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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In January, doctors at the Sellan Hospital, Arusha, Tanzania, removed a toothbrush from the stomach of a 54-year-old man who had become the latest person to swallow one while brushing his teeth. And in December in Cortland, N.Y., Ron Tanner was captured after about a year on the run as a fugitive from a prison in Wyoming, where he was serving time for theft. Tanner is now the latest innocent man (the Wyoming Supreme Court recently threw out his theft conviction) jailed for escaping from a prison where he was being wrongfully detained, and he faces up to 10 years behind bars if convicted.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A vegetarian is a person who won't eat anything that can have children"

— David Brenner



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Charges dismissed against local union

Hotel workers plan to appeal the decision

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Charges of misconduct levied last year against the local hotel and restaurant union by workers in a Santa Monica hotel have been dismissed, officials said Wednesday.

A judge from the National Labor Relations Board, the national agency that polices labor law, didn't find enough evidence to pursue either the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees or the Four Points Sheraton on Pico Boulevard.

"We move on. We want to go forward, not backward."

— KURT PETERSEN

Organizing director,
HERE Local 11

Both were accused of illegally forcing workers to unionize.

Lawyers for the workers said they plan to appeal the decision. Labor organizers applauded the ruling and said the charges were orchestrated by a conservative group that represents big business.

"From the onset, we said these

charges are outrageous — and I think this sends a clear message that we were right," said Kurt Petersen, HERE's organizing director. "In my nine years working, we've never had any charges filed against us. But it's not unusual for the National Right to Work Foundation. They are a fringe,

right-wing group — and this is what they try to do, they try to harm workers."

Justin Hakes, a director at the Virginia-based nonprofit foundation, said his group will appeal the ruling and is confident they will prevail because of the "egregious nature of the abuses." The workers have accused HERE and hotel managers of coercing them into voting for the union through bribery and intimidation.

But James McDermott, a regional director for the NLRB, wrote in a Feb. 27 ruling that the workers provided only vague

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Voting gaffe gives Japanese visitor a ballot

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — After just a month in the United States, Mayumi Nagaoka, 26, a foreign exchange student from Japan, became a registered voter.

Her host mother, Flo Heckenbach, said she received official voter information and polling documents on Feb. 16 for a "Miss Mayumi Nagaoka." She then took the documents to her local polling place Tuesday, where she pretended to be Nagaoka and was issued a ballot.

Asked how Nagaoka got into the system, Heckenbach said, "She just got here from Japan in December. She doesn't know ... She went to bed in tears because I kept asking her about it. She has no idea. She just came here to learn English."

According to records, Nagaoka registered in January. She

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Steve Averill/Daily Press

Uncertain implications: Flo Heckenbach said she's worried about people hijacking the voting system. Her foreign exchange student accidentally wound up a registered voter in Tuesday's election after just one month in the United States.

Banks define school 'equity' by cash donations

Wells Fargo, First Federal view gift giving differently

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

When it comes to donating money to the local school district, the banking industry is on opposite ends of the spectrum in terms of equity.

Two area banks have made themselves clear about what they think of the local school district superintendent's proposed gift proposal, which would prevent wealthy schools from keeping the lion's share of outside donations.

First Federal Bank apparently is so supportive of the proposal that it has made the first donation — \$25,000 — into the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's "Equity Fund." Bank

officials said they support equitable education for all of the district's 12,800 students.

"On behalf of First Federal Bank of California, we are privileged to be the first contributor to this important fund and look forward to being a model for the business and philanthropic community," said Babette Heimbuch, chairman of the board, First Federal Bank of California. "The Equity Fund was established to

insure that all students have the same opportunities and educational support in each and every school in the district, not just those students living in more privileged parts of the community.

But officials from Wells Fargo, which has donated hundreds of thousands to local schools over the years, said the plan isn't fair because the bank doesn't have total control over where its money goes.

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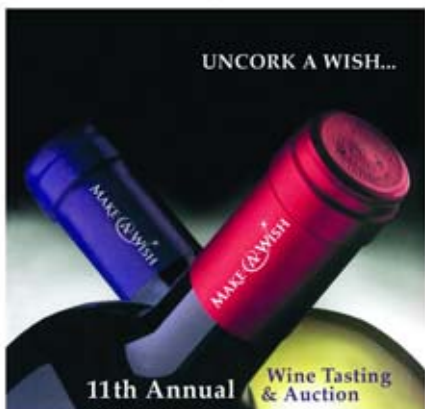
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Pressure builds on all fronts. You demonstrate your unusual ingenuity and solution-finding capabilities. Don't let someone push too far, especially with a financial commitment. You must make the call here. Tonight: Get into weekend mode a little early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You could be put off by a boss or key figure in your life who is pressuring you. You don't need to get angry, just express what is on your mind in an effective manner. You clear the air and bring a problem out. Tonight: Snuggle with your favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Ask more often, and you'll hear a different tune each time. You might be a bit put off by gossip or vague information. Make it your job to seek clarity rather than lose your temper. You'll gain support and respect as a result. Tonight: Hang with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate what might be needed to achieve the type of security you want. Sometimes you create difficulties when there are none. Establish greater happiness and flow in a relationship by expressing your desires. Do the same at work. Tonight: Work late, if necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You beam, but somehow that could make some key players in your life a bit testy. You drive a hard bargain at work, as you aggressively seek out solutions. Your creativity springs forth, and you manage to get a consensus and solution. Tonight: Let off some steam.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Examine what is going on, and use an event to open doors rather than shut them. Schedule a massage and/or workout early in the day or at lunch, if you can. Pressure builds around you without you even doing anything. Tonight: Vanish home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Take off your rose-colored glasses when dealing with family and friends. You might be distorting someone, and in the long run, hurting both of you. Discussions that could transform your ties ensue as a result. Communicate more creatively. Tonight: Read a book or surf the Web.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You have a very strong presence with others. You also discover that you could be avoiding some key issues on the domestic front. Use today to clear the air. Don't hold back. Talk. Finances play a role in your family life. Tonight: Evaluate a purchase. Do some price-checking first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take an overview, and you could make a dramatic difference in your day and also others' days. Your ability to see what others don't transforms situations. Don't overdo it at work, especially physically. Tonight: Try a new restaurant or new genre of movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Working with a partner could be confusing, especially if he or she cannot get the story straight. You might be angry or frustrated about a personal relationship or a child. Stop and regroup. Share your feelings for better results. Tonight: A quiet night for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be as confused as those around you, or you might be the source of the chaos. Work with others to clear the air. Refuse to give into anger and frustration. Let others lead, and respond as clearly as possible. Tonight: Seek out a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Don't hedge with a work- or health-related issue. In the long run, you might create more of a problem than necessary. Seek out questions, but not in an aggressive manner. Diplomacy can go a long way right now. Tonight: Veg out.

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LOCAL



Targeted animal services general manager steps down

By The Associated Press

SUNSET PARK — Embattled Animal Services general manager Jerry Greenwalt is retiring.

Greenwalt, 63, target of animal activists who have vandalized his Santa Monica home near Cloverfield Boulevard and Pearl Street by scrawling "murderer" on his car to protest the huge numbers of dogs and cats euthanized by the city, will retire April 12.

"Jerry Greenwalt has done an amazing job under extraordinarily difficult circumstances," Mayor James K. Hahn said in a statement this week. The mayor noted animal adoptions has increased and that euthanasia at city shelters has declined.

For nine months, activists have waged a relentless campaign against Greenwalt that included not only demonstrations at his house, but visits to City Hall, local animal shelters and Hahn's home in San Pedro.

"We'd like to think that we have something to do with Mr. Greenwalt's retirement," said Jerry Vlasak, co-founder of the Los Angeles chapter of the Animal Defense League.

Greenwalt, who had headed the Animal Services Department since October 2001, said the protesters and their concerns had nothing to do with his decision. He said he had worked nearly 33 years for the city, and it was now time to play golf and ten-



File photo

Jerry Greenwalt, above, says he now plans to golf, play tennis and consult.

nis and do consulting work.

"They flatter themselves," he said. "And if they say they won, what did they win? There are still 66,000 animals that the city of L.A. is responsible for caring for, and our staff will continue to do all they can to improve the plight of animals in the city."

Hahn said he appointed Madeline Bernstein, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to lead a search committee to replace Greenwalt.

The Animal Services Department's 250 employees handle more than 60,000 dogs, cats, opossums, skunks, rabbits and lizards each year.

Head coach at SMC retires

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's men's basketball coach has retired.



John McMullen has one of the nation's highest total number of wins. He won the last game of his career 75-71 over LA Valley College on Feb. 19. The win gave McMullen 529 total wins at SMC. Only a handful of coaches in the nation have passed 500 wins.

"All the numbers just seemed to add up," he said. "This is my 25th year at Santa Monica College, my 40th year in coaching and I am about to turn 65."

McMullen coached Camarillo High School for eight years, which included a state championship in 1972, after receiving his masters degree from Cal Lutheran. Before taking the head coach position at SMC, McMullen was the lead assistant for

Frank Arnold at Brigham Young University. As a player, McMullen was a standout at Reseda High School where he was a member of the first graduating class. After playing at Pierce College, McMullen played three seasons at Cal State Northridge where he received his bachelors degree.

McMullen by the numbers:

- 25 years at SMC
- 40 years coaching basketball
- 529 wins at SMC
- 652 wins as a head coach
- .689 winning percentage at SMC
- .670 winning percentage career
- 21.2 average wins per year at SMC
- 19.8 average wins per year at career
- 127 former players that transferred to four-year colleges or universities
- 8 conference championships
- 6 state championship appearances
- 4 coach of the year awards

surf report

The small mix of WNW windswell and SW swell will continue at many areas today. Expect knee- to waist-high waves at the more sheltered breaks. We will also have a new NW swell that will be filling in through the afternoon on Thursday and will hold into Friday but due to the steep angle only the better exposed areas will be able to pick up new waves from it.

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The Q-Line

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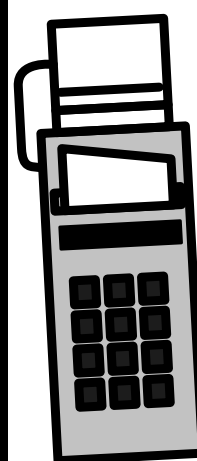
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LOCAL

A hole is punched in voter registration system

VOTER, from page 1

may have been approached by petitioners in front of a grocery store or some other merchant, and filled out the paperwork without knowing what it said, Heckenbach added. But the really scary part, she said, is that voting officials didn't catch the error.

"What concerns me is how many others did they do this on? I'm afraid people are doing this to get measures through and paying them. This was strictly — I know — ignorance on the girl's part, but I'm sure there are a lot of people that do this for a reason," said Heckenbach, who lives at 18th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Officials from the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office said the occurrence is not as bizarre as it may sound, but added they are beginning to enforce a new law that checks voter identities.

"It is an honor system here, that's the system that we have," said Grace Chavez, a spokeswoman. Chavez added the regis-

"I'm not making light that it's one person versus four million, I'm just saying that mistakes occur."

— GRACE CHAVEZ
Spokeswoman, LA County Registrar

trar's office does not investigate voters, but said each voter must sign under penalty of perjury that they are a resident of the U.S.

Chavez added the single vote should be viewed in context — pointing out that her office deals with an estimated 4 million registered voters in Los Angeles County. Asked later if there isn't the potential for wider abuse, she said, "I'm not making light that it's one person versus 4 million, I'm just saying that mistakes occur... be it on the voter's side or the county's."

Nagaoka's case is under review. Chavez said preliminary research shows she may have gotten an outdated form,

which could have caused confusion. Heckenbach, on the other hand, said county officials told her Nagaoka left blank the box indicating if she was a resident. She registered as nonpartisan.

According to procedure, officials from the registrar's office must review the voter forms to make sure they are complete and follow up with potential voters until all the information is in place. Beginning with Tuesday's election, Chavez said offi-

cials also enforced the "Help American Vote" act, a federal law designed to assist in poll worker training, among other things. Under the new law, first-time voters must prove their identity before they can vote, she said.

"This is something new — and we will continue to educate our poll workers and continue to get the information out to all the voters in LA County," Chavez said.

Meanwhile, Heckenbach said she didn't actually cast a vote with Nagaoka's ballot. Instead, she wrote a message on it explaining Nagaoka is not a U.S. citizen and handed it over to poll workers.

"Then I said, 'I'd like to vote in my name now, please,'" she said. But Heckenbach had to do some explaining before poll workers finally issued her rightful ballot, she added.

Wells Fargo donates large sums to 'wealthy' schools

DONATIONS, from page 1

"We believe the Equity Fund runs counter to donor wishes by not allowing the donor to target 100 percent of their funding to the school or effort of their choice," Wells Fargo Regional President Shelley Freeman wrote in a Feb. 12 letter to SMMUSD superintendent John Deasy. "Rather than providing equity, we feel that such a fund will in fact decrease contributions as donors learn that their wishes may be superseded by the Equity Fund."

But that doesn't appear to be the case thus far.

"We are thrilled and grateful for the generosity of First Federal Bank of California as its donation kicks off the district's Equity Fund," Deasy said. "My hope is that as the fund grows, and the community sees how the funds are distributed and used, an elevated understanding will bring more individuals, companies and foundations to follow."

Under Deasy's proposal, all schools in the district would contribute a certain percentage of their cash donations to a central fund, which would then disperse the money to schools based on their size and

need. Five of the seven school board members indicated last month they would support some form of a mandatory plan, calling it crucial in the quest for equity in local schools. A decision on the matter is expected at either tonight's school board meeting or on March 11.

Much of the opposition to the plan has come from wealthy schools in Malibu that far out fundraise their Santa Monica counterparts. For example, McKinley Elementary located on Santa Monica Boulevard and Chelsea Avenue, raised about \$30,000 from donors last year, while Pt. Dume Elementary in Malibu accrued \$300,000 or more. The stated goal for fundraising at Malibu High School is \$1 million.

It might not be a surprise then that the schools Wells Fargo has donated to are nearly all considered "wealthy" schools, meaning they get the most money from parents and supporters. The schools that Wells Fargo has donated to are Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Malibu High School, Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, Point Dume Marine Science School, Roosevelt Elementary School and Webster Elementary School.

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BUSINESS

Things to consider about asset management firms



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By John Kim

If you are like most busy investors, you may lack the time needed to identify a money manager that best matches your specific financial needs. On the other hand, selecting an appropriate investment firm is one of the most important decisions you can make — and one that most impacts the achievement of your long-term financial goals.

Selecting an investment management firm or mutual fund requires you to examine a number of important factors — not simply a look at past performance. Investors should carefully consider a firm's overall investment philosophy and process, its buy and sell disciplines, and the experience and qualifications of its key investment personnel, among other important criteria.

The following key points may help guide you in your selection of an appropriate investment management firm.

KEY QUALITATIVE CRITERIA

■ **Personnel.** The education, credentials and experience of a firm's investment professionals should be carefully evaluated. The ability to work together as a team is also an important part of this process. Who are the key members of the firm's investment committee? How long have they worked together? An inexperienced team, or one with a high degree of changes, may be unable to meet the challenges of a volatile investment climate.

■ **Investment process.** Investment firms need a defined process for the selection of securities. Sound portfolio construction rules may include specific diversification requirements, sector constraints or review procedures. A close examination of the firm's investment process may reveal factors — such as a loosely defined sell discipline or overly broad portfolio guidelines — that could damage performance over time.

■ **Implementation.** Investment managers should have a plan that assigns qualified personnel to specific tasks, delegates duties appropriately and ensures adequate supervision. Examining the implementation of a firm's investment process can help investors discover flaws that could lead to inferior portfolio construction.

■ **Research capabilities.** Is the firm able to produce original investment ideas? Or, does it simply collect large quantities of information from other sources? A firm's research capabilities and the quality of its research output is an important component of investment decisions.

■ **Business evaluation.** A firm's commercial viability and its success over time also should be measured. Relevant factors include incentives for key personnel, the firm's ownership and capital base, and its client servicing capabilities. The business evaluation may reveal evidence that could result in damaging staff defections.

■ **Quality of composite.** Most investment firms use composites — a collection of representative accounts — when reporting performance results. Investors should consider the number of accounts covered by the composite, the length of time before new accounts are included, how returns are weighted and other factors. Generally, investors should try to

determine if the composite accurately reflects the performance of a firm's current staff and research process.

■ **Dispersion.** Investors should measure the variation in account returns relative to the composite, taking into account the specific investment style and strategy. Examining dispersion can help reveal weaknesses in the implementation of the firm's investment process, or the unfair treatment of particular investors or group of investors.

To make appropriate decisions about investing with a particular firm, investors should look beyond short-term performance and address the many qualitative and quantitative factors that are more reliable indicators of investment manager quality.

The key criteria addressed in this arti-

cle may help you evaluate investment managers, but even these important qualities may not reveal the entire status of an investment management firm. Over time, changes are inevitable but a close evaluation of your investment firms may be the most important strategy to achieving your long-term investment goals.

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Wake up

Editor:

We moved our brothers and sisters
Off our swept business streets
With no food to eat ...
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We watch others push
Responsibilities under the Law
While we do the same
And give them the blame ...
Wake up.

We have our own excuses of problems
Too many to help another,
Misunderstanding to serve
One in Love is to serve Self ...
Wake up.

We disassociate ourselves from
Our brothers and sisters in need,
With a judgment in greed ...
Wake up.

We ignore many are Vets
Living the effects of the
Killing, beating, and dictating
Of war sponsored by our officials.
Wake up.

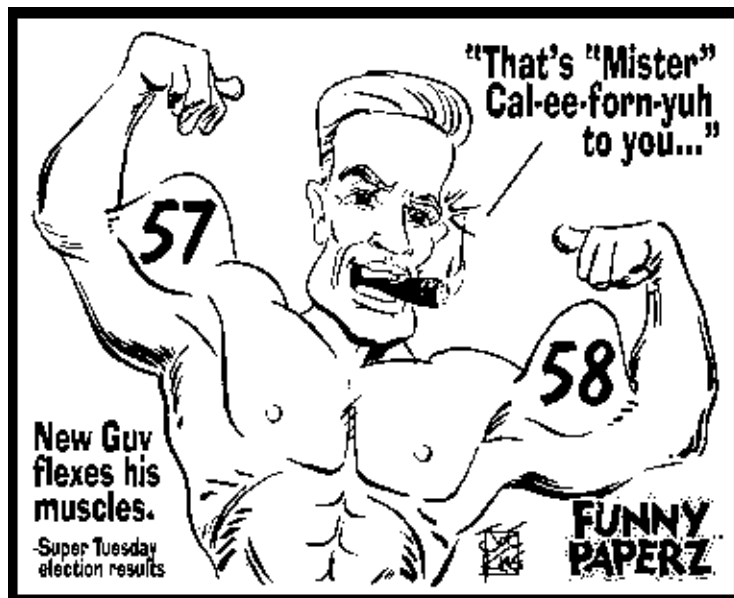
We casually walk by those
On the street calling for help
Calling for Love as if
They don't have a voice,
While we listen to anyone
in the propaganda box.
Wake up.

We say "it's not my concern"
Unaware that their need
Of something Higher is
Our own cry ...
Wake up.

We arrest and punish
The people whose hearts
Call them to feed
Houseless on the streets ...
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We'd like to think it's
Out of our hands,
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Hand-to-hand to ...
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California votes and lives to love another day

NEWS on the EDGE

By Ron Scott Smith



■ I cannot tell a lie. I voted for Armageddon. Put an inkspot on that little "No on 57" circle, right smack against the proposition that would save the state of California. Some fellow citizen I am.

■ "To vote it down will mean Armageddon for California," the vigilant Governor warned us. "You wanted the damn job, Arnold, so deal with it without putting my kid in debt," I thought, as I aimed a silver stylus into that anarchistic black hole. Any one of us stupid commoners could have come up with his solution to use the Visa to pay off the Mastercard, but now who do you think is going to be paying off the Visa? Some guy standing outside Wild Oats later that night, asking for my signature to OK a couple-cent raise in the gasoline tax was letting the cat out of the bag, and that cat was saying, "You're all going to be paying off that Visa, one way or another, suckers."

■ One way to deal with it that would leave the vast majority of working-class

Californians' money alone would be the one recently proposed by two local professors. But it received little attention, of course: Impose a one-time surcharge on the wealthiest among us. Too easy, right? It would generate in one year roughly the same amount the governor is about to borrow from Wall Street, and as Cal State Long Beach Professor John Bachar, one of the pair who came up with the notion, asked, "How much money can you spend on yourself?" Times columnist Steve Lopez identified the dilemma facing those who would be hit up hardest for the cash. "For the state's aristocracy, the hardship of a surcharge could mean having to settle for a \$9.5-million mansion instead of a \$10-million estate."

■ By the way, there were no chads left hanging or pregnant at local polling stations, because they've changed over to the "Ink-A-Vote" system. It looks the same as the old one, but the stylus you put through the hole to the ballot is more like a felt-tipped pen now and you just dab a little ink onto the card below. I wonder how many weren't aware of the change and went ahead and punched a hole through it anyway, making a mess of things. In many precincts around the nation, the ultra-modern computer touch screen was used, and it's touchy in more ways than one. With all the shenanigans down in Florida in 2000

using the old system, what tricks might a well-oiled political machine have up its sleeve in November with the new cyber-vote? Do you think Jeb Bush and Karl Rove might have a want ad running for the hottest hackers in America in case this pending battle with the war hero gets too close for comfort? Just musing the conspiracy muse, folks, part of the job. But this new hard-drive balloting, with nothing on paper anywhere to back anything up, looks like a train wreck in the making. High tech may have finally hit an arena where it's too good for its own good.

■ Back to that guy outside the Wild Oats, and the price of gasoline ... what did Californians do to deserve this? Oh yeah, forgot, we voted against Bush. We don't like him and he doesn't like us. Only trouble is, he's got Exxon, Mobil and Cheney. Gasoline prices around here have gone up 60 cents since January — and counting. Up around the \$2.40 range they've climbed, a half a buck higher than other parts of the nation. They say it's simply supply and demand running its course, but those without the economics vocabulary call it gouging. And with gas-guzzling SUVs hogging the skinny little streets of Santa Monica everywhere you look, sucking up all the gas, and in doing so, raising the price of all the gas, it's starting to get personal now. Apologies to friends and

family who indulge in driving the things, but it is what it is. And it's excess.

■ What would Jesus do with the \$500 million or so about to be pulled in by the gruesome cinematic portrayal of his final hours? Let's hope Mel Gibson is asking the good question, because Jesus would probably use every red cent of it to feed hungry kids. Gibson's blockbuster — an awkward term in this context — probably made with only love and best intentions, may not be intended to stir up hatred as many are saying, but you know what that well-traveled road leading to you-know-where is paved with. The New York Police Department has officially ordered its entire hate crimes unit to go see "The Passion of the Christ" — just in case.

■ They called it Super Tuesday but it wasn't really so super after all, because it was a done deal before it even got here. John F. Kerry was ordained the Democratic challenger to George W. Bush's presidency in the fastest settlement the Democrats have ever come to. The party that usually tears itself apart well into summer every four years has fallen quickly in line, singing in harmony. You'd almost think the fate of a planet was hanging in the balance.

(Ron Scott Smith has at least one thing in common with the enemy. E-mail him at EdgeoftheWest@aol.com).

OPINION



Attacks on gay marriage: It's deja vu all over again

In 1967 the Supreme Court ruled that the unjust laws prohibiting interracial marriage in Virginia and other states were unconstitutional.

In that particular case, a mixed-race couple had been charged with violating the "Virginia Racial Integrity Act." The judge who sentenced the couple stated, "Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with his arrangements there would be no cause for (inter-racial) marriages. The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."

Do the judge's words remind us of current religious arguments that homosexuals are defying the divine order by marrying each other? Present-day religious reactionaries are the distant cousins of those in the 1960s who claimed that it was morally wrong for blacks and whites to marry each other. Such ignorance and bigotry are with us again.

If we did not suffer from amnesia about what these reactionaries have done in the past, we would be aware of their despicable history of anti-Semitism, homophobia, racism and sexism. With the help of the mass media and spineless politicians, however, they have managed to put a positive spin on their ancient hatreds to the point where many Americans see their stand against gay marriage as representing the moral high ground.

Not once in U.S. history have religious reactionaries taken a position on human rights that is worthy of our respect. They have used God and the Bible to defend slavery and the subjugation of African-Americans, American Indians, Latinos and other racial minorities in the U.S. They have opposed equality for women, again appealing to God and the Bible to justify the pervasive

misogyny (hatred of women) that has influenced every social institution in the country.

They have opposed every public effort to improve the conditions of working people in the U.S. — including the formation of labor unions, minimum-wage legislation, child-labor protection, and health and safety regulations.

They have supported every racist war engaged in by the U.S., including the longest of all: The nearly 300-year conflict against Native Americans that commenced in New England in the early 17th century and ended with the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee in South Dakota with the slaughter of 350 unarmed Lakota Sioux — most of whom were women, children and old men. Such genocidal violence has always received the blessing of rightist religious leaders — from the Jerry Fallwells, Billy Grahams

and Pat Robertsons of their time.

The long and sordid right-wing religious bigotry comes to the present with attacks on gay men and women who have defied unjust law and customs to declare their love for each other.

If we examine the actual historical record, as opposed to the fairy tales we picked up in schools and the mass media, we would have to ask: How can religious reactionaries who have been dead wrong on every important issue in our history presume to lecture us about right and wrong? How did they pull off one of the great cons in American history, that they stand for compassion, decency and justice?

The religious right has attacked people because of their class, ethnicity, gender and race. Its latest siren song of hatred must be opposed with all the intellectual and moral fiber we have.

(John Marciano is the former chair of the New York Human Rights Commission and a Santa Monica resident.)

Guest Commentary

By John Marciano

It's no potluck for the chocolate chip cookie



INSIDE & OUT

By Amy Perritt

I went to a cookie party the other day. If you're ever invited to one, I highly recommend you go. Imagine. A table full of cookies in all different flavors, sizes and shapes for you to eat. It's heavenly.

But don't just be thinking with your sweet tooth. Be prepared. It's not the traditional potluck where you are responsible for bringing the one and only appetizer, so everyone at the party has to eat it whether they like it or not.

At a cookie party, your cookies are positioned next to an assortment of others to choose from, some backed by over 20 years of baking experience. No one cares if you had to go to three different grocery stores to find the needed ingredients. No one cares that you left work early the night before the party to get home to bake three dozen cookies. No one cares if your first batch burned and you had to throw out the pan and make more dough.

Unlike men who stuff 10 in their mouth before ever leaving the kitchen, women don't eat more than two cookies in one day, at least not at a party with everyone

watching. So you have to ensure all of the women will choose one of your cookies as one of their two.

Your cookie's first impression is what counts.

It has to be different but recognizable. Let's face it, women want to know what they're eating and they don't want to have to question the condition of the kitchen from whence food came. And the cookie has to have some element of calorie risk (eg: chocolate chips) because ... well because we're women and if we're going to succumb to something fattening we might as well make it worthwhile.

By the way, being a new recruit to cookie parties meant that I didn't know any of this — or other important success factors — beforehand. The invitation I received in the mail explained that each woman was to bring 36 cookies and 12 copies of the recipe. Dinner and beverages would be provided. It was to be a Valentine's Day celebration.

My initial concern was ensuring I managed my schedule so that I could go, would have a night to bake, and get in a long run the morning of the event so that I could eat lots of cookies.

Then one day at work my colleague told me about the new KrumKake iron (pronounced crumb-ka-ka) she had bought to make her Scandinavian cookies. Another colleague mentioned she was

making peanut butter fudge. My focus started to change. Instead of supervising my daily calorie intake, I began to wonder whether my chocolate chip oatmeal cookies — a recipe passed down to my mother from hers — was going to hold up.

"Babe, I'm going to a cookie party tomorrow night," I said, reaching out to my husband.

"That's great. Be sure to bring some home," he said.

"This is very stressful." I couldn't believe his insensitivity.

"Huh? Isn't it supposed to be fun?"

I looked at him stunned but then smiled lovingly. He never remembers when we have a party to go to. Of course he didn't get it.

With my Tupperware container full of cookies sitting on my lap, I drove with my colleague to the party. Once all of the women had arrived, my friend's dining room table was an extraordinary exhibit of cookies ranging from sugar-sprinkled, chocolate shortbreads to carrot cookies that were sandwiching a layer of cream cheese.

There were heart-shaped cookies with pink icing and words like "Love" scripted across the tops, displayed on a pedestal cake dish. Next to it was a basket with cookies intermingled with fresh lavender twigs. My favorite was the shortbread cookies made with Pringles potato chips. In my mind, these tasty pleasures (that

melted in your mouth) could have won a gold ribbon, whether they were on Limoges china or saran wrap.

We were told to place the recipe next to our plate. I had typed my recipe, centered it in the middle of the page and bolded the title. Luckily I forgot my copies. Recipes were printed on pink stationary with roses while others were on colored cue cards with ribbons. For the few that used 8 1/2 x 11, clip art of jugs of milk and colored photos of the actual cookie ornamented the paper.

I pulled my lumpy cookies, shaped like variations of a dish rag, out of the container and placed them on a sheet of wrinkly tinfoil. Then I noticed a plate of oatmeal cookies, dashed with bright red cranberries on display two plates down. All 36 of them were perfectly circular and a faint tan color like they had just spent a peaceful afternoon sunning.

Is this what it feels like to walk into a prom wearing the same dress as someone else?

"My peanut butter fudge won't stop melting," my colleague confessed while setting up her plate. I smiled supportively and did what any good baker would do. I ate one of my own cookies but didn't count it against my two.

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Snowboarder lost for days in Sierra loses both feet

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A former Olympic hockey player who endured nearly a week in the Sierra after getting lost while snowboarding had to have both his feet amputated, but he said Wednesday that he feels lucky to be alive — and vowed to ride again.

"I feel rich. I've never been a happier man than I am right now," Eric Lemarque, 34, said from a wheelchair during a news conference at the Grossman Burn Center at Sherman Oaks Hospital. "God has saved me."

Lemarque wore a red hockey jersey and his legs were swathed in bandages.

On Sunday, surgeons amputated both of Lemarque's feet at the ankles because of frostbite. He was scheduled to undergo a follow-up procedure Thursday to remove much of the rest of his lower legs, leaving tissue about 6 inches below the knee.

His feet had lost circulation and gan-

grene had set in.

"Unfortunately, frostbite to this extent ... calls its own fate," said Dr. Peter Grossman, associate medical director of the center. "There's nothing much that we can do."

Lemarque said he was snowboarding alone on Feb. 6 at Mammoth Mountain ski resort when he deliberately left the marked boundaries of a run and became disoriented. He wandered for miles down the mountain's western slopes, which were covered in up to 15 feet of snow.

A search began five days later and he was found Feb. 13, sprawled in the snow, conscious but barely moving.

Lemarque said he survived by eating pine nuts, bark and a few sticks of bubble gum. He slept on pine needles and branches to keep dry. He had matches but they were too wet to light.

Lemarque said he knew early on that he would lose his feet.

"I couldn't get a boot on. I was walking in the snow with one foot in a boot, with no socks on either foot."

His feet were "pretty purple, pretty red ... I just couldn't get 'em warm."

He used his MP3 player as a signaling mirror without success. He also listened to its radio signal to orient himself and was heading back up the mountain when a helicopter found him.

It was only on the last day, he said, that he began to lose hope of rescue.

"I found myself trying to walk and falling over, and I started to become a little bit disorganized in my thoughts," he said. "I started to dream about actually getting saved and I started to think that, 'hey, this is a game and I want to reset the button.'"

The helicopter "was a sight I'll never

forget," he said. "It warmed me to know that I was going to be all right."

Doctors said he could take his first steps using temporary prostheses in six to eight weeks.

Lemarque said he wants to return to the slopes as soon as his injuries heal.

"I'll be snowboarding next season," he said.

Lemarque said the experience has brought him closer to his parents, who are divorced, and has made him re-examine his life and appreciate it more.

"This could be the greatest experience of my life," he said.

Loews union election ongoing

CHARGES, from page 1

evidence in support of their charges, adding some of the charges came after the associated statute of limitations had expired, which meant they weren't considered.

Many of Santa Monica's large hotels are not unionized, including Shutters on the Beach, Le Merigot and Casa Del Mar.

Four Points last year became the most recent Santa Monica hotel with a union presence. It joined the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and the Viceroy, which are both already unionized, and Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, where union officials are conducting a "card-check election."

It's that type of election that Hakes' group takes issues with. He claims a card-check election is not an election at all, but rather a "top-down unionizing drive," because, once agreed upon with managers, it gives union officials an extended period of time to gather signatures from workers. The process is unfair, Hakes argues, because it allows union organizers

to coerce workers one by one. And once managers agree to let union officials conduct a card-check election, unionization always follows, he said.

"If the HERE union did enjoy a true majority of support of the workers, they could have simply agreed to the traditional, government-supervised secret ballot election, as is the norm," Hakes said.

Petersen countered that the process was followed according to law. He said the workers agreed to unionize because of the benefits associated with it — like paid lunch hours, increased salaries and reduced workload.

"I mean look, we've had a majority in that place for well over a year," said Petersen, whose group has since turned its efforts towards the non-unionized Doubletree on Fourth Street. "And the law says that employers can recognize the unions with a majority on cards ..."

"We move on," Petersen added. "We want to go forward, not backward. That's the point here."

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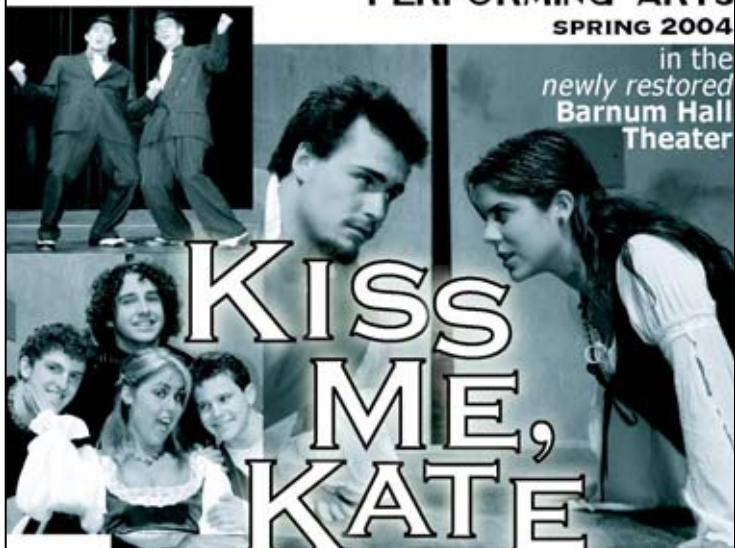
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Kerry begins process of selecting running mate after Super Tuesday victories

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hours after staking claim to the Democratic nomination for president with decisive Super Tuesday victories, John Kerry began laying the groundwork Wednesday for selecting a running mate for the struggle to unseat President Bush.

Kerry told reporters during a campaign trip to Florida that he expects to announce soon the process by which he will choose the No. 2 person for the Democratic ticket. His campaign said details might be released as early as Wednesday.

Jim Johnson, a prominent Washington Democrat, was chosen to lead Kerry's selection process. Johnson, vice president of a merchant banking firm, once worked for former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Senior advisers said it was possible, but not likely, that Kerry would choose a nominee well before the Democratic nominating convention in his hometown of Boston in July.

Kerry was moving quickly to seize the reins of the Democratic National Committee. His aides met with DNC staff Wednesday to discuss the party's plans to integrate its apparatus with Kerry's operation. The plans call for Kerry naming a "general election director" who would oversee the DNC's activities for the November contest.

Campaigning in battleground state Florida, Kerry received the endorsement of the two Democratic senators — Bob Graham, a former presidential candidate, and Bill Nelson.

Kerry's New York-to-California victories in the 10-state Super Tuesday series knocked the fight out of his spirited rival, John Edwards. The North Carolina senator, who had been the only one left with the ghost of a chance against Kerry, let the word out that he was quitting even before polls closed in the West and just as Minnesotans gathered in caucuses.

The Democrat-to-Democrat sniping was over, replaced by calls for unity, and Kerry is left with his hard-fought reward.

"Tonight, the message can now be heard all across our country: Change is coming to America," said Kerry, 60, a four-term Massachusetts senator whose understated ways disguise a hotly competitive streak. "We will fight to give America back its future and its hope."

There were grace notes in the first blush of his victory: a polite exchange with Bush, who called to congratulate him. There is to be no grace period in their campaign fight.

The Republican president opens a multimillion-dollar TV ad blitz Thursday to try to win back favor in a time of slipping poll numbers, and has a war chest of more than \$100 million to draw from in the months ahead, more than Kerry can muster.

Vice President Dick Cheney criticized

Kerry on the airwaves Tuesday as a frequent foe of defense and intelligence budgets, seeking to neutralize Kerry's draw as a decorated Vietnam veteran and his Senate experience in foreign policy.

And the courteous phone call aside, Kerry kept up the drumbeat of recent weeks against Bush, giving him no quarter on the war on terrorism or anything else. "The Bush administration has run the most inept, reckless, arrogant and ideological foreign policy in the modern history of our country," he told supporters.

Kerry dominated the six-week

**"Tonight, the message
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 our country: Change is
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— **JOHN KERRY**
 Presidential candidate

Democratic competition from the Iowa caucuses on, once he shook off a torpid start and overcame the fading phenomenon of Howard Dean. He has won 27 of 30 contests, putting him well on his way to winning the nomination formally once he has collected 2,162 delegates.

The Super Tuesday states awarded a mother lode of 1,151 delegates, more than half those needed, and pushed Kerry's total to nearly 1,500. Kerry won nine of the 10 states Tuesday, losing only in Vermont, where voters made Dean, their former governor, the sentimental favorite even though he ended his campaign two weeks ago.

In all regions and among practically all groups, voters interviewed about their choice spoke of making the same political calculation.

That imperative helped him win Tuesday in states such as Ohio, Minnesota and Georgia, even though Kerry backed trade agreements that voters blamed for costing their communities jobs.

"I really want to win," Angie Kline, a St. Paul, Minn., caucus-goer, said in explaining her vote for Kerry. "Kerry has the breadth of experience. He's had umpteen years in the Senate working on both domestic and foreign policy issues."

Although relentlessly upbeat and dogged, Edwards knew he had to quit, and aides tipped his hand on that plan on the eve of his formal departure. "We have been the little engine that could," the North Carolina senator told supporters.

Edwards immediately started closing ranks with his rival, calling Kerry an "extraordinary advocate for jobs, better health care, a safer world," and declaring, "These are the causes of our party, these are the causes of our country, and these are the causes we will prevail on come November."

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Suspects detained after suicide attacks

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi police and U.S. troops detained 15 people, including four thought to be Iranian, in the devastating suicide attacks against Shiite Muslim pilgrims in Baghdad and Karbala, an official said Wednesday.

Authorities were trying to sort out the number of dead in Tuesday's near-simultaneous blasts at Shiite holy shrines and how militants staged Iraq's bloodiest attacks since the war ended.

The American count of the dead was revised down, from 143 to 117, a senior coalition official said Wednesday. But Iraq's Health Ministry said 185 people were killed, and some unofficial Iraqi death totals were as high as 230. Estimates of the wounded ranged from 300 to more than 400.

The confusion reflected the chaos Tuesday, when suicide attackers set off bombs and explosives among thousands of pilgrims who were gathered in the two cities for the holiest day of the Shiite calendar, the mourning ceremony of Ashoura.

The attacks forced the delay of a milestone in the path toward the U.S. handover of power to the Iraqis on June 30 — the planned Thursday signing of an interim constitution agreed to by council members this week. Iraq's top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said the signing would be delayed as the Governing Council declared a three-day mourning period.

Military chief threatens to arrest Aristide

By The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebels began patrolling the capital as their leader Guy Philippe declared himself military chief and threatened to arrest the prime minister, raising fears of reprisals against supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

U.S. Marines, who arrived along with French forces in recent days to secure diplomatic missions and other sites, barely ventured out of the city's airport. Marine

Col. Dave Berger said his forces will increase their presence throughout the Caribbean nation following Philippe's comments.

"The country is in my hands!" Philippe announced Tuesday on the radio, in between touring the city in the back of a pickup truck and greeting throngs of admirers.

Philippe also told reporters, "I am the chief," then clarified that he meant "the military chief."

Philippe, who arrived in Port-au-Prince in a rebel convoy on Monday, apparently plans to transform his fighters into a reconstituted Haitian army. The army ousted Aristide in 1991 but then was disbanded by him in 1995, a year after he was returned to power by 20,000 American troops.

Elizabeth Smart resumes teenage life

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart's boyfriends, curfew, messy room and overused cell phone would seem to support her parents' assessment that she's a normal, independent 16-year-old girl.

Her father, Ed Smart, considers it a miracle.

"It's like she just dropped back in and proceeded from where she left off," Ed Smart said, speaking to The Associated Press on Tuesday at the family's Salt Lake City home.

March 12 is the one-year anniversary of Elizabeth's return home after a nine-month abduction that drew worldwide attention. Ed and Lois Smart are promoting an upcoming initiative aimed at educating children about safety and self-defense called Partners in Safety.

On the anniversary, open houses are planned at police stations and city halls across Utah. The Utah Girl Scouts and radKIDS, which teaches self-defense tips, will be on hand to teach techniques to empower children.

Elizabeth was taken at knifepoint from her bedroom on June 5, 2002. Prosecutors say Brian David Mitchell, a drifter and self-styled prophet, and his wife, Wanda Barzee, held Elizabeth against her will.

Mars once a water-logged planet?

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mars may once have been a wet place where life could flourish, according to NASA scientists who say a robot rover has found evidence that rocks on the Red Planet "were once soaked with liquid water."

"The ground would have been suitable for life," said Steve Squyres of Cornell University, the lead investigator for science instruments on the rover Opportunity. "That doesn't mean life was there. We don't know that."

Mars now is cold and dry and there is no apparent evidence of life on its barren surface. Nor have robot craft that have visited the planet found any direct evidence of life.

But Squyres said Tuesday that chemical and geological clues gathered by Opportunity give dramatic proof that liquid water coursed over the rocks and soils at that spot on Mars at some time in the planet's history.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists said they still don't know how long a life-friendly environment lasted, whether the water collected in surface pools or underground or when in the long history of Mars the liquid water existed.

Congress steps in on gay marriage issue

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is taking its first steps toward what promises to be a divisive election-year battle over a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages.

Using the Massachusetts high court ruling permitting same-sex marriages as an impetus, the Senate Judiciary Constitution subcommittee is focusing on whether judges are overstepping their bounds and eroding traditional marriage.

Gay rights supporters are fighting back, framing the issue as America's next civil rights battle.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he called Wednesday's hearing to examine the "judicial invalidation of traditional marriage laws." Cornyn supports a constitutional amendment protecting traditional marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

In November, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled 4-3 that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry. Thousands of gay weddings have been performed in San Francisco since Feb. 12, when the city began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

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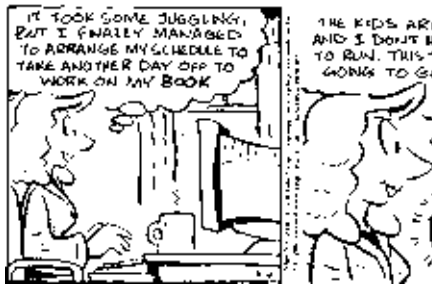
LISA GRACE-KELLOGG SBN 191988, Attorney, at Law 210 S. Spring Street Los Angeles, California, 90012 Telephone: (213) 628-4384 Attorney for Petitioner. SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN RE THE PETITION OF ROSS FURUKAWA TO ESTABLISH THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AND NO. BS087128 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO ESTABLISH A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES (Government Code §6000) NOTICE IS GIVEN that on March 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner Ross Furukawa, will move for an order pursuant to Government Code §6000 adjudicating The Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 45 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Petition sets forth the following: 1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is editor of the newspaper known as The Santa Monica Daily Press, which is seeking adjudication under Government Code §6000 as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles. 2. The Santa Monica Daily Press is published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of a general character in the County of Los Angeles, California. It is not devoted to the interests, or published for the entertainment or instruction of a particular class, profession, trade, calling, race, or denomination, or for any number thereof. 3. The Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers numbering 26 in the County of Los Angeles for a total of 26 bona fide paying subscribers. 4. For more than one year preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established and has been printed and published at regular intervals in the County of Los Angeles. 5. During the whole of such one-year period, the mechanical work of producing the petitioning newspaper, that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper, has been performed in the County of Los Angeles; the newspaper has been issued from the same county where it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published in the County; and it has been published as a daily newspaper on each weekday and Saturday and has a daily paid circulation of 26. WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that The Santa Monica Daily Press be adjudicated pursuant to Government Code §6000 as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. DATED: January 13, 2004 LISA GRACE-KELLOGG Attorney for Petitioner

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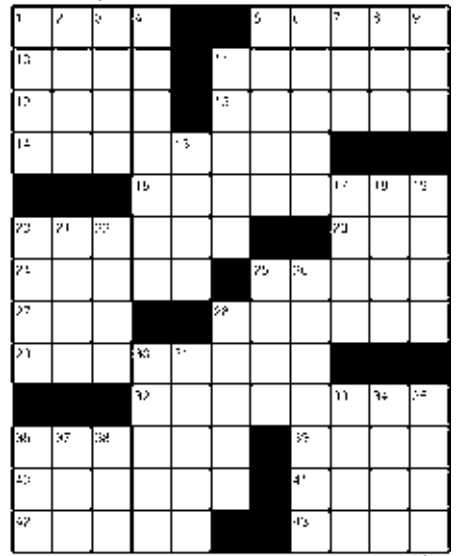
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Touring Neil Young out to save America, the Earth

By The Associated Press

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Saving the family farm, helping the Earth and reducing America's dependence on foreign oil — they all go together for Neil Young on his "Greendale" tour.

Young rolled into town with a fleet of buses and trucks running on biodiesel, an environmentally friendly fuel made from renewable resources such as soybean oil and recycled cooking oil. He said switching to biodiesel was his idea.

"Rather than talk about it, I figured just do it," Young said, noting there's an environmentalist character in his new show, which features actors performing on stage along with the music.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, the veteran Canadian rocker said he can still be a capitalist and embrace the environment.

"I'm just trying to make a point. There are other ways to be self-sustaining," the 58-year-old said.

As a member of Farm Aid for 18 years, Young said he's always looking for ways to help the family farmer. He said there are millions of acres of unfarmed crop land in the United States and Canada that could be tapped for renewable energy.

Young knows it's a struggle to persuade people to end their reliance on fossil fuels during the pro-oil tenure of President Bush.

"You can't change the Bush administration with this. I mean, to them, I'm a tree hugger," he said.

■ **LONDON** — An ad for supermodel Elle Macpherson's lingerie line has been banned after regulators received a complaint from the public that the model in the ad appeared to be masturbating.

The Advertising Standards Authority said Wednesday it had ruled that the ad by Bendon UK Ltd. for its range of Elle Macpherson Intimates was offensive and couldn't be repeated.

The complaint was about an ad in Vogue magazine that showed a model wearing a bra and panties, and her thumbs were hooked inside the panties. The image was framed as if shot through a keyhole, and the model's head was not visible.

Bendon UK said the ad was inspired by Alfred Hitchcock's film "Rear Window," showing a moment that was "feminine, luxurious and stylized." Vogue argued that the image was "beautiful with no disturbing undertones."

The Advertising Standards Authority ordered Bendon UK to consult with the agency before doing any more advertising.

■ **NEW YORK** — Pete Rose has finally made it into the hall of fame — the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame, that is.

Rose, the former Cincinnati Reds player and manager who's major league baseball's career hits leader with 4,256, participated in three Wrestlemania events from 1998-2000 for WWE.

He's ineligible to enter baseball's Hall of Fame because he's banned for life for betting on the game, but he'll be inducted into the wrestling hall on March 13.

"He has a deep, abiding respect for what we do," WWE chairman Vince McMahon told The New York Times.

Rose will be paid for his appearance at the induction, and at Wrestlemania the next night at Madison Square Garden.

He'll be presented by Kane, his 300-pound nemesis in the Wrestlemania shows.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Donald P. Bellisario, who created the television hits "Magnum, P.I.," "Quantum Leap," and "JAG," took his own leap when his name joined more than 2,000 others on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Bellisario's star went on display Tuesday on Hollywood Boulevard before a crowd of about 400 people, including cast and crew members from "JAG" and "Navy NCIS," which were being filmed blocks away.

Scott Bakula, who starred in the Emmy-winning science fiction series "Quantum Leap," joked about his work with Bellisario, who's been working on TV shows for 30 years.

"The other day there was a 'Quantum Leap' marathon on television somewhere," Bakula said. "My 8-year-old blurted out, 'Did you ever get to meet God?' I responded, saying, 'Meet him, I worked with him for 4 1/2 years!'"

Bellisario, 68, thanked everyone in attendance.

"To all of the people who came today, I'm giving you a reprieve, you won't have to come to the memorial service! It will be in 25 years," he said.

■ **PIGEON FORGE, Tenn.** — Debbie Reynolds will open the Hollywood Motion Picture Museum in this Great Smoky Mountains resort community to display her extensive collection of movie memorabilia, the film star announced Tuesday.

"The Hollywood I remember from my early years in the business — the real 'Golden Era' — is now gone," said Reynolds, who began her film career in 1948. "What is left of it in this collection should be preserved and protected for future generations."

Valued at more than \$50 million, the collection contains about 3,500 costumes and tens of thousands of props, movie posters, still photos, lobby cards and other items, the 71-year-old actress said.

The sleeveless white dress blown upward as Marilyn Monroe stood on a subway grate in "The Seven Year Itch" is included, as are the ruby red slippers Judy Garland wore in "The Wizard of Oz."

The collection has items from almost every Academy Award-winning film, from the silent movie era through the present, Reynolds said.

Reynolds, who starred in films such as "Singin' in the Rain," "Tammy and the Bachelor" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," said she chose Pigeon Forge because it is in the heart of the country — "an ideal location for a museum that celebrates a form of entertainment that has always been shaped by American vision and creativity."

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