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Suspected gangsters face charges

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE Charges have been filed against three of the eight suspected West LA gang members arrested earlier this month in connection with the murders of 15-year-old Eddie Lopez and 20-year-old Miguel Martin, as well as several drive-by shootings

during what police have called a two-year "reign of terror" in the Pico Neighborhood.

Jose Contreras Zapien, also known as "Youngster," has been charged with two counts of murder, nine counts of attempted murder, and other weapons charges, including a special gang enhancement. He faces life in prison.

Prosecutors have not decided whether or

not to seek the death penalty.

Zapien, 18, is being held without bail at the men's Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles, according to the sheriff's department.

Noah Farris, also known as "Cowboy," has been charged with assault with the intent to inflict great bodily harm. The 26-year-old also faces a gang enhancement, which could increase his sentence to eight years if convicted.

Farris was released from custody on Feb. 17 after posting \$110,000, according to the latest information provided by the sheriff's department's inmate information center.

Jon Anthony Carillo, also known as "Wino," has been charged with two counts of attempted murder and other weapons

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725 California Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

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1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades, noon — 1:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome for lunch. For more information, contact June M. Doy at (310) 922-6274 or (310) 917-3313.

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'Ester Goldberg's The Big Show'

8433 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 9 p.m. — 11 p.m.

The Comedy Store presents this musical-comedy event, starring Ester Goldberg and featuring her orchestra, The Archibald Leeches. Tickets are available by calling (323) 656-3225. Tickets are \$25, with a two-drink minimum.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007

MMA Cage Fighting at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

1855 Main St., 5 p.m.

Total Fighting Alliance presents 'Conflict on the Coast.' Doors open at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.totalfighting.net.

EVAC annual pancake breakfast and planning meeting

2450 Ashland Ave., 9 a.m.

Emergency Volunteer Air Corps invites new and prospective members to attend. Meet fellow airport volunteers and learn about the EVAC program. To RSVP, contact Captain Tom Riegner at (310) 450-9029. For more information, visit www.evac.org/smo.

'Junk Drawers'

3301 Pico Blvd., coffeehouse hours

Photography by Richard Gilbert will be on display at the UnUrban Coffeehouse through March 20. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.osmarea.com.

'Open the Bottle Night'

101 Wilshire Blvd., call for times

The Grille will launch its monthly 'OTBN!' dinner series where guests are encouraged to open any bottle of wine that they have been saving. For more information, call (310) 576-7777.

Edison Language Academy's silent auction and family dance

2425 Kansas Ave., 4 p.m. — 9 p.m.

This free community event will feature the live music of Argentinean tango quartet, Tango Nuevo, and salsa, cumbia and other Latin dance lessons. There will also be authentic global food, children's crafts, Mexican Loteria and a raffle for a chance to win \$500 and a video iPod. The silent auction to benefit the school features dinners at local restaurants, hotel packages and gym memberships. For more information, contact Yoly Gutierrez at (310) 828-0335.

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Rainy day go away

A single pedestrian tries to stay dry during a rainstorm that blew into the area Thursday. The National Weather Service expects a 30 percent chance of showers for Friday.

Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

Making jokes raises big bucks for school

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK It's not the Improv, but the annual Comedy Night at John Adams Middle School will hopefully be good enough.

In an effort to raise money for technology improvement initiatives at the middle school, the Parent Teacher Association is making its needs a laughing matter by staging its third annual Comedy Night on campus.

Five professional comedians — JAMS parent and event organizer Janine Hayes, Sarah Tiana, Christina Tazitsky, Courtney Cronin and Dan Smith — will perform pro bono, allowing the PTA to benefit 100 percent from ticket sales in efforts to secure liquid crystal display projectors and Smart Boards for classrooms.

Each of the comedians have performed in famous Los Angeles venues, such as the Laugh Factory, the Improv and The Comedy Store, as well as appeared on Comedy Central network shows. Some have even entertained the troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Comedy Night is held twice a year to fundraise for John Adams Middle School and Will Rogers Learning Community. Organizers are hoping that the event will sell out by tonight, netting the school at least \$7,000.

"It's really a magical evening," said Hayes, who enlisted the help of her comedian friends. "You get to laugh for over an hour and walk out of there feeling awesome."

The proceeds from the event should help first-year Principal Martha Shaw promote her efforts to improve technology in the classroom and enhance the learning experience for students.

"One of my goals is to improve kids'

access to technology," Shaw said on Wednesday. "We have two computer labs, but we have 1,100 kids, so it's hard to get them into labs often enough for teachers to use it as a teaching tool."

At present, all the math classes at John Adams utilize the Smart Boards — interactive white boards — and the LCD projectors. The two tools come in handy during math instruction because it allows the teacher to prepare their math lesson on their laptop and project them onto a touch screen Smart Board.

Smart Boards combine the elements of a white board and a computer. The computer desktop is projected and applications can be controlled by touching the Smart Board directly.

Unlike chalkboards or white boards, where teachers can easily run out of room in the process of teaching a math problem, the Smart Board provides an infinite amount of space, said Glenn Sato, a sixth grade math teacher at JAMS.

"I can go on forever," Sato said.

But the best thing about the Smart Board is it provides a source of interaction between the students and the teachers. Students are invited to come up to the class and solve a problem using the Smart Board.

"Technology is definitely playing a much larger role in the classroom," Sato said on Wednesday. "Most of the kids had experience with it in the previous grade. The number of kids (adept at technology) increases every year."

Though organizers hope to raise up to \$7,000, previous Comedy Nights have only attracted about 200 people. If the show sells out its 700 tickets, Shaw estimates the school will be able to purchase six LCD projectors,

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Hudson the dog earns national best trick honors

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD One local dog is basking in the glory of fame.

The multi-talented Hudson, who can wave, sneeze and act shy on command, was crowned the winner of the "Best Trick" category in the second annual Dog Show USA — a web-based contest sponsored by Purina brand dog food.

Having collected 3,009 votes, the 4-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog from the Pico Neighborhood routed the competition — Riley, a Welsh corgi that can dunk a basketball, and Mona, a rescued dog that can surf, by 1,981 and 2,223 votes, respectively.

"We are so excited to win," said Hudson's owner, Danielle Gershberg, on Thursday. "I'm such a proud mom and I'm thrilled to let the world see how adorable Hudson can be when she chooses."

The winning pooch secured a year's supply of Purina Pro Plan dog food with the victory. Since Hudson is on a special diet, undergoing frequent surgeries for illnesses unique to the Bernese Mountain breed, Gershberg plans to donate the food to a worthy shelter or rescue.

Considered to be quite intelligent, Hudson learned one of her three contest



Photo courtesy of Danielle Gershberg

SAY CHEESE: Danielle Gershberg's pet dog Hudson gets all pretty for the camera.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama will give 'Shaw the shaft

Editor:

Presidential candidate Barack Obama appeared at a campaign rally in the Crenshaw district in South Los Angeles, where he generated “enthusiasm from a diverse crowd” and invoked “the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.” He then went to another part of town, where he “collected more than \$1 million in checks” at a Beverly Hills party thrown by Hollywood moguls David Geffen, Steven Spielberg and Jeffrey Katzenberg (Los Angeles Times, Feb. 21).

A predominantly African-American community of some 26,000 people, Crenshaw struggles with all the ills of urban America – crime, poverty, environmental pollution and unemployment. The good people there are trying to survive in hard times.

If Obama has to choose between supporting them or the Hollywood Three above, which side will he take?

Despite his inflated rhetoric, Obama will not defend the people of Crenshaw and other poorer areas from the class and racist assaults they face each day. He can cite Dr. King all he wants; unlike King, however, he will never lead a “Poor People’s Campaign” or confront militarism, racism and economic exploitation.

With 26,000 people, Crenshaw’s share of the cost of the U.S.-Iraq War will be about \$43 million once Congress votes another \$100 billion this coming month. Obama will vote yes, as he has on every previous funding bill for the slaughter. The final cost of the war may reach \$2 trillion; Crenshaw’s share will be some \$173 million.

As Dr. King reminded us, every dollar that goes for war and militarism robs a community of needed funds to address the serious ills listed above. Obama is not interested in addressing those ills, however, since he craves the support of wealthy and powerful corporate interests who feed at the trough of war.

John Marciano
Santa Monica

Raindrops keep falling on his head

Editor:

We have nice warm days, then we get rain. It would be nice if the weather could make up its mind. Still, it beats the blizzards the rest of the country is getting.

Let’s just hope the rest of the country doesn’t decide to move out here.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Knowing when to say ‘when’

Editor:

I wanted to follow up and tell (readers) that I thought (“Has the city had its fill?” Feb. 17-18, page 1) was well written and fairly presented. The subject of alcoholic beverages in a community can be a volatile and complicated matter that oftentimes ramps up emotions, resulting in a clouding of the issues.

I felt your piece struck a good balance and opens the door for discussion between the business and residential interests, both of whom have legitimate concerns that deserve to be heard.

Jon C. Mejia
American Liquor License Exchange



The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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Some rules before they decide to run

WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION season beginning nearly 90 weeks before Election Day, and an open seat promising a bitter, protracted battle on both sides, this is a good time to agree to a few ground rules to make this an election that we can be proud of and not one to dread. While New Mexico Gov. Richardson’s call for Democrats not to attack each other is a good start, there is much more we should demand of those who seek our nation’s highest office.

RULE NO. 1: TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES.

Above all else, candidates should talk about issues that matter. We have too many pressing problems that require serious discussion to justify diverting the debate to symbolic wedge issues such as school prayer and flag burning. I doubt that any of the nearly 50 million Americans without health insurance or those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11 are grateful for all the time we have spent in the past on these symbolic issues instead of health care coverage or homeland security.

RULE NO. 2: BE HONEST.

Candidates should pledge to be honest and fair with facts. Read my lips -- this means not only telling the truth, but not distorting your opponent’s record or making unrealistic promises. It also means repudiating surrogate or allied organizations that fail to uphold this standard. Let the path to the White House be on the white horse of integrity and not the swift boat of deceit.

RULE 3: ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION.

As candidates travel across the country and meet Americans from all walks of life, they should listen closely as they voice their feelings of alienation and disenfranchisement because the greatest threat to our democracy is not Al Qaeda, but apathy. Candidates should pledge to encourage and find ways to maximize voter participation instead of attempting to suppress the vote of the opposition through intimidation or misinformation (and should also endorse Senator Obama’s proposed legislation criminalizing such conduct).

RULE 4: DEMAND A FAIR VOTE.

As candidates travel the country, they should encourage each Secretary of State to use 2007 to ensure that their vote-counting technology and procedures inspire confidence, rather than breed mistrust. This includes allocating voting machines based on the quantity and not the quality of voters in a given area.

RULE 5: SHOW RESPECT.

The various candidates are public servants who have served with distinction in our armed services and as mayors, governors and members of Congress. They have earned the right to be treated with respect by all, whether it is their opponent, the media or voters attending their events. It is fair to question their ideas and proposals, but not their patriotism or love for this country. The

reciprocal obligation is that the candidates refrain from denigrating the government and civil servants they seek to lead.

RULE 6: MORE DEBATES.

When it appeared that President Kennedy’s opponent in 1964 would be his good friend Barry Goldwater, the two talked about traveling the country together and engaging in debates at each stop. Today’s candidates should embrace this model and pledge that if they win the nomination they will agree to at least four regional debates and an additional debate held in the House of Representatives, where the questions will be posed by the leaders of each party.

THEY HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT BY ALL, WHETHER IT IS THEIR OPPONENT, THE MEDIA OR VOTERS ATTENDING THEIR EVENTS.

RULE 7: HONOR THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

Had Senator Kerry been declared the winner in Ohio in 2004 we would have had two consecutive elections in which the victor lost the popular vote. In order to avoid such an anomalous result, each candidate should pledge that should they be their party’s nominee they will instruct their electors in each state to vote for the winner of the national vote. Once freed from the chains of the Electoral College map, the candidates should also pledge to visit each state during the fall campaign.

RULE 8: IMPROVE THE PROCESS.

The winner of the election should host all of the candidates involved for a private discussion about the process and ways to improve it. Who better to conceive solutions to improve the process than those who have spent two years fully emerged in it? In addition, such a meeting would serve to refocus all involved away from the election towards the critical task of governance.

While I harbor no illusions that any candidate would accept or honor all of these rules, that does not mean we cannot demand it. After all, it is our vote and our election, not the candidates. We have every right to demand that the next president not only be capable of leading this great nation, but be fairly elected through an untainted process. In other words, it is our right to echo Langston Hughes’ call to “let America be America again.”

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The more things change, the more they stay insane

ON MONDAY, WE CELEBRATED Presidents' Day, with the traditional tire and mattress sales, enhanced this year by the public debates over who fathered Anna Nicole's baby and why Britney shaved her head. Given all of this, I found myself reminiscing about some of our past presidents. I harkened back to George Washington. (I didn't really "harken," but you get the idea.)

During Washington's farewell address in 1796, he warned the nation against the dangers of "foreign entanglements." Iraq, it seems to me, is the epitome of a foreign entanglement. In 1961, Dwight Eisenhower, also a former general, warned about the dangers of the "military industrial complex." Haliburton, it seems to me, is the poster child for the military industrial complex. So I'm counting the days until George W. Bush's farewell address, assuming he's not impeached first. He might warn the nation about the dangers of "not shopping." Maybe Darwin was wrong?

Another former general always intrigued me, especially after I read Jeff Bridges wanted to do a movie about his life. (No, I'm not talking about the "Big Lebowski.") I'm referring to the most decorated Marine in history — Gen. Smedly Butler. I realize his name sounds like an animated character from "Rocky and Bullwinkle," a brilliant TV show as it happens. I never thought I'd write "Rocky & Bullwinkle" and a real-life general in the same sentence, but I guess I just did.

In 1898, Butler was only 16 and lied about his age to join the Marines. When he retired in 1930, he had won the Medal of Honor twice, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the French Order of the Black Star. (Bush, on the other hand, was lucky if he showed up for a Reserves meeting.)

Gen. Butler lived and fought with his men, and in return, they were devoted to him. But during his retirement, he reflected on his career. He painfully concluded that not a single war he had participated in had been justified. (He died before WWII.) He reasoned that none of these wars had benefited the troops or the citizens at home. No war had made Americans safer, but all had made many millionaires.

Tired of seeing his soldiers die in their role as "Wall Street's policemen," Gen. Butler came to the tragic assessment that "war is a racket." Actually, the word "racket" seems tame given what's going on today. We've

spent \$350 billion in Iraq on our way to two trillion. But of merely the \$60 billion independent auditors have had access to examine, \$10 billion has disappeared. Gone, vanished, left the building without a trace ... meaning it's sitting in some Swiss accounts. (For a lark, type "War is a racket" in your browser and see what you think.)

Butler was the author of some remarkable quotes.

"I made Mexico safe for American oil," he said ruefully, "Haiti and Cuba for the National City Bank, Central America for Wall Street, Nicaragua for international bankers, the Dominican Republic for sugar companies and Honduras for fruit companies ... Looking back, I feel I might have given Al Capone a few tips. The best he could control was three city districts. We Marines operated on three continents."

Dark humor aside, Butler finally resigned because he had too often seen his men die in an ignoble cause. I wish Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara had done the same during Vietnam. In the documentary "Fog of War," he admitted that he and President Johnson knew the war was lost as early as 1966. The comparison to Iraq is inescapable. The more things change, the more they stay insane.

Among those supporting the Congressional Resolution against Bush's escalation of the war was Congressman Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania, an Iraqi war vet. As he spoke, he never raised his voice, though it cracked, as he named friends who had served with him in the 82nd Airborne and never made it home.

"If there was a time for more troops, it was four years ago," he said quietly. Of the Vietnam Memorial, down the hill from the Capitol and a short walk through the snow, Murphy said, "Half the soldiers listed on that wall died after our leaders knew it could not be won."

As I end, I apologize for not shedding light on tire and mattress sales, or Anna Nicole's baby or Britney's bald head. I did confirm Jeff Bridges' interest in the life of Gen. Butler. So any movie producer out there with \$25 million, feel free to e-mail me. What's \$25 mil? It's only 1/400th of what has disappeared in Iraq so far.

If the past is any indicator, who knows, next President's Day I may be writing about the missing money in the war against Iran?

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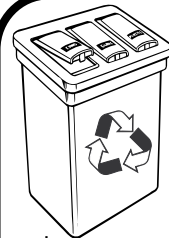


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Sting leads to arrests of alleged gangsters

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charges, and faces a gang enhancement. If convicted on all counts, Carillo, 19, could face up to 40 years in prison, prosecutors said. Carillo is being held on \$1 million bail.

A hearing has been set for March 15 in Division 144 of the Airport Courthouse, according to Deputy District Attorney Kevin Stennis, who is prosecuting the case.

THIS IS STILL A VERY SOLID CASE AND THE FACT THAT SOMEONE IS RELEASED DOESN'T MEAN THE CASE IS ANY WEAKER."

Alex Padilla
SMPD Lt.

The three were arrested along with five other suspected gang members on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8, after officers with the Santa Monica and Los Angeles police departments served several search and arrest warrants in West Los Angeles and Venice. Officers believed the seven men and one 15-year-old girl played roles in a number of high-profile shootings

in Santa Monica, including those that killed Lopez and Martin.

Lopez was killed on Feb. 28, 2006, while walking with friends near the corner of Pico Boulevard and 26th Street. Martin was killed on Dec. 27, 2006, also walking with friends, along Pico Boulevard near Virginia Avenue Park.

Several other shootings took place in the Pico Neighborhood, including one across the street from Edison Elementary School, while children were in the school playground. Another occurred on Oct. 21, 2006, during which a young woman was shot in the leg as she walked into her apartment complex.

In addition to Farris, two other men arrested during the early morning raids — Victor Torres and Andres Castillo — have since been released, but with no charges being filed against them, said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

The three juveniles rounded up remain in custody, however, Padilla could not say whether charges have been filed due to their ages. If any of the juveniles are subsequently charged as an adult, their identities would then be made public, Padilla said.

"This is still an ongoing investigation, and we have served other search warrants following the initial arrest and recovered further evidence that could lead to additional charges being filed," Padilla said. "This is still a very solid case and the fact that someone is released doesn't mean the case is any weaker."

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Photo courtesy of Danielle Gershberg

Local dog barks up best trick

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tricks the day after Gershberg brought her home as a 9-week-old puppy. She sneezed, prompting Gershberg, a dog walker and screenwriter, to praise Hudson, saying "good sneeze."

From then on, Hudson managed to sneeze on command. The dog later learned how to act shy and wave hello. Acting shy took hold when Hudson realized the trick would lead to food.

Hudson has had more than her 15 minutes in the spotlight since being announced

as one of the three finalists for the "Best Trick" category. She performed her tricks on the KTLA Morning Show on Feb. 12. Gershberg recently received a call from NBC's "Today Show" in New York to appear on an upcoming show, but plans to decline.

"I'm very proud of her," Gershberg said. "I think she's a great dog."

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

‘Poor man’s acid’ leads to arrest

ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 AT 11:35 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite Aid – regarding a suspicious man who was believed to be shoplifting. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who said a man walked into the store, looked at several items and then left. Employees believed the man had stolen something and gave a description to officers. Once outside of the store, officers made contact with a person on the street who said they had seen the man walk out of the Rite Aid and into a Walgreens up the street. Officers went to the drug store and spoke with the store manger who said the suspect was there, trying to hide behind a pillar. Officers confronted the suspect and noticed there were several empty cartons of cough syrup on the floor. Officers searched the suspect and found the cough medicine in his pockets, police said. The suspect said he had taken the syrup because he was addicted to it, calling the syrup the “poor man’s acid,” police said. The suspect was taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica Jail for attempted burglary and for violating his parole, police said. He was identified as Michael Julian Topper, 31, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 AT 8:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Fourth Street – Parking Structure 7 – regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. Officers spoke with a parking attendant who said he was counting money near his ticket booth when he was struck from behind by some object. While his vision was blurry from the blow, the attendant told police that he could see the suspect take the money and flee. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers located him a few blocks away and he was arrested for armed robbery. He was identified as Jevary Whitman, 22, a transient. No bail was set because the suspect was on parole, police said. Officers recovered \$53.

ON MONDAY, FEB. 12 AT 1:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of Fourth Street – Circuit City – regarding an employee who had been stealing money and merchandise from the store. When officers arrived, they spoke with store management who said the employee had stolen at least \$1,400 in cash from the registers and another \$2,000 in DVDs and other merchandise over a month-long period. Store security caught the thefts on tape, police said. The employee was booked for grand theft. He was identified as Ronnie Leon Bullocks, 25, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

ON MONDAY FEB. 12 AT 6:45 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol near the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Ashland Avenue spotted a man riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. Officers made contact with the bike rider and since he had no identification, they conducted a search and discovered a glass pipe with burnt white residue. Also, inside his pack of cigarettes, officers found two pieces of rock cocaine, police said. The suspect was arrested for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Donald Thomas Hulett, 41, of Santa Monica. No bail was set because he was on probation, police said.

ON FEB. 14 AT 1:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard – Main Library – regarding a man in custody who was seen masturbating in public. When officers arrived, they spoke with a librarian who said that while they were making their rounds they saw the man playing with himself in plain sight. Police arrested the suspect for indecent exposure. He was identified as Andrew David Bowers, 23, a transient. His bail was set at \$1,600.

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Watching kids from comfort of home

Biloxi Public Schools first district in country to install video cameras in every classroom

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Would the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District make room in its classrooms for Big Brother?

Several weeks have passed since the community was alerted to the controversy involving Malibu High School students posting footage of classroom sessions on YouTube without the consent of the teachers or classmates shown in the videos. YouTube is a popular Web site that gives users free rein to post videos on the Internet.

Administrators have responded by trying to regulate the use of cell phones, which aren't allowed during school hours, and stress the impropriety of filming teachers.

Still, in the process, some would contend the students were on to something.

Along with the potential benefits of installing cameras in the classroom — namely, holding teachers accountable and ensuring against misbehavior in the classroom — the idea also raises a slew of concerns, including privacy infringement and the creepy feeling that “Big Brother” is watching teachers' and students' every step.

School Board Vice President Oscar de la Torre doesn't believe the Santa Monica-Malibu district would ever consider installing cameras in the classroom, at least not while he's on the board. While

Americans appear more willing to let the government infringe on their privacy rights in the post-9/11 world, de la Torre said surveillance of classroom activities is still decidedly un-American.

“We already have cameras protecting the periphery of the school at Samohi,” the school board member said on Thursday. “And even with that, we have incidents on campus where the cameras were totally ineffective.

“I'm not a supporter of cameras in the periphery or in the classroom.”

Installing cameras would create more problems than it would solve, said Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. Not only would such a thing raise privacy issues for teachers, it would raise the same concerns for students.

“I don't think it's the solution that we're looking for,” Keiley said on Thursday.

But such cameras seem to have been effective in the Biloxi Public Schools in Mississippi, where they were first installed in a new elementary school six years ago in the wake of the Columbine shootings in Colorado. By 2003, more than 900 cameras were installed, capturing every classroom in the district, making Biloxi Public Schools the first district in the country to install such widespread usage.

Surprisingly, the measure wasn't met with the opposition or resentment that one would

imagine. In fact, most of the concerns over cameras in the classroom were sent from the Northwest, said Biloxi Public Schools Superintendent Paul Tisdale on Thursday.

Once teachers were informed that the cameras were also to ensure their safety, the district's teachers seemed to warm to the idea, Tisdale said.

The students are not under constant surveillance in Biloxi. There is no designated person sitting in front of a wall of cameras, contrary to what many people would believe, Tisdale said. The cameras are not

on Thursday. “Who is monitoring? For what purpose? Is this how we want educators spending their time, reviewing tapes in the classroom? “Those are the questions that would come to me.”

A growing number of parents seem open to the idea of cameras in the classroom, just as long as they aren't misused and abused.

Walking home in the rain with her grandson after school on Thursday, Carol McKeown said she would love the idea of eyes in the sky at a middle school and high school. She doesn't see much need for it at



I THINK IT MAKES A NUMBER OF KIDS THINK TWICE ABOUT DOING SOMETHING (BAD) IF THEY REMEMBER THE CAMERAS ARE THERE.”

Paul Tisdale, Superintendent, Biloxi Public Schools

used for teacher evaluation purposes.

The cameras have come in handy for clearing up acts of vandalism and theft.

“I think it makes a number of kids think twice about doing something (bad) if they remember the cameras are there,” Tisdale said. “But if someone walked in with a bazooka, will it prevent an incident with a camera? Not unless we knew they were coming.”

LESSONS IN ACCOUNTABILITY

Malibu High School Principal Mark Kelly isn't so sure a camera would be the most effective way to create transparency.

“It's a lot more complicated,” Kelly said

an elementary school, however, where parents and grandparents are welcome to come in and sit in on a class.

“I don't think good teachers would have anything to hide,” McKeown said, walking away from Franklin Elementary School after picking up her grandson.

Waiting for her own child to finish class on Thursday, Leila Furman, the parent of a second grader at Franklin, couldn't decide whether cameras should be installed in the classroom. Furman doesn't feel such surveillance would be necessary in an elementary school.

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Pro joke smiths give school benefit boost

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which cost about \$1,100 apiece. The event will be a small step in the direction to equip all classes with the LCD projectors and Smart Boards.

"This is just the beginning," Shaw said.

THE KING AND QUEENS OF COMEDY

"I always knew since I was a kid that I would do stand up," said Hayes, who has recently appeared on "America's Funniest Mom" on Nick@Nite.

Hayes, who has performed stand up for four years now, grew up listening to Steve Martin comedy tapes as a child and aspired to do the same one day. Now, she is putting her craft to use as organizer for the school fundraising effort, luring some of her colleagues to sign on to the bill.

A producer and writer for several television dating shows, including "The 5th Wheel" and "Blind Date," Smith started his career in comedy 13 years ago while still a student at Northeastern University. His first on-stage performance was at Nick's Comedy Stop in the Theater District in Boston.

He's performed in almost every major Los Angeles venue imaginable and has appeared on "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central.

"I love doing shows for charity or for a worthy organization," Smith said on Wednesday. "If a friend comes to me and asks if I want to be a part of it, I will rarely say no."

Fellow comedian and self-proclaimed "redneck," Tiana, started in the field four years ago in Los Angeles, performing in the Comedy Store and a show every Tuesday night at Lucky Strike in Hollywood.

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Janine Hayes
JAMS parent and comedian

She is currently writing a pilot for a television show entitled the "Baseball Bunch," a Saturday morning show for children.

"I do a lot of southern jokes," the Georgia native said on Thursday. "It's a lot of edgier material of being white trash, a redneck kind of thing because I am one."

Comedy Night will be held at the John Adams Middle School Auditorium from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 2425 16th St. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.

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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.

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Miller's time

Congressman keeps on trucking despite land deal probe

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Rep. Gary Miller grew up poor. Even though he's now worth more than \$13 million, he says he's still worried about his family's financial security.

So, while federal authorities investigate some of his real estate transactions, he says he'll keep on making deals.

Miller, a fifth-term Republican representing conservative inland Southern California, said in an interview that he had put his real estate investment activities on hold upon entering politics, only to find that "I was worth less money every year."

"Some people are arguing I shouldn't have the opportunity to make an investment

that every other American citizen has an opportunity to make," he said. "I've got kids, I've got grandkids, and it'd be nice, when I get ready to go, when they're older, if I can help them."

Miller, 58, who makes \$165,200 as a congressman, is being scrutinized for the millions he made selling properties to two Southern California communities outside his district. FBI agents have interviewed officials in both towns.

Miller also faces accusations of using his staff for personal errands and pursuing federal funding for projects beneficial to properties that he and his campaign contributors owned.

He's denied any wrongdoing, and calls media reports about his activities "lies" and "trash." He said he has turned over documentation of his deals to the House Ethics Committee, and he defended himself at a meeting of House Republicans earlier this month. An FBI spokeswoman declined on Thursday to comment on any aspect of the investigation.

Angry artists yank artwork following dispute over Mao

By the Associated Press

ALHAMBRA Artists featured in a Chinese New Year exhibit at City Hall removed their works in anger over the city's banishment of a piece depicting Communist leader Mao next to George Washington.

The remaining 30 silk-screen prints were taken down by the artists Tuesday after city staff removed a Jeffrey Ma piece pairing Mao and Washington. It was pulled because some observers found it offensive, the city said.

"They don't respect art and they don't respect artists," Ma said.

Ma and the three other artists in the exhibit decided to take everything down after the city balked at putting the piece back up. The artists also retrieved the Mao piece stored in the City Clerk's office.

The exhibit was scheduled to run through February.

"If this place is not interested in us, we are not interested in this place," artist John Kong said. "I understand people can have strong personal reactions to certain things. It's not

wrong to express what he thinks when he sees this art.

"The wrong thing is that City Hall took the piece down."

It was described as "innocent, thoughtless censorship, but censorship nonetheless" by Peter Scheer, executive director of the California First Amendment Coalition.

"The appropriate response is not to suppress the original speech, but rather to encourage more expression so that the public is exposed to all these points of view," Scheer said. It wasn't clear who made the decision to take the Mao piece down. City Clerk Frances Moore there was a complaint and the Ma piece was removed "at the direction" of organizer Pinki Chen.

"She wanted it down. They didn't want controversy," Moore said.

But Chen said city staff simply notified her as a courtesy.

"They called me and asked me if it was OK. I told them, 'It's your decision'... I would never say we should take it down because of a couple of people," Chen said.



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Senators Obama and Clinton leaving feuding to underlings

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON While candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama stay out of it personally, their supporters are trading accusations with an intensity more typical of the late stages of a presidential campaign than a dustup nearly a year before the first votes are cast.

The feud erupted Wednesday after Hollywood donor David Geffen, who once backed Bill Clinton but now supports his wife's top rival, told New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd that while "everybody in politics lies," the former president and his wife "do it with such ease, it's troubling."

The Clinton campaign quickly demanded that Obama denounce the comments and called on him to give back Geffen's \$2,300 contribution.

Campaigning in Iowa, Obama refused.

"It's not clear to me why I'd be apologizing for someone else's remark," the Illinois senator said.

"My suspicion is that the voters of Iowa are probably more concerned about what both myself and Senator Clinton think about Iraq, health care

and jobs," Obama told reporters in a brief news conference at the Iowa Statehouse.

New York Sen. Clinton sidestepped questions, leaving the issue to her aides to discuss.

"I'm just going to stay focused on my campaign and I'm going to run a

also said Bill Clinton is "a reckless guy" and he does not think Hillary Clinton can bring the country together during a time of war, no matter how smart or ambitious she is.

Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs later added another criticism of Clinton.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York Senator

positive campaign about the issues that affect the people in our country," she told The Associated Press in an interview in Nevada where she was participating a candidate forum.

The Clinton team, nonetheless, seemed eager to continue the attack. With Obama in Iowa, aides arranged for former Iowa attorney general Bonnie Campbell to criticize him in a conference call with reporters.

In the newspaper interview, Geffen

"It is also ironic that Senator Clinton lavished praise on Monday and is fully willing to accept today the support of South Carolina state Sen. Robert Ford, who said if Barack Obama were to win the nomination, he would drag down the rest of the Democratic Party because 'he's black,'" Gibbs' statement said.

Ford later apologized. The Clinton campaign said it disagreed with Ford, but the senator has embraced his support.

Game battles childhood 'Obeez City'

BY JIM ELLIS
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. Obesity may be a global epidemic, but it's Obeez City that is spreading out of control in a new DVD game.

The game, called "Body Mechanics," teaches youngsters how to avoid being overweight by joining forces with a team of superheroes who battle villains with names like Col Estorol and Betes II.

The fighting takes place inside the body of Jack Decayd. If Obeez City is not contained, "Jack will die soon," says Neuro, the Yoda-like wise one who narrates the game's story line.

"I remember how it started. A few snacks here, a soft drink there," Neuro speaking in an ominous tone says during the opening. "And before we knew it, the Evil Coalition of Harm and Disease was threatening us all. ... Only you can change how this story ends."

"Body Mechanics" is the latest in a

string of video games that promote more exercise and better eating habits, although this one doesn't actually get kids up and active. It's more of a teaching tool packaged with an animated movie and sold as a two-disc set.

It became available in limited release this week in retail outlets including Target, Borders, Walgreens and CVS pharmacies.

Viewed as sedentary pastimes, video games and their cousins, the TV and PC, are typically the object of parental finger-waving.

And children are becoming gamers younger than ever — 2 years old, according to a survey conducted by NPD Group, a market research firm. With sales in the U.S. totaling \$12.5 billion in 2006, the gaming industry's foothold is firmly planted in American culture — and so is childhood obesity. Roughly 17 percent of American youngsters are obese, and millions more are overweight, according to the government.

But highly popular active video games

like "Dance Dance Revolution" and gaming consoles such as Nintendo Co.'s Wii and now "Body Mechanics" may help counter the belief that video games enable teens to lie around and gain weight.

Imagine Harry Potter, "Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings" all mixed up inside the body and that's "Body Mechanics," said Tony Findlay, the game's Australian creator, who is based in Sydney.

While on tour promoting a diet book, Findlay said, "Parents approached me and asked how they can teach their kids to eat better and exercise more."

Video games like "Body Mechanics" "have a difficult task, said Dr. Karen Cullen, an associate professor with the Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston.

"You can give someone an hour's worth of facts and you'll bore them to death," she said. "The games have to be entertaining to compete in the marketplace."

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Is Scorsese's Oscar finally at hand?

BY DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Among the five Academy Award directing nominees, one name seems to be on everyone's lips: Martin Scorsese.

Nominated five times previously for best director since the 1980 masterpiece "Raging Bull," Scorsese has gone home a loser each year.

With Scorsese's sixth directing nomination, this one for his return to the vivid and violent crime genre on "The Departed," seemingly everyone in Hollywood figures he finally will have his Oscar come Sunday.

Not that he's up against a bunch of slouches. His formidable competition includes Clint Eastwood, who beat him for the directing Oscar two years ago and is nominated this time for the World War II saga "Letters From Iwo Jima."

Also nominated are two Brits, Stephen Frears for the insightful palace drama "The Queen" and Paul Greengrass for the Sept. 11 chronicle "United 93," and Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu for the sprawling ensemble tale "Babel."

Scorsese has made no secret over the years that he'd like to have that trophy. Contemporaries of his stature, such as Steven Spielberg and

Francis Ford Coppola, have long since won theirs.

The chatty Scorsese has been modest and terse through awards season about his Oscar history and his prospects this time.

Last fall, as "The Departed" arrived in theaters, he said of his Oscar shutout: "I guess it's all right. I'm disappointed, of course. But you don't make pictures to win Oscars."

After winning the Directors Guild of America's top film-making honor — which almost always is a precursor to an Oscar triumph — Scorsese was coy when asked if this was his year to win an Oscar.

"I don't know," Scorsese said. "It's good to have a nomination, especially for this picture."

Along with "Raging Bull," Scorsese previously was nominated as best director for "The Last Temptation of Christ," "Goodfellas," "Gangs of New York" and "The Aviator." Scorsese also had two screenplay nominations for co-writing "Goodfellas" and "The Age of Innocence," losing both times.

A sixth loss would put Scorsese in the record books as the

director with the most nominations without winning.

If Scorsese wins, it arguably will be for a lesser film compared to his best work. Still, despite the repetitive violence that concludes "The Departed," the story of rival mob and police moles is magnificently directed, resurrecting much of the sardonic humor, wiseguy interplay and savage grandeur of Scorsese's vintage films.

Many thought Scorsese should have won for "Raging Bull," but the directing prize that year went to Robert Redford for "Ordinary People," which also beat Scorsese's film for best picture.

"I voted for him back in the 'Raging Bull' days as an academy member," Eastwood said. "Everybody thought that would be his moment. It still is one of his defining films."

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Clint Eastwood, actor and director

Two years ago, awards watchers branded the directing category a showdown between Eastwood for "Million Dollar Baby" and Scorsese for "The Aviator." A previous best-director winner for "Unforgiven," Eastwood beat out Scorsese, and "Million Dollar Baby" also took best picture over "The Aviator."

While sentiment is firmly with Scorsese this time, some Oscar analysts have revived the notion of a two-man race, saying Eastwood could be a spoiler.

"I really don't like that, and I don't think Marty does — and don't think any of the other nominees do, because it's not fair to the other nominees who have done good work — to have people pitting the two senior guys. Whoever delivers the goods, they'd like to win on delivering the goods," Eastwood said. "When you make a sporting event out of it, it really shouldn't be like that."

Eastwood's nomination was a bit surprising considering he was overlooked by the Directors Guild, whose contenders usually line up closely to the Oscars'. The guild recipient has gone on to earn the directing Oscar 53 of 59 times, solidify-

ing Scorsese's chances.

Yet in Eastwood's case, academy voters may have been honoring him for a remarkable dual achievement, directing "Letters From Iwo Jima" and the companion film "Flags of Our Fathers" in a single year.

First-time nominee Greengrass was another surprise because "United 93" had been neglected in most earlier Hollywood honors. Yet the film marked a superb directing accomplishment as Greengrass re-created with agonizing, documentary-style authenticity the doomed flight of passengers who fought back against their terrorist hijackers.

Frears, the veteran behind such films as "Dangerous Liaisons" and "High Fidelity," also was nominated for 1990's "The Grifters," competing against Scorsese, who was up for "Goodfellas" that year.

"The Queen" is a marvel of economical filmmaking by Frears, who crafts what feels like an epic in well under two hours, with most of the film taking place behind cloistered royal walls.

The opposite comes from first-time nominee Inarritu, whose "Babel" ranges around the globe and encompasses a large international cast on three continents. Inarritu seamlessly weaves his story from a tragic shooting in the African desert to families in North America and Japan affected by that far-off violence.

All four challengers are deserving, but most Oscar watchers think it's Scorsese's year at last.

"I think if it is, it's great. It's long, long overdue. It's crazy he doesn't have lots of them already," said "Dreamgirls" director Bill Condon, who might have proven strong Oscar competition for Scorsese if he not missed out on a directing nomination.

Scorsese's collaborators could not agree more.

"I think this year may be the deciding year for him," said "The Departed" player Leonardo DiCaprio, who has starred in Scorsese's last three films and has quipped that it's virtually a practical joke that the director has yet to win an Oscar.

"The Departed" has "gotten the critical success, it's gotten the commercial success. It's got all the right elements, and we're keeping our fingers crossed."

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Marriage of musical minds

The Santa Monica College Music Department presents 'Married Flutes: Sounds, Sights & Stories,' at 7 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 24 at the SMC Concert Hall. Peter Sheridan and Lisa-Maree Amos will perform a concert featuring songs, classical treats and virtuosic vignettes for two flutes, piano and a cello.

Sheridan, who teaches at SMC and other colleges, has performed on several Hollywood soundtracks and freelances with many of the Los Angeles area orchestras, including Pasadena Symphony, Thousand Oaks Symphony and the Hollywood Studio Orchestra.

As a soloist with the Grand Canyon Chamber Music Festival, he has appeared on PBS as part of the "Continental Harmony Series."

Amos has appeared as Guest Principal Flute with the Boston and BBC Symphony Orchestras and the Pacific Symphony and is currently Principal Flute of the Colorado Music Festival and a member of the Hollywood Symphony.

She has recorded for NMC, BMIC and BBC Radio. In 2003 she made her London Wigmore Hall Debut and performed Nielsen's Flute Concerto with the Colorado Music Festival.

Tickets are \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323. The SMC Concert Hall is located at 1900 Pico Blvd..

DAILY PRESS



Va va 'VOOM'

The Ace Gallery is the second stop of a global tour for 'VOOM Portraits' by Robert Wilson. Over the past two years, Robert Wilson has collaborated with VOOM HD Networks as an artist-in-residence to create the 'VOOM Portraits' - a reinterpretation of portraiture for the 21st century in high-definition video. The pieces seem at first glance to be traditional still portraits, until the sitter performs a simple, small movement — a blink or a tap of the foot — and the experience changes.

Wilson's subjects include celebrated actors, writers, artists, dancers, royalty

and everyday people. Among the subjects of the 36 portraits produced to date are Brad Pitt, Winona Ryder, Johnny Depp, Monaco's Princess Caroline, a Sumo wrestler and an auto mechanic. The collection also includes animal portraits, including a South American horned frog, a Briard dog, a snow owl, a black panther and a porcupine.

The exhibit runs from Feb. 24 through April 21. The Ace Gallery is located at 5514 Wilshire Blvd., in Los Angeles. For more information about the gallery, visit www.acegallery.net For more information on the portraits or VOOM, visit www.voom.com.

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Partial proceeds from the event will go to Re-Unite America to profit a larger benefit concert and festival slated for July 28 at Santa Monica College. The July benefit will pay homage to the Californians who traveled to the Gulf Coast region to assist with search and rescue efforts after both

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The cast of 'Macbeth' features Adrian Sparks as the Thane of Cawdor, Lisa Glass as Lady Macbeth, Bjorn Johnson as Macduff, Joe Hulser as Banquo and Teresa Willis, Maia Madison and Ann Stocking as the Witches.

Performances for "Macbeth" are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 for all performances, except for Sundays, which are Pay-What-You-Can. Opening Night Gala Tickets are \$25. The Open Fist Theatre is located at 6209 Santa Monica Blvd., in Hollywood. For tickets, call (323) 882-6912 or visit www.openfist.org.

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The Art Palette

Hamp Simmons

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Inspiration can be found around corner

MUSIC, VISUAL ART AND DRAMA HEAD UP THE BILL THIS WEEKEND with Santa Monica Playhouse extending their hit musical Audition, new and ongoing gallery exhibitions showcasing terrific new works, and music for all generations performed by all generations. There's fun and inspiration to be found around every corner in our hometown. So take a peak around your corner and see what you can find - chances are it'll be great!



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Bergamot continues to be the place to spot hot new trends in contemporary art and this week-end is no exception. David Palmer's new show is up at the William Turner Gallery while a groups show, Winter Selections, consisting of work by Damien Hirst, Barbara Kruger, Gerhard Richter and others wraps up its run at IKON LTD/Kay Richards Gallery.



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Criminal charges scare wildland firefighters

BY JOHN K. WILEY
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. A survey of wildland firefighters indicates many are reluctant to volunteer for supervisory jobs after an incident commander was criminally charged in the deaths of four firefighters in Washington state.

But a spokeswoman for federal firefighting agencies said Wednesday there has been no decline in the numbers of firefighters signing up to lead management teams.

Ellreese Daniels, a former U.S. Forest Service incident commander, was charged in federal court here last month with involuntary manslaughter and lying to investigators stemming from the deaths of four firefighters in the Thirtymile Fire in Okanogan County in July 2001.

Responding to concerns that the federal charges would make wildfire incident commanders more reluctant to serve

if their decisions could lead to a prison sentence, the International Association of Wildland Fires conducted an online survey of its members Jan. 28-Feb. 15.

The nonprofit firefighter lobbying organization, based in Hot Springs, S.D., released results of the survey with 3,362 responses on Tuesday.

Primary firefighters — for whom wildland firefighting was the primary duty of their job — were asked how the situation would affect their careers. They were told to mark all the responses that applied.

Thirty-six percent said they would make themselves less available for fire assignments, 6 percent said they would not take any fire assignments until the liability issue is resolved, 8 percent said they would retire or find another job within a year. Of that same group, 23 percent said they would not take assignments as an incident commander. Four percent said they served as incident managers in 2006 but would not do

so in 2007.

Still, 39 percent said the charges against Daniels would have no effect on their plans.

Results of surveys of part-time firefighters were similar.

IAWF President Chuck Bushey of Billings, Mont., said his organization will provide the results to land management agencies and other fire organizations “so that they can determine if they need to mitigate any adverse impacts that may be identified.”

Rose Davis, a spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, said a nationwide system that logs firefighters’ availability has not seen an appreciable decline. Each year, firefighters are issued “red cards” that indicate their level of training.

“So far, we have not seen a decline in number of folks participating in incident management teams. We haven’t seen an increase of applicants turning in their red cards,” she said.

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BASEBALL

Vibrant Vizquel aims to play through pain

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Omar Vizquel would prefer to know where he will play next season, and announced upon his arrival at spring training that he hopes the San Francisco Giants will consider a contract extension.

Vizquel would like to set up an informal meeting this spring, though Giants general manager Brian Sabean isn't ready to commit to such discussions with the 11-time Gold Glove shortstop.

"We can just sit and talk," Vizquel said Wednesday before taking the field at Scottsdale Stadium. "If he can't accommodate that, it's fine. It's not an obligation. They would probably listen to what I have to say — I hope so. It could be just an introduction."

Sabeen certainly knows Vizquel's value, yet also has to think about the club's long-term future at the position and what Vizquel might command financially. Vizquel plans to play through the 2009 season and catch Venezuelan countryman and Hall of Famer Luis Aparicio in a few statistical categories for shortstops along the way.

"It's possible," Sabean said about having a meeting. "But how probable that is, I have no idea right now."

The Giants' top prospect at shortstop is Emmanuel Burris, a switch-hitter selected 33rd overall in last year's draft as compensation for losing lefty reliever Scott Eyre in free agency.

Vizquel, who will turn 40 in April, enters his 19th major league season still making the same leaping catches of line drives and artistic, athletic stops to turn double plays that have defined his career and made him one of the best defensive shortstops in the game. His 11 Gold Gloves are second all-time at his position to Ozzie Smith's 13.

Vizquel played in 153 games last season and batted .295 with four home runs, 10

triples, 22 doubles and 58 RBIs. His four errors were his fewest since committing three for Cleveland in 2000. And in the past two seasons, only third baseman Pedro Feliz has played in more games for the Giants.

The San Francisco front office might consider giving Vizquel a one-year deal for 2008 with an option for '09.

"It would be nice to be relaxed and not put pressure on yourself," Vizquel said about having a new contract completed before opening day. "I feel great. I've seen other guys my age and I feel pretty good about myself. It always comes up that 'He lost a step,' or 'He's not the same. His arm is not strong.' In my mind, I feel like I've proven every year that I still have a lot more to give."

"I don't think I've played like a guy my age."

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Omar Vizquel
San Francisco shortstop

Vizquel won his second consecutive NL Gold Glove last season — the oldest shortstop to win it at 39 — after earning the first of nine straight in 1993 in his final season with Seattle, then the others during the initial eight of his 11 seasons with the Indians. He owns three of the top 10 single-season fielding marks by a shortstop.

He hopes to move in on Aparicio this season, though it would take Vizquel playing 156 games in 2007 to tie Aparicio at 2,583 for most games played by a shortstop. Smith is second with 2,511.

FOOTBALL

Raider claims he's sorry

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA Jerry Porter is ready for a new start with the Oakland Raiders.

After a difficult 2006 season when he clashed with coach Art Shell and rarely got on the field, Porter announced Wednesday he is changing his uniform number from 84 to 81 in order to put last season behind him and get off on the right foot with new coach Lane Kiffin.

"For me the new number represents a new start, a new beginning and new attitude," he said in a statement released by the team. "I've had multiple meetings with coach Kiffin and I am very excited about the direction of our team and especially our offense. I can't wait to get started."

Porter had a run-in with Shell over off-season workout plans soon after the coach was hired last February. The receiver also made public a trade demand at the start of training camp. Porter was inactive the first four games of the season and then suspended for insubordination.

The suspension was cut from four games

to two games after an appeal, but Porter played only sparingly after that, finishing the season with only just one catch.

Even though Shell was fired at the conclusion of a 2-14 season, it was uncertain whether Porter would want to return to Oakland or the Raiders wanted him back next season. This is an indication that Porter will be an integral part of the team in 2007.

Still up in the air is what the team will do with its other star receiver, Randy Moss, who also complained about Shell's coaching style. Moss, who had career lows with 42 catches for 553 yards and three touchdowns, said last season he might be better off with another team.

The Raiders now might be more willing to try to trade Moss, knowing they have Porter in the fold. Porter led the team in receptions in 2004 and '05 with 140 catches for 1,940 yards and 14 touchdowns over the two seasons.

With little production from Porter and Moss last season, the Raiders scored the fifth-fewest points ever in a 16-game season (168). Ronald Curry led the team in receiving with 62 catches for 727 yards and one touchdown.



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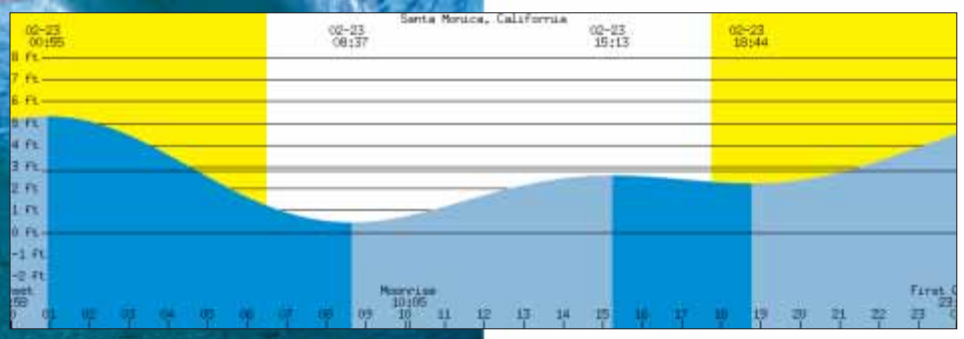
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El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
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Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Monter street 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
Lido Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Selbstee 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+
Sartrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	B	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
Sartrider Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F	Venice Beach - projection of Topaz St.	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	F	Morino del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard 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+
Panero 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

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Let the party begin, Gemini

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)
★★★★ Expenses and budgets need examining. Perhaps nothing is askew, but a check-up might be in order. Talk and share more of your thoughts. Your caring comes through loud and clear, especially in the afternoon. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You act like you feel, at least during the early part of the day. You have energy. You opt not to allow a partner to rain on your parade. Late afternoon, you might be thinking about your decisions. Treat a friend. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Though you might be slow to start the race, you end up the winner. Your ability to jump over hurdles or know when you are hitting quicksand earmarks your actions. Others seek you out. Accept an invitation with friends. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zoom in and get what you want this morning. Adjust your schedule if need be. You'll like the end results, especially when a partner pitches in. Know when to slow down and relax. Share developments with a boss. Tonight: Head on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others expect you to take the lead and make the decisions. Sometimes for you it feels like a burden or demand. Give 100 percent of the effort needed right now. Later in the day, have a long-overdue discussion. Tonight: With your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to visualize a situation or handle a matter very differently from your norm. The good news is, you don't have to have others agree. Creatively brainstorm with a partner or buddy. Amazing ideas could come forth. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others let you know what they expect and want. Whether you realize it or not, it is your choice whether you follow through. Make it OK to say "no" once in a while and be less compliant. Reach out for someone at a distance. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your efforts come back in multiples. Energy builds more energy. Good will draws a better attitude from those around you. Let others express more of their ideas. Though you might think you are right, there is always another view. Tonight: With a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Handle what needs to be done. You will be in a much better mood and able to enjoy your day. Others seek you out. Plans change. A child or loved one touches you with his or her words or actions. Let go of another's comments. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You add that touch of magic wherever you go. Others smile and respond to your high energy. Motivate others, and the job will get done faster. Use creativity. A child or new friend wants your attention. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Though you might have a difficult time moving, once you are on a roll, there might be no stopping you. Creativity touches various facets of your life, work, interpersonal dealings as well as reorganization. Tonight: Demonstrate the Aquarius spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Make calls and handle important interactions and decisions early on. You have a way with words. Why not demonstrate it right now? A friend pushes. Look behind his or her actions or words. He or she might miss you. Tonight: Head on home.

Born Today

Actor Peter Fonda (1939)
Founder of Dell computers Michael Dell (1965)
Tennis player Helena Sukova (1965)



Happy Birthday!

Often this year you might be headed in one direction only to reverse gears and head in a different direction. Others might find your actions strange. You have good instincts combined with reserved energy, which carries you through what you deem important. Your personal and domestic life takes an even higher priority. Creativity and romance flourish. If you are single, you could meet someone very special this year. A friendship will be involved. If you are attached, unify your concerns and do more together. A child or grandchild could be in the offing. GEMINI is always a hoot!

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Princely GI Britain's Prince Harry serves Iraq duty amid pullout talk from Blair

He's the redheaded son of the late Princess Diana, the rowdy royal known more for dancing until dawn than waking for battle. But **BRITAIN'S PARTY PRINCE, HARRY**, is getting his wish and is being deployed to Iraq this spring with his Blues and Royals regiment. Royal officials announced Thursday that the 22-year-old prince would fight for his country, confirming feverish tabloid speculation about the future of the best-recognized tank commander in Britain. His regiment is expected to set out in May or June for a six-month tour. Harry, a second lieutenant, has been trained to lead a team of 12 men in four armored reconnais-



PRINCE HARRY

sance vehicles and could become the first British royal to see combat since his uncle, Prince Andrew, flew as a Royal Navy pilot in the Falklands War against Argentina in 1982. Word of the deployment comes one day after Prime Minister Tony Blair said British troop numbers in Iraq will be cut by 1,600 in coming months. The tabloid

newspaper, the Sun, opined – "1,600 out ... One in." Britain will hand over much of its security responsibilities to Iraqi forces, concentrating its troops at Basra Palace and Basra Air Base in southern Iraq. Iraqi insurgents might seek to target Cornet Wales – as Harry is known in the Blues and Royals. That has led to some concern that his presence could bring an extra risk to fellow soldiers. "In a sense, his celebrity might be a factor in making the security situation for his troop more dangerous," said Michael Clarke, a professor of war studies at London's King's College. Britain's Ministry of Defense has previously said Harry could be kept out of situations where his pres-

ence could jeopardize his comrades. There has been speculation that he will be shadowed by bodyguards. But a source close to the prince, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, told The Associated Press that Harry would not be given any special protection. Col. Bob Stewart, a former British commander, said he was certain Harry would be safe. "The Blues and Royals will take great pride in making sure no one gets near him," he said. "I can't think of better security than having a regiment of British soldiers around you." In Britain, Harry's upcoming deployment was

taken in stride. Blair described Harry's decision as in keeping with his character. "He's a very brave young man and he's a very determined young man who wants to be part of his regiment and part of the army," Blair told the British Broadcasting Corp. "And I think that shows a very special character on his part." Others thought fighting in Iraq was an appropriate task for the man who is third in line to the throne. "It's a bit dangerous for him ... but it's good," said Lee Wills, 20, of London. "The royal family's got to do its bit for their country." But in Baghdad, Iraqis, who have endured much pain since the 2003

AP

ONO TALKS ABOUT LENNON

YOKO ONO doesn't see many parallels between today's celebrity war protesters and her late husband John Lennon's activism against the Vietnam War but says that's because the times today are so different. "I think there are many people who want world peace and want to address it by peaceful means," Ono told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I think that they are speaking out in different ways, it is not the time where you can just do a press conference about it," she said. "They are doing it through songs, doing it through charities." Lennon's protests against the war more than 30 years ago earned him the scrutiny of the U.S. government, detailed in the 2006 film "The U.S. vs. John Lennon," released on DVD this month. Ono, 74, told the AP the ex-Beatle's protests were "very effective in very many ways. "He didn't think he was doing anything wrong, he was just giving some truth and justice," she said. Ono said she believes that kind of spirit remains among today's artists. "Music is like life to me," she said. "I think indie music is the revolution of the day, and the future, and I'm part of it."

AP

Federline's court appearance canceled

An appearance in family court sought by **KEVIN FEDERLINE** amid a child custody dispute with Britney Spears was canceled Thursday as reports surfaced that the pop star was back in rehab. Spears returned to the Promises Malibu Treatment Center late Wednesday, according to reports from TMZ.com, "The Insider" and "Extra." Her mother, Lynne Spears, drove her daughter to the center, "Extra" and "The Insider" said. Spears and Federline reportedly agreed Wednesday night that he would keep their two young children while Spears was in rehabilitation, a program that takes between 30 and 45 days. Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini

said attorney Mark Vincent Kaplan, who represents Federline, had called the court bailiff and asked to cancel the court appearance. Parachini gave no explanation for the cancellation. It was not known what issue the 28-year-old Federline planned to raise. "Kevin continues to be a very focused father with his children with hands-on management," said a statement from Kaplan, read by his publicist Michael Sands. Federline sought spousal support and sole custody of Jayden James, 5 months, and Sean Preston, 17 months, after Spears moved to end their two-year marriage in November, but a temporary order issued Feb. 1 granted joint custody through this month.

Gina Orr, a publicist at Jive Records, Spears' label, did not respond to e-mail and phone messages. Spears previously left the Promises center Wednesday, according to "The Insider," less than a day after arriving. The center specializes in treating drug and alcohol abuse. Last week, she reportedly sought treatment at a center in the Caribbean but also checked out after a day. The next day, she arrived at a San Fernando Valley hair salon, grabbed an electric razor and shaved her head bald. Afterward, she visited a tattoo parlor, where she had a pair of red-and-pink lips inked onto her wrist. Then she went out clubbing with friends before apparently checking into Promises.

AP

Judge: Stern was 'maybe an enabler'

Anna Nicole Smith's ex-boyfriend testified Thursday that he attempted to curb the starlet's drug use as the judge referred to longtime companion **HOWARD K. STERN** as "maybe an enabler." Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin began the sixth day of a hearing to decide the fate of Smith's body with a long diatribe, saying the centerfold lacked a strong support system and speculated her relationships with estranged mother Virgie Arthur and ex-boyfriend Larry Birkhead soured because of overuse of pre-

scription drugs. "We have Stern. Is he a bad guy or is he a fellow that has some form of a love for her? We don't know," Seidlin said. "Whatever relationship he had with her, he would be called maybe an enabler." Stern's attorney, Krista Barth, rose in objection, but Seidlin continued in what promised to be a long day of testimony. The judge set a self-imposed deadline to rule by Friday, so Smith's embalmed body won't decompose too much for a public viewing. Arthur

wants to bring Smith home to her native Texas, and attorney-turned-boyfriend Stern wants a burial in the Bahamas, where her son Daniel died of apparent drug-related causes last year. Birkhead testified that when he visited the Bahamas home Smith and Stern shared last year, he became increasingly concerned about her medicine use. "They kept bringing more and more drugs in the house," he said, adding that Stern told him that Smith needed the prescriptions to live.

Birkhead said he suggested she enter drug rehabilitation, but that she told him: "I'm not a drug addict and quit calling me one." So far, the testimony has been peppered with details of Smith's her sexual liaisons and the deals allegedly being pursued to profit from the deaths of the starlet and her son. Arthur was hammered Wednesday with questions about any compensation she has or would receive from news organizations for access to interviews

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11:40am, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Children of Men (R)
11:45am, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Dreamgirls (PG-13)
10:55am, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35

Pan's Labyrinth
(El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)
11:05am, 4:25, 9:35

Reno 911!: Miami (R)
10:45am, 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

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1:05, 7:05

Because I Said So (PG-13)
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2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10

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1:20, 7:00

The Lives of Others
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1:10, 4:35, 8:15

Starter for 10 (PG-13)
1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

Venus (R)
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- 1 High capital city
- 6 Crumple into a ball
- 11 Singer Cara
- 12 Clear
- 13 Golfer — Stewart
- 14 Spoken for
- 15 Fling
- 17 Olympus group
- 18 Sailor's call
- 20 Loads
- 22 Stimp's pal
- 23 Closet use
- 26 Home of the Buccaneers
- 28 Surmise
- 29 Goes hungry
- 31 Santa — winds
- 32 Seasonal song
- 33 Kitchen pests
- 34 Show exhaustion
- 36 Primary
- 38 Spring sign
- 40 Short
- 43 Special vocabulary
- 44 Slow, in music

DOWN

- 45 Moved laterally
- 46 Mystery-writing award
- 1 Backtalk
- 2 Coach Parseghian
- 3 Colts QB
- 4 Irritate
- 5 Last letters
- 6 Soggy
- 7 "The Return of the King" king
- 8 "War of the Worlds" co-star
- 9 Not new

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Yesterday's answer

- 10 Signing needs
- 16 Plunked down
- 18 Esthete's concern
- 19 Miami team
- 21 Clark's co-worker
- 23 Except for
- 24 Nice guy
- 25 Historic times
- 27 Master's pupil
- 30 Avenue tree
- 33 Broadcast
- 34 Lacking color
- 35 Dull
- 37 Qualified
- 39 Lawn starter
- 41 Greek vowel
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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:41.42

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ President Yahya Jammeh of Gambia (Africa's smallest country) has long believed he had mystic powers, but he said a vision received on Jan. 18 makes it possible for him to personally cure AIDS and asthma, though only on certain days and for a limited number of people. The vision gave him recipes based on seven herbs mentioned in the Quran but authorized him to treat no more than 10 AIDS sufferers, on Thursdays and Mondays, and not more than 100 asthma patients, on Fridays and Saturdays. (Not surprisingly, the government self-reports success.) Jammeh's previous visions included making Gambia rich by exporting oil, but so far no deposits have been found.

■ Chilean artist Marco Evaristi, serving dinner to friends at a gallery in Santiago in January, presented a dish of meatballs that he said had been cooked using liposuctioned fat from his own body. "The question of whether or not to eat human flesh is more important than the result," he said. "You are not a cannibal if you eat art." (Evaristi is the artist who once put live fish in a blender at a gallery and invited guests to push the button.)

■ The Atlantic Theater in the Jacksonville, Fla., suburb of Atlantic Beach planned to stage several dramas this winter, including Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," but following an undisclosed number of complaints from parents who said they were uncomfortable seeing that title, management changed its marquee to "The Hoohaa Monologues." (The change lasted one day, until management realized it was barred by contract from calling the play by another name.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1455 Traditional date for the publication of the Gutenberg Bible, the first Western book printed from movable type.

1836 The Siege of the Alamo begins in San Antonio, Texas.

1883 Alabama becomes the first U.S. state to enact an antitrust law.

1904 For \$10 million the United States gains control of the Panama Canal Zone.

1945 World War II: The capital of the Philippines, Manila, is liberated by American forces.

1947 International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is founded.

1998 Osama bin Laden publishes a fatwa declaring jihad against all Jews and Crusaders.

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The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 1319 THIRD ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401-1309.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHRISTOPHER R. GREENBURY

CASE NO. SP007063
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CHRISTOPHER R. GREENBURY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICHOLAS GREENBURY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICHOLAS GREENBURY 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 04/27/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner MICHELLE NIKKHOO, ESQ. ATTORNEY AT LAW 11111 SANTA MONICA BLVD., #1080 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 2/23, 2/26, 3/2/07 CNS-1092290# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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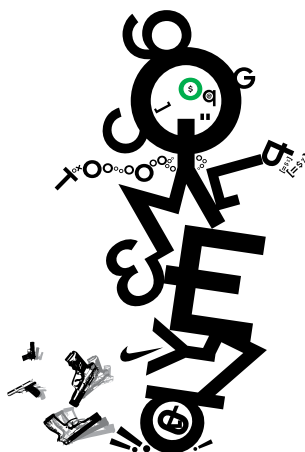
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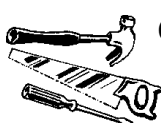
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