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THE READY, SET, GO ISSUE



Gettin' ready for work

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Lorenna Taylor gets a beauty treatment in foreground. "I am 115 days clean and sober!" she explains, which means not only alcohol-free but cocaine and substance free as well. Taylor just started last Monday working for a magazine in Hollywood. See photo essay on page 14.

Power to the renters

Picking up where Proposition 90 left off

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Let's get ready to rumble.

To combat the failure of Proposition 90 in the 2006 election — a ballot measure that would have outlawed eminent domain in the state of California — a local taxpayers advocacy group is pushing for a similar measure to be placed on the June 2008 ballot.

If rent control falls along with it, consider it collateral damage.

"A substantial majority of Californians still want to enhance property rights protection," said Jon Copula, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA), on Friday.

The association is ready to begin getting signatures in order to qualify the California Property Owners Protection Act. Coupal estimates they will need about 1 million registered voters to sign on.

But along with the proposal to outlaw eminent domain is a side effect that would banish rent control.

"Somebody's property is something that belongs to them," Coupal said. "The ability to sell it at a price of your choosing or to lease it at a price of your choosing is an important stick in the bundle of property rights that one has in real estate."

In fact, the association believes that anything done to deregulate the housing market will not only protect property rights, but would also, in the long term, increase housing stock, ultimately lowering the costs of owning a home.

The measure allows for a three-year phase out, so that renters aren't kicked out of their homes immediately.

The original version of the California Property Owners Protection Act was recently revised to allow for the three-year phase out.

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Take them out to the ballgame

BY KRISTIN MAYER

Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY Baseball flows thick in the Barone bloodline. Grandfather, father, children and assorted siblings across the generations grew up swinging bats and snagging flies at Santa Monica's Memorial Park.

The family even received an appreciation award for three generations of commitment to the Santa Monica Little League.

Vaughn Barone, a Little League All-Star in the '70s, coached in the Santa Monica league for 16 years and umpired for 13 more. He now serves as chief umpire and runs the snack bar along with his two sons.

"To go back and volunteer for the youth of the city was almost second nature," Barone said.

Barone will join the families of 850 baseball and softball enthusiasts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Memorial Park for the traditional Santa Monica Little League Opening Day Ceremonies.

Players from tots to teens will gather at the field to finalize team assignments for the 57th season of Santa Monica Little League, pick-

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BATTER UP: The families of 850 baseball and softball players will enjoy a day filled with events and activities during little league opening ceremonies at Santa Monica's Memorial Park.

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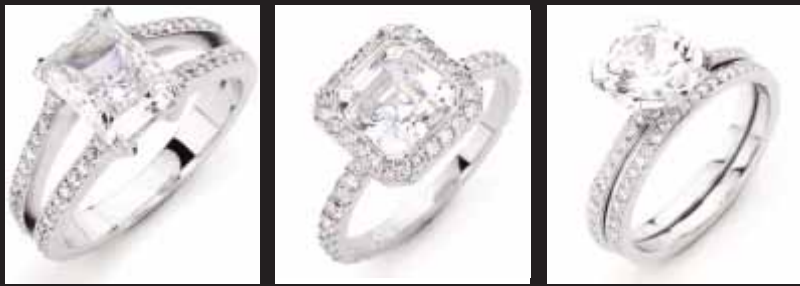


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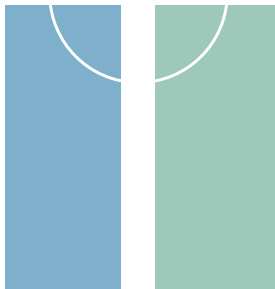


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For more information, visit www.evac.org/smo.

'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.osmare.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.

Brazilian Carnaval 2007 at the Queen Mary

1126 Queen's Hwy., Long Beach Harbor, 8 p.m. — 2 p.m.

All ages are welcome to this Brazilian festival event at the Queen Mary featuring
the musical group Sambada, the Oya Brasil Samba Show and Katia Moraes
with Pure Samba. Tickets are \$48 (at the door). For tickets and more information,
call (818) 566-1111 or visit www.BrazilianNites.com.

African-American Arts Festival at STAR ECO Station

10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

This free outdoor event includes live music, dance performances, paintings,
sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, world-class capoeira, food, vendors, crafts, games
and more. For more info, visit www.ecostation.org, or call (310) 842-8060.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007

St. Monica kindergarten open house

1039 Seventh St., 8:30 a.m. — noon

Tour the kindergarten classroom and the computer lab. Teachers and staff
will be on hand to answer questions.

'A World of Music'

1900 Pico Blvd., 3 p.m.

The Santa Monica College Emeritus Band will present an eclectic program featuring
Ravel, Rossini and Wagner. The free concert will be held in the SMC Concert Hall.

Seniors Against Investment Fraud seminar

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

WISE Senior Services presents SAIF, Seniors Against Investment Fraud, a program to
educate seniors on how to spot and avoid falling victim to investment and telemar-
keting fraud. A reception will follow the presentation.For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION

In a picture portraying workers assembling the tent for this weekend's Spirit Awards
(Feb. 22, page 14), the caption should have stated that the temporary structure was
located south of the pier.In the Feb. 19 article "High school students prepare 'selves for big test by any means
necessary," (page 1) Loyola Marymount University's director of undergraduate admis-
sions should have been identified as Matthew Fissinger.

Chamber gathering spotlights charities

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE From helping homeless vets access health care to protecting orangutans from extinction, Santa Monica is home to a wide variety of non-profit organizations looking to make a difference in the world.

Those wanting to do the same would be wise to head to the Third Street Promenade on Saturday, when the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Nonprofit Festival, a free event where attendees can learn more about the work local non-profits are doing in the community and beyond.

More than 30 booths will be set up between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, as organizations display their products and services and have representatives for visitors to speak with and possibly sign up to volunteer in the future.

A Nonprofit Resources Guide will also be made available to attendees to use throughout the year.

"This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to tap into the heart of the Santa Monica community," said Sharon O'Rourke, public affairs manager for the Gas Company, which helped organize the festival. "Santa Monica is home to numerous organizations that provide invaluable support to youth, seniors, the arts, homeless, and more that help foster the great quality of life that Santa Monica is known for."

Some of those organizations include the American Red Cross, which is celebrating 90 years in Santa Monica next month, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, environmental watchdog Heal The Bay, Saint John's Health Center and the Westside Pregnancy Resource Center.

The festival is not only a time for residents to learn more about volunteer opportunities in their area, it also provides non-

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The sand after the storm

Evidence of Thursday's rainstorm was seen Friday as a pile of sandbags line the gutter on Colorado Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabian@smdp.com

Helping kids stay net savvy

Assisting young folks to steer clear of sexual predators on Internet

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM Alicia Kozakiewicz was just 13 years old when a dangerous man 25 years her senior abducted her, chaining the girl up in his basement for four days.

The computer programmer from Virginia and the teenage girl from Pennsylvania met in a chat room more than five years ago.

In the age of the Internet and easy accessibility to vulnerable young children through online community Web sites like MySpace and Friendster, it's a story that has been heard all too

frequently.

Internet safety was the topic of a joint presentation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center Rape Treatment Center at the Main Library on Friday. The event was sponsored by the Westside Child Trauma Council at Saint John's Child & Family Development Center.

Through a series of real life stories, Cynthia Flannery, of Rape Treatment Center, and FBI Special Agent Michael Osborn, who runs the local bureau's Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE), gave the audience of roughly 30 parents and child experts a peek into the modus operandi of an Internet sexual predator, in a fashion similar to "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."

Approximately 76 percent of victims of Internet-related sex crimes are between the ages of 13 and 15, according to a 2004 study by the Crimes Against Children Research Center. About 75 percent of those victims were girls

and 47 percent of the offenders were at least 20 years older than the children they had victimized.

A sexual predator often spends weeks working on a targeted victim, checking into their online profile, finding out their interests, strengths and weaknesses, and preying off those attributes. They gain the child's trust, becoming their confidante and pretending to be a close friend. Predators also play off a child's susceptibility to love and romance. They feed off their vulnerability, Flannery said.

"Teens don't know the difference between online reality and face-to-face reality," she said.

A typical MySpace profile was used as an example of how a sexual predator can learn information about a victim. The MySpace page includes a profile consisting of the user's age, interests, location, school, favorite movies and so forth. The page also includes photos, an

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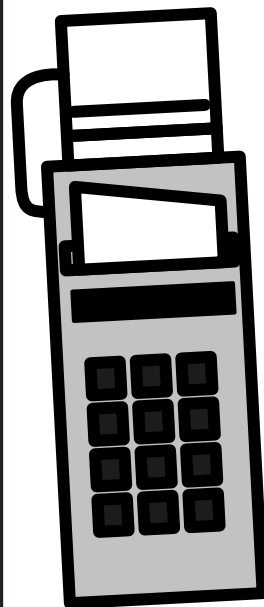


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gotta lock the barn door sometime
Editor:

Regarding Bennet Kelley’s “Soap Box” (Feb. 23, page 4) which laid out rules for candidates planning to run for president, I have the following comments:

Good rules, but since we’ll have eight years with a person in the White House who broke all of them, it’s a little like locking the barn door after the horse has escaped. However, that said, let us hope we are more knowledgeable and vigilant in 2008. Thanks for the good rules that, hopefully all, and not just one, follows.

I, for one, have had it with cheaters who aspire to high office, or any office.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

City’s finest need to look both
ways on jaywalking
Editor:

Readers might remember me from my Dec. 23, 2006 letter regarding the high-profile clamp-down on crime amid all those jaywalking scofflaws in front of the Main Post Office on Fifth Street. Here’s an update on the situation and something to think about on another front for our city’s finest:

Not one single time since my citation for jaywalking have I gone to the post office and not seen somebody jaywalk. No sir, not once. Postal patrons do it all day long, recklessly taking their lives into their own hands. Drivers make dramatic and heart-stopping, five-mile-per-hour U-turns, too, to secure a suddenly open parking spot. I should tell them about my citation from a couple years back for that one.

But Fifth Street is amateur hour compared to the vehicular mischief happening at the intersection of Lincoln (Boulevard) and Broadway. Surely, readers have shopped at Vons and then left the parking lot, only to find themselves in another one. Head’s up to the Revenue Enhancement folks downtown: During rush-hour (you know, all day long), drivers going south on Lincoln must be color-blind because they routinely run the red light to block the intersection at Broadway in their uniquely Westside-me-first/you-whenever desire to inch toward the freeway about a million miles down the road.

P.S. – I’m e-mailing this Letter to the Editor. I can’t trust myself to drive to the post office. I might, you know, “sin” again. Hey, is there rehab for jaywalkers and intersection hogs?

Michael Pardridge
Santa Monica

Primary colors are bleak and faded
Editor:

In all the excitement about California moving up the date of its presidential primaries, has anyone considered that the primary process itself might be partly to blame for the current sense of political malaise and the poor quality of many of the candidates?

Presidential primaries tend to be dominated by the parties’ extremes; they must be expensive for states to conduct; they, undoubtedly, ratchet up the amount of money that candidates have to pursue; and they have changed formerly gripping conventions into scripted, dull coronations.

Can anyone say that the primaries have produced better candidates? Let’s go back to the days when the parties’ political gurus held sway in conventions’ smoke-filled rooms, but hold the smoke.

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I’VE NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY ADEPT at, nor do I especially enjoy, owning up to mistakes of any kind, which is why I’m pleased to report a rapidly developing trend may be just the perfect solution for me: rehab.

There’s nothing worse than acknowledging wrongdoing and then having to suffer through any amount of face time with those to whom you’ve just admitted fault. Fortunately, celebrities, politicians and religious leaders are already way ahead of the curve and teaching by example.

The current rehab vogue started taking shape last summer when Mel Gibson unleashed a barrage of anti-Semitic comments at a Malibu sheriff’s deputy while being arrested for drunk driving. The actor and son of an admitted Holocaust denier (The New York Times Magazine, March 9, 2003) subsequently sought treatment for alcohol abuse and repeatedly said he planned on meeting, in his own time, with Jewish community leaders to understand from whence his underlying hatred stems. (Last I heard, those Jewish community leaders are still holding their collective breath waiting for the phone to ring.)

Shortly before the midterm elections this past fall, dirty online messages between a congressional male page and now former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., were made public. The conservative Foley quickly claimed a substance abuse and mental illness defense (long live registered voters in Florida!) and ducked into rehab while Democrats soared to a majority in Congress.

In November, the rehab fad really starting picking up steam when staunch anti-gay activist, Rev. Ted Haggard, of Colorado Springs, was found to have engaged in acts condemned in the Bible. Haggard underwent three weeks of counseling, and earlier this month, one of the ministers who oversaw the therapy pronounced Haggard “completely heterosexual.”

Also in November, three-time Emmy-award winning actor Michael Richards went on rage while performing at the Laugh Factory in West Hollywood, hurling the “n-word” at some hecklers in the audience. Richards, who has since incorrectly referred to himself as a Jew, submitted to psychiatric counseling and met with civil rights leaders to try to revive his career — oops — I mean, redeem his character.

The reigning Miss USA nearly lost her sash in December when her hard-partying ways were exposed in the media. However, a 30-day stay in rehab followed by an intense mea culpa round on the national talk circuit seems to have put her back in the good graces of pageant officials. The same cannot be said for the recent former Miss Nevada, whose raunchy photos of yore surfaced not long ago, forcing her to relinquish her scepter and resort to picking up odd (presumably topless) jobs in Las Vegas.

A Snickers advertisement that debuted during the Super Bowl in which two auto mechanics accidentally kiss — and then declared immediately afterwards they must do manly penance — has been pulled off the air because of protests from human rights groups who cried the commercial was homophobic. No word if the ad agency that created the spot or the candy bar itself plans to seek counsel from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

So far, that seems to have worked for still-employed “Grey’s Anatomy” actor Isaiah Washington, who dropped the other f-bomb when referring to a fellow cast

member, who is gay. Washington was ostracized from the rest of the cast and the network after uttering the word a second time at the Golden Globes in January. Before checking himself into rehab for a week — at which time he took some anger management classes and had a psychological evaluation — he met with the president of GLADD to “reach out” to the gay and lesbian community. And in keeping with the hottest new part of the rehab craze, when he returned to work, a spokesperson announced Washington would continue seeking help on an outpatient basis.

Earlier this month, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced his intentions to seek counseling for alcohol abuse less than a week following the disclosure he bedded the wife of his former campaign manager. Like Lindsay Lohan, whose rehab allows her to report to a movie set every day — as well as eat lunch and shop with pals on the weekends and go clubbing ‘til the wee hours — Newsom said the treatment he receives will not affect his professional duties. Hopefully, also like Lohan, it won’t affect his ability to rock out.

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WHEN PARIS HILTON
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REHAB CHIP. IF HISTORY
IS ANY GUIDE THOUGH,
PARIS MIGHT ALREADY BE
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TO FINDING A SUITABLE
REHAB FACILITY

Only time will tell when Paris Hilton might cash in her rehab chip. Gossip columnists everywhere smirked when a videotape recently surfaced of the professional heiress spewing hateful slurs against gay and African-American people. If history is any guide though, Paris might already be taking the first steps to finding a suitable rehab facility — through a spokesman, she expressed regret for her actions.

I haven’t decided yet exactly what I’ll be attending rehab for, but it won’t be the James Frey kind of rehab where you’re made to scrub toilets. On the other hand, the Lindsay Lohan rehab — at \$80,000 a month — is not on my short list, either. I’d like to choose my rehab based on the other people who might be there at the same time. I bet Liza Minelli would be a hoot — what with all the show tunes she knows. When either Robert Downey Jr. or Kate Moss’ skanky boyfriend falls off the wagon again, let me know, because I bet either one would be a riot in group session and at Pictionary.

And no rehab stay would be complete without President Bush, who you just know is a blast after he gets a few cocktails in him. After all, if “rehab” is the new “I’m sorry,” doctors everywhere must be hard at work developing some sort of wellness center especially for him when he leaves office in 2009.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"After all, this is a courthouse and there are serious, life-altering decisions that have to be made ... that said, you can't help but get a little starstruck."

— Linda Lefkowitz, supervising judge of the Santa Monica Courthouse, regarding celebrity sightings

"If nothing else, this is a disgusting expression of nostalgia for the Third Reich."

— Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, regarding packets of sugar bearing the likeness of Adolf Hitler and carrying Holocaust jokes that have appeared in Croatian cafés

"I don't have easy access to any health food stores to feed my kids, but I can go a block and get alcohol in two minutes."

— Holly Wright, Santa Monica resident, regarding the number of businesses selling liquor in her neighborhood

"I feel so guilty for that craze being started around 'Baywatch' days — I used to wear them with my red swimsuit to keep warm — never realizing that they were SKIN!"

— Actress and animal-rights activist Pamela Anderson, on getting rid of her Ugg boots

**THOSE
WOMEN
ASSUMED
NOBODY CARED
ABOUT THOSE
HOMELESS MEN.
OBVIOUSLY, THAT
IS WRONG."**

— Kenneth McDavid's sister, Dianne, on her brother's alleged murder at the hands of the 'Black Widows' — Santa Monica landlord Helen Golay and Olga Rutterschmidt

"Our prison system is in desperate need of repair, and the transferring of inmates out of state is a prudent alternative to the risk of court-ordered early release of felons."

— Gov. Schwarzenegger in response to the Sacramento Superior Court's ruling that inmates cannot be transferred out of state to relieve the state's prisons

"It would be cool if we got more exposure, but I like the underground aspect of it. If Paris Hilton shows up, we know it's over."

— Tara Armov, blocker for the Fight Crew, a female roller derby league, on the growing popularity of the sport

"We are human and can value the human emotions, although his son was carrying weapons to kill the Palestinian people."

— Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal, in a message to the father of captured Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit. Hamas militants captured Cpl. Shalit and killed two other Israeli soldiers during a raid on an Israeli army post near the Israel-Gaza-Egyptian border

"Imagine that: A billion people worldwide! Take that Jay Leno, as an announcement venue!"

— Martin Kaplan, director of USC's Norman Lear Center, on speculation that Al Gore will announce his intent to run for president while accepting his Best Documentary Oscar this Sunday

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MOST READERS TAKE PRESIDENT BUSH TO TASK

This week's Q-Line question asked readers:

We've all heard what political pundits and assorted talking heads have to say regarding President Bush's place in the pantheon of chief executives. Just switch on any cable news channel at any time of day and somebody is yammering on and on about the president's legacy and historical significance. What are we to believe?

Here are your responses:

"PRESIDENT BUSH RATES AMONGST THE lowest in the gallery of presidents. None of the major issues plaguing our country like homelessness, health care for all, the outsourcing of American jobs, the environment, and the horrible Iraq war and the loss of so many American lives have not been significantly dealt with. Tax breaks for the rich seems to be his primary concern. I also feel – to a very large extent – that Bush is just a figurehead and a puppet manipulated by corporate America and the host of slimy politicians that surround him all to the detriment to this once great country and its people."

"I THINK THAT IN 20 YEARS PRESIDENT Bush will be seen as a very good president. First, you cannot just defend a country from behind barricades. You must have a forward defense and take the fight to the enemy. The seed of an open society has already been planted in Iraq. Iran is now squeezed by American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Second, America now controls the third-largest oil reserves, plus the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska and the continental United States. Third, we now

have enough stable oil to last the 20 years it will take to evolve our economy away from oil and the combustion engine. Remember all those people who have jobs in the oil and automotive industries will need new ones."

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"HOW CAN ONE BE NON-OBJECTIVE when remembering the lies Bush told to get us into this war when seeing the daily reports of innocent Iraqis and soldiers dying because of these lies. As a veteran of WWII, I am ashamed of the lies recruiters are now forced to tell to entice youths to join this catastrophe. If we can't impeach Bush, as he deserves, he should at least be at the bottom when grading presidents."

"AS A DEDICATED AMERICAN AND IT being President's Day, I'm wearing patriotic colors. In the pantheon of elected leaders George W. Bush will be rated very, very poorly. I used to be a card-carrying Republican, but because of his shenanigans, I'm now an Independent. That also goes for Arnold Schwarzenegger.

That war is totally useless. All we are doing is losing our beautiful brethren. I'd like to see him go over there and fight that friggin' war. No excuse. Even Bechtel Corporation pulled out and that's a very big corporation."

"BUSH WOULD PROBABLY RANK ABOUT the worst one of all unless we elect somebody even worse in the future which is not going to happen because nobody can be as idiotic. Deliberately lying to get us into a war that cost thousands of lives and ruins the economy with his deficits. When he took office there was a budget surplus and he's turned that into a deficit. He's managed to get a lot of Republicans not reelected. He's too blind and stubborn to accept the fact that he's an idiot."

"MINUS 43. HARDING HAD THE TEAPOT dome scandal. Reagan had Alzheimer's (disease), but still took less vacation time than Bush. Bush and his arrogance has 3,000 deceased American soldiers, lies, Iraq, Enron, Halliburton, FEMA and total disregard for labor, the elderly, children and middle class. He did not complete military service and stole elections. Not satisfied to wipe out the Clinton administration's surplus, he plunged the United States into the largest deficit ever. Under that folksy manner, the 43rd president is a mean spirited tyrannical disgrace."

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CARSON

Activist charged with battery for council fray

A leader in the effort to recall Mayor Jim Dear was charged with misdemeanor battery for allegedly hitting a mayor ally on the head with a sheaf of papers during a City Council meeting.

Vera Robles Dewitt faces up to six months in jail if convicted of striking city commissioner Jan Schaefer, who dramatically shrieked and rolled onto the floor in a videotaped delayed action reaction that became a YouTube favorite.

Dear immediately demanded Dewitt's arrest during the Feb. 6 council meeting.

"I was so stunned and frightened that I was trying to protect myself from any further attack," Schaefer said Wednesday. "I have been threatened by another member of this same group before.

"I fell to the floor because I did not know what would happen next and I did not feel safe."

The videotape was key to the Feb. 16 filing of the battery charge.

"I looked at the video," Deputy District Attorney Linda Puentes said. "The defendant had allegedly had a contentious exchange with the council. When she turned around, she hit (Schaefer) in the back of the head. That's considered a battery."

Schaefer, 67, said she still has headaches and feels "shaky" because of the attack.

"Even if it doesn't physically injure you, it's not permissible to go up and intentionally strike people," said sheriff's Capt. Todd Rogers, who arrested Dewitt.

Dewitt, who has declined interview requests, was ordered to appear in court April 3.

The mayor is facing the threat of a recall and a contentious election is less than two weeks away.

Supporters of Dear have highlighted Dewitt's behavior as being typical of the recall supporters, while Dear's opponents have blamed him for escalating the situation.

AP

TUSTIN

Officials OK demolition of WWII-era blimp hangar

The giant blimp hangar where military blimps were stored during World War II will be razed to make room for a 2,105 home development.

The City Council unanimously approved the move Tuesday, saying other proposals that would have kept the wooden Hangar 29 in place weren't economically viable or properly planned.

The development will include homes, businesses, parks and schools.

The council rejected proposals for a motocross facility, a culinary complex, shops catering to the elderly and a futuristic airship building center. Those proposals would have preserved the hangar.

"Overall, they were very poorly done," Councilman Tony Kawashima said. "They were not specific and didn't comply with our questions."

Hangar 29 is one of two blimp shelters on the former Tustin Marine Corps Air Station that are on the National Register of Historic Places. The hangars are more than 1,000 feet long, 300 feet wide and 170 feet high.

The hangars were built in 1942 for Navy blimps that prowled the Pacific coast for Japanese submarines. The base later

became the Marine Corps' primary West Coast helicopter base, which closed in 1999.

The second hangar is being turned into a sports and entertainment complex.

AP

SALINAS

Mom won't be charged for unrestrained infant death

A King City teen mom whose unrestrained infant son died in the crash of her sport utility vehicle won't be charged with a crime.

The California Highway Patrol had recommended charging Betsabeth Dominguez, 18, with felony child endangerment and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence for the death of her 2-month-old son Joshua.

But Monterey County Chief Assistant District Attorney Terry Spitz said Dominguez, who got her driver's license three weeks before the Nov. 22 rollover crash of her Ford Explorer, was simply an inexperienced driver.

Investigators said Dominguez's mother, Marialena Dominguez, 46, had removed the baby from his car seat to change his diaper moments before the wreck.

Spitz said the young mother did not realize her son was unrestrained when the crash happened.

Alcohol or drug use, fatigue, speeding or reckless driving didn't play a role in the crash, the prosecutor said.

"What it comes down to is she was an inexperienced driver," he said. "Given the fact she has essentially been punished by the loss of her son, there is nothing more the D.A. could have done."

AP

WATSONVILLE

Computer hacker busted by Riverside County Sheriffs

Detectives working a Southern California computer hacking case descended on a home and hauled away a computer.

Members of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Computer and Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team and the Santa Clara County High-Tech Crime Unit arrived at the Cherry Blossom Drive house just after dawn Wednesday.

"We were looking for a computer, and we got it," Riverside sheriff's Sgt. Dennis Gutierrez said. Investigators have been working on the Internet hacking case for six months, he said.

A resident of Perris, about 20 miles southeast of Riverside, told Riverside County sheriff's deputies someone had illegally hacked into his personal computer.

Gutierrez wouldn't give any details, but said, "It has nothing to do with sex crimes or child pornography."

The owner of the house, a Capitola police officer, wasn't believed to be involved in the hacking.

The computer's Internet Protocol address, similar to a street address, led agents to the house in Watsonville, the sergeant said.

"Every time you use a computer it's like you are sending up smoke signals, and if you know how to read them, you know where to follow them," Gutierrez said.

There have been no arrests.

"Once our computer guys go into the computer, you don't know what they might find," Gutierrez said.

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Officials say more funding is needed for keep ports safe

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LONG BEACH More money is needed to safeguard the nation's ports, three ranking members of congressional committees on terrorism and security said Thursday.

"We need to increase the resources that are going to protect our ports," U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., said during a news conference at the Port of Long Beach.

The port and its sister facility in Los Angeles comprise the nation's largest port complex.

Sanchez, who chairs the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counter-Terrorism, called on President Bush to fully fund the Port Security Grant Program.

The administration's 2008 budget provides \$210

million for the programs — about half the \$400 million requested by supporters.

Sanchez, and Reps. Jim Langevin, D-Rhode Island, and Dave Reichert, R-Washington, toured a terminal at the port and saw how X-ray machines and radiation detectors are being used to scan cargo containers.

The lawmakers said their biggest concern was that a terrorist might sneak radioactive material inside a cargo container bound for a U.S. port.

Langevin said there are glaring security loopholes in the nation's port system.

"We need to move even more aggressively to make sure we have radiation detection equipment in place in all of our ports and all of our border crossings," said Langevin, who chairs the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.

Twenty-two of the nation's biggest ports are

expected to have radiation detection devices in use by the end of this year and more than 90 percent of ports and border crossings should have them by the end of next year, Langevin said.

Officials said the government also needed a way of identifying port workers, ranging from truckers to longshoremen. The U.S. government has been developing the Transportation Worker Identification Card, which all personnel would be required to have to enter ports.

Sanchez said she hopes that by mid-2008, "everybody related to a port" will have the card.

The ID program has raised concerns among workers and businesses, who fear that many employees — particularly thousands of independent truck drivers — would fail background checks for the cards.

"We're working through those issues to ensure that it is not so strict that we don't have anybody coming to take the jobs that we have here," Sanchez said.

Democrats target contractors, truckers in global warming bills

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Targeting truckers, contractors and others, Senate Democrats on Thursday introduced legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions beyond the landmark global warming law that took effect this year.

The package of bills would ban methane releases from garbage dumps, reduce exhaust emissions from trucks, construction equipment and school buses, and force utilities to increase energy from renewable sources.

Other lawmakers, including some Democrats, and Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger immediately criticized the legislative package. They said it would overwhelm state regulators who are still trying to decide how to implement last year's global warming law.

That law imposes the country's first economy-wide cap on greenhouse gas emissions, requiring California to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases 25 percent by 2020.

But Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, said it will take state regulators too long to develop the regulations needed to achieve the mandate.

Schwarzenegger wants to let companies participate in an emissions market where they could sell, buy or trade credits. Promoting such voluntary incentives, while praiseworthy, is too slow, Perata said.

"There are things we can do right now," he said. "These bills take direct action ... that will have immediate and long-term benefits."

One of the bills he announced Thursday would require that half of passenger vehicles sold in California be able to run on alternative fuels by 2020. A second could require that a portion of diesel fuel come from renewable sources.

Another would expand the renewable energy requirement for utilities. Last year, lawmakers passed separate legislation requiring that 20 percent of power come from clean sources by 2010; the Senate proposal boosts the goal to 33 percent by 2021.



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Don Perata,
Senate President Pro Tem, D-Oakland

Two bills would use a portion of bond money authorized by voters in November to retrofit diesel trucks, heavy construction equipment and the state's ports with emission-control devices.

Another part of the legislative package would consolidate global warming efforts from five state agencies into a single one, to be named the California Office of Climate Change Research and Assessment.

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Global treaty bans cluster bomb usage

BY DOUG MELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway Forty-six countries agreed Friday to push for a global treaty banning cluster bombs, a move activists hope will force the superpowers that oppose the effort — the U.S., China and Russia — to abandon the weapons.

Organizers said the declaration was needed despite the absence of key nations at a conference in the Norwegian capital to avoid a potential humanitarian disaster posed by unexploded cluster munitions.

Cluster bomblets are packed by the hundreds into artillery shells, bombs or missiles which scatter them over vast areas, with some failing to explode immediately. The unexploded bomblets can then lie dormant for years after conflicts end until they are disturbed, often by children attracted by their small size and bright colors.

Of the 49 countries attending the Oslo conference, only three — Japan, Poland and Romania — rejected the declaration calling for a treaty by next year. Some key arms makers — including the U.S., Russia, Israel and China — snubbed the conference.

But even deeply skeptical nations like Canada, Britain and Germany, were swayed to join the Norwegian-led initiative in what activists hailed as a major step forward.

Jody Williams, an American who shared the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for a global campaign to ban land mines, urged nations sup-

porting a cluster bomb treaty to move ahead without the major powers.

"They should do it the same way, with countries that realize that there are 191 countries in the world, and not just three," she told The Associated Press.

Last summer's Israel-Hezbollah war helped bring cluster munitions to the forefront of the international agenda. The U.N. estimated that Israel dropped as many as 4 million bomblets in southern Lebanon during the conflict, with as many 40 percent failing to explode on impact.

Mark Regev, spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry, said Israel did not use any munitions that were outlawed by international treaties or law. He said if the cluster bombs declaration evolves into a treaty, Israel would examine it and then decide how to respond.

Countries opposed to the Oslo conference say cluster bombs are being discussed under the U.N. Convention on Conventional Weapons.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the convention has produced a treaty the U.S. has signed and forwarded to the Senate for ratification. He did not provide details on what the treaty says about cluster bombs.

"We have taken very seriously the international discussion with respect to the threat posed by unexploded ordnance to innocent civilians," McCormack said. He said the U.S. has spent about \$1 billion.

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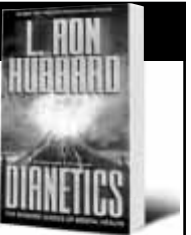
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Harrah's becomes first smokeless casino

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. A resort owned by Harrah's Entertainment Inc. has become the first casino to go totally smokeless at Lake Tahoe and one of the first casinos to voluntarily impose such a ban in the nation.

Bill's Lake Tahoe Casino in Stateline banned smoking in December, the same month a voter-approved anti-smoking initiative took effect in Nevada. The resort has even advertised the distinction on its marquee: "Tahoe's Only Non-Smoking Casino."

Bill's is dwarfed by its larger sister resorts on Lake Tahoe's south shore: Harrah's and Harveys. All three are owned by Harrah's Entertainment, the largest gambling company in the world.

"Our niche is baby boomers and they're not smoking as much as their parents," casino

manager Steve Schorr said. "We figure there were a lot of people who would probably have disposable income and give it a shot."

While business has been generally good since the smoking ban took effect, he said it's too early to tell what effect it has had on revenues. Complicating the issue is the fact that the casino has instituted other changes as well.

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Steve Schorr, casino manager

"It's more enjoyable to come to work," Bill's security guard Mike Lauritsen told the Tahoe Daily Tribune.

Fellow non-smoker Greg Martinez, who is drawn by food specials at Lake Tahoe casinos, added: "I would look for a casino that doesn't have smoking. My daughter has asthma."

Calls to Harrah's Entertainment spokesman Alberto Lopez and Nevada Resort Association President Bill Bible were not immediately returned Friday.

Cynthia Hallett, executive director of

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, said Bill's is one of the first casinos to voluntarily become a no-smoking enterprise in the country.

Some tribal casinos also have voluntarily snuffed out smoking, but gambling facilities in other states, including California and Washington, only went smokefree after being required to do so by legislation or voter initiatives, she said.

The Nevada initiative bans smoking at restaurants, bars that serve food, and around slot machines at supermarkets, gas stations and convenience stores. But it does not apply to the gambling floors of casinos.

While some major Nevada casinos have banned smoking in poker rooms, Hallett was unaware of any other totally smokefree casino in the state. The Ponderosa Casino in Reno imposed a similar ban in the late 1980s but later went out of business.

Pair of Hells Angels members get prison time in Nevada case

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. Two Hells Angels motorcycle club members were sentenced Friday to 12 to 30 months in state prison for their roles in a deadly brawl with rival biker gang members at a southern Nevada casino in 2002.

A Nevada judge agreed to let the sentences for Dale Leedom of Two Rivers, Alaska, and Raymond Foakes of Petaluma, Calif., run concurrent with federal prison terms they received last week in a related plea deal in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas. Neither was ordered into custody immediately.

Leedom, 45, had pleaded guilty in state court to a felony

battery charge. He is due to report to federal prison in April.

Foakes, 43, had pleaded guilty to a challenge to fight charge, a felony. He was ordered to report to prison after another federal case is resolved in San Francisco.

Their cases were part of complex plea deal involving six Hells Angels members who pleaded to reduced state and federal charges in October stemming from a bloody brawl that left Two Hells Angels and a Mongols member dead and at least a dozen people hurt during the 2002 Laughlin River Run.

The pleas ended a federal racketeering trial involving 11 defendants, representing the first of 44 men indicted in the case.

Each of the six men in the state case agreed to be sentenced to one to 2 1/2 years, and Clark County District

Court Judge Douglas Herndon said Friday he intended to stick with that agreement.

Sentencing was postponed in state court until March 1 for three men — Rodney Cox, 44, of Phoenix, Maurice "Pete" Eunice, 51, of Lakeside, Calif., and James Hannigan, 39, of Mountain View, Calif.

Cox and Hannigan were due in federal court Friday afternoon for sentencing by U.S. District Judge James Mahan. Neither was expected to receive more than the 2 1/2 years in prison that Eunice received Feb. 13. Leedom was sentenced Feb. 13 to two years in federal prison and Foakes was sentenced to a year and a day following their guilty pleas to charges of committing a violent crime.



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Growing pains

Farmers claim rail route to Mexico a threat to economy

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX, Ariz. A proposed new Mexican seaport could provide Union Pacific Railroad with a major business opportunity — trainloads of shipping containers of imported goods to haul to points across the United States.

But southwestern Arizona farmers say that opportunity for Union Pacific could spell trouble for them.

After rumors had Yuma-area residents wondering during much of 2006 what Union Pacific was up to, the Omaha, Neb.-based railroad is shedding light on its possible involvement in a multicompany project to build and operate a seaport at Punta Colonet in Baja California.

Union Pacific says plans for the project are still under development but that it has started acquiring options to buy property for the U.S. portion of a 200-mile spur that container trains could travel between UP's east-west "Sunset Route" main line near Yuma and the proposed seaport.

With U.S. ports on the West Coast congested, Mexico has several projects in the works to expand existing ports or establish new ones to offload Asian imports. Meanwhile, in the U.S., UP already is upgrading the Sunset Route, adding a second track through Arizona to increase its capacity to move trains. The Sunset Route main line runs from Louisiana to California.

The U.S. portion of the proposed new line would need up to 30 miles of track in Yuma County in an area where farmers now grow lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and other crops on irrigated fields between the city of Yuma and a Marine Corps base on the west and a sprawling military bombing range to the east.

Farmers and their supporters acknowledge the railroad lately has started providing some information, but they say they still are troubled. The contemplated new line would take some farm land and trains traveling the route would disrupt their agricultural operations and pose environmental and safety risks, growers said.

"All we see now is downsides for us," said Paul Muthart, general manager of a family owned produce company.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said UP expects the Mexican government to solicit proposals for Punta Colonet this spring and to pick successful bidders later this year, with port operations starting in 2012.

FARMERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS ACKNOWLEDGE THE RAILROAD LATELY HAS STARTED PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION, BUT THEY SAY THEY STILL ARE TROUBLED.

As part of a group of companies submitting a proposal, UP would build the necessary rail connection on the U.S. side of the border, Davis said. "There'd have to be another company that would construct a line on the south side."

Davis said he could not provide specifics about property options being acquired in the Yuma area, the company's potential partners in the Punta Colonet project group or a total price tag. Asked why UP wanted to have the spur connect the main line in Arizona and not further west in California, Davis said it was to have the connection east of the railroad's bridge over the Colorado River.

Las Vegas teen rides 'extreme' wheelchair flip to celebrity, fame

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. It's easy to spot Aaron Fotheringham spinning, "grinding" and stopping for a hesitating moment atop the rim of a half-pipe before plunging back into the mass of teenage boys zipping around the neighborhood skate park.

He's the one in the wheelchair, the one with the bright yellow helmet, the one who does the back flip that has made him an Internet and international celebrity.

His friends slap him high five's as they pass on their BMX bikes and skateboards. They call him "Wheels."

"It's cool what he does," says Cody Manning, 14, leaning both elbows on the handlebars of his red BMX bicycle. "He's inspiring other people."

Adults call Fotheringham, 15, one-of-a-kind, a pioneer carving a niche somewhere between BMX and skateboarding.

"The kid, not only the way he rides the park, but when you talk to him he's positive,

polite, levelheaded," says Joe Wichert, 36, xtreme sports coordinator for the city of Las Vegas, which has 19 public skate parks, but only one extreme wheelchair rider.

"It's great to see someone like Aaron creating a whole new sport."

Fotheringham, a high school freshman whose mom calls him a very average student, talks about angles and slope, inertia and momentum as he tries to describe how he learned to do his signature back flip.

"Sometimes you have to be precise with speed. And you never want to go in backward."

He grins, a typical teen, tousled brown hair, green eyes and metal braces. He reaches for another slice of pizza during a break from what he calls "hard core sitting."

That's when you notice the scraped and calloused knuckles, the broad shoulders, the chiseled forearms. He's built from the waist up like a steelworker. He says his arm reach is about 5-foot-8, fingertip to fingertip, and figures he might be that tall if his legs weren't bad.

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Police arrest recyclers after they try to cash in copper

By Associated Press

HONOLULU, Hawaii Police arrest copper recyclers in sting operation Honolulu police arrested a copper recycler in a sting operation after she allegedly bought a spool of copper wiring stamped "Hawaiian Electric Co." even after being told it was stolen.

Another suspect was arrested at a different recycling center for a misdemeanor violation of the scrap-metal law.

The arrests came amid a police crackdown on recyclers who have been buying copper stolen from businesses, schools, freeway lights and other places.

"We want to send the message to recyclers that police will be checking (on them)," said Kalihi police Maj. Kurt Kendro.

Robbers in Hawaii and on the mainland have been stealing rain gutters, pipes and wires from isle businesses and homes in recent years as copper prices have soared on global markets.

Honolulu police said they received reports of copper theft losses totaling \$760,000 across the island last year.

In one case last August, robbers ripped six copper drainage pipes off buildings at Mililani High School.

The police have nabbed copper thieves in the past, but the Thursday arrests are believed to be the first local instance of law enforcement arresting someone for allegedly purchasing stolen copper.

Charged yesterday for felony attempted second-degree theft was Kyung Hee Chon, 44, of Halawa. She was arrested at Aiea Recycling, 1811 Dillingham Blvd., at 12:50 p.m. after allegedly purchasing the HECO spool.

Chon also was charged on four misdemeanor counts for alleged violations of state law requiring recyclers to verify the seller's identity and keep a written statement of the transaction that may be examined at any time during a two-year period by police.

Rick Chon, owner of Aiea Recycling, did not respond to a request for comment.

Toufaasulu Pulou, 58, of Honokai Hale, an employee of Island Recycling Inc., 1803 Dillingham Blvd., was charged yesterday for a misdemeanor violation of the scrap-metal law.



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Kurt Kendro, Kalihi Police Department

Police showered praise on some recyclers they investigated, like Okuda Metal.

"If they suspected theft they chased you off the property and never purchased from anyone without asking for ID," Kendro said. "Okuda Metal sets the example, and we hope he bands together with others to push reform."

Current rules require that dealers obtain a written statement signed by the seller certifying he lawfully has the right to sell his or her copper.

Buyers must also obtain the name, address, and occupation of the seller, as well as his or her vehicle license number and proper identification.

Lawmakers have proposed numerous bills to toughen copper theft laws.

One idea would create a specific felony offense of copper theft while another would require photographs of the copper being sold.

Montana officials want state to join early primary races

BY MATT GOURAS

Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. Montana lawmakers want state to join early presidential primary The idea of Montana joining a Western presidential primary as a way of raising its influence has one glaring obstacle, critics say: a big price tag.

Supporters say it is worthwhile since it would give the West a big say in choosing presidential candidates, a privilege that currently goes to states like New Hampshire and Iowa.

"What we hope to do with this, is get the candidates out to a Western state," said Rep. Duane Ankney, R-Colstrip.

The idea is gaining steam, as a few Western states have already decided to link together for the joint presidential primary. Others, like Montana, are considering joining.

Supporters say presidential candidates will be induced to come out West during primary season if enough states are holding an early primary. It would give the region a change to raise issues important to the area.

And voters would have a say in choosing the presidential candidates.

"Montanans deserve a greater voice in choosing presidents," Secretary of State Brad Johnson said. "By working together with my Democratic and Republican colleagues in other Western states, I want to enact policies to make sure all our voices are heard."

Critics have said that the idea won't work as expected because presidential candidates will still be hesitant to spend much time in sparsely populated Western states.

Ankney, pitching his bill to the House State Administration Committee, said the primary races are currently decided by the time Montana holds its June primary.

His bill would let Johnson choose the exact primary date.

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Girl Scouts cut fat out of cookies

Trans fats removed from all treats including favorites Thin Mints and Samoas

BY DAVID B. CARUSO
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK, NY. For much of the country, it's Girl Scout cookie time again. And this year, all those cookies, not just the Thin Mints and a few others, will come nearly free of harmful trans fats.

The Girl Scouts have marked their 90th year in the cookie business by getting most of the artificial fat out of all varieties of their iconic treats, which had been under attack by a few health-focused consumer groups.

The change reflects a movement by the scouts in recent years to add an element of health consciousness to their annual bake sale.

This year, about half of all Girl Scout troops are also offering a sugar-free cookie called the Little Brownie. A cookie with reduced saturated fat, the Cartwheel, was also introduced last year.

Tinkering with a popular recipe is something no cook does lightly, and Girl Scouts of the USA Vice President Denise J. Pessich said the changes were only made after the two commercial bakeries that make the cookies found trans-fat alternatives that didn't compromise flavor, texture or shelf life.

Pessich said she was confident fans would notice few differences. The recipe changes have also given troop leaders an

opportunity to talk more about the importance of eating right, Pessich said.

"They know that, for one thing, you need to make informed choices. You need to read labels," she said.

In making the adjustments, the scouts are following other manufacturers who rid their products of trans fats after the Food and Drug Administration began requiring food labels to carry information on the substance last year. Scientific studies have linked trans fats to heart disease.

Cities around the country are also taking steps to ban trans fats at restaurants. New York became the first city to do so last year.

The first "zero trans" Girl Scout cookies made their debut in the fall of 2005, including a reformulated version of the top-selling Thin Mint. The remaining varieties had most trans fats eliminated by last October.

Consumer reaction is still developing. Most troops take their orders in January and begin deliveries in late February or early March.

But — taste aside — the initial feedback has been positive, said Anna Ho, who organizes sales for Troop 805 in Parsippany, N.J.

"People are saying, 'It's about time,' said Ho. "Everybody is conscious of the trans-fat issue ... My own sister used to rub me in the ribs sometimes and say, 'When are you going to go healthy?'"

She said the scouts seem to understand the need for a change too.

"These girls are pretty in tune," she said. "They know that at the high school, they started mandating healthier eating. The snacks changed. The vending machines changed. They are very aware that there is a kick on for a healthier lifestyle."

The scouts have been careful not to bill the updated cook-

ies as health food. Even with the changes, most varieties are still high in sugar and saturated fat.

"Like any snack food, you talk about moderation," Pessich said. "We know we aren't selling broccoli."

In fact, the scouts are quick to point out, the new recipes aren't technically trans-fat-free either.

A look at the nutrition label reveals that most varieties still contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oil — the primary source of trans fats in the U.S. diet. But the amount is less than half a gram per serving, low enough to allow a "zero grams of trans fat" label under FDA rules.

Every variety of Girl Scout cookie now meets that standard, based on serving sizes that range from four Thin Mints to two Samoas or Caramel deLites.

That's something for cookie fans to keep in mind as they open a box, said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"If it says zero grams, but contains partially hydrogenated oil, people should know it does contain a little bit of trans fat," Jacobson said. "If somebody ate several servings of those foods a day, someone could consume 2 or 3 grams of trans fat, which is significant."

North Korea invites inspectors

BY GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria North Korea on Friday asked the chief U.N. atomic inspector to visit four years after expelling his experts and dropping out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty — an encouraging sign the reclusive regime is serious about dismantling its weapons program.

Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, offered few details about his upcoming trip, which other agency officials said would likely occur in the second week of March.

Still, his announcement was significant because it signaled the North's

willingness to subject its nuclear program to outside scrutiny for the first time since withdrawing from the Nonproliferation Treaty in January 2003, just weeks after ordering nuclear inspectors to leave.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon hailed the invitation — which came five months after the North conducted its first nuclear weapon test — as a "good beginning," an interpretation shared by the U.S. administration.

"It shows that we're beginning to execute the terms of the agreement," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said, alluding to the Feb. 13 six-nation deal in which the North said it would dismantle its nuclear facilities and normalize relations with South Korea,

Japan and the U.S. in exchange for oil shipments and security guarantees.

"We'll be interested in hearing his report when he gets back," Fratto said.

ElBaradei's trip will mark only an initial step in the long and complex process that the international community hopes will result in stripping the North of its nuclear weapons capabilities and ensuring it remains without such arms.

In a process that one U.N. official said "could take years," IAEA inspectors would be tasked with re-establishing the monitoring of the plutonium-producing Yongbyon nuclear facility, and then being on site while it is closed and dismantled. Little is know about the North's nuclear program.

Canada court strikes down anti-terror law

BY BETH DUFF-BROWN
Associated Press Writer

OTTAWA, Canada Canada's high court strikes down anti-terror law that detains suspects indefinitely One of Canada's most contentious anti-terrorism provisions was struck down Friday by the Supreme Court, which declared it unconstitutional to detain foreign terror suspects indefinitely while the courts review their deportation orders.

The 9-0 ruling was a blow to the government's anti-terrorism regulations. Five Arab Muslim men have been held for years under the "security certificate" program, which the Justice Department had insisted is a key tool in the fight against global terrorism and essential to Canada's security.

The court found that the system violates the Charter of Rights and Freedom, Canada's bill of rights. It suspended the judgment from taking effect for a year, to give Parliament time to rewrite the part of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act that covers the certificates.

The security certificates were challenged on constitutional grounds by three men from Morocco, Syria and Algeria — all alleged by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to

have ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist networks.

The law now allows sensitive intelligence to be heard behind closed doors by a federal judge, with only sketchy summaries given to defense attorneys.

The men have spent years in jail while fighting deportation orders. They risk being labeled terrorists and sent back to their native countries, where they face possible torture.

The court called this a fundamental violation of their human rights.

"The overarching principle of fundamental justice that applies here is this: Before the state can detain people for significant periods of time, it must accord them a fair judicial process," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin wrote in a ruling for all nine justices.

"The secrecy required by the scheme denies the person named in a certificate the opportunity to know the case put against him or her, and hence to challenge the governments case," she said.

The court said the men and their lawyers should have a right to respond to the evidence used against them by intelligence agents and noted that a law in Britain allows special advocates to review sensitive intelligence material.

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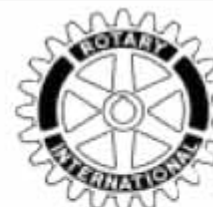
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BUDDIES: Gary Shapiro of Orang Utan Republik, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation of orangutans in Indonesia and Bali, teaches his friend Rinnie sign language in 1980.

Non-profits getting chance to show stuff

FROM NON-PROFIT PAGE 3

profits an opportunity to spread awareness of their causes and seek future funding sources to keep afloat.

"It gives us a chance to interact with one another in a way that we normally do not have access to," said Murray Wood, director of development and marketing for New

Directions, a residential care agency based at the Veterans Administration complex in Westwood that helps former soldiers access health care, vocational and detox programs, job training and housing.

does anything about them, so when we have an opportunity to talk about our programs and show what we do, face to face, it's a wonderful thing."

Pat Jordan, of the Center for the Partially Sighted, a resource for the growing number of people with limited vision, said the festival is especially important because many people are unaware of the severity of the problems non-profits address.

By attending the festival, non-profit are able to challenge stereotypes and break down barriers.

"Limited vision is a new field," Jordan said. "Years ago, people didn't hear about limited vision because people weren't living long enough for it to become an issue. Now we have many who are struggling day-to-day to cook meals for themselves, get medication or go shopping."

"With this festival, we'll be able to introduce ourselves to people who may not need our services, but may have a relative, a friend or someone who lives up the street from them who do and they can take information back to them," Jordan added.

The festival will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. In case of rain, the festival will be moved to the Santa Monica Place mall.

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Directions, a residential care agency based at the Veterans Administration complex in Westwood that helps former soldiers access health care, vocational and detox programs, job training and housing.

"We're kind of like a car alarm," Wood said. "They generally go off and nobody

State taxpayer groups aim to end eminent domain

FROM RENTERS PAGE 1

SMRR President Denny Zane believes the HJTA realized they would be facing a powerful opposition and decided to add the buffer period to make the proposed legislation seem less controversial.

"Presumably, they realize that they have a political hot potato and they still have a political hot potato," Zane said.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights is promising a fight and is planning to join with similar pro-rent control organizations across the state to form a coalition to combat the measure if it is placed on the ballot.

In Zane's opinion, the ballot measure would do nothing but increase the presence of homeless in the streets of California.

"This is like the 'Homeless Creation Act of 2008,'" Zane said on Friday. "They're in for a dog fight."

The measure would affect renters in cities across the state, including Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Francisco, Berkeley and East Palo Alto.

Several groups have come out in support of the ballot measure, Coupal said, including the California Farm Bureau Federation and property rights groups.

Just as eminent domain affects private property owners, it affects farmland owners, said John Gamper, director of Land Use and Taxation Policy at the California Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest farm organization with 94,000 members.

"Our members were just as shocked as every other citizen when the Supreme Court said you can take someone's house or small business for economic development purposes," Gamper said, referring to the Kelo v. city of New London case where the U.S. Supreme Court decided, 5-4, in 2005 that eminent domain was allowed for economic development purposes in New London, Conn. Susette Kelo was one of the lead plaintiffs in the case.

"We want to address the issue of taking

farm land by local jurisdiction for similar use," Gamper said on Friday.

"We're sympathetic to the outrage over the Kelo decision. We want to protect farm land taken under misguided schemes."

Niels Hansen, a 20-year rent control tenant who has lived in three units in the same Mid-City apartment complex, said he strongly opposes the proposal.

Rent control allowed him to start a life in Santa Monica as a 19-year-old from Oregon and believes countless other renters in the

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city have similar tales of beginning anew in the desirable beach community.

The new father of a baby daughter, Hansen hopes to eventually move out of his one-bedroom unit, for which he pays \$570 a month. But in the meantime, he's enjoying the economic benefits of paying low rent.

"Without rent control, I would not have enjoyed the quality of life that Santa Monica has to offer," Hansen said on Friday.

"(The repeal) would make it difficult for young people to get started in a place like Santa Monica — new people with young ideas."

If rent control is repealed, Hansen said he would move his family back to Oregon.

"If we lost our rent control, it gives us very good reason to leave California," he said.

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About 75 percent of victims of Internet crimes are girls

FROM NET PAGE 3

"about me" section where the user can write a brief bio, and an area for their "friends" to post comments. With the MySpace page projected in the background, Osborn highlighted the areas to which a sexual predator might pay special attention. From the information on the sample page, a sexual predator would be able to ascertain the girl's birth date, her high school and college, her dog's name and login frequency.

It's information that a sexual predator would be able to manipulate to their advantage.

"All this and all I did was look at her MySpace profile," Osborn said.

Many convicted sex offenders the FBI arrests had close contact with children through volunteering or their job.

Osborn told the story of Jason Handy, a local man who worked at the children's television network Nickelodeon and started chatting online with a girl from Michigan. Handy would tell young children that if they stuck around with him long enough, he could arrange for the child to have a career in television, Osborn said.

The convicted sex offender was on vacation

in North Carolina when he decided to take a detour to Michigan to visit his 14-year-old friend. He was caught when a friend of the young girl observed the two kissing in the hallway. The friend told her parents, who contacted the police.

When police conducted a search warrant at Handy's Los Angeles home, they discovered photos of girls with backpacks, child pornography and vinyl envelopes containing underwear and pubic hair.

They also discovered a diary, in which Handy wrote: "I am a pedophile, full blown."

Then came the story of George Stan, a former LAPD Officer who was an adviser for the department's Explorer Program, which allows children to get experience in police activities.

Osborn showed a series of chats between Stan and a child. The chats occurred over a period of 22 days and resulted in the child being sexually assaulted by Stan, who was 36 at the time. Over a period of 18 months, Stan allegedly assaulted seven children, six of whom he met online. Two of the children were in the Explorer program.

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Kids at Saturday's opening ceremonies will be treated to a visit by Dodgers great "Sweet" Lou Johnson. Parents will also have the opportunity to have ID cards made for their children.

Little league fosters local community

FROM LEAGUE PAGE 1

ing up uniforms and attending free instructional clinics on hitting and fielding.

Dodger great "Sweet" Lou Johnson will be on hand to throw out the first pitch, talk with the kids and sign autographs, according to Todd Gelfand, who is in his fourth year as president of the leagues.

Volunteers from Little League sponsors, such as the Elks and Masons, will be on hand to distribute child-ID cards at the event. (see related story)

Each of the 70 Santa Monica teams will begin playing games over the next two weekends.

A ceremony at noon today will celebrate last season's success by introducing the 12-year-old All-Star team that won the local District 25 tournament with a walk-off grand slam and advanced to the finals of the sectional tournament.

"We had hundreds of people watching our All-Star games last season," Gelfand said, adding that during the ceremony they will post the banner honoring the district win. "It was quite exciting."

The ceremony will also celebrate the City Championship trophy the Cardinals won in the major division, Gelfand said.

Barone explained how his roots in this Little League family environment fostered a passion that carried throughout the years.

"It's really part of our family," Barone said. "The love of the league and caring about keeping up the integrity of it, spread-

ing the joy that I felt from it as a boy and as an adult."

Not much has changed in the world of Little League since his playing days, Barone said. The game is the same. Memorial Park is the same. The memories are the same.

"The Little League is one part of the city that seems to keep the old flavor," Barone said.

He reminisced about big picnic days with dunk tanks, real dugouts and huge scoreboards, noting that the family-friendly tradition has persevered on the field.

"It's an old throwback, with all the balloons," Gelfand said. "When people are trying to recreate memories of their youth for their kids, Little League is a great way to do it. Your children can have the same memories you had growing up. Parents appreciate that we're providing that memory for their kids."

Fifty-seven years of memories still resonate from the field where the baseball and softball teams play.

All of the players from the teams live within Santa Monica, a tribute to its traditionally local status.

"It's very much a community thing," Gelfand said.

Team assignments for younger players loosely corresponds to where the kids attend school, but drafting starts with 9-12 year-olds in either the AAA minors or major league.

"If you go to one specific school and you're involved in Little League, you're meeting people you would have never had a chance of meeting," Barone said. "It makes the community a lot smaller. It connects north of Montana to Sunset Park and the Pico neighborhood."

Child IDs offered by local lodges

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Freemasons and Elks from the Santa Monica area who together make up the majority of sponsorship for the local little league invite parents to swing by their child-ID booth at Memorial Park today as part of the Santa Monica Little League opening ceremonies.

"You have a gathering of parents and most of the parents will have multiple children," said John Barry, a member of the Sunset Masonic Lodge who is also a little league parent and team manager. "It's very quick. All we have to do is snap their picture and take their finger prints."

Representatives from both lodges will print out the cards which parents can add additional personal information to.

The ID cards help the police in the event a child joins the 725,000 other children in the United States who turn up missing in a given year, Barry said.

"Hopefully, no one will ever have to use it," Barry said. "But it's not bad to have a little piece of insurance behind you."

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The case of the not-so-mellow celloist

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

NORTH OF MONTANA A tiff between neighbors over cello lessons being offered on this not-so-quiet stretch of 10th Street has led some to question the propriety of operating a business from a private home, especially when that enterprise disrupts the tranquility of neighborhood.

The delicate balance between free enterprise and quality of life issues are being tested by music teacher John Redfield and his neighbors, who went before the Planning Commission this week to have Redfield's home occupation permit revoked. The neighbors allegedly recorded several violations by Redfield, including hosting more cello lessons than allowed, increased traffic congestion and noise pollution.

Neighbors complain that Redfield's cello lessons, coupled with his wife's daycare business, which includes a Hebrew immersion and fitness program, as well as puppet shows and other events, have no place in their residential neighborhood, and they want the music lessons silenced.

"Mr. Redfield is determined to maximize the house as he tries to recoup the rent he puts into this investment," said Dan Ackerman, a neighbor who lives behind Redfield. "He is one heck of an entrepreneur, I'll give him that. But he pushes everything to the ultimate limit."

Fellow neighbor Margaret Richardson also admires the Redfields' entrepreneurial spirit, but contends her quiet enclave isn't the place for their businesses.

"I've never complained about the noise

because I'm at work during the day, but I am concerned about retiring," Richardson said. "This is not Yo-Yo Ma playing the cello."

On Super Bowl Sunday, there were stake-outs by city staff and surveillance cameras at the behest of the Redfields' neighbors to catch the couple in the act, but city staff found no violations of the permit.

Redfield, a music teacher for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, said he is complying with the conditions of his permit and has taken steps to limit the impact his business has on the neighborhood, including having parents drop off and pick up their children in the alley so they do not take up parking on the street.

"As a parent, there is nothing more important to me than my children," Redfield said. "As members of this community, there could and should be nothing more important than our children. They are the future of our society."

Behavioral scientists and educators agree that children are helped tremendously when they play an instrument, Redfield said. Not only does it build their self-esteem and improve their concentration, it builds mathematical skills, reading ability and creativity.

Redfield admits to having a day care at his home that is licensed for up to eight children and has hosted at least one puppet show there that attracted roughly 30 kids, but said he and his family have been unjustly harassed by neighbors.

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC

A permit was granted to Redfield on Sept. 26 2006. As part of the permit, Redfield was allowed to serve only six students per day, and that the lessons would abide by the city's noise

ordinance. Teaching could not generate pedestrian traffic or vehicular traffic beyond that ordinarily generated in a residential district.

On Oct. 10, Redfield's next-door neighbor, Pat Pyfrom, filed an appeal of the permit based on non-compliance. Over the span of a few weeks, Pyfrom and other neighbors said they watched as Redfield repeatedly violated conditions of his permit, holding 10 lessons on Sundays. In 17 days, Pyfrom said Redfield held more than six lessons eight times.

"No one is against teaching children," said Pyfrom, a retired certified public accountant who does some work out of her home. "We just don't want them next to us all the time, coming in and out. As far as the daycare center, that is licensed by the state."

"We are appealing what we can appeal, and we believe the cello businesses is secondary to none."

Commissioners were faced with the difficult task of balancing the interests of small businesses and residents who want to maintain the nature of their neighborhoods.

A few years ago, the City Council proposed a new fee structure for small businesses applying for licenses, eliminating fees for those making under \$40,000 a year. As part of that discussion, the council made it a policy to support those wanting to work from home as a way to create a larger tax base and encourage people to give up the "commute and pollute lifestyle," said Councilman Kevin McKeown, the council's liaison to the Planning Commission.

McKeown urged commissioners to be careful when considering new operating conditions for Redfield out of concern that they would inhibit others from working from home.

"We were heading down a slippery slope by putting so many restrictions on home businesses as to make them no longer viable," McKeown said.

In the end, the commissioners voted to allow Redfield to continue offering cello lessons, but curbed the number of hours he could teach and mandated that he move a backyard fence five feet closer to his home and create parking spaces for parents to drop off and pick up their budding musicians.

Redfield will only be allowed to teach from noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekends, with a cap of six lessons per day with 15-minute intervals in between so two parents are not waiting in the alley at one time.

"What I am hearing here is that living (at the home) is secondary to the businesses going on in the house," said Commissioner Darrell Clarke. "I can well imagine why that would drive the neighbors nuts. I think there has to be carefully constrained hours."

Commissioners were careful about formulating a motion that would help the neighbors, but would not be so restrictive that it was counter to the council's policies that encourage small business.

In the end, it seemed Redfield came out a winner, while the neighbors left dissatisfied.

Pyfrom and other neighbors wanted more restrictions, including a ban on Sunday lessons as well as lessons on holidays, giving them at least a few days without the traffic and cellos.

"We were hoping to get at least one day where we could enjoy our neighborhood in peace, especially since Sundays are his busiest days," Pyfrom said. ret Richardson, neighbor.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN (PHAP) PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMUNITY REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Monica has developed an Annual Public Housing Agency Plan. Through this plan the Housing Authority will advise the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), its residents and members of the public of its mission and strategy for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families.

The City is seeking community comments on the proposed Public Housing Agency Plan (PHAP). A public hearing of the PHAP will be conducted by the Santa Monica Housing Authority at the Santa Monica City Council meeting on April 10, 2007 at 5:45 p.m., located at the Santa Monica City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica.

Copies of the Public Housing Agency Plan are now available to the public during a 45-day community review period ending April 10, 2007. A copy of the plan is available for review at all Santa Monica Public Libraries, the City Hall Information desk and the Housing Authority office which is located at 2121 Cloverfield Blvd. #131. Please send your written comments by April 10, 2007 to: Santa Monica Housing Authority, 2121 Cloverfield Blvd., #131, Santa Monica, CA 90404 Attention: Peter Mezza (310) 458-8740.

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ANOTHER POINT OF ENTRY

One of the stories told on Friday was how Kozakiewicz came to meet Scott Tyree, the man who was ultimately convicted with her abduction. After establishing what Kozakiewicz perceived to be a trusting relationship, she walked out the door on New Years Day in 2002 and wasn't discovered until days later, after her parents had checked their daughter's e-mail and saw mention of a boyfriend. Kozakiewicz's parents contacted the FBI, which immediately investigated the case as an Internet-related sex crime.

It was either ignorance or arrogance that ultimately led to Tyree's demise. Within 48 hours after her face was plastered on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Web site, an FBI informant said he saw Kozakiewicz being held captive on a Web cast on Tyree's personal Web site. Tyree is now serving a 20-year sentence, Flannery said.

To illustrate just how confused Kozakiewicz was for her own role in the abduction, Flannery aired a tape of an interview with both Kozakiewicz and her mother, Mary.

In the video, Kozakiewicz, now 18, said she could not comprehend why she walked out the door with no money or jacket on a freezing cold January day.

"Where was my sanity in that moment?" Kozakiewicz asked herself in the video. "Where

was my common sense?"

One of the biggest battles that investigators face in an Internet-based sex offense case is convincing the child that it is in their best interest to turn in the suspect.

Police officers frequently deal with reluctant victims who say they love the suspect and don't want to get them in trouble.

A Santa Monica woman, who asked she remain anonymous, was sitting during the presentation, shocked by the extent of information she had learned that day. Though she was aware of sexual predators, she was surprised to learn of how they operate before committing their crimes.

The mother of three children — two sons and a daughter — does not keep a computer at home. Her children visit the library whenever they need to use the computer, and do so under her watchful eye or when there are other parents around.

"I would rather not have a computer at home and make sure the child's use of it is minimized," she said.

The Internet has become another means for sexual offenders to reach children, she said. Much like how she tells her children to screen phone calls and never answer the door when she isn't home, the single mother has informed her children that the "bad people" can find them online.

"It's just another point of access for them to talk to you," she said.

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FOOTBALL

Brooks given boot

Raiders cut ties with QB after disastrous first season

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA The Oakland Raiders cut ties with Aaron Brooks on Thursday, declining to pick up the option on the quarterback's contract after one difficult season.

Brooks, who would have been due a \$5 million roster bonus if he had stayed on the roster, failed to win any of his eight starts with the Raiders. The QB, who signed with Oakland after six seasons with the New Orleans Saints, will now look to join his third team in as many years.

Brooks' one season in Oakland got off to a disastrous start when he was sacked seven times in a season-opening 27-0 loss to the San Diego Chargers. He got hurt after fumbling two snaps from center the following week in Baltimore and missed the next seven games with a strained pectoral muscle.

Brooks played better after his return in November, but still was unable to generate a win for his new team. He finished the season with a passer rating of 61.7 after completing 57.3 percent of his passes and throwing eight interceptions and three touchdown passes. He was sacked 26 times in eight games.

The problems on Oakland's offense went much deeper than the quarterback. Receivers Randy Moss and Jerry Porter were disgruntled and unproductive all season, running back LaMont Jordan went down with a season-ending knee injury in the same game Brooks returned from his injury, and the offensive line was one of the worst in the league.

Brooks acknowledged late in the season that he never could have imagined all that went wrong in his one season with the Raiders.

Oakland scored just 168 points in 2006 — the fifth fewest in a 16-game season — and failed to score on offensive touchdown in eight games. Offensive coordinator Tom Walsh, who had been out of the NFL for more than a decade before returning to the Raiders, was demoted late in the season.

Head coach Art Shell was fired following the 2-14 season, the worst in owner Al Davis' more than four decades with the franchise. Lane Kiffin replaced Shell and has overhauled the offensive coaching staff.

With third-string quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo expected to leave as a free agent, Andrew Walter will likely be the only quarterback to return from last season. Walter went 2-6 in place of the injured Brooks last season, struggling with turnovers and accuracy.

Walter threw 13 interceptions, lost nine fumbles and was sacked 46 times. He completed only 53.3 percent of his passes, threw for three touchdowns and had a passer rating of 55.8.

Oakland also has the No. 1 pick in April's draft and could use it to select one of the top two quarterbacks.

BASEBALL

Piazza catching up with life in Oakland

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX, Ariz. Mike Piazza appears perfectly comfortable with his new gig, even if he's really not.

He smiled Thursday as he made his way onto the field minus catching gear for the first time in his career, the last member of the Oakland Athletics to get outside for stretching as he embarked on becoming a full-time designated hitter.

At 38, Piazza is ready to begin a new baseball life. The A's don't want him to catch at all to ensure that he stays healthy — and manager Bob Geren asked him to take it easy in drills Thursday.

Piazza stood in the back of the group once he was on the field, doing some warming up on his own before the A's got going because he couldn't stay still on Day 1.

After 15 seasons as a catcher, he will be playing in the American League and as a regular DH for the first time, hitting cleanup for the defending AL West champions. His arrival at Oakland's Papago Park complex drew a Barry Bonds-like media crowd along with a large group of fans.

"It was weird not blocking balls for the first time, but it's been fun so far," Piazza said. "I know what I'm here for but I know it's going to be very difficult for me to put the gear on the shelf and just hit. I'm an old catcher at heart."

Piazza still might pull on his catcher's mask at some point this spring to help out with pitchers in training.

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SUMMER GAMES

Coliseum makeover planned if L.A. wins

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Fabric and steel would cloak the venerable Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and luxury boxes would hang 120 feet overhead if the city gets the 2016 Summer Olympics.

The 84-year-old national historic landmark cannot be permanently altered for the games, organizers said, but high-tech materials would allow it to have a new look while retaining the torch and marble peristyle that have already towered over two Olympics.

"The secret of this is: Don't touch the Coliseum," architect David Jay Flood said Thursday at a news conference.

"This is one of the great Olympic icons of the world" and it is essential to include it in the city's pitch for the games, said Barry Sanders, who chairs the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games.

The proposal calls for erecting a latticed steel "space frame" around the stadium. The frame, with its soaring pillars, would be shrouded in high-tech vinyl fabric printed with stylized athletes in motion, Olympic wreaths and the games' linked-rings logo.

The frame also would support huge fabric sunshades, cantilevered over the stadium rim to shield about 70 rows of seats.

A temporary top level would hold 204 luxury boxes with room for about 2,400 seats.

In addition, the stadium floor would be raised 10 feet to build a track around the field.

All the additions would be removed after the games.

"We didn't want to scar it in any way," Sanders said of the stadium.

The project would cost an estimated \$112 million. The money would be included in the operating budget for the games and Olympic revenues would pay for it, Sanders said.

Building the luxury level would involve removing some existing seating, reducing the capacity from 92,000 to about 83,000.

The Coliseum makeover is part of the committee's proposal to rely on existing facilities instead of building costly, permanent new ones. The strategy worked well at the 1984 Olympics, which turned a profit.

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The Coliseum also hosted the 1932 Olympics and was home to football's Rams from 1946-70 and the Raiders from 1982-94. It has hosted two Super Bowls and a World Series.

Chicago, the only other American city bidding for the games, unveiled a plan last month to build a \$366 million temporary stadium — to be replaced by a permanent amphitheater after the games — and a \$1.1 billion lakefront athletes' village.

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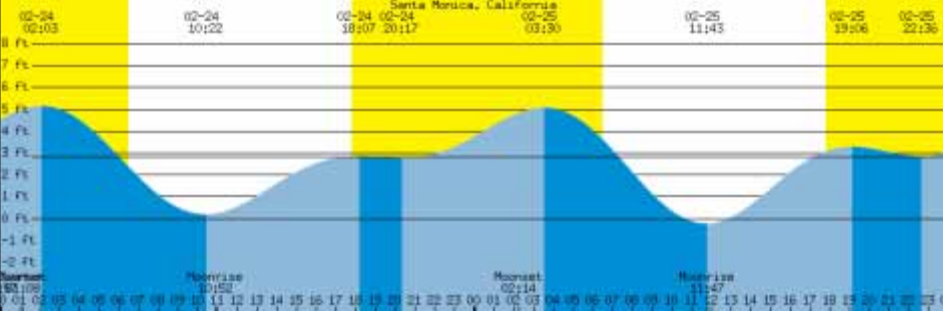
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	A+	WVA Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
Enclave Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	WVA Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trabancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A	C
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	C
Selene Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Powers State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	C
Maine Canyon storm drain at Powers Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Serriter Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	C
Serriter Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Taggart St.	A+	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagyard tower	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballinas Creek mouth	B	A
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 19948 PCH stairs	C	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	C
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Taganga State Beach at creek mouth	B	B	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	D
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	B	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+			
WVA Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A			

LEGEND

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

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

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★★★★★ Positive
★★★★ So-So
★★★★★ Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Speak your mind but don't be surprised by how others react. If you detach and don't react, you could gain a sudden insight into another person. Opportunities strike out of the blue. The problem is which one to choose. Tonight: Blow off steam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Expenses could set you back. You might know what you want, but at the same time have difficulty finding the item at what you consider a reasonable price. A close loved one or friend isn't as concerned as you. Tonight: Treat yourself to a night out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ With the Moon illuminating your sign, you feel on top of the world. Still, someone who has an impact on you could feel jeopardized. Knowing this factor, don't take his or her comments too personally. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Plans might change. Use the extra time to catch up on sleep or do something that you want to do. Others might be touchy or difficult. The possibility exists that you could be in a grumpy mood – yes, you. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Keep your eye on your objectives rather than on the immediate. Though you might have fun, in the long run, you could be disappointed with the end result. Creativity can help you have both the long term and the immediate. Tonight: Where the party is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might feel pulled in two different directions. Certainly, you have a lot of responsibilities and activities that you would prefer to do. Ask a loved one or family member to pitch in. Others might be unreliable. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you can take a day trip, do. You might be amazed at how different you'll feel. Listen to feedback from someone who might be more objective. Take a break if you feel like you are dragging. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with a friend or partner. How he or she looks at life might be a lot different from you. Together, after you get past your disagreements, you become a strong team. Use the positives that exist between you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others clearly run the show, but don't even think that they could do it without you. In some way, because you are freed up, you have a great time being more spontaneous and happy. A family member could be touchy. Tonight: Where the people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might have a lot to do and a lot of ground to cover. You find others unpredictable and possibly difficult. Remain even, and focus on what needs to happen. Trust your sixth sense. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your playfulness could cost you. A risk that you take today might not feel big but actually has ramifications. Friends surround you. Join in on some fun happening rather than cause yourself trouble. Tonight: Count on being playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You have a way of shaking up a family member that he or she does not easily forget. Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed; rather, know where you need to assume responsibility. You are master of your destiny. Tonight: Happy at home.

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You are in a "happening" year, though the more you try to control events, the less control you will have. The only control you have is over your own feelings, thoughts and reactions. Learn to exercise that self-discipline. You often are unpredictable and reverse directions. Give yourself the freedom to respond to your whims. If you are single, maintaining a relationship might be challenging, as you often change your mind. Understand that quality adds excitement. If you are attached, your home life will be a source of adjustment and change.



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Hefty opinion Hefner likes decision to bury Smith with son

HUGH HEFNER says he believes Anna Nicole Smith — a Playboy Playmate in 1992 — wanted to be buried in the Bahamas next to her late son, Daniel.

A judge in Florida, where Smith died this month, awarded custody of her remains to a court-appointed lawyer for Smith's 5-month-old daughter, Dannielynn, and urged that burial be in the Bahamas. The lawyer then announced

that the Bahamas would be Smith's final resting place.

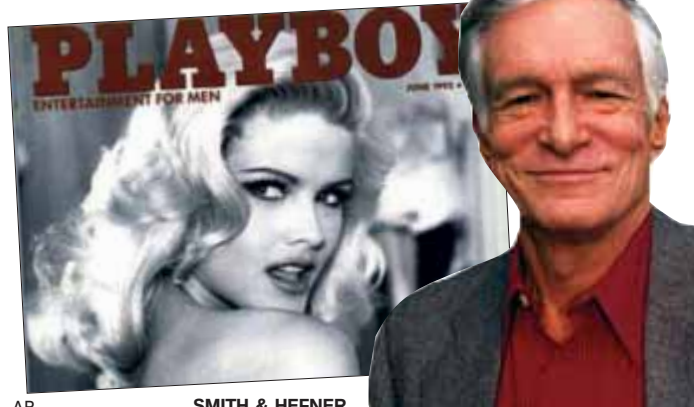
"I think she was a dear person," Hefner, the founder of Playboy, told reporters Thursday at an event to announce the lineup of the annual Playboy Jazz Festival. His comments were broadcast by KCBS-TV.

"We miss her and I think probably that decision was the right one. I think she wanted to be there with her boy, with her son," the 80-

year-old Hefner said.

A hearing in Fort Lauderdale ended Thursday with a decision to bury Smith at a Nassau cemetery beside her son, who died last year while visiting her days after she gave birth to Dannielynn.

Smith's estranged mother, Virgie Arthur, wanted to bury Smith in her native Texas.



AP

SMITH & HEFNER

Rehab stint may help Britney keep kids from former hubby

BRITNEY SPEARS' decision to check into rehab could help her in court as she tries to retain custody of her two young children with estranged husband Kevin Federline, according to family law attorneys. That is, of course, if she actually completes a rehab program.

When Spears checked into Promises Malibu drug and alcohol rehabilitation center Thursday, it was said to be the third time in a week she has checked into a rehab center.

"It actually may reflect well on her that she's now gone back, if she stays and sees herself through the program," said Jason Adess, a family law attorney in Chicago. "That way she can present to the court that she has an issue, she has acknowledged the issue, she has gotten help and now she is able to resume primary custody of the children."

Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Thursday that Spears is in the Malibu center. He provided no further details.

The 25-year-old pop star reportedly first checked into Promises on Tuesday, then left



SPEARS & FEDERLINE

Wednesday morning, returning that night after visiting with lawyers and her family. Late last week she reportedly checked into a rehab center in the Caribbean, only to leave the next day.

Another family law attorney, Joshua Forman of New York, said such a merry-go-round approach to rehab isn't that unusual for people new to the process. It takes awhile, he said, for someone to admit they have a substance abuse problem and to feel comfortable being treated in a confined program that can last four to six weeks.

"There's ins and outs and a lot of false starts with this sort of stuff," he

said Thursday, adding he has had several clients go in and out of rehab. Often, he said, family members and friends must intervene and persuade people that for the good of themselves and their children they must stay.

If they do, Forman said, courts are often willing to forgive the false starts.

"As long as she finishes what she's done, goes in, gets help, gets treatment and stays clean, the court will look positively on that," he said.

Hours after Spears checked into Promises, Federline's attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, canceled an appearance in family court he had scheduled for

Thursday and announced that no hearings in the couple's child custody case are scheduled for the future.

Neither Kaplan nor Spears' attorney, Laura Wasser, responded to messages Thursday asking who was caring for Spears' children in her absence.

Under a temporary agreement reached in January, Spears and Federline have joint custody of their sons, Jayden James, 5 months, and Sean Preston, 17 months.

Spears was granted custodial custody, with Federline allowed lengthy visits on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The order expires at the end of this month.

Spears filed for divorce from the 28-year-old aspiring rapper in November, citing irreconcilable differences.

Since then she has engaged in bizarre public behavior. It culminated last weekend when, after reportedly leaving rehab the first time, she arrived at a hair salon and shaved her head bald, moved on to a tattoo parlor where she had red-and-pink lips inked onto her wrist, then went club-hopping across Los Angeles.

AP

BALDWIN PASSES DRUG TESTS



Actor **DANIEL BALDWIN** has passed 20 drug tests and been sober for 92 days, his attorney told a judge.

"He's doing exceptional," said attorney Grant Hoagland Thursday during a progress report on his rehabilitation following a drug arrest.

The case stemmed from Baldwin's arrest at a Santa Monica motel last April on two misdemeanor charges of possession of a cocaine ingesting device and being under the influence.

Hoagland said Baldwin completed a drug treatment program earlier this week and has entered an aftercare program that requires him to attend meetings and get a sponsor.

The actor pleaded not guilty Tuesday in Orange County Superior Court to unrelated charges that he illegally took another person's car. He could face up to three years in prison if convicted of the felonies.

Authorities alleged he stole a white 2003 GMC Yukon from his friend Ken Smith, but Baldwin contends it was a misunderstanding. Smith reported the car missing without knowing his cousin lent Baldwin the keys to the vehicle, the actor said.

Baldwin, brother of actors Alec, Stephen and William, has appeared in the television series "Homicide: Life on the Street" and the movie "Car 54, Where Are You?"

AP

Brancato insists that he's no monster

Former "Sopranos" actor **LILLO BRANCATO JR.**, who faces a real-life murder charge in a police officer's death, said he isn't the thug he believes he has been made out to be.

"I'm not the monster that they portray me as in newspapers, a cold-blooded killer and all of that. I'm not that person at all," he

told WCBS-TV in a jail interview that aired Thursday.

Brancato and a co-defendant are awaiting trial in the December 2005 shooting of Officer Daniel Enchautegui, who was shot while off-duty.

Prosecutors said Enchautegui confronted Brancato and Steven

Armento while they were breaking into a Bronx apartment in search of prescription drugs. Armento is accused of firing the fatal shot.

"I know in my heart I was in no way responsible for the death of that police officer," Brancato told WCBS. His lawyer barred questions about the shoot-

ing, according to the television station.

Brancato made his debut starring opposite Robert De Niro in "A Bronx Tale" in 1993. Brancato went on to appear in more than a dozen movies and had a recurring role as a would-be mobster on HBO's "The Sopranos."

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11:05am, 4:25, 9:35

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

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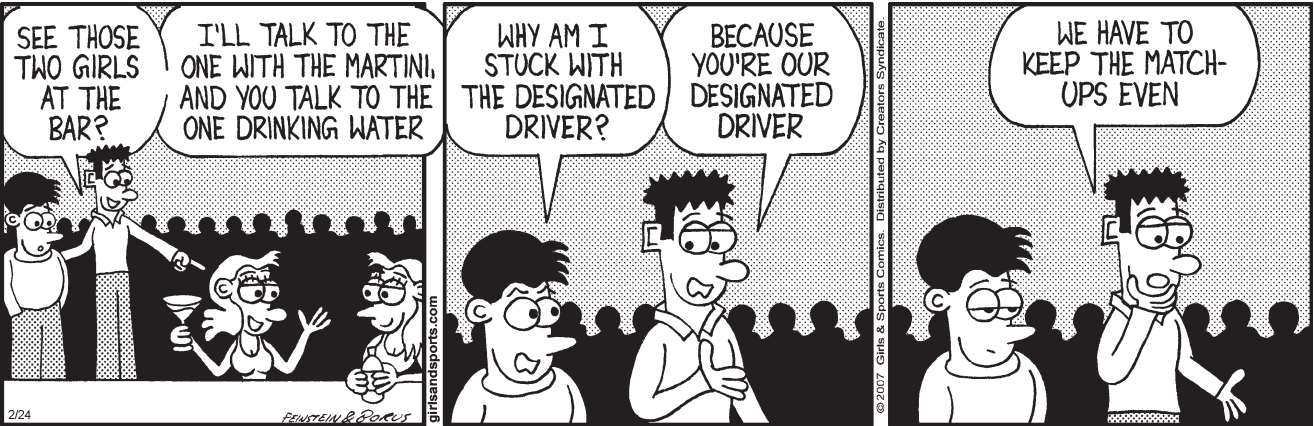
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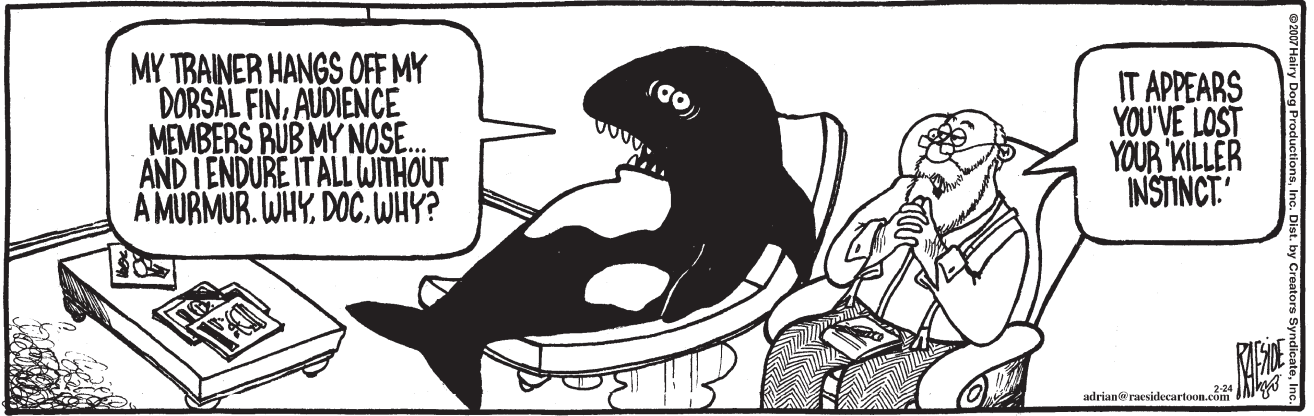
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- 17 Runner Sebastian
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- 30 Famous racehorse
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DOWN

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- 42 Squalid
- 1 Online program
- 2 Neighbor of Zambia
- 3 "Hold on!"
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- 7 Hogwash
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Nathaniel Abraham was convicted of murder in 1998 and incarcerated, but only until he turned 21, which was in January, at which time he was moved into a rent-free apartment in Bay City, Mich., and enrolled tuition-free in Delta College, in a program sponsored by Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Though some criticized such lavish treatment of a murderer, Abraham seemed ready to start his new life, arriving in Oakland Circuit Court for his formal release wearing "a black fur coat, ivory fedora hat, and a ivory and hot-pink pinstriped suit with matching pink tie and shoes," according to a Detroit News reporter.

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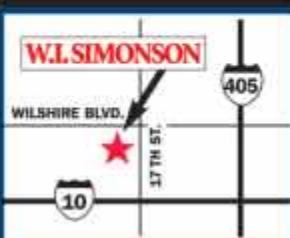
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