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THE OUT AND ABOUT ISSUE

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Santa Monica Place's renovation to include outdoor dining deck  
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**I'M DYNAMITE:** Music Director Joe De Sa, left, teaches Aidon Ross, 6, and Brian Clemens, 12, AC/DC's classic "TNT."

## PARENTING

# Kids powered by AC/DC

School of Rock gives kids the opportunity to perform live

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC BLVD. — The walls vibrated in the small recording studio on Saturday as a 15-year-old kid with flowing locks cradled his electric guitar and strummed the familiar chords that begin AC/DC's "Thunderstruck."

To the left of him sat an even younger rocker, banging on a set of drums and thrashing his head back and forth, back and forth. Out in front was a young boy, slowly singing: "I

was caught ... In the middle of a railroad track."

The legends of rock 'n' roll past line the walls, with posters of Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain and David Bowie leading to the recording studio, each singer providing the students with inspiration. A "Rock and Roll Street" sign informs visitors that they've reached their destination.

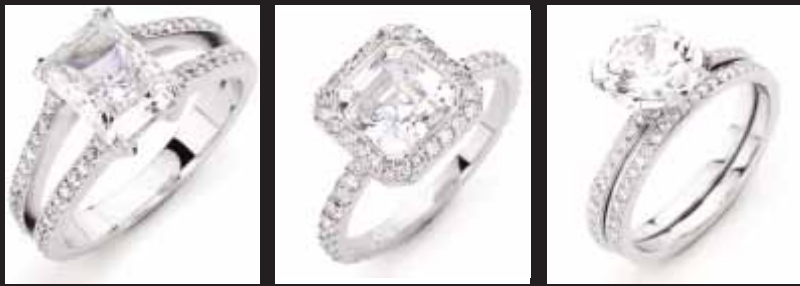
Welcome to the real-life version of the School of Rock, actor Jack Black excluded.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



### Third Annual SMASH Comedy Night

2720 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

To be held at Lula Cocina-Mexicana. Advance tickets are \$20; \$25 at the door. (Dinner and adult beverages not included in pricing.) For further information or to make a reservation, contact Lori Nashun at gettalife@earthlink.net. Proceeds to benefit the Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH).

### 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.

### Film screening: 'Super Size Me'

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

Director Morgan Spurlock addresses America's obesity epidemic by subjecting himself to a 30-day McDonald's-only diet.

### 'Backpacking 101'

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

REI will cover backpacking essentials, such as choosing an internal or external-frame pack, selecting proper clothing, the right footwear, and understanding the basic gear needed.

### Byron Katie and Stephen Mitchell book signing and reading

8687 Melrose Ave., W. Hollywood, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The authors will read from their new book 'A Thousand Names for Joy: Living in Harmony with the Ways Things Are.' Ample parking. No reservations and no charge to attend. For information, visit www.thework.com or call (800) 985-2843.

### Pilot screening of 'Actors'

1323-A Third Street Promenade, 9 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Open to the public. This new pilot revolves around the lives of aspiring actors and the obstacles they encounter while trying to live in Hollywood. The Westside Eclectic is located in the alley between Third and Fourth streets.

### '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.

## Wednesday, March 7, 2007

### Green Living Workshops

500 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, presents six-week courses designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, eliminate junk mail and protect their health. Group meets at the Wild Oats community room. For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 1.

### 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.

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



# Hopefully not the last supper

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff

**OCEAN PARK** Youngsters at the Church in Ocean Park are planning a St. Patrick's Day feast for families in Honduras, which is a world away from Ireland. While they won't be eating Irish mainstays corned beef and cabbage with soda bread and other green delights, those living in the Central American country will be able to benefit nonetheless.

That's because the church is trying to raise money to help build homes for people in one of the poorest countries in the Americas. While filling empty stomachs, the group of young activists hope to fill church coffers with tithes so that they can travel to the tiny village of El Paraiso, Honduras, where families live without running water or electricity, making ends meet on less than a dollar a day.

This enterprising group of young people is looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor their endeavor. The trip is expected to cost \$2,200 per person, which includes airfare, lodging, meals, and most importantly, everything needed to build two new homes. Families of five youth are able to support some of the costs, but the group still needs to raise an additional \$6,500 by April, said Anne Hawthorne, youth director at the church.

Youth from the church will join others from across the state as part of the Sierra



Photos courtesy

**GIVING BACK:** Above; Bobby Parker pours cement mix between a layer of cinder blocks while working on a house in La Lima, Honduras. Left; A team of volunteers build a pair of homes during last year's trip.

Service Project, a non-profit service organization that works with high school age kids and young adults alike to help them realize the power of serving others who have a culture and life experience different from their own.

The group intends to purchase building materials from vendors in or near the village and then assemble the homes by hand. They work for two weeks, with weekends off. They travel the country during their breaks and

visit with locals. Last year, the kids had a chance to visit with local young people living in an orphanage, and talked with a group looking for the remains of those who disappeared during El Salvador's civil war.

"One of the most important things I got out of the trip was that I had been studying the third world in school and had heard all about the warnings about traveling there, the dangers," said Nicholas Gerda, 16, who

helped build two homes in La Jagua, Honduras last year. "But seeing it with my own eyes, being there for two weeks and really getting to interact with people there, that helped me get over a lot of my fears and changed my perspective completely.

"I had a great time and it was kind of hard for me to leave because I had grown so

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# Students of the future in for big changes

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMMUSD HDQTRS** In 2025, boats could be docking at the pier, a rail line might connect Santa Monica with downtown LA, and George W. Bush will be blowing out 79 birthday candles.

The year 2025 will also be the year that today's pre-kindergarten students enter the workforce.

Understanding the role that technology will play in the future of the district's students and the need to honor the 2002 Strategic Plan and close the achievement gap, the Board of Education took a look at how the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could prepare the students who will begin their careers in 18 years.

"2025 is not a program," said Superintendent Dianne Talarico during a presentation at the school board meeting last Thursday. "It's a vision, a direction."



**THE PRODUCT OF EDUCATION IN 2025 MUST BE A CRITICAL THINKER WITH SKILLS SET TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE."**

Dianne Talarico, Superintendent, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

The goal of the presentation was to begin laying the framework for the "21st century learner," according to Talarico. The future of the district sees elements of the Strategic Education Plan — which identifies educa-

tional initiatives to improve the district — implemented in full force.

The 54-slide presentation looked at the college graduating class of 2025 and how

technology will be the backbone of classroom instruction and interaction between the student and teacher. The presentation also addressed how the district will need to focus its efforts on science, reading, math

and problem-solving in order to make tomorrow's students competitive in the global market.

American students ranked 18th overall among students in other countries in the area of science in 2003, according to Cisco Systems. Students in the United States also ranked 15th in reading, 24th in math and 24th in problem-solving in 2003.

"The product of education in 2025 must be a critical thinker with skills set to compete in the global perspective and grasp what it means to be a good citizen, and is environmentally aware and active in the community," Talarico said.

The superintendent took the school board through a tour of the future, asking

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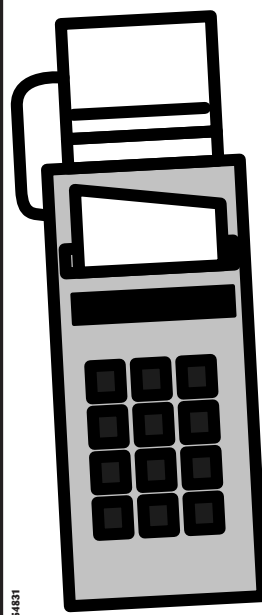
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student is comfortable in own skin  
Editor:

Let me get to the point. Can't we just stop buying fur and animal products?

Last week, in my Humane Education class at school, a guest came to talk to us about where leather comes from, trapping, etc. During that discussion, I realized that when we buy a pair of Ugg boots, or a refined leather jacket, animals die! They have to die gruesome deaths – for us. But do we care? Well, some of us do, sure. But the rest of us are completely oblivious.

A lot of girls in my class have about three pairs of Uggs, four pairs of leather flats and so much more. But please, don't get me started. They just don't care. Their style is much more important to them than the lives of animals. They need to think about the animals and what they're giving up before they make style choices. Maybe they could get fake Ugg boots and "pleather" instead of the real deal. Who would notice? And, besides, who needs a real fur coat in LA anyway?

Thus, concluding that whenever you shop at your local Macy's or Nordstrom's and a lovely mink coat catches your eye, just think of the poor, helpless animals in steel traps. Then, hopefully, you will walk away – and not in your Uggs.

**Moira Johnston**  
Sixth grader, New Roads Middle School

It's a pier, not a parking lot  
Editor:

Sorry, but Michael Klein's recent attempt to use "historical verity" to justify his shaky position on the development of the pier got all kinds of things wrong ("Pier issue has historical overtones," March 5, page 4).

His statement that "the end of Route 66 has always been the pier" could not be more incorrect. The original Route 66 (circa 1926) ended in downtown Los Angeles. In its later incarnation (1930s to mid-1960s) the western terminus is universally recognized by historic groups as Lincoln Boulevard, at either Santa Monica or Olympic boulevards.

An even bigger error occurs in his fanciful idea that Route 66 was a "cross-country highway," and that by taking it you had "crossed the entire continent to the sea!" The start of Route 66, from its first to its final day, was Chicago, Ill, an area still referred to today as the "Midwest."

Harder to fathom is Klein's contention that driving is somehow a "primary historical part of the pier." Yes, you could drive on the SM Pier almost from its beginning – to park. Antique postcards and historical photographs demonstrate far better the pedestrian experience of the pier, with crowds walking and taking in the amusements: Not a single drive-up fishing area to be found!

Which leads us to the biggest mistake of Mr. Klein's letter – the belief that making the pier more auto friendly will somehow diminish traffic. While a pedestrian-only pier (alternative 5) could lead to a more pedestrian friendly city, rarely (if ever), does it work the other way around.

Ultimately, we should be suspect of developing a tourist attraction that would keep people in their autos for a greater part of their visit and make it more convenient for them to leave. Klein notes "cars leaving the pier could exit onto PCH and the freeway instead of going back through town," but pedestrian foot traffic (and the revitalized Promenade is a perfect case in point) can maximize the tourist experience, while enhancing the financial benefits to the city.

**Don Gray**  
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pissarra

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# Hate is not a dish served to company

**TIM HARDAWAY WILL NEVER BE INVITED** to my house for Sunday brunch. I'll never have Kenneth Eng and Isaiah Washington at my Thanksgiving dinner party either. Mel Gibson is not a likely candidate for several reasons.

What do these people have in common? Hardaway hates gay people, Eng is the journalist who is in hot water for his "Why I hate black people" column, and Mel, well, other than being a homophobic anti-Semite, virulently catholic, I suppose he'd make for interesting dinner conversation, but the indigestion he'd give me wouldn't be worth it.

I'm bothered by the fact that a black professional athlete can make blanket statements like " I hate gay people." There is little hue and cry against him, against the profession he plays in. To make matters worse, the black community as a whole was strangely silent. The black community is much like the current Administration in Washington in their attitudes toward gay people. They most likely both think that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is a good policy, in spite of the mounting evidence to the contrary.

The lack of outrage by the black community on this topic, is disappointing to me. I know the arguments are that Hardaway was just expressing himself and exercising his First Amendment rights of Free Speech. That is true.

But so was Eng.

Eng was the 20 something writer whose column in AsianWeek sparked outrage from across the political spectrum. His column listed reasons why he hates black people. He lists first person experiences. He cites historical discrimination as sociological traits of blacks.

Black leaders were in full throated attack on this type of "hate speech." Liberal leftists were aghast that a newspaper would publish such a shocking column. His publisher backed away from the column faster than a naked man frying bacon.

Yet I fail to see how Eng's statements on his allegedly true life experiences with the black community, and the resulting feelings he has, are fundamentally different from Hardaway's statements.

Hardaway's statements could easily be interpreted as a call for a modern day Holocaust Redux.

"They shouldn't be in the world. Or the United States," said Hardaway.

Those words could just have easily have been said by David Duke, Ph.D. — ex leader of the KKK — or by segregationist Senator Strom Thurmond, the late cousin of Reverend Al Sharpton and father of an illegitimate mixed race daughter.

But back to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" part. The black community in general, is not welcoming of homosexuals amongst themselves. I believe that this is an outgrowth of their old-school Christian background. Perhaps black religious leadership who are trying to set a moral standard in times of lax morality are behind it.

By taking the Old Testament prohibitions, and using them in a New Testament sermon, the church leaders are using gays as a focal point for hatred and intolerance, to incite a sense of commonality and purpose in their memberships, and this gets passed on to people like Hardaway as an acceptable prejudice.

These preachers and their followers have latched on to the last group that can be publicly demeaned.

Thankfully, the path of gay rights and gay visibility is moving quickly, due in part to men like Eric Alva, the reputed first Marine to be wounded in the Iraq war.

This 36-year-old poster boy hero, was a prized photo opportunity for the likes of President George Bush, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

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And to their collective gasps, this week Alva has come out as a gay man, leading the drive in the human rights campaign fight to get Congress to repeal the official "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of the military.

It is one of those delicious ironies that the media darling of the Republicans — at the start of the war — turns out to be a gay man, who lives with his partner in Texas.

I don't agree with Eng. I don't like the statements that Hardaway made. I'm not a fan of Gibson and I certainly don't like Duke.

But...

They all have the right to say what they said, to think what they think, and so long as they don't physically harm someone or incite others to do physical harm, their rights to say their words, however obnoxious, idiotic, trite and shallow they may be, their rights to say those words need to be protected.

It is just ironic to me that the poster boy defending the right to free speech, for a black man, an Asian man, and an immigrant, is a gay man despised by the black man and the immigrant.

It was that very same gay man who lost a leg fighting in a foreign country, and he couldn't even tell his best buddies in a fox-hole about his boyfriend without losing his job or getting his butt kicked. The job of defending the rights of the bigots and the racists is never easy.

I guess he really is the hero here. He can come to dinner anytime.

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# 'Bennifer' types get benefit of the doubt

AS IT TURNS OUT, I MAY BE MORE NAÏVE than had been previously believed.

Don't get me wrong, I work hard to proudly maintain the cynicism of a native New Yorker. But although I learned from the master skeptic — my dad (who's been known on occasion to harbor a world view darker than Darth Vader at the end of "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith") — there's still a touch of "Little House on the Prairie" in me that occasionally peeks out from the shelter of my covered wagon, usually just long enough to get burned before retreating back under my bonnet, away from any lurking Nellie Olesons.

I've definitely learned the hard way about believing in the longevity of celebrity couples. I swore by the multiple, months-long denials issued by the respective publicists of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, even after gossip columns whispered incessantly about the hanky-panky during the filming of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." I had no doubts that Brad's marriage to Jennifer Aniston was strong and pure enough to withstand the advances of a slimy, twice-divorced harlot.

So imagine my shock (shock!) when I read that not only did Braniston dissolve their union, but that Brangelina was the real deal. (Then again, this coming from the person who didn't so much as blink when Jennifer Aniston said last month that the recent surgery on her nose was simply to repair a deviated septum.)

I take them for their words when ultra-thin actresses refute pregnancy rumors, despite their bulging bellies. I trust the couples who swear they aren't getting married (and then scratch my head when the exclusive photos they've sold of their wedding receptions appear in supermarket tabloids). The ones who vehemently deny substance abuse get my heartfelt sympathy even after camera crews catch them ducking out of AA meetings and heading into the bars. I honestly thought Eminem's second marriage to his first wife would last (at least, longer than 41 days).

Maybe it's because I grew up in a home with happily married parents who don't believe in keeping secrets that I generally take things that appear earnest at face value.

One friend regales me on occasion me with stories of people she knows who've carried on affairs, or contemplated cheating on their partners, or married purely for money. It never fails to astound me that I know

someone who knows people whose real lives play juicier than daytime soap operas.

My first instinct is usually to blame the media when elected officials break promises or get caught lying. I still think there might have been weapons of mass destruction somewhere in Iraq. I mean, did we check under the beds in all of Saddam's castles? Because I'm pretty sure he had a lot of them. And I'm still trying hard to understand what the definition of "is" is.

Although I'd never really given it much thought before this month, I've generally had no trouble assuming that every single one of the few dozen women in the world who have ever been in outer space were sane enough not to take diaper-wearing, cross-country stalking trips armed with pepper spray, steel mallets and loaded BB guns.

And I'd like to imagine that Beyoncé, the woman who wrote the song "Bootylicious," wouldn't have knowingly allowed her Sports Illustrated swimsuit cover to be air-brushed.

Fortunately, though, I take some small comfort in knowing there are others even more seemingly naïve. While having a drink with the visiting friend of a friend last week, an attempt was made to define the root of the local party scene.

"I bet there's a lot of drinking," the friend's friend said, nodding her head knowingly.

"And drugs," I added.

"Oh, like people here smoke pot?" she asked, her eyes darting around the pub, widening at the whiff of a scandal.

"Yeah, and there's a lot of blow," I replied.

"Ohhhh, cocaiiiiine," she said slowly, her voice hushed, presumably so as to not disturb any loose-hanging bindles.

And then there's my dear friend Michele (bless her heart), who still insists that the college from which she graduated awards straight A's to students whose roommates commit suicide. She also absolutely knows someone who knows someone whose co-worker's brother-in-law regained consciousness in a bathtub full of ice with a note alerting him to the fact that his kidney had been stolen.

I might have moments in which it appears as if I were born yesterday, but, thankfully, I have a few more breaths in me than at least one or two other people.

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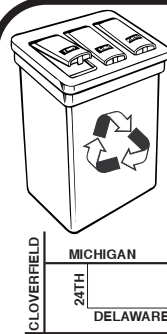
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# 'Bollywood' a touch of home for Indians

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND An Indian boy with a suitcase and an "I love NY" T-shirt stumbles onstage, grinning at the New York skyline and the chic Indian-American girls strolling by.

But these American-raised girls want nothing to do with an immigrant fresh from the subcontinent. What's a boy to do?

Dance, of course.

Bollywood dance competitions involve teams of Indian-American students from elite U.S. universities who bring the music and dance traditions of their forebears into a uniquely American world of intercollegiate competition, with its pre-performance huddles, cheerleading and thirst for first place.

The dancers act out the challenges of living between cultures — familiar territory for any second- and third-generation immigrant — through the sugary boy-meets-girl plots and high-energy choreographies of the movies they grew up watching.

"It's like a bridge between Hindi and American culture," said Rashi Birla, 22, a fourth-year design and media arts major who dances on the University of California, Los Angeles team. "There's nothing like this in India."

The UCLA team was one of 10 that faced off recently in a competition held by Indus, the Indian student group at UC Berkeley.

As the dancing began, UCLA's lead performer spun around, revealing that his "I love NY" T-shirt said "I love India more" on the back.

"Let me show you how things are done in India!" he said.

A scene later — wearing flashy new costumes glittering with sequins — the new immigrant meets the Americanized Indian girl at a club. After eight minutes of frenetic dancing — and yet another wardrobe change — she's in love.

The 1,500 people packed into Oakland's Scottish Rite Center roar with approval.

Dance competitions like Bollywood Berkeley, billed as the biggest in the country, draw on Indian art forms, but clearly they're a cultural composite. Even the choreography mixes the fluttering hands and lateral head weaves of traditional Indian dance with hip-hop and modern dance.

"With all immigrants, there's an effort to recreate oneself in a new environment," said Miriam Ben-Yoseph, a DePaul University researcher whose work discusses issues like "cultural homelessness."

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"You become a hybrid of your old culture and the culture that you're joining, you create something you're comfortable with," she said. "And your children inherit that mixture and create their new one, because they have more of the new place's stamp on them."

The Bollywood movies from which the songs and kitschy plots are drawn are mass entertainment in India — fantasy films that "mingle the allure of wealth and luxury around a core of traditional morality," said Robert Goldman, professor at UC Berkeley's Department of South and Southeast Asia Studies.

"It's like junk food," Goldman said. "It's schmatzy."

# Edwards compares janitors' pay hike to civil rights fight

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY Democratic presidential contender John Edwards on Sunday called a janitors' campaign for better wages at the University of California, Berkeley, a continuation of the civil rights struggle that began in the 1960s.

Edwards sounded the civil rights theme to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" clash between black voting rights marchers and police in Selma, Ala.

"This march for economic and social justice for the men and women who work at this university is a part of a bigger march in America for fairness and equality," Edwards said during a stop on his current tour of college campuses.

Responding late to a question from a reporter, Edwards said a remark about him by conservative author Ann Coulter reminded him of hateful speech against blacks he heard while growing up in the segregated South.

"It's important for all of us to speak out against language of this kind, because it is a

place where hatred gets its foothold," Edwards said.

At the annual Conservative Political Action Conference on Friday in Washington, Coulter said: "I was going to have a few comments on the other Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, but it turns out you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot,' so I — so kind of an impasse, can't really talk about Edwards."

The Edwards campaign moved quickly to capitalize on the remark by asking supporters to help raise \$100,000 in "Coulter Cash" to show that Edwards would not be intimidated by "bigoted attacks."

Edwards spoke to a packed ballroom just across the street from UC Berkeley, in keeping with a long-standing boycott of the Berkeley campus by prominent Democrats as a show of solidarity with the janitors' union.

Earlier Sunday, Edwards rivals Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke from church pulpits three blocks apart in Selma. Edwards used a campaign stop last month to back a wage increase for campus workers in North Carolina.

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**SELECT COMPANY:** GOP presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger hold a meeting to discuss ways to fight gang-related crimes.

STATE BRIEFS

Los Angeles  
**Giuliani visits Southland amid controversy**

GOP presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani joined Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca at the Sheriff's Department headquarters in Monterey Park, where they met with Southern California law enforcement officials to discuss combating crime and gang violence in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties.

That appearance, however, was overshadowed by comments that Giuliani's 21-year-old son, Andrew, made to the New York Times over the weekend.

Andrew Giuliani said he and his father have been distant since Giuliani's divorce from Andrew's mother, Donna Hanover, and subsequent marriage to Judith Nathan.

"She's (Nathan) done everything that she can, and I believe the responsibility is mine," Giuliani told reporters at the Monterey Park event, referring to repairing the relationship with his son.

"I think that these problems with blended families are difficult sometimes," he said. "I think you get these things resolved – look I know it's the presidential campaign and everything else – if you guys give us the maximum degree of privacy."

Giuliani, New York City's mayor from 1994-2001, was also scheduled to attend a \$2,300-per-person campaign fund-raiser at the Brentwood home of former ambassador Rockwell Schnable and his wife Marna. According to the entertainment trade newspaper Daily Variety, the event's co-hosts include actor John O'Hurley and Oscar- and Emmy-nominated screenwriter Lionel Chetwynd.

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Los Angeles  
**Law enforcement goes high-tech in graffiti fight**

Law enforcement has gone high-tech to fight graffiti, including the use of global positioning systems, mass data storage and digital photography to track vandalism.

Sheriff's detectives are also logging on to MySpace.com to catch vandals who use the social networking site to brag about their crimes.

"The technology five years ago wasn't what it is today," said Tim Kephart, founder of Graffiti Tracker Inc., which has contracts with 13 Southern California cities.

The system uses a camera fitted with a global positioning device to photograph and record the location of graffiti. A police officer or other city worker usually takes a picture of the vandalism and a Graffiti Tracker analyst reviews the markings and categorizes them based on whether they appear to come from a gang or an individual vandal.

The information is then uploaded into an Internet database that police can search to determine patterns of graffiti incidents.

After two months of tracking graffiti, sheriff's Detective Scott Wolf caught the tagger who called himself "Pakr," one of the area's leading graffiti vandals. The 15-year-old denied he was the culprit until he was confronted with graffiti images stored on Kephart's hand-held computer.

AP

MORENO VALLEY  
**Wildfire threatens homes in Riverside County**

A wildfire burned more than 300 acres Sunday, briefly threatening a handful of Riverside County homes and forcing the partial closure of a freeway before it was fully surrounded, authorities said.

The fire broke out in steep terrain just after 11 a.m. and grew quickly after being stoked by winds between 30 and 35 mph, said Capt. Randy Nugent of the California Department of Forestry.

It came within 100 feet of a few of the half-dozen large homes in the sparsely populated area, Nugent said.

The eastbound side of the Pomona Freeway was closed for several hours to help firefighters get to the wildfire, Nugent said.

About 150 firefighters aided by a pair of helicopters fought the blaze, which was 100 percent contained by 6 p.m. There were no injuries, and no structures burned, Nugent said. Nugent said the conditions felt more like a dry autumn day than the middle of winter. Temperatures reached 78 degrees Sunday in some parts of Riverside County.

"Fire season really never ends here in Southern California," Nugent said. "We had gusts today that were in excess of 30 miles an hour, that's not typical for February or March, that's more typical of September."

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# Wyoming legislator gains support of gays

BY KATHLEEN MILLER  
Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. Dan Zwonitzer is both Republican and straight, but the 27-year-old state representative suddenly has found himself praised by gay rights activists nationwide.

Zwonitzer, R-Cheyenne, spoke out in a legislative committee against a measure that would have allowed Wyoming to deny recognition of gay marriages granted by other states or countries.

The committee killed the bill.

"I mistakenly thought many people in Dick Cheney's home state didn't support equality for me as a gay man," said Michael Petrelis, a gay blogger, Green Party member and AIDS activist from San Francisco.

"That was the thing that surprised many of us in the San Francisco gay community,

that this pro-gay development happened in Dick Cheney's home state."

Two San Francisco gay publications, the San Francisco Bay Times and the Bay Area Reporter, also have lauded Zwonitzer.

Zwonitzer told the House Rules Committee on Feb. 22 that he needed to publicly oppose the measure — even if it cost him his seat — because he believed that was the right thing to do. He told the committee that gay rights were the civil rights struggle of his generation.

"I will tell my children that when this debate went on, I stood up for basic rights for people," he said.

Committee member Rep. Tom Lubnau, R-Gillette, sided with Zwonitzer, acknowledging the young legislator's speech before voting against the measure.

"Maybe the right thing to do is stand up

for tolerance," Lubnau said.

The committee voted 7-6 to kill the bill, with House Speaker Roy Cohee, R-Casper, casting the tie-breaking vote.

But Zwonitzer, who couldn't vote against the bill because he's not on the committee, is the one who has been receiving the bulk of the attention.

"The reaction was rather surprising," he said. "I'm up to 165 e-mails from people around the country and several international, all thanking me for making my stand."

Zwonitzer discussed his speech on a radio show hosted by Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C.-based gay advocacy organization.

"He took a stand that really opened people's eyes and hopefully made us all think more about this issue," Solmonese said. "To our way of thinking here in Washington, he's

one of those trailblazers out there in America trying to move this country in the direction of equality."

Gay Republicans have taken notice, too. The Log Cabin Republicans featured Zwonitzer on their Web site under the heading: "Republican Wyoming State Rep. Takes Courageous Stand for Basic Fairness."

The group's president, Patrick Sammon, said Zwonitzer "stood up for basic fairness."

"Doing what's right is not always easy, but history will remember those leaders who put principle over politics and inclusion over fear," he said.

The Log Cabin Republicans have invited Zwonitzer to accompany former Republican Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson to their national convention this year.

Zwonitzer said he never sought to be a "Republican hero" for gay rights.

## Backcountry skier killed in weekend avalanche near Big Sky

By the Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. A backcountry skier died in an avalanche northwest of Yellowstone National Park over the weekend, Gallatin County officials said.

Ben Richards and a friend were skiing a gully known as the Titanic Chute in the northern Madison Range near Big Sky on Saturday morning when Richards triggered an avalanche two turns into his run. Richards was carried more than 1,000 vertical feet over rough terrain, said Doug Chabot, director of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center. He was buried under 4 feet of snow.

Deputy Coroner Roger Layton said it took Richards' skiing partner a half-hour to descend the difficult slope and

locate Richards, who was wearing an avalanche transceiver.

The Titanic Chute is a 2,000-foot run filled with trees, rocks and other obstacles. The cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma.

"He was carried a long way over some pretty ugly terrain," Layton said.

Richards had taken an avalanche training course, and both men were experienced backcountry skiers. They carried appropriate equipment, including beacons, probes and shovels, Chabot said.

"It appears they did everything right," said Sheriff Jim Cashell. "It just goes to show it's dangerous."

According to a report on the Avalanche Center's Web site, Richards' partner performed a ski cut — a maneuver

that tests a slope's stability and helps determine whether an avalanche will begin — before the two men started down the gully.

"They knew the danger was considerable on slopes steeper than 30 degrees. They knew it was risky," Chabot said.

The area received more than a foot of snow last week, and windy conditions on Friday packed snow onto southern- and eastern-facing slopes, raising the avalanche risk to "considerable."

The avalanche happened at about 11 a.m. and Richards' skiing partner was able to make it to a phone to call for help at about 1 p.m. Cashell said Big Sky Search and Rescue responded and a private helicopter lifted Richards' body off the mountain.



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# Taking blame

## House committee chairman fears Reed case is not unique

BY JOHN HEILPRIN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Substandard living conditions found at the Army's flagship veterans hospital likely exist throughout the military health care system, the head of a House panel investigating Walter Reed Army Medical Center said Monday.

"We need a sustained focus here, and much more needs to be done," Rep. John Tierney said of a scandal enveloping Walter Reed. Charges of bureaucratic delays and poor treatment there have produced calls in Congress for quick reform.

Tierney said he is afraid "these problems go well beyond the walls of Walter Reed," adding that "as we send more and more troops into Iraq and Afghanistan, these problems are only going to get worse, not better."

A House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee hearing Monday at the hospital brought a wide range of apologies from top-level Army officers and the Army's No. 1 civilian. "We have let some soldiers down," said Peter Geren, the undersecretary of the Army.

Tierney, D-Mass., chairman of the panel, questioned whether problems at the facility are "just another horrific consequence" of inadequate planning that went into war in Iraq; a problem created by contracting out work there to private business, or some other cause.

"This is absolutely the wrong way to treat our troops, and serious reforms need to happen... immediately," he said.

Geren, who will become acting Army secretary later this week, told the panel that the revelations of poor conditions at Walter Reed had hurt the Army. Defense Secretary Robert Gates forced Army Secretary Francis Harvey to resign last week and he leaves his post on Friday.

Two former commanders at the facility

said they accepted responsibility for the failures.

Maj. Gen George W. Weightman, head of Walter Reed from August until he was fired last week said: "You can't fail one of these soldiers ... not one. And we did."

Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, Army surgeon general and head of Walter Reed until 2004, apologized for what he called housing conditions that did "not meet our standards." He said renovations were under way.

He also said a team had been sent to some 11 other installations around the country to make sure there are not similar housing problems.

Regarding bureaucratic delays, Kiley said the system for outpatient care is "complex, confusing and frustrating" and that more doctors, nurses and other staff are being brought in to lower the case load and so speed the process.

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Rep. John Tierney  
congressman from Massachusetts

Lawmakers listened closely as several patients came to the hearing with stories of lax or poor treatment at Walter Reed:

Staff Sgt. John Daniel Shannon, who lost his left eye and suffered traumatic brain injuries from a rifle wound, said that after he was discharged from Walter Reed, he was given a map of the grounds and eventually found his way to outpatient quarters by wandering around and asking for directions.

Then, he says, he "sat in my room for a couple of weeks wondering when someone would contact" him about continuing treatment.

## Priest will end Mass for gays

By the Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah A Roman Catholic priest said he'll end a monthly Mass for gays and lesbians after criticism from some parishioners.

Although the Masses were sparsely attended, they were a "tremendously reaffirming experience," Monsignor Robert Bussen said.

He started the service in January at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Some parishioners have complained that Bussen failed to explain the church's position on homosexuality and instead gave mixed messages during a sermon.

"This is not about Father Bob. He's a wonderful, caring man," parishioner Joseph Ozog said. "We just want to be sure that he's representing the views of the church."

According to Catholic Catechism, homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" and "under no circumstances can they be approved."

At the same time, homosexuals "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sen-

sitivity," the Catechism says.

Ozog and other critics wrote letters to the Vatican, Bishop John Wester, who arrives this month from San Francisco to lead the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake, and Monsignor Terrence Fitzgerald, the interim administrator.

There is no indication that church officials had a role in Bussen's decision to drop the Mass. The last will be March 17.

"He's not doing anything unorthodox," Fitzgerald said.

"We have special Masses for youths, teens, elderly and Hispanic. Our bottom line is to care for the people, and that's what he's doing."

Bussen, who declined to discuss his sexual orientation, said he was trying to reach out to Catholics with gay family members.

"They will not tolerate any more rhetoric that attacks their children," he said.

He plans to lead a discussion at the church about homosexuality Thursday.

"We are not as open as I thought," Bussen said. "We have some growing up to do."

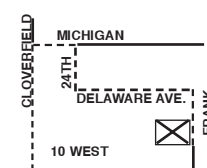
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**EVERYBODY JAM-OUT:** Right; (From left to right) Veronica Pickard, Truth Cole, Troy Romzek, Director Joe De Sa, Josh Sherman, Brian Clemens, Aidan Ross. Above; Truth Cole, 8, jams on the drums at the Paul Green "School of Rock."



## Youngsters learn rock classics at school

FROM ROCK PAGE 1

The Paul Green School of Rock franchise recently opened its Santa Monica branch under the ownership of John Rusco, frontman for the rock band Static Man. Founded in 1998 by the namesake musician, the Paul Green School of Rock operates more than 30 locations nationwide and is believed to have inspired the 2003 hit comedy "School of Rock," starring Black, a Santa Monica native and Crossroads School alum.

"I wanted to give them a program that I didn't get ... when I was a kid," Rusco said last week. "When I took music lessons as a kid, I kept taking guitar lessons over and over and never had any kind of payoff. This is a performance-based program."

Rusco, who plans to open branch studios in Newport Beach, Manhattan Beach and Pasadena, has an extensive background in music, playing in genres ranging from country to rock to jazz. The resume includes gigs opening up for the Allman Brothers and Aerosmith. His brother is an opera singer in Vienna.

"As kids, we drove my parents crazy (with all the music)," Rusco said.

The purpose of the school is to provide an opportunity for aspiring rock musicians

to perform on stage in front of a live audience. Instructors spend 13 weeks preparing their students, ranging in age from 7-18 years old, for a live rock concert dedicated to a particular artist. The school is currently working on an AC/DC show, scheduled for June 2 at the Malibu Inn.

The future rock stars spend 45 minutes every week in the studio for private lessons, learning their individual roles in the AC/DC songs that will be performed at the concert. All the students then converge for three hours each Saturday afternoon with Executive Music Director Joe DeSa for a group jam session, putting together the pieces of the puzzle to form a fun-size Angus Young and company.

Because there are more students than open slots in the band, the kids rotate during the rehearsal and concert.

"We thought (AC/DC) was a good starting point for the kids since the songs were really truly rock," Rusco said. "They were a great band and the kids seem to really enjoy it."

Up next is Pink Floyd.

### FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK

The school opened last month at a temporary location in the Santa Monica Studios at

3025 Olympic Blvd., sharing the building with a dance studio and an Indian entertainment production company. The studio currently includes two sound-proof rehearsal rooms and a drum booth. In May, the school will open up shop on the northeast corner of Arizona Avenue and Second Street, expanding to include two sound-proof rehearsal studios, two drum booths and five guitar booths.

But for now, the temporary location rocks.

The students here worship the great bands of the past like Van Halen, Judas Priest and, more recently, Green Day.

Drummers Truth Cole, 8, of Van Nuys, and Veronica Pickard, 7, of Santa Monica, awaited their turns to rehearse in the recording studio on Saturday, listening in on their peers' performance. Pickard has been playing the drums for the past two years with a private instructor and decided to sign up with the School of Rock after a family friend invited her to attend a School of Rock performance at The Knitting Factory in Los Angeles.

"I like that you can have your own rock band and your own private teacher," Pickard said.

Her friend Cole, who likes covering Green Day, recently received a guitar for

Christmas. But for now, she's sticking with what's familiar — a drum set she has banged on for a few years.

"I want to be like Sheila E.," Cole said.

The School of Rock will soon feature a brother and sister duo, when 9-year-old Gabriela Sherman, of Harbor City, joins her brother Joshua, 15.

The younger Sherman aspires to be a singer some day and hopes performing live with the School of Rock will jumpstart her career. She has yet to take her first private lesson with the school.

Her brother, who plays guitar in a garage band called The Vagabonds, enrolled in the school on Wednesday after his mother found a flier in Redondo Beach last week.

Classic rock is Joshua Sherman's passion, and his father, Richard Sherman, sees the school as the perfect opportunity for his son to learn stage presence, since he has yet to perform live with a band.

"He's been playing since he was 12," Richard Sherman said as he watched his son rehearse. "He loves his guitar. He would sleep with his guitar if he could."

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Watching in Wonder

Dear Watching,

The recent research in brain development confirms what most parents have known all along: infants and toddlers have very strong feelings of empathy and jealousy much earlier than we previously thought. In fact, their brains are brilliantly pre-wired for it. They just have to learn it.

Have you ever been in a room of infants when one begins to cry? In a blink, the other babies are crying. Simply put, we now know that they are not just startled or afraid, they are also telling us they hear someone in discomfort that needs help.

But the development of empathy is a multi-step process that progresses uniquely for each child. First, they must discover that people feel upset just as they do. Then, they must understand that people can feel differently than they do. Finally, they must learn to decide how to comfort another person when they feel distress (or not). The comprehension and application of this information can take years.

Your two toddlers are on their own path of enlightenment with respect to empathy and, in typical toddler fashion, still very healthily egocentric. What you can do is support the development of the steps. Talk about different feelings. Use the "I see ..." and "I wonder if ..." technique of dialogue so you don't impose your own feelings on them. For example, "I see that your sister is crying. I wonder if she is sad." Point out differences in feelings between the two of them and model suggestions for comforting like, "Should we go get her blankie?"

If children are allowed to express their emotions and have their feelings validated, empathy will follow.

Good luck.

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# Teens looking to surgery to remedy obesity issues

BY LINDSEY TANNER  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, surging at a pace that could mean more than 1,000 such operations this year, new research suggests.

While the procedure is still far more common in adults, it appears to be slightly less risky in teens, according to an analysis of data on 12- to 19-year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

During that time, an estimated 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the operations. The pace tripled between 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surgeries that year, the study found.

Youngsters had slightly shorter hospital stays than adults and none died in the hospital during the study period.

By contrast, there were 212 in-hospital deaths out of an estimated 104,702 adults who underwent obesity surgery in 2003, or a rate of 0.2 percent, the study found.

Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center analyzed a database of U.S. hospital patients. Obesity surgeries in children during the eight-year period and adults in 2003 were included in the analysis.

The study appears in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

About 5 percent of children and adults had major complications, mostly respiratory problems.

Children spent an average of about 3.2 days in the hospital in 2003, versus 3.5 days for adults. Total hospital charges also were

lower for pediatric patients, \$30,804 per patient versus \$36,056 for adults.

The youngest patients were age 12, but most were older teens. Eric Decker was one of them. In 2003, at age 17, he had gastric bypass surgery, the most common obesity operation in teens and adults.

"I was 5-foot-8 and 385 pounds," Decker said.

He had struggled with his weight since he was 11, and said he had tried just about every diet, but nothing worked.

Obesity surgery was a last resort for Decker, and doctors say it should be for overweight teens.

**"I DON'T REGRET IT BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THAT I FELT NEEDED TO BE DONE FOR MY HEALTH."**

Eric Decker  
surgery patient

Decker had no major surgery complications. A year and a half later, he was down to 185 and says he has stayed there through diet and exercise.

"It's definitely a painful surgery," said Decker, a student at the University of South Carolina. It also requires drastic changes in eating habits, he said. "I don't regret it because it's something that I felt needed to be done for my health."

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**BIG CHANGES:** The interior of Santa Monica Place will become an open-air shopping mall in the current batch of design proposals. Currently, the mall has an enclosed shopping concourse.

# Santa Monica Place won't be recognizable after work

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SANTA MONICA PLACE** Macerich Co. is ready to tear the roof off this mother.

Executives with the Santa Monica-based real estate giant say they will submit a formal application today to renovate and revitalize the mother of all disharmonious shopping centers, with plans to remove the roof along its central spine and create an open-air, multilevel complex that makes use of the cool ocean breezes and better connects with the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and Civic Center.

The parking structures, with just under 2,000 spaces, would remain open throughout construction, as would Macy's, but the remaining stores would be forced to shut their doors. Officials hope to break ground in early 2008, with completion set for fall 2009.

Macerich is looking to retain the current scale and work within the original Santa Monica Place's footprint and height limits, featuring just three stories. The top floor will include a new food court.

"Here we are in Southern California and we have a closed, suburban shopping center. What is that doing for Santa Monica?" Robert Aptaker, Macerich's vice president of development, asked on Monday, alluding to the day's warm temperatures and clear, sunny skies.

"We're going to tear off the roof and create an open-air environment with great public spaces, great views, ocean breezes and that fits within the character of what Santa Monica really is," Aptaker said.

The "adaptive reuse" plan comes just over two years after the City Council asked Macerich — one of the nation's largest retail real estate investment trusts with 73 regional shopping centers in its portfolio — to abandon plans that called for the demolition of the mall and replacing it with three, 21-story towers that would have included offices, retail and housing.

■ Build something of reasonable scale, in line with Santa Monica's aesthetic sensibilities;

- Create a better connection with the promenade;
- Include open-air, views and street-retail elements;
- Develop an environmentally sound project;
- Make retail the primary use at the mall;
- Pay attention to traffic and parking.

"We are so pleased with all the feedback from the community," said Robyn Young, senior manager of development relations for Macerich.



**I THINK WHAT WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD TODAY REALLY REFLECTS THE COMMUNITY'S INTERESTS AND VALUES."**

Robyn Young, senior manager of development relations for Macerich

Residents and elected officials felt that proposal was out-of-step with the community and were concerned about traffic impacts in an already congested downtown.

Admitting they made a mistake, Macerich officials last summer met with community members in a series of 14 meetings and used their input to craft a dramatically different concept that incorporates these six key requirements identified by residents:

"I think what we are bringing forward today really reflects the community's interests and values."

City Hall is co-hosting an "open-house" with Macerich on March 15 to give residents a detailed look at the proposal. It will be the first of many community meetings as part of the permitting process. In addition to going before the council for approval, Macerich will also present the plan to several commissions, including the Planning and Coastal commissions.



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**BEFORE AND AFTER:** Top; An artist's rendering of the Broadway side of Santa Monica Place following an extensive renovation. The plan is still in the development phase. Above; A photo from the very same perspective of the mall as it stands today.

City Manager Lamont Ewell said he was impressed with the way in which Macerich involved the community as it went back to the drawing board.

"This seems to be reflecting what this community said it was more interested in seeing, so I'm happy they have dealt with it in this manner," Ewell said. "But ultimately, the council will have to look at this objectively and decide if it meets the needs of the city."

As far as experts in retail are concerned, a renovated Santa Monica Place is a necessity when talking about the economic vitality of the city.

When the Frank Gehry-designed mall opened in 1980, it was a crown jewel of retail with its glass-ceiling, waterfall and other decorative touches, however, as the years passed, the mall, purchased by Macerich in 1999, had become outdated when compared to the new "lifestyle" shopping centers that combined retail with housing for a more urban feel, much like the promenade.

"(Santa Monica Place) definitely needs to be upgraded. It's kind of dumpy," said George Whalin, founder of Retail Management Consultants.

A renovated mall would likely attract more shoppers, helping Santa Monica remain competitive with newly renovated malls in Century City and West Los Angeles.

That means more sales tax revenue to fund city projects

and services, Whalin said.

"There is a massive population on that side of town that does not want to drive west of the 405 (Freeway) who could be served by a new shopping center," Whalin said. "A renovation will be good for both the stores, the shoppers and the community."

Macerich is looking to attract an eclectic mix of retailers and restaurants to better serve residents, who have asked for more affordable options, particularly when it comes to everyday wear.

"Even with the great retail on Main Street, Montana (Avenue) and the Third Street Promenade, there is still a lot we can do to service the needs of residents," Young said.

Diana Gordon, a co-founder of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable (SMCLC), which sued City Hall to gain access to communications between city staff and Macerich during the first proposal, praised the mall operator for reaching out to residents the second time around, but also put Macerich on notice that they will continue to be monitored throughout the process.

"That is music to a lot of residents' ears," Gordon said of the new concept. "There are still some open issues, such as what type of environmental review the city will require ... but the process has opened up dramatically."

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The City of Santa Monica is planning a 1.2-mile Class I bike and pedestrian path on the Exposition rail right-of-way (ROW) between the eastern City limit and 17th Street. The project will offer an alternative transportation opportunity, enhance sustainability and provide a new outdoor community resource. In addition to a bikeway and adjacent pedestrian path, elements of the project will include sustainable landscaping, lighting and a public art component. The bike path in Santa Monica is an important segment of a bikeway that will ultimately extend all the way to Downtown Los Angeles along the Exposition ROW and will be coordinated carefully with the future rail line. Grant funding for design and construction of this project is through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The project design team is just beginning its work. You are encouraged to join us to learn more about the project and provide your input at this early stage.

**WHEN:** Monday, March 19, 2007 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Virginia Avenue Park community room  
2200 Virginia Avenue (between 20<sup>th</sup> & Cloverfield)

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**PLAYING FUTBOL:** Local residents watch a game of soccer between Sierra Service Project volunteers and local kids in La Lima, Honduras.

## Irish grub on the menu for Ocean Park church's benefit

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attached to the people there and the culture," Gerda added. "It changed my whole outlook on life ... I'd like to do something that helps people internationally. Working with the Peace Corps. definitely appeals to me, the United Nations, the State Department."

There's no doubt that the Sierra Service Project changed Minister Janet McKeithen. She volunteered 30 years ago, working on a reservation in the Sierras, and has been involved ever since. She said it helped her find direction, turning her from an atheist into a true believer.

"It allows young people to change the way they look at the world, their part in it and what they might have to offer," McKeithen said. "It helps some people to become less selfish and less materialistic. Others gain a wider view of the world."

Those who wish to lend a helping hand, or cut a check, can attend the dinner or send a donation to the church's youth fund. To reserve a spot at the dinner, call (310) 399-1631, or send an e-mail to [youthfund@churchop.org](mailto:youthfund@churchop.org).

Molly Temple, an 18-year-old senior at

Venice High School, will be the chef for the St. Patrick's Day feast. She hopes to attract enough people with her cooking to fund to entire trip, and while she may not be able to go because she may be moving into her college dorm, she will put her all into the dinner.

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**Nicholas Gerda**  
member of Church in Ocean Park.

"The church has helped me so much," Temple said, "that it's only right to help others and be supportive."

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## District prepares for future students

FROM STUDENTS PAGE 3

members to imagine a world where the students are engaged in the learning process through technology; a world where the students spend a significant amount of time in the classroom trying to solve environmental and social problems; a world where students transitioning through different schools — like middle school to high school — are required to prepare a digital portfolio as a graduation requirement.

The Internet has changed how students learn in the classroom, with students being able to access course information on class Web pages and interact with their teachers outside of class via E-mail. The future of the district sees teachers using podcasting as an educational tool, and also sees students debating current issues with students internationally through live video streaming over the Internet, Talarico said.

"The Internet has allowed students to become increasingly engaged," Talarico said.

In order to keep up with technology, staff development will be necessary to keep teachers abreast of technological changes. The district cannot expect teachers to keep up with technology just through interaction with the students, she said.

Students should also be prepared for a multilingual workforce. The district should consider adopting Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, French, Arabic, Italian and Portuguese into their curriculum.

School Board member Kelly Pye suggested the district poll all teachers to get an idea of what they feel would be necessary to enhance classroom instruction and what tools will make it easier for them to teach.

"It would be an initial statement about where we go from here," Pye said.

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SOCCER

# Beckham sidelined for about a month

By the Associated Press

MADRID, Spain David Beckham's return to form has taken a new twist — a bad twist of his right knee.

The Los Angeles Galaxy-bound midfielder will be sidelined for about a month after hurting a knee ligament during a Spanish League game last weekend, an injury that eliminated his chance of being recalled to England's national team for upcoming European Championship qualifiers.

The 31-year-old hurt his right knee during Real Madrid's 1-1 tie with Getafe on Sunday when his momentum following a cross took him into an advertising sign behind the goal. He limped off the field, and a scan Monday revealed the injured ligament.

"Obviously, we hope it's not a serious injury so he can get back to helping Real Madrid challenge for the title," Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas said. "We do not expect this injury to affect his arrival in Los Angeles or his debut with the Galaxy."

Beckham missed three games in November due to an injured left knee, which he hurt at the World Cup.

Beckham agreed in January to a five-year contract with the Galaxy worth about \$27.5 million in base salary. His contract with Real Madrid ends June 30, and the Galaxy expect he will join the team in August.

Beckham was taken off in the 69th minute, 37 minutes after teammate Jose Antonio Reyes was carried off on a stretcher after hurting his left knee. Both will miss Wednesday's European Champions League game at Bayern Munich.

Famous for his bending free kicks and

crosses, Beckham has 17 goals in 94 appearances for England. He was captain for 58, stepping down after England was eliminated by Portugal in last year's World Cup quarter-finals, when Beckham limped off with an Achilles' tendon injury. He has not played for England since.

His wife, Victoria, is a former member of the Spice Girls, and the pair are expected to provide a boost to MLS in attendance and television ratings.

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Alexi Lalas  
Galaxy general manager

Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello benched him from Dec. 20 until Feb. 10. When Beckham first agreed to a contract with the Galaxy, the coach said he wouldn't play for Real Madrid again, but Capello then changed his mind.

England plays at Israel on March 24 in a 2008 European Championship qualifier, and then visits Andorra four days later. The English team is tied for third place in Group E, trailing both Croatia and Russia. Only the top two nations in the group qualify.

BASEBALL

# Athletics shortstop Crosby finally takes batting practice

By the Associated Press

PHOENIX Oakland Athletics shortstop Bobby Crosby faced live pitching Sunday for the first time this spring and showed no lingering effects from the back injury that sidelined him for the final two months last season.

"It's been a long time to wait but it was good," said Crosby, the 2004 AL Rookie of the Year. "I was antsy coming into spring but I didn't want to rush it. When you rush it, you hurt it."

Crosby missed 63 games in 2006 with a stress fracture in his back and other injuries. Team doctors originally diagnosed the back injury as a strain, but Crosby later met with a private doctor who discovered the fracture.

Before Sunday, Crosby hadn't faced live pitching since Aug. 21. He was placed on the disabled list four days later and did not return, finishing the season with career lows in batting average (.229), hits (82) and home runs (nine). He also struck out 76 times in 358 at-bats.

Crosby was batting .251 on July 5, but went 11-for-78 (.141) the rest of the way. He hit 22 home runs as a rookie, and has 18 in 180 games since.

The A's are taking a cautious approach with the 27-year-old Crosby, who has missed 132 games over the past two seasons with four trips to the disabled list. He began spring training hitting off a tee and progressed to soft tosses last week.

On Sunday, Crosby took four rounds of batting practice against Tony DeFrancesco, manager of the A's Triple-A affiliate in Sacramento. Crosby said he swung at 70-75 percent strength, but that was due more to a change in his swing than concerns about his back.

"The back, I don't see it being an issue," Crosby said. "I just have to maintain my core strength and the back will be fine. It was just nice and easy swings, letting my hands work. This was more for my game. I'm sure tomorrow will be about the same and if that goes good I'll probably go up a bit."

Though there's no set timetable for when Crosby will participate in full workouts or when he'll play in spring training games, he hopes to be in the lineup when the A's open the regular season April 2 in Seattle.

"I think I'll be ready by opening day," Crosby said. "I'm pretty confident."

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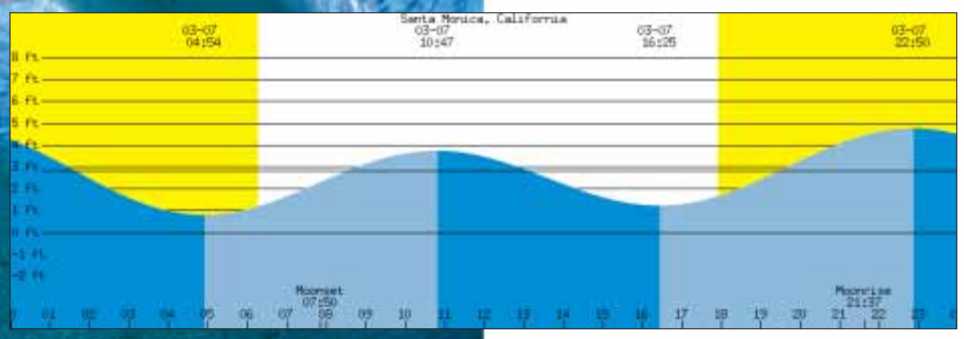
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| LOCATION                                                             | DRY | WET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth                     | A+  | A+  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A+  | A+  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks        | A+  | A+  |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach                             | A+  | A+  |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth                                   | A+  | A+  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | A   |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)                   | F   | A+  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | A+  | A+  |
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| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A+  | A+  |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach                          | A+  | A+  |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth                                    | B   | A+  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.        | C   | A+  |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence                               | A+  | A   |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily                             | F   | F   |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | D   | F   |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | F   | C   |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | F   | A+  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs                                   | B   | A+  |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach                                 | B   | A+  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                          | A+  | A+  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | F   | F   |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | B   | A+  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | A+  |
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| LOCATION                                                          | DRY | WET |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence      | A+  | C   |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain               | F   | A+  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain                  | F   | F   |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua) | F   | F   |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain                          | A+  | A+  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain                        | D   | A+  |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier                                       | C   | D   |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain                     | F   | F   |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)      | A+  | C   |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain                            | B   | A   |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain                   | D   | A+  |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A+  | C   |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | D   | A+  |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A+  | C   |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.                           | A+  | C   |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower                   | A   | B   |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | A   | B   |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain                      | A+  | A+  |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach           | A+  | A+  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)          | A+  | C   |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A+  | A+  |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant               | A+  | D   |
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**LEGEND**

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# Let your mind relax, Pisces

**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)

★★★★★ Others finally receive the message and are able to dialogue. Resourcefulness marks your decisions and actions. Yet a problem could arise from what you see. You might hope that everything is always clear. Don't count on it. Tonight: Let someone run with the moment.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Something that has been on your desk far too long might cause you angst. But you do have the ability to clear it out, especially in the a.m. You discover that many people understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Time to take a break. Enjoy.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You finally greet relief wholeheartedly. Think in terms of understanding and growth within a specific emotional tie. You might not always be able to mellow out, but try to enjoy the place you are in. Tonight: Get some needed R and R.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your fun-loving nature emerges when dealing with the many caring people in your life. At times people don't get you or where you are coming from. Your nurturing testifies to your true self. Let creativity flow as well. Tonight: Fun and games.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, especially early in the day. You might be surprised by what you hear and what others think. Flow and enjoy the ones you love and care about. Plan on some basic, fulfilling activity within your immediate circle. Tonight: Happy at home.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You find that many people in your life have strong opinions. You might not want to hear what they have to say, especially about money, but you are going to anyway. Understand and listen. This knowledge will help. Tonight: Hang at a pal's haunt.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign helps beam in what you want. Communication proves to be instrumental. Don't think that this is the last time you'll have a key talk. Finances play a role in your decisions. Think positively. Tonight: Keep smiling.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Carefully listen to feedback regarding a personal issue. You could be surprised by the knowledge you gain playing it easy and relaxed. Learn to roll with the punches rather than buck news or criticism. Tonight: It's your time to howl.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to maximize what is going on. Friends surround you and let you know where they are coming from. Understanding takes you far, whether with a project or relating to a loved one. Tonight: Take some personal time.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Responsibilities call. You will step up to the plate and express your positive leadership. In fact, the end results could be much better than you ever dreamt. Tonight: Intensity marks the moment.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Make it a point to look at the big picture and not half of the story. Sometimes it is easy to avoid or, shall we say, not see all that is going on around us. That excuse won't cut it right now, Aquarius. Look, see and listen. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not want to see others as they would like to be seen. A conversation about sharing – be it concerning a relationship or a checking account – will help clear the air. Responsibilities call. Think about the end results. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

## Born Today

**Artist Piet Mondrian (1872)**  
**English royalty Lord Snowdon (1930)**  
**Media personality Willard Scott (1934)**

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## Happy Birthday!

You have an innate ability to relate deeply to others. Use this skill, and you could discover that this year is uniquely satisfying. Understanding those you hold close needs to become a priority, and one that you work on continuously, as people do change. Categorizing someone could be a big mistake. Financial swings are possible, especially if you don't see the big picture. If you are single, you will want a relationship. You will see the strength of this desire, as you are likely to manifest just that. If you are attached, relate to your sweetie with openness. Excitement will invigorate your life as a result.

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## Radcliffe signs up for 'Potter'

**DANIEL RADCLIFFE** has signed on to star in the final two "Harry Potter" films, Warner Bros. said Monday.

Radcliffe, who plays the bespectacled schoolboy wizard in the Hollywood adaptations

of J.K. Rowling's novels, will reprise the role in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Warner Bros. will release the fifth installment – "Harry Potter and the Order

of the Phoenix" – on July 13, a week before the book "The Deathly Hallows" is released. The show dates for the last two movies haven't been announced.

Radcliffe, 17, is in the London stage production of "Equus," in which he plays

a troubled stableboy who mutilates horses. The racy role is quite the departure for the teen known best as Harry Potter.

In the play, Radcliffe swears, smokes and appears nude.

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# From 'Laguna Beach' to the slammer for bad boy Wahler

**JASON WAHLER** was arrested this weekend and charged with underage drinking and resisting a public officer, authorities said Monday.

Wahler, 20, who appeared on MTV's "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County" reality

series, was arrested by an undercover state Alcohol Law Enforcement agent at Rumors nightclub in Greenville late Friday night and booked at Pitt County Jail early Saturday morning, authorities said. He was released on \$1,000 bond several hours later.

The charge of resisting a public officer stems from providing several false birth dates, said ALE Agent Matt Knight, who arrested Wahler. Wahler, who wasn't carrying identification, told Knight he was on a TV show.

Wahler is scheduled to

appear in Pitt County District Court on April 18.

The Associated Press was attempting Monday to reach a representative for Wahler.

Wahler's arrest was first reported on the celebrity news Web site TMZ.com.

AP



Photo courtesy of Pitt County Jail  
**MUGSHOT BLUES:** Jason Wahler in his booking photo following drinking arrest.

PAUL DONATES \$50,000



**LES PAUL**, who is credited with inventing the solid-body electric guitar, has donated \$50,000 to his Wisconsin hometown.

Paul has contributed \$25,000 to a local museum that is planning an exhibit honoring the 91-year-old Grammy winner. The other \$25,000 was given to a hospital that served his family over the years, officials announced last week.

"It says something special about someone of Mr. Paul's stature who never forgets his roots," said Ed Olson, president of Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

The Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum, which is raising money for the Les Paul exhibit, announced the combined \$50,000 in donations. The museum had raised about \$1 million by last summer toward its goal of \$4 million.

Paul, who was born in Waukesha, now lives in New Jersey. He has donated many artifacts and memorabilia for the planned exhibit.

AP

# Rough time in Palm Springs for Fabian

**FABIAN** escaped serious injury twice this weekend – first in a car crash, then in a concert accident.

The 64-year-old singer was riding with his manager and daughter near Palm Desert on Friday night when a car sideswiped their vehicle and it rolled several times, Fabian's spokesman, Steve Moyer, said.

Fabian and his daughter,

Julia Forte, were examined and released. His manager, Oscar Arslanian, was taken to a hospital for scalp lacerations and blood loss. He was expected to make a full recovery, Moyer said.

On Saturday, Fabian was performing at the Spotlight Casino along with former teen idols Frankie Avalon and Lou Christie when he fell off the stage. He suf-

fered a scrape to his chin, said Paul Speirs, a casino spokesman.

"It's a miracle that we survived that accident," Fabian said in a statement. "Except for being sore, I thought I could do the show. I didn't want to disappoint the audience."

Fabian, born Fabian Anthony Forte, gained fame in the 1950s and 1960s

with songs such as "Turn Me Loose" and "Tiger." He made guest appearance on TV shows such as "Laverne & Shirley," "The Facts of Life" and "Murphy Brown," and starred in the 1964 movie "Ride the Wild Surf."

He will rejoin Avalon and Bobby Rydell for several shows in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

AP

# Gifted, troubled singer makes debut

Everything about **AMY WINEHOUSE** seems larger than life.

First off, there's the diminutive singer's look a black beehive of hair, mascara-drenched eyes, old-style sailor tattoos. It's part Dusty Springfield, part Morticia Addams.

Then, there's the 23-year-old's extraordinary voice, like Billie Holiday channeling the Shangri-Las.

The combination helped push Winehouse's second album, the soaring, Phil Spector-ish "Back to Black," to the top of the British charts and many critics' year-end best lists in 2006.

But her music is not the only thing about her that garners attention. Her high-voltage personality and reputation for heavy drinking and smoking, and blunt speaking, have landed her, time and again, in the pages

of the tabloid press.

It's an image Winehouse's songs do nothing to dispel. "Back to Black" which makes its U.S. debut on March 13 spawned the hit song "Rehab," with its autobiographical refrain: "They tried to make me go to rehab/I said no, no, no."

"I listen to a lot of '60s music, but society is different now," said Winehouse, fresh from winning a Brit Award as the year's best female British act. "I'm a young woman and I'm going to write about what I know."

It's a winning formula "Back to Black" is a compelling combination of the retro and the risqué.

While Winehouse's first album, 2003's "Frank," drew on hip-hop and jazz, "Back to Black" turns for inspiration to the dense harmonies, soaring, orchestral arrangements

and heart-on-sleeve emotion of early Motown and 1960s girl groups.

If the sound is shimmering, the lyrics are lacerating. "I told you I was trouble/You know that I'm no good," she sings on "You Know I'm No Good."

Winehouse says it's the unashamed emotionalism of the decades-old music that appeals to her.

"A lot of music now is trying to be cool and like, 'Yeah, I don't really care about you,' a really blase attitude," she said. "I think it's much nicer to be in love, and throw yourself into it, and want to lie in the road for that person."

"It's like the difference between having a dance in the middle of the party and standing around the outside with a beer bottle trying to look cool."

She says the Shangri-Las the girl-group behind

"Leader of the Pack" and other drama-drenched '60s singles "pretty much had a song for every stage of a relationship: being lonely, then finding someone, being in love with them, then breaking up with the boy, then crying about it. They've got a song for every occasion. Saw me through a fair few good and bad times, definitely."

Winehouse's good and bad times have been gleefully chronicled in the British press. The tabloids have feasted on accounts of binge-drinking, drug use and feuds with fellow musicians. She is famously blunt in her assessment of her peers, once describing Dido's sound as "background music the background to death" and saying of pop princess Kylie Minogue, "she's not an artist ... she's a pony."

AP

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1:30, 7:10  
Pan's Labyrinth  
(El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)  
2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15  
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The Queen (PG-13)  
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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

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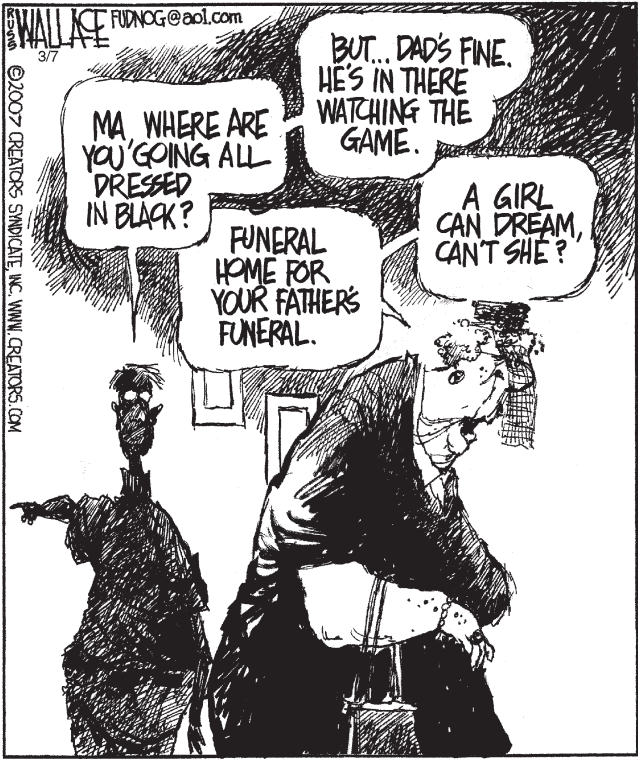
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ms. Pan Alying, a school-teacher in China's Shandong province, had her purse snatched in January (containing her mobile phone, bank cards and cash) and decided to try pleading with the thief by sending text messages to her stolen phone. According to Xinhua news agency, she patiently sent 21 sympathetic notes to the man, with no answer, but the day after the last one, she found a package at her door containing her purse and all its contents intact, with a note, "I'm sorry. ... I'll correct my ways and be an upright person."

■ Mount Diablo High School (Concord, Calif.) students met in racial groups in February to prepare for upcoming statewide tests, to motivate them to improve their race's "team" score from the year before. Principal Bev Hansen defended the strategy of dividing whites, blacks, Hispanics and Asians, pointing out both its previous successes (increases of from 46 points for whites to 80 points for Hispanics) and its ability to motivate by positive ethnicity (rather than allowing intergroup taunting over scores to fester).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1798 The French army enters in Rome: the birth of the Roman Republic.

1827 Brazil marines sail up the Rio Negro (Argentina) and attack the temporary naval base of Carmen de Patagones, Argentina. They are defeated by the local citizens.

1876 Alexander Graham Bell is granted a patent for an invention he calls the telephone (patent # 174,464).

1912 Roald Amundsen first announces to the world that his expedition has reached the South Pole, though they had arrived on December 14, 1911

1918 World War I: Finland forms an alliance with Germany.

1950 Cold War: The Soviet Union issues a statement denying that Klaus Fuchs served as a Soviet spy.

1965 In Selma, Alabama, State troopers and local law enforcement forcefully break up a group of 600 civil rights marchers. The event was televised and was dubbed Bloody Sunday.

1968 Vietnam War: The First Battle of Saigon begins.

1983 The Nashville Network (TNN) begins broadcasting.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-06-68283-JB Loan # 18686857 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): LEON OZERAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPERATE PROPERTY Recorded: 3/24/2006 as Instrument No. 06-0635765 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale:

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3/12/2007 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$442,028.96 The purported property address is: 1824 20th Street #GSanta Monica, CA 90404 Assessors Parcel No. 4274-011-038 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 2/16/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp.319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92101619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 400 Lee Paschen, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 821453 02/20/2007, 02/27/2007, 03/06/2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 1093756-10 APN: 4274-008-055 TRA: 08604 Loan No: XXXXX3220 Ref: Martin, Sergio UNINS Important notice to property owner: You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated November 04, 2004. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. On March 26, 2007, at 10:30AM, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 12, 2004, as Inst. No. 04-2935384, in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California executed by Sergio Martin, a single man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: At the West Side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2624 Kansas Ave. #10 Santa Monica, CA 90404. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated

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costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$351,923.30 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (714) 259-7850, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: March 06, 2007 By: Deborah Bird, Authorized Signature ASAP# 827726 03/06/2007, 03/13/2007, 03/20/2007

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LESLIE SPICER AKA LESLIE PERCIVAL SPICER CASE NO. BP103182

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LESLIE SPICER AKA LESLIE PERCIVAL SPICER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOHN K. SPICER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN K. SPICER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 04/03/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner HOWARD A. SCHNEE, ESQ. 5550 TOPANGA CYN BLVD., #200 WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367-6496 3/6, 3/7, 3/13/07 CNS-1097584# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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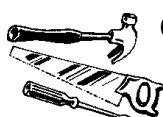
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