned the state's death penalty.

Smith was first paroled in 1982. He has since been arrested numerous times, mostly on drug-related charges.



Parents step into starring role as good manner idols

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA Taylor vs. Britney. Who do your kids identify with?

According to the National League Junior Cotillions, American Idol winner Taylor Hicks heads the best-mannered list, while Britney Spears earns the dubious title of most ill-mannered.

With this generation's ever-increasing idolization of pop celebrities in mind, one can't help but wonder if common courtesy is still in fashion for our fickle youth?

Child development specialist Rose Selesnick doesn't believe that recent trends in culture have spawned ill-mannered youngsters.

"Expectations may have been more strict before, but I don't think that the idea of being polite is gone at all," said Selesnick.

A culture cannot necessarily "lose" its etiquette according to experts.

"When we talk about manners we're talking about things that are passed down generationally. Parents learn things from their

parents and teach that to their children," said Pamela Perry-Hunter, M.D..

"In the past, people probably had more of an attitude that kids should do what they're told to do, but these days, we have given our youth more leeway and are trying to be more understanding in that, they are children. But with stressors and other things that come and go, people aren't necessarily paying attention to manners as they are to other things," she added.

Among other things, good manners should be something learned at home, Selesnick believes.

"It's important to use good manners around children. They pick them up by modeling the behavior of their parents," said Selesnick.

Demonstrations of courtesy should start when the child is young according to Perry-Hunter.

"When they are in pre-school parents can start teaching them about 'please' and 'thank you,' behaving in public, discouraging tantrums and inappropriate table manners," said Perry-Hunter.

"I think that things get complicated when you live here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop poaching other districts' brightest

Editor:

Recent letters by Dr. Lisette Bauersachs expressing outrage at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's policy of importing students have been right on the money ("Moratorium means more students," Feb. 16, page 4). This policy must stop. Fewer students in the classroom equals better education. Nobody questions that.

Moreover, importing students from other districts actually hurts those surrounding districts. Here we have Santa Monica siphoning students from nearby districts, students whose parents obviously care about their education. The result is these active parents won't participate in their own neighborhood schools. Schools need parents who care and work for improvements and better resources. I know an elementary principal at a Los Angeles school. He hates Santa Monica's student immigration policy for this very reason.

Our district's scramble for more and more money (which on the face of it is hard to fathom ... What other district gets millions upon millions of dollars from a host city?) to deal with declining enrollment is yet another example how our lone political party – Santa Monicans for Renters Rights – has hurt our community. SMRR, despite its oxymoronic name, has done all it can to keep renters indentured to landlords instead of helping current and new residents buy their own homes and gain economic security. Renters have less children than those who own. Residents without children naturally have a lower stake in school quality. Enrollment, and community-wide support for schools, will continue to decline, thanks to the SMRR.

But this trend represents a great opportunity for our schools – if officials change direction. The current policy of importing 1,700 students (some 20 percent of the Santa Monica-Malibu school population) ought to enrage every local parent with school-age children. It hurts our kids. It hurts surrounding school districts.

So who does it help? School bureaucrats and politicians who pathologically cannot shrink operations. But this is what needs to happen. If the current school board cannot show them the way, we will elect board members who will.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

That's using his noggin

Editor:

Just a note to tell (the Daily Press) that I really appreciated it printing that excellent commentary by John Whitehead ("Anna Nicole case exposes problems," Feb. 16, page 4). Quality thinking and writing like that is sorely lacking in today's world.

Keep up the good work!

Michael Dominguez
Santa Monica

Columnist was on endangered footing

Editor:

Lloyd Garver's "Modern Times" (column) published in the Feb. 17-18 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press is just another example of an uninformed "expert" mouthing off ("Flipping the bird at America's symbol," page 4).

Garver laments the possibility that the bald eagle may be removed from the Endangered Species List. His primary point can be summed up in his question: "If we stop protecting them, won't their numbers decrease, and then we'll just have to start protecting them in the future?"

What Mr. Garver fails to account for is the overwhelming primary cause of the eagle's population decline in the first place, and that their removal from the Endangered Species List will not subject them to this danger. The bald eagle, along with many other bird species, suffered drastic population declines due to the effects that the chemical DDT had on their eggs. DDT has now been banned for decades and most, if not all, bird species, including the bald eagle, have made dramatic comebacks. These comebacks are due to banning of DDT, not the fact that they were listed on the Endangered Species List.

Joseph Palazzolo
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Common law is a common mistake

(Editor's note: David Pizarra is on vacation. This column previously ran on Sept. 12, 2006.)

This past weekend, I was at a friend's wedding. My law partner was in Chicago, and he was attending a wedding there.

I don't go to a lot of weddings. My law partner seems to attend at least three a year. But he does family law, and I suppose on some cosmic level it is like a probate attorney going to funerals.

Weddings are such important social events. They bring people together in ways that a summer barbecue or a fall holiday party just don't seem to. There is a societal pull to attend your friends' getting married. It is part of the social contract we make with our friends that we will be there to witness their committing to someone.

That public commitment of course is the point of a wedding. It is the social gathering of our friends and family to say, "I pledge to be true to this one person." It is rather like a social pressure cooker to force two people, man and woman, into one social unit.

But the wedding itself is an important social event because of the connections they foster among the guests. In a world where we are ever in greater contact with our friends, acquaintances, employers, employees and clients, how rarely do we actually get together for a celebration? Computers and the Internet have made instant messaging, Web photo albums and blogs seem like we always know what is going in people's lives, but the reality is that unless you can see someone face to face, you can't discern the reality of their life.

Sitting across the table from an old friend who tells you that "everything is great" allows you to see the pain in their face that belies their social façade. Armed with that knowledge you can corner them in the bathroom and find out what is really going on. But when you are only seeing someone in their Web photos and reading about their life on their blog, you can't tell that "everything is great" really means "my life is falling apart and I'm about to explode from the pain of it all."

The actual "party" part of a wedding is where the social weaving occurs. It is where the little rips and tears in our lives can be repaired. We can take advantage of the relaxed atmosphere to check in with old friends and see what everyone has really been up to.

Some weddings are very formal affairs — they are black tie events held at country clubs. Others are casual waterfront short ceremonies that result in sand in the toes and ruined pedicures. The type of wedding has no affect on the success of the marriage. That's because the wedding is merely the social contract part. It is the shaking of the hands after a deal is struck to commemorate it. It is the champagne bottle being struck on the bow of the great ocean liner just before her maiden voyage. The true test of her sea worthiness is to come as she hits the water and strikes out across the ocean.

In much the same way the real work of a marriage actually starts when the parties go home, take off the loose clothing and put away the wild fun and joy of being "just married." This settling in to married life is where

the work begins for the couple.

This is where the true commitments must be demonstrated. In the day-to-day living. In weathering the storms of living together, and worse, the doldrums of boredom that come with just too much familiarity.

At this past wedding, it was interesting to me that I was asked twice for my legal knowledge of family law. Once was to settle a bet as to who had held out the longest from getting married, and once out of concern that she was going to be liable for her husband's debt. Two couples, each together for over 15 years, asked me what the common law marriage requirements were. One was under the impression that they were married by common law since they had been together for so long.

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One couple has children together, homes, cars, boats and businesses. Their lives are thoroughly intertwined. They are and have always seemed to be a very happy couple.

The other couple has almost nothing together. A few animals, some pictures, but no property, no kids, no assets. They too have always seemed to be a very happy couple.

When I informed both of them that they are not married, I received looks of glee from both couples. The first for having won their bet, and the second, for knowing that she was now safe from his debts.

The twist here is that it is the intertwined couple who won the bet and knew they were not married but still happy to have their lives so enmeshed. It was the woman in the couple who has almost no property in common who was worried because she thought she was in trouble with her husband's debts.

The myth of common law marriage just won't die in this state. It causes all types of stress on people and the simple fact is that there is no common law marriage in the state of California. We can arrange our personal relationships however we want. The California Supreme Court has said that two adults can contract to handle their assets and finances however they wish but as a state we are not imposing our views on you without your taking the step of actually getting married.

I don't know if marriage is a good thing or a bad thing, but I know that I like the wedding party part.

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Later this month, she will help participants learn more about desert preparation and hydration, specifically in Death Valley and surrounding locations. The lecture will also feature a slide show of her own pictures taken at Death Valley.

This free class will take place on Tues. Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., at REI Santa Monica, 402 Santa Monica Blvd. For more information, call (310) 458-4370.

DAILY PRESS

Giving blood can be just a day at the ballpark

Understanding that sometimes the pot needs sweetening, the American Red Cross is trying to attract potential blood donors with baseball tickets.

The American Red Cross is offering donors a chance to win a "Day at the Ball Game" package for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Los Angeles Dodgers or San Diego Padres baseball game of their choice.

Any healthy person age 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Everyone who signs up to donate blood or platelets at a Southern California Red Cross blood drive in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego or Ventura counties during the month of February will be invited to fill out an entry form for a chance to win a "Day at the Ball Game" package, which includes two tickets to a game, a parking voucher and a concessions gift card. Three winners will be selected, and each winner will be able to choose a game with their favorite team. The winners will be announced by March 15, 2007.

All eligible donors are asked to schedule an appointment to donate blood by calling (800) GIVE.LIFE or by visiting www.GiveLife.org. To organize a blood drive, call (800) 491-2113. For Spanish, please call (866) POR-VIDA.

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Picking up the tab for college education

Fret not, college students. Getting money for school may have just become a wee bit easier, thanks to the Cal Grant program.

Post-high school education is becoming increasingly out of reach in California, especially for lower-income students. Among rising tuition costs, California ranks 40th in the U.S. for high school students going directly to college, with the direct enrollment rate dropping from 61 percent in 1995 to 52 percent in 2005.

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Cal Grant launched its statewide campaign last month and it will run through March 2. For more information, call (949) 809-6764.

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Keeping nice and toasty during winter chill

The Santa Monica Fire Department would like to remind residents about some safety tips when it comes to heating homes during cold weather. Warming the house may seem innocent enough, but it can have some serious consequences. Faulty or misused heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February.

To avoid any mishaps SMFD offers the following tips to keep residents safe and warm when the weather outside is frightful:

- Make sure supply and return vents, radiators and baseboard heating units are not obstructed by furniture, appliances or other objects and that air can flow freely to and from them. This will maximize the efficiency of your system and help distribute warm air throughout the room.
- Keep clothes, furniture, and curtains 36 inches away from portable heaters and other heating producing equipment.
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent. These measures will make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in your home.
- Have your heating system maintained and serviced according to manufacturer's instructions (usually once a year). Dirty filters, coils, and fans reduce airflow throughout the system. Scheduling your service in the early fall when technicians are not as busy will probably save you money as well.

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Tahoe skiers make most of scant snow

By the Associated Press

LAKE TAHOE Last week's storms were skimpy by normal Tahoe standards, but this hasn't been a normal year, and the fresh powder seems to have given skiers new hope.

Resort operators say the Presidents Day weekend crowd is smaller than last year, but still is impressive.

"With snow we've had the last couple of weeks and the time we have off, people come up, and they're definitely here," said Russ Pecoraro, director of communications for Heavenly Mountain Resort. "We couldn't be happier this weekend."

Heavenly picked up about 6 inches of fresh powder overnight, as did Kirkwood Mountain Resort and Mammoth Mountain from a light storm that veered south and skirted the areas at Lake Tahoe's north shore.

All of the Sierra picked up 1-2 feet last week in the first decent storm of 2007.

At Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe south of Reno, about 95 percent of the ski area is open on the Mount Rose side and about 75 percent on the Slide Mountain side, according to Murray Blaney, director of sales and marketing.

While conditions are improving, "I'm

sure all of Tahoe would welcome more snow," he said.

"We've got a good number of folks from the Bay Area and elsewhere," Blaney said. "We do demographic studies on the mountain and they're definitely showing up."

Blaney added that many schools in Northern California give their students this week off and they use it to go skiing, snowboarding or ice skating.

After a couple of sunny days, forecasters are calling for another storm to push through the Sierra and into northern Nevada on Wednesday.

"Over two feet of snow are possible in the higher elevations of the Sierra by Thursday night with some accumulating snowfall possible in western Nevada valleys," the National Weather Service said in a special weather statement.

"Strong winds will combine with heavy snow to create whiteout conditions in considerable blowing and drifting of snow over Sierra passes and in other exposed high elevation areas.

"Motorists should expect difficult winter driving conditions in the Sierra until the winter storm moves out of the region on Friday."

Surprise militant attack kills pair of American soldiers

BY BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq Insurgents staged a bold daylight assault against a U.S. combat post north of the capital Monday — first striking with a suicide car bombing, then firing on soldiers pinned down in a former Iraqi police station. At least two soldiers were killed and 17 wounded, the military said.

Three U.S. soldiers were killed and two were wounded in a roadside bombing southwest of Baghdad on Monday, the U.S. military said. The military also announced the deaths of three Marines and one soldier since Saturday while conducting combat operations in the western province of Anbar.

The head-on attack north of Baghdad was

notable for both its tactics and target. Sunni insurgents have mostly used hit-and-run ambushes, roadside bombs or mortars on U.S. troops and avoided direct assaults on fortified military compounds to avoid U.S. firepower.

It also appeared to fit a pattern emerging among the suspected Sunni militants: trying to hit U.S. forces harder outside the capital rather than confront them on the streets during a massive American-led security operation.

The sweeps have done little so far to ease the city's pain.

More than 85 people have died in two days of blasts and bloodshed in and around Baghdad — most in areas dominated by the majority Shiite Muslims — and Iraqi officials who predicted swift results for the security

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Shooting victim released from Salt Lake City area hospital

By the Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah The first person blasted by a young gunman at a shopping mall was released from a hospital Monday, a week after he staggered into a restaurant from the parking lot to warn that the killer was on the loose.

Shawn Munns, 34, went home to Davis County, while Carolyn Tuft, 44, was upgraded to fair condition from serious at LDS Hospital, spokesman Jess Gomez said.

They were among nine people at Trolley Square shot by Sulejman Talovic, 18. Five died, and Talovic was subsequently killed in

a shootout with police.

Munns was leaving the mall alone after dinner with his wife and stepchildren when Talovic approached, peppered him with a shotgun and wished his death, according to accounts from family.

With dozens of pellets in his side, Munns was able to get to a Hard Rock Cafe nearby to tell people to lock the door and call 911.

Stacy Hanson, 53, and A.J. Walker, 16, remained in serious condition Monday at University of Utah Hospital.

Walker's father, Jeffrey Walker, 52, and Tuft's daughter, Kirsten Hinckley, 15, were among the five dead shoppers.

Plane enthusiasts flocking to skyparks to commute

CHRISTINA ALMEIDA
Associated Press Writer

ROSAMOND Most people have a car or SUV parked in the garage. Scott Loftin has three airplanes.

The 50-year-old aviation enthusiast is a resident of Rosamond Skypark, a tidy subdivision on the edge of the Mojave Desert where single-family homes are adjacent to hangars, and airplane noise isn't considered a nuisance.

Three days a week, Loftin, a biomedical engineer, revs up the engine of his Glasair RV-6 or Cessna 152 and rumbles down a nearby runway to begin his commute to San Jose or Los Angeles.

"There's more to it than the time factor," he says. "It's the mystique of flying to work."

There are some 560 skyparks across the country, ranging from fancy to comparatively modest, with another 20 planned. The popularity of the communities is largely driven by aviation buffs like Loftin, who are looking to use their planes more than just on the weekends.

Actor John Travolta lives with his Gulfstream II jet and Boeing 707 at an exclusive airpark in Florida that includes a country club and inn and the nation's longest private residential runway at 7,550 feet, according to the community's Web site.

Rosamond, on the other hand, consists mostly of empty nesters and retired couples who have saved over the years to afford the unusual lifestyle.

The neighborhood includes colonial and ranch-style homes distinguished by sprawling backyards that lead to cavernous hangars housing anything from \$90,000 two-seater experimental planes to gliders.

Built in 1986 with 60 lots, the privately owned subdivision has three vacant spots left, starting at \$195,000. Houses average about \$400,000.

Obedying an honor system, residents and visitors typically avoid departures and arrivals early in the morning and late at night. Without an airport tower, pilots navigate backyard taxiways on their own and radio each other before taking off and landing at the 3,600-foot public runway.

In the sky, they follow standard visual flight rules and remain under constant monitoring by the Federal Aviation

Administration.

John Wilson moved to the skypark nearly 20 years ago, looking for a bigger home and a place to park his Cessna 182.

Before retiring in 2001, he flew daily to Burbank Airport, then drove six miles in traffic to Hollywood, where he worked as manager of technical facilities at a television network.

"Flying was the shortest part of it," said Wilson, who averaged his air time at about 30 minutes.

"All the time, I'd look down and shake my head and sympathize with all the people down there ... I'd say, 'Glad I'm not down there.'"

Wilson, 67, said he also saved almost a dollar a gallon on gas by flying part of the way.

While the shorter commutes are a boon, residents say the camaraderie of the community is what keeps them there.

"In a regular neighborhood, everyone does different jobs. In this environment, we have a common interest," said John Manduca, president of the Rosamond Skypark Association. "We're all pilots. We speak the same language."

They also look out for each other and their planes.

Many airparks, including the one in Rosamond, have numerous fences and padlocks. Airplanes are almost always kept in hangars, and if they are outside, residents say they are disabled so no one can steal them.

"People want to know who is near their airplane, what is happening to it," said Dave Sclair, publisher of Living With Your Plane, an online newsletter that tracks residential airparks. Above Rosamond, planes crisscross the sky, carrying residents to and from work, away for vacations or on joy rides.

Jim Payne, who manages Northrop Grumman Corp.'s test flight operations for the Global Hawk unmanned reconnaissance plane at Edwards Air Force Base, is frequently among the fliers.

Payne uses his two-seater Van's RV-6A to commute 24 miles to his office on the base.

"Every morning there (are) several thousand people waiting to get into Edwards," said Payne, "and I'm doing 150 mph over the gate."

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In Hawaii, even junk can have ocean view

BY BRIAN CHARLTON
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU, Hawaii Even storing your stuff in Hawaii can be done in an upscale style, as the newest self-storage facilities resemble small resorts and hotels on some of the islands' priciest real estate.

With 24-hour access, air conditioned hallways and use of fancy business centers and Wi-Fi Internet, storage companies are catering to customers as the industry that is booming nationwide becomes more competitive.

A StorSecure outlet, designed to blend in with the lush green mountains, sits near the eastern shores of Oahu next to multimillion dollar homes and expensive boats. Hawaii Self Storage recently spent \$250,000 to install a clock tower and Hawaiian mosaics to overlook the island's busiest highway. And Public Storage has constructed a flashy facility on a high-rent downtown corner with space for retail shops to operate on the ground floor.

"We really wanted to become part of the neighborhood," said Annette Pang, vice president of marketing for Honolulu-based StorSecure. "The last thing we wanted to do was become an eyesore or diminish the value of these beautiful homes."

Self-storage is a booming \$21 billion business nationwide that has nearly doubled the space-for-rent during the past decade, with one in every 11 households renting space in nearly 50,000 self-storage outlets nationwide — including about 3,000 new sites that opened last year.

The growth is easy to see on the space-

scarce islands of Hawaii. As of March there were 73 outlets or 2.76 square feet of self-storage per person, well below the national average. But with eight recently built facilities and at least another dozen storage operations planned, the rapid growth of these facilities in Hawaii has outpaced the national growth.

Once identified with ugly warehouse-like eyesores, storage companies are now designed to meet community architectural standards as they pop up in prime residential areas and in the midst of busy retail



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Annette Pang
Vice President of Marketing StorSecure

complexes, said Mike Scanlon, president of the Virginia-based Self Storage Association.

Regardless of the architecture, hidden inside the flashy exteriors are thousands of locked spaces — in sizes from mailboxes to roomy garages.

They hold overflow inventory and files from local businesses, stacks of aging boxes and furniture saved from family deaths or divorce and collections of stuff too big to fit into cramped condos or tropical houses that often have no attics, basements or garages.

Hawaii is a great area for growth of self-storage businesses, with nearly no residential

basements, expensive homes and a plethora of new compact condos. Plus, many residents have kayaks, canoes, surfboards and other tough-to-store watersports equipment.

Mostly due to high land costs, storage space in Hawaii rents for an average of \$3 per square foot, while nationally space averages less than a dollar.

In Hawaii Kai, a seaside district in eastern Oahu where multimillion dollar homes wrap around the marina, a new tan and green StorSecure Self-Storage facility blends

in with its surroundings.

People often confuse the new four-story, 120,000-square-foot facility with a hotel. Owners spent nearly half a year working with neighbors who had feared the building would downgrade the neighborhood, Pang said.

Now outside lights dim at night to accommodate the turtles dwelling in the marina.

"We blend in, so we might lose some sales, but we feel our sacrifice is outgained by our satisfaction," Pang said.

One Public Storage facility in Honolulu

features a women's apparel store on its streetside ground floor, and two other storefronts are under construction.

Hawaii Self Storage built the giant clock tower at its newest \$13.7 million, four-story, 171,000-square-foot site across the street from an imposing six-story Public Storage business — one of 2,100 locations owned by the Glendale, Calif., company.

With more competition in Honolulu, the newest facilities have introduced 24-hour access, dehumidification technology to prevent mold and mildew and advanced security systems.

Many operations also hold incoming shipments for customers — a major incentive for businesses.

Janna Joe-Hagiwara, a storage renter for 10 years, switched to Hawaii Self Storage recently because it now offers cardboard recycling for the boxes her pharmaceutical business discards each day.

Ecolab Pest Elimination is one of several companies that headquarters its business out of storage facilities.

New shipments from the mainland are stored until its service specialists pick up the light fixtures and non-lethal bait traps, said district manager Dave Lau. The rented space allows the company to work without the need for an office as Ecolab employees mostly operate from home and communicate via handheld devices.

"We get much more than just storage," Lau said. "I'm here every week and they know us."

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Montana farmers blaming waste water over pollution

BY MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press Writer

MILES CITY, Mont. When the soil in Roger Muggli's fields turned bad last year, damaging more than 300 acres of alfalfa, the third-generation farmer quickly named a culprit: coal-bed methane drilling along the nearby Tongue River.

Muggli's finger-pointing has made him few friends in a region where economic development is desperately needed and future coal-bed methane production could mean hundreds of new jobs. His claims are denied by industry representatives and some federal scientists, who say a link between coal-bed methane and Muggli's bad soil cannot be proven.

But state officials and an independent researcher warn that Muggli's problems might be a harbinger of things to come, as the industry prepares to dramatically ramp up operations across 20 million acres in southeastern Montana.

"We knew this was coming and we wanted to prepare for it," said Richard Opper, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. "It's definitely a wake-up call when you see the impact."

At issue are millions of gallons of water pumped daily from coal seams to access trapped methane, or natural gas.

The water, which can be loaded with salts harmful to plants or soil, is sometimes treated or used to water livestock.

Other times, it is pumped directly into local stream and river drainages.

Last year, Montana adopted new water

quality rules meant to protect agriculture while allowing for further coal-bed methane development.

Muggli and some other farmers say the rules don't go far enough, while energy companies have sued to overturn them.

Meanwhile, the federal Bureau of Land Management is working on a plan to allow more than 18,000 coal-bed methane wells to be drilled in Montana over the next 20 years.

About 1,000 wells already produce methane in the state.

In neighboring Wyoming, there are more than 17,000 producing wells along the Tongue and the Powder River — a number expected to more than double in coming years. Both rivers flow into Montana.

With vast sums of money at stake — starting at a projected \$100 million a year in Montana and peaking at almost \$3 billion annually at full production — coal-bed methane companies such as Fidelity Exploration and Production are doing their own agricultural monitoring and say their operations are benign.

They also point to federal studies showing only minor changes to water quality along the Tongue River in recent years, despite increased drilling.

"We have tried to use the best science to ensure there is protection for the irrigators on the Tongue River," said Bruce Williams, vice president of Fidelity, a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc.

Research indicates that Fidelity's operations aren't causing Muggli's problems, he added. "There's just an awful lot of data to suggest that's not the case," Williams said.

Climbers rescued from Mount Hood

BY SARAH SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. Three climbers stranded on Mount Hood after a fall were rescued Monday after spending the night amid ferocious winds and blowing snow.

"Their condition is very good at this time," Russell Gubele, coordinating communications for the rescue operation, told CNN.

"They were located in the area where their mountain locator units suggested that they were, and we finally got some of our rescuers down there to them," he said. "They are fine. They are being warmed up right now and fed by our rescuers."

The three well-equipped climbers, two women and a man, fell off a ledge Sunday.

Gubele said the three were not badly injured and could walk out of the area themselves. "They're going to walk down," he said, adding that authorities hoped to pick them up with a rescue vehicle.

He said the three were found huddling with their dog Velvet. They had sleeping bags and mats, he said, and were under some rocks, huddled up trying to keep warm.

Gubele said the climbers' mountain locator unit helped rescuers find their position and they stayed in contact because the climbers had a cell phone.

"We knew where they were," he said. "The

weather was really bad. It was a matter of getting the teams down there to them, which we were finally able to do in these severe weather conditions and extreme avalanche conditions."

Rescuers were hoping to get the three out before another storm, with 12 to 16 inches of snow, was due to arrive Monday.

Earlier Monday, rescuers moved into the White River Canyon, where the climbers took shelter behind rocks during the night. Some of the rescuers spent the night on the mountain. They decided to wait to set out until daybreak because with winds up to 70 mph, they couldn't see anything, Gubele said, and "it's extremely treacherous up where they are. One false step could be not good."

The three who fell were part of an eight-person party that set out on Saturday, camped on the mountain that night, and then began to come back down on Sunday when they ran into bad weather, officials said.

As they were descending, the three slipped off a ledge and fell about 100 feet. Someone in the party placed an emergency call to authorities.

The three had gotten into their sleeping bags Sunday to stay warm and cuddled up with their black Lab, Gubele said. "They also have a Labrador dog with them that is cuddled up with them to help them keep warm."

Nevada Dems recasting Vegas as wholesome spot

BY KATHLEEN HENNESSEY
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. Forget the lore of Bugsy Siegel and the frolics of Paris Hilton.

Nevada — long the wild child of American culture — is being repackaged as utterly ordinary.

With its new, early presidential caucus, the state is attempting to lure presidential candidates to unfamiliar terrain. And state Democratic Party leaders are banking that the best way to do that is to emphasize strip malls over the Strip.

So it is that the list of Las Vegas "hot spots" compiled by the party includes two bagel shops, two breakfast joints and a sandwich shop in a strip mall. Anywhere that reality TV star Hilton may have placed a high heel didn't make the cut.

The list was included in a welcome packet sent to presidential campaigns in advance of Wednesday's candidates forum in Carson City, the first of the race. And it's part of a broader attempt to emphasize Nevada's heartland over its playland.

The 44-page document notes the practical and the historical: Ne-VA-da, not Ne-VAH-da, a list of union hotels in Las Vegas (42) and the drive time from the airport to downtown Reno (eight minutes).

There's no mention of Bugsy Siegel or legalized prostitution in rural counties. The state's storied gambling history is dismissed in a single sentence.

"We wanted to make certain they know there's a lot to the state outside of the Strip," said Jean Hessberg, the state party's caucus campaign director. "If that's the only thing folks focus on, then they would miss messages that are really important to the campaign."

The ability to project those messages is part of what won the state its new caucus date of Jan. 19 — a week after first-in-the-nation Iowa and before the New Hampshire primary.

Led by Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, state leaders pitched Nevada to national Democrats as representative of the new West, an opportunity to put growth, sprawl, water, public lands, retirees, Hispanics and unions on the candidates' agendas.

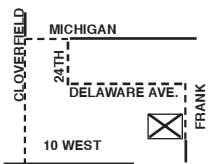
Reid argues that winning the state's caucus will be key to winning a handful of swing states in the region. He's repeatedly hailed the move as a victory for working families.

That is relatively new territory for a state whose working girls get far more media attention.

Nevada, particularly southern Nevada, has made a killing by billing itself as risqué, not representative. The state tolerates legalized prostitution in 10 counties, and embraces gambling in nearly every corner of all 17. Slot machines are found in bars, supermarkets and gas stations. University of Nevada, Reno political scientist Eric Herzik said the move to, well, normalcy, is a combination of outsiders bringing their ways here.

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Don't blame celebs for youngsters' bad manners

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Locally, children are not always raised by their parents, but often by nannies or baby-sitters. Many working parents have jobs that don't allow them to spend a lot of time with their children. There are different types of jobs here, and I think it's harder when other people are in charge of your kids," said Selesnick regarding living in Santa Monica.

Selesnick believes that parents also have to "teach their children to respect the people who they are working with."

"I think kids are certainly impressionable. Music videos, TV shows, all types of entertainment — kids are watching it and it may affect their ideals and what they want to do," Dr. Perry-Hunter said. "But I still ultimately think that the act of learning manners is with their parents," said Perry-Hunter.

"Young celebrities with outrageous amounts of money often get caught up in lifestyles that are so unreal and shocking to everybody," said Selesnick.

Children are likely to copy what they see, which could be a source of concern for any parent trying to raise kids.

"I think that children are going to copy the behavior of anyone they like, adore or want to be like. They go through a whole lot of stages that parents might not identify with," added Selesnick. "I think that's the real problem. Parents have to be selective into what they allow their children to be exposed to, like ill-mannered pop stars."

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Perry-Hunter suggests that parents experience pop media with their children and discuss what they see.

"Parents are the real role models and should give their children an adequate amount of input," said Perry-Hunter. "Pop culture apparently influences children but while it exposes something new to them, it's still up to the parents to set the tone."

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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

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Taming little sluggers

Dear Dorie,

Can you please give me some help with responses for my son's hitting? He is three years old and otherwise, fantastic. But when he gets upset with me (usually saying no to something he wants or having to leave the park when he's not ready) he has started to hit me.

Punching Bag Parent

Dear Punching Bag,

If you had to take your pick between hitting, kicking, shoving and biting, believe it or not, you would pick hitting. It is a common phase for toddlers as they learn how to communicate their feelings, and arguably the easiest to deal with on a regular basis as they progress through this developmental phase.

First things first: emergency preparedness. If your son hits you, have your verbal response at the tip of your tongue. Popular choices are: "I will not hit you and you may not hit Mommy," "It is not okay to hit me, you must stop," or "I see that you are angry, but you may not hit me." The key is to deliver your choice of come backs while you are down on your son's level (eye-to-eye) and firmly holding his fists to stop the hitting. Keep your voice calm but serious and avoid the guilt-based response (e.g. "How dare you hit Mommy.")

The other important thing to remember is consistency. Repetition is the key to toddler comprehension. If he knows that this behavior will not be tolerated and will be handled the same way each time, he will seek other ways to communicate his feelings and that is exactly what you want.

On the proactive side, try to stay alert to what is triggering the emotional outburst. If leaving the park is upsetting, give ample advance warning and help him understand the need for the transition away from the fun activity. If denial of an object or food item is the trigger, suggest an alternative time for the treat to help him understand that you are affirming his feelings but still in charge. Your son doesn't want to hit you personally, he's doing the absolute best he can to communicate intense emotions and you happen to be in the way. Your job is to help him communicate in a more appropriate fashion and keep yourself from wanting to hit back. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

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SUN., FEB. 25
RHYTHM CHILD at ZIMMER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library - 601 Santa Monica Blvd. - 458-8621
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:00 a.m., babies up to 2 years, currently on break.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish - 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time - 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.
Twilight Story Time -7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 829-7081.
Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 392-8304
Story Time for Twos - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Current session Feb. 20 - Mar. 27.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 - 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., 0 - 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal - 11:25 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care - at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com
YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks - 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyia.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling and Library Programs
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 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos - 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Check back for next session dates.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. -392-3804.
Spanish Bilingual Stories - 11:20 a.m., ages 2 - 5.
Preschool Twilight Story Time - 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood - 11a.m. - 310-475-3444.

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Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150
Pre/Postnatal - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., \$15
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Other

Puppetolio - 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup - noon for children born 3/06 - 12/06; 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 - 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 - 12/03; Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Story Time for Twos - 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time - 11:20 a.m. ages 3 - 5.
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La Hora Del Cuento - 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.
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Preschool Story Time - 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
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Baby Time - 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Next session Feb. 22 - Mar. 29.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

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Prenatal Yoga - 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:30 - 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista - meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 - 5/05; Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or

riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.child-splayonline.net
Cinderella- select Fridays thru May 12, 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations.
\$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

Classes

YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 - 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa - 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 - 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:30 - 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades - 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA - Toddler & Me - 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month, 11:00 a.m. - noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga - Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica-yoga.com
Mommy Care - at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
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Other

Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party at the Santa Monica Playhouse
Family Theatre; Saturdays & Sundays, thru June 10; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
The Bridge Cinema Deluxe - Enjoy a G-rated movie for kids every Sat. and Sun.
Tickets are \$3.50. 6081 Center Drive, LA, 310-568-3375.
Puppetolio - 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 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.
Precious Prints - Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.precious-printsstudios.com for more info.
Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" - Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
"A Faery Hunt" - 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations - 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

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ents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Thursday, March 1st (7L15-8:45) Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday March 3rd (10:00-12:00 Noon) Santa Monica Main Library, Tuesday, March 6th (7:15-8:45) Montana Branch Library. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college.

Seating is free, but limited by the size of the room. To reserve your seat, call 310-581-7954 leave a message and receive a confirmation

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Freeway improvement work considered disappointing

FROM FREEWAY PAGE 1

first being spent to execute the beginning stages of Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion fund approved by voters last November.

The winning projects are expected to produce "more than 270,000 hours of travel-time savings during the peak commute periods and provide important connectivity benefits," according to the CTC.

The LA County projects are: That a portion of the 5 freeway be widened; that the 10 freeway add carpool lanes from Puente Avenue in Baldwin Park to Citrus Street in West Covina; and that carpool lanes be added along the 10-mile stretch of the 5 between the 134 and 170 freeways.

The CTC staff declined to fund a \$950 million project to add 10-plus miles of carpool lanes to the northbound 405 Freeway between the 10 and 101 freeways.

"I think a carpool lane on the Santa Monica freeway is really important," a disappointed Bloom said on Monday. "The freeways are gridlocked every day and we need to figure out how to move people along more efficiently and do so in a safe and secure manner."

"We are a significant portion of the economic engine ... funding for this second phase is an extremely high priority in the funding matrix."

The notoriously overcrowded 405 Freeway moves more than 300,000 cars each day.

"I'm glad to know that the traffic will lighten in the county. L.A. is just so busy," said Santa Monica resident Kenny Lieber. "Naturally, I'm also looking forward to seeing more localized improvements."

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Residents complain that bike group does not obey laws

FROM CRITICAL PAGE 3

Critical Mass of failing to identify themselves as police officers during the arrest, which resulted in a tussle between the cyclists and law enforcement.

In 1997, in the city where Critical Mass was founded five years prior, San Francisco Police arrested 250 cyclists for allegedly overflowing city streets and aggravating traffic.

"Critical Mass has reached critical mass," then-Mayor Willie Brown was quoted as saying.

An occasional rider with Santa Monica Critical Mass, Andrew Smith believes the group needs to conduct its activities in a manner that promotes safe cycling. Smith, who owns Bike Attack on Main Street and is good friends with Santa Monica Critical Mass founder Zack Beatty, believes the cyclists should abide by laws, ride in single file, use lights and wear helmets.

"It's more of an issue of not disrupting the traffic flow," Smith said. "Cars (also) need to be aware of cyclists and if you research California motor vehicle code, we are allowed to have a whole lane to our-

selves."

There are those cyclists who are "blatantly lawless," but since Critical Mass is not an organized effort, there is really nothing that Beatty could do to control the crowd, Smith said.

"It organically grows into what it is," said Smith.

But sometimes, doing everything right doesn't necessarily mean an accident can be avoided. Four months ago, Bill Greenslade was riding his bike at night in Venice when he was struck by a car that ran through a stop sign. Greenslade, the manager of Sea Mist Skate and Bike Rental on Ocean Front Walk, injured his collarbone and was unable to get back on a bike until last week. Fortunately, that was the extent of his injury.

"I had an angel with me," Greenslade said.

Today, Greenslade refuses to ride on the street and rides on the bike path from his home near the Venice Pier to work.

"I was thinking a couple of days after the accident that there was nothing I could've done to change (what happened)," Greenslade said. "Except not be there."

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Hit-and-run victim aspired to be famous filmmaker

FROM WIDOWS PAGE 1

Los Angeles more than 30 years ago with dreams of becoming a famous Hollywood filmmaker.

In an ironic twist, it is the tale of the two alleged murders that has become the stuff of a made-for-TV movies.

The third eldest of five children, McDavid was born and raised in Mobile, Ala., with siblings Dianne, Tom, Robert and Sandra — all of whom are still living. Parents Joel and Ann McDavid raised the family in the south before moving to Northern California, where they felt better opportunities awaited the McDavid children.

"Our parents had a beautiful family," said McDavid's sister Dianne, who asked that her last name be withheld.

Kenneth McDavid was an intelligent, friendly and multi-talented child growing up, his sister said Monday.

He and his siblings played the French Horn together in the Sacramento Symphony in the late 1960s, he performed well in school and was a fan of cooking, oftentimes baking a cake for his mother.

"He loved family and loved laughing," said Dianne. "He loved pleasing our mother."

At the age of 20, McDavid packed his bags and headed south, with dreams of making it big in Los Angeles. Though he often visited his family, communication between Kenneth McDavid and the McDavid clan became less frequent over the years. In 1997, his father passed away.

Concerned for her brother's whereabouts, McDavid's sister began searching for her brother in 2000, entering his name in Internet search databases, but coming up empty-handed.

In light of her husband's ailing health with terminal cancer, it became even more difficult to search for someone who left virtually no trail.

In June, McDavid's sister heard the story of the "Black Widows," but did not immediately make a connection with the case and her brother. It wasn't until the morning of June 9, 2006, when her husband was watching CNN and caught Kenneth McDavid's name in the broadcast.

Unwilling to believe that her brother had been the victim of an insurance scheme, Dianne searched for Kenneth McDavid's name on the Internet and sadly came face to face with her brother's photo.

Even more shocking was the news that her brother, a man whom she believed was filled with potential, was at one time, homeless.

Investigators say that Golay and Rutterschmidt befriended the two homeless men because they thought them vulnerable, setting them up in apartments and gaining their trust. According to authorities, the women eventually convinced Vados and McDavid to sign the women onto their life insurance policies.

"I would have wanted to help Ken get back on his feet," Dianne said. "We would have helped him."

Since learning of her brother's death, Dianne has been closely following the case, though she does not expect to attend any of the hearings or trials.



Helen Golay



Olga Rutterschmidt

There hasn't been much to follow since the case first unfolded last year. Over the past several months, the defense attorney for Golay, Roger Jon Diamond, has fought with the court over the repeated postponement of a preliminary hearing date.

Under state law, a defendant is entitled to a preliminary hearing within 10 days of their arraignment and no more than 60 days under the "good cause" clause.

That hearing was finally set last month after the District Attorney dismissed and refiled the murder charges against Golay in the same day.

At the time of her arrest, Golay owned three apartment buildings in Santa Monica.

They were subsequently placed in the care of her daughter, 43-year-old Kecia Golay, until the daughter's arrest in October on felony charges of first-degree residential burglary and stalking her ex-boyfriend.

The younger Golay was released from Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood on Feb. 12 — two days before her scheduled release date on Valentine's Day.

From what she's been able to gather of the trial involving the death of her younger brother, McDavid's sister feels Golay and Rutterschmidt are guilty of murder.

"Those women assumed nobody cared about these homeless men," Dianne said. "Obviously that is wrong."

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'Coordinated' militant attack strikes U.S. military base

FROM IRAQ PAGE 6

operation have gone suddenly silent.

"A coordinated attack" is how the U.S. military statement described the raid on the outpost in Tarmiyah, about 30 miles north of Baghdad. It added that a suicide car bombing began the fight, but military authorities declined to give further details.

Witnesses and local authorities offered a fuller picture. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media and feared reprisals.

According to their accounts, at least one car rigged with explosives was driven on a kamikaze mission at dawn into the concrete outer barriers around the Army base, a former Iraqi police station taken over by American troops late last year.

The blasts ignited stored fuel, they said. Soon, parts of the base were ablaze and under gunfire, but the size of the insurgent force was unclear. It also was not known whether the militants suffered casualties.

U.S. helicopters evacuated wounded soldiers from the compound — located in the center of the town of more than 20,000 residents — while the fight raged, according to the local accounts. By nightfall, U.S. troops had cordoned off streets around the post.

Mohammed al-Askari, spokesman for Iraq's Defense Ministry, blamed the attack on a cell of al-Qaida in Iraq, which has claimed responsibility for many high-profile strikes.

"It's their work," he said.

Residents said the attack may have been prompted by fears that U.S. forces would begin house-to-house searches through the town,

which is mostly Sunni but has not been considered a stronghold of militant activity.

The attack came on a day when a string of car bombings and other attacks claimed more than 40 civilian lives in Baghdad and elsewhere in sectarian violence.

In the capital, the bloodshed included at least 11 people killed in a mortar attack on a Shiite enclave and five killed when a suicide attacker detonated a bomb-rigged belt on a public bus headed for the mostly Shiite area of Karradah in central Baghdad, police reported.

On Sunday, 62 people were killed and more than 130 wounded in twin car bombs at an open-air market in the city's mostly Shiite area of New Baghdad. It was the deadliest attack in Baghdad since U.S. and Iraqi forces launched widespread security sweeps last week.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered an

investigation into allegations by a Sunni woman that she was raped by three members of the Shiite-dominated police force after she was detained over the weekend. A top police official disputed the allegation.

The 20-year-old married woman claimed the police accused her of cooking for Sunni insurgents and took her to a police garrison.

"One of them put his hand on my mouth so no one outside the room could hear me," she said in a videotape taped by Associated Press Television News. "I told them 'I did not know that an Iraqi could do this to another Iraqi.'"

She said a neighbor alerted U.S. soldiers about the arrest and they released her.

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Christopher Garver said he could not confirm any U.S. role in her release.

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This Is No "Bull"

"If you're gonna play the game you're gonna need the energy"

Turner new top bolt

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO Norv Turner got his third shot at an NFL head coaching job when he was hired Monday by the San Diego Chargers, a week after the surprise firing of Marty Schottenheimer.

The hiring came less than 24 hours after the Chargers wrapped up their interviews. The team planned to introduce Turner at an afternoon news conference. Five years ago, Turner interviewed for the job that went to Schottenheimer.

Turner, the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator, was the only one of the six candidates who's been an NFL head coach, and the only one from the offensive side of the ball.

He inherits a team that was an NFL-best 14-2 last season but melted down in its playoff opener, a stunning 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots.

Turner had trouble winning in the regular season, going 58-82-1 in head coaching stints with Washington and Oakland. Schottenheimer had trouble winning in the postseason, going 5-13 overall and 0-2 with the Chargers.

Last Monday, the Chargers again surprised the NFL when president Dean Spanos fired Schottenheimer, citing a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and general manager A.J. Smith.

Turner was fired by the Raiders in 2005 after going 9-23 in two seasons.

San Francisco's Mike Nolan quickly hired Turner to take over the NFL's 32nd-ranked offense. Turner got remarkable progress from quarterback Alex Smith and an improved offensive line. He helped Frank Gore become the NFC's leading rusher in a breakout season.

Turner was San Diego's offensive coordinator in 2001, LaDainian Tomlinson's rookie year. Plus, he'll be able to help with the continued development of quarterback Philip Rivers,

who was voted to the Pro Bowl but saw his play tail off down the stretch. Tomlinson was the league's MVP after setting NFL records with 31 touchdowns and 186 points.

Turner was one of the masterminds behind the Dallas offenses led by Hall of Famers Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin and NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith, winning two Super Bowl titles in three seasons as Dallas' offense coordinator.

He had been the apparent front-runner to replace Bill Parcells in Dallas earlier this month before that job went to Wade Phillips, who had been the Chargers' defensive coordinator.

Turner wasn't specific about the reasons he didn't end up in Dallas, but it's widely assumed Turner wanted more control than owner Jerry Jones was willing to give -- control Turner never had in Washington or Oakland.

It's up for debate whether he'll get it with the Chargers, since Schottenheimer lost his power struggle with Smith.

The loss of Phillips to the Cowboys apparently accelerated the departure of Schottenheimer. Spanos and Smith were stunned that the Chargers lost both coordinators -- Cam Cameron was hired as Miami's head coach -- and two assistant coaches became coordinators elsewhere.

In firing Schottenheimer, Spanos would say only that the breaking point was the "process" the Chargers were going through in filling the void left by the staff exodus.

Turner took over the Redskins in 1994, going 49-59-1 with one trip to the playoffs. He was fired by Dan Snyder with three games left in the 2000 season, when he could produce only a 7-6 record with a \$100 million roster.

After Terry Robiskie coached the last three games in 2000, the Redskins hired Schottenheimer, who went 8-8 in 2001 before being fired by Snyder. Schottenheimer was hired by the Chargers, a job Turner interviewed for. Turner then became Miami's offensive coordinator.

'Drew' learning on the job

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Andrew Bynum had just completed a 14-point, 11-rebound performance against San Antonio, and Spurs star Tim Duncan was properly impressed, saying the Lakers' center showed great promise for a 20-year-old.

When informed Bynum had recently turned 19, Duncan's eyes widened.

"Nineteen? That should be illegal," he said, shaking his head over the kid known around the Lakers as Drew.

Duncan isn't the only one impressed with Bynum, who was supposed to ease into his professional career until the Lakers deemed him ready to contribute. Outside of a Kobe Bryant here and a LeBron James there, that's how it works with high schoolers entering the NBA.

But injuries to Chris Mihm and Kwame Brown accelerated the process, and while Bynum hasn't exactly burst into stardom, the NBA's youngest player has done a fine job.

"I think he's improved a lot from the beginning of the season," Bryant said. "The toughest thing is being at the top of your game every night. I can relate to it."

The Lakers took Bynum with the 10th overall pick in the 2005 draft, and were criticized on some quarters since their 34-48 record the previous season made it seem like they needed immediate help.

Nobody's knocking them now, because the 7-foot, 285-pounder has the tools to become an outstanding player.

"He can be as good as he wants to be," said Bryant, who went from high school to the Lakers in 1996 and averaged 15.4 points in his second season. "He has a great stroke, all the physical tools. His wing span is enormous. It just depends on him."

Bynum became the youngest player to appear in an NBA game at 18 years and 6 days on Nov. 2, 2005, and wound up averaging 1.6 points and 1.7 rebounds in 46 games as a rookie.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson pointed to Bynum's improvement in training camp last October, but with Mihm and Brown around, he still figured to mostly sit and watch. But an injured ankle has kept Mihm sidelined all season and Brown has played in only 24 games because of injuries. He isn't expected back until sometime next month.

That opened the door for Bynum, who has played in all 54 games with 37 starts and is averaging 8.4 points, 6.6 rebounds and 22.5 minutes.

"I definitely was ready for this," said Bynum, who comes across as confident but not cocky. "Sitting on the bench last year was kind of annoying. You're here, but you're not really part of it."

He is now. Bynum smiled when informed of Duncan's remarks.

"I've always felt I belonged here," he said.



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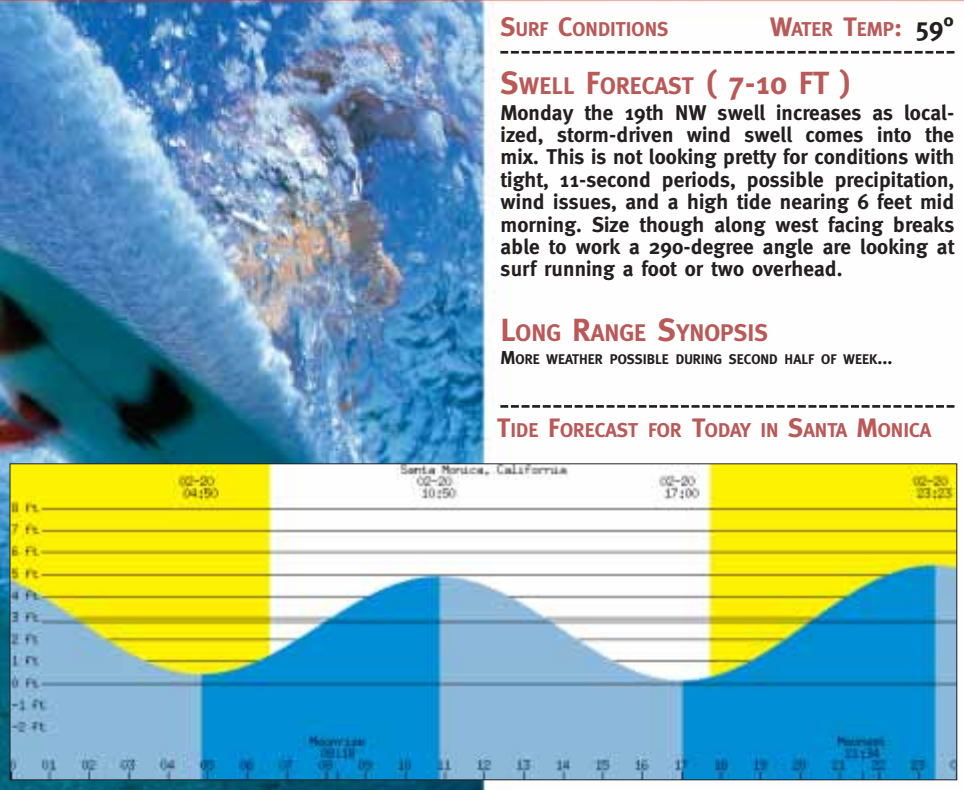
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SURF CONDITIONS

SWELL FORECAST (7-10 FT)
Monday the 19th NW swell increases as localized, storm-driven wind swell comes into the mix. This is not looking pretty for conditions with tight, 11-second periods, possible precipitation, wind issues, and a high tide nearing 6 feet mid morning. Size though along west facing breaks able to work a 290-degree angle are looking at surf running a foot or two overhead.

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Neap tide 02/18 High tide 02/19 Low tide 02/20

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **February 13, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 14
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 10
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / 29
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 12

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camille Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	B	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lockase and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantaugay)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	B	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Monter storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	D
Ludwig Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Raze Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	B	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	B	B
Marin Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	B	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topaz St.	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	F	Marino del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagpole tower	B	F
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballinas Creek mouth	A	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19949 PCH stairs	A+	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Perra Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	F
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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Make it an early night, Taurus

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might be filled with energy and vivaciousness. Sometimes spontaneity is the best and only way to go. You don't need to go overboard; you have a strong sense of when you need to pull back. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your mind could be working overtime, but it might not be the time to share just yet. You might test out an idea on one specific person whom you trust ultimately. Keep a lid on this matter for several days. Tonight: Make it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Whether you want them to or not, others will back you. Understanding develops through a brainstorming session. You aren't the only person who needs to detach. Do a good job of listening. Tonight: Where the happening is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might not be aware that the spotlight is on you right now. Others will follow your lead. Refrain from overspending. Your creativity and energy mark your actions, decisions and inter-personal relationships. Tonight: Don't count on an early bedtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might not be as exuberant as usual, but at the same time, you see the big picture. Your playful and more dynamic side still seeps out despite what you do. Add your special perspective. Others value your point of view. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Work with individuals, and you'll experience success. Information comes forward that forces you to look at the big picture. Truth be told, you would like to feel more committed to your work. Tonight: Make time for a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others might not intend to challenge you, but the end result will be the same. Allow your creativity to help you drift away from serious or negative thoughts. Whether you realize it or not, a friend weighs you down. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ What you accomplish could easily shock you, as well as others. You express unusual energy and ingenuity. Applied properly, it might be difficult to stop you. A boss might be stern but is still impressed by what goes on. Tonight: Exercise stress away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Solutions stem from your questions and willingness to play devil's advocate. Know when you have had enough of a negative person. Walk away and break through his or her pattern of thinking. You can do it. Tonight: Squeeze in all the fun you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Check out an investment with care. The cookies might not be crumbling the way you would like. An associate might not be helping, as he or she reflects an innate sense of negativity. Know that you can do what you must. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others often view you as an idea machine who is quite unique and dynamic. Keep conversations moving and encourage others to share freely. You might be surprised by others' opinions. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Deal with finances directly. If someone thinks you are controlling, you probably are. Knowing what you want can help push you that extra mile, even if you are tired. Your instincts guide you when you are too tired to think. Tonight: Be a touch frivolous!

Born Today

Actor Sidney Poitier (1927)
Socialite Ivana Trump (1949),
Model Cindy Crawford (1966)

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Happy Birthday!

This year you have the powerhouse team of strength and ingenuity working in your favor. Often, when you think of a daydream, it becomes a reality. You might be surprised by your ability to materialize your desires this year. Lady Luck helps you along, but so does your willingness to ask questions and network. Share your dreams more often. If you are single, a friendship might develop into a very special bond. Let it happen. You actually might have quite a set of suitors to choose from. Have fun! If you are attached, you will become more of a team through more public interactions, time with your friends and sharing your goals. .

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"If you're gonna play
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Brady baby

Actress **BRIDGET MOYNAHAN**, former girlfriend of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, is pregnant and Brady is the father, Moynahan's publicist said Monday.

STAR IN TROUBLE

Actor **RAY LIOTTA** was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after crashing his car into two parked vehicles in Pacific Palisades, authorities said.

Liotta, 52, was taken into custody just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday and booked on a misdemeanor DUI charge, said Los Angeles Police spokesman Mike Lopez.

He was released after posting \$15,000 bail and ordered to appear in court next month, Lopez said.

No one was injured in the collision. Liotta was alone in his car, Lopez said.

A message left at the office of Liotta's publicist Matt Labov was not immediately returned.

Liotta stars with Tim Allen and John Travolta in the buddy comedy "Wild Hogs," set for release March 2. He is best known for playing gangster Henry Hill in the 1990 movie "Goodfellas."

AP

The glamorous pair split up late last year after a three-year relationship. Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, has since been seen with lingerie model Gisele Bundchen, and media outlets have reported the two are dating.

A Dec. 15 statement by Moynahan's publicist said Moynahan and Brady parted ways several weeks earlier.

On Monday, Moynahan's publicist, Christina Papadopoulos, said in a statement to The Associated Press that the actress "is over three months pregnant. Former boyfriend Tom Brady is the father."

"Privacy and consideration is appreciated at this time," the statement said. "No further comments will be made."

The pregnancy was first reported by the New York Post on Sunday. The Post quoted Papadopoulos as saying the actress was feeling "healthy and excited."

Messages left by The Associated Press with Brady's agent, Donald Yee, were not returned Monday.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James told the AP: "I think it would be inappropriate to comment."

Moynahan, 35, has appeared in films such as "Coyote Ugly," "I, Robot" and the ABC television series "Six Degrees."

Brady, 29, who has led the Patriots to three NFL

titles, was named one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 2002.

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Bridget Moynahan

Moynahan pregnant with Patriot star QB's kid

Steinbeck's 'Grapes of Wrath' scores

A rare edition of "The Grapes of Wrath," **JOHN STEINBECK'S** epic 1939 tale of Depression-era poverty, sold at auction for \$47,800.

A number of other first-edition copies of Steinbeck works were sold Sunday at an auction held by Bonhams & Butterfields. A

copy of "Of Mice and Men" sold for \$7,768, "East of Eden" for \$8,365 and "In Dubious Battle" for \$11,353.

The books were owned by the author's sister, Elizabeth Steinbeck Ainsworth, who died in 1992. The Steinbeck family chose to sell the books to finance renovation of a

Pacific Grove bungalow where Steinbeck wrote some of his books, said Catherine Williamson, director of fine books and manuscripts for Bonhams.

The collection sold for more than \$200,000.

Five of the Steinbeck titles were bought by Jim Dourgarian, a Bay Area

antiquarian bookseller who specializes in Steinbeck's work.

Bonhams believes the \$47,800 price for the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Grapes of Wrath" is the world record for an at-auction sale for a Steinbeck novel, Williamson said.

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Stallone's plane searched in Australia

Australian customs officials searched **SYLVESTER STALLONE'S** hotel room and private jet on Monday, three days after seizing banned substances from the muscle-bound actor's entourage as he arrived for a promotional tour, a news report said.

Stallone was not stopped

from leaving Australia, where he spent the weekend promoting his latest movie, "Rocky Balboa," after officials searched his plane on the tarmac at Sydney airport on Monday, Sydney's The Daily Telegraph reported, without citing sources.

Officials are still examining substances collected

from Stallone's entourage to determine whether further action would be taken, the newspaper reported.

Stallone and several people traveling with him were detained for several hours at Sydney airport on Friday as they arrived.

Australian Customs Service national investiga-

tions manager Richard Janeczko said some contraband items were taken, but didn't identify them.

Stallone initially said the detention on Friday was the result of a misunderstanding on his part, then later refused to answer questions about the incident.

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Gandolfini reigns at New Orleans' Mardi Gras

He was king for the day, and actor **JAMES GANDOLFINI** ruled with a doubloon-filled fist, pleasing the revelers who stood in chilly temperatures for one of the highlights of Carnival the rolling of the Krewe of Bacchus parade.

Sunday evening's parade outshone the stars in the clear sky, as brightly-lit, double-decker floats, torch carriers and machines that danced light off the oak trees along Napoleon Avenue captured the crowds attention.

In the midst of it were "The Sopranos" star Gandolfini and New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, whose passage on separate, elaborate floats elicited cheers and chants of "To-ny!"

"I'm a Saints fan and a 'Sopranos' fan," Allen Guthrie, 36, said after the float carrying Brees passed. "So it's a double-double this year with Bacchus."

Gandolfini was a hit even before the parade began, mugging for pictures and signing autographs for fans gathered outside a bar.

Wearing a black derby hat, a white tunic over white tights and



James Gandolfini

AP

black knee-high boots, he threw doubloons commemorative coins bearing his picture to giddy spectators by the fistful.

The parade was one of several to roll through New Orleans on Sunday, and more were planned in the lead up to Fat Tuesday. Among those set for Monday: the Krewe of Orpheus,

whose founders include singer and hometown boy Harry Connick Jr.

Each float Sunday prompted parade-goers, young and old, to wave their arms in the long-standing Carnival tradition and yell, "Heeeeee!" in an effort to get a riders' attention and his or her beads.

Local officials see Mardi Gras as key to helping improve New Orleans' image following Hurricane Katrina and boost tourism in a city that relies heavily on the tourist trade. The signs of the 2005 storm are still obvious in parts of the city but largely unnoticeable to those who stay in the French Quarter and central business district.

One concern going into Carnival had been a rash of violent crime in recent months. After the end of the Bacchus parade about 10 p.m., a 15-year-old boy from the New Orleans suburb of Westwego was shot in the chest, said Sgt. Joe Narcisse, a police spokesman. He was in stable condition Monday morning, police said. Narcisse said police believe the youth was the victim of a targeted attack. No arrests were reported.

Until the shooting, officers were primarily busy with people being drunk in public or disturbing the peace, police said.

Chilly, breezy weather did little to deter Carnival revelers

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Babel (R)
10:15am, 3:45, 7:15, 10:30
Because I Said So (PG-13)
10:55am, 1:30, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55
Breaking and Entering (R)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
Night at the Museum (PG)
10:30am, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00
The Queen (PG-13)
1:25, 9:45

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Breach (PG-13)
11:10am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
Bridge to Terabithia (PG)
1hr 35min 11:00am, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35
Children of Men (R)
11:40am, 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
10:35am, 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:35
The Messengers (PG-13)
10:30am, 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25
Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
10:40am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls (PG-13)
11:20am, 1:50, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25

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Captive (Cautiva) (NR)
11:00am
God Grew Tired of Us: The Story of Lost Boys of Sudan (PG)
11:00am
Letters From Iwo Jima (R)
1:20, 4:45, 8:00
The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
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My Country, My Country (NR)
11:00am
Puccini for Beginners (NR)
11:00am
Venus (R)
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Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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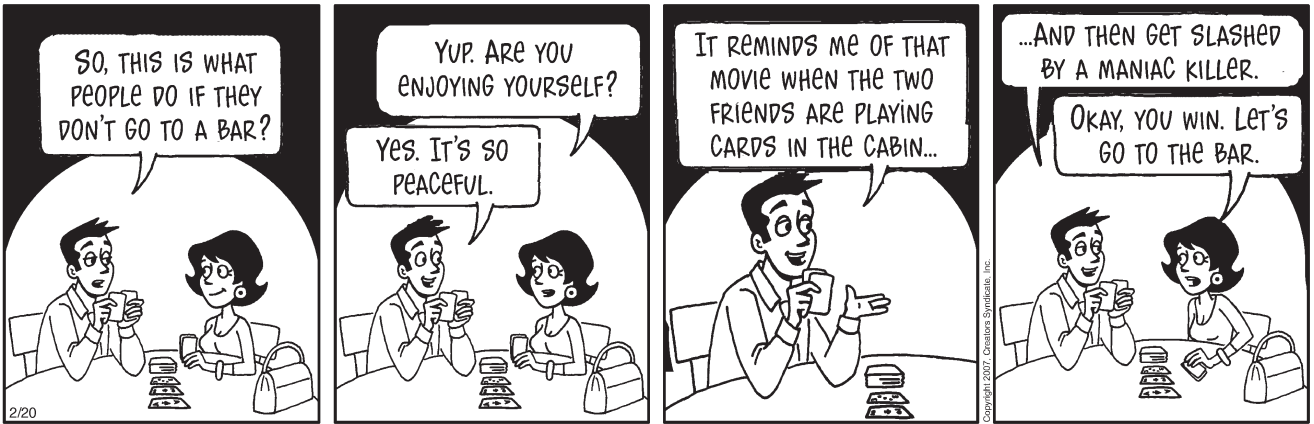
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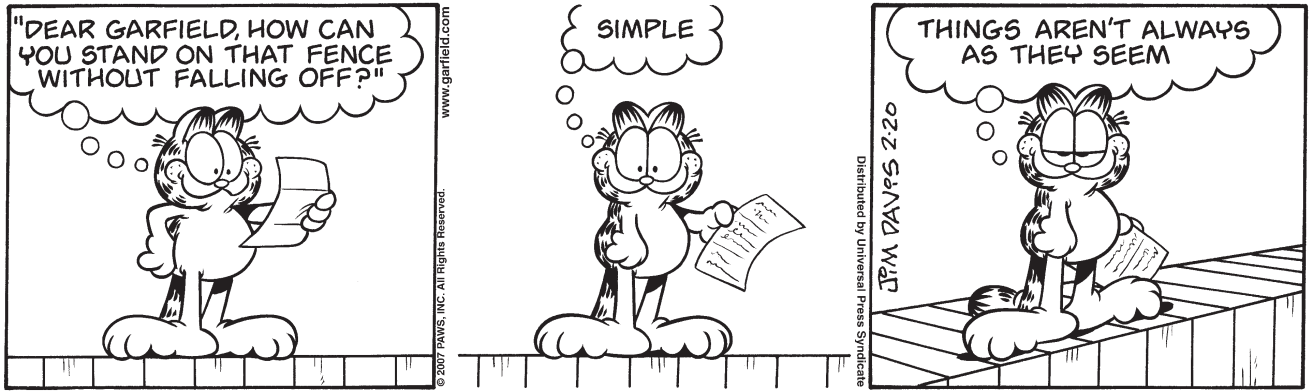
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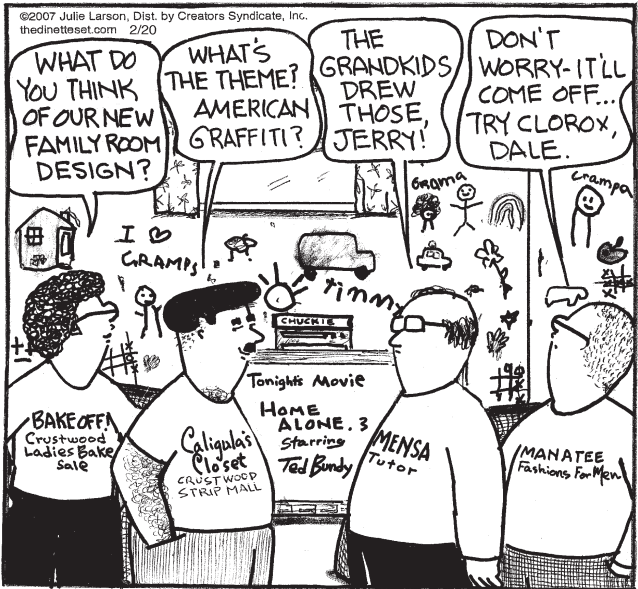


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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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14 Tart candy
19 Graph points
20 Fill the tank
24 Gloomy
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27 Attractive item
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Steaks from Waygu cattle in western Australia were already revered by gourmets worldwide (noted for their marbling), but recently an exporter went a step further: The choice grains fed the cattle are now being soaked in a 2004 cabernet merlot, according to a January dispatch from Sydney in London's Sunday Telegraph. "Our biggest problem is going to be meeting demand," said the managing director of Margaret River Premium Meat Exports, even though the best cuts of steak might run the equivalent of about US\$90. Plans are to feed each cow a liter's worth of wine daily during its last 60 days.

Transgendered patient Gina Tilley filed a lawsuit late last year against New York City plastic surgeon David Ostad (who has been cited by state medical authorities 11 times and sued 14 times), complaining that her 2004 saline breast implants had shifted to her armpits. (2) The fire alarm at the Sea Life Centre in Weymouth, England, sounded one night in December, attributed to a diet of brussels sprouts fed to a turtle. Marine biologist Sarah Leaney of the Centre explained that the turtle's resulting flatulence probably created bubbles that raised the water level enough to trigger the alarm.

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services issued a warning in January to residents of the city of Ringwood that they should limit their intake of squirrel to no more than twice a week (children once a month). (A toxic waste dump is nearby.) (2) Dan Gully Jr., 70, and David Brooks Jr., 62, fought in January in Atmore, Ala., and according to police, Gully pulled out a gun and shot Brooks. The two were arguing over how tall the late singer James Brown was.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington D.C.
1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.
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 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
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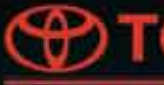
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