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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Selina Valdez, 28, was arrested in January and her suspected partner, Daniel Marquez, 41, was sought by police, on counterfeiting charges in Pueblo, Colo., after police walked into their foul-smelling home. No hoarded animals were present, but according to police, about a week before the arrest, officers had called on the couple, who had then hurriedly flushed the bogus bills down the toilet. After questioning them, police left, but the toilet clogged, and since then, the couple have been relieving themselves into plastic bags that police found strewn about the home.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 54th day of 2006. There are 311 days left in the year.

On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.
In 1822, Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.
In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you wish to avoid seeing a fool you must first break your mirror."

FRANCOIS RABELAIS
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Sticking their landings

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The acrobatic crew from Stilt Circus gathers near Santa Monica Beach recently to promote an upcoming project.

She works hard for the money ... and benefits

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — If you're a woman in Santa Monica, chances are your working environment is better than most.

Employers here are on the "cutting edge" in offering work/life benefits to female employees, according to a survey released recently by the Commission on the Status of Women, a City Hall-supported organization.

Of the nearly 200 companies surveyed, all offered at least three — with most offering four — work/life benefits, including on-site child care, lactation rooms, paid leave for adoptive parents and paid maternity leave. All but one of the employers provided seven or more benefits including job-sharing, tuition reimbursement, unpaid sabbaticals, support for community volunteerism, and referral services for elder/child care.

The survey also found the majority of employers who participated offered some level of health care, career advancement programs and retirement plans.

The survey, which was funded by the commission at a cost of roughly $1,400, was authorized in late 2004.

"We are very pleased at the results of the Work/Life Survey and commend employers for sharing their experiences, practices and policies," said commission chair Tia Skulski. "Many women today are very savvy about work/life benefits when seeking employment. We shouldn't have to jeopardize our careers to raise a family and

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LOCAL

A super guy: Teachers tout Deasy assistant

By Daily Press staff

DISTRICT HDQTRS. — The executive board of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teacher's Association intends to recommend current assistant superintendent Mike Matthews be named interim superintendent of schools.

Matthews would be stepping in for outgoing superintendent John Deasy, 45, who has accepted the post of chief executive officer for the school district in Prince George's County, Maryland.

"Dr. Matthews has the institutional knowledge to ensure a smooth transition, and more importantly, he has the mind and heart to help lead this district," said teacher's union president Harry M. Keiley. "There's no doubt that Mike Matthews is the clear choice of Union leadership for the interim job."

Union leadership is solidly united in their support of

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Emotions run high at outset of trial

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST LA COURTHOUSE — The wife of a man whose arm was amputated after it was allegedly crushed by a Big Blue Bus broke down in tears Wednesday as her attorney showed jurors a photo of the couple, hand in hand, celebrating one of their 51 wedding anniversaries.

Parvin Mehdipour, who has filed a civil suit against City Hall and the Big Blue Bus along with her husband, Haroun, had to be escorted out of the courtroom by her daughter during attorney Browne Greene's opening statement, which also included a photo of Haroun on an operating table with much of his left arm mashed and unrecognizable.

"Before the accident, Mr. Mehdipour was a healthy, active husband, father and grandfather … who loved to take (his grandchildren) by the hand," Greene told jurors. "Now he suffers from a hideous form of pain … suffering from phantom limb syndrome, he has lost much of his memory, he is left with an unbalanced gate and must walk with a cane. He's no longer the man he was (before the accident) and now Mrs. Mehdipour must give 24-hour basic support to her husband. She has now become his nurse."

Mehdipour, now 81, was injured on May 5, 2004, following what is believed to have been a car or bus accident at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Barrington Avenue. Mehdipour's left arm was crushed and later had to be amputated near the shoulder. He also suffered a head injury that his family said has resulted in severe memory loss.

Greene claims Mehdipour was trying to hail down a Big Blue Bus about 10 a.m., walking alongside it

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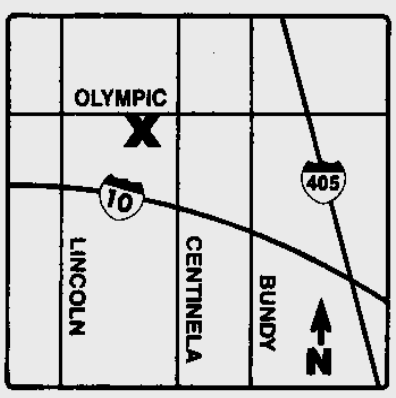

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★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to others' opinions. You need to be sensitive to them. Think carefully. Your intuition comes through if you use it. You will be pleased. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Do your own research and find out the facts. Others might not intend to, but they mix up your priorities. Friends tend to act out of the blue. Talk about your feelings. Bright ideas come forward through discussions. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Togetherness happens easily, and you relate to someone more clearly than you have in a while. Sometimes you might wonder what your limits are and what is important. Discussions help you isolate this fact. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others are demanding, and you can meet their demands -- if you so choose. Laughter could be the response to sharing some heavy feelings. Investigate and make decisions that work for you. You don't have to please everyone all the time. Tonight: Go with an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Chill out with the knowledge that you are getting as much done as possible. You might get sidetracked by a conversation or two. Listen to the feedback you get involving a situation or project. Be forthright. Tonight: You have a party wherever you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Let your creativity direct you to the right avenue. You will like what happens. Not everything needs to be dreary and serious. You can add a lot to your environment and relationships to perk them up. Tonight: Ever playful. What fits the bill?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Handle a personal matter with the dignity that your sign is known for. Realize that your limits will help you understand what needs to happen for a situation or project to work. Spontaneity energizes you. Take a walk. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might be more vested in the outcome of a situation than you realize. Understand more of what needs to happen within an important relationship where creativity and ingenuity dominate. Return calls. Tonight: You rock wherever you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Expenses keep bubbling forth, hitting a new crescendo. You might wonder how you are ever going to get this all under control. Discuss this issue with those who are most affected by it. They might have some good ideas. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are a star and accomplish a lot no matter what you do. Others will go along with your ideas and considerations. Others are unusually verbal. Brainstorm. Open doors. You'll make headway. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ The less said, the better. You have a strong intuitive sense, though you might not be willing or able to act on it just yet. You are in a position to judge a risk and find alternatives if you aren't comfortable. Tonight: Light and easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your playfulness comes out in meetings and in nearly any situation that comes along. Inevitably, there are limits to what works. You might need to calm down in order to achieve long-term results. Tonight: Midweek break.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A distinguished month ahead at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Distinguished scientists are gearing up for a month of lectures at Santa Monica College that will shed light on diabesity, the state's levee system and the sex life of certain species under the sea.

"Diabesity, the Epidemic that Threatens America" will be the topic of the kick-off talk March 8 in SMC's spring 2006 "Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series," a free series of talks designed for lay audiences.

The lecture will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 in science lecture Hall 145, 1900 Pico Blvd. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The speaker will be Dr. Francine Kaufman, a pediatric endocrinologist, professor of pediatrics at Keck School of Medicine at USC, and an attending physician at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Kaufman is a distinguished author and lecturer, and is a past president of the American Diabetes Association. The recipient of many grants and contracts from the federal government as well as corporations and foundations, she has had her research funded by the National Institute of Health since 1980. She also holds patents on numerous intellectual properties.

The other lectures in the series — all held in science lecture hall 145 — are:

■ Thursday, March 9 at 11:15 a.m.: "Hell and High Water: California's Own Delta and Its Implications for Southern California," by Dr. Jeffrey Mount, UC Davis geology professor, who will speak on the potential for disastrous flooding in California, much like New Orleans, because of aging levees.

■ Thursday, May 4 at 11:15 a.m.: "A Slug's Life: Sex, Habitat Choice and Speciation in the Sea" by Dr. Patrick J. Krug, assistant professor of geology at California State University at Los Angeles.

The lecture series is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special events on campus. For information, call (310) 434-4303.

Elks see 'major project' payoff

By Daily Press staff

Ten years after being adopted by the Santa Monica Elks, a high school 10th grader who suffers from Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy was able to convey her appreciation last weekend at the club's annual Sweetheart Dance.

Each Elks lodge raises money for the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Major Project, which helps handicapped children. In addition, most lodges assist a specific child or a school with some of the luxuries of life.

Santa Monica Elks "adopted" Talia Hill 10 years ago. The first time that she came to the Sweetheart Ball, she was in a wheelchair and could not walk or speak. On Saturday night, she was able to walk to the microphone. Hill spoke for 10 minutes without notes. She held the microphone in one hand and stood relatively still the whole time.

Hill must concentrate on everything that she does. To stand, to breathe, to enunciate a word, to compose a sentence, all require special concentrated thought process.

A large portion of the funds that the lodge expends locally comes from the Jack Showers Foundation which was founded and managed by the Santa Monica Elks. The Major Project assists handicapped children from birth to age 18. They have physical therapists, speech therapists, vision checks, scholarships, among other services.

In other Elks news:

The Santa Monica Elks hosted California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) State President Roy Newman and his wife Carole to an informal dinner last Friday.

Thanks in part to the $3,000 raised last week for the Elks Major Project, Santa Monica was the No. 1 lodge in the state for per capita donations.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS — DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	24" - 60"	8:00am - 4:00pm	18	10/12

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	72" - 96"	8:00am - 4:00pm	35	6/6

CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	96" - 120"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	150	26/28

CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	18" - 30"	8:30 am - 10:00 pm	21	10/16

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12" - 16"	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	0	3/4

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	24" - 60"	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	18	14/14

CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	36" - 12"	8:30 am - 4:00 pm	12	5/11

CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

CONDITIONS — WATER TEMP: 57° — DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (1-1 FT)

Today the NW should decline dramatically, dropping surf into the ankle to knee high zone. SW should stick around for a few waist high waves now and then.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WSW swell Monday the 27th, but weather, winds likely...

Tracking promising SW swell for 4th-5th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY				
LOW TIDE:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY:				
LOW TIDE:	10:54AM	0.7FT	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE:	1:57AM	4.6FT	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY:				
LOW TIDE:	11:57AM	0.1FT	9:57PM	2.9FT
HIGH TIDE:	3:28AM	4.8FT	7:40PM	3.0FT
THURSDAY:				
LOW TIDE:	12:43PM	-0.6FT	11:32PM	2.6FT
HIGH TIDE:	4:49AM	5.21FT	7:42PM	3.3FT
FRIDAY:				
LOW TIDE:	1:22PM	-1.1FT	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE:	5:52AM	5.8FT	8PM	3.7FT

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The Q Line

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Merchants on Fourth Street are urging the City Council to reconsider its decision to tear up the ficus trees that have lined the street for decades. Under the current plan, half of the aging trees would each be replaced with two smaller, less-dense trees. City officials say the current tree canopy is too dense and the mature trees are tearing up the sidewalks with their roots.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **"Do you support the plan to replace the ficus trees along Fourth Street? Why or why not?"**

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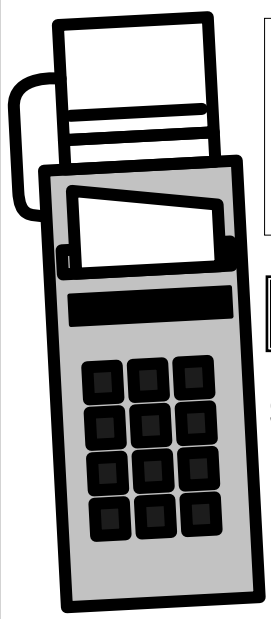

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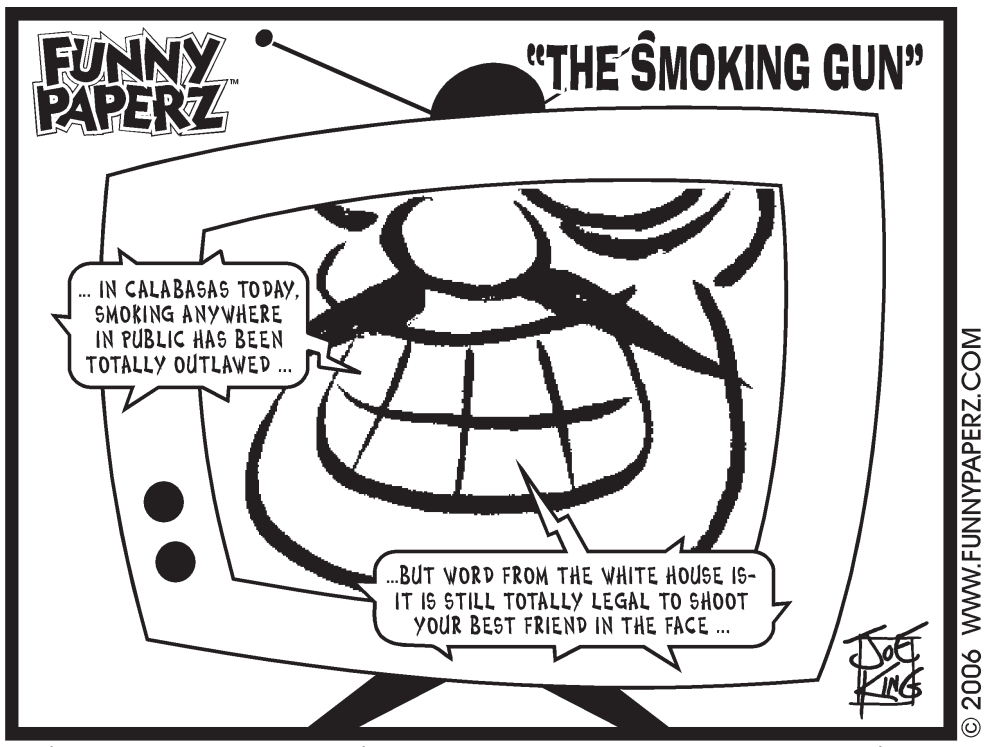

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The lunch hour blues

Editor:

Every day for lunch, instead of sitting in my office, I walk for an hour. My route changes daily to keep it interesting. One of the interesting things I noticed by taking these walks is the incredible stench of urine that flows from the parks along Ocean Avenue. This stench is magnified a thousand fold after it rains. It is like taking an hour-long walk through a dirty bathroom. Interestingly enough this same park is also a haven for the lovely homeless population — not to mention the illegals — Santa Monica loves to coddle.

I found it almost laughable the number of people who wrote to complain about a potential dog beach and all the dirty filth that comes with it while at the same time, I venture to guess, that these same folks are the ones bend over backwards to make Santa Monica a beacon for the homeless of this state.

Santa Monica is tantamount to a bad parent who enables their good-for-nothing children by taking care of everything for them. Thus they turn 40 and still live at home and continue to borrow the family car and eat from the family fridge, and of course, use the family bathroom and refuse to flush.

Billy G. Woody
Santa Monica

School district playing up SMRR's agenda

Editor:

No one reading your article (SMDP, Feb. 20, page 1) regarding the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) losing students should fret. Any empty desks will not have time to get cold. Santa Monicans For Renters Rights (SMRR) has conspired with Community Corp. of Santa Monica to build hundreds of new high-density, low-income housing projects for SMRR campaign workers allied with local unions in town that provide money and workers for SMRR campaigns. These projects at 20th and Santa Monica Boulevard; Santa Monica Boulevard and Berkeley; Main Street in Ocean Park; and 15th Street and Broadway are primarily two-, three- and four-bedroom units. The new CCSM projects, about 160 units with an average of four children per unit, works out to about 640 new children in the school district within the next 12 months. The project at 15th Street and Broadway is four stories high and towers over the single-family homes across the street. Take a ride by and look for yourself, it is coming to your neighborhood soon.

SMRR and other housing "advocates" are manipulating the general plan update to zone all the commercial zones for multi-story, low-income rental housing projects and rezone all the industrial land. We will see numerous projects high-density, low-income projects like the one at 15th Street and Broadway lining Main Street, Ocean Park, Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards, and Montana Avenue business districts. Because SMRR has saturated the Pico neighborhood with low-income housing, HUD regulations compel the city to now provide low-income housing in the other parts of Santa Monica. The schools are already at capacity. More low-income housing projects means the SMRR-controlled school board will be proposing a $400 million bond issue to build more classrooms at Franklin, Roosevelt and Lincoln Junior High for the children moving into the city who will reside in the projects and additional classrooms throughout the district for the permit children and to accommodate the "cheaters," those students who do not reside in the district, but use another person's residence, change a utility to their name, obtain a utility bill, and then lie and say they reside in the district.

Labeling the problem a "lack of students" is only a ploy for more development. The issue is who is going to have their taxes raised to pay for SMRR's development plans?

Mathew L. Millen
Santa Monica

Residents can't wait for homeless solutions

EYE ON THE CITY
BY ELIZABETH RIEL

The woman started out speaking calmly, almost matter-of-factly.

Within seconds, however, the City Council was receiving a thorough tongue-lashing from one of Santa Monica's residents about how homeless people were trespassing and defecating on her property over and over again.

The resident was understandably at her wit's end — disgusted and angry about being harassed on a regular basis and having to clean up human excrement in her garage, yard and car.

What struck me most, though, were her feelings of frustration and helplessness. She said she's called the police 14 times since November. "I've had it. I can't take it any more. I ask for your assistance," she begged the City Council at its Feb. 14 meeting.

A fair request.

We know that City Hall and members of the City Council are working to come up with long-term, comprehensive solutions. We have a new homeless czar. Councilmember Bobby Shriver is trying to secure housing and services for homeless vets at the Veterans Administration in West LA. We're engaged in discussions with other cities in LA County about a regional approach. Without a doubt, we need all the long-term solutions we can get.

But what about now? What is City Hall doing about acute homeless problems like trespassing and harassment? Or trash and public urination? Things that impact residents, visitors and businesses on a day-to-day basis?

One resource for residents is HLP — the Santa Monica Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program. It's six officers on the beat who work varying hours throughout the week. Their job is to help the homeless link up with various social service agencies, and address chronic problems faced by residents and business owners.

For example, if someone is continually sleeping on your property, that's a job for HLP. You leave a message with your name and problem, and according to SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega, someone from HLP will call you back and stay on the case until it's resolved.

From all reports, it's an innovative, effective program. And I heard from residents who mostly had very positive things to say about the responsiveness of the officers.

But can a handful of HLP officers solve all recurring homeless problems? No matter how good they are, their plate's pretty full. Linking up the homeless with social services, participating in City Hall's chronic homeless program, and responding to residents takes a lot of people power. Doesn't leave much time for preventing and deterring problems before they become chronic.

And is HLP enough? What happens when you see someone urinating in the park or experience a homeless person acting aggressively? You're supposed to call the police. But unless the officer has witnessed the action or you're willing to make a citizen's arrest, there's not much they can do. One resident said she called the police when she witnessed someone urinating on a signpost in her neighborhood. She was told they couldn't do anything about it.

The SMPD says it's concerned about problems with the homeless and does its best to respond to complaints. Given their limited resources, however, crimes like robbery and assault will, of course, always receive the highest priority.

That makes sense. But residents, business owners and visitors are entitled to more proactive measures. Surely, there are things City Hall can do like adding more HLP officers to patrol our neighborhoods. Or more rangers to enforce rules in our local parks.

We know that solving the homeless problem is complex. We know that it will take much more than a Band-Aid solution. But right now, waiting for a regional solution that may or may not happen isn't going to get that resident's property cleaned up. She suggested the City Council come to her house and clean up the mess.

Clearly, residents need more help.

The number for HLP is 458-8953. When leaving a message, provide your contact information and ask for officer contact. To find out about additional programs and assistance provided by the SMPD, go to www.santamonicapd.org.

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STATE BRIEFS

Threatening passenger gets bussed to jail

By The Associated Press

HESPERIA — A passenger pacing the aisle of a tour bus threatening "Everyone's going to die" was arrested after the driver pulled off Interstate 15.

At 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, the bus driver stopped on the Oak Hill freeway off-ramp and the man told passengers "he won't go alone and he is taking everyone with him," investigators said. The driver got off the bus, but about 12 passengers were left on board with the man.

"He was acting strangely, making all kinds of threats," dispatch supervisor Beth Harris said. One of the man's hands was wrapped with a blanket so there were suspicions the man had a weapon.

Several San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies surrounded the bus with guns drawn and the disturbed passenger was arrested at 9:10 a.m., sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Beavers said. No weapon was found. Deputies were unable to confirm the man's identity because he had a Mexican identification card, Beavers said. The tour bus continued on its journey, minus one passenger, about a half-hour later.

Cabbie convicted of raping disabled woman

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE — It took two hours of deliberations for jurors to convict a cabbie for the rape of a deaf, developmentally disabled woman in the back seat of his taxi.

Oscar Dela Cruz, 37, was found guilty Tuesday of raping the 28-year-old woman as well as finding true an allegation that he kidnapped her on July 28 to commit the crime.

"I'm just so grateful," said the victim's mother, who explained her daughter was born with cerebral palsy and several other disabilities. The victim uses sign language to communicate.

"She tells me she wants to pray that the bad man will go away," her mother said.

The names of the victim and her family were withheld to protect their privacy.

Dela Cruz picked the woman up in his All Yellow Taxi minivan to drive her to her restaurant job, but then parked in a secluded stall in a Lawndale parking lot where he raped her, according to testimony.

The Superior Court jury said they did not believe the conflicting testimony of Dela Cruz, who first testified he never touched the woman, then said he started to respond to her advances but stopped.

Dela Cruz also told detectives in a recorded interview played for jurors that the sex was consensual. He also said the victim removed her own clothing and wrote him a note with her phone number on it.

The victim's mother said her daughter was unable to perform those activities.

Little bighorn mystery still stresses biologists

By The Associated Press

PALM DESERT — Wildlife experts still don't know the cause of last year's die-off of eight peninsular bighorn sheep in the mountains above the Coachella Valley.

A state analysis of blood and tissue samples should be completed in a few months, federal wildlife experts and the Bighorn Institute said Tuesday.

Bighorn sheep are in danger of becoming extinct and the deaths of the eight sheep last summer caused alarm among biologists. There are only about 700 bighorn sheep roaming the mountains between Palm Springs and the Mexican border.

The sheep were protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in 1998.

As part of the bighorn-sheep recovery effort, state and federal biologists along with experts from the nonprofit Bighorn Institute were meeting in Riverside this week to continue the death investigation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Jane Hendron said.

Bighorn Institute executive director Jim DeForge said there is evidence suggesting that bovine respiratory syncytial virus played a role in the sheep developing bacterial pneumonia before they died.

The stress-induced virus is spread nose-to-nose between the sheep, DeForge said, and common symptoms include fever, cough and decreased appetite. The blood tests may determine whether the respiratory illness was to blame for the die-off.

Trio in trouble after hatching fraud scheme

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — A Chino Hills man, his father and another man face lengthy prison terms for allegedly hatching a $200 million investment scheme that defrauded more than 1,400 elderly victims in 25 states, prosecutors said.

Suspected ringleader Daniel Heath, 49, his father John Heath, 78, of Covina, and Denis O'Brien, 51, were charged with elder abuse, money laundering and securities fraud. A Superior Court judge set a March 7 hearing prior to the start of trial April 4.

The district attorney's office said the three defendants, plus a fourth man Larre Schlarmann, operated a Ponzi scheme that used up to $200 million in investments from the victims. Schlarmann, 50, pleaded guilty and was sentenced in November to 15 years in prison.

Daniel Heath, is facing 403 criminal counts which could lead to 165 years in prison. His father and O'Brien each face up to 40 years in prison, prosecutors said.

Hundreds of seniors lost their life savings when authorities closed D.W. Heath & Associates, which allegedly sold fraudulent, high-risk securities. The firm allegedly held seminars at restaurants and hotels in Southern California.

Potential investors were invited to its offices in Pasadena, Brea, Hemet and Temecula to learn about funds that offered returns of as much as 10 percent for what were billed as secured loans to businesses.

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Bush learned of ports deal after approval

BY TED BRIDIS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates until the deal already had been approved by his administration, the White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal anew, the administration also said that it should have briefed Congress sooner about the transaction, which has triggered a major political backlash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed aside objections by leaders in the Senate and House that the $6.8 billion sale could raise risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement involving the sale of a British company to the Arab firm.

Bush faces a rebellion from leaders of his own party, as well as from Democrats, about the deal that would put Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

While Bush has adamantly defended the deal, the White House acknowledged that he did not know about it until recently.

"He became aware of it over the last several days," McClellan said. Asked if Bush did not know about it until it was a done deal, McClellan said, "That's correct." He said the matter did not rise to the presidential level, but went through a congressionally-mandated review process and was determined not to pose a national security threat.

"The president made sure to check with all the Cabinet secretaries that are part of this process, or whose agencies or departments are part of this process," the spokesman said. "He made sure to check with them _ even after this got more attention in the press, to make sure that they were comfortable with the decision that was made."

"And every one of the Cabinet secretaries expressed that they were comfortable with this transaction being approved," he said.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Guiterrez, told The Associated Press in an interview: "They are not in charge of security. We are not turning over the security of our ports. When people make statements like that you get an instant emotional reaction."

The sale's harshest critics were not appeased.

"I will fight harder than ever for this legislation, and if it is vetoed I will fight as hard as I can to override it," said Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. King and Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said they will introduce emergency legislation to suspend the ports deal.

Another Democrat, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, urged his colleagues to force Bush to wield his veto, which Bush has never done. "We should really test the resolve of the president on this one because what we're really doing is securing the safety of our people."

McClellan dismissed any connection between the deal and David Sanborn of Virginia, a former senior DP World executive whom the White House appointed last month to be the new administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Transportation Department. Sanborn worked as DP World's director of operations for Europe and Latin America.

"My understanding is that he has assured us that he was not involved in the negotiations to purchase this British company," McClellan added.

"In terms of David Sanborn, he was nominated to run the Maritime Administration because of his experience and expertise," the spokesman said. Sanborn is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He is an operations professional.

Earlier, several lawmakers determined to capsize the pending sale said they would not be deterred by Bush's veto threat.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said the bipartisan opposition to the deal indicated "a lack of confidence in the administration" on both sides. "Sure, we have to link up with our Arab friends but ... we want to see and those in Congress want to know what ... safeguards are built in," Biden said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Bush's veto threat sought to quiet a political storm that has united Republican governors and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee with liberal Democrats, including New York Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Schumer.

The administration disclosed some assurances it negotiated with Dubai Ports. It required mandatory participation in U.S. security programs to stop smuggling and detect illegal shipments of nuclear materials; roughly 33 other port companies participate in these voluntarily. The Coast Guard also said it was nearly finished inspecting Dubai Ports' facilities in the United States.

Frist said Tuesday, before Bush's comments, that he would introduce legislation to put the sale on hold if the White House did not delay the takeover. He said the deal raised "serious questions regarding the safety and security of our homeland.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., asked the president for a moratorium on the sale until it could be studied further. "We must not allow the possibility of compromising our national security due to lack of review or oversight by the federal government," Hastert said.

Bush took the rare step of calling reporters to his conference room on Air Force One after returning from a speech in Colorado. He also stopped to talk before television cameras after he returned to the White House.

He said that members of Congress "need to know that our government has looked at this issue and looked at it carefully."

A senior executive from Dubai Ports World pledged the company would agree to whatever security precautions the U.S. government demanded to salvage the deal. Chief operating officer Edward "Ted" H. Bilkey promised Dubai Ports "will fully cooperate in putting into place whatever is necessary to protect the terminals."

Lawmakers from both parties have noted that some of the Sept. 11 hijackers used the United Arab Emirates as an operational and financial base. Critics contend the UAE was an important transfer point for shipments of smuggled nuclear components sent to Iran, North Korea and Libya by a Pakistani scientist.

Senate majority leader against amnesty for illegals, despite immigrants' history

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said he opposes a general amnesty program for illegal aliens, but declined to discuss whether he would support a guest worker program that would allow millions of immigrants to temporarily work in the United States.

"I oppose amnesty. Immigrants are important to our history, our economy, and are greatly valued by our country, but at the same time, our focus will be on the rule of law," the Tennessee Republican said Tuesday during a visit to the immigration detention center at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Frist also said the Senate would focus on border security when it begins considering immigration reform proposals next month.

He said he also expects some senators will push for guest worker programs, but added it was too early for him to take a position on the subject.

Frist's opposition to amnesty was not surprising _ most lawmakers in favor of a guest worker program say they oppose a blanket amnesty. But some Democrats and Republicans, as well as President Bush, have said that legalizing the status of an estimated 11 million illegal aliens through some sort of guest worker program must be part of any immigration reform package.

In December, the House passed a bill to build more fences along the U.S.-Mexico border and increase the number of immigration agents, but did not include any provisions addressing the status of illegals.

Meanwhile, Julie Myers, chief of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, called on Congress to stiffen penalties against companies that hire illegal aliens.

Myers, who was touring the ports with Frist, said that fines in particular need to be increased significantly because many businesses who hire illegals currently view them simply "as a cost of doing business."

First-time violators can be fined $250 to $2,000 per illegal employee, said ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice. Fines increase for repeat violators, Kice said, but can't exceed $10,000 per illegal employee.

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Bombs strike Shiite shrine, spawning reprisal attacks

BY ZIAD KHALAF
Associated Press Writer

SAMARRA, Iraq — Assailants wearing uniforms detonated two bombs inside one of Iraq's most revered Shiite shrines Wednesday, blowing the top off its landmark golden dome and spawning mass protests and reprisal attacks against dozens of Sunni mosques.

The brazen assault threatened to enflame religious passions as talks among sectarian and ethnic parties on a new government have bogged down.

No group claimed responsibility for the 6:55 a.m. attack on the Askariya shrine in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, but suspicion fell on Sunni extremist groups.

A Shiite political leader and many demonstrators also blamed the United States and its criticism of Shiite-led security forces that have been blamed for alleged abuses against Sunnis.

President Bush urged restraint among rival religious factions and pledged American help to restore the shrine.

"The terrorists in Iraq have again proven that they are enemies of all faiths and of all humanity," the president said in a written statement. "The world must stand united against them, and steadfast behind the people of Iraq."

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and the top American commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, called the bombings a deliberate attempt to foment sectarian strife and warned it was a "critical moment for Iraq."

Shiite leaders called for calm, but militants attacked Sunni mosques and a gunfight broke out between Shiite militiamen and guards at the offices of a Sunni political party in Basra. About 500 soldiers were sent to Sunni neighborhoods in Baghdad to prevent clashes between the sects, army Capt. Jassim al-Wahash said.

Shiite spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani sent instructions to his followers forbidding attacks on Sunni mosques, especially the major ones in Baghdad. He called for seven days of mourning, his aides said.

Al-Sistani later and Iraqi Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi later hinted that religious militias could be given a bigger security role if the government is not capable of protecting holy shrines like the one attacked in Samarra.

The Iraqi Islamic Party, the country's largest Sunni political group, said at least 60 mosques were attacked, burned or taken over by Shiites. A leading Sunni politician, Tariq al-Hashimi, urged clerics and politicians to calm the situation "before it spins out of control."

A government statement said "several suspects" had been detained in the attack on the mosque in Samarra.

The Askariya shrine contains the tombs of two revered Shiite imams, descendants of the Prophet Muhammad who are considered by Shiites to be among his successors.

The Interior Ministry said four men, one wearing a military uniform and three clad in black, entered the mosque and detonated two bombs, one of which collapsed the dome into a crumbly mess, leaving just traces of gold showing through the rubble.

Part of the shrine's tiled northern wall also was damaged.

Police said Wednesday afternoon no casualties had been found as Iraqis picked through the debris, pulling out artifacts.

U.S. and Iraqi forces surrounded the shrine and searched nearby houses. Five police officers responsible for protecting the mosque were taken into custody, said Col. Bashar Abdullah, chief of police commandos.

Demonstrators then gathered near the shrine, waving Iraqi flags, Shiite religious banners and copies of the Muslim holy book, the Quran.

"This criminal act aims at igniting civil strife," said Mahmoud al-Samarie, a 28-year-old builder. "We demand an investigation so that the criminals who did this be punished. If the government fails to do so, then we will take up arms and chase the people behind this attack."

Religious leaders at other mosques and shrines throughout the city denounced the attack in statements read over loudspeakers.

In Baghdad, National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie blamed religious zealots such as al-Qaida, telling Al-Arabiya television the attack was an attempt "to pull Iraq toward civil war."

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, head of the Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said the U.S. shared the blame, citing a statement by Khalilzad that America would not continue to support institutions run by sectarian groups with links to armed militias.

"These statements were the reason for more pressure and gave green lights to terrorist groups. And, therefore, he shares in part of the responsibility," al-Hakim said.

Commandos under Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, a member of al-Hakim's party, have been accused by Sunni Arabs of widespread human rights abuses against Sunni civilians.

The U.S. urged Iraqis to avoid sectarian strife.

"I ask all Iraqis to exercise restraint in the wake of this tragedy, and to pursue justice in accordance with the laws and constitution of Iraq. Violence will only contribute to what the terrorists sought to achieve by this act," Bush said, adding the U.S. would work with Iraqis to rebuild and restore the mosque.

Major Sunni groups joined in the condemning the attack. The Sunni clerical Association of Muslim Scholars called the bombing a "criminal act," while the Sunni Endowment, a government organization that cares for Sunni mosques and shrines, said it was sending a delegation to Samarra to investigate what happened.

Shiite leaders in surrounding countries, including Iran's most influential cleric body, the Qom Shiite Seminary, also responded quickly.

Large protests erupted in Shiite parts of Baghdad and in cities throughout the Shiite heartland to the south.

In Basra, Shiite militants traded rifle and rocket-propelled grenade fire with guards at the office of the Sunni-led Iraqi Islamic Party. Smoke billowed from the building.

Shiite protesters later set fire to a Sunni shrine containing the seventh century tomb of Talha bin Obeid-Allah, a companion of the Prophet Muhammad, on the outskirts of the southern city, but there was no immediate word on the extent of the damage or any casualties.

Protesters in Najaf, Kut and Baghdad's Shiite slum of Sadr City also marched through the streets by the hundreds and thousands, many shouting anti-American and anti-Israeli slogans and burning those nations' flags.

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City contends evidence against Big Blue is weak

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while banging on the windows and hollering at the driver. Failing to follow proper procedure, Greene said the driver, who has not been identified, slammed the bus doors closed, trapping Mehdipour, who was then knocked to the ground, hitting his head on the pavement and blacking out. Unable to react, his arm was run over by the bus, whose driver failed to stop and call for help, Greene said.

At least two witnesses — who plan to testify — saw the accident and confirmed that a Big Blue Bus was leaving the scene and was most likely involved, according to Greene, who also is planning to call a biomechanical engineer to the witness stand to testify that Mehdipour's injuries were the result of being run over by a 1,000-plus pound bus.

"The driver wasn't paying attention," Greene said. "The driver didn't see because he didn't look … and didn't follow the rules of the bus company, resulting in an elderly gentleman's life to be tragically impacted."

Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams, who is representing City Hall, said during his opening statement that there is no hard evidence linking Big Blue Bus to the accident. No witness actually saw a bus strike Mehdipour, and police reports filed hours later said the accident was caused by a car, Gams said.

"The truth is nobody knows what happened that day," Gams told jurors.

Greene said police officers didn't take a statement from Mehdipour until 12 hours after the accident, at which time Mehdipour was in "an altered state of consciousness" and couldn't remember exactly what occurred. Mehdipour still can't recall what happened the day of the accident.

Gams said the memory loss may be from an existing condition. Prior to the accident, Grams said Mehdipour, who was 79 years old at the time, had been treated for memory loss, depression, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Whether or not those conditions may have caused Mehdipour to fall on the day of the accident "is something for you (the jury) to evaluate and look at," Gams said.

The trial, which was called after settlement negotiations broke down last week, is expected to last two to three weeks. The Mehdipour family, sources said, is seeking millions of dollars in punitive damages for City Hall's alleged negligence, as well as money for pain and suffering.

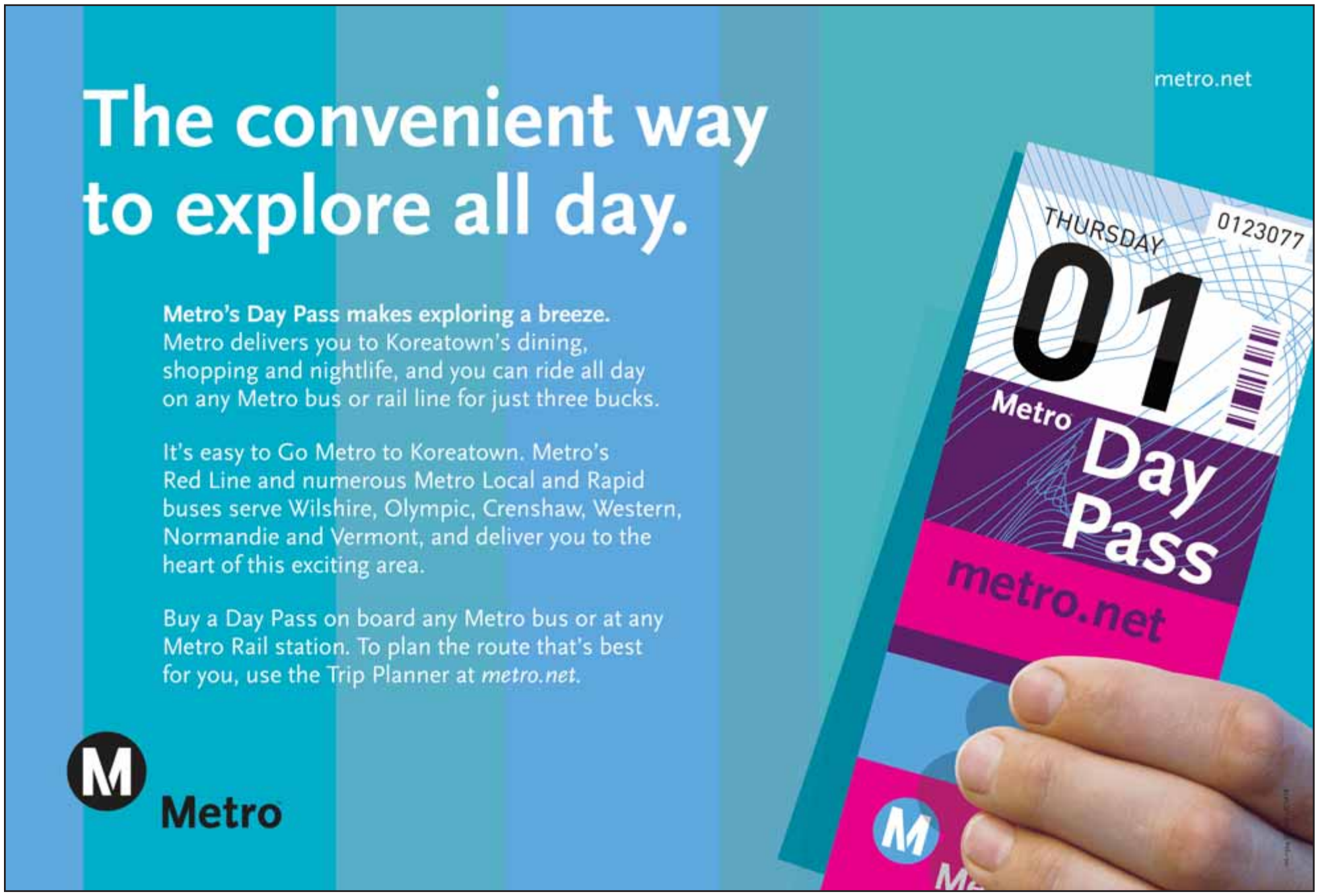
The law firm representing Mehdipour — Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler, located at 100 Wilshire Blvd. — also is suing City Hall on behalf of dozens of victims involved in the July 2003 Farmers' Market crash, in which Santa Monica resident Russell Weller, then 86, drove his car down a crowded Arizona Avenue, killing 10 and injuring 63 people. Lawyers said City Hall is responsible because it should have erected a protective barrier at both ends of the market. Those civil cases are pending until the criminal prosecution of Weller, who has been charged with manslaughter, is over. The criminal case has been delayed numerous times and is not yet set for trial.

Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler won the largest product liability suit of all time — $4.9 billion in 1999 against General Motors for a defective engine — and has prevailed in numerous cases worth millions of dollars.

Roll of a lifetime

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Children play on the art piece titled 'Walk on LA' at Santa Monica Beach. 'Walk' was created in 1988 by artist Carl Cheng after being commissioned by the city of Santa Monica. Funds came from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Santa Monica Arts Foundation.



Doing it on the fly

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A seagull seemingly in search of some seafood hovers over the Pacific Ocean.

Survey shows workers in SM count on benefits

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vice versa. Therefore, (the commission) would like to encourage all employers to develop refine or expand their work/life arrangements to reflect the changes in our culture's family responsibilities."

The survey, which was funded by the commission at a cost of roughly $1,400, was authorized in late 2004. A representative sample of companies, collectively employing 11,000 people, completed the survey. Participants included large companies such as RAND Corp., Blue Shield of California, Santa Monica College, and UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center, as well as medium-sized companies and small, locally-owned businesses such as Flap Happy, Heal the Bay and YMCA of Santa Monica.

"RAND competes against some of the most progressive universities and private sector firms in the country for talent, so having employee-friendly policies and programs in place is critical for us," said Michael Rich, executive vice-president of RAND. "Work/life benefits help us attract and retain talented people, increase productivity, and generally create a supportive work environment."

Skulski said that the survey is only the first step in a greater effort to raise awareness about the need for more work/life benefits, particularly when so many baby boomers are having children later in life and may be also taking care of elderly parents or other relatives.

According to Skulski, the commission will seek to engage the business community in conducting a complete assessment of work/life benefits offered in the city in hopes that it will lead to more companies jumping on board.

"We hope that the chamber of commerce or other non-profits may get involved because this is only the beginning." Skulski said. "We did the survey just to entice people to become educated about this and entice others to get involved."

Teachers make super endorsement

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Matthews, who was an important player in last year's negotiations between the district and the union.

Sarah Braff, a member of SMMCTA's executive board, praised Matthews for his role in the negotiations.

"Mike really values teachers and what they do," she said. "He helped make sure our negotiations were done in a respectful and professional manner and that the final outcome was fair to everyone involved."

For the past three years, a committee of teachers and administrators, including Matthews, has been developing a new teachers evaluation system based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. This year, the new Standards Based Evaluation was implemented for all temporary and probationary teachers.

"Matthews respects the process and is mindful that in order for meaningful change to be adopted by teachers, they must have true buy in," said Jenny Lipson, a member of the executive board.

Prior to becoming an assistant superintendent, Matthews served as principal at Malibu High School and has worked in the district for the past 13 years. Union officials believe that Matthews' institutional knowledge, leadership style and past accomplishments in the district will help to ensure a smooth transition from Deasy's tenure.

The teacher's association is continuing to give input about who will be named the district's new permanent superintendent and is currently making plans to survey its members about what they seek in a new administrator as well as for any possible candidates to recommend for the job.

The school board is scheduled to discuss who will be named interim superintendent tonight in closed session. It's unclear whether a decision will be made public this week.

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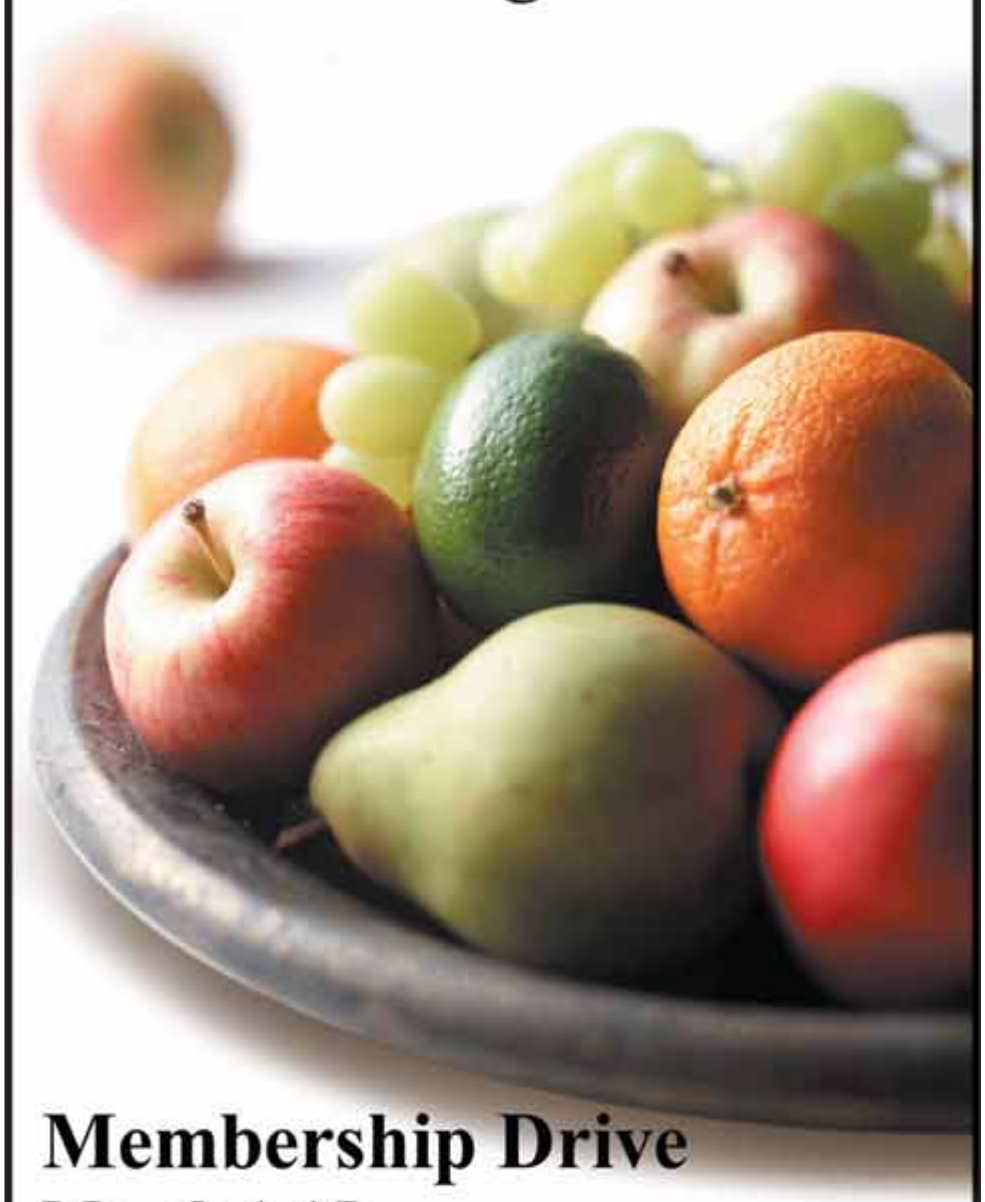

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IRS has more than $218M for Californians

By Daily Press staff

Unclaimed refunds totaling more than $218 million are awaiting 197,300 Californians who failed to file a federal income tax return for 2002, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Nationwide, about 1.7 million people could claim refunds totaling more than $2 billion. However, in order to collect the money, a tax return for 2002 must be filed with an IRS office no later than April 17.

The IRS estimates that half of those Californians who could claim refunds would receive more than $514. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages, or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings, but had too little income to require filing a tax return. Some taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

"We want people to get the refunds they're entitled to," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We urge taxpayers to double-check their records before the April 17 deadline. Taxpayers can't get a refund if they don't file a tax return."

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2002 returns, the window closes on April 17. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2002 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2003 or 2004. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 2002. Many low-income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is more than what they owe in tax, those who file returns more than three years late would be able only to apply it toward the taxes they owe, if any. They would not be able to receive a refund if the credit exceeded their tax.

Generally, individuals qualified for the EITC if in 2002 they earned less than $33,178 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, earned less than $29,201 with one qualifying child, or earned less than $11,060 and had no qualifying child.

Current and prior year tax forms and instructions are available on the forms and publications page of the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-829-3676. Taxpayers who need help also can call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.

RAND gets hand in fund-raising department

By Daily Press staff

Veteran fund-raising professional Elizabeth Stacey has joined the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization, as executive director of development.

"Elizabeth will be a trusted member of the senior team at RAND and will lead our efforts in raising philanthropic funds so RAND is able to address some of the world's most critical and urgent problems," said RAND president James A. Thomson.

Stacey most recently was chief consultant at Philanthropic Solutions, where she provided fund-raising counsel to a range of national and local nonprofit organizations.

Previously, Stacey was director of development at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA (2002-2004) and in 1998 founded the development program for the new California State University, Channel Islands. She also worked for 10 years at CARE, the international relief and development organization, where she was western regional director.

Stacey earned her M.A. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles. She holds credentials as a certified fund-raising executive and as a certified specialist in planned giving.

RAND is based in Santa Monica and maintains offices in the Washington, D.C. area and in Pittsburgh. RAND Europe is headquartered in Leiden in the Netherlands, and has offices in Germany and the United Kingdom. The RAND-Qatar Policy Institute is based in the capital of Qatar.

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Check this: Put tax refunds toward some long-term goals

MARKET MATTERS
BY BRIAN HEPP

When tax season is over, and the hassles of filing are through, many Americans anxiously await the arrival of good news — a refund check. And while many people already have that money spent before it even gets there, your tax refund could provide a valuable opportunity to start saving for the future. So, if you can muster the courage and resist spending it right away, there are several options that could make very good use of your refund. Following are a few ideas to consider.

■ Put away money for your retirement. One very important thing to remember is that there are no loans for retirement. Once you reach that age, you won't find anybody who will simply lend you the money to finance your lifestyle and let you pay them back later — because let's face it, who knows how much longer "later" will last at that point.

Setting aside at least a portion of your tax refund check for some form of retirement savings would certainly postpone the fun you have spending your money immediately. In the long run, however, it could increase the benefit you receive from your refund because the money you put in certain retirement plans is put into various investment vehicles that can potentially grow your money. Not only do you reap the rewards of the potential investment returns, but those returns also accumulate free of taxes, as long as your money remains in the plan.

Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, are one of the most common savings options that have this feature. For tax years 2005 through 2007, the annual contribution limit to an IRA is $4,000. Depending on how you look at it, that may not seem like much. Also remember that all investments carry some level of risk, including the potential loss of principal invested. However, that money could grow significantly based on the long-term earnings on your investments. In addition, investors over 50 years old are allowed "catch up" contributions to make up for lost time. In 2005, those retirement savers can contribute an extra $500 — bringing the total contribution limit to $4,500. The catch up amount will increase to $1,000 in 2006 and 2007, thanks to recent IRA rule changes, meaning investors over 50 years old can put away as much as $5,000 each year.

■ Save for a college education. Once you're on your way to establishing a decent retirement fund for yourself, you can turn your attention to other financial priorities that may be looming on the horizon. College costs have been rising at dramatic rates over the last several years. To help meet those rising costs, several savings alternatives have been designed specifically to help cover college costs.

One way to save for education expenses is through a Coverdell Education Savings Accounts (ESA). Formerly known as an Education IRA, this savings plan allows contributions of up to $2,000 each year, and you also benefit from tax-free accumulation of your earnings. In addition, if you use the funds for education expenses, they will be free from federal taxes when you withdraw them.

Coverdell funds also can be used for qualified secondary and elementary education expenses, and you can fund an ESA in the same year you put funds into another type of education savings account. There are certain income limits associated with these accounts, but if you fall within the income guidelines, you can use a Coverdell to start setting aside money now to help ease the financial burden that you know is on the way.

Whether it's saving for yourself, or saving for your children, putting money away now for later use is never a bad idea. These are just some of the ways you can take advantage of your tax refund money, and possibly make even more out of it than just the amount on the check.

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Limited evidence exchange allowed in Qwest civil case

BY SANDY SHORE
AP Business Writer

DENVER — A judge agreed Wednesday to allow federal regulators and former Qwest executives to begin a limited exchange of evidence in the government's civil fraud case against several ex-officials of the company.

Noting the lawsuit was filed nearly a year ago, U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer said the process needs to get under way despite complications from a criminal indictment of former Chief Executive Officer Joe Nacchio.

Shaffer limited the process to written requests for documents and questions from former Qwest accountants James Kozlowski and Frank Noyes and reciprocal requests from the Securities and Exchange Commission. He also allowed a handful of other defendants to request documents.

Shaffer has been trying to resolve conflicts between the civil lawsuit and a criminal case accusing Nacchio of 42 counts of insider trading tied to his sale of $101 million in stock. Nacchio has pleaded not guilty.

In the civil case, Nacchio and six other former Qwest executives were accused of orchestrating a financial fraud between April 1999 and March 2002.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kid between rock and hard place

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — Kid Rock has won an initial victory in his attempt to stop a California company from releasing an explicit sex video featuring the rap-rocker, former Creed singer Scott Stapp and four women.

U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens signed a temporary order that stops David Joseph and his World Wide Red Light District company from posting a preview clip of the video on its Web sites.

On Tuesday, Kid Rock's lawyers sued Red Light, which made headlines in 2004 by distributing the Paris Hilton sex video, accusing the firm of violating Kid Rock's trademark and privacy rights. The lawsuit seeks a permanent court order halting sale or distribution of the video.

"We don't deny the authenticity of the tape," Kid Rock's lawyer, William Horton, told the Detroit Free Press. "But they're using this without his permission to drive the sales of their other products."

"Even rock stars are entitled to privacy," said co-counsel Michael Novak.

The temporary order covers only a 40-second preview. The order remains in effect until a court hearing Friday, even though the company removed it from the Internet last week after receiving a cease-and-desist order from Stapp's lawyers.

Red Light lawyer Ray Tamaddon said he couldn't comment on the lawsuit because he hadn't seen it. But he said the company is confident that it is within its legal rights.

"These are public figures, and the standards are different," he said.

In an affidavit filed with the lawsuit, Kid Rock, who was born Robert Ritchie, said the video was shot in 1999 near Miami. At the time, Stapp was the lead singer of Creed.

Kid Rock said in the lawsuit filing that it was clearly understood that the video would remain Stapp's private property and would not be displayed publicly.

Joseph has said previously that he got the tape from a third party. It involved women from a strip club and was taken in a motor home, he said.

LOS ANGELES — Morgan Freeman will be honored with UCLA's Spencer Tracy Award, which recognizes outstanding screen performances and professional achievement.

Jason Kaminsky, UCLA campus events commissioner, made the announcement Tuesday. An awards ceremony is scheduled for March 7.

"It was said that Spencer Tracy's natural style set him apart from actors of his time and set performance standards for future generations," Kaminsky said. "We think that the same can be said for the acting of Mr. Freeman."

Freeman, 68, won an Oscar for his role helping Clint Eastwood toughen up a woman boxer in "Million Dollar Baby," and he has received Oscar nominations for roles in "Street Smart," "Driving Miss Daisy" and "The Shawshank Redemption."

The Tracy Award ceremony will include a video retrospective of Freeman's career, including his newest film, "Lucky Number Slevin," which co-stars Ben Kingsley, Bruce Willis and Josh Hartnett.

"Spencer Tracy is known by many as one of the finest actors in film history," Freeman said. "Receiving this award is truly an honor."

Previous Tracy Award recipients include Jimmy Stewart, Michael Douglas, Denzel Washington, Tom Hanks and Anthony Hopkins.

EL PASO, Texas — Hall of Fame basketball coach Don Haskins is too sick to travel and will miss a trip to the White House to screen the movie "Glory Road" with members of his 1966 NCAA national championship team, his wife said.

Haskins was hospitalized last week with pneumonia, Mary Haskins said.

"He's in the hospital and won't be out for a couple of days. He has pneumonia and he's getting blood transfusions right now," she told the El Paso Times for Tuesday's editions.

The couple were to have flown to Washington on Tuesday, in advance of the Wednesday evening screening and dinner with President Bush. Because of a bout with the flu, Haskins missed the Hollywood premiere of the Jerry Bruckheimer movie, directed by James Gartner, depicting his team's unlikely run to that national championship.

Haskins, who in 1999 retired from the University of Texas at El Paso, formerly Texas Western College, has been credited with breaking college basketball's color barrier. He started five black players in the championship game against the all-white Kentucky Wildcats.

SHANGHAI, China — The city: Shanghai. The venue: a drafty People's Liberation Army acrobatics theater. The event: James Brown.

The 72-year-old Godfather of Soul made his mainland China debut Wednesday, belting out classics such as "Get up Offa That Thing" before a capacity crowd.

"We are going to funk you up before we finish," Brown said three songs into his set, which he kicked off with "Make it Funky."

Dressed in a cherry red satin suit, he shimmied, shook and leapt — although not quite as high as he once did.

Behind him, the nine-piece Soul General, complete with gold epaulets on their suits, put on a virtuoso display of rhythm and horns. His quartet of backup singers, the General Sweet, egged on the cheering, clapping crowd that filled the Yunfeng Theater in the heart of Shanghai's once-thriving nightclub district.

Brown is little known in China, and Wednesday's audience was overwhelmingly European, American and Japanese — evidence of Shanghai's increasingly international, cosmopolitan complexion.

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Winter Passing
11 am 2:15pm 5pm 7:45pm 10pm
Walk the Line
1:45pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 10:30pm
Transamerica
1:30pm 4:15pm 7:00pm 9:45pm

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Neil Young: Heart of Gold
12pm 2:30pm 5pm 7:30pm 10:10pm
Underworld: Evolution
12:30pm 3pm 10:30pm
Firewall
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Matchpoint
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The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada
1:40pm 4:25pm 7:10pm 10:05pm
Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story
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Good Night, and Good Luck
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Questions or comments? Email calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1847, U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died of a stroke at age 80.

In 1905, the first Rotary Club service organization was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris.

In 1965, Stan Laurel _ the "skinny" half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team _ died in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

Ten years ago: The Iraqi News Agency reported that Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his brother Saddam Kamel al-Majid, a pair of defectors who were also the sons-in-law of Saddam Hussein, were killed by clan members after returning to their homeland.

Dutch tourist Tosca Dieperink, 39, was killed in a holdup at a Miami service station. (Two men later pleaded guilty to the slaying and were sentenced to prison.)

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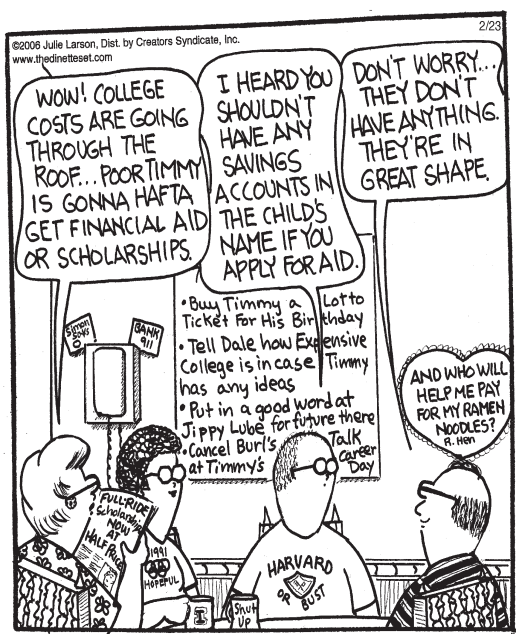

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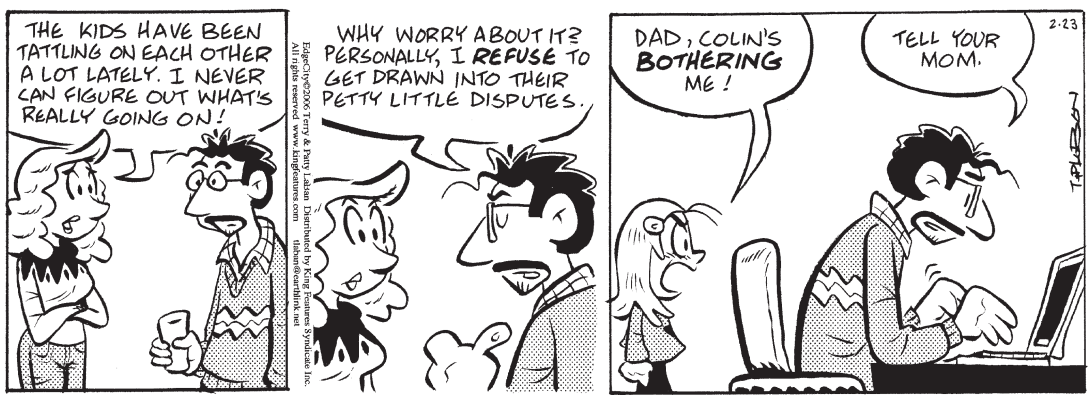

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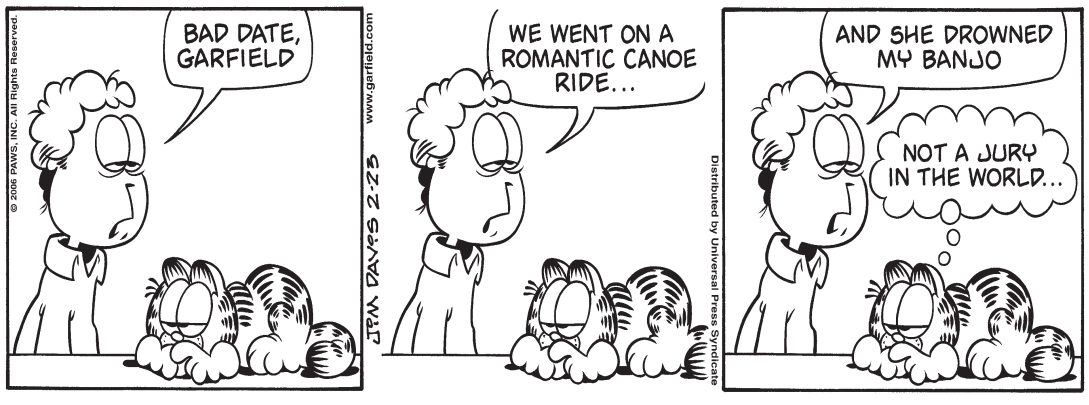

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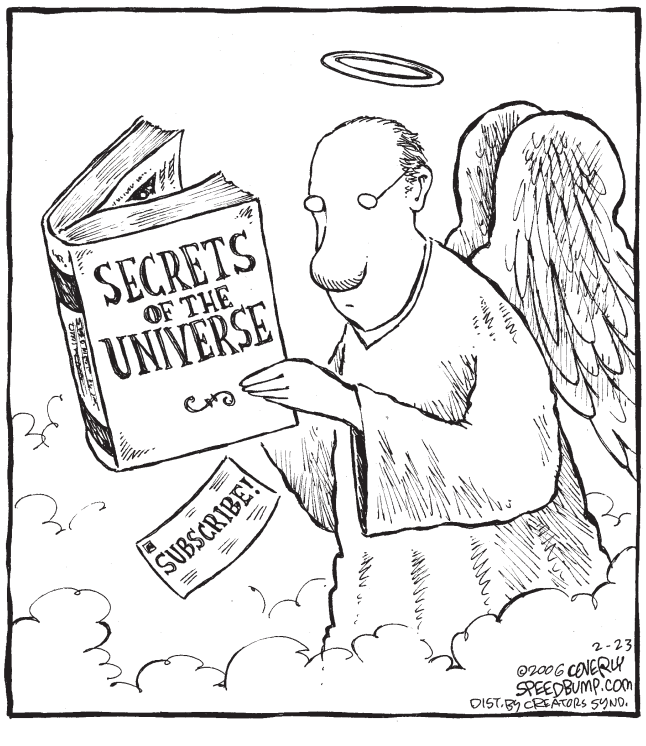

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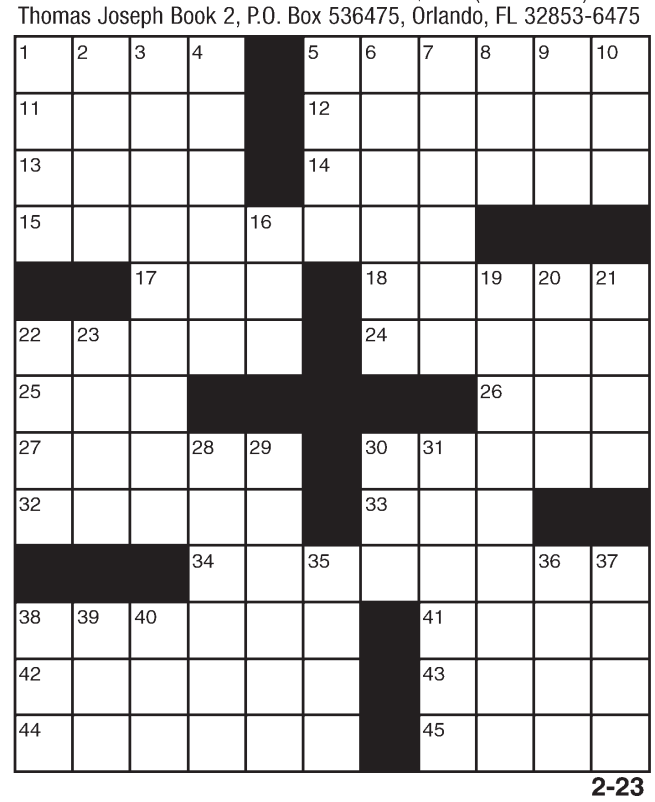

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JANE CHENOWETH CASE NO. BP096711

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JANE CHENOWETH.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICHOLAS D. MANZELLA AKA DANNY MANZELLA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICHOLAS D. MANZELLA AKA DANNY MANZELLA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/09/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA LEE REINBOLD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LINDA LEE REINBOLD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
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.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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