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THE CAMERA SHY ISSUE

Big spenders facing fair fight

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Candidates with a wealth of experience, but lacking wealthy friends, may soon get a helping hand from their would-be constituents.

Santa Monica City Council hopefuls will be able to access as much as \$100,000 in public money to counter campaigns run by wealthy residents and special interest groups under the public financing proposal drawn up by the city clerk and city attorney.

Those who support such a program, which would be voluntary, believe that it will reduce corruption or at the very least the appearance of corruption; broaden the diversity of candidates, making elections more competitive; enable candidates to spend less time fundraising and more time talking with residents; and possibly reduce the overall cost of campaigning.

The draft proposal includes a \$3,000 qualifying contribution from candidates to weed out those who are not serious about running. Qualifying contributions would be used by candidates to help pay for start-up costs only.

After qualifying, candidates would receive \$50,000, with an additional \$50,000 that could be used only to respond to non-participating opposing candidates that have spent more than \$50,000, or to respond to independent expenditures, and only when the original grant amount has been exhausted.

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File photo
PROTEST: Locals gather to prevent the seaside cottage from being demolished by its current ownership group.

Saving Ocean Park's history

Backers push to have structure designated an official landmark

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK More than 1,500 voices are pleading with City Council to turn the tide and save a 109-year-old beachside cottage from meeting an unfortunate fate.

That's the number of Santa Monica residents that have signed a petition to protect a single-story yellow cottage at 2219 Ocean Ave., thought to be the last beach-facing cottage of its kind in Santa Monica.

The Landmarks Commission placed the building on its historic registry in August after the cottage's owner, the University of Illinois Foundation, filed a demolition permit in April of last year. The foundation subsequently filed an appeal with the City Council to strip the

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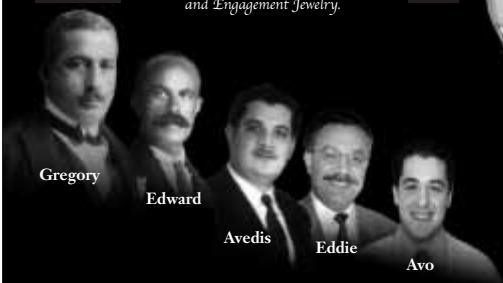
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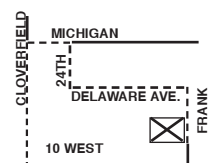
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WHAT'S UP
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Harry Shearer in conversation with Marcia Wallace

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Comedic actor, author and radio host, Harry Shearer, joins his "Simpsons" co-star, Marcia Wallace, for an evening of conversation in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages welcome to this free program. Seating is limited. Tickets will be available one hour prior to program.

Yoga for the Lenten season

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

To register, contact Larry Donnelly, St. Monica Pastoral Care Ministries, at (310) 319-9764 or e-mail larry@stmonica.net.

Green Living Workshop

2811 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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

Dream workshop

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Psychotherapist Dr. Jeanette Raymond presents a workshop on how dreams can reveal one's hidden side, and facilitate self-knowledge and growth. Free and open to the public.

'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.

'Altar Boyz'

11301 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

'Altar Boyz' is a musical-comedy spoof about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national 'Raise the Praise' tour. Tickets are on sale at the Wadsworth Theatre Box Office, by phone at Ticketmaster (213) 365-3500 and online at www.WadsworthTheatre.com. For more information, visit www.laughingliberally.com.

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., Main Library hours

For more information, visit www.smpl.org/nordiclattitudes.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Playhouse box office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

1711 Stewart St., 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

For more information, call (310) 515-4840.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2007

Community forum on smoke-free apartments

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Kitty Felde of National Public Radio will host this free community forum sponsored by Santa Monica A.P.S.A.C. (Alliance for Protection from Secondhand Smoke in Apartments and Condominiums), S.A.F.E (Smoke-free Air For Everyone) and Campaign for Smoke-free Choice in Multi-Unit Housing. To be held at the Main Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library.

'Christ in the Passover'

1730 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Tuvya Zaretsky, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will discuss what Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common at Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

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.





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GET ON THE BUS: A Big Blue Bus streaks toward a stop on Broadway as a rider patiently waits. Among the consent items on the City Council's plate is one designed to improve mass transit.

Bathrooms to get some help

City Council given full slate of consent items to mull over

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL People looking to use the bathroom while walking along Palisades Park will soon find some sweet relief as the City Council is expected tonight to award a construction contract for a renovated restroom at the senior center.

The contract with Union Construction is just one of five expenditures elected officials are expected to make tonight totaling just over \$1.4 million for everything from attorneys fees and a Big Blue Bus customer service center to the hiring of additional city planners, according to city staff reports.

The new restroom is expected to have the biggest impact for residents given the high frequency of joggers, park users, seniors and

tourists who use it on a daily basis.

Union Construction will be paid \$276,000 plus a 10 percent contingency fee for the renovation of the restroom. The project includes new interior surfaces and replacing the lighting and sewer lines, which are blocked and damaged by invasive tree roots.

Due to age — the restroom was built over 50 years ago — and heavy use, the restroom has deteriorated beyond repair, according to a city staff report.

The new design will provide natural light and ventilation, reducing energy consumption. Waterless urinals and water efficient fixtures will also be installed.

Union Construction submitted the lowest bid out of the seven companies that participated.

BBB'S NEW DIGS

The most expensive contract under consideration is for the construction of a customer service center and retail store for BBB that will sell Little Blue Cards, EZPasses, tokens and other merchandise related to BBB. Customers will also be able to obtain trip information, maps and personal belongings turned into the lost and found, according to a city staff report.

T.L.D. Construction, Inc. is asking for \$597,000 plus a 10 percent contingency reserve for a total of \$656,700.

The new BBB store will be located at 223 Broadway, which is on the Transit Mall in front of one of the busiest stops in the sys-

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Homeless handouts replaced by federal funding

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES With the largest down-and-out population in the nation, LA County seems as fitting place as any for President Bush to start wiping out homelessness.

At \$52.5 million, the county — excluding Pasadena, Long Beach and Glendale — tops

the list of more than 38 regions across the state due to receive federal funding to support both new and existing programs that serve the homeless.

For their part, Santa Monica-based agencies and shelters were allocated more than \$3 million for nine different local programs, from the \$52.5 million awarded to the LA Continuum of Care (LACoC).

For six years, ending chronic homeless-

ness has been one of the president's stated national goals, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Bush Administration has awarded grants worth more than \$1.2 billion to fund new and improved homeless services, as well as housing nationwide, with more than \$214 million delivered in support of California's record number of local homeless shelters.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates the planning process and will administer the majority of the 219 projects in both Los Angeles City and County funded through the grant. In May 2006, LAHSA submitted the 3,000-page application for homeless funding.

David Howden, funding manager for

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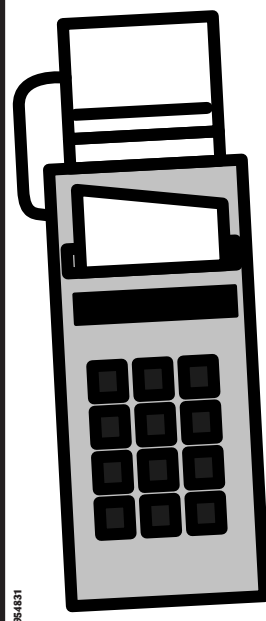
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't roll over on Beethoven

Editor:

It sounds to me like Nimbyism is alive and well north of Montana ("The case of the not-so-mellow celloist," Feb. 24-25, page 20). If those neighbors are upset about a Santa Monica public school teacher teaching his private students classical music in their neighborhood, then they should just leave beautiful Santa Monica and go live in either a gated community like Leisure World, where they can live in a bubble, or buy an estate in Bel Air, where they can isolate themselves from any community whatsoever.

If they are drawing barricades against classical music impacting their world, then they need to move to someplace really quiet ... like Idaho.

Eric Biren
Santa Monica

Council just can't kick the habit

Editor:

The Santa Monica City Council will meet to "clarify" the Taxpayer Protection Amendment (the anti-kickback law passed in 2000) at Tuesday's council meeting. For more than six years, they have consistently attempted to dismantle this law, most recently with Proposition W, and it is crucial that Santa Monicans let them know that we are serious about ending any possibility of influence peddling in Santa Monica, especially in the wake of the Abramoff and other scandals in Washington.

This law must not be tinkered with.

Pasadena has provided an excellent model for its implementation. Let's all accept that it's a good law and move on – perhaps to public funding? Instant runoff voting? There is much to be done to strengthen our local democracy, instead of discussing ways to dilute a law that the voters have twice approved.

James L. Eaton
Santa Monica

Stepping toward campaign reform

Editor:

The amount of money spent on elections, generally, has become totally insane. Laws can and should govern this amount down to a much more sensible level. Especially since this kind of money could be used for a more beneficial purpose in the community.

■ I suggest that each candidate running in an election in Santa Monica be limited to spending up to a specific amount of money and no higher for his or her campaign. This would give good, capable citizens who would normally be muscled out of elections by heavily moneyed opposition, a fair chance in elections. Santa Monica would only benefit greatly from this. (I would love to see this happen in all California elections and all elections across the U.S.A.)

■ That all opponents of candidates and/or issues similarly be limited to a combined and total amount that can be spent for in a campaign against each candidate and/or issue. I believe this would cause people to choose their campaigns in far more effective ways.

■ That a governing system for monitoring the above expenditures be set up to make all candidates and opposition parties accountable for expenditures.

■ That a better faster means than law courts be set up to process, expose and press consequences on people who publicly tell untruths for or against candidates and/or issues in elections. Officially sanctioned public exposure of untruths? Fines? Barred from running for public office for a number of years? I believe this would cause people to word their distaste for people and issues in far better (less offensive) ways.

Julia Moosbrugger
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What's the Point?

David Pissarra

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After all this time, the planet succeeds

LIFE COMES IN WAVES. SOCIETY evolves not in a smooth and fluid manner, but rather in fits and starts. People labor for decades to become overnight success stories. Social movements too happen in this way.

If it wasn't for years of people talking about civil rights, of getting the spiritual and mental ground ready for change, the efforts of one person would be like a sneeze in a hurricane. It was only as the result of years of social unrest that Rosa Parks' simple action sparked a major movement, and thus changed the world.

After years of politicians seeking change in Soviet Russia, of softening the ground, only then were the words of Ronald Reagan heard, telling Mr. Gorbachev to 'tear down this wall' and, in fact, it wasn't Mr. Gorbachev, or his agents, who actually did the tearing. It was the population that heard a message, who finally realized they could take their destiny in their own hands and make a revolution.

We are in the midst of another revolution. This time, the fight is for something greater than mere voting rights or prejudice-free water fountains. This battle is for hearts and minds, but also for stockholders and pocketbooks. It is for awareness and for concern of the planet.

It is a battle, literally, for our world.

I have said for years now that all this infighting among peoples is never going to end until they have a common enemy.

The Catholics blame the Jews, the Muslims hate the Christians and the Jews, the Mormons will continue to think they are the one true church just as much as the Presbyterians and Episcopalians do, and all of them will point fingers at how each of the others got it wrong and need to be "saved."

Republicans are contemptuous of the Democrats, the Greeks hate the Turks, the Sunnis hate the Shias, the Indians and the Pakistani have a mutual disrespect, and the list goes on.

All of it will continue, until we have to fight a war together. For just like America versus Germany in WWII, a common enemy will put all people into a crucible where the differences are less important their commonalties. World War II veterans, both those in uniform and those at home, are called the 'Greatest Generation' and rightly so, of Americans, mostly because they pulled together to fight a common enemy.

Our enemy now is ourselves. We must change. We must see the dangers and the damage that we have done to our planet. It comes in the form of being wasteful of our natural resources, of our dogged determination to have convenience and be 'germ free' in a world that is filled with germs, some good some bad.

In a world where plastic coffee stirrers are used once, then thrown out in the trash to sit in a landfill for a millennium or two, how can we expect there to be anything left for those children that people are so devoted to? Paranoid overprotective mothers use dispos-

able diapers, disposable bottles and raise their children in a plastic encased bubble to protect them from the facts of life, but at the cost of the health of the planet those children are supposed to inherit.

Al Gore spoke Sunday about the 'moral battle' to save the planet, and he's right. It is a moral battle. It's about thinking how much we consume, waste and how easily we turn a blind eye to the high cost of raising children; children who will grow to become consumers themselves. If we don't teach the children how to be responsible global citizens (and isn't leading by example the best teacher?), than how can we expect them to do a job that we are too lazy to do?

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The long slow drip of information about our environment has finally reached the top of the glass and is beginning to overflow. The business world is now seeing the benefits in going green. An electric company in Texas is being sold and part of the deal is not building coal burning plants. An electric truck company is selling fleets to the U.S. government, and even that great evil Wal-Mart is seeing the benefits of a green message, not just for sales, but also for the planet. The common enemy we need to stop the warring is here. It's the fight for the planet. It's taken years to grow from the soapbox of the weird hair crowd. From Main Street to Wall Street, the message is finally being heard. Decades of work have gone into making "Going Green" an overnight success, and just in time.

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Don't worry, 'the man' will handle everything

WE'VE ALL SAID IT AT ONE TIME or another: "There ought to be a law." But by solving consumer complaints with additional laws and regulations, we are creating much bigger problems. New law is not always the best solution.

After reading about passengers stranded on airport runways, many are calling for a "Passenger's Bill of Rights." Indeed, this idea had a lot of initial appeal. We have all been extremely frustrated with the airlines at one time or another. Perhaps, we have waited in long lines, had our luggage lost or sat for hours — only to have our flights canceled. The urge to litigate, or legislate, grows.

That's why it's so easy for Democrat Mike Thompson of California to introduce legislation for an Airline Passenger Bill of Rights. Who doesn't like bills of rights? If one is good, why not many?

While introducing a customer Bill of Rights was a clever public relations move by JetBlue, this is a market-based solution. In comparison, regulating additional 'rights' may not be good policy. Just wait until all of those new regulations start to make their presence felt in even longer lines and greater hassles for passengers.

That is, after all, what is behind much of the current frustrations — excessive bureaucracy and red tape. And now the idea is to create even more? Welcome to the new Democratic Congress.

Conservatives complained that, when Democrats took over, it would be a new era of government regulation. They're right, but it won't be the usual demons that are easy to criticize. The regulation will come in small increments, in areas of our lives where we've all said, "Someone should do something about this." And it won't be the usual suspects, either. The champions of the new regulations will be folks that don't first come to mind when we hear "liberal left."

Consider Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.), who, as Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, is calling for an expansion of direct loans for college education. This idea may sound like a good idea to the public frustrated by the college debt burden. Miller has introduced a bill to "encourage" universities to switch from private lenders to the direct loan program, handled through the government rather than private lenders. He doesn't think that private lenders should profit off of student loans — he'd rather build a government bureaucracy to do it.

Another new regulation in the pipeline is called "net neutrality." Interest groups, both conservative and liberal, have banded together to form the "Save the Internet" coalition. But what it really should be called is "Regulate the Internet" coalition. They want to ensure that cable and telephone companies can't charge higher prices to certain groups for faster service. How best to make sure that they don't do that? Pass a new government regulation.

The crushing burden of regulation being proposed by the newly controlled Congress won't be in the form of socialized medicine or mandated union organization (at least initially). It will be smaller items, things that sound good for the consumer at first, but which increase government control over the private sector. Lost your airline luggage? Ask the government to find it. Think CEO pay is too high? Mandate salaries. To some liberal Democrats, the solution will always be the same: government, government, and more government.

And, when you have a complaint about long lines or bad service in the government-regulated industries, who will you call?

Do we really want to expand government bureaucracy to more areas of our lives and work? Imagine if the government took over the airlines. Most of the inconveniences of commercial travel can be traced to government-mandated security regulations. But if government gets even more involved in regulating air travel, you may find that airline check-in begins to resemble the lines and services of the Department of Motor Vehicles in most states.

The truth is, we forget just how bad government customer service can often be, because, in reality, it's not a service, it's required. We don't file a tax return because we really want to, or sit in line to have our car inspected because we really think it will make our car run better; we do it because it's the law.

It seems frustrating and fruitless to just shake our fist at inconvenient lines, poor service or outrageous salaries. But, the truth is, if we shake our fist enough at the men and women who run these private businesses, they will respond, or another business which is more customer service oriented will spring up in place of the offender.

What drives change in the private sector is competition and the government has no competitor. So, yes, change is coming, all right. One small regulation at a time.

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This week's Q-Line question asks:

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Streaming flicks

BitTorrent launches legitimate movie, TV download service

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES BitTorrent Inc., makers of a technology often used to trade pirated copies of Hollywood movies, is launching a legitimate Web site that will sell downloads of films and TV shows licensed from the studios.

The BitTorrent Entertainment Network was set to launch Monday with films from Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, 20th Century Fox, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Lionsgate and episodes of TV shows such as "24" and "Punk'd."

The service is squarely aimed at young males who regularly use BitTorrent to trade pirated versions of the same films and who more often watch such files on their computer instead of a big screen TV in the living room.

The San Francisco-based company is betting that at least one-third of the 135 million people who have downloaded the BitTorrent software will be willing to pay for high quality legitimate content rather than take their chances with pirated fare.

"The vast majority of our audience just loves digital content," Ashwin Navin, president and co-founder of BitTorrent told The Associated Press.

"Now we have to program for that audience and create a better experience for that content so the audience converts to the service that makes the studios money."

To help wean users to paying for content, BitTorrent is featuring content and pricing that appeals to its target demographic — males between the ages of 15 and 35.

TV episodes are \$1.99 to download to own, which is typical for competitor sites such as Apple Inc.'s iTunes.

The new site will rent movies for a 24-hour viewing period for \$3.99 for new titles and \$2.99 for older films.

But the site has decided not to sell films for now because the prices demanded by the studios were too high.

"We're really hammering the studios to say, 'Go easy on this audience,'" Navin said. "We need to give them a price that feels like a good value relative to what they were getting for free."

The service also will offer Japanese anime and high definition video, which is popular with its users. Individuals will be able to publish their works to the site, which will compete for attention beside studio content.

The BitTorrent technology pioneered by Bram Cohen assembles digital movies and other computer files from separate bits of data downloaded from other computer users across the Internet. Its decentralized nature makes downloading more efficient, meaning that a full-length movie should download in about a half hour, about twice as fast as some other sites.

Navin said TV episodes should download in about one-third that time.

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Firefighters accept contract deal after impasse

The city's firefighters have reluctantly agreed to a new contract after more than a year and a half of impasse.

The South Pasadena Fire Department and City Hall have been struggling to negotiate a new contract after the last one expired in 2005.

Under the deal, firefighters would receive a one-year, 2.25 percent raise. The contract, which will be retroactive to 2006, will run out in June.

Union members said they were unhappy with the outcome, but decided to settle anyway. "Basically, we needed to put some money in our guys' pockets," said fire Capt. Kris Saxon, who is also president of the South Pasadena Firefighters Association.

The city has a single firehouse with about 22 employees.

Tension increased in 2005 after the city decided not to contract services out to neighboring Pasadena or Los Angeles, a move that would have boosted firefighter salaries. Last year, union president Brett Hill resigned after two decades in the department, saying he was frustrated over pay issues.

City manager Lillian Meyers said the city was aware of wage inequities.

"Our goal is to establish equity along city positions," she said. "We know that many of our salaries are likely out of whack, or at least below the median."

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SAN BERNARDINO

Inland Empire city tries to keep out strip club

The city is in another legal fight to shut down a strip club located on what is arguably the city's nicest commercial street.

For 12 years, city officials have targeted the Flesh Club, which boasts a sign proclaiming "Flesh Showgirls, Total Nude, Open 7 Days."

The club shut down in 1995 after a local judge issued a restraining order, saying the location wasn't zoned for nude dancing. But a Superior Court judge overturned the decision a year later. The city appealed, but a state court in 1999 ruled that city ordinances used to close the club were unconstitutional. This time, the city is using California's Red Light Abatement Act and trying to prove the strip club is a brothel. If successful, a judge can shutter the club for a year.

"An occasional act of prostitution is not enough to shut the place down; we have to show more than that," said attorney Joseph Arias, who is representing the city against the club. "Exactly what the burden is remains an elusive question."

Club lawyer Roger Jon Diamond, who has defended adult businesses since 1969, contends that strip clubs are legitimate businesses.

"It's the right of free expression versus the city's attempt to censor," he said. "San Bernardino is like most cities; they try to suppress freedom they don't like, especially when it involves erotic material."

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From Czar to artist

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

INVERNESS If history hadn't gotten in the way, Andrew Romanoff could have been the emperor of Russia.

But as things turned out, the mustachioed grandnephew of the ill-fated last czar spends his time painting whimsical, folk-artish renderings of his unusual upbringing in a dethroned royal family onto "Shrinky Dinks," the plastic children's toy that shrinks in the oven.

His whimsical pieces, which chronicle daily life, are currently being shown at San Francisco's Gallery 16. Along with his recent memoir, "The Boy Who Would be Tsar: The Art of Prince Andrew Romanoff," they tell the story of the 20th century's great wars and political convulsions from the very intimate perspective of a child at the center of it all.

"At certain moments I would be called on to play the game, be a prince," said Romanoff, 84, recalling the family reunion in St. Petersburg in 1998, when the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II, and his family were reburied 80 years after their execution by Bolshevik revolutionaries. "But it's always the people around me who get excited about it."

His art addresses the public's curiosity about his royal birth. But in the context of Romanoff's life, this attention to his origins seems almost an afterthought, as he's eschewed notoriety most of his life.

"The social pages, they collect royals," said Inez Storer, his wife of 32 years and a renowned artist herself. "He never really got involved."

Art covers the walls of their redwood-shingled house in Inverness, a tiny waterfront town on the edge of Point Reyes National Seashore. There is folk art, their own art, pieces by friends and by well-known artists, and family photos. The vibrant display makes it clear that

Romanoff's royal birth was only the first of many quirky twists in a full, eventful life.

The story begins a few years before Romanoff was born, with the Russian Revolution of 1917 — a turning point in the history of the world, and for the Romanoff family, which had held the Russian throne since 1613. The Bolshevik triumph led to the murder of Czar Nicholas II, his wife and children, and plunged Russia into decades of communist rule.

Nicholas' first cousin, King George V of England, sent a ship to rescue Nicholas' sister, the Grand Duchess Xenia — Andrew Romanoff's grandmother — and settled her family in a 23-room cottage on the ground of Windsor Castle.

“ AT CERTAIN MOMENTS I WOULD BE CALLED ON TO PLAY THE GAME, BE A PRINCE.”

Andrew Romanoff
Russian Prince

It was to this in-between world that Romanoff was born — the child of royalty, raised to call England's Queen Mary his "Auntie" and taught to stand up straight like a prince, but keenly aware that his family's grasp on this lifestyle was tenuous.

It was a childhood of exceptional privilege, of manicured gardens, nannies and tutors. There were so many gifts at Christmas that each child's had to be heaped on a separate couch, as shown in one of the illustrations in Romanoff's book.

Another piece shows his first encounter with poverty.

Schwarzenegger agrees to work on greenhouse gases

BY ROBERT TANNER
AP National Writer

WASHINGTON California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and governors from four other Western states agreed Monday to work together to reduce greenhouse gases, saying their region has suffered some of the worst of global warming with recent droughts and bad fire seasons.

The governors of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington state agreed that they would develop a regional target to lower greenhouse gases and create a program aimed at helping businesses reach the still-undecided goals.

"In the absence of meaningful federal action, it is up to the states to take action to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in this country," said Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, a Democrat. "Western states are being particularly hard-hit by the effects of climate change."

Schwarzenegger, a Republican, said a so-called cap-and-trade program, which lets companies that can't meet their emission reduction targets buy credits from those that reduce carbon dioxide, would provide "a powerful framework for developing a national cap-and-trade program. ... This

agreement shows the power of states to lead our nation addressing climate change."

The agreement — called the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative — builds on earlier efforts by several states. The governors announced it as they gathered for the annual winter meeting of the National Governors Association.

Last year, Schwarzenegger signed California legislation imposing a first-in-the-nation emissions cap on utilities, refineries and manufacturing plants, with a goal of cutting greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. And Schwarzenegger and British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced plans to work toward a possible joint emissions-trading market.

New Mexico and Arizona last year agreed to work to measure and report greenhouse gas emissions. A similar joint effort on climate change was agreed upon in 2003 by California, Oregon and Washington.

Carbon dioxide from burning coal, oil and other fossil fuels is the biggest of the greenhouse gases, so called because they create a heat-trapping blanket when released into the atmosphere. Others are methane, nitrous oxide and synthetic gases. Scientists say the atmosphere holds more carbon dioxide now than it has for hundreds of thousands of years.

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Colorado backs renewable energy

BY JENNIFER TALHELM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter took his push to develop renewable energy to Washington in meetings with fellow governors Monday.

Visiting the nation's capital for the National Governors Association winter meeting and other conferences, Ritter laid out his plan for developing wind, solar and biofuels in a speech to a group promoting clean energy.

He also hoped to talk with other governors about how states can use less oil.

But by midmorning he had come up short on one of his goal. During a morning meeting at the White House, he didn't get a chance to lobby President Bush to reverse a proposed 3 percent budget cut for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo.

The meeting between governors and the administration was dominated by questions about the National Guard's role in Iraq and a government health insurance program for children and families, he said.

Ritter said he might take his concerns about NREL "through other channels."

Even a small decrease would be a mistake when the energy industry desperately needs research data on wind, solar and other renewable sources, he said.

"The wrong direction would be to in any way reduce funding," he said. "Thinking about it now will make such a difference in 20 or 30 years."



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Bill Ritter, Colorado Governor

Ritter, whose campaign last year pushed for clean energy, opened the day speaking at a conference hosted by the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor, business and environmental groups lobbying for a renewable energy plan.

He appeared with Democratic Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who said industry and the states will have to lead the

nation to move away from dependence on oil. Bush opposes mandatory caps on the greenhouse gases, while several states and even energy companies are pushing to create a national plan to reduce emissions.

Ritter and Patrick said developing renewable energy will create hundreds of new jobs. Patrick promised to make Massachusetts the

have made it easier to set up all-union workplaces.

Ritter backs bills in the Legislature that would require utilities to generate 20 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2020 and that would help expand transmission lines, now a barrier to expanding the use of wind and other renewables.

Still, Colorado lags behind some states, including California, which passed the nation's first law imposing mandatory emissions caps.

California's law seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. New Jersey's Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed an executive order earlier this month committing the state to a similar program.

On Monday, the governors of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington agreed to develop a regional target to lower greenhouse gases and create a program aimed at helping businesses reach the still-undecided goals.

Ritter, who took office in January, said he was looking into whether Colorado should join in. He said he had just been given a briefing paper about the program, which the other states have been negotiating for months.

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Vet awarded Medal of Honor

Vietnam helicopter pilot receives mention 41 years after leaving the service

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON An unarmed helicopter pilot who flew through a hail bullets to rescue 70 wounded Americans in one of the fiercest battles of the Vietnam War was awarded the Medal of Honor on Monday, 41 years after his heroism.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bruce Crandall, now 74, received the nation's highest military honor from President Bush in the White House East Room. The medal recognizes Crandall for his valor in repeatedly flying into enemy fire to bring in ammunition and supplies and evacuate the wounded.

Crandall, then a 32-year-old major, completed a total of 22 flights in a 14-hour period on Nov. 14, 1965, most under intense enemy fire. His actions in the Battle at Ia Drang Valley were depicted in the 2002 movie "We Were Soldiers,"

adapted from the book "We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young."

Bush, in his remarks, said Crandall had to fly three different helicopters over the course of the mission. Two were damaged so badly they could not stay in the air.

Yet Crandall and another pilot, Capt. Edward Freeman, "flew through a cloud of smoke and a wave of bullets," Bush said.

They "kept flying until every wounded man had been evacuated and every need of the battalion had been met." Freeman, of Boise, Idaho, was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2001.

"To the men of Ia Drang, the image of Major Crandall's helicopter coming to their rescue is one they will never forget," Bush said, adding that his battalion commander said that without Crandall, the unit almost surely would have been overrun.

Crandall, of Manchester, Wash., did not speak during the 15-minute ceremony, attended by more than 250 people. But Bush quoted from an earlier interview in which Crandall offered his view of the mission:

"There was never a consideration that we would not go into those landing zones. They were my people down there, and they trusted in me to come and get them."

Phoenix police, immigration agents team up

By the Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz. Ten agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement have joined Phoenix police to get illegal immigrants who commit crimes off the streets.

With agents and officers working side-by-side, officials say the instantaneous exchange of information will mean that criminals and victims in the country illegally can be more quickly identified.

And the faster they are identified, the better chance police have at solving cases, making arrests and putting a dent in illegal immigration.

"It's allowing us to do what we do, and that's going after criminal aliens," said Alonzo Pena, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent in charge.

Dealing with illegal immigrants isn't new to the Phoenix Police Department. Last year, the department arrested 2,800 criminal illegal immigrants and turned them over for prosecution and deportation.

They also turned over to federal authorities 1,200 illegal immigrants for being in the country illegally.

Phoenix police officials say they're often expected to perform the job of immigration agents, but that's just not possible.

"There is a segment of our community that would like Phoenix police officers to become designated immigration agents and spend their time going after and enforcing immigration laws, whether the people are involved in property crimes or violent crimes or not," Phoenix Public Safety Manager Jack Harris said.

"With the very limited resources that we have, we feel this is the best way ... to make our community safe," he said.

But Evelyn Cruz, associate clinical professor of law at Arizona State University, said the partnership between Phoenix and the immigration agency may fracture community trust.

"They think they're solving it this way, but the bigger problem is that you lose the trust of the community," she said. "Not just the undocumented residents, but even the green-card holders. They may want to stay away from the police ... you're silencing anyone afraid of immigration agents."

Garlic cure?

Herb doesn't lower cholesterol, study finds, but scientists still think it benefits

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO, Ill. Garlic doesn't do much for the breath and it stinks for lowering cholesterol. That's the conclusion of the most rigorous, head-to-head study of raw garlic and popular garlic supplements, despite promoters' claims to the contrary.

Whether it was eaten raw in heart-healthy sandwiches, or in pills made of powdered or aged garlic, the strong-smelling herb had no effect on cholesterol in people whose levels were already elevated, the government-funded study found.

"If garlic was going to have a chance to work, it would have worked in this study," said researcher Christopher Gardner. But it didn't.

Garlic is a longtime folk remedy for a variety of ills, including heart disease, cancer, infections and even mosquito bites. Scientific research on its purported benefits has had conflicting results. Some previous studies suggested garlic might help lower risks for digestive and prostate cancers, or might reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels; others found no benefit.

Health benefits have been thought to come from a sulfur-containing substance called allicin that is released when raw garlic is chopped or crushed. In lab tests, it can be applied directly to cells and has been shown to prevent cholesterol production.

But any direct benefits to the body from allicin may be diluted when garlic is eaten, said Gardner, an assistant professor of medicine at Stanford University.

Still, Gardner, a garlic lover, was optimistic when he and colleagues began their study. He called the results disappointing but said it's still possible garlic might improve cholesterol when eaten in bigger doses or by people with more severe cholesterol problems. Also, garlic could have characteristics other than influencing cholesterol that might benefit the heart, he said.

The study appears in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

An Archives editorial agreed and said "the jury is still out" on whether garlic might prevent cardiovascular disease.

The study involved 192 adults aged about 50 on average with moderately elevated levels of LDL cholesterol, the bad kind that contributes to heart disease.

The average LDL level was 140 milligrams per deciliter of blood, or in the borderline-high range. Below 100 is considered ideal.

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Christopher Gardner
researcher

Participants were randomly assigned to eat the equivalent of an average clove of garlic in either raw form or garlic pills, or dummy pills, six days weekly for six months.

Raw garlic was mixed into salsa, fat-free mayonnaise or other condiments spread on portobello mushroom sandwiches, chicken quesadillas and other specialty sandwiches. Participants in the garlic pill and dummy pill groups also got sandwiches, but without garlic.

Winter storms continue to pound Sierra Nevada mountain range

BY SANDRA CHEREB
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. After an agonizingly dry start to the winter ski season, Mother Nature finally contributed in a big way, dumping new snow by the feet at Lake Tahoe resorts while causing traveling headaches for mountain travelers.

"It's a good old fashioned blizzard!" Mount Rose-Ski Tahoe resort exclaimed on its Web site Monday.

Spokesman Murray Blaney said the resort southwest of Reno has received 2 to 3 feet since the snow began falling over the weekend.

"It's pretty much been continuous from Saturday night," he said.

Heavy snow was expected to continue through Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service.

The stormy forecast is a welcome change from last month that turned out to be one of the driest Januarys on record followed by warm temperatures in early February that were more conducive for playing golf than hitting the slopes.

Many resorts so far have had to rely on

snowmaking machines to keep their slopes open.

That all changed in the past week.

"In a mere week's time, Alpine Meadows Ski Resort has been transformed from a sunny ski-and-ride destination into a mountain blanketed in several feet of new snow," spokeswoman Rachael Woods said.

A winter storm warning remained in effect for the Lake Tahoe region through Tuesday morning.

The weather service anticipated the heaviest snowfall overnight, when up to 2 more feet of snow above 7,000 feet was projected.

Forecasters also issued a winter storm warning for the valleys of western Nevada, including the Reno-Carson City area, beginning Monday afternoon through early Tuesday.

The weather service said 3 to 6 inches in the valleys was possible overnight, with up to 10 inches in foothill areas.

Driving remained tough going on all Sierra passes, including Interstate 80 over Donner Summit, U.S. 50 over Echo Summit and Highway 88 over Carson Pass.




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Dear Dorie

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Smacking down spanking

Dear Dorie,

With all the conversations about spanking legislation going on, can you give me some advice on other methods to use? Also, will the occasional “spank” do any damage or is this really a child abuse discussion? I don’t use physical punishment on a routine basis at all and I’m very reluctant to even consider it but I’m concerned about those infrequent scenarios where an extreme response may be appropriate like running into the street. What do you think?

Hates to Hit

Dear Hates,

I think this is a great letter with one easy answer: Spanking doesn’t work. Research has proven that the one and only thing that spanking does effectively and consistently is undermine our confidence as parents every time we “lose it” enough to hit our children.

You ask if the occasional spank — defined as a hit on the buttocks with a hand — will do any damage and therein lays the problem. One spank leads to more spanking. Period. If you look back on any situation that resulted in a spanking, you will not find a rational adult quietly contemplating his or her action. Spanking is a panic spasm in reaction to a child’s misbehavior. The short-term result is usually positive but the child is reacting out of a fear of physical pain, and a fear a grown-up’s anger itself.

In my perfect world, our children would make the right choices because they love us, they want to please us and, most importantly, they see us handling problems without resorting to physical force. I can hear the chuckles of sarcasm as I write this, but until we acknowledge that physical punishment teaches our children the wrong things, we fail them. I work with a few hundred families and I’ve met many parents who refuse to spank because they were so hurt and humiliated as children. I’ve also met many parents who were raised without spanking and choose to continue the practice. I have never met a parent who was raised without spanking that opted to start using it as a guidance tool with their own children.

So how do you get a child to “behave” according to your needs? Start with respect and empathy to better understand your child, and then introduce the concept of privileges and how dreary life would be without them. Just like spanking, there are generations of parents who have been doing so for years with great results. Good luck.

Dorie

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Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA — An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of February at various Santa Monica locations.

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ents make when planning for college.

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

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Parent may lose custody of obese boy due to neglect

BY COURTNEY FRENCH

Associated Press Writer

LONDON Authorities are considering taking an 8-year-old boy who weighs 218 pounds into protective custody unless his mother improves his diet, officials said Monday.

Social service officials will meet with family members Tuesday to discuss the health of Connor McCreddie, who weighs more than three times the average for his age.

“The worst case would be Connor getting taken into care. He is well cared for,” the boy’s mother, Nicola McKeown, told ITV television.

A spokeswoman for health officials in Wallsend, North Tyneside, 300 miles north of London, said the hearing was part of a process that could eventually lead to Connor being taken into protective care. She declined to comment further.

The health agencies organizing the meeting said they “have been working with the family over a prolonged period of time and will continue to do so.”

Officials would not say whether Connor suffered from a medical condition that led to his obesity, citing privacy issues.

An unidentified health official was quot-

ed as telling The Sunday Times that taking custody of Connor would be a last resort, but said the family had repeatedly failed to attend appointments with nurses, nutritionists and social workers.

“Child abuse is not just about hitting your children or sexually abusing them, it is also about neglect,” the official was quoted as saying.

Dr. Colin Waine, the director of the National Obesity Forum in Nottingham, England, called Connor’s lifestyle “extremely dangerous,” adding he is at risk of developing diabetes in his early teens, and cardiovascular and nervous system problems in his 20s.

“He’s really at risk of dying by the time he’s 30,” Waine said.

Dr. Michael Markiewicz, a pediatrician, agreed.

“I’m not saying they can’t care for him, but what they are doing is through the way they are treating him and feeding him, they are slowly killing him,” he said.

Connor’s case attracted national attention after his mother allowed an ITV News crew to film his day-to-day life over the course of a month. Connor’s mother said he steals and hides food, frustrating her efforts to help him. He eats double or triple what a normal seven-year-old would have, she said.

“If I didn’t give him enough at teatime then he would just go on at us all night for snacks and stuff,” she told ITV.

Connor, who lives with his mother and sister, has difficulty dressing and washing himself, misses school regularly because of poor health, and is targeted by bullies.

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Bush does not address kid's health coverage

President encourages lawmakers to adopt insurance proposal

BY ROBERT TANNER

AP National Writer

WASHINGTON President Bush encouraged governors Monday to support his call for changing the tax code to help more people buy private health care insurance, but did not address their pleas to increase funding for a health care program that insures millions of children of the working poor.

The budget dispute dominated discussions among governors Sunday, who promised to bring the matter to Bush and his Cabinet officials to their private meetings Monday.

At stake is coverage for 6 million people, overwhelmingly children, as well as the hopes of many governors in tackling the larger challenge of the uninsured. All governors rely on the State Children's Health Insurance Program, intended to aid uninsured working families.

Bush, welcoming the governors after they met privately with several administration officials, did not offer any comments about the children's health program, talking rather about his larger proposals.

"I'm looking forward to working with Congress on health care. I firmly believe ... that states are often times the best place to reform systems and work on programs that

meet needs," he said.

On Sunday, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican, said that the children's health insurance program was a bipartisan issue.

And Gov. Jon Corzine, a New Jersey Democrat, warned that the administration's budget promised illusory savings.

"You end up paying for this in other ways — uncompensated care, emergency rooms," Corzine said. "This is pay me now or pay me later."

Georgia and New Jersey are two of 14 states that are expected to run out of money for the children's health insurance program before the next budget year begins in October; in Georgia, it could happen as soon as March.

The governors want two things:

■ Enough money to keep the program afloat through October. That is estimated at \$745 million.

■ Changes to Bush's budget. Analysts say his spending plan would shortchange the health program even if the number of people served did not grow. The long-term shortfall is put at \$10 billion to \$15 billion over the next five years.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said he had met privately with governors, and would keep talking. But he offered little hope that the administration would accept governors' demands.

Bush welcomed the governors to a formal dinner at the White House Sunday night and said he looked forward to talking with governors about health care, along with homeland security and immigration. "I believe if we work together we can do a lot of good things," he said.

The program, approved in 1997, covers uninsured children whose families earn too much to fall under Medicaid, the joint state-federal health care service for the poor.

More than a dozen states have expanded SCHIP, with consent of the federal government, to cover adults in those families. The program now insures an estimated 639,000

most ambitious proposals to try to get to universal health care coverage. Most states have just tried to strengthen their health care system to cover more people.

At their private session Sunday, governors said there was bipartisan support for help on the immediate needs and a long-term commitment to the current program.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE ... STATES ARE OFTEN TIMES THE BEST PLACE TO REFORM SYSTEMS AND WORK ON PROGRAMS THAT MEET NEEDS."

George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

adults among its 6 million.

Many governors said the administration's efforts to scale back the program would undermine state efforts to craft universal health care plans. Many of these have started with a target of insuring all children.

California, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have developed some of the

Leavitt said Sunday that there is enough money among states to cover short-term shortfalls, if states with surpluses would share with those with deficits, an idea that has little support among governors. Bush wants SCHIP to remain focused on poor children, not all children and not adults, Leavitt said.

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Campaign funding becoming public

FROM FINANCE PAGE 1

Funding could come from a special tax, increased fees or from the general fund, which could result in a reduction in other city services. City staff is estimating a grant pool of \$1.8 million, which would fund 18 candidates per election cycle.

The council is expected to discuss the proposal tonight. The ultimate decision will be left in the hands of voters. So far there is no word on whether or not public financing would be offered to candidates running for the rent control board.

"We are in strong support of public financing," said Carmen Balber, a consumer advocate for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which worked aggressively during the last municipal election to defeat a ballot measure they claimed would have weakened restrictions on campaign contributions. "We believe that public financing is a great way to address what has clearly been a concern of Santa Monica voters, and that is money having too great of an influence over campaigns."

The power of special interest spending was a critical issue in the last election for City Council, with the hospitality industry spending nearly a half-million-dollars on cable television ads attacking incumbent Kevin McKeown, while promoting Councilman Bob Holbrook and newcomer Terry O'Day, a member of the Planning Commission.

There were residents who complained about the influence independent expenditure committees such as Santa Monicans for

Sensible Priorities and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights were having on local elections where candidates are restricted in the amount of money — \$250 — they can receive from each individual resident. While candidates are limited by fundraising limits, independent expenditure committees can raise as much money as they want from those same sources.

That led many to call for public financing of campaigns, whereby candidates are eligible to receive public funds to run a viable campaign for city office only if candidates agree to abide by certain conditions and expenditure limits. Candidates are also eligible to receive matching funds in the event that they are outspent by candidates who chose to go it alone or along with independent expenditure committees.

A review of money raised and spent during the last few election cycles shows that independent expenditures far outweighed those made by individual candidates. In 2006, candidates spent, on average, \$42,974. In that same year, independent expenditure committees, on average, spent more than \$136,000 on each candidate they supported.

"The charts ... clearly show that the amounts of money spent in Santa Monica campaigns over the last several cycles have escalated beyond what grassroots politics can sustain against big special interest money," said McKeown, an advocate for public financing. "I'm concerned for what I call Santa Monica's 'political sustainability.'"

McKeown is concerned that residents will be discouraged from running because they will not be able to adequately respond to

negative attacks and smear tactics often utilized by independents with deep pockets.

"Well-heeled special interests will continue trying to override residents' interests if we don't change a system that encourages nasty, negative campaigns," McKeown said. "We won't get thoughtful new candidates to run if they fear being personally smeared by money of a magnitude they cannot match."

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Councilman Kevin McKeown, supporter of public financing

Those who have argued against public financing are worried that the independence of the political process will be compromised and are opposed to taxpayer money being used to promote certain political views. Independent expenditures would not be limited under the proposal.

"There are those who have called this welfare for politicians," said Steve Levin, political reform project director for the Center for Governmental Studies, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that studies and helps implement innovative approaches to improving social problems and the processes of self-government. "Some just don't want to give politicians hard-earned taxpayer dollars to run for public office. There are also those who believe the money could better be used to put more cops on the street and fill potholes."

Public financing is not new. The cities of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Portland, Oregon have enacted full public funding of campaigns. The states of Arizona, Maine and Vermont also have programs dating as far back as 1997.

Los Angeles has a matching funds program, but the City Council there is expected

to review and receive public input for a proposed full-public-financing program in the near future, according to a city staff report.

Levin said more minorities are running for public office in Los Angeles because of public financing.

"You will often hear from these candidates that they never would have run before without public money because there was no

way for them to compete," Levin said. There are additional costs associated with public financing aside from setting up a fund. Additional city staff would have to be hired to administer the program and keep a watchful eye on abuse. City staff has recommended the council consider creating a new division in the city clerk's office that would oversee the program, with the finance department handling the financial, accounting and auditing aspects of the program.

After each election, participating candidates' committees would have to be audited to assure that the funds were spent appropriately and any unspent funds be returned to the program's account for future elections.

"We really don't know what the additional costs would be," said Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez. "We have asked for one additional staff person for the amount of work that would need to be handled during (an election)."

To have the program available to candidates during the next municipal election — November 2008 — a special election to put the question before voters would have to take place no later than March 2008.

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Santa Monica Fire Department recruits remove the windshield and doors from a Mercedes Benz with the 'Jaws for life' during an extrication drill at the Fire Training Academy recently. The recruits are going through an intense one-year training program consisting of two months at the academy and 10 months in the field before becoming official firefighters.



Art lovers unite

Regan Baumgarten and Jackie Lueth take notes on a lithographic print for their African American Literature class at the Roberts Art Gallery at Santa Monica High School on Feb. 21, 2007. The group show will continue to run through March 2, 2007.

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Homeless get assist

FROM HOMELESS PAGE 3

LAHSA, said a vast majority of the funds are designated for renewal projects, which includes improving services and renewing homes and shelters.

Housing is broken down into two categories — permanent and transitional — that are made specifically for homeless people with mental illnesses, women, children and other groups that may require special attention.

According to Howden, Santa Monica-based shelters and agencies have plans to utilize these funds by coordinating continuum care, including service planning areas and all other projects funded from the grant.

With support of housing, the huge array of supportive services includes medical, child care, street outreach programs, access centers and employment services — all funded in an effort to cease homelessness.

In the last six years, HUD has awarded approximately \$9 billion in funding to state and local communities in support of homeless housing and service needs. For 2008, President Bush is proposing a record level of funding to again house and serve homeless persons and families.

"This is crucial funding that the L.A. continuum gets," said Howden, adding that the grants will aid in the ultimate goal — to end homelessness.

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Group has collected 1,500 signatures

FROM COTTAGE PAGE 1

cottage of its landmark status.

The hearing before City Council that was scheduled to take place at its March 13 meeting has been postponed to late April.

Members of the newly formed Save the Cottage organization, a coalition of residents fighting to preserve the landmark status of the building, were out in full force Friday night, collecting signatures during a pub crawl along Main Street.

It was a festive evening as about 10 residents tapped into the bar crowd's sentimentality. Starting at Finn McCool's in the early evening, the cottage activists were able to collect about 150 signatures by the end of the evening, after visiting bar-goers at O'Briens, Rick's Tavern and Schatzi's. The cold weather proved to be a hindrance as the coalition members were forced to collect signatures inside and had to cut the evening shorter than expected as the number of intoxicated patrons increased.

"The community of Ocean Park likes to come to Main Street to hang out," Erin Maynes, one of the organizers of Save the Cottage, said before the signatures drive began. "This is where we hang out, this is where we live, and in order to get the word out to residents, we feel like this is the prime way to do that."

The evening started with a dinner at Finn McCool's where a small group of coalition members chatted over a hearty meal to sustain them over the next four hours or signature gathering.

A resident of Ocean Park for seven years, Maynes said she is outraged that an outside organization has come into town and made a decision to demolish an old structure without knowing its history and the role it plays in the neighborhood's history.

Her friend Casey O'Connor agreed, saying that with the high rises popping up along

Ocean Avenue, it's important to keep the small bits of history that still exist along the beach front.

"History is very important to me," O'Connor said. "Having something that can be torn down and that is potentially the last of its kind makes me want to get involved."

The coalition has collected a grand total of 1,589 signatures to date, 71 of which can be found on an online petition. The group has hit up all of the places where locals congregate, including the post office, library, Farmers' Market, and even the bowling alley on Thursday night when they were able to cash in on about 100 names.



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Casey O'Connor, Ocean Park resident

With the pub crawl as the backdrop, members were mindful to avoid tipsy patrons, and decided to call it a night around 10:30 p.m. when they noticed that the number of drunks began to distract from the task at hand.

"At the bowling alley, there were people who were drinking and people who were acting intoxicated who we didn't talk to because there's no real point," Maynes said. "We wouldn't be able to read their handwriting any way."

On the online petition, signatories make repeated pleas to the City Council to preserve the cottage which is one of the oldest structures in Ocean Park.

"How can you have progress when there is no benchmark for history," a Margaret Jones wrote in the petition. "Please save what

makes Santa Monica so beautiful," Michael Shea pleaded.

City Councilman Herb Katz, who is also an architect, believes the building should be preserved, calling it a "good piece of architecture."

"It's a part of the history of Santa Monica, part of the history of its designs of its time," Katz said on Monday. "We're trying to preserve these (buildings)."

The building is considered to be the oldest one on a block that has constantly evolved over the past 50 years. The three bedroom, three bathroom cottage, with its chipped paint and rusted flashing, sits behind a white picket fence, sandwiched

between two multi story buildings. To the north of the cottage is a Spanish style home. To the south is a five story apartment building that appears to have been built sometime during the past 30 years. Further north of the cottage is a more modern style multi-family building.

"When you look at that block, you really can see the stages of development of the whole neighborhood from the turn of the century through the 1980s," said Landmarks Commission Chairwoman Nina Fresco on Monday. "It represents each big phase of development."

The building was deeded to the University of Illinois Foundation following the previous owners death in June of 2005. It was one of the many things that the previous owner had donated to univer-

sities in his will, along with a \$1.5 million gift to UCLA.

There have been rumors circulating around the Ocean Park neighborhood that the property was given to the University of Illinois in hopes that it would be used for a faculty retreat. There is also another rumor that it was assumed the cottage was already registered as a historic building.

The foundation reportedly had a difficult time selling the building before the historic designation was made because potential buyers were uncertain of whether or not the cottage would be named a landmark, and whether or not historic designation would prevent them from remodeling or demolishing the home in the future. The 1,526 square foot home is still listed on the market for \$3.3 million.

Attorney Chris Harding, who is representing the University of Illinois Foundation, declined to comment on the specifics of the appeal.

Until the City Council hears the appeal, tentatively scheduled for April 24, the Save the Cottage coalition will continue to collect signatures and ask the public to send e-mails to city officials.

"What we would like to see happen is for this to become the last beach facing single story cottage in Santa Monica that is protected forever so no matter who you are — no matter if you're a visitor or if you're a resident here — you can see the cottage and imagine what it was like 100 years ago," Mayne said.

If you are interested in signing the petition online, visit www.petitiononline.com/Cottage1/petition.

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Lady slugger

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Virginia Ave. Park boxing coach Rudy Lopez, 69, puts Noelle Sandoval, 17, a Santa Monica High School Junior, through some boxing drills on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007.

Consent items include money for attorneys

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

tem. The store has been designed to increase the public's awareness of public transit, strengthen the BBB brand and its services. The store is also a component of the new community transit services designed to entice local residents to choose public transit.

The design aims to showcase public transit and includes an aesthetically pleasing storefront with solar panels that generate power for some of the store's lighting needs. The colors, custom sheet metal shapes and signage identify the storefront with BBB's current brand imagery. The design was approved by the Architectural Review Board and City Hall's division of building and safety.

Eighty percent (\$525,360) of the funding will come from the Federal Transit Administration, and 20 percent (\$131,340) from local funds.

ATTORNEY FEES

When it comes to making sense of California's redevelopment law, affordable housing production, property acquisitions and redevelopment plan amendments, city attorneys need assistance.

And it doesn't come cheap. The council is being asked to spend \$280,000 on legal services from Kane, Ballmer & Berkman, which charges rates of \$145 to \$200 an hour.

City Hall has used the services of KBB since the 1970s, according to a city staff report.

HIRED HANDS

Unable to fulfill duties with the current level of staffing, the planning department is asking the council to once again hire three planners from Civic Solutions Inc. for \$130,000.

The contract is for three months. The contract employees will assist city planners with processing planchecks, as well as administrative and discretionary planning applications.

GARBAGE MEN

Who will be in control of the city's trash hauling and recycling could depend on whether or not the council extends a consulting contract with Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (GBB) to help staff at the solid waste management department draft a proposal that competes with those from private firms.

City Hall is looking to consolidate its commercial service and make operations more efficient at the city yard's transfer station.

Two requests for proposals (RFPs) have been issued and firms are currently drafting their bids. In order to meet the deadline for submissions, city staff is looking to contract with GBB, which recently conducted a review of the city's trash hauling and helped draft the RFPs.

The waste contract would be worth \$110,000. The city manager had previously approved \$55,000, but the council needs to approve the rest.

There is some concern regarding a potential conflict of interest considering that GBB drafted the RFPs and has been closely working with city staff on the issue. Private firms have expressed skepticism about City Hall's sincerity in issuing the RFPs, wondering if that move is merely a fishing expedition to see what the private sector is able to offer to allow solid waste officials to bid lower.

City staff has promised that there will be no conflict because GBB employees in San Jose will handle the consulting, whereas prior work was done in GBB's Virginia offices by different employees. Also, employees will be instructed to not talk about the RFPs with their counterparts in Virginia.

"Staff is confident that, with these measures in place, all potential conflicts of interest will be effectively avoided," said Celeste Peele, manager of solid waste operations.

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BASEBALL

Schmidt happy to finally be a Dodger

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

VERO BEACH, Fla. Jason Schmidt passed up opportunities for a longer, more lucrative deal in the offseason to sign a three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He made such a decision based on his children.

“My kids are my interest. I’ve got two and one on the way,” Schmidt said. “There were five-year deals to be had. I can see why guys want to stretch out the contract. It was a family thing.

“I did what I felt was right. It wasn’t a money thing for me. It was, ‘Let’s try to get a fair deal for market value in a place I was going to be happy.’”

Fair market value turned out to be \$47 million over three years.

Schmidt said the divorce of his parents when he was 6 has motivated him to be available as much as possible for his children — a 6-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son. That’s always going to be difficult as a baseball player because of the travel involved, so he’s reticent to plan too far ahead.

“I just don’t want to get locked into something,” he said. “I don’t know what the future holds — I might want to play three years, I might want to play 10.”

The 34-year-old right-hander spent the past 5 1/2 seasons in San Francisco — the Dodgers’ biggest rival. He went 78-37 with the Giants and helped them reach the 2002 World Series. But they’ve fallen off in recent years.

Schmidt said he enjoyed playing with the Giants, and had an excellent relationship with Barry Bonds. But it was time to move on.

“I want that ring. You don’t have that, you haven’t accomplished your main goal,” he said, adding he chose the Dodgers because he believes they have what it takes to win and didn’t want to leave the West Coast.

“I love it here so far,” he said. “It’s been nothing but top-notch since day one. Good

guys, and a good team. We’ve still got to go out and do what we’re capable of doing. That’s the harder part.”

Schmidt, a three-time All-Star, said the Giants weren’t very proactive in trying to keep him.

“They pursued it a little bit,” he said. “Los Angeles was so aggressive. Everything felt right. Everything lined up from the beginning.”

That makes sense, considering the Dodgers’ apparent need for a No. 1 starter and Schmidt’s track record. The addition of Schmidt and Randy Wolf to go with 16-game winners Derek Lowe and Brad Penny gives Los Angeles one of baseball’s best rotations — at least on paper.

“I DON’T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS – I MIGHT WANT TO PLAY THREE YEARS, I MIGHT WANT TO PLAY 10.”

Jason Schmidt
Dodger starter

“He’s just solid,” Dodgers pitching coach Rick Honeycutt said of Schmidt. “You know what you’re getting — you’re getting a work ethic, you’re getting a guy who wants the ball every fifth day. Your key pitchers set the tone for the rest of the staff.”

Schmidt said he’s not concerned about being the Dodgers’ No. 1 starter.

“They just needed another piece to the puzzle,” he said. “St. Louis won it all without an ace. It’s rising to the occasion and having enough guys to do it.”

BASEBALL

Crosby is looking forward to action

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX, Ariz. _ Bobby Crosby’s standout rookie season seems so long ago.

That’s because he has missed 132 games over the past two seasons with various injuries and spent more time in the training room than ever before. The Oakland short-stop hasn’t played since late August and was out for the playoffs with a recurring lower back injury.

He will be able to better gauge his health in the coming days when he faces live pitching for the first time in more than six months. On Sunday, he stood in against a real pitcher but didn’t swing. Then Crosby headed for the batting cage to hit another round of soft toss.

“It gets old, but it’s the smart thing to do,” Crosby said Sunday. “Everything’s been good. I won’t know for sure until I take full hacks.”

His fielding and throwing feel great, so hitting is the last step before the A’s deem Crosby ready to play.

“No rush,” assistant general manager David Forst said. “I don’t even need him to

play in the first spring training game. We’re more anxious (to see).”

It’s easy to realize why Crosby is eager to get started in 2007.

It took serious willpower this winter for him to only look at the hundred or so bats he has lying around his house. He was tempted to take a few cuts. When he does step into the batter’s box, Crosby will be closely watched by the A’s brass.

“He feels good,” manager Bob Geren said Sunday. “He’s doing all the infield work.”

The 2004 AL Rookie of the Year spent two stints on the disabled list last year for the second straight season, playing in only 96 games.

He missed the stretch drive with a strained lower back and a postseason that ended in the A’s being swept in four games by the Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series.

Crosby, who batted .229 with nine homers and 40 RBIs in 2006, underwent physical therapy five days a week during the offseason.

It wasn’t until late January that he finally became pain-free. And his back hasn’t been hurting at all since camp began.



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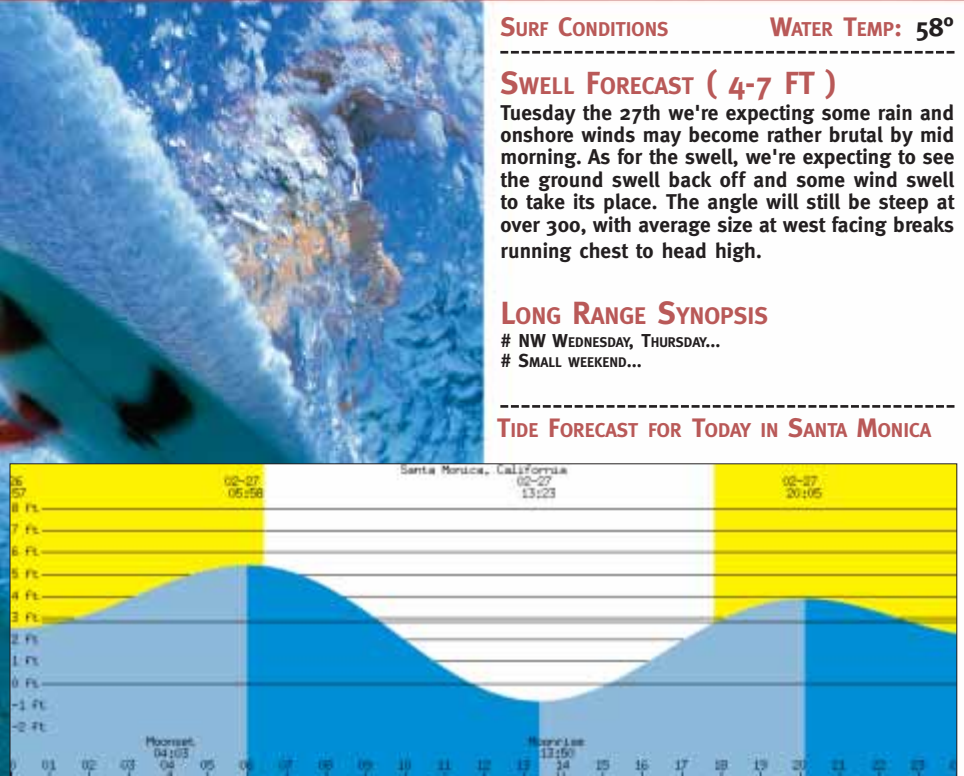
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Ermaul Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	A+
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Selena Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Powers State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+
Maine Canyon storm drain at Powers Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F
Los Flares State Beach at Los Flares Creek (joint zone)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	A+
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	B
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A

LEGEND

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

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

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Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauq)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagpole tower	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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Be where others are, Virgo

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Relax. Much that occurs might not be the final story. At the same time, you could feel uncomfortable with what you hear. Understand that this too will pass. Stay centered and detached. Your perceptions are off. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You speak your mind, and though you might feel as if you are quite accurate, you hear otherwise. Listen to suggestions, but avoid making any final decisions. Return calls. Some strange news could head your way. Tonight: Swap war stories with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Keep a strong hold on your finances, because what happens could surprise you. Make no agreements; be careful with change. A little care goes a long way right now. Listen to others' ideas and know that you can call your own shots. Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Though your personality could be on high and you have the best intentions, the unexpected occurs. Someone might be reacting strangely. Make no assumptions and simply roll with the moment. Tonight: What would make you smile?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Take a back seat, and you might be far more comfortable. Others mean well, but there could be a problem getting everyone in sync. Someone, possibly a child, could be feeling a bit awkward. Say little and be understanding. Tonight: Get extra sleep; you will need it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want, and you actually might get it. For some reason, you might not feel connected to others or that you are on the same page. Others act in a most unexpected manner. Enjoy the changes rather than get uptight! Tonight: Be where others are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might have no choice but to accept responsibility. Others squirm and do whatever they can to get out of their job. Don't expect a lot of praise. Do this deed because it needs to be done. Tonight: Expect to be up late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, but don't be surprised if you wind up not wanting it after all the fuss. Sometimes the chase is more fun than the reality. Your creativity comes through, making a difficult situation quite easy. Tonight: Detach and see both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might have difficulty grasping where someone is coming from. Take your time and ask questions. Though both of you might experience discomfort, clearing the air feels better. Don't judge; listen. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Though you might not be in agreement with a key associate, starting a rumble might not be a good idea. Live with the differences. They might not be as bad as you think. Both of you are grounded but see life differently. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Dive into work with optimism, knowing that solutions are available, even if you don't see them right now. Opportunity knocks on your door when you least expect it. Hesitate, and you might lose this chance. Tonight: Get an errand or two done on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination goes haywire, and although you thoroughly enjoy yourself, others might not. Spend time with a carefree person. Avoid getting jammed up in other people's problems right now. Tonight: Happy you.

Born Today
American singer Josh Grobin (1981)
Actress Elizabeth Taylor (1932)
Writer John Steinbeck (1902)



Happy Birthday!
Tap into your creativity this year, and you'll open many doors, not only for yourself but for others. Your imagination becomes a hallmark that others associate with you. Sometimes others aren't comfortable with the changing you. Give them and yourself time. If you are an artist or writer, you could be unusually productive. If you are single, the likelihood of you remaining footloose and fancy-free is small. Quite a few suitors surround you. Which one will you choose? If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from sharing more of your dreams and fantasies.

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"Bull"

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the game
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the energy"

Ludacris grieves

Rapper thanks fans for supporting him

LUDACRIS has thanked his fans for their support and asked for privacy to grieve following the death of his ailing father.

Wayne Brian Bridges, 52, died Sunday in an Atlanta hospital after a long illness, said Barry Florence, a publicist for the rapper.

At the Grammys earlier this month, Ludacris, 29, dedicated his award for best rap album for

"Release Therapy" to his father, saying his dad was in critical condition and fighting for his life.

"Mr. Wayne Bridges, I love you to death," he said at the televised Los Angeles ceremony. Ludacris, whose real name is Chris Bridges, also won a Grammy at this year's awards for best rap song for "Money Maker."

"We are overwhelmed by the generous outpour-

ing of love, condolences and support from family members, friends, fans and the many well-wishers," said a statement released Monday by Ludacris' family. "We thank you for your prayers and hope you will understand our need for privacy during this sorrowful time."

The statement said Wayne Bridges was "a great influence on his son" and had exposed him to music as a young child.



LUDACRIS

Florence said the family had chosen not to publicly announce the cause.

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LONG LIVE 'THE QUEEN'

HELEN MIRREN, who won the best actress Oscar for playing Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," may be invited to tea, Buckingham Palace said Monday.

The film's director, Stephen Frears, has already suggested that he, Mirren and screenwriter Peter Morgan would visit the queen at the palace next month.

"It is speculation, but we are looking at a number of options," a palace spokeswoman said Monday.

Mirren won the Oscar on Sunday night in Los Angeles for playing the monarch in "The Queen," which retells the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car crash 10 years ago.

The Oscar ceremony began at 12:30 a.m. Monday morning in England and was broadcast only on a pay-TV movie channel — making it difficult for most Britons to see it live.

But news of Mirren's win was inescapable Monday, dominating newspaper front pages and television newscasts.

Mirren, 61, saluted the queen in her acceptance speech for maintaining "her dignity, her sense of duty and her hairstyle" for more than 50 years.

"She's had her feet planted firmly on the ground," Mirren said.

AP

Brown arrested in Massachusetts after skipping child support hearing

For the second time in a year, **BOBBY BROWN** has been arrested while in town to watch his daughter at a cheerleading competition.

Brown was picked up at Attleboro High School on Sunday night on a warrant for failing to appear at a child support hearing in October.

The 38-year-old singer was scheduled to appear Monday afternoon in Norfolk Probate and Family Court, said Adam Loomis of All State Constables in Weymouth.

"He was supposed to show up and prove everything was up-to-date," Loomis said.

In October, Brown paid \$11,000 in delinquent child support after being threatened with arrest if he stepped back into Massachusetts. He owed over two months of payments to Kim Ward, of Stoughton, the mother of two of his two children. It wasn't immediately known if Brown still owes child support.

Brown was cooperative

outside the high school, and borrowed Loomis' cell phone to arrange to get out of jail, the constable said.

Brown's attorney, Atlanta-based Phaedra Parks, didn't immediately return a call to comment. A message also was left at the Probate and Family Court.

In June 2004, Brown was sentenced to 90 days in prison for missing three months of payments. That sentence was immediately suspended after Brown paid about \$15,000.

Last March, Brown was

nabbed for minor motor vehicle violations dating back 14 years when he arrived to watch his daughter at a cheering competition at Bartlett High School. Brown was cooperative, and he was allowed to drive to the police station after the competition, police said.

Brown, a Boston native who had a hit solo album "Don't Be Cruel," and pop diva Whitney Houston are divorcing after a 14-year marriage.

AP

Newsman Woodruff describes recovery

Seconds after the roadside bomb that tore off part of his skull, **BOB WOODRUFF** said he had a brief out-of-body experience before losing consciousness for more than a month.

The former ABC anchor answered questions publicly Monday for the first time since the roadside bomb nearly killed him in Iraq on Jan. 29, 2006. ABC News is airing a prime-time special about Woodruff's recovery and the plight of other brain-injured Iraq veterans 10 p.m. EST Tuesday.

Some small pockmarks on the left side of his face and neck were the only signs of his injury visible during a meeting with reporters on Monday.



WOODRUFF

Woodruff would occasionally struggle for a word while answering questions and said that while he wasn't 100 percent recovered, he was somewhere in the 90s.

He was standing with his head and upper body outside of a moving tank while on a reporting trip to Iraq when the bomb went off.

"When it actually exploded, I don't remember that," he said. "But I do remember immediately at that moment that I saw my body floating below me and a kind of whiteness."

He briefly lost consciousness, fell back into the tank and woke up to see cameraman Doug Vogt across from him. Woodruff remembered spitting up blood.

"I looked up at Doug and I saw his eyes big and afraid and just asking him if we were still alive and that's the last thing I remember," Woodruff said.

He was in a coma for 36 days. He woke up and vaguely remembered there was a bombing.

Woodruff will be inter-

viewed by ABC's Diane Sawyer on "Good Morning America" Tuesday, and Oprah Winfrey later in the day. He and wife Lee wrote a book about their ordeal that will also be released Tuesday.

He described the long road back trying to put his memory together. The special shows Woodruff, during his recovery, looking at a picture of scissors and being unable to come up with the word.

"I couldn't remember my two young daughters not their names but their existence," Woodruff said. He has twin 6-year-old daughters, along with a son who's 15 and a daughter who's 13.

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1:05, 7:05
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The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)
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Reno 911!: Miami (R)
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The Last King of Scotland (R)
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Janric Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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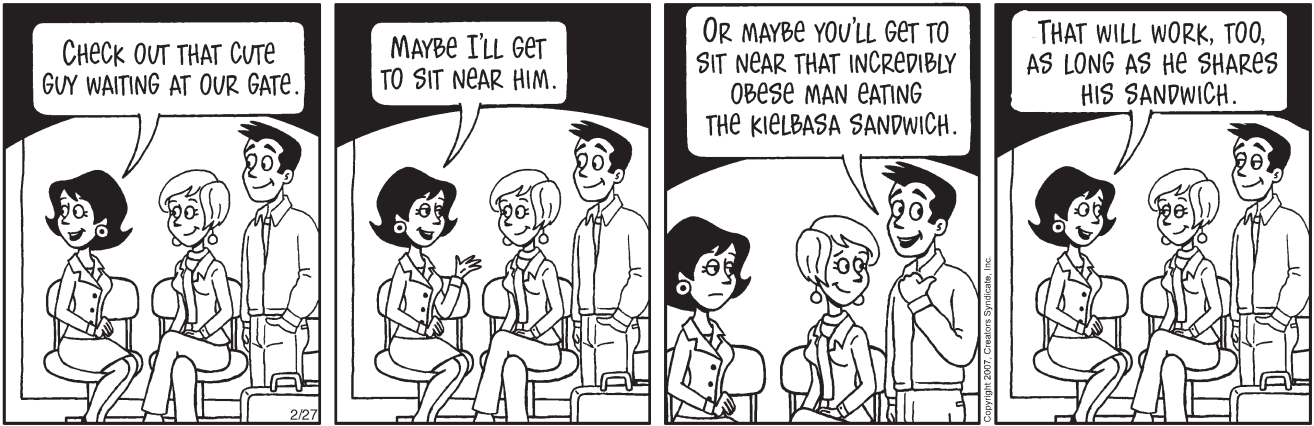
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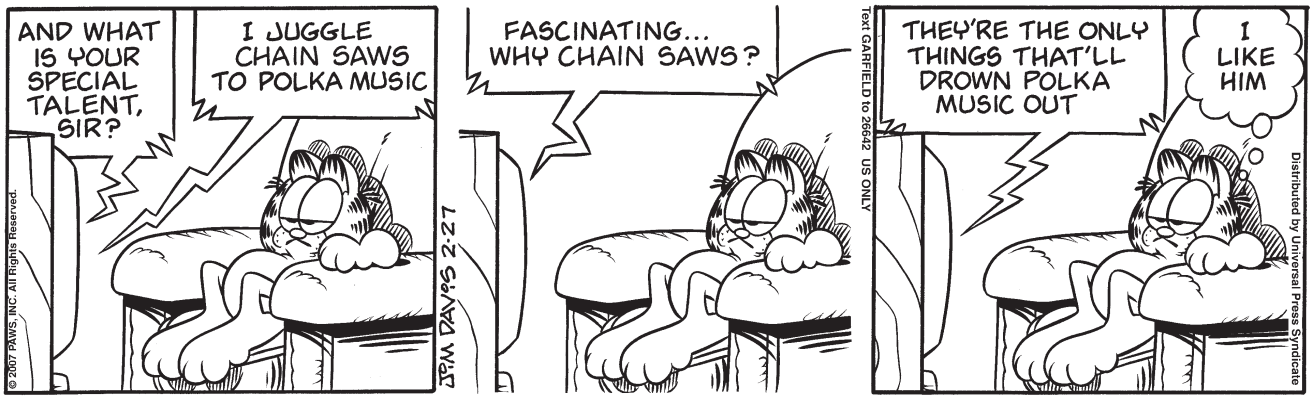
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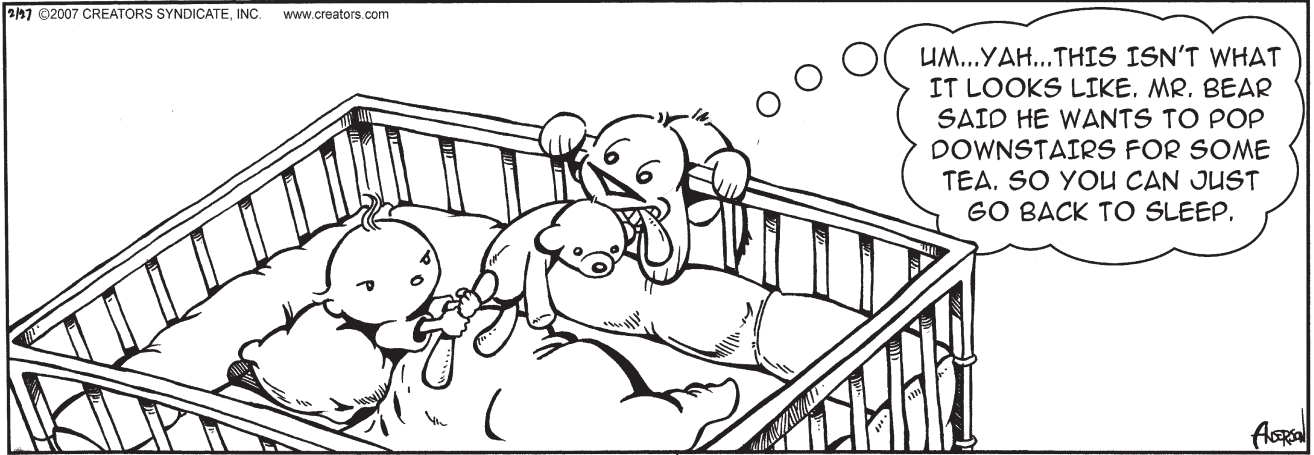
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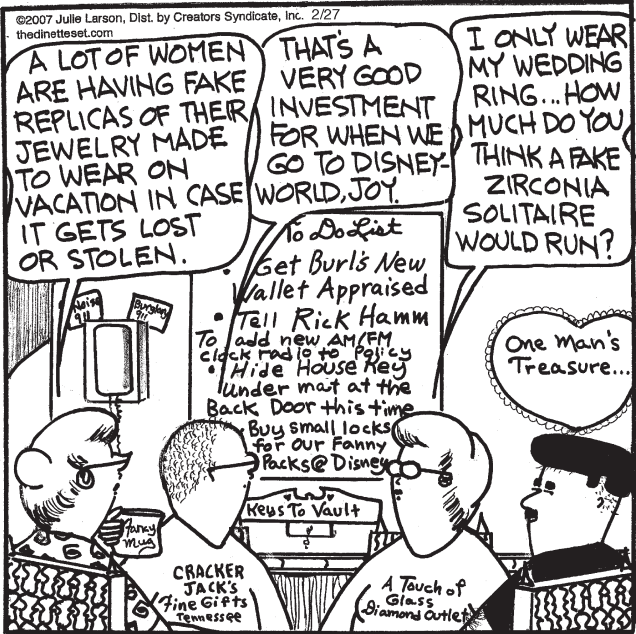


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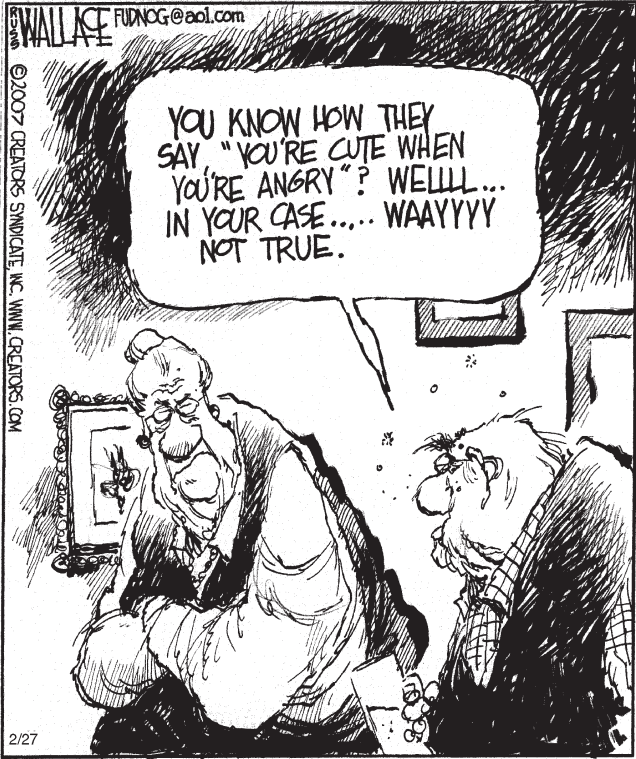


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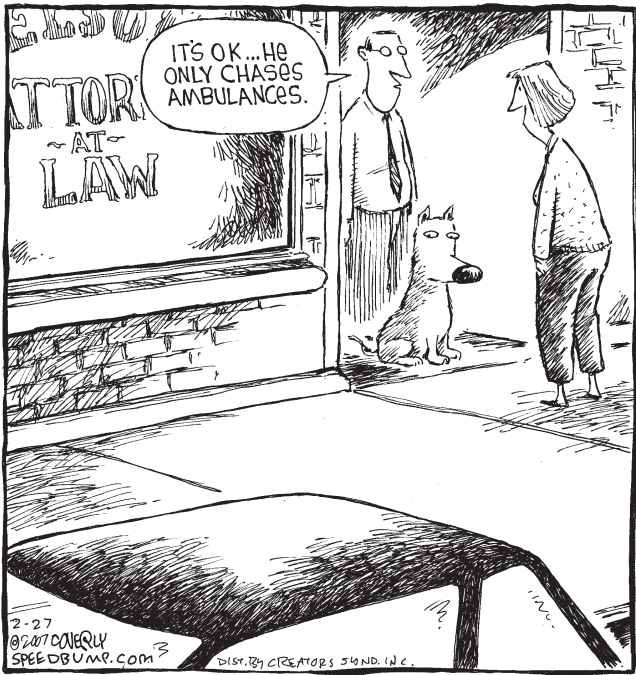
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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- 7 National leader, for short
- 11 Freshman's cap
- 12 Part to play
- 13 Mantle's position
- 15 De Mille of dance
- 16 Goopy cheese
- 18 Pound group
- 21 Labor
- 22 Folly
- 24 Hold title to
- 25 Siesta
- 26 Director Spike
- 27 Blunder
- 29 Monthly expense
- 30 Forest creature
- 31 Take it easy
- 32 Moving about
- 34 Some magazine spreads
- 40 Tissue additive
- 41 Concerted
- 42 Robin or wren
- 43 Tune

2 Kickoff aid

- 3 Camel
- 4 Require as a result
- 5 Prolonged attack
- 6 Shore flier
- 7 Con's place
- 8 Lobster eggs
- 9 Building extension
- 10 Brit's last letter
- 14 Disgusted
- 16 Accepted applause
- 17 Washer cycle
- 19 Strong winds
- 20 Fragrance

- 21 Jerry's partner
- 22 Napkin spot
- 23 Still
- 25 Clinic worker
- 28 Did usher's work
- 29 Try the dice again
- 31 Hunting weapon

- 33 Trolley's kin
- 34 Fare carrier
- 35 Yale player
- 36 Negating link
- 37 Old card game
- 38 Failed bomb
- 39 Pig's place

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Police in Lilburn, Ga., were called to the cemetery adjacent to Luxomni Baptist Church at 2:40 a.m. one morning in January to investigate reports of a man screaming for about two hours. They found Ezekiel Dejesus-Rodriguez, 24, pinned under a gravestone (with a bloody, broken leg) and said he had apparently been knocking over headstones for fun until one fell on him.

■ Bright Ideas: (1) Kurt Husfeldt, 46, and two others were arrested in Lindenhurst, N.Y., in January in possession of 14 stolen electronic devices that they apparently assumed were cell phones. However, they were global positioning devices from a nearby municipal facility, and police had followed their signals to Husfeldt's home. (2) Patrick Burr, 36, and his wife Heather, 33, were arrested in Provo, Utah, in December and charged with conspiracy to rob the Utah Community Credit Union, after an ex-partner turned them in. The informant said the Burrs had planned to make their get-away by floating on inner tubes down the Provo River, but that plan collapsed after their car (containing the inner tubes) was impounded.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1560 The Treaty of Berwick, which would expel the French from Scotland, is signed by England and the Congregation of Scotland.

1703 The first Mardi Gras is celebrated in Mobile, Alabama.

1812 Poet Lord Byron gives his first address as a member of the House of Lords, in defense of Luddite violence against Industrialism in his home county of Nottinghamshire.

1879 Announcement of the discovery of artificial sweetener saccharin.

1922 A challenge to the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, allowing women the right to vote, is rebuffed by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Leser v. Garnett*.

1939 American Civil Rights Movement: Sit-down strikes are outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

1951 The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting Presidents to two terms, is ratified.

1974 People magazine is published for the first time.

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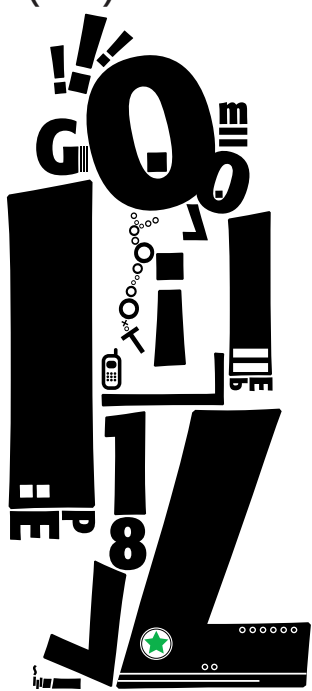
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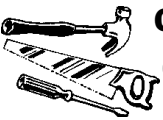
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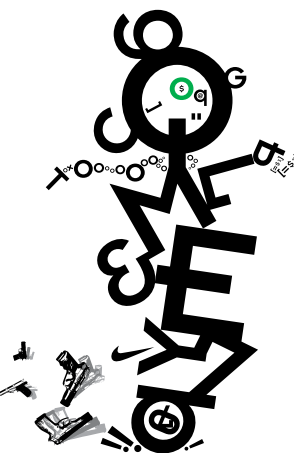
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