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Photo courtesy The CW
BANNED: Tyra Banks and friends appear in the ad in question. PAGE 17

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Booty-free buses

Big Blue Bus officials remove advertisement following uproar

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

BBB HDQTRS Bikinis may be OK when it comes to lounging at the beach, but it's a different story when half-naked women are plastered on the sides of a bus owned by City Hall.

Officials with Big Blue Bus recently decided to pull advertising for the hit reality TV show "America's Next Top Model" after receiving several complaints from residents about the ad, which features host and executive producer Tyra Banks and supermodel hopefuls clad in jungle-style bikinis with a waterfall as the backdrop.

The concerns weren't lobbed by bashful residents uncomfortable with a little flesh, but rather those questioning City Hall's support of a show that, in their minds, objectifies women, said Dan Dawson, who manages the Big Blue Bus' advertising department.

"It wasn't like people were conservative, saying this was horrible to show bare skin," Dawson said. "It was the opposite. People didn't think it was appropriate to objectify women in that way."

The ads were ripped off the sides of buses Feb. 20, just two weeks into a four-week run to promote the CW net-

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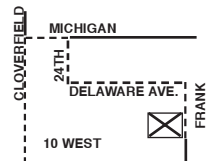
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'Christ in the Passover'

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.

Yoga for the Lenten Season

725 California Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
St. Monica's is hosting an all-day yoga event with a focus on how yoga can enhance the Christian experience. The day will include practice, discussion and time for personal reflection. Registration fee is \$75 (includes breaks and lunch). To register, contact Larry Donnelly, St. Monica Pastoral Care Ministries, at (310) 319-9764 or e-mail larry@stmonica.net.

'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.

Nordic LAttitudes

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

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

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

Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

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

Thursday, March 1, 2007

'What's new this week'

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
The Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Library presents a weekly review and discussion of the week's key news stories, at home and abroad.
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CORRECTION

A photo essay depicting women from Chrysalis getting free makeovers ("Gettin' ready for work," Feb. 24-25) neglected to mention the service provider's name. The evening was officially dubbed "Makeover Night for Chrysalis' Women's Empowerment Program."

Weapons inspector war critic

Author of 'Target Iran' visits Main Library, downs administration

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM — When war critic Scott Ritter walked into the Main Library on Monday to promote his new book and blast the architects of the conflict in Iraq, the former United Nations weapons inspector was basically preaching to the converted.



Scott Ritter

A packed auditorium at the Santa Monica Public Library applauded and cheered as Ritter, the author of "Target Iran," lambasted the United States' military policy in Iraq, saying that Americans have no business tearing apart the Middle Eastern country.

Taking part in the library's "In Conversation" series, Ritter, who was the United Nations Special Commission senior weapons inspector from 1991-98, spoke about his book and the United States' current involvement in the Middle East through an interview with former LA Times Columnist Robert Scheer.

The event drew so many people that a second room had to be opened upstairs, where the conversation between Ritter and Scheer was streamed live.

"I wanted to hear what he had to say," said Chris Mladinov, of Santa Monica, who arrived late and had to watch the discussion from the second floor.

Like many who came to listen to Ritter, Mladinov said he is against the conflict in Iraq, but supports the war in Afghanistan, a country whose Taliban government was harboring the criminals responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

NEWSMAN: Santa Monica College President Chui L. Tsang, Ph.D., center, shares his thoughts with members of the student newspaper, the Corsair.

Groove Tsang: SMC President getting cozy

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD — Whether it's enjoying chicken soup at Izzy's Deli or taking leisurely strolls along the beach, Santa Monica College President Chui L. Tsang, Ph.D., has found the city by the sea to be a soothing place to spend his days.

That may be hard for some to believe given the rocky relationship the past president of the college, Dr. Piedad Robertson, had with City Hall and many community groups. When Tsang assumed control over Santa Monica College in February of last year, the seasoned educator with a reputation for coalition building inherited a post plagued by nearly a decade of confrontation.

Tsang, the former president of San Jose City College, vowed to change things and has worked tirelessly to repair those broken bonds receiving mixed reviews along the way. There are those who clearly see a change in the way the college is run and how it interacts with stakeholders. Still, there are those who still see the lingering effects of years of miscommunication, and are skeptical that things will change for the better.

"Dr. Tsang has been able to do what I would call repair work with external constituent groups like the city, K-12, and neighborhood organiza-

tions," said Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, a professor of political science, president of the Academic Senate and a former member of the committee that recommended Tsang to the board of trustees.

"He has given more than just political rhetoric," he said. "He has demonstrated that we want to be good partners with everyone involved."

That includes faculty, Tahvildaran-Jesswein said. Professors were involved in prolonged and contentious contract negotiations before Tsang's arrival. As the two sides came closer to arbitration, Tsang stepped in and helped develop a proposal that all sides could agree on.

"Dr. Tsang has created an environment of mutual respect," Tahvildaran-Jesswein said. "He really values faculty and boy, you can go a long way when you have somebody leading an institution that values all partners ... We've really turned this thing around."

The same could be said about the relationship between the college and City Hall. Once at odds, they have come closer during the last year, thanks to the work of Tsang and City Manager Lamont Ewell, who reached out to Tsang in the months before he moved to Santa Monica. The two have continued to talk regularly by phone and are both committed to working with one another to solve problems instead of fighting one another.

"Our relationship has been very strong," Ewell said. "He is always open. We chit-chat over the phone, occasionally get together for coffee. We have agreed to work together as the two major government entities for the benefit of this community."

Ewell and Tsang worked together to address concerns about traffic congestion and parking, with SMC and the Big Blue Bus joining together to offer a new SMC commuter line as well as extended shuttle service across town to encourage more students to take public transit. Enhanced collaboration is expected in the future.

"I think we created some challenges for ourselves because of miscommunication, or the lack of communication," Tsang said. "But I think what we've done is step back and look at things with a fresh perspective. Lamont and I came in at around the same time and we both didn't carry any old impressions. We've been able to move on and resolve some of the problems."

Tsang is especially proud of the progress that has been made in regards to facilities and enrollment, as well as reaching an agreement with faculty over a pay raise. Enrollment is rebounding after the state's financial crisis forced many programs to be cut. A new performing arts center

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors can get lost

Editor:

When I read your front page story ("Making SM smoke-less a hot topic," Feb. 26, page 1), I started laughing and couldn't stop ... It's hours later, and I'm still shaking my head in disbelief.

Were those two people for 'real'? Aw, c'mon, fess up. We have crazy people like that living amongst us? Really? Smoke coming up through the drain in a kitchen sink? She wakes up 'gasping for air'? Sounds more like anxiety attacks to me. And our 'math teacher' ... struggling to breathe? I think 'cerebral allergies' meant that it's all in her head.

I was born and raised in New York City in the '30's, where it was popular to have smoke-filled rooms, and I think we all were subject to it daily. Guess what? We all died. So, don't you ever believe that I'm a healthy old woman with four healthy children, six healthy grandchildren and a very handsome little great-grandson. Don't believe it because I died from second-hand smoke and cerebral allergies. Not only did it creep up my kitchen sink and through the walls, but it was right in the room with me ... my neighbors all choked to death as well.

S.G. Thomas
Santa Monica

Time to save the pier once again

Editor:

As a member of the Landmarks Commission, I would like to respond to your article about the Santa Monica Pier access project ("Bridging convenience gap," Feb. 21, page 1).

The entire Santa Monica Pier is designated as a Santa Monica Landmark, from the entry sign to the west end of the pier. The complex consists of many different parts, including the Municipal Pier (1909), the Loeff Pleasure Pier (1916), the Loeff Hippodrome (1916, a National Historic Landmark), the pier bridge (1939) and the pier sign (1940). The pier bridge was constructed in 1939 as a WPA project to provide improved access to the pier, and received its signature neon entry sign in 1940. The pier and neon sign are recognized as iconic symbols of the city and emblematic of our unique identity and history.

The pier bridge and sign are historically significant parts of the complex, and retain their original integrity and spatial relationships that connect the city to the pier. While the bridge and its hazardous sidewalks need renovations, the proposed widening of the bridge with a new freeway-like ramp addition has a serious negative impact on our most cherished historic resource.

The pedestrian character of the pier and the historic scale relationships would be sacrificed for the convenience of the automobile. No longer would the iconic neon pier sign be silhouetted at the end of Colorado Boulevard, depriving it of its link to the city and its historic value.

The Landmarks Commission is on record supporting alternative five in the EIR, which does not alter the bridge nor require relocation of the sign, but converts the entryway to a pedestrian corridor. Only delivery, emergency and disabled access vehicles would be allowed through.

The high curbs would be removed and a new roadbed created. The bridge would be structurally retrofitted to meet seismic safety standards. The existing parking lot on the pier would be converted to new entertainment venues.

Alternative parking elsewhere downtown could compensate for the loss of those spaces. Improved signage could provide parking information to first-time visitors.

The city's landmarks program was created in 1976 in response to proposals to demolish the pier. Now, only 30 years later, it looks like we need to save the pier again.

Ruthann Lehrer



That Rutherford Guy

john H. Whitehead

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Killing material need

EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE COMMITS suicide. And every three seconds, someone attempts to take his or her life. This means that in the short amount of time you spend reading this commentary, four people will commit suicide and more than 50 will have tried.

Given the fact that nearly a million people per year end their lives by suicide, in addition to the number of individuals (20 times more than actual suicides) whose attempts are unsuccessful, it is not surprising that the World Health Organization (WHO) now ranks suicide among the three leading causes of death for people ages 15 to 44.

In fact, more people die each year by suicide than by violent crime or war. By 2020, it is estimated that global suicide deaths could rise to 1.5 million each year. Furthermore, higher rates of suicide tend to occur in wealthier countries, like the United States, with their abundance of luxury goods, shopping malls, cars, homes, etc. The corresponding decline in mental health in Western society (in 2006, the National Institute for Mental Health found that 26 percent of all Americans are mentally ill) reinforces the concern that the source of our troubles may be found in the lack of meaning and spiritual fulfillment that is part of our increasingly secular and materialistic society.

In fact, our attempts to find fulfillment and happiness in material possessions further feed our sense of hopelessness. In her book "The Price of Privilege" (2006), clinical psychologist Madeline Levine points out that Americans are not happier today than they were a generation ago when the wealth of America was about half of what it is today. In fact, she suggests that Americans may actually be more miserable now, as evidenced by an increasing suicide rate and higher divorce rate.

Young people are also affected. Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate a surprising jump in youth suicides, especially among older teens. And as Levine explains, the depression rate for teenage girls from affluent backgrounds is as high as three times the national rate for all teenage girls. Pointing to the fact that well-to-do, middle-class parents are often overwhelmed with professional and civic responsibilities, Levine notes that teenagers are left feeling isolated, lonely and searching for meaning in other areas of their lives. They seek to fill this vacuum with material possessions and an unhealthy drive to achieve more. According to Levine, whenever material objects or external benchmarks are valued over personal relationships with friends and family, the spiritual development of the teenager takes a beating.

The problem, of course, is that our lives lack meaning — what the renowned Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung once described as a "soul-sickness." And our efforts to find mean-

ing through materialism, drugs, sex, professional achievement, etc., have amounted to nothing more than grasping for the wind.

The soul is sick from a lack of spirituality, and the cure will not be found in a pill. As Craig Hassed, a senior lecturer and coordinator of complimentary medicine at Monash University in Australia, states, "We are more often concerned with risk factors for depression, youth suicide, substance misuse and violence than the less-publicized protective factors, which include 'connectedness' and 'spirituality.'"

Having been sold a bill of goods by the entertainment industry about what success and happiness are all about — perfect bodies, flashy cars, spacious homes, attractive partners — we are unprepared to deal with

WHENEVER MATERIAL OBJECTS OR EXTERNAL BENCHMARKS ARE VALUED OVER PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS ... THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEENAGER TAKES A BEATING.

the soul-sucking emptiness that goes along with it. The cure for this soul sickness cannot be found in another person. It certainly will not be found in a pill. Or in a bottle. Or at the shopping mall.

Clearly, people recognize the need for something deeper and more meaningful in their lives. This hunger is reflected in the increasing popularity of alternative religions, in the success of films and television shows that address larger questions about the meaning of life and in the preponderance of how-to-find-happiness self-help books that constantly flood the market.

We have forgotten what the ancients knew all too well — that everything has a spiritual aspect. This includes our society. Thus, the true cure will only be found in quenching our human thirst for meaning and spiritual transcendence.

We are finite beings in search of the Infinite. And until we, as a society, find it, the materialistic mania of modern life will continue to drag us further into the pit of despair.

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HANG TEN: Tidal currents pack considerable punch so why not harness them for power?

Energy waves coming

Dear EarthTalk:

Alternative energy sources like wind power, hydrogen and biofuels are getting a lot of headlines these days, but what about efforts to generate electricity from the ocean's waves?

Tina Cook,
Naples, FL

As any board or body surfer will tell you, the ocean's tidal currents pack considerable wallop. So why wouldn't it make sense to harness all that formidable power, which is not too unlike that of the rivers that drive hydropower dams or the wind that drives wind turbines, to make energy?

The concept is simple, says John Lienhard, a University of Houston mechanical engineering professor.

"Every day, the moon's gravitational pull lifts countless tons of water up into, say, the East River or the Bay of Fundy," Lienhard explained. "When that water flows back out to sea, its energy dissipates and, if we don't use it, it's simply spent."

According to Energy Quest, an educational Web site of the California Energy Commission, the sea can be harnessed for energy in three basic ways: using wave power, using tidal power and using ocean water temperature variations in a process called "ocean thermal energy conversion" (OTEC).

In harnessing wave power, the back-and-forth or up-and-down movement of waves can be harnessed, for example, to force air in and out of a chamber to drive a piston or spin a turbine that can power a generator. Some systems in operation now power small lighthouses and warning buoys. Harnessing tidal energy, on the other hand, involves trapping water at high tide and then harnesses its energy as

it rushes out and drops in its change to low tide. This is similar to the way water makes hydroelectric dams work. Already some large installations in Canada and France generate enough electricity to power thousands of homes.

An OTEC system uses temperature differences between deep and surface waters to extract energy from the flow of heat between the two. An experimental station in Hawaii hopes to develop the technology and someday produce large amounts of electricity on par with the cost of conventional power technologies. Proponents say that ocean energy is preferable to wind because tides are constant and predictable and that water's natural density requires fewer turbines than are needed to produce the same amount of wind power. Given the difficulty and cost of building tidal arrays at sea and getting the energy back to land, however, ocean technologies are still young and mostly experimental. But as the industry matures, costs will drop and some analysts think the ocean could power nearly two percent of U.S. energy needs.

Several companies now work at the cutting edge of ocean power technology. Scotland's Ocean Power Delivery Ltd. has a wave system called Pelamis that it hopes to install in waters off of California's wave-battered central coast. And Seattle, Washington's Aqua Energy has installations off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia and is in talks with utilities about providing the Pacific Northwest with hundreds of megawatts of ocean energy within the next decade.

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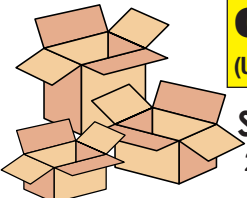


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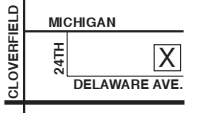
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Small hardware store thrives in shadows

BY MARTIN ZIMMERMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Virgil's Hardware in Glendale has been around — in one form or another — as long as the city it calls home.

Known for its quirky inventory and helpful staff, the store survived the Great Depression, retailing fads and sweeping demographic change.

But it almost didn't survive Home Depot.

When Tony Maniscalchi and his then-wife, Kaylen, bought Virgil's in 1996, the store was in trouble.

A couple of years earlier, Atlanta-based Home Depot Inc. had opened one of its mas-

sive orange home improvement centers a few miles away, and the outlook for the hometown competition wasn't good.

"Virgil's took a pretty bad hit when Home Depot came to town," Maniscalchi recalled.

How bad? The store's annual sales — more than \$6 million pre-Home Depot — plummeted to \$4 million in the year after the big-box retailer opened, Maniscalchi said. It had lost \$250,000 the year before he took over.

The new owners faced a predicament familiar to independent hardware dealers, coffee shops, office supply stores and electronics retailers across America. How do you compete against what is known as a category killer — a competitor so big and so rich that

resistance seems futile?

Mom-and-pop hardware stores across the country that couldn't answer that question have failed by the thousands as Home Depot, Lowe's Cos. and other big-box competitors expanded.

Since 1990, the number of independent hardware stores in the U.S. has declined 10 percent to about 20,200, according to the North American Retail Hardware Assn.

The association doesn't keep regional figures on closings, but the pressure on independent dealers clearly has been growing. Home Depot is now the nation's second-biggest retailer, behind Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Staying in business in the face of such for-

midable competition requires tenacity and the ability to learn from one's foes, said Ken Clark, editor of the trade magazine Home Channel News.

"If you're an independent and you want to survive against the likes of Home Depot and Lowe's, you've got to keep your friends close and your enemies closer," he said, quoting Michael Corleone in "The Godfather: Part II."

For Maniscalchi, that means sending his employees to roam the aisles of competitors, checking prices and inventory; deciding which items he can match them on in terms of value and selection; avoiding price wars he can't win; and stocking hard-to-find items that the big guys don't carry.

Justices OK lawsuit against researcher accused of breach

BY DAVID KRAVETS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Researchers could be liable for damages if they obtain private information through false pretenses, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The case, which attracted widespread attention by media groups who urged the court to dismiss it, concerns a University of California, Irvine, psychologist who published an article about a Solano County girl, who at 17 allegedly remembered she was sexually abused by her mother as a child.

The psychologist, Elizabeth Loftus, set out to investigate an article written by another scholar who suggested the anonymous girl

had repressed memory. Through court records, Loftus learned the girl's identity and interviewed her foster mother in 1997.

That interview was the main topic of the 101-page, 5-2 decision by the state's high court allowing Loftus' subject, Elizabeth Taus, to sue her for invasion of privacy.

To secure the interview, according to the foster mom, the psychologist said she was the superior of a psychiatrist who had treated the girl and who had written the paper about her repressed memory. The foster mother said she never would have spoken with Loftus had she known that she was not affiliated with the treating psychiatrist.

Loftus is a critic of repressed memory, which says victims during therapy sometimes

remember horrible events that they mentally had sealed off.

Among other things, the foster mother revealed to Loftus that Taus, now a Navy pilot, became promiscuous and started using drugs when she remembered her abuse as a child — "the kind of very personal and potentially embarrassing or detrimental information as to which a person ordinarily would possess a reasonable expectation of privacy," Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority.

The court ordered a trial on whether Loftus acquired the interview under false pretenses. No trial date has been set in Solano County Superior Court.

Loftus claims she never misrepresented herself, and the justices took no position.

A host of media groups had opposed the lawsuit, saying sources unhappy with coverage could claim that a reporter obtained the information from them by false pretenses.

The high court assuaged much of those concerns when it tossed the bulk of Taus' 2002 lawsuit against Loftus. The justices said the paper Loftus wrote was protected under the First Amendment and that Loftus did not violate Taus' privacy by using court records to paint a picture of her past.

Taus' attorney, Julian Hubbard, said he will pursue the case at trial on behalf of his client for "vindication of her right of privacy."

"This case is not about freedom of the press and those who seek to restrict it," Hubbard said in a statement.

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.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 par-

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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Redding man says 12-year-old is mate

By the Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA A 41-year-old Redding man charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl told investigators the child was his girlfriend and he loved her, court records show.

Kurt Andrew Hakmiller drove from his home nearly 600 miles away for a Christmastime rendezvous with the Ontario girl, who he met over a telephone chat line, police said in reports filed in San Bernardino County Superior Court.

Hakmiller has pleaded not guilty to three counts of committing lewd acts on a child younger than 13. He is being held on \$500,000 bail and a preliminary hearing is scheduled Thursday.

Hakmiller told police he originally thought she was 19, but he continued to profess his love after learning her age and told her he wanted to marry her, the documents showed.

After spending hours on the telephone wooing the girl, the relationship heated up around Christmas and Hakmiller arrived at the girl's home, police said. She introduced

him to her parents, who apparently believed he was much younger, and on Christmas Eve he took her to an arcade and an Upland motel, the documents alleged.

Hakmiller and the girl allegedly had sexual contact and he bought her makeup and lingerie for a second day together at the motel, police said. On their third day together, Hakmiller drove her to his Redding home, police said.

The girl's parents apparently consented to the trip because they believed Hakmiller wanted to introduce the girl to his family, according to the reports.

Hakmiller and the girl allegedly had more sexual contact in Redding, and he returned her to Ontario about a day later, investigators said.

The relationship was exposed when Hakmiller telephoned Ontario police from Northern California and asked them to check on the girl because he feared she had been raped in her home.

Officers found no evidence of assault, but the girl did disclose her relationship with Hakmiller to the officers. She told them he was her boyfriend and she was in love with him.

Body parts litter San Diego

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO A human head and a hand found Tuesday along two busy San Diego freeways may belong to an unidentified body discovered floating in a river, police said.

A tow truck driver spotted a black plastic bag containing the head on southbound Interstate 5 around 6:30 a.m., San Diego police Lt. Kevin Rooney said. The left hand was found by a freeway maintenance worker less than two hours later about 10 miles north on Route 163.

Police believe the body parts belong to a man whose torso was found Monday floating in the Otay River under the Interstate 5 overpass.

The area is not far from where the head was discovered and just 10 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, and investigators have

alerted Mexican law enforcement, Rooney said.

Authorities had no leads on the man's identity and asked the public for help.

They described the victim as a balding, 60-year-old white male with a mustache and glasses who was wearing a plaid shirt and jeans.

"There are no matches through missing people and to my knowledge no leads identifying him," Rooney said. "It's incredibly important to know who he is, because otherwise it's difficult to have a starting point for researching his work life, home life, love life, friends, enemies."

Supermarket surveillance photographs released Monday evening showed a man police believe to be the victim wearing a black backpack.

An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Landslide hits S.F. buildings

By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A landslide of rocks and boulders tumbled down onto an apartment building early Tuesday, sending 150 residents of San Francisco's North Beach district into the streets.

No injuries were reported, but at least four buildings were evacuated after the 3 a.m. slide, and officials shut off water and electricity to the structures.

City engineers were assessing possible damage as boulders and mud piled several stories high against an apartment building and the club.

"Fortunately, everyone had just left," said

Gary Marlin, whose management company oversees the Broadway Showgirls Cabaret at the bottom of the hill. The slide appeared to have caused a water main to break in or near the club, causing serious water damage, he said.

Residents were also forced to leave a 45-unit apartment building perched at the edge of the collapsed hillside because of concerns its foundation had been compromised.

Authorities were trying to determine what caused the slide.

More than a half-inch of rain had fallen in the city since Monday, according to the National Weather Service. More showers were predicted Tuesday.

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Where do mortgage payments really go?

WHAT DOES YOUR PAYMENT REALLY consist of? When a first time homebuyer is purchasing a home, they should remember that their monthly payment may do more than just pay down their loan. Mortgage payments usually consist of a loan payment and impounds for insurance and property taxes. Impounds are a monthly collection that goes towards semi annual or annual costs.

If you are looking to become a new homeowner, you will need to know what your house payment will be. Depending on the type of loan, it will either be a principal and interest payment or just an interest payment. For example, if you placed 20 percent down on a \$500,000 purchase, you would get a loan for \$400,000. At an interest rate of 6.5 percent the principal and interest payment would be \$2,528.27, while an interest only payment would be \$2,166.67. However, this is just the beginning. You still need to add insurance and property tax impounds, which can increase the payment by as much as 35 percent.

Behind the home loan the next largest part of a house payment are the property taxes. State of California property taxes consist of three separate categories: general tax levy; voter approved indebtedness; and direct/special assessments. Back in 1978, California voters passed Proposition 13 to control the amount of the general tax levy, which is limited to 1 percent of the assessed value of the property. The general tax levy can not increase more than 2 percent over the previous year's tax bill. Voter approved indebtedness includes taxes such as bond repayments. Finally, direct/special assessments are controlled by proposition 218. Services such as

sewer, water and refuse collection can be imposed without a vote but may not be greater than the cost of providing service. As a general rule of thumb, the tax rate is approximately 1.25 percent of the purchase price. In the example above, a purchase price of \$500,000 and a tax rate of 1.25 percent, the property taxes would come to \$6,250 annually or \$520.83 monthly.

When purchasing a house one of the most important things to include is property insurance. You'll want to protect what maybe your most important asset. Property insurance is a tool to protect your home. Also, all lenders will require some type of property insurance, to protect their investment in your purchase. Insurance rates vary from state to state and minimum requirements are always changing. In using the example above we will assume an annual insurance rate of \$900. Monthly, the property insurance is \$75 on a \$500,000 purchase.

If we add all the elements of the house payment from the \$500,000 purchase, we get a much larger payment than just adding in the loan amount. If we use the principal and interest payments of \$2,528.27 and add in the monthly insurance of \$75 and property taxes of \$520.83 the total comes to \$3,124.10, which is about 20 percent more than just the loan payment. Check with your lender to see what impounds are required. Some lenders may allow them to be paid directly, which, in some situations, can provide a cost savings.

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Consumer confidence rides high despite recession news

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK Consumer confidence rose to its highest level in five-and-a-half years amid optimism that the nation's economy is creating enough jobs, a private research group said today.

The New York-based Conference Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 112.5, up from a revised 110.2 in January. Analysts had expected the reading to be 109.

The February index was the highest since August 2001, when the reading was 114, indicating that consumers will continue to fuel the nation's economic growth in the near future.

A warning from former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Monday that the U.S. economy may be headed for a recession also dampened investors' moods.

The National Association of Realtors offered a more upbeat picture on the housing market, reporting on Tuesday that sales of existing homes rose in January by the largest amount in two years. Median home prices, however, declined for a sixth straight month.

The nation's retailers are counting on confident shoppers to fuel a spending rebound following a disappointing holiday season. A steady job market and a recovery in the stock market have helped boost overall consumer sentiment.

But a prolonged housing slump and sluggish job growth could derail consumer optimism and spending. A hot housing market had helped prop up spending, as shoppers tapped into rising home values for extra cash through home equity refinancing. And while the job market is still healthy, employers slowed hiring in January, pushing the unemployment rate to a four-month high.

Sales of existing homes rose in January by the largest amount in two years, raising hopes that the worst of the severe slump in housing may be coming to an end. Median home prices, however, fell for a sixth straight month.

The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that sales of previously owned homes rose by 3 percent last month, the biggest one-month increase since a 3.3 percent increase in January 2005, a time when housing was roaring toward the peak of its five-year boom.

The median price of an existing home sold in January dropped to \$210,600, a decline of 3.1 percent from a year ago. It marked the sixth straight month that the median price has been down compared with a year ago. The January decline was the third-biggest drop in history.

Analysts said that the decline in home prices was actually an encouraging sign that home sellers are starting to adjust their asking-price down and this should help speed the correction in housing.

"For the last several months I have been hemming and hawing on whether we have reached bottom," said David Lereah, chief economist for the Realtors. He said that the January report was an encouraging sign that the bottom for sales activity was reached last September with sales expected to stabilize this year.

But he cautioned that the warm weather in December boosted home closing in January, the activity that is tracked in the Realtors report. He said there could be a bit of a payback in coming months.

By region of the country, sales rose the most in the West, up 5.6 percent, followed by gains of 4.8 percent in the Midwest and 2 percent in the South. Sales in the Northeast were unchanged in January compared to December.

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Days on the Market

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Write-offs take bite out of taxes

Long before we elected him Governor — and probably before he was an American citizen — body builder turned actor Arnold Schwarzenegger noted, “From the time they get up in the morning and flush the toilet, they’re taxed. Then they go and get the cup of coffee, they’re taxed...This goes on all day long. Tax, tax, tax...”

Taxes are painful, yet regrettably a part of being an American, which also includes life, liberty, the pursuit of justice and the need for government taxation.

Thankfully, Uncle Sam is kind to homeowners, giving mortgage payers tax deductions that are not available to renters.

If you’re lucky enough to own your primary residence, there are pages of deductions you can fill out on your tax forms to save some big bucks.

■ Deducting your mortgage interest.

Homeowners get the perk of deducting all of the interest they pay on mortgage balances of \$1 million or less (\$500,000 if married filing separately).

Tax director John Battaglia, of Deloitte & Touche’s Private Client Advisors Group, observes that if you’re in the 30 percent tax bracket, and can afford \$1,000 a month for your home before you take mortgage interest into account, that amount is actually \$1,240 after taxes. Figure, if \$800 of that \$1,000 payment is mortgage interest, as it can be in the early years of your mortgage, you’ll get 30 percent of that \$800 back from the IRS, or \$240.

■ Maximize your home office deductions.

If you have your own business and run it regularly and exclusively from your home, you can deduct certain home office costs.

The government allows individuals to deduct various utilities, repairs, maintenance and other upkeep-related expenses. New furniture or equipment for the office are deductible when they are physically installed (not just purchased) by Dec. 31. These deductions can all be taken on IRS Schedule C.

■ Have a home equity loan? Deduct the interest.

The amount of interest you pay on a home equity loan up to \$100,000 is always deductible.

“It doesn’t matter what you spend that loan on,” Battaglia said. “You can go out and borrow \$100,000 against your home, spend it

on anything, even a vacation — and you can deduct the full amount of interest you pay on that loan.”

■ If you refinance your mortgage, deduct the points.

“When you refinance, you may end up paying a mortgage point — that amount is fully deductible, spread out over the life of the loan,” said tax agent Tony Bardi.

“Points” are chunks of the mortgage interest that are paid up front, rather than over the life of the loan.

Lenders may offer points in exchange for a lower interest rate overall. If you previously refinanced your mortgage and were deducting points over the life of the loan, you can deduct the remaining amount in the year you refinanced again.

■ Prepay your January mortgage payment.

“If my clients are looking to get a little extra deduction, I tell them to pay their January mortgage installment in early December, so that it’s credited by Dec. 31,” said Bardi. “That way they can deduct the interest on that payment as well.”

FYI — Beyond putting the check in the mail, the payment needs to be processed by the end of the year.

■ Ensure your property tax payment is processed by Dec. 31.

Pay the second half of your property taxes in December; if the state has processed your check before the end of the year, then you can deduct your tax payment.

■ Is a 1031 exchange right for you?

This is a great perk if your own more than your primary residence. According to IRS Code 1031, you can swap similar properties and defer any tax payment.

If you have a rental property worth \$200,000 and want to exchange it for another income property of equal or greater value, you can do so without paying any capital gains tax.

Be sure to talk to your accountant to see which benefits are right for you.

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Leveraging the good

WHEN FINANCING AN INVESTMENT property "leverage" is defined as "the use of borrowed funds to acquire an investment." Leverage can be used to increase cash flow, magnify the affects of appreciation and enhance the tax advantages of owning real estate. Leverage can also increase the risk or likelihood that an investor can lose equity, among other things.

The following simple example demonstrates the "good" and potential "bad" that can result from the use of leverage.

- Purchase Price (Value): \$100,000
- Debt (Borrowed funds): \$90,000
- Equity (Down payment): \$10,000
- Loan to Value (LTV): 90 percent
- Cap Rate (Unleveraged return on equity): 10 percent
- Cost of Borrowed funds (Debt): 7 percent

NEGATIVE CASH FLOW WITHOUT LEVERAGE:

- Investor pays all cash for the property (no leverage). Investor would earn \$10,000 per year or 10 percent on their money.
- Investor puts \$10,000 down and borrows the balance of \$90,000 for interest only at 7 percent. The investor will still earn 10 percent (\$10,000) but will need to pay \$6,300 in interest (\$90,000 multiplied by 7 percent). The total return is \$3,700 or 37 percent cash on cash return.

NEGATIVE CASH FLOW WITH LEVERAGE:

Investor puts \$10,000 down and borrows the balance of \$90,000 for 7 percent interest amortized over 10 years. The investor will earn 10 percent (\$10,000) and his annual payment for principal & interest is \$12,804. The investor would need to pay \$2,804 per year out-of-pocket to service the debt. The investor is increasing equity (paying down the debt via amortization) and enjoying other benefits of the investment but has a negative cash outlay of \$233.66 per month (\$2,804 divided by 12).

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In the two previous examples the market value of the investment appreciated to \$110,000 (good for a 10 percent increase). The investor could have doubled the money (\$10,000 equity plus the amount of appreciation). If the market went against the

investor and the investment lost 10 percent of its value, the investor would have lost 100 percent of their equity.

TAX ADVANTAGE

By investing in a larger property with a larger dollar value assigned to the improvements, an investor could increase the amount of depreciation they can deduct from their overall tax obligation.

In spite of major advantages in the use of leverage, the increased risk of loss should be examined. A decline in the general market as seen above and the risk of interest rate fluctuation (initial loan interest rate is less than the refinance rate or market rate available when it is time to sell) can create a loss causing a negative impact on value.

When considering how much to leverage a property, the investor should consider if the lender has recourse against the borrower should they need to take back and sell the property. If the loan is a recourse loan (as opposed to a non-recourse loan) the borrower could be required to make up any loss the lender might sustain on the sale of the property.

When considering an investment with leverage or debt, the quality of the tenants and the terms of their leases should be carefully compared to the terms on the debt. Long term credit tenants whose leases correspond to the terms on the debt provide more security to both the investor and the lender.

As a general rule of thumb, a 60 to 65 percent loan to value ratio is considered conservative leverage use by providing the investor the advantages of leverage but not putting the investor excessively in harm's way. By conservatively leveraging a property, the investor will also receive the most favorable loan terms possible because of the reduced risk to the lender.

As always, a consultation with a tax professional that understands the investor's specific tax situation is a must before moving forward on any investment.

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Blanco wants homes saved

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS Taking a middle-road position, Gov. Kathleen Blanco said the federal government should rehabilitate as many of its New Orleans housing developments for the poor as it can for immediate occupancy, while proceeding with long-term plans to demolish and replace some of the developments.

"There is definitely a crisis in bringing back housing affordable and otherwise," Blanco told a U.S. House subcommittee meeting here to discuss housing problems almost 18 months after Hurricane Katrina struck.

The subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, chaired by U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., heard differing views on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's plan to demolish about 7,300 apartments that make up four

sprawling public housing complexes.

Many residents and a growing consortium of preservationists and activists argue that the aging but solidly built brick buildings can be fixed and turned into islands of recovery for the city, housing thousands of families that are still displaced.

On the other side, a large segment of the populace and many officials on the state and city level are wary about rehabilitating the post-World War II complexes, arguing that they had become social engineering projects gone awry. They support the HUD plan to replace the complexes with "mixed-income" neighborhoods styled after historic New Orleans architecture, such as shotgun homes.

Crime and other social ills were a problem at the complexes, though social activists say they became so plagued in large part because social services were stripped.

BBB ad problem nothing new

FROM AD PAGE 1

work show's premiere, slated for tonight. Marketers with the network paid at least \$30,000 for the ads, money which was returned by BBB.

"We tried to accommodate them," Dawson said. "We asked them to send other art that we could use, but they said they wouldn't be able to produce anything within such a short window of time, so we decided to refund their money."

"Essentially, they got two free weeks of advertising."

The CW is a new network formed in 2006 following the merger of the faltering UPN and The WB networks. It is jointly owned by UPN and The WB's former parents, CBS Corp. and Warner Bros. Entertainment, respectively.

"Top Model," the brainchild of Banks, a former Victoria Secret model, is now in its eighth season.

A spokesman for the CW said that the ads being pulled was not significant.

Riders didn't seem to think so either. Vicki Bennett, who rides the BBB to UCLA where she is studying psychology, said she never paid much attention to the ads and didn't think they were offensive at all.

"It's just some ladies in bikinis," Bennett said on Tuesday. "I don't see anything wrong with that. You see that every day on the beach or in a catalogue."

"I can see some people might have a problem with it because of all the talk about anorexic models and poor body

image," Bennett continued. "But this is a show by Tyra Banks, who has come out against the industry for encouraging models to be thinner and thinner."

The modeling industry has come under fire in recent months for its ultra-thin models, with some countries banning bony beauties from the catwalk. The measure was partly in response to the death of 22 year-old model Luisel Ramos, who had a heart attack after living off green tea leaves and Diet Coke for the last three months of her life.

This isn't the first time BBB has pulled ads because of complaints from the public. In recent years, City Hall nixed spots hyping the series "Nip/Tuck" and the feature film "Ten Things I Hate About You."

In the case of "Nip/Tuck," a racy, superficial drama on the FX Network that follows two plastic surgeons in Miami, BBB received complaints about an ad thought to be too graphic and offensive, depicting a scalpel slicing open a woman's body, Dawson said.

As for "Ten Things," Dawson said too many people thought the ad was something BBB had posted. Big Blue sells ad space on the sides, front and back of buses, as well as on the inside to help offset costs. On average, BBB takes in about \$1.6 million a year from advertising.

"What we make goes right back into operations," Dawson said. "That helps pay for some of the services that people would have to pay for at the fairbox."

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Former UN inspector speaks

FROM RITTER PAGE 3

But in Iraq, there was no crime committed against the United States to justify war, Mladinov said.

Part of Ritter's talk focused on the American public's ignorance when it comes to American foreign policy overseas and about Iraq itself, as well as his criticism of mainstream media for regurgitating the words of the Bush Administration without question.

Ritter said he was driving one day when he heard the Green Day song "American Idiot" and realized something.

"It became so obvious that the American public doesn't know squat about the world we live in," Ritter said.

Americans, as a whole, were easily deceived by the Bush Administration that the late Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein was the "personification of evil," Ritter said.

He went on to criticize government officials who talk about creating a solution in Iraq when they actually don't know anything about the country. They don't know the difference between Sunni and Shiite; they don't know what is Wahhabism, an Islamic movement; and they don't know the difference between Kurds and Arabs, according to Ritter.

"You better damn well know the difference between those two (Sunni and Shiite) if you're going to talk about coming up with a solution, Mr. (Silvestre) Reyes, congressman from Texas, head of the House Intelligence Committee," Ritter yelled. "But we might want to remind Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, who appointed this man."

"I think she couldn't pass the pop quiz either. None of them can."

History will show that Hussein was actually the best thing going on in these times, Ritter

said. Hussein was a secular Arab who was not only against Shiite fundamentalists, but was also opposed to Sunni fundamentalism.

While the United States government accused Hussein for killing 400,000 Iraqi citizens in 30 years, the U.S. actually killed 600,000 of them in four years, Ritter said.

"We call him a war criminal for this, yet now we are in Iraq, we took apart the glue that held Iraq together, and we're doing the same damn thing, but even worse," Ritter said.

Ritter, a registered Republican, is anything but a fan of Hussein. The approach the Americans should've taken was regime change through an interaction that promotes growth of democratic principles, not change through invasion, he said.

Ritter, a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, was a Marine before ascending the ranks and ultimately accepting a position with the United Nations.

Following the talk, fans lined up for Ritter to autograph a newly purchased copy of "Target Iran." Santa Monica resident Rocco Anderson stood in line, grasping a copy of the book.

Anderson arrived late and only caught the last 15 minutes of the talk.

"I wanted to find out what somebody on the inside had to say about everything that has been going on with this administration and the war in Iraq," Anderson said. "It's good to hear someone saying what I've been thinking."

Some people wanted to hear what Ritter would say about the potential for military conflict in Iran. The short answer is yes — the United States will go to war against Iran, he said.

It's a thought that frightens Pamela Deliz of Santa Monica.

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It's a nerd's paradise in Santa Monica

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITYWIDE From the exclamation point of Yahoo! to the red, green, blue and yellow lettering of Google, Santa Monica has been hacked into ... by Internet and technology companies, that is.

Santa Monica and other Westside communities like Marina del Rey and Culver City are crawling with large Internet and technology companies, big names like Google, Yahoo!, MySpace, Symantec, Activision and Experian Interactive all call the city by the sea their home.

The list of reasons why the tech companies opted to take up residency in Santa Monica is a long one, ranging from the obvious — incredible amenities — to the not-so-transparent — having acquired a business that happened to be located in Santa Monica.

Experian Interactive opened in Santa Monica in May of 2005 after it acquired LowerMyBills.com, which was already located in the city. Rated in the top 15 Internet companies, Experian Interactive — parent company to LowerMyBills.com, PriceGrabber.com and ClassesUSA.com — plans to expand its current office space in the Yahoo Center in the eastern part of the city. The office currently houses LowerMyBills.com and Experian is working to relocate PriceGrabber.com from Westwood to Santa Monica.

“Santa Monica is a great place to live and

work,” said Ed Ojdana, chief executive officer for Experian Interactive. “We’re looking for talented people and I think Santa Monica is one of those areas that really attracts those kinds of individuals.”

With the beach, world famous restaurants and entertainment options, the city has the amenities that attract top notch candidates, Ojdana said.



Perhaps what makes the Westside so desirable for these tech companies is the talent pool from local universities like UCLA, Loyola Marymount and USC. It's a talent pool crawling with young graduates eager to jump into the corporate lifestyle.

“You see that anywhere you have a major research-oriented university that provides a lot of intellectual capital,” said Dr. Jason Cong, the chair of the Computer Science Department at UCLA. “If you look at Southern California, you see we’re in a very unique position with UCLA, USC, Caltech ... If you go further, you have UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara all within driving distance.”

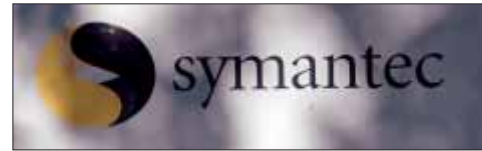
Many students from UCLA's Henry Samueli School of Engineering find their way to jobs at Symantec, Yahoo and Google.

It's a similar story across town at USC's Viterbi School of Engineering, where several of the tech companies have extended invitations for students to visit their offices in Santa Monica.



“Proximity is definitely a big incentive,” said Gerard Medioni, chair of the Computer Science Department at USC and director of the Games Institute.

Medioni has seen a similar trend arising with the video game industry, with Activision opening an office in Sunset Park and EA Games situated near Loyola Marymount. Since USC began offering a bachelor's degree in Computer Science with a specialization in games, video game companies have actively recruited at the school for employees, Medioni said.



Many of the students and professors from the local colleges also end up opening their own start-up technology companies on the

Westside. Cong was a co-founder of a start-up that was later acquired by a Bay Area company.

IT'S THE INSPIRATION, STUPID

The city and its beautiful beach views serves as inspiration for many people who work in the information technology and entertainment industries, said Miriam Mack, manager of the economic development division at the city of Santa Monica. The city is home to many people who work on the Westside and those people want to work close to their homes, Mack said.

In fact, the existence of technology offices in Santa Monica has more to do with executives and company decision-makers being close to home and amenities than anything else, according to Matthew Miller, the president of CRESA Partners, a real estate firm that works with technology companies. The firm represents almost all the major tech names in Santa Monica.

There is nothing unique about Santa Monica, Miller said. Technology companies are popping up all over the place in cities like San Diego and Santa Barbara. El Segundo, the South Bay and Marina del Rey are also home to dozens of companies. Symantec, which has been located at its Broadway office for 17 years, will move to Culver City next year, where it is building a new facility.

Santa Monica became an attractive option because it was one of the few places in the Westside where large blocks of space was available, Miller said.

But as real estate prices increase, technology companies might start opting for cheaper rent.

“If you look at where people want to live and if you look at where home prices are the highest, it's pretty well correlated,” Miller said.

The same goes for commercial real estate. “Rents are going up everywhere and Santa Monica is among the highest,” he said.

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Pair admit 'MySpace' is not their space in plea bargain

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Two New York men accused of trying to extort \$150,000 from MySpace.com by developing code that tracked visitors pleaded no contest Monday to illegal computer access in a bargain with the prosecution.

Two counts of attempted extortion and another illegal computer access count were dropped in the deal, which gave the defendants three years probation. Each had faced up to nearly four years in prison.

Shaun Harrison, 19, and Saverio Mondelli, 20, of Suffolk County, N.Y., were accused of demanding the money as a “consulting fee” from the News Corp. subsidiary. The pair were offering the code on their own Web site for \$29.95 and claimed to be developing an unbreakable version. MySpace had blocked the existing version after it was discovered.

The popular MySpace social-networking site — where people create elaborate profiles and personalize them with photos, music and video — is supposed to offer anonymity to visitors who browse the pages.

But Harrison and Mondelli's program collected e-mail addresses and Internet Protocol addresses, prosecutors said. Such information could have been used by stalkers trying to locate MySpace users, said Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey A. McGrath.

The men sold access to several versions of the code to computer users, who could then

apply it to their own MySpace profiles. That type of traffic monitoring violates MySpace's rules.

The men boasted they had around 85,000 registered users of their tracking program, but investigators have not determined how much information users were able to cull, McGrath said.

The plea bargain, also agreed to by Paul L. Gabbert, attorney for the young men, severely restricts their access to computers, limits them to one e-mail address each, and requires they do 160 hours of community service and pay MySpace \$13,500 in restitution.

Superior Court Commissioner Kristi Lousteau told the defendants that if they violate their agreement they could go to prison. She said they will be subject to search of their computers at any time and they may not access MySpace.com directly or indirectly.

The defendants stood before the commissioner and acknowledged the terms of the agreement, but neither spoke other than to answer “yes.”

Outside court, Gabbert said that the agreement came from “the recognition that they are young and made a mistake and to give them a second chance.”

He said they set up their business right out of high school, are going to college and “they will continue to be creative and not transgress the law.”

McGrath said the young men were discovered by the operators of MySpace and were sent a “cease and desist” order.

SMC'S Tsang earns high marks

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CHAT SESSION: Chui L. Tsang Ph.D. speaks to the advisor of the Santa Monica College paper.

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has opened and other projects are nearing completion, including a new history and social sciences building and the Madison Campus, which will add new classrooms and help relieve overcrowding. A new quad is also nearly completed at the Main Campus.

A comprehensive review of vocational programs is underway to give SMC officials an idea of which skills are in demand in the labor market and which jobs will provide graduates with a living wage. College officials are also looking at adapting curriculum so that students are better prepared to function in a world where there are no barriers as international commerce continues to boom, Tsang said.

"This college continues to be a real portal that serves so many people in our community and the mission we have been carrying out is really being done in a respectful way," Tsang said. "That is the kind of impression I want to leave with people. We really have a wonderful institution and we have to make sure we have the ability to educate the next generation, but also provide opportunities for those who need help accessing new information."

TIPPING THEIR CAP

While he has received plenty of praise, not all are enamored with Tsang, especially when it comes to the future growth of the college.

Residents in Sunset Park said Tsang has made an effort to meet with them and even invited residents to the Fourth of July celebration at the college. He responded quickly to concerns over a vacant lot at Pico Boulevard and 14th Street, and has made efforts to enhance public transportation.

That said, there are still concerns with enrollment.

"One of the areas we have not been able to agree on with Dr. Tsang is his goal to continue growing the enrollment of SMC by 1 and a half to 2 percent per year," said Zina Josephs, a spokesperson for Friends of Sunset Park, a neighborhood group with 533 members. "With a current enrollment of 30,000, that would mean up to 600 additional students per year. Our neighborhood does not have the infrastructure to support that ... So FOSP would like to see an enrollment cap of some sort at SMC."

Sunset Park residents have also complained about the expansion of the Bundy Campus adjacent to the Santa Monica Airport. Once again, neighbors are worried about traffic, particularly on Airport Avenue. The college is looking to use Airport Avenue to the west, which residents have objected too because it would dump more traffic onto already, heavily congested side streets.

"They still seem bent on disregarding the

impact on neighborhoods of their actions/proposals," said Susan Hartley, an FOSP board member. "They still ignore the dangers to their students and staff by not policing the 'no left turn' onto Bundy (Drive) from their campus as they promised they would. Dr. Tsang does send out holiday cards and invites us to the July 4th fireworks (show), but that, of course, doesn't ameliorate these other very serious issues."

Residents of Ocean Park have also expressed some disappointment with Tsang over the college's use of a beach parking lot nearby. Residents have complained about the number of shuttles used to transport students from the parking lot to the main campus and back. They came out in force opposing the City Council's decision to extend SMC's use of that lot recently.

As part of the agreement, SMC officials promised to hold several community meetings to address the neighbors' concerns. So far, only one meeting was held, said Ted Winterer, president of the Ocean Park Association.

"I think his intentions are good, but I've been disappointed by the community outreach on this particular issue," said Winterer, who said he sent several e-mails to Tsang and has not received a reply. "I and others in the Ocean Park Neighborhood felt let down, felt ignored. I recognize in this case they are educators, not transportation managers, but I still think that doesn't mean they could have made a good faith effort to meet with the people."

The college has made steps to limit the number of shuttle trips to the Ocean Park Neighborhood and recently purchased a parking lot on Olympic Boulevard and Stewart Street that will be ready to accept students in the summer. As for enrollment, Tsang said he would not institute a cap because that would go against the mission of the college. Instead, Tsang and his team are looking at expanding course offerings at satellite campuses, high schools and online. He is also committed to expanding public transportation to eliminate the number of car trips to the college, a major source of frustration for neighbors of SMC.

"I'm respectful of (neighborhood groups) and I hope they are of us as well," Tsang said. "We try to accommodate their requests, but at the same time we need to carry out the mission of the college."

"There is a lot of miscommunication that occurred before my arrival and we are trying to deal with it," Tsang added. "Ultimately, the only way we can improve the situation is by working on these challenges in a different fashion, just like we are doing with transportation. We have to approach issues with solutions that are much broader in scope."

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Transit green light

SACRAMENTO Getting to Los Angeles International Airport may soon be getting easier for mass transit riders.

Assemblymember Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) and Senator Jenny Oropeza (D-Carson) today introduced AB 889, a bill that would create a Green Line Construction Authority, with the sole purpose of connecting the MTA Green Line to LAX.

Currently, the rail line stops a mile short of the airport, turns south, and goes onto end in Redondo Beach. Since it was built, South Bay residents have not-so-lovingly referred to it as the "Train to Nowhere."

"It's time to fix this embarrassment," Lieu said.

"With the passage of the infrastructure bonds, there's plenty of money available, if MTA will step up to the plate. We're going to make sure they do that."

AB 889 would create in state law a single-purpose Green Line Construction Authority, similar to an entity that was created for the Expo Line. The Authority would have its own executive board, and would be able to bring together federal, state, and local dollars to construct the Green Line.

"Extending a key Los Angeles mass transit corridor to one of the nation's busiest airports is a no-brainer," said Oropeza, who chaired the Assembly Transportation Committee for two years and spent five years as a board member for the county's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Lieu and Oropeza are partnering on this bill with Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, who represents the airport and the surrounding areas.

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BASEBALL

Garciaparra healthy, ready for big season

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

VERO BEACH, Fla. Nomar Garciaparra couldn't help but smile when asked about the apparent power shortage in the Los Angeles Dodgers' lineup.

The question was reasonable, since the Dodgers ranked next-to-last in the NL with 153 homers last season and didn't add the big bat they were seeking over the winter.

“How did we finish in run production?” Garciaparra asked. Fourth, he was told, with 820 runs generated through a league-leading .275 batting average.

"Isn't the name of the game scoring runs?" Garciaparra asked. "Can we improve? Sure. We want to be first. You're never satisfied. I don't think pitchers going against us are wondering how we were scoring those runs."

After a brief pause, Garciaparra smiled again before saying: “The game everyone remembers involved power.”

Garciaparra played a key role in one of last season's most memorable games, hitting a two-run homer to give Los Angeles an improbable 11-10, 10-inning victory over the San Diego Padres on Sept. 18 to put those teams in a tie atop the NL West.

The Dodgers forged a tie with four consecutive homers to open the ninth — only the fourth time that's happened in an inning in major league history.

"You're just grateful to be a part of a game like that," Garciaparra said.

Garciaparra had several memorable moments in his first season with the

Dodgers, hitting .303 with a team-leading 20 homers and 93 RBIs.

After playing only 143 games the previous two years combined, he was named the NL comeback player of the year.

"I had a wonderful time," he said.

No surprise there, considering he was a fan favorite, which made sense since he grew up in the Los Angeles suburb of Whittier.

Garciparra had signed a one-year contract, so he became a free agent again after last season, and quickly agreed to terms of an \$18.5 million, two-year deal.

“I had other teams calling making offers — some amazing teams,” he said.

"I told them out of fairness to them and myself, I wanted to exhaust my options with the Dodgers first. I told them, 'This is where I want to be.' The Dodgers said they wanted me back. It was very easy."

Garciparra wasn't the same after straining his left quadriceps Sept. 15, and he finally tore it in Game 2 of the division series against the New York Mets.

"It took about two or three weeks to heal," he said.

“Right when I usually start to get ready, I started. I usually take two or three weeks off. After Thanksgiving, it’s every day in the gym. I accomplished everything I wanted to in the offseason. I feel great now.

“There’s stuff you can’t control. You go out, you come back, you just deal with it. It’s easier to give up. Injuries happen.”

The 33-year-old two-time AL batting champion has had his share, causing him to shake his head when asked about Cal Ripken Jr.'s record streak of playing in 2,632 straight games.

BASKETBALL

Livingston dislocates knee, may miss remainder of year

LOS ANGELES Clippers point guard Shaun Livingston dislocated his left knee cap and had to be wheeled off the court on a stretcher during Los Angeles' 100-93 victory Monday night over the Charlotte Bobcats.

The three-year veteran was driving to the basket on a fast break and went up from a layup. He missed the shot and came down hard on his left foot in a contorted manner and collapsed in obvious pain as the Staples Center crowd of 18,442 grew hushed. Play continued for another 18 seconds before Livingston was placed on a stretcher.

"When he landed, I thought it was his ankle," coach Mike Dunleavy said. "But when he hit the floor, you could see that his knee was dislocated and he was in tremendous pain."

Livingston remained in the arena for X-rays, which were negative, then was taken to the hospital for further evaluation.

Dr. Steven Shimoyama, one of the Clippers' team physicians, said he had to pop Livingston's knee cap back into place to alleviate the pain.

"The prognosis is still uncertain because we don't yet know the extent of his injury," the doctor added. "In our preliminary inspection, it does not appear that he had damage. But you need an arteriogram (an injection of dye into the arteries in Livingston's leg) to be

sure. Then he'll probably get an MRI."

Livingston, who was picked fourth overall by the Clippers in the 2004 draft out of high school, has been hampered by injuries and has yet to play a full season in the NBA. He missed 39 games during his rookie season because of a dislocated right knee, and another 12 that season because of torn cartilage in his right shoulder. Last season he sat out the first 21 games with a stress reaction in his lower back.

"I love that kid," teammate Cuttino Mobley said. "It's a tough thing to happen to him -- not only for the team, but also for our fans. He is really special."

Livingston, who has been sharing the point guard duties with 37-year-old Sam Cassell, missed two games in January with a sprained right ankle. He entered the Charlotte game averaging 9.5 points and 5.2 assists. Livingston had a career-high 14 assists in Saturday's 103-90 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

"He was playing well," Elton Brand said following the Clippers' 100-93 victory. "He just had one of his best games of the season against Golden State, so it was really disappointing. After he got injured, it was on the back of everyone's mind. We wanted to pull it out, even though it was a downer with Shaun going down the way he did."



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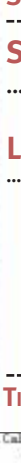
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	WVR Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	WVR Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	A+	WVR Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	F
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	WVR Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantauquel)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	B	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Ashland St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	C
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	C
Selena Canyon at Den Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	C
Maine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Melillo Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Sunbriar Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	C
Sunbriar Beach (beach location)—daily	F	F	Venice Beach—projection of Topsoil St.	A+	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach—lifeguard tower	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F	Duckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zone)	A+	A+	Duckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Duckweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Duckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	A+	C
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Duckweiler State Beach at Imperial River drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	B	Duckweiler Beach—opposite Hyperline Treatment Plant	A+	D
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	B	Duckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A			

LEGEND

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Gather your bills, Cancer

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You wake up on the right side of the bed -- finally. Though an element of confusion or even silliness might run between you and others, push and you'll accomplish a lot. Use your drive and strength. You will also find time to dote on another. Tonight: Like a first date.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might feel more grounded than you have in a while, but also others could be quite challenging, especially bosses, older relatives and those who have an impact on your life. Discussions with a partner draw much deeper insight. Tonight: Happy with the cat at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your verbal tendencies get you into hot water, like it or not. It would be a smooth move to prevent this issue from becoming anything more than it already is. Understand that another's logic might be more important than being right. Tonight: Carousing around with your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ If you had it your way, your expenses might be under control. The bad news is that you don't. Someone you need to answer to puts a lot of pressure on you. Be realistic. What is the right action here? Then do it. Tonight: Gather your bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Finally it feels as if you ate your Wheaties this morning. The good news is, despite opposition, with that extra Lion charm, you can move through any rough waters without being caught in a riptide. Tonight: Knowing that you are king of the beasts, what do you want to do?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Back off some. Many in your day-to-day life could be inordinately demanding and rough without intending to. Find a way around the maze rather than get into it. Sometimes detachment works much better than action -- like now. Tonight: How about some extra R and R?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ With humor and charm, you can turn any gathering or situation into a positive happening. Stretch your imagination, especially when dealing with a child. Don't you remember being that naughty? Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Stay in touch with someone you care about. He or she might be a bit overdemanding and pushy. You also could find the same situation at work and home. Know when to back off and maybe go to the movies! Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Decide to not get involved in another's issues or resistance. You don't need to wage war. Adjust plans to do something you have really wanted to do for a long time. Take off or try something totally new. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Work with one person at a time. You could be getting down to some basic issues that need thought as well as managing. No one says you need answers today. In fact, you might want to mull over certain ideas. Tonight: A long-overdue talk with a partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might have the knack of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, especially today. Loosen up and don't insist on putting your two cents in. Let others verbalize and banter. Listening doesn't mean you agree. Tonight: Consider an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Focus on accomplishment and getting the job done. You actually might be one of the few signs with that kind of focus, which means you might have more to do than usual. Someone admires your endurance. Tonight: Fit in a walk or get some other form of exercise.

Born Today
Hockey player Eric Lindros (1973)
actor Zero Mostel (1915)
singer Brian Jones (1942)



Happy Birthday!

You have far more impact on your daily life than you realize. You need to be careful to not become a workaholic and sublimate your feelings. Often anger could be an issue, though you choose not to deal with the feeling. The problem might be that you take out your fury on someone who has nothing to do with the problem. Learn to state that you are hurt before you develop anger. If you are single, be very careful with your choices. Someone might not be emotionally available. If you are attached, work on expressing your deeper, darker feelings in a way that your sweetie can respond. LEO always chips in on a project.

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Baldwin's gig

Brother Billy joins ABC's 'Dirty Sexy Money' cast

WILLIAM BALDWIN has joined ABC's drama pilot "Dirty Sexy Money."

The project centers on an idealistic young lawyer (Peter Krause) who gets to represent the Darlings, a rich and powerful family.

POSH EYES CAREER ON TV

As English soccer star **DAVID BECKHAM** prepares to move to a new team in Los Angeles, his wife, former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham, also is eyeing a new career -- in television.

A spokesman for the couple said Victoria Beckham, who rose to fame as Posh Spice in the pop group The Spice Girls but has since struggled to revive her singing career, was interested in appearing in a new TV show.

"Major U.S. networks are interested in a program idea developed by 19 Entertainment on Victoria but as of yet no announcement has been made," said the spokesman.

Reports that the 32-year-old singer and fashion designer was going to appear in a reality TV show based on her move to Los Angeles were dismissed.

The couple will move to the United States in August when Beckham begins a five-year contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team in a deal worth \$250 million.

The Beckhams are among Britain's most talked-about celebrity pairs but are lesser known in the United States.

The company 19 Entertainment, which was founded by Simon Fuller in 1985, creates and produces television shows including American Idol in the United States.

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Baldwin will play Patrick Darling, a senator with a wife and kids -- and skeletons in his closet.

Baldwin will next be seen in the indies "American Fork" and "Park," both slated to pre-

miere at the HBO Comedy Arts Festival this week, and in "Adrift in Manhattan."

Natalie Zea (FX's "The Shield") was previously cast as Karen Darling, a thrice-married socialite who runs the family foun-

dation. Also on board are Samaire Armstrong ("The O.C.") as Juliet Darling, a Paris Hilton-type heiress, and Zoe McLellan ("JAG") as the wife of Krause's character.



AP BALDWIN

Feeling good about DNA test

A lawyer for **JAMES BROWN'S** partner says an agreement has been reached over obtaining DNA samples from the late soul singer's body.

Lawyers for Brown's trustees wanted DNA samples to help sort out several paternity claims made against the singer since he died two months ago.

Brown's partner, Tomi Rae Hynie, originally didn't like

the way the trustees wanted the DNA collected, her lawyer, Robert Rosen said.

But both sides have reached an agreement on how to collect the samples, leading to the cancellation of a hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Rosen told The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

Instead, the lawyers plan to present an order for the judge to sign, Rosen said.

Rosen did not return a

phone message from The Associated Press left at his office Tuesday.

Brown, who died on Dec. 25 at the age of 73, has yet to be buried. His trustees have said it would be easier to collect the DNA samples before he is entombed in his final resting place.

Representatives of Hynie and Brown's six adult children have said they reached an agreement on where to bury

the singer, but have not made the arrangements public.

Hynie says she is the singer's fourth wife and has a child with Brown. She says she wants a paternity test to prove it.

Attorneys for the singer have said Brown and Hynie weren't legally married when he died because she was married to another man when they said their vows.

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Salon brawl causes trouble for Brown

FOXY BROWN turned up in a Brooklyn church to tell her side of the story of how a visit to a Florida beauty supply store went awry and ended in her arrest.

The 27-year-old rapper said she was dragged half-naked out of the store's restroom and then picked on by police officers because she is black.

"I was exposed from the waist down on the toilet," she said Monday at Brown Memorial Baptist Church in the Clinton Hill neighborhood.

"The only crime I'm guilty of is being a young black woman," Brown said.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, could face jail time if a judge decides she violated probation after she got in trouble for hitting two

manicurists with a cell phone in 2004. She has to go back in front of the Manhattan judge this week.

Police in Florida have said that Brown spat on the store's owner and then got into a scuffle with an officer in the parking lot. The incident occurred Feb. 15, when Brown and a friend stopped at the shop in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Brown said she was only going to the bathroom, but the store owner refused to let her finish and then dragged her out, still undressed.

Store owner Hayssam Ghoneim said he asked Brown to leave the restroom because he was closing up shop. But he said she spat on him, and that a surveillance video shows that the rapper left the



Photo courtesy

Foxy Brown may get jail time for her role in assault.

restroom door open the entire time.

Brown was charged with resisting an officer and simple battery,

police said.

The rapper is known for her sexy outfits and racy lyrics.

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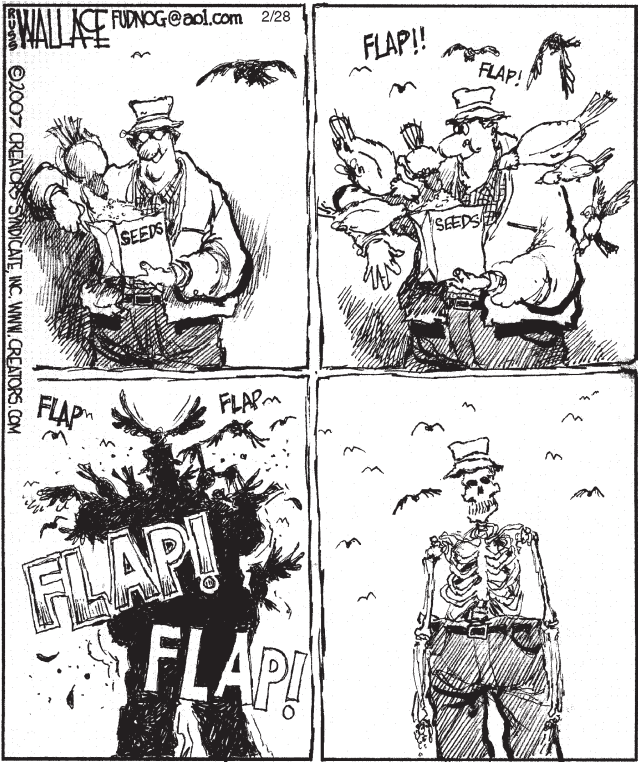
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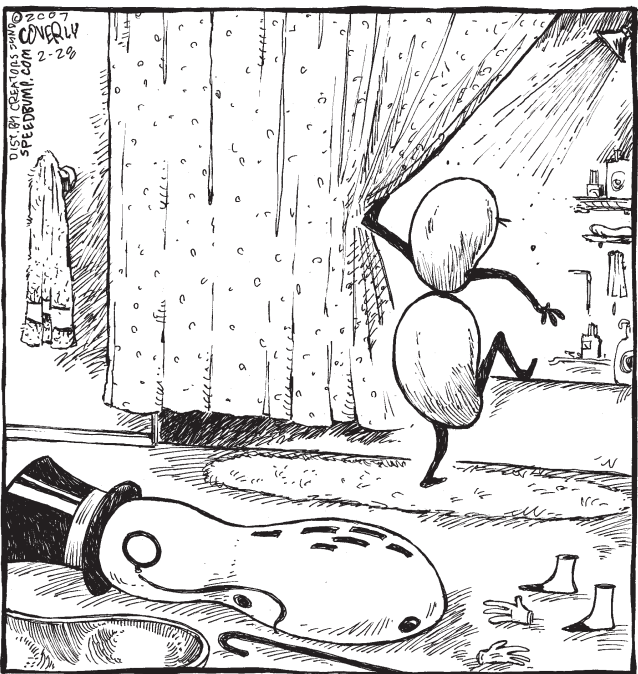
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ For two years now, Estrella Benevides, 46, has been painting messages on her house in San Mateo, Calif., and her prolificness has escalated to the point where all outside surfaces (including the roof) are covered with cryptic references to the Bible, conspiracy theories and episodes from her own life, and a local community board gave her a February deadline to remove the writing or pay a fine of \$50 a day. Benevides has said she can't remove the messages because they come from God and expose a worldwide mind-control cabal that uses witchcraft and technology, and that this is the only way she knows to warn people. According to court documents cited by InsideBayArea.com, her life has spiraled downward since she lost custody of a young son.

■ In December in Jerusalem, Israel's Green Leaf Party organized the first joint Israeli-Arab conference promoting the legalization of marijuana, which a party spokesman said would create a "common (cultural) identity" that could lead to peace. (2) In January, India's largest political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, sponsored compulsory yoga classes in public schools, but opposition was strong, with the All India Muslim Personal Law Board working side by side with various Christian organizations such as the Catholic Church of Madhya Pradesh.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1778 , the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

1859 , Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

1894 , comedian Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in Waukegan, Ill.

1895 , Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James' Theatre in London.

1903 , the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

1912 , Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

1920 , the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park.

1962 , first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

1979 , Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

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Obituaries



MARION SMITH

50-YEAR MALIBU Resident Marion Smith, 95, passed away February 6, 2007 after a bout with the flu.

She is survived by her children: Richard (and Jennie) Smith of Salmon, Idaho, Mariann Smith of Malibu and Robert Smith of San Francisco; grandchildren Roger Smith, Laurel Smith-Taylor, Beau (and Camilla) Baldwin, Danika (and Jonas) Weber; six great grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothy Gaylord. Marion's husband Rulon "Bob" preceded her in death at age 92 in 1993.

Marion "Mern" was born in January 19, 1912 in Foochow, China to Lee Ethel Ward Gossard and Jesse Earl Gossard, MD medical missionaries to China from 1908 to 1929. Marion met Rulon at U.C. Berkeley at the International House in 1936. They lived in Santa Monica for 20 years of their 55-year marriage, and attended the First Methodist Church.

Marion designed and oversaw the construction of the Malibu family home overlooking the ocean, which they occupied in 1957. In 1978 she retired from school nursing for the Santa Monica Schools while at Lincoln Jr. High. She was an avid gardener, prolific painter, horsewoman, member of the Malibu Art Association, and a docent at the Adamson House in Malibu. She was loved and appreciated by all who knew her. Burial has taken place at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Memorial Park in Westlake Village, Ca.

ELIZABETH (BETH) KNOWLTON died February 20, survived by children: Barbara, Frank, and Richard, and grandsons; Bryan, Christian and Eric. Services will be March 6 at 1:00pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica.

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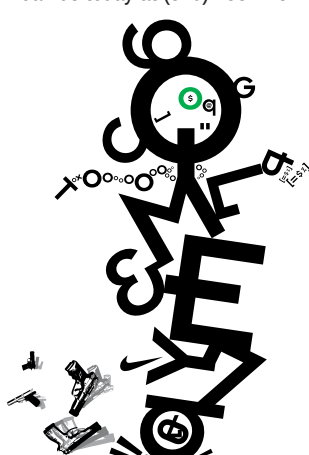
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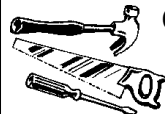
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