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Photo courtesy NBC
A STAR IS BORN: Santa Monican Chad Doreck, 28, has seen his dream almost become a reality. He's a finalist on the NBC reality show "Grease: You're the One that I Want!"

Catching 'Grease' lightning

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A career on Broadway is the dream of countless Santa Monicans, but a particular local is pinning his hopes to a stint on a reality television competition as his means of reaching such a lofty goal.

One of four finalists to play the role of Danny Zuko on a new Broadway production of "Grease," 28-year-old Chad Doreck has seen his dream appear more and more within reach each week as he continues to survive the cut on NBC's reality show, "Grease: You're the One that I Want!"

The premise of the show, which airs on Sundays at 8 p.m., is to select the lead roles of Sandy Dumbrowski and Danny Zuko for the new Broadway adaptation of the classic production, set to premiere in June. Each winner will become a bonafide Broadway star for at least the next 12 months. The terms of the contract guarantees each winner at least one year of being a part of the theatrical cast.

Doreck, of Santa Monica, was among the thousands of hopefuls that took part in a nationwide casting call last year. The list was narrowed to the top 50 candidates who took part in the "Grease Academy," and the judges then selected the top 12 based on their performances. Those 12 finalists appeared on the live episodes, allowing viewers to select their favorite hopefuls to continue on to the

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Going underground?

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD Steven Keats just can't seem to get away from the wires.

Each morning, he looks out his back window and sees a transformer with a series of clunky, high-voltage wires strung from one side of his backyard to the other.

"They really have become a part of our viewscape and you get used to them in a way," Keats said of the wiring. "But you really wish they weren't there. Hopefully, they'll be gone soon."

Not soon enough for one motorist. On Monday, around 7 a.m., Keats heard a loud roar outside his 19th Street home. A car had burst into flames after a 16,000-volt electrical wire fell on top of it.

The wire "plunged to the ground moments before the flames erupted, shooting sparks in all directions and writhing like a snake until it welded itself to the body of the car," Keats said. "The nearly new Volvo was totally engulfed in flames within moments and destroyed. Neighbors agreed

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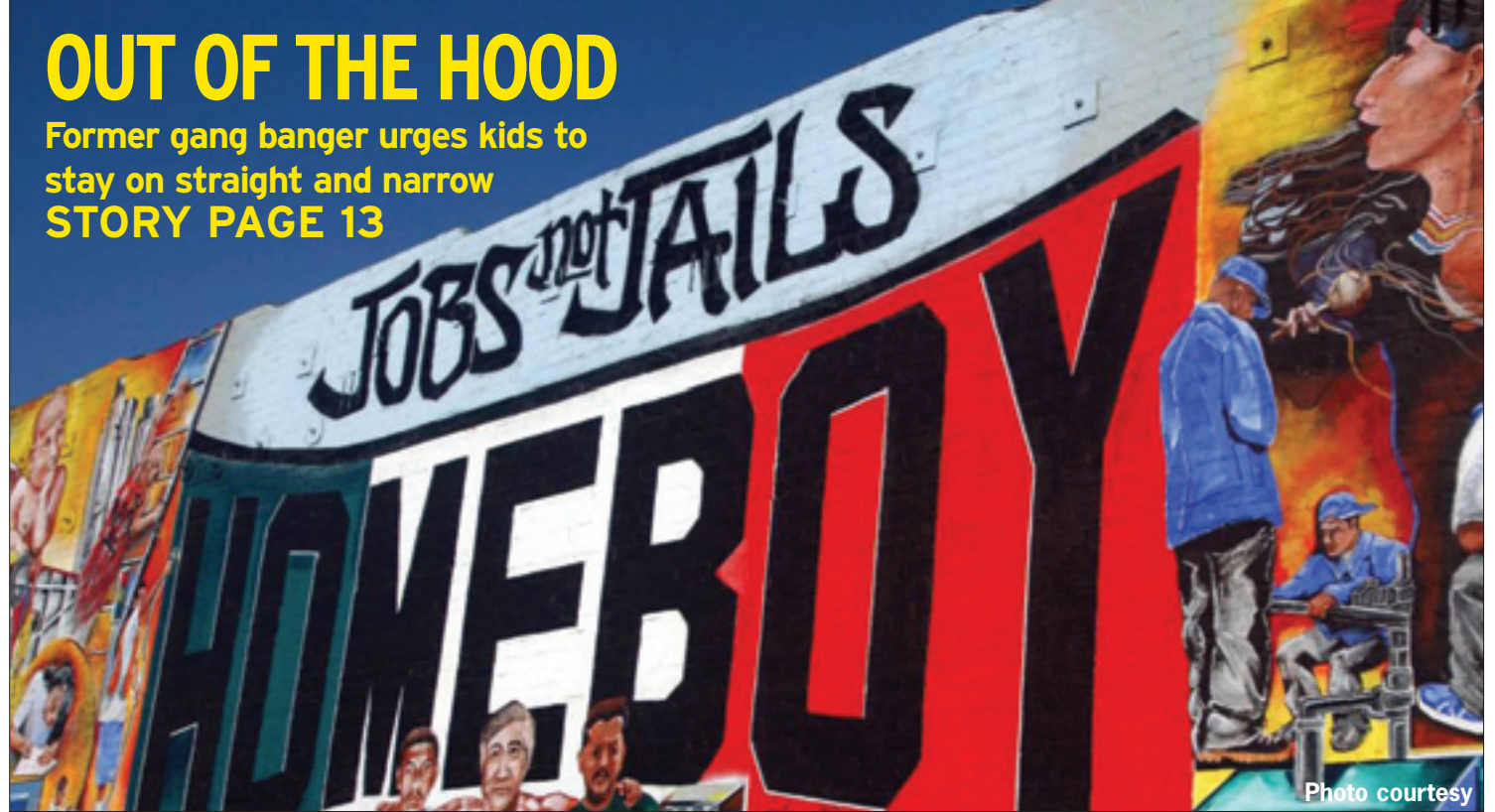
Photo courtesy of Steven Keats
WIRE FIRE: A Volvo bursts into flames on the 1800 block of Michigan Avenue on Monday, just moments after an electrical power line fell to the ground and welded itself to the car, according to eyewitnesses. While no one was injured, the incident spotlights the dangers of overhead wires.

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Former gang banger urges kids to stay on straight and narrow

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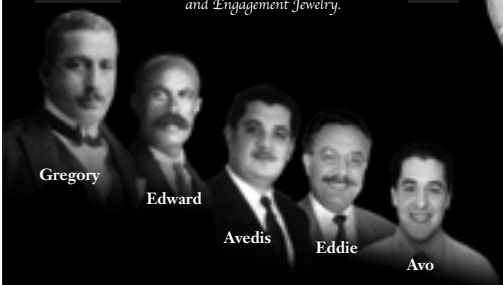
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Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, presents six-week courses designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, 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.

Yoga for the Lenten Season

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

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

'Junk Drawers'

3301 Pico Blvd., coffeehouse hours

Photography by Richard Gilbert will be on display at the UnUrban Coffeehouse through March 20. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.osmare.com.

Nordic LAttitudes

601 Santa Monica Blvd., Main Library hours

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

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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

Thursday, March 8, 2007

'What's new this week'

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

The Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Library presents a weekly review and discussion of the week's key news stories, at home and abroad; moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

"Sugio!"

1211 Fourth St., 5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

The American Cultural Youth Ambassadors will be performing an original bilingual English-Japanese one act show at the Santa Monica Playhouse. "Sugio!" ("Cool!") will be the only local show prior to the company's Spring Japan Tour. Tickets are \$5 for this family-friendly event that includes a mini-Japanese language lesson, sing-a-long and Japanese snacks. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2.

'Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life' with Arlene Blum

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Arlene Blum will be discussing her new book, 'Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life' at REI. The book covers her experiences leading the first American — and all-women's — ascent of Annapurna I; leading the first women's team up Mt. McKinley; making the first traverse of the Great Himalaya Range of Bhutan, Nepal and India and hiking the length of the European Alps with her baby daughter on her back.

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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.





It's time for some 'Action!' at Barnum

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH After spending nearly \$8 million restoring Barnum Hall to its original glory, donors are now looking for their investment to start paying dividends, and it's up to Carey Upton to make that happen.

The performing arts veteran and former manager of the historic Los Angeles and Palace theaters in downtown LA has been placed in charge of Barnum Hall and the Greek Amphitheater at Santa Monica High School.

In addition to helping students learn how to run lights and sound boards, Upton, 43, is responsible for overseeing the daily maintenance of the performance hall and promoting it as a cultural resource for the community, which played a significant role in its restoration by approving bonds that financed most of the project.

"What we envisioned with the restoration of Barnum Hall was that it would once again be a community venue, not just for the high school," said Jean Sedillos, chairperson of Restore Barnum Hall, which helped raise \$1 million for the facelift and is looking to raise another \$1 million for a maintenance endowment. "Carey Upton seems like the perfect person to do just that."

Upton, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., attended Samford University and did graduate work at Baylor University before signing on as a stage manager for the Shakespeare Company in Massachusetts. From there, he worked at many regional theaters, and later became resident director for the

File photo

SHOWTIME: Barnum Hall, which was once the community's theater and events staging ground, eventually gave way to larger, more accessible venues like the Santa Monica Civic Center and shut its doors. Following an \$8 million renovation, the hall is back.

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Santa Monica shifting into a greener, cleaner gear

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE The city of Los Angeles ranked favorably in a recent national study regarding cities and their usage of alternative fuels. Though Santa Monica and cities of a comparable size were not included, it stands to reason the city by the sea would have made a strong showing.

The city of Los Angeles placed eighth, according to SustainLane, the online sustainability knowledge base for state and local government, which surveyed the 50 largest U.S. cities and compared the number of fleets operating on alternative fuels.

Close to 25 percent of the city vehicles in

Los Angeles run on alternative fuels.

With increasing concerns over the environment, there are more vehicle lines than ever using sustainable power, including biodiesel, hydrogen, ethanol, liquid natural gas (LNG), compressed natural gas (CNG) and electric and gas-hybrid vehicles, according to SustainLane.

In Santa Monica, the city fleets are often considered a model for clean transportation.

In March 2002, the Big Blue Bus started using LNG, beginning with 37 buses and finally converting more of the fleet, according to Dan Dawson, customer relations manager for Big Blue Bus. He reported that operating one LNG bus is equivalent to eliminating the smog and soot from 20 to 33

passenger cars from the road.

"One hundred percent of our fleet now operates on alternative fuels," Dawson said. "These fuels include LNG and biodiesel (which is made from plant material instead of petroleum).

Today, 50 percent of the fleet operates on LNG. Dawson said the Big Blue Bus' goal is to convert all buses to use some sort of alternative fuels.

In the early 90s, the city started to develop its fleet management program, which includes electric and natural gas vehicles.

"In July of '96, we started setting the schedule for converting as many vehicles as we could," said Dean Kubani, environmental programs manager. "Solid waste and recycling trucks use

natural gas. We have natural gas and biodiesel beach maintenance and street sweepers."

Since some city vehicles started running on biodiesel in February 2005, the numbers have continued to increase, according to Rick Sikes, fleet superintendent for Santa Monica.

"Eighty-one percent of the city public work fleet is alternatively fueled," Sikes said. "We have about 600 vehicles in the fleet that we call the 'municipal fleet.'"

The fleet includes refuse collection trucks, water and street department vehicles, trucks and cars at the pier and airport, basically "everything but the Fire Department, Police Department and Big Blue Bus," Sikes said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vets need to get a little respect
Editor:

I have been outspoken on veterans issues here in Santa Monica because I have seen the damage done.

We have seen the damage done, as is evidenced by the statistics we observe in our homeless population here that the city wrestles with right now.

And now, the scandal in our nation’s capital at the Army hospital!

In my lifetime, I have known three veterans who have put a gun to their head in complete despair, they fired. More recently, an Iraqi vet did the same here.

It is beyond the moment to ask ‘Why?’ It is time to act ... what more can we as a community do? Do we establish a veterans commission within the city that I, for one, think is long overdue? Do we voice the city’s displeasure over this scandal in the name of The People here who have long borne responsibility for those we see on our streets?

The time is now.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica

Democrats embolden our enemies
Editor:

Once the Islamists get their hands on the astronomical oil wealth that lies under the Iraqi sands , I bet they really will come after us with everything it can buy, including WMD. Yes, they hate us that much, and all liberals, Democrats and get “out now types” are hated just as much as the next guy.

Grow up, Speaker Pelosi and Congressman Murtha, these radical Middle Eastern types are never gonna learn to luv ya (sic). They want us out of the region for the following reasons: The first is so they can ratchet up the price of crude and destroy our civilization, and the second is so they can isolate Israel from the West and then go after it with WMD. Left alone, Israel will be forced to use nuclear weapons against all the surrounding enemy nations.

In many ways, America is in Iraq to keep a nuclear war from happening. There are hardly any Christians left in the region. Doesn’t that say a lot about Islamic incompatibility with competing ideologies and religions?

Why in their eyes we are less than dogs, and maybe less than insects? That’s the reason that too few Islamic voices were heard protesting the events of 9/11. The general cross-regional Islamic view is that we had it coming. These Wahhabist-inspired and -funded crazies can't wait for the day when they have enough WMD to show the supposed idolatrous and polytheist Americans and Westerners a thing or two. Of course, the Russians, Indians, Chinese and Japanese will get it in their time.

Democrats, do you think the time for another major terrorist strike will be pushed down the road by trying to placate the enemy? Be prepared to be surprised! Political trips to Saudi Arabia to grovel at the House of Saud lorded over by the Salafist King Abdullah are almost treasonous. The Democrats in Congress are coldly trying to pre-position the military, President Bush and the Republicans to take the blame in the event of another devastating homeland terrorist attack. All the links and all the logical connections have been programed into American consciousness by the Democrats’ massive propaganda machine. And this is all being done in hopes of getting Hillary Clinton or some other ineffectual leader elected president.

In truth, the Democrats are doing nothing more than gyrating wildly on the graves of our fallen heroes in an attempt to gather up votes. How can this be? Well, the Democrats have tapped into the collective guilt associated with our military failures in Vietnam and used it to exploit the Iraq war by drawing only the thinnest historic parallels. The repulsive theatrics of the Democrats as they make their guest appearances on TV’s political broadcasts has devastated our troops’ moral and tainted public opinion and slandered the Bush Administration.

Iraq is critically important to the future of every single American and it has not been overblown by President Bush. How many people will step forward and happily pay \$50 or more for a gallon of gas at the pump? How many people want to see a military domineering China or a rearmed Japan in the Persian Gulf?

And this will prove to be a sad day for America.

Ken C. Arnold
Santa Monica



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Remembering the late, great nation of America

“It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties.”
— James Madison

WE LIVE IN A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT country since 9/11. Not only do many Americans view their government with suspicion, but how their government views them has drastically changed.

A perfect example of this took place last fall. Prior to the elections that transformed the makeup of Congress, the Bush Administration pushed for the inclusion of two stealth provisions into a mammoth defense budget bill. The additions made it easier for the government to declare martial law and establish a dictatorship.

Since the days of our Founding Fathers, when King George III used his armies to terrorize and tyrannize the colonies, the American people have understandably distrusted the use of a national military force to intervene in civilian affairs, except in instances of extreme emergency and limited duration.

Hence, as a sign of the Founders’ concern that the people not be under the power of a military government, control of the military was vested in a civilian government, with a civilian commander-in-chief. And the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 furthered those safeguards against military law, making it a crime for the government to use the military to carry out arrests, searches, seizure of evidence and other activities normally handled by a civilian police force.

However, with the inclusion of a seemingly insignificant rider into the massive defense bill (the martial law section of the 591-page Defense Appropriations Act takes up just a few paragraphs), the Bush Administration has managed to weaken what the New York Times refers to as “two obscure but important bulwarks of liberty.” One is posse comitatus. The other is the Insurrection Act of 1807, which limits a president’s domestic use of the military to putting down lawlessness, insurrection and rebellion where a state is violating federal law or depriving the people of their constitutional rights.

Under these new provisions, the president can now use the military as a domestic police force in response to a natural disaster, disease outbreak, terrorist attack or to any “other condition.” According to the new law, Bush doesn’t even have to notify Congress of his intent to use military force against the American people — he just has to notify them once he has done so. The defense budget provision’s vague language leaves the doors wide open for rampant abuse. As writer Jane Smiley noted, “the introduction of these changes amounts, not to an attack on the Congress and the balance of power, but to a particular and concerted attack on the citizens of the nation. Bush is laying the legal groundwork to repeal even the appearance of democracy.”

The main reason we do not want the military patrolling our streets is that under martial law, the Bill of Rights becomes null and void. A standing army — something that propelled the early colonists into revolution — strips the American people of any vestige

of freedom. Thus, if we were subject to martial law, there would be no rules, no protections, no judicial oversight and no elections. And unless these provisions are repealed, the president’s new power will be set in stone for future administrations to use — and abuse.

A fundamental principle of American government is to not trust public officials. But modern Americans, primed by television pablum and ignorant of their history, have a tendency to trust people in office simply because they appear to share a common faith, say the right things or come from a certain region of the country. But lest we forget, power has a tendency to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Furthermore, the way this was handled proves that we cannot trust government officials. By sneaking this provision in as a rider to a larger bill, public debate and media attention were avoided. Had the provision been openly discussed and debated, there would have been opposition and outcry. And it most likely would have been soundly rejected. Instead, it was rushed through the Republican-controlled Congress prior to the elections and enacted into law.

The Founding Fathers would have literally been up in arms over Bush’s actions. They understood the dangers inherent in vesting power in a single person, which is exactly what this legislation purports to do. There’s no limit to what the president can now do: The “any condition” language opens the door for total power, a dictatorship. The people are left with no defense.

Furthermore, this legislation erases the balance between the state and federal government. The state governors understood this, and that’s why many vocally opposed the provisions. But it was to no avail.

Who’s to blame here? Congress has utterly failed to exercise its power to check the growing power of the Executive Branch. The media have also been woefully remiss. Although a handful of bloggers sounded the alarm, the major media outlets failed to report on it. If it weren’t for a recent editorial in the New York Times, most people would still be in the dark. What’s the point of a free press if you can’t rely on the media to report the news?

However, the larger blame rests with the Bush Administration, whose actions over the past six years suggest that the American people are the enemy. Think about some of the changes that have already moved us closer to a police state: The invasive USA Patriot Act; the increased domestic surveillance of citizens’ e-mails and telephone calls; attempts to deny habeas corpus to prisoners; a national ID card; and now this alarming new law. In addition to opening the doors to a military state, the law also facilitates militarized police round-ups and detaining of protesters in detention camps that are already being built on American soil by the Halliburton corporation. Americans are incredibly naïve if they believe those camps being built are just for illegal aliens.

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Earth Talk

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RESPONSIBLE GROWTH: Contrary to popular belief, socially responsible investment and mutual funds have historically generated similar if not slightly higher returns than traditional funds.

Does going green earn green?

Dear EarthTalk:

Have "green" or "socially responsible" investments performed better or worse than the rest of the stock market in recent years?

Ruby Romano

San Francisco

IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO FIRST DEFINE

"socially responsible." KLD Research & Analytics, a leading research firm that helps investors and investment professionals integrate environmental and social factors into their investment decisions, established the Domini 400 Social Index in 1990. The Index is a roster of public companies deemed by KLD to have positive records on numerous counts: The environment, human rights, product performance and safety, community and employee relations, diversity and corporate governance.

Contrary to popular belief, socially responsible investment and mutual funds, known collectively in the industry as "SRI" funds, have historically generated similar, if not slightly higher, returns than traditional funds. This fact is borne out by the performance of the Domini Index, which has generated a 12.17 percent return since inception. By comparison, the Standard and Poor's S&P 500, a roster of 500 large companies representing the market as a whole, generated an 11.49 percent return over the same period.

In fact, the investment research firm Morningstar awarded one in five SRI funds — twice as many as the overall fund universe — its coveted five-star rating for high returns over a three-year period during the late 1990s. However, from 2004 to 2006 the average SRI fund has lagged slightly behind the broader market, returning only 8.5 percent versus the S&P 500's 10.4 percent.

But to say that SRI funds perform better or worse than others would be misleading, as they tend to perform about the same as the rest of the market.

"Most serious academic studies I've seen show that socially responsible investing has been, broadly speaking and over the long term, at worst a neutral factor for portfolio performance," says Progressive Asset Management's Phil Kirshman. "Some SRI funds have been wildly successful, performance-wise, while others have been perfectly miserable, but that's the same situation as with non-socially responsible funds."

Of course, most people who seek out SRI funds do so largely for non-financial reasons, as a way to encourage good social and environmental practices.

"Performance of any investment product will vary over time," says Erin Gray, of Green Century Funds. "With environmentally and socially responsible funds, you enjoy the peace of mind that your results are obtained by investing in companies that meet standards for their environmental and social performance ..."

Nonetheless, financial returns do still matter, even to SRI fund managers, and lower returns in recent years have led some to change strategy and focus less on screening out the bad and more on including the good. As such, these funds are putting clients' money into companies with forward-thinking policies regarding issues like climate change.

"There's a lot of evidence that companies that do these things well carry less risk," says Joe Keefe, CEO of Pax World Funds, a socially responsible mutual fund. "We've seen what happens to companies that don't."

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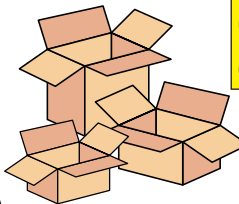
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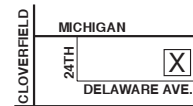
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Campaign visit takes personal turn

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

MONTEREY PARK Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani asked for privacy Monday to deal with strained relationships within his family, and defended his wife as a “very loving and caring” mother and stepmother.

The Republican presidential candidate came to Southern California to speak with sheriffs about gang violence, but found himself peppered with questions about his family after his son, Andrew, publicly stated that their relationship had soured after Giuliani’s messy divorce from Andrew’s mother, Donna Hanover, and his later marriage to Judith Nathan.

“My wife Judith is a very loving and caring ... mother and stepmother. She has done everything she can. The responsibility is mine,”

Giuliani told reporters gathered outside the Los Angeles County sheriff’s headquarters.

“I believe that these problems with blended families, you know, are challenges — sometimes they are,” he said. “The more privacy I can have for my family, the better we are going to be able to deal with all these difficulties.”

problem that exists between me and his wife.”

He told the newspaper he would not participate in his father’s campaign, saying he intended to concentrate on becoming a professional golfer. The 21-year-old Duke University student later told ABC News, “I got my values from my mother. She’s a

the hot California sun, appeared to have prepared for the questions about his family. When asked a second question, he repeated his answer almost word-for-word.

The dispute with his son sidetracked an event that was intended to highlight his crime-fighting credentials. Giuliani met privately with sheriffs from Southern California and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who later introduced him at a brief news conference.

The Republican governor, who has not endorsed a 2008 candidate, called the former mayor “very successful,” but his praise was more restrained compared to the compliments he lavished on rival candidate John McCain last week.

Schwarzenegger called the Arizona Republican a “great national leader” and “very good friend.”

I BELIEVE THAT THESE PROBLEMS WITH BLENDED FAMILIES, YOU KNOW, ARE CHALLENGES.”

Rudy Giuliani, former New York City mayor

strong influence in my life. She’s a strong woman. I have problems with my father, but that doesn’t mean he won’t make a good president.”

Giuliani, his balding head sweating under

Congressional Hispanic Caucus seeking to resolve dispute

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus scheduled a special meeting Tuesday to try to resolve an embarrassing leadership dispute that led one lawmaker to quit the group.

Among the options is a power-sharing arrangement that would dilute the authority of the caucus’ controversial chairman, Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif.

So far, Baca has resisted any changes to the

caucus’ power structure, according to caucus members and staff. Baca is under fire from female lawmakers, including fellow California Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez, who quit the 21-member, all-Democratic group after accusing Baca of calling her a “whore.”

Baca denies that. A meeting last Thursday broke up without resolution or a vote, and afterward Baca insisted that he was still in charge and that he was focusing on the future.

“I’m still the chair. ... I was elected in a Democratic process,” Baca said. “We’ve got a

lot of high priorities and we need to stay focused.”

Sanchez has said she’ll rejoin the group only if Baca is out as chair, and other members haven’t ruled out quitting. Baca was supported by only one of six women in the caucus when he was elected chairman in November, and Sanchez, her sister Rep. Linda Sanchez, and two others subsequently contested the election procedure and asked for a new secret-ballot vote.

Female caucus members have com-

plained of being ignored and disrespected.

In another episode a year ago, six caucus members — including Loretta and Linda Sanchez — cut ties to the group’s campaign arm after it helped finance the unsuccessful campaigns of Baca’s two sons for seats in the California Legislature.

Baca defended the decision to give money to them and other nonfederal candidates, saying the caucus should seek to build a farm team. Opponents said the focus instead should be on electing Latino House members.

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Court decides not suspend dress code

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to suspend a dress code at a suburban San Diego high school that was challenged by a student who wore a T-shirt with anti-gay language.

Tyler Chase Harper sued the Poway Unified School District in 2004 to overturn a policy calling for schools to reduce or prevent "hate behavior," including threats and attacks based on sexual orientation.

Harper had been pulled from class for wearing a T-shirt that read, "Homosexuality is shameful" on the front and, "Be ashamed. Our school has embraced what God has condemned," on the back.

His lawsuit claimed the policy violated his rights to freedom of speech and religion.

In an 8-1 ruling, the Supreme Court agreed with a federal judge that Harper lost his ability to challenge the policy when he graduated last year.

Last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals allowed the policy to remain in effect pending the outcome of the lawsuit and sharply criticized the student's challenge.

The appellate judges said the T-shirt was "injurious to gay and lesbian students and

interfered with their right to learn" and that it "collides with the rights of other students in the most fundamental way." They said Harper was unlikely to prevail on claims that the policy limited free speech, they said.

The Supreme Court ruling Monday also set aside the appellate ruling. Justice Stephen Breyer dissented.

In January, a federal judge in San Diego upheld the school's policy in a ruling on the broad merits of the case.

U.S. District Judge John Houston considered the matter on behalf of Harper's sister, Kelsie, who is still a student at the school. The case is now before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jack Sleeth, a school district attorney, said the order had no impact on the case or school policy but would prevent attorneys from citing the appellate court decision in other lawsuits.

The Alliance Defense Fund, which represents Harper, said the order strengthens its case by setting aside an "extremely dangerous" appellate court ruling that allowed the school to "censor the Christian point of view, while permitting students to speak out in support of homosexual behavior."

The case is Harper v. Poway Unified School District, 06-595.

California's religious-based schools may receive bonds

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Municipal agencies may provide tax-exempt bonds to a religious school — as long as its curriculum includes secular classes, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The 4-3 decision reverses an earlier ruling and hands a victory to three Christian schools in Southern California.

In 2002, Oaks Christian School, California Baptist University and Azusa Pacific University wanted to construct cafeterias, a mail center and athletic facilities using bonds from "joint power authorities."

California has more than 350 joint power authorities — public consortiums that provide tax breaks to institutional investors who fund public interest projects with low-interest loans. The municipal groups often finance residential housing and schools.

Critics complained the tax-free municipal bonds violated church-state separation in California's Constitution.

Justice Joyce Kennard, a Republican appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian in 1989, said the bonds didn't violate state law or the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Joint power authorities could fund religious schools if they "offer a broad curriculum in secular subjects" and provide classes that are "neutral with respect to religion," she wrote.

"The straightforward assessment for the trial court to make is whether the academic content of a religious school's course in a

secular subject such as math, chemistry or Shakespeare's writings is typical of that provided in nonreligious schools," Kennard wrote, sending the case back to California's Court of Appeal.

Chief Justice Ronald George and Justices Marvin Baxter and Carol Corrigan agreed.

Dissenting Justice Ming Chin said the majority's "hopelessly vague" opinion failed to quantify the number of secular classes needed to allow a religious school to use municipal bonds. The majority opinion said nonreligious offerings should be "sufficiently broad."

Chin argued the three schools were "organized primarily or exclusively for religious purposes," so any new projects would aid "religious indoctrination."

About 65 percent of students at Oaks Christian School, a middle and high school in Westlake Village, were Christian in 2001. Students sign a statement of faith emphasizing "Biblical goals."

California Baptist University in Riverside reserves 51 percent of its faculty positions for Baptists.

Azusa Pacific University in Azusa is an evangelical school requiring undergraduates to complete 120 hours of "student ministry assignments."

"The proposed bond financings would have the direct, immediate and substantial effect of advancing religion," Chin wrote, joined by Justices Kathryn Mickle Werdegarr and Carlos Moreno.

The case is California Statewide Communities Development Authority v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of a Purchase Agreement, S124195.

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Unique lifestyle ends

BY TARA GODVIN
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU In a marine area nearly the size of California, stretching northwest from the main Hawaiian islands, a handful of fishermen like Timm and Tim Timoney still ply the waters, hooking seabass and snappers during days- or weeks-long trips.

But in just over four years, the Timoneys' unique way of life will end forever under provisions of the vast marine monument President Bush has established out of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

The Timoneys travel to the fishing grounds a thousand miles from the main Hawaiian Islands for about three weeks at a time.

"I just think it's a way of making a living that we can do at our speed. And we really like doing it," said Timoney, 60, who has been fishing the region with her husband, Tim, since 1983.

President Bush's creation in June of the monument answered a question that five years of debate had failed to resolve: Bottomfishing — a technique involving trolling for fish using hooks and lines that is the last form of fishing still allowed in the area — will end in the protected waters.

But Bush's announcement didn't answer how the fishermen will be compensated for their loss of livelihood.

Bringing in just \$645,150 in 2006, the fish from the remote islands make up less than one percent of Hawaii's \$70 million local fishing industry. So it's not expected to have a major effect on the general supply of fish for local restaurants and fish markets.

But the decision leaves eight permit holders — including four boats said to be actively fishing the region — with the need to find new ways to make a living.

And most aren't happy to see an end to a Pacific tradition.

The Pew Charitable Trust, a private Philadelphia-based group focused on public

interest issues, met with the area's bottom fisherman more than a year ago in an effort to speed up the process to create a strict conservation zone. But after an offer to pay them five times their average annual income to stop fishing, negotiations went nowhere.

Since creation of the monument was announced, Pew abandoned its efforts to persuade the fishermen to leave sooner.

Of the eight permit holders, two showed interest in Pew's offer, two were maybes and four were unresponsive, according to trust officials.

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Sean Martin, chairman of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

Some say its not about the money; its about a tradition, which is about to be lost forever.

"To put it very simply, they weren't offering enough to make it worthwhile," Timoney said.

Jay Nelson, who directs the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Initiative for Pew, said it is disingenuous to criticize Pew's offer as too small or not accounting for the fishermen's emotional losses because those cases were never directly made to Pew.

"It is difficult to negotiate with someone who won't speak to you about any specifics," he said.

Nelson speculated that the fishermen may have been wary of Pew looking at what each of them make on paper from fishing the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and may be holding out for a federal buyout at the end of five years.

The deal did have limitations, including a requirement that all permit holders had to

participate in the offer for it to go through — which didn't sit well with some fishermen.

"Fishermen are kind of independent in general, and so getting them to agree on whether the stop light is red or green is not always easy," said Sean Martin, chairman of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Fisherman Gary Dill said it would be difficult to put a price on never fishing the islands again.

The experience is a far cry from the busy harbors, city lights and honking horns of Oahu, said Dill, who takes three-day trips to

pull in a catch.

"It's the wild, wild west. There's no lines on the highway," he said. "You're immersed in mother nature doing a job, a task that somehow you find exciting," he said.

The biologically rich region of tiny islands and churning waters teems with 14 million nesting seabirds, with about 7,000 species of birds, fish and marine mammals in all, a quarter of which are unique to Hawaii. And one expedition returning from the area this fall claimed to have found yet more species that are entirely new to science.

Several of the islands have a long history of human use, including as military landing strips, guano mines and sources for bird parts and eggs.

But the islands have been protected for nearly a century as wildlife refuges, with protections generally stretching out to a depth of 60 feet in surrounding waters.

After three years of conservation, fishing limits to finally be lifted

By the Associated Press

MOSS LANDING Hundreds of commercial salmon fishermen from Eureka to Morro Bay were stuck in port last season because of three consecutive years of declining numbers of chinook in the Klamath River.

"We had no income. I lost thousands of dollars," said Dennis Wong, owner of the Woodward Marine fishing supply store in Moss Landing. "It wasn't the worst I'd ever seen in terms of no fish, but it was the worst I've seen in terms of government intervention."

It now appears those restrictions could be eased next month.

Chinook salmon returned to the Klamath River by the thousands this past fall in contrast to the sharp decline in chinook found in the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

The Klamath River count will likely lead to fewer restrictions on local salmon fishermen, said Santa Rosa-based biologist Marc Heisdorf, who monitors the salmon population for the state Department of Fish and Game.

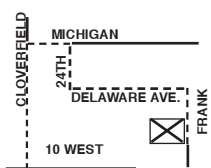
Heisdorf said Monday that he doesn't expect this year's Klamath River salmon fishing restrictions to be as severe as last year because of the high Klamath count. Salmon season opens next month for sport fishermen and in May for commercial boats.

As many as 65,000 chinook returned to the Klamath River during the fall run, nearly double the minimum required by state and federal fisheries regulators who monitor the declining population.

The federal Pacific Fishery Management Council will discuss this year's restrictions Friday in Sacramento and season guidelines are scheduled to be approved April 6.

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Atkins tops amongst popular fad diet plans

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO The low-carb, high-fat Atkins diet gets high marks in one of the biggest, longest head-to-head studies of popular weight-loss plans, beating the Zone, the Ornish diet and even U.S. guidelines.

Even so, critics say the results show how hard it is to lose weight and keep it off.

Overweight women on the Atkins plan lost more weight over a year than those on the low-carb Zone diet.

And they had slightly better blood pressure and cholesterol readings than those on the Zone; the very low-fat, high-carb Ornish diet, and a low-fat, high-carb diet similar to U.S. government guidelines.

Stanford University researcher Christopher Gardner, the lead author, said the study shows that Atkins may be more healthful than critics contend.

But the study isn't a fair comparison because by the end, few women were following any of the diets very strictly, critics argue, although those in the Atkins group came the closest.

The study "had a good concept and incredibly pathetic execution," said Zone diet creator Barry Sears.

"It's a lot easier to follow a diet that tells you to eat bacon and brie than to eat predominantly fruits and vegetables," said Dr. Dean Ornish, creator of the Ornish diet.

Atkins followers lost about 10 pounds on average at 12 months, versus 3.5 pounds for the Zone dieters.

Women on the Ornish diet lost almost 5 pounds on average and those on the national guidelines plan lost almost 6 pounds. Scientifically, those 12-month results weren't different enough from the Atkins weight loss to rule out the possibility the differences occurred by chance.

The dieters lost the most weight early on,

including an average of 13 pounds for the Atkins group at six months — nearly double the closest competitor, the national guidelines diet.

After that, most began regaining weight, a trend most noticeable in the Atkins women.

With an average starting weight of about 189 pounds, even losing 13 pounds meant many women remained overweight.

"There's not a ton of weight loss here," Gardner acknowledged. Atkins "isn't the solution for the obesity problem," he said.

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The study involved 311 women about 40 years old on average and was designed to measure the effectiveness of using a diet book to lose weight.

Women were randomly assigned to read one of four diet books. They attended weekly classes for eight weeks where diet questions were addressed, but then were mostly on their own for the next 10 months.

At the end, Atkins women had slightly higher levels of HDL cholesterol, the good kind, and slightly lower blood pressure than those on the other three diets.

Gardner said differences in weight loss likely contributed to those results.

Pygmy rabbits finally get to have their day in native sun

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. An emergency effort to save endangered Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits will get its first test next week when state and federal scientists release nearly two dozen of the animals back into their native habitat in north-central Washington.

The rabbits that will be released next Tuesday are the product of an emergency roundup six years ago of the remaining pygmy rabbits in the region, who were put into a captive-breeding program in a last-ditch effort to increase their numbers.

"This is the first reintroduction, so it's a learning process," said Tom Buckley of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Spokane. "We want to see how they react to the wild coming out of a captive breeding environment."

About 23 pygmy rabbits will be released on a state wildlife area in Douglas County. The rabbits will be placed in artificial burrows for cover until they dig their own burrows, and will wear tiny radio transmitters around their necks, to allow biologists to monitor their movements.

"We're committed to preventing the loss

of the pygmy rabbit from our state's diverse wildlife heritage," said Jeff Koenings, director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Extinction is not an option."

More than 70 pygmy rabbits will remain in the captive breeding program to provide animals for future releases. The program has placed breeding rabbits at the Oregon Zoo, Northwest Trek near Tacoma and at Washington State University in Pullman.

The Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit is the country's smallest native rabbit, according to a press release from the state and federal agencies. It was listed as a state endangered species in 1993.

By 2001, there were fewer than 40 pygmy rabbits left in the Sagebrush Flat area of Douglas County. In 2003, the Columbia Basin population was federally listed as an endangered species.

Biologists for the state captured 16 of the remaining Columbia Basin rabbits in 2001 and 2002. Captive breeding started in 2002.

Efforts to breed rabbits solely from Columbia Basin stock were unsuccessful. Biologists believe the rabbits decline in population may be due in part to genetic inbreeding that occurred as numbers dwindled in the wild.

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The Presidential Dollars are just now starting to slowly make their way into the National Banking System. But Banks will not honor requests for the free coins. And Banks will never have crystal-clear sealed vault tubes of the never-circulated coins that show off the rare edge markings. Claims for these free coins which are in never-circulated condition are only being honored by the World Reserve for the next three days and only for those who beat the deadline for the sealed vault tubes.

"Just look at that stack of coins. When Americans get their hands on those, they are really going to do a double take," Speakman said. ■



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Investment should begin paying dividends

FROM BARNUM PAGE 3

Shakespeare Project in Washington, D.C., where he also served as a faculty member at University of Maryland.

"I'm a lifelong theater person," Upton said. "I've probably done everything there is to do in theater ... I have experience managing an historic theater and maintaining the historic experience, but I also bring that broad range of management experience working in theater, music and dance for both for profit and nonprofit centers.

"I think this is a good fit."

Upton's first day at Barnum was Feb. 1. He has since met with school officials and is looking forward to more chats with residents, theater companies and others interested in the arts.

"I think the hardest part will be getting people to rediscover Barnum Hall," Upton said. "We have to get people to see it as one of the truly great performance halls and not just consider it a high school auditorium."

SOMETIMES, A TOUGH FIND

When it was built in 1937 by the Works Progress Administration, the classic Streamline Moderne structure served as the city's cultural center, hosting concerts, plays, musicals, ballets, operas and solo acts.

Barnum Hall's design went way beyond those of a traditional high school theater. Santa Monica artist Stanton MacDonald-Wright directed leading WPA artisans to create such works as the Viking mural on the fire curtain and the mosaic in the lobby. Additionally, on the front facade of the hall is a concrete bas-relief of a comedy-tragedy mask and musical instruments portrayed in the art deco style that was preeminent for many public buildings in the 1930s.



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Carey Upton, theater manager, Barnum Hall

Over the years, the theater was neglected in light of the Civic Center Auditorium and other performing arts venues. The hall was eventually closed in 1997 due to unsafe rigging and lighting systems.

It was reopened a couple of years later with new rigging, lighting and stage floor. New carpet was also provided and seats

refurbished, along with an acoustical shell and an enhanced orchestral pit. A state-of-the-art sound system was also installed, Upton said.

Funding came from state and local bond measures and the school district, which put in more than \$6 million. City Hall contributed \$1.5 million and nearly \$1 million in donations was raised by Restore Barnum Hall and the Samohi Alumni Association, Sedillos said.

late, but that's district time."

Barnum is currently booked throughout the school year, however, Upton is looking to add some performances during the summer. There is already a fundraiser with singer-songwriter Jackson Browne on the books.

"I have been talking with a couple of symphony orchestras and dance companies," Upton said. "There are some things in the works."

In the meantime, Upton has to find a way to inform people that Barnum exists. Situated in the heart of Samohi, it can be difficult for people to access the hall for performances.

"Location is still bit of a challenge for us. That mostly has to do with people finding us," Upton said. "We are talking with the city right now on changing our address to better reflect where we are and we will have a Web site coming online next month. We are also looking at new signage and are working out additional parking arrangements with local parking lots."

Upton said with the new Civic Center parking structure coming online within weeks, he believes accessing Barnum will be easier than ever.

"Santa Monica is a great community that is dedicated to the arts," Upton said.

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HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE: Chad Doreck, 28, is using cyberspace to drum up support for his effort to win the role of Danny Zuko in a new production of the classic musical "Grease." This image appears on his MySpace page, which urges his fans to vote him onto the next week of the reality show competition.

Santa Monican finalist for NBC reality show

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next week.

The winners will be announced during the season finale set to air March 25.

"My morale is really high and I'm really confident," Doreck said. "I'm intending to go out there and give a good performance this week and get to the next round."

It's the first time that Doreck, who has appeared in numerous television shows such as "NCIS," "NYPD Blue" and "My Life as a Teenage Robot," made his entrance into the world of reality TV. After discussing the prospect with his agent and acting coach, Doreck felt he had an excellent shot and enough talent to advance deep into the judging.

The show is a dream come true for Doreck, a Long Beach native who was introduced into the entertainment world at the tender age of 6 when he appeared in the 1985 Oingo Boingo music video "Weird Science" opposite the one and only Kelly LeBrock. His aunt, Patricia Friedman is a music video producer and gave her nephew his first exposure on television.

"I think that opened his eyes to acting and music and he stuck with it ever since," said Friedman, who makes the Hollywood Hills home.

He went onto attend the Orange County High School of the Arts in Santa Ana where he graduated in 1997. Executive Director and school founder Ralph Opacic remembers when Doreck was a ninth grader who talked of pursuing an acting career.

"He was very focused and had natural talent," Opacic said. "Whether on stage or in person, he's very likable. Those are the attributes and qualities that made him successful to this point."

Like all those who know Doreck well, Opacic and his family watch "Grease: You're the One that I Want!" every week and his two daughters, who are 10 and 11-years-old respectively, have fallen in love with the aspiring Danny Zuko and are now a part of the Chad Doreck Fan Club.

"We have two phone lines and they're at it," Opacic said.

Doreck moved to his Pacific Coast Highway home in Santa Monica two years ago to be near the beach. He found the pace

of life in Santa Monica and the atmosphere to be very agreeable.

Watching her son grow up with ambitions to become a famous performer, there's nothing more rewarding for Catherine Doreck than to see her son on television every week. The family drives to Los Angeles every Sunday to watch the live taping of the show and then drives back to their Long Beach home to watch the show again on their digital video recorder.

I'M INTENDING TO GO OUT THERE AND GIVE A GOOD PERFORMANCE THIS WEEK AND GET TO THE NEXT ROUND."

Chad Doreck

Finalist, Grease: You're the One that I Want

"I burst into tears when I come home and watch him on TiVo and see his face," Catherine Doreck said. "To watch your child pursue his dream and being able to help him is probably the most amazing thing."

Even if Doreck is not selected to be the next Danny Zuko, his acting coach, Gloria Gifford of the Gloria Gifford Conservatory for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles believes that he will be tapped by some Broadway production sooner or later.

"This is the greatest audition call back he can have," Gifford said.

Whether he makes it or not, Doreck hopes to have a long and fulfilling career in the performing arts.

"Whatever I can get my hands on is what I intend on doing," he said. "I'm obsessed with funk music and acting is my soul. My ultimate goal is to do all of the above."

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Never too late

Former gang banger tells high school kids change is possible

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK It didn't take long for Joe Aleman to size up the students bent on the same destructive path he was on before getting sent to prison.

Aleman walked into a criminal justice class at Olympic High School on Monday morning, surveying the room and the students who sat chatting and snickering at their desks while they waited for the former gang member to tell his life story.

The first thing that came out of his mouth after briefly introducing himself — a gang member-turned community service supervisor — was that by looking around he could tell which students in the class were looking for trouble.

It was then that most students sat straight up, hanging on Aleman's every word for the next hour as he talked about his experiences with child molestation, issues with trust, life as a gang member, losing his child to gang violence and, finally, spending more than a decade behind bars.

A considerable portion of students at Olympic High School — the continuation high school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District — are considered to be at risk, whether it's being in danger of not graduating from high school or succumbing to the gang lifestyle.

"They are at risk because they are exposed to it," said Marcia Gecht, a teacher at Olympic High School. "They are at risk of going in the wrong direction."

For those reasons, Gecht invited Aleman, a community service supervisor for Homeboy Industries, to speak to the juniors and seniors in her criminal justice class.

The goal of the presentation was to show students that change is possible and that Aleman is a living example of that fact.

Founded by Father Greg Boyle, Los Angeles-based Homeboy Industries helps former gang members and at risk juveniles transition out of a tough life by providing them with counseling and employment opportunities through various ventures within the organization, such as Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy Bakery and Homeboy Maintenance.

Born in Mexico and raised in Hollywood, Aleman grew up with a single mother who split from his father after both had separate affairs. He didn't experience a hard life growing up, but it definitely was not the type of fun childhood on which one would fondly reflect, Aleman said.

He was kicked out of his house at the age of 7 and spent the next few years staying with his babysitter, who lived down the street. It was there that he was exposed to a less-than-stellar lifestyle.

A few years later, Aleman started hanging out with a newspaper deliveryman, who subsequently molested the youth.

"He exposed me to something that was not cool at all," Aleman said. "He used to touch me at night."

The child molestation incident made Aleman question those who were closest to him, and started associating homosexuality with molestation. He confessed to the class that he spent years "gay bashing," but now understands that there is no connection.

The problem was that Aleman lacked a

role model, a strong figure, to teach him from right and wrong, he said. At the age of 12, he was introduced to a gang.

"Gangs were pretty much an excuse for me to release everything," Aleman said.

The students in the class started gasping, some staring intently at Aleman, as he told the teenagers that he started drinking at the age of 13, started using guns by 17, and was the father of a 4-year-old boy at the age of 19.

"I used to pray to God to forgive me," said Aleman, who now lives in South Los Angeles. "I used to feel bad for the people that I hurt."

One day, a local television news crew came out to his "hood" to do an exposé on gangs. While all the gang members in his crew scattered away in hiding, Aleman gave an interview to the reporter, who asked him where he saw himself in five to 10 years.

Aleman pointed down to the end of the street, telling the reporter he would be at the end of the neighborhood in 10 years. He knew that life would be limited to the neighborhood for as long as he continued his life as a gang member.

THEY ARE AT RISK OF GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION."

Marcia Gecht

Teacher, Olympic High School

Aleman's tone eventually grew darker, as he talked about the day when he was sitting outside with his son and pregnant girlfriend. A drive-by shooting left his son dead and his girlfriend shot in the stomach, killing their unborn child.

After calling the police, Aleman was arrested on outstanding warrants and spent the next two months in jail. By the time he was released, it was time for payback.

"I wanted to pull a Third World country on them and chop off their heads with a machete," he said.

But things didn't go his way. A few months later, Aleman was face down on the ground, as a police draped a body bag over him. He'd been shot in the head with four .38 caliber bullets.

Still, the miracle of his survival wasn't enough to make Aleman change.

By the age of 20, a possible death penalty hung over his head after being arrested for murder and robbery. Instead, he was sentenced to serve 20 years in jail and released 14 years later in April 2004.

In 2001, at the age of 31, Aleman finally realized he had a problem. He underwent a 12-step program with Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous and met Boyle, who offered Aleman a job upon his release from prison.

At the end of his story, Aleman told the students that change is possible, concluding his speech with "I believe in you guys, man."

"It's hard for some people to change once they get in jail," said Quiana O'Guinn, a senior at Olympic High School. "It's cool that he was able to come out of jail a changed man."

When Aleman announced that he could tell students in the class were headed in the same destructive path, it struck a chord with junior Sonalia Goldsby, who said she knows several gang members.

"I have friends in that lifestyle," she said. "Maybe I can help them and hopefully set them on the right path."

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(Above) The Cardinals horse play before the start of their game at Los Amigos Park Saturday. (Right) Paul Feinberg, co-president of the Santa Monica Pony League addresses the opening day crowd. (Below) Little Dodgers enjoy some down time before hitting the field.

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Subterranean lines appeal to residents

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that had the vehicle been occupied the results would have been fatal.”

Firefighters were sent to extinguish the blaze, but only after making sure power to the line was turned off. No one was injured, according to the SMFD.

THEY REALLY HAVE BECOME A PART OF OUR VIEWSCAPE AND YOU GET USED TO THEM IN A WAY. BUT YOU REALLY WISH THEY WEREN'T THERE.”

Steven Keats, resident

The cause of the conduit's collapse was unknown as of Tuesday afternoon. Representatives with Southern California Edison could not be reached for comment.

While this week's accident was by all accounts a rare incident, nonetheless, the dangers posed by overhead electrical conduits is one reason why City Hall has

embarked on a 10-year-plan to move all of Santa Monica's power lines underground.

However, it won't happen overnight and it won't come cheap.

The process of “undergrounding” is very expensive and funds are limited, according to Craig Perkins, City Hall's director of environmental and public works.

“About four years ago, we were estimating that for every foot of undergrounding, it would cost about \$200,” Perkins said. “To go 100 feet, you're talking \$20,000. That's a lot of money.”

“When you consider that the city only receives roughly \$800,000 a year, that doesn't take you very far.”

Currently, City Hall receives funding from the California Public Utilities Commission in the form of “Rule 20A” funds, which are paid by all ratepayers in the state. Funds are distributed based on previous allocations, the ratio of customers served by overhead facilities to all the customers in the community, and other factors.

To qualify, there has to be an unusually heavy concentration of overhead facilities, the location must be heavily traveled, and the overhead equipment must be located within or pass through a school, government building, or a recreational or scenic area.

Funds are hard to come by, Perkins said, but there are options to help accelerate undergrounding. Residents could chose to tax themselves in the form of neighborhood assessments, or City Hall could issue bonds,



Photo courtesy of Steven Keats

TO THE RESCUE: Firefighters tend to the scene of a car explosion on Michigan Avenue on Monday, after an overhead electrical conduit fell to the ground igniting the localized blast.

as it does with other community improvement projects.

So far, City Hall has been able to fully underground Main Street and is close to completing a portion of Marine Street. Work will continue from Marine Park up Ashland Court to 18th Street and then over to Pico Boulevard, behind Santa Monica College. That section is expected to take at least three years to complete, Perkins said.

From there, city staff will go before the council to create another 10-year-plan and identify new streets for undergrounding.

Some areas under consideration could include Nebraska Avenue, from Stewart Street to Santa Monica Boulevard, where there are many tall, high-voltage lines; Delaware

Avenue, around 20th and 22nd streets; and 19th Street, Pearl Street and Michigan Avenue and 14th Street, Perkins said.

“It's comes down to a policy decision on where to spend limited resources,” Perkins said.

While realizing that it is expensive, residents like Keats feel undergrounding needs to be a priority, and not just for aesthetics.

“Had children been playing nearby, there is a strong likelihood that the outcome could have been tragic,” Keats said. “Isn't it time that Edison steps up to the plate, and the city of Santa Monica demands that all of these archaic, dangerous and ugly power lines be put underground where they belong?”

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Fueling the fleets with good gas

FROM GO GREEN PAGE 3

Approximately 51 percent of the fleet operates on natural gas, 17 percent on biodiesel, 5 percent is electric and 2 percent uses propane. Sixteen vehicles are hybrids, nine run on CNG and gas, and another five run on hydrogen.

City and bus fleet officials are continuing to look for new technologies to improve the trucks and tractors that take the waste to the landfills. Dawson said that carbon dioxide (CO₂) from car exhaust in the atmosphere is “the largest contributor” and “the culprit that creates global warming.”

Big Blue Bus is in the process of installing Particulate Matter Traps (P-traps) — filters that will go on the exhausts of vehicles to further reduce CO₂ emissions. Dawson said that the process is an expensive and worthy venture, and hopes that eventually the whole fleet will be converted.

“We've been a leader in Santa Monica in getting away from fossil fuels,” Dawson said as he recalled the project demonstration that used electric buses. “We're proud to be part of the overall campaign to get away from fossil fuels.”

“Every trip on the bus puts less carbon in

the air,” Dawson said. “We encourage every one to get out of their cars and start taking the bus just once a week. Every single car trip we can reduce makes a difference.”

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Manager

Customer Relations for Big Blue Bus

Santa Monica may not need a survey to reinforce its excellent environmental habits, as Kubani is confident that Santa Monica leads the county.

“I'm not exactly sure what other cities are doing, but I would think that with our percentages, we're definitely one of the leaders, if not the leader,” he said.

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Saving on the tax bill following a home sale

YOU CAN SAVE ON TAXES WHEN YOU sell property if you understand the terms and how to apply them. Experts say the starting point for avoiding long-term capital gains tax on the profitable sale of your personal residence and investment real estate is its adjusted cost basis.

According to bankrate.com, the adjusted cost basis can be defined as, "The amount paid for an item, plus the amount paid for improvements, minus losses and depreciation. When the owner sells the item, the difference between the sales price and the adjusted cost basis is the profit or loss."

Revered real estate columnist Robert J. Bruss offers this adjusted cost basis rule, "The starting point is usually the property purchase price, plus any purchase expenses that were not tax deductible at the time of purchase."

Next, calculate in the cost of capital improvements made to the property. Capital improvements add value to your home, extend its life, or expand its use. New plumbing, a remodeled master bath or a swimming pool qualify. Add those expenses to your original cost to increase your adjusted basis, which in turn decreases the amount of gain on a sale.

Here's a twist to the rule: If you had a new roof installed on your house valued at \$10,000, add that number to your home's adjusted cost basis. But, if you repaired a leaking roof at a cost of \$1,000, that's your expense and cannot be included as capital improvements. Furthermore, repair bills on a personal residence are not considered tax deductible. However, repair costs on an investment property are tax-deductible expenses in the tax year paid.

Now, subtract any depreciation, casualty losses, or energy credits that you have claimed to reduce your tax bill while you've owned the property. Also, if you postponed paying taxes on the gains made from selling a previous residence — as was allowed for homeowners prior to 1997 — then subtract that gain from your adjusted basis.

Add the total depreciation deducted on your tax returns and then subtract the total depreciation from the property's adjusted cost basis.

Next, find the adjusted sale price by taking the gross sales price and subtracting non-deductible selling expenses such as the real estate sales commission, transfer taxes, and attorney or escrow fees. Your long-term capital gain is the difference between the adjusted sales price and the adjusted cost basis.

Turbotax.com explains and calculates the adjusted cost basis as follows:

The Adjusted Basis is simply the cost of your home adjusted for tax purposes by improve-

ments you've made or deductions you've taken.

For example, if the original cost of the home was \$100,000 and you added a \$5,000 patio, your adjusted basis becomes \$105,000. If you then took an \$8,000 casualty loss deduction, your adjusted basis becomes \$97,000.

Here's how to calculate the adjusted basis on a home:

1. START WITH:

■ The purchase price of your home (as described above), or

■ If you filed Form 2119 when you originally acquired your old home to postpone gain on the sale of a previous home (back in 1997 or earlier), use the adjusted basis of the new home calculated on your Form 2119.

2. TO THAT STARTING BASIS, ADD:

■ The cost of any improvements that added value to your home, prolonged its useful life, or gave it a new or different use.

■ Any special tax assessments you paid.

■ Amounts spent after a casualty (disaster such as a hurricane or tornado) to restore damaged property.

3. FROM THAT UPWARDLY ADJUSTED BASIS, SUBTRACT:

■ Certain settlement fees or closing costs.

■ Depreciation allowed for any business use portion of your home.

■ Residential energy credits claimed for capital improvements.

■ Payments received for easements or right-of-ways.

■ Insurance reimbursements for casualty losses.

■ Casualty losses (from accidents and natural disasters) that you deducted on your tax return.

■ Adoption credits or nontaxable adoption assistance payments for improvements added to the basis of your home.

■ First-time homebuyers credit.

■ Energy conservation subsidies excluded from your gross income.

The result of all this calculating is the adjusted basis that you will subtract from the selling price to determine your gain or loss. This adjusted basis is what's considered to be your cost of the home for tax purposes.

For more information please go to <http://turbotax.intuit.com/tax-help/selling-a-home>.

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Many of the nation's wealthiest individuals keep their money in real estate because it offers a legal tax shelter. However, real estate is not liquid, which makes it difficult to pull out cash or sell. People wonder how they can get started in real estate. The fact of the matter is that all you need to get started is one property.

LEVERAGING, OR PULLING OUT CASH FROM YOUR HOME TO PURCHASE ANOTHER PROPERTY, IS A POPULAR METHOD TO START BUILDING A REAL ESTATE PORTFOLIO.

The best reason to purchase a property is for your personal use. Buying a personal residential property makes sense if you can afford the payments. In fact, the government wants you to own your own home. That's why good, old Uncle Sam offers tax deductions for owning a residence. Once you decide to purchase a home it is essential to make sure you can afford the payments. If you want to refinance the property in the future, it's a good idea to make a significant down payment upon the initial purchase, which can be accessed at a later date to acquire an additional property.

Leveraging, or pulling out cash from your home to purchase another property, is a popular method to start building a real estate portfolio. The thing to remember is that

leveraging real estate without sufficient cash flow can lead to bankruptcy. The reason leveraging real estate can be dangerous is because you are borrowing more than you can pay back. In theory, your property is used as collateral for a loan, which can be sold to cover the debt. In reality, real estate goes through cycles. If you are caught at the bottom of a real estate cycle with a mortgage you can't afford and a property that is worth less than the mortgage you owe, it is likely to result in bankruptcy. Be careful to avoid bankruptcy at all costs because it ruins your credit for up to 10 years.

Acquiring wealth through real estate can be achieved slowly over time if it is done correctly. The trick is to never leverage more than you can repay. For example, if you purchased a home for \$500,000 with a \$100,000 — or 20 percent — down payment on the property, and properties in the neighborhood appreciate over the next couple of years, you would be able to refinance the \$400,000 plus some of the appreciated value of the property. If you borrowed \$200,000 from your home and used it as a down payment on a property that has multiple units, you would want to make sure that the entire property generates enough income to cover the costs associated with the amount you borrowed against your home. Make sure your property has positive cash flow and remember to keep cash reserves. Any experienced real estate investor will tell you that properties have problems, and as an owner you must have cash on hand to cover unexpected situations. You do not want to have to sell a great property simply because you cannot afford to place a new roof on it.

The road to true wealth takes time. If you decide to use real estate as a means to generate wealth, remember that it too carries obstacles along the way. However, if you remember to do your due diligence, keep a healthy cash flow and maintain plenty of cash reserves, you too — over time — can find yourself on the road to riches.

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Kitchens get bigger, greener

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
Associated Press Writer

Homeowners continue to look want larger kitchens, and now they also increasingly want eco-friendly materials for their floors and space for recycling centers, according to a new survey.

These are among conclusions in the latest Home Design Trends Survey of members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), based on kitchen and bath trends during the fourth quarter of 2006.

In bathrooms, upscale features also are making big gains in popularity — they range from radiant-heated floors to multiple-head showers, the survey says. Whirlpools, it seems, are losing favor.

There may be a national slowdown in the housing market, but not in home remodeling and renovation projects, according to the survey, which interviews a panel of 500 architecture firms working mostly in the residential sector. Of those firms, 38.5 percent of respondents report kitchen and bath remodeling.

Kitchens have evolved into just about the most popular room in the home and there's a strong desire to open them up for entertainment and

other uses of your living space.

AIA spokesman Scott Frank explained that the upper-end appliances mentioned by 65.2 percent of respondents are defined as having one or more of these characteristics: being energy-efficient, compact or custom built-in, or using stainless steel.

warming racks are among the popular features.

Lisa Stacholy, who runs an architecture practice in Atlanta, and is past chair of the AIA's small-projects committee, was one of the residential experts on the survey panel. She had noted the drop in popularity of



I'VE HAD MORE PEOPLE ASKING FOR STEAM SHOWERS ... AND FOR SHOWERS THAT ARE TWICE AS BIG."

Lisa Stacholy, architect

The category of renewable floor materials includes bamboo, natural fiber carpet, cork and stone, he said. He added that people are very interested in eco-friendly features because they're not only in tune with current green trends but they're practical assets to add to a home — being both functional and economical to run.

For bathrooms, accessibility and universal design helpful for an aging population are on the rise, noted by 47.5 percent of respondents. Heated floors, multiple showers and towel

whirlpools, and the use of multi-head showers.

"I've had a lot of clients wanting a master bathroom with no tubs," she said, interpreting that as a response to today's lifestyles, often with both married partners working and having less time to fill a bath tub and soak in it.

"I've had more people asking for steam showers ... and for showers that are twice as big that you can use as a mini-spa — in a couple of cases they've had built-in benches of ceramic tile with teak mats to sit on."

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The City of Santa Monica will be holding an Design Discussion on March 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for residents too see the design, discuss the progress to date, and be informed of the public process and future opportunities for public comment. There will be a brief presentation at 6:30 followed by the opportunity to discuss the project with City staff, the applicant, and the project designers.

We look forward to your participation!

Please feel free to Sarah Lejeune at 310-458-8341 or e-mail sarah.lejeune@SMGOV.net if you have any questions.

Santa Monica Place Remodel Design Update

Thursday March 15, 2007
6:00PM - 8:00PM



To be held at:
SANTA MONICA PLACE, Level 1, Space #189, in the Macy's wing, next to Lenscrafters.

Macerich Company is making a formal application to the City of Santa Monica for an adaptive reuse of the Santa Monica Place Mall. Please join us in a design update about the project.

The project plans show the remodeling of the existing mall building while maintaining the retail use, creation of an open air connection to the Third Street promenade, access to public views, and no increase in square footage or building envelope.

The City of Santa Monica will be holding an open house on March 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for the community to see the latest design, and learn about the public process along with future opportunities for public comment. There will be a brief presentation at 6:30 with the opportunity to discuss the project with City staff, Macerich officials, and the project designers.

All members of the community are welcome!

We look forward to your participation!

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In your Space

Christina S. Porter

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Understand all of the risks before going to a crapshoot

INVESTORS' PRIMARY ATTRACTION TO TICs is a desire to eliminate management responsibilities, but frequently the potential lack of control and liquidity causes them to shy away. These same investors have built their wealth by managing properties themselves (i.e. — apartment buildings and strip malls) and are accustomed to maintaining control and the ability to make unilateral decisions. Lack of control and liquidity is perceived as added risk.

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The most common fees that make it undesirable to sell a Tenant in Common interest are associated with transferring the fractional interest in the debt on the Tenant in Common property. These fees will vary and investors would be wise to find out what fees are involved in selling their interest before investing.

As with any real estate investment, the quality of the property needs to be considered carefully before making an investment. This is done by looking at the underlying real estate to evaluate the risk of TIC investment. For example, the investor must assess: The quality (credit) of the tenant(s), the terms and length of the leases, the location and age of the improvements and the growth potential for the area the property is located in.

After evaluating the quality of the real estate involved in the proposed investment the tenant in common investor should consider what would happen if the TIC sponsor goes

away and whether or not their investment and cash flow will be negatively impacted.

The answer the investor should be looking for is that nothing materially would happen to their investment. If the answer is that their investment would be materially effected by the sponsor going away, the investor needs to ask what are they really investing in and whether they are being paid for that risk. If the return is high enough, it still might be a good investment, but the investor should be very careful to fully understand the risk they are taking.

THE MOST COMMON FEES THAT MAKE IT UNDESIRABLE TO SELL A TENANT IN COMMON INTEREST ARE ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSFERRING THE FRACTIONAL INTEREST IN THE DEBT ON THE TENANT IN COMMON PROPERTY.

To ensure suitability, it is imperative that an investor consult with its own tax and legal consultants when evaluating any major investment.

Contact **CHRISTINA PORTER** at (877) 4TM-1031 or Christina@tm1031exchange.com. TM 1031 Exchange assists investors and planning and executing real estate investment strategies.

Clean & easy

'Heavy dust' means less drywall mess for homeowners to clean

BY DAVID BRADLEY
Associated Press Writer

Home projects are inherently messy, but the undisputed champion of messes is the blizzard of fine dust unleashed as drywall joint compound is sanded and re-sanded.

It's fruitless to cordon off rooms with plastic, or drape sheets over counters and furniture. The powdery white residue piles up like so much fresh snow. Once the dust particles are airborne, home-ventilation systems efficiently deposit them on almost every surface in every room.

Bob Johnston is well aware of the angst rogue dust causes homeowners. As a drywall contractor in Batavia, Ill., he's on the receiving end of customer complaints. "I come in and set off a dust bomb that creates a disaster zone," he said. "For someone who's lived in a remodeling mess and then I come in — boy, that's the straw that breaks the camel's back. I'm the messiest guy they see."

Johnston estimates 15 percent or more of a drywall job is prep work to contain dust. Even small patchwork on a kitchen ceiling can deposit dust inside cabinets and other rooms. Johnston uses commercially available vacuum or pole sanders that effectively remove dust at the point of sanding. However, these remedies aren't readily accessible to homeowners.

But there's new hope for reducing the billowing clouds to little more than piles of dust easily swept into dustpans or sucked up by home vacuums.

USG Corp. of Chicago claims to have developed "heavy dust" that falls to the floor instead of being borne aloft. The upshot for homeowners and contractors: Drywall

debris that is more easily contained and needs much less cleanup time. USG says this product, Sheetrock Dust Control drywall compound, does not eliminate dust but substantially reduces it.

The compound works by binding dust to heavy particles too dense to readily float in midair. Users can sand with 150-grit or finer sandpaper, or 220-grit mesh cloth. Although dust is diminished, USG suggests users don approved respirators and eyewear.

Minimizing dust is good for your health, too. According to the National Institute of Occupation Health and Safety (NIOHS), nine in 10 air-test samples where workers sanded joint compound had dust levels above limits set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

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Bob Johnston
drywall contractor in Batavia, Ill.

But there are other problems when you allow particulates to free-float through homes. The man-made grit can clog heating and cooling systems' air filters quickly. This can overburden operating machinery and cut down the life expectancy of heating and cooling units.

Johnson has used Sheetrock Dust Control with good results. "You'll never completely eliminate dust, but this does a pretty good job at minimizing it. There's definitely a difference," he said. "When the customer sees that can that says 'dust control' at least it shows that I'm trying to contain things."

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FOOTBALL

Lelie signing boosts 49ers passing attack

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Ashley Lelie is getting his second fresh start in 6 1/2 months, and the talented receiver believes he has finally found a home with the San Francisco 49ers.

Lelie signed a two-year contract with San Francisco on Monday, the fourth prominent free agent to join the 49ers during a four-day spending spree that included re-signing several of their own free agents.

The 49ers reached a tentative agreement during the weekend with Lelie, a fleet deep threat who had a disappointing season with Atlanta in 2006, catching just 28 passes for 430 yards after being traded by the Broncos late in training camp.

But San Francisco is again in need of a top receiver after cutting troubled Antonio Bryant on Thursday. Coach Mike Nolan believes Lelie can return to the form he showed during four strong seasons in Denver, when he had 3,003 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns while twice leading the NFL in yards per catch.

Lelie said he chose the 49ers over Houston and other suitors because of “the opportunity to start and be a player in this league.”

“This team gave me the best chance to go after that,” Lelie said. “It’s definitely a great organization. I get to try to fill the shoes of one of my favorite players of all time, Jerry Rice.”

San Francisco also re-signed fullback Moran Norris and offensive lineman Tony Wragge on Monday.

The 49ers released Bryant after one tumultuous season with San Francisco that began with a hefty signing bonus and ended with Bryant on a four-game suspension for violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy.

Lelie joins receivers Arnaz Battle and Bryan Gilmore and tight end Vernon Davis to augment an unimpressive group of targets for quarterback Alex Smith.

The 49ers will attempt to add another

receiver through free agency or the draft. Although Lelie intends to be San Francisco’s No. 1 receiver, he has no problem with other pass-catchers coming to town.

“It’s a chance to be the No. 1 receiver, a chance to compete for that spot,” Lelie said. “I didn’t think I had a fair chance at the other two places I was at, and the 49ers are giving me that opportunity. ... I wouldn’t be upset at all. I welcome the opportunity to compete.”

Lelie doesn’t have Bryant’s history of run-ins with coaches and the law, but has endured his share of controversy.

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Ashley Lelie
New Niner Wideout

He skipped the Broncos’ offseason workout program in 2006 and demanded to leave town because he felt Denver wasn’t making use of his skills. Denver traded him to the Falcons in a three-way deal, but Lelie and the Broncos went to an arbitrator to resolve a financial dispute over his departure.

Though Lelie still is bitter about the circumstances surrounding his departure from Denver, he also blames himself for inconsistent play.

He also never felt comfortable in Atlanta after arriving in an August trade.

BASKETBALL

Artest arrested following complaint

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday and excused indefinitely from the team after a woman said he shoved her to the floor inside his home and prevented her from calling 911.

Placer County sheriff’s authorities said the woman reported she and Artest were arguing inside the home Monday morning when he pushed her. The argument moved outside when Artest tried to leave in his Hummer, sheriff’s Sgt. Andrew Scott said during a news conference.

“It resulted in some pushing,” Scott said of the argument. “Mr. Artest had shoved the victim to the floor several times, then he attempted to leave.”

The woman threw a pot at the Hummer, shattering its windshield, Scott said. He would not disclose the woman’s relationship with Artest but said a 3-year-old girl was inside the house during the incident.

Deputies arrived around 9:30 a.m. at Artest’s five-acre estate in the Sacramento suburb of Loomis and arrested him on suspicion of domestic violence, sheriff’s spokes-

woman Dena Erwin said. He also was arrested on suspicion of using force or violence to prevent the woman from reporting a crime.

“He was very cooperative,” Scott said of Artest, found sitting calmly outside the home. “He gave no problems to any of the officers on scene.”

Artest, the central figure of the infamous 2004 brawl between Indiana Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans, was booked into the Placer County Jail and released later on \$50,000 bail. His arraignment is scheduled for March 22.

Sheriff’s deputies have been called to Artest’s home at least once before, but there were no arrests, Erwin said.

Geoff Petrie, the Kings’ president of basketball operations, said the team was removing Artest from the team, pending a full investigation.

“The Kings have excused Ron Artest indefinitely from any further participation with the team due to his arrest today for domestic violence,” Petrie said in a statement.

Team spokesman Troy Hanson told The Associated Press that Artest had not been suspended and still was being paid.



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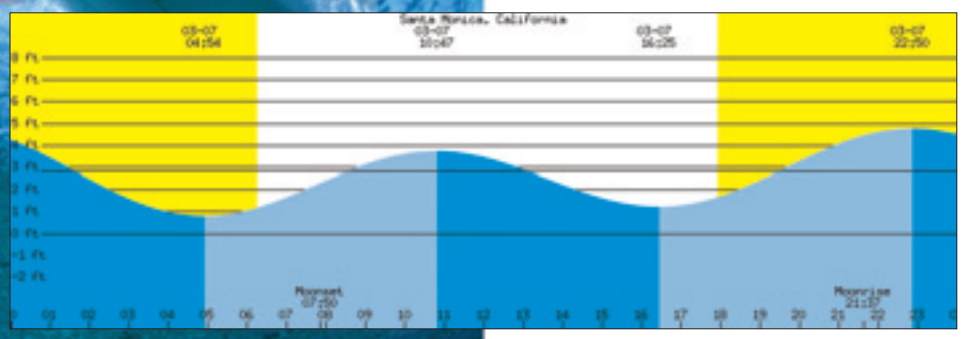
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SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
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Number of sewage spills -- 9
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
Number of wet days -- 12
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27/31
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16/15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	F	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	D
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	B	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	D	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	B	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	D	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	C	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	F	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	C
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Scurry home, Scorpio

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Though stress could mark the morning, flow and success star later on. What seems a bit extreme might not be when you study the end results. In fact, you'll have a lot to grin about. Let it all happen. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Keep a nice, easy pace. Sometimes you get way ahead of yourself. Think in terms of gains and perhaps a change. You might want to try another approach or do something differently. The results could be quite spectacular. Tonight: You are on top of your game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might shake your head at the results you get in the morning. By the evening, you will be a success story. The planets work with you, especially if you are a touch adventurous. Are you? Go for it. Tonight: Play.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You discover that if you relax and don't get tense about each problem or hassle, your basic concerns will melt away. Your efforts pay off because you know what is and isn't important. A partner might be a bit confused but well-intended. Tonight: Share your time with family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You say the word, and others respond. Think in terms of gains and change. You find that what was funny and a bit out of control comes back into perspective given time. Nothing is written in stone. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You will tend to overdo it and go to extremes. Others might be surprised; in fact, you might be as well. Just go with the flow, and you'll get better responses than you'd anticipated. Not everything is as you see it. Tonight: Get advice if you feel vulnerable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are on a roll. Consider what you want from someone, as your plate might be full. Let go and see what happens if you relax and simply flow with opportunity and the moment. Tonight: Add some heat to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Knowing when to back off could save the day. If you want to let go and see where the chips fall, now is the time. Practicing letting go of control might be a lot healthier than you realize. The end results could be dynamic. Tonight: Scurry home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to do something very differently, especially when you see the events that take place this morning. Let go and relax. Your attitude, plus a little luck, gets the results you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ If possible, take charge. You have a lot more control than you might be aware of. Take a stand, but listen to others. Your instincts allow you to mesh together exactly what you want. Remain optimistic and happy. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You can take an overview and gain a perspective. You might be on overload when you start processing information. You might want to think about an offer that on some level might feel way out there. Tonight: Try to take a leap of faith.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Work with others rather than push your luck. Not everyone sees situations as clearly as you do. In fact, you might want to open up a conversation or visit with a special friend to make a point. Openness allows agreement. Tonight: Be a duo.

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Rachel Weisz, actress (1971)
Wanda Sykes, actress and comedian (1964)
Michael Eisner, film studio executive (1942)

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Essential Raitt

‘Nick of Time’ named to elite list by retailers

“Nick of Time” was a turning point for **BONNIE RAITT**. The 1989 album elevated the blues singer-songwriter to a new level of success and earned her three Grammy Awards. Now it’s part of the “Definitive 200” list of albums and soundtracks co-sponsored by the National Association of Recording

Merchandisers and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The list, which was chosen by a committee of music retailers within NARM, was released Tuesday. Raitt, 57, told The Associated Press that her album was “the right album for the right time.” “Nick of Time” is ranked at No. 137, between Sarah

McLachlan’s “Surfacing” and Metallica’s “Ride the Lightning.” The Beatles’ “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” tops the list. The rest of the top 10, in order: Pink Floyd’s “The Dark Side of the Moon,” Michael Jackson’s “Thriller,” Led Zeppelin’s “Led Zeppelin IV,” U2’s

“The Joshua Tree,” the Rolling Stones’ “Exile on Main Street,” Carole King’s “Tapestry,” Bob Dylan’s “Highway 61 Revisited,” Nirvana’s “Nevermind” and Pearl Jam’s “Ten.” Raitt, who’s made her share of best-of lists over the years, said she’d find it difficult to rank albums by her favorite artists.

“I’m always asked about things ... ‘What are the most significant, you know, 10 of this or 20 of that,’” she said. “But what’s important is that it’s not a contest. You do your best work and everybody’s got a subjective opinion about what albums mean the most to them.”

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KANYE WEST is not eating any \$3,900 curry, his management said Tuesday. The British Raj restaurant had said that a music promotion company was paying that princely sum, plus travel and accommodation for the restaurant’s head chef, to send a fully cooked Indian meal from Wales to New York for a meeting with West and seven guests. But the music star’s publicist said West wasn’t planning to be in New York during the week, and that the food wasn’t for him. “There is no meeting in New York. There never has been,” spokesman Gabe Tesoriero said Tuesday. He called the story “patently false.” The restaurant confirmed Tuesday that the food was en route to New York by plane. It said the bill was being footed by a promotion company.

AP

Bono selected as guest editor of Vanity Fair Africa-themed issue

Rock star and activist **BONO** is adding another title to his resume: first-ever guest editor of Vanity Fair. The U2 frontman will edit the magazine’s Africa-themed July issue, on newsstands in early June, on behalf of his Project RED campaign, it was announced Tuesday. “We’ve talked about doing a special issue on Africa for awhile now, and of course Bono came to mind during those discussions,” said Vanity Fair

Editor Graydon Carter in a statement. “He’s very knowledgeable and passionate on the subject, and he’ll be an authentic guest editor.” Last May, Bono was guest editor of The Independent newspaper in London. He featured stories on HIV/AIDS in Africa, poverty and global warming to highlight his Project RED venture, which enlists corporations to donate the proceeds of products made under the RED brand to

humanitarian efforts in Africa. “As guest editor, I want Africa to appear (as) an adventure, not a burden, and put faces and personalities to the statistics we read elsewhere,” the 46-year-old Irish rocker said in a statement. “Five thousand Africans die every day of a preventable, treatable disease (HIV/AIDS). If Graydon, his team, and I succeed, the reader will care more about the daily squandering of

these noble, entrepreneurial, optimistic lives ... people who are familiar to us in every other way than circumstance.” Carter said the articles won’t be like policy papers. “We’ll be telling great stories about Africa’s successes and turnarounds,” he said. “We certainly won’t ignore the continent’s problems – but we’ll cover African music, art and literature. We want to really surprise people in a positive way.”

AP

Funnyman Henry gives old gag a twist

How many light bulb jokes does it take to alleviate poverty? British comedian **LENNY HENRY** has chosen 100 examples of his country’s incandescent humor to mark Red Nose Day on March 16, when the Comic Relief organization encour-

ages Britons to drop their traditional reserve and clown around in false noses to raise money for charities at home and in Africa. Britons were asked to nominate their favorite light bulb jokes for a book edited by Henry that is being sold for \$5.77 as part

of utility company npower Ltd.’s contribution to Red Nose Day. “Since light bulb jokes were developed in the late 1800s, they’ve become a national institution, and it’s about time we celebrated them,” Henry said. He tried out the jokes on

passers-by Tuesday while standing inside a giant light bulb on Carnaby Street. Among Henry’s top three light bulb jokes: Q: How many reality TV stars does it take to change a light bulb? A: None. Their time in the spotlight is over.

AP

Songbird Thalia to host weekly talk-show gab fest

Mexican pop star **THALIA** is about to become a talk-show personality. The singer will host a new radio program to be broadcast in the United States starting next week. “Who doesn’t have a radio at home, in the car or

at work?” she told The Associated Press. “It seemed to me a lovely opportunity to meet other people, to reach places that you’re limited in television or print media. Radio helps you cover different populations, different ideologies,

and I love it.” “The Conexion Thalia Radio Show” on ABC Radio en Espanol will feature celebrity interviews, lifestyle segments and information targeted toward Latinos, it was announced Tuesday.

“It is going to be as if you were there in Thalia’s living room, getting to know her, getting to know her friends,” said Kevin Miller, senior vice president of business development at ABC Radio Networks. The program will be

broadcast starting March 17 in major media markets, including New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Puerto Rico. It will air Saturdays at varying times on different stations. Eventually it will switch to a daily schedule, according to ABC.

AP



“When I’m not saving the world with Bono and the Red campaign, I’m hedging my bet with the Daily Press.”

Bobby Shriver, City Councilman and alleged hedge offender

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The Astronaut Farmer (PG)
4:30, 10:05
Dreamgirls (PG-13)
1:30, 7:10
Pan’s Labyrinth
(El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15
Reno 911!: Miami (R)
2:05, 4:15, 7:40, 9:55

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11:10am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
Breach (PG-13)
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Bridge to Terabithia (PG)
11:45am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
Wild Hogs (PG-13)
11:00am, 12:05, 1:45, 2:35, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15
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12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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3:35, 9:35
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(Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
1:55, 5:00, 8:15
The Painted Veil (PG-13)
12:45, 6:45
The Queen (PG-13)
1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Starter for 10 (PG-13)
4:25, 9:55
Volver (R)
1:35, 7:10

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11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO WEEKEND PUZZLE

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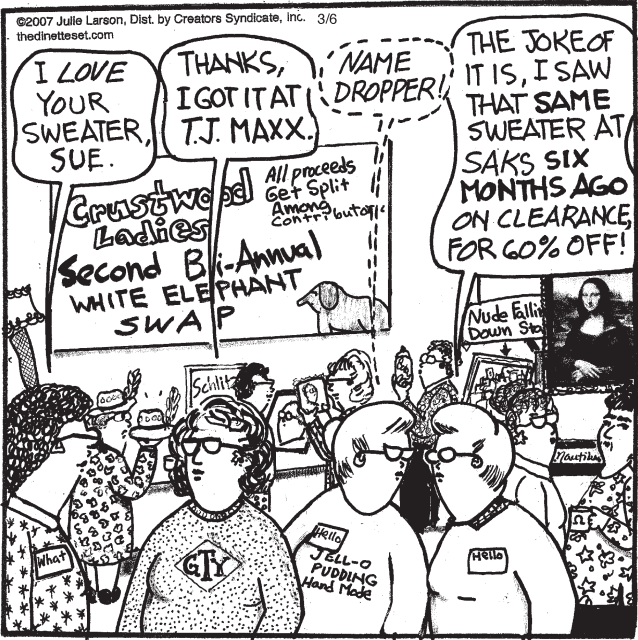
Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

Editor's note:

Yesterday's Sudoku and Crossword answers were incorrect. We have published answers for the weekend edition's puzzles in today's paper.

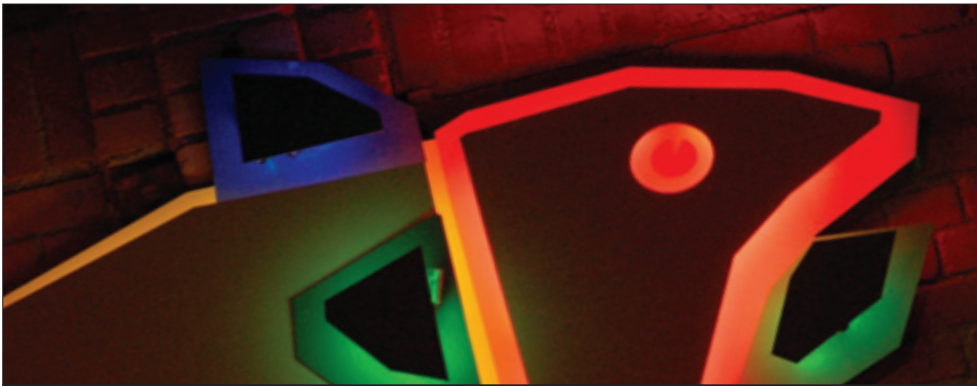
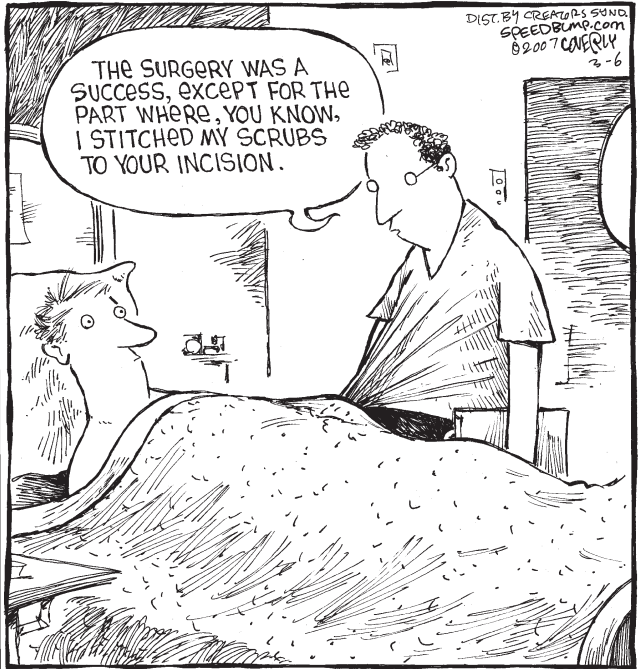
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Nodding, perhaps

1 Banquets
7 Alkali

counter-part

11 Two-time Triple Crown winner

12 Take the bus

13 Gotham protector

14 Iliad city

15 Magical

17 Risqué

20 Seize by force

23 Copying

24 One taking stock?

26 Campaign pro

27 Invite

28 Previously

29 Spurs on

31 Keg need

32 Wild card, at times

33 Salon offerings

34 Teacher's unit

37 Lackluster

39 Steers clear of

43 Lot buy

44 West African nation

45 Ariz. neighbor

DOWN

1 Beatles descriptor

2 History segment

3 Play part

4 Slugger Sosa

5 Waiting aid

6 Some children

7 Gallery star

8 Mingle

9 Ceremony words

10 TV's Susan

16 Walrus features

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SOLUTIONS TO WEEKEND PUZZLE

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| 18 Singly | 36 Track shape |
| 19 Do the math | 37 Singer Fogelberg |
| 21 Fit for a king | 38 Grog base |
| 22 Respect, in slang | 40 "How Can — Sure?" |
| 24 Billing info | 41 Party staple |
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DAILY 3
MIDDAY: 5 0 2
EVENING: 5 8 1

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Money Drop: Germany saw a birth boom during the first days of the new year, attributed mainly to the government's child-bearing incentives (bonuses of up to the equivalent of \$33,000, leading mothers to attempt to delay December delivery until the law kicked in on Jan. 1). Meanwhile, in the United States, according to a December New York Times feature, an estimated 6 percent of the annual 70,000 babies scheduled to be born the first week of January were once again induced early, for late December delivery, to take advantage of tax breaks worth at least \$4,000 per child.

■ On Feb. 10, at the luxurious Lebua hotel in Bangkok, organizers brought in six master chefs from around the world to prepare the most exquisite dinner they could imagine for the 40 specially invited international gourmets, who dropped in to dine for \$25,000 a person. Among the fare: Perigord truffles, "tartare of Kobe beef with imperial Beluga caviar and Belon oysters," creme brulee of foie gras and 10 of the best wines of the 20th century, including 1961 Chateau Palmer.

■ Zimbabwe's almost comically sad hyperinflation rate reached 1,593 percent in January (the dollars that bought a brick house with pool and tennis court in 1990 would today buy a single brick), but that did not stop President Robert Mugabe from ostentatiously celebrating his 83rd birthday on Feb. 24 at a party estimated to cost the equivalent of about \$1.2 million. In early February, the government attempted to halt inflation by passing a law declaring it illegal.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1277 Condemnation of 219 philosophical and theological theses by Stephen Tempier, Bishop of Paris.

1815 Napoleon I of France meets troops of the Fifth Regiment sent by Louise XVIII at Grenoble, and convinces them to join him on his march to Paris.

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.

1947 The Kuomintang and Communist Party of China resume full-fledged Civil War.

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.

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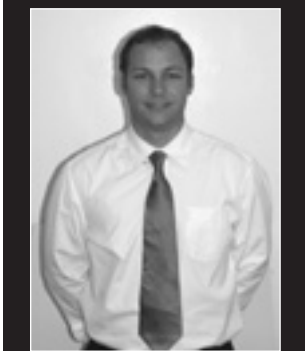
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CASE NO. BP103182

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contingent creditors, and persons
who may otherwise be interested in
the WILL or estate, or both of LES-
LIE 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 re-
quests that JOHN K. SPICER be ap-
pointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the de-
cedent.

THE PETITION requests the de-
cedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The WILL and
any codicils are available for exami-
nation in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to
administer the estate under the In-
dependent Administration of Estates
Act. (This authority will allow the
personal representative to take many
actions without obtaining court ap-
proval. Before taking certain very im-
portant actions, however, the per-
sonal 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
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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of
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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a con-
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and mail a copy to the personal rep-
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first issuance of letters as provided
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by
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an inventory and appraisal of estate
assets or of any petition or account
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form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF:
FLOYD A. CARTER
CASE NO. SP007077

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
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who may otherwise be interested in
the WILL or estate, or both of FLOYD
A. CARTER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has
been filed by MICHAEL F. CARTER
in the Superior Court of California,

Notices

County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-
quests that MICHAEL F. CARTER be
appointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the de-
cedent.

THE PETITION requests the de-
cedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The WILL and
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to the petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant the
authority.

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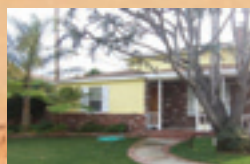
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