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We've got issues!

Pointed towards doom



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A woman (right), who declined to give her name, drove her car off the Pacific Coast Highway Thursday near Malibu. The SUV, which came out unscathed, was suspended vertically before a tow truck pulled it back to its upright position.

Local insurance co. gets embassies' business

Insurance 'boutique' wins federal government contract

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A local company is covering the world with art.

A small Santa Monica-based fine art insurance firm recently beat out some of the nation's largest agencies for a major U.S. State Department contract.

Thomson & Pratt won a one-year contract to provide fine art insurance coverage to all 70 U.S. embassies worldwide.

Tom Pratt, director of the firm's fine art division, said he's prohibited from saying how much the firm will receive from the contract.

"But it's high, six-figures," he said. "It's very high six figures, close to seven."

The policy covers any damage from terrorism and war to artwork hanging in embassies.

Though the firm usually only offers six-month contracts, it was able to lower its rates by extending coverage to a full year.

"This is the first big major contract we have had," Pratt said. "We have always thought of ourselves as a boutique firm."

Well-known works of art are loaned out to embassies on a regular basis. Since the pieces are loaned to the federal government, an insurance policy must be taken out to cover for any damages.

The federal government typically insures itself when proving insurance coverage for embassies and government property.

"It's where the ambassadors entertain," Pratt said. "Basically it's the White House in that particular country. It showcases the U.S."

Thomson & Pratt was founded in 1995. The company launched its fine arts division in 1999 specializing in providing insurance brokerage services to art dealers, galleries, museums, and private collectors.

The firm has been selected by the National Archives to provide insurance for the Ronald Reagan, Harry S. Truman, Jimmy Carter and George Bush Presidential Libraries.

"It was amazing that we could put it all together this fast," said Pratt. "I guess it was a case of being in the right place at the right time."

Residents win back their own parking

Driving high school students get squeezed out of neighborhood

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Parking just got tougher for Santa Monica High School students.

Residents living near the high school won a decisive victory this week when the city council instituted preferential parking in their neighborhood to combat students parking on side streets.

The areas where only residents can park will be on Ninth Street between Michigan Avenue and Pico Boulevard, the 1700 and 1800 block of Ninth Street, and Bay Street between Sixth Street and Lincoln Boulevard.

However, the council carved out 52 parking spots on the east side of Ninth Street that will remain open for public use, increasing the already competitive parking atmosphere in the neighborhood, according to residents.

"I think in this instance it's a combination of high school students and commercial business on Lincoln and to a lesser extent on Pico don't have a lot of parking," said Councilman Richard Bloom.

The high school has long had a shortage of student parking but recently the situation has been made worse by school construction that has blocked much of the existing parking lot.

The Santa Monica-Malibu School District has been working with the city for the past year on where a new parking lot could be built.

"There's very few spots," said school district superintendent John Deasy. "It's been an issue for years. That's why we've been trying to find room for parking." He added that more parking could be part of the proposed \$120 Civic Center Plan near City Hall.

"We weren't trying to regulate behavior. We were just trying to give people a place to park when they come home."

— KEVIN MCKEOWN
Mayor pro tem

Students who drive to school have been forced onto the side streets, where residents complain that the students are disruptive to the neighborhood.

"There are a lot of side issues that could have been solved if total preferential parking had been initiated," said Christian Boyce, a Ninth Street resident. "Visitors treat it like a parking lot, they are nosier and leave a lot of trash lying

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Vermont citizens want to know where the money went

BY DAVID GRAM
Associated Press Writer

WHITINGHAM, Vt. — So much for that legendary Yankee thrift.

John Robohm, the treasurer in this New England town of 1,300, has made a mess of the books, leaving townspeople to wonder where the money went.

"He was always telling us he knew where all the money was, right to the penny. Turns out, not even close," said Selectman Steve Morse.

Somehow, a \$1 million budget devel-

oped a deficit of \$267,829.86. And the \$160,000 the town had in a reserve fund? Gone.

The news came in January when Robohm tallied up the figures for 2001 in this community where many people work for the utility companies or the logging and lumber industry.

"He calls me up and says, 'I am having trouble putting these figures together,'" recalled Norm Stevens, chairman of the five-member Select Board. "Then he gave me the balance sheet for the end of

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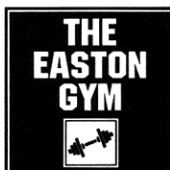
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Pressure builds. Plans change as a result. Stay even-tempered when dealing with an associate. New beginnings are possible. Listen to your intuition with someone you give a lot of authority to. Be more upbeat about your potential. Catch up on another's news. Tonight: A must show.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your mind might be out the door even if your body is at work. If you can, schedule meetings and network. You might not be able to concentrate on details or paperwork. Aim for what you want. Your sense of what works brings success. Tonight: Let your body follow your mind.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work with others, but not as a group. Each person has a different set of concerns. Stay even and stable. Refuse to question another's logic. Someone who is very important to you gives you insight and support. Return e-mails and phone calls. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you go out.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out. They want to get closer to you. Deal with a business arrangement head-on. Let others make the first move. Don't push so hard to have people agree with you. Given time, you will see eye to eye. Your popularity grows because of your easy style. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Problems develop revolving around a child or loved one. You have pushed, though perhaps not consciously. A child or loved one demonstrates unusual willpower and fortitude. Go within. Reach out for another at a distance for advice. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be your playful self. Don't worry so much about another's reaction. Use your imagination and creativity to make inroads where someone else fails. Others want to be more agreeable, just help them a little. Share a joke or a funny story. Laughter heals. Tonight: Play away.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Build a better relationship with a friend or a loved one. You need this close tie in order to flourish. No longer push so hard to make what you want happen. Allow others to flow. Bring work home so you can be close to a loved one. Tonight: Put your feet up.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ How you say what you think has much to do with the manner in which it is received. Clear out a problem through a friendly call. Brainstorm and express your positive, happy nature. Catch up on news, but also clear your desk. Accept an invitation involving co-workers. Tonight: Head out the door.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Don't turn yourself inside out trying to make a square peg fit in a round hole. It isn't going to work, no matter how hard you try. Relax your position, eyeing a financial offer that could make a difference. Don't get too bored by an idea. Think of the implications here. Tonight: Order in.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your finances demand your attention, not a situation that involves a misunderstanding. Try not to get stuck in an irrevocable position. Let stubbornness go and welcome a positive opportunity. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Do what you want.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ A friend lets you down, causing a financial issue when you least expect it. Head for what it is that you want. Laughter plays a substantial role in your ability to handle what is going down. Your instincts serve you well while you deal with your funds. Tonight: You need some time off.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Carefully review a decision that involves a friendship. This person feeds you the right lines now. Check out the implications if you were to go along with this person. A boss might irritate you more than usual. Play it cool. Remember who's who here. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.



QUOTE of the DAY

“It was so cold I almost got married.”

— Shelley Winters

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School construction leaves little room for student parking



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Samohi student Laura Kunstler will have to find a place to park other than Ninth Street.

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around.”

He said there isn't enough parking for residents even without outsiders coming in.

“Where people come from and why they park here isn't as much as a concern as if they live on the streets here or not,” he said.

City officials said they did not act because of resident complaints about high school students' action, but rather they looked only at local parking needs.

“We weren't trying to regulate behavior,” Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown. “We were just trying to give people a place to park when they come home.”

Mayor Mike Feinstein went further to say citing behavioral issues alone for creating preferential parking would have been illegal.

“It would be legally wrong for us

to say the public doesn't have access to a public resource because a small portion are misbehaving,” he said. “We have to go with the parking issues solely, but that is not to understate the behavior of some students.”

But students said there was no other place to go. Now that Ninth Street is basically off-limits, they said the same problem will happen with 12th Street and then 14th Street.

For Santa Monica High School junior Laura Kunstler, the issue is worse because she lives with her family in Mar Vista and has to drive to school every day.

“We are basically stuck on this side,” she said. “Parking is hard as it is so I'm psyched I even got this spot, and I had to get here at 7:45 this morning.”

Some residents criticized the city for creating an “island” of public parking on one side of Ninth Street.

They say the move will make parking near their homes even more difficult than before.

“We already have a problem but it seems what we're doing is telling everyone who used to spread themselves out to park right here,” said Boyce. “We're basically sacrificing one block to be the city's parking lot, and that's just not right.”

Feinstein said creating one area for high school students to park during the day would make enforcing noise ordinances and littering laws much easier.

Boyce said residents of the area would likely park in the spaces open to the public when they are available to give their neighbors more access to the preferential spots across the street.

“Residents are going to stick up for each other,” he said. “So I'm not sure how this is going to play out.”

Campaign for Santa Monica City Council begins

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Two outspoken citizens are running for a spot on the Santa Monica City Council this November.

Self-proclaimed peace activist Jerry Rubin and local gadfly known only as “Pro Se” have tossed their hats into the ring.

The two-year terms for council members Kevin McKeown, Pam O'Connor and Bob Holbrook will be up at the end of the year. McKeown said he plans to run for re-election but Holbrook will not be seeking another

term. O'Connor said she's undecided and will make her decision by May.

The two non-politicos — Rubin and Pro Se — are running grassroots and low-budget campaigns. Pro Se announced his campaign this week in the Daily Press' classified section and Rubin, who ran two years ago and garnered 6,000 votes, said he will once again not accept any money contributions. However, Rubin said he'll take endorsements and volunteer help.

Both men are seen regularly at city council meetings, speaking on issues facing elected officials.

Beginning Monday, Rubin, who is no relation to the late '60s activist, will begin a one-month “fast for a positive campaign” when he will only drink water for two weeks, followed by green juice, herbal teas and tonics for the remaining two weeks.

He said the upcoming election season most likely will be ugly with two controversial issues facing voters — the living wage ordinance and a new election system where council members are voted in by districts.

“This one has the potential for ultimate nastiness,” Rubin said. “We can have a positive campaign and we should.”

Whitingham residents ‘mellow’ over money mess

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the year. I couldn't believe it.

“So I copied it and went to see every board member in person because I didn't want them to pass out over the phone.”

People in town have taken the financial woes in stride. Most of them, awaiting an audit in the spring, appear to accept for now Robohm's claim that there was nothing sinister about the disappearance of the money.

Told that the town was facing a severe cash flow problem, a few residents even volunteered to pay their property taxes now even though they are not due until November.

At Tuesday's annual town meeting,

residents approved a series of cuts in the budget to help close the deficit. They decided to eliminate all road paving this year, a savings of \$135,000, and not to fill a vacancy in the six-man highway department, for a savings of \$45,000.

“I think we'll be OK,” Stevens said.

Robohm stepped down on Tuesday from the part-time elected post he has held for five years. In the town report he apologized for “not being experienced enough.”

“I have proudly performed my duties and have served the town to the best of my ability,” he wrote. “Simply stated, my abilities in this context are not enough.”

Town Clerk Earle “Bud” Holland described his neighbors as “surprisingly

mellow” about the mess. “There's no accusations flying around. There's no ‘Lynch him’ or ‘Get him,’” Holland said.

Libby Hillman, a retired cooking teacher, felt that the town finances were too complex for a part-time treasurer to handle. “They should have had a professional accounting in the past years,” she said.

Robohm, who retired from IBM in Connecticut after a career in sales and product development and moved to town several years ago, said there had been much confusion in the town's finances in recent years related to its battle with the state over Vermont's education funding law.

Whitingham, situated along the

Massachusetts state line midway between Brattleboro and Bennington, saw its property taxes increase under the new law. The town fought the new system in court and withheld its payments to the state for a while.

Some also blame the shortfall on changes in the valuation of a hydroelectric dam on the Deerfield River. A newly competitive electric industry has been much more aggressive about asking towns to lower taxes. And Whitingham agreed to reduce the dam's tax value by one-third, to \$52 million.

The cuts in the budget did not come easily. Selectmen had suggested a \$2,000 cut in the Fire Department, but the voters sided with Fire Chief Stanley Janovsky.



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Move the primary election to September

Public participation in California's electoral process has been decreasing in recent years. One reason for the decline has been the changing date of our primary election — ranging from early June to late March, back to early June and then to early March.

This year, California had the distinction of holding the earliest statewide primary in the nation. And what is the result? The lowest voter turnout ever — with less than 32 percent of the registered voters participating in the election. Many Californians were simply unaware, right up until March 5, that there was even an election this week.

One of the key reasons for moving the primary was to give Californians a greater say in helping to select the presidential nominees. I believe it is crucial that California keep its presidential primary in the early months of the year, so the candidates debate issues of interest to our state. At the same time, I believe that the statewide primary needs to be moved to much later in the year.

I have introduced SB 1975, which would move all statewide primaries to the second week of September. The measure has broad bipartisan support, as well as the strong support of the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Business Roundtable.

The current eight-month gap between the primary

and general elections is dampening enthusiasm among voters instead of increasing it. By moving the statewide primary to September, SB 1975:

- Allows for greater competition in the primaries and gives potential candidates more time to decide if they want to run for office. Currently, we are losing

Guest Commentary

By Ross Johnson

qualified candidates because they must decide more than a year before the general election if they are going to run for office.

- Should lower the cost to run for office because the overall campaign cycle is shortened.

- Allows elected officials to focus on pressing state issues rather than their own reelection.

- Keeps campaign volunteers involved throughout the election cycle. Currently, campaign volunteers are forced into hibernation for months between the pri-

mary and general election. All of the enthusiasm and momentum a campaign may have gained in the primary is suddenly stalled in the spring and summer doldrums.

- Limits the ability to run two campaigns. With the primary and general elections coming within eight weeks of one another, as opposed to the current eight months, the media and voters are more likely to hold candidates accountable for statements or actions during the primary.

- Will provide a consistency in the election process that we have not had since California moved its presidential primary from June to March.

Separating out the presidential primary will result in additional election costs every four years — with estimates ranging from \$35 million to \$40 million, which translates into 60 to 65 cents per registered voter per year. I consider that a very small price to improve participation in our democratic system.

Numerous large states, such as New York and Florida, are able to hold their primaries in September and a general in November. In this technological age, California should be able to join other states in shortening the election cycle, instead of lengthening it.

(Ross Johnson is a Republican senator representing Orange County.)

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Parking tickets excessive

Editor:

Your story last week about the city of Santa Monica overlooking parking tickets given out on Sept. 11 had an interesting fact. You said they gave out 487 before noon that day, which have now been rescinded. 487?

Doesn't that seem a bit excessive, no matter what day of the year it is? Haven't those metermen and maidens have ANYTHING better to do? Oh, right ... they don't ... that's their um, job.

H. Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Arsonists hit neighborhood

By Daily Press staff

Three arson attempts recently occurred within blocks of each other in a Santa Monica neighborhood, according to police.

Shortly before 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 26, police responded to two separate arson attempts on vehicles parked at the 1500 block of Yale Street and the 1600 block of Berkeley Street. Minimal damage was reported to the 1992 Volvo on Yale and the Cadillac on Berkeley.

Two days later, an unknown business at the 1600 block of Stanford Street reported arson to police at about 11:40 a.m. Someone apparently tried to light the door on fire. Damage was minimal.

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Astronomers conclude universe is not turquoise

BY PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Whoops! Call the painter back. The color of the universe is not the turquoise that astronomers said. Try a rather ordinary beige.

Two Johns Hopkins University astronomers announced in January that they had averaged all colors from the light of 200,000 galaxies and concluded that if the human could see this combined hue, it would be a sprightly pale green. That, they said, was the color of the universe.

But Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry said Thursday that their January conclusion was tripped up by flawed software that was uncovered by color engineers who checked their data.

"It is embarrassing," Glazebrook said. "But this is science. We're not like politicians. If we make a mistakes, we admit them. That's how science works."

The effect of the software error was that the computer picked a nonstandard white and mixed it with the other colors to come up with the turquoise. When the error was corrected and replaced with a standard white index, beige was the result, Glazebrook said.

"It looks like beige," he said. "I don't know what else to call it. I would welcome suggestions."

In January, Baldry called the turquoise "cosmic spectrum green." But the pair offered no fancy name for the new beige hue.

To find this average color, Glazebrook

and Baldry gathered light from galaxies out to several billion light years. They processed the light to break it into the various colors — similar to the way a prism turns sunlight into a rainbow. They averaged the color values for all the light and converted it to the primary color scale seen by the human eye.

Glazebrook said the underlying data was correct; the problem came when the scientific data was converted into a hue compatible with the perception of the human eye.

The astronomer said that expressing the color for popular view was not even part of the original scientific experiment. They did it "as a lark."

"We were doing this as an amusing footnote to our paper," said Glazebrook.

"Then there was huge media thing. We were completely overwhelmed. We didn't expect it to get so big."

The publicity attracted the attention of color engineers who contacted the astronomers and asked for copies of their program software. When the engineers ran the software, they concluded there was a mistake and notified Glazebrook and Baldry.

"It's our fault for not taking the color science seriously enough," said Glazebrook. "I don't like being wrong, but once I found I was, I knew I had to get the word out."

The problem was so complex, he said, that only a small number of color engineers had the expertise to determine that there was a flaw.

Boxing match taping; Jones and Harding go toe to toe

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Disgraced Olympic skater Tonya Harding and presidential scandal queen Paula Jones squared off Thursday in a TV boxing match that featured an undercard of entertainment has-beens.

"Celebrity Boxing," which was being taped at the KTLA studios for Dick Clark Productions, is scheduled to air next week on Fox. The taping was closed to the media.

The show also featured '70s TV stars Danny Bonaduce — Danny Partridge from "The Partridge Family" — versus Barry Williams, oldest brother Greg from "The Brady Bunch."

"Have you seen him? He's Greg Brady," Bonaduce, who's made a new career as a radio and syndicated TV talk show host, joked at a Wednesday night weigh-in ceremony.

"What's my strategy? To knock him down and laugh at him."

Rapper Vanilla Ice was to battle Todd Bridges, Willis from TV's "Diff'rent Strokes," in the night's third fight.

Fox did interviews with the women during the weigh-in but wouldn't let other reporters talk to them. Earlier this month, the 5-foot-3 Jones joked that fighting the 5-foot-1 Harding might ruin her new look.

"I just got my nose done, and I don't want to mess it up."

— PAULA JONES

"Of course, that's my first concern as a woman, messing my face up," the Cabot, Ark., resident told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "I just got my nose done, and I don't want to mess it up."

She declined to say how much she was being paid for the three-round contest, which is scheduled to air at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The women's weights also weren't disclosed. Harding

looked buff in blue stretch pants and a white tank top, her blond hair in a ponytail, while Jones wore big hoop earrings and gray stretch sweats. Later, both laughed and smiled as they posed in boxing gloves and satin robes.

"Celebrity" might be stretching it for both women. Jones made international headlines with her lawsuit that claimed former President Bill Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance on her in 1991. A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit.

Harding was banned from the U.S. Figure Skating Association for life after pleading guilty to hindering the investigation of a 1994 knee-whacking assault on fellow figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Harding originally was to have fought Amy Fisher, the "Long Island Lolita" who had an affair with auto mechanic Joey Buttafuoco in 1992 and was convicted of shooting and wounding the wife.

The New York state Parole Board refused to allow Fisher's appearance, deciding it "would not be conducive to her continued parole supervision and would send an inappropriate message to victims of violent crime," spokesman Tom Grant said.

Sausalito voters say no to new public safety building

By The Associated Press

SAUSALITO — After a campaign alleging a new public safety building would destroy a Marin County town's appearance and violate its feng shui, voters doomed the police force to continue working out of portable trailers.

Sixty-six percent of voters on Tuesday rejected a proposal to build a \$7.8 million, 22,500-square-foot police and fire building. The police department's 30 employees have been working out of the waterfront trailers since 1995, after flooding destroyed the building they had occupied for 93 years. The fire department is operating out of a building that is not seismically sound.

"We're the only trailer park in Sausalito," said police

"This was a proposal that was to be 80 percent the length of a football field ..."

— JOHN FERRELL
Opposition leader

Capt. Jim Hyatt. "When we are recruiting, and we have to show people these facilities, we have to explain that this is only temporary."

Opposition to the Mediterranean-style facility arose

because some said it would violate the upscale town's feng shui, the ancient Chinese art of placing things to ensure a harmonious energy flow. Others complained it was too expensive, too big, and would block off one end of the town's main street.

But the opposition's leader, John Ferrell, said the vote does not mean residents are against building a new place for police and firefighters to work.

"This was a proposal that was to be 80 percent the length of a football field, and a lot of people saw it as really out of character with Sausalito," he said. "We're willing to participate in the process of arriving at a new siting and or design that will enjoy broad community support."



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Former Playmate Anna Nicole Smith awarded \$88 million

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA — A federal court judge awarded former Playmate Anna Nicole Smith more than \$88 million in damages in the latest ruling in a bitter legal fight over the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter ruled Thursday that Howard's son, E. Pierce Marshall, had interfered with Smith's attempt to get part of her late husband's oil fortune, estimated at hundreds of million of dollars.

"The evidence of willfulness, maliciousness and fraud is overwhelming," Carter wrote in his ruling.

The judge found that E. Pierce Marshall and others spied on the couple and controlled Smith's access to her husband in the days before he died.

At one point, the son even hired a private detective to follow his father to California during a visit with Smith, Carter wrote.

E. Pierce Marshall said he would immediately appeal.

The ruling came after he challenged a previous federal bankruptcy court decision in California that awarded Smith \$475 million of his father's money. The bankruptcy court ruled on a lawsuit filed by Smith.

"While my father would be pleased the California federal district court reduced the egregious and flippant

\$475 million award of the Bankruptcy Court, he would be appalled that the district court continued to ignore his clearly stated wishes....," E. Pierce Marshall said in a prepared statement.

Smith, 33, has fought lengthy court battles in California and Texas over the fortune of her late husband, who died at age 90 in August 1995, 14 months after they wed.

"This is a complete victory for my client, and I think it's a victory for a husband's love for his wife."

— PHILIP POESCH
Smith's attorney

The former Playboy Playmate, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, met her husband in 1991 when she was working as a stripper. The couple married three years later when she was 26 and he was 89. He died the following year.

Before his death, his estate went into a trust that divided his fortune between charities, a foundation, his son

and other individuals but gave nothing to Smith. She sued E. Pierce Marshall to get part of it.

Carter's 80-page ruling said Smith had a reasonable expectation that she would receive a portion of her husband's estate and that she would receive it without interference.

"J. Howard made numerous promises to Vickie that she would receive half of what he owned," Carter said in his ruling.

He said Smith was entitled to \$44.3 million in punitive damages and the same amount in compensatory damages against E. Pierce Marshall, who controls the trust established by his late father.

"This is a complete victory for my client, and I think it's a victory for a husband's love for his wife," said Smith's attorney, Philip Boesch. "... It shows the world, and certainly us, love has no age limits."

He said his client "was subjected to the worst kind of legal maneuvering by her son-in-law."

Marshall and Smith were absent when the ruling was issued.

Marshall's attorney, Joseph A. Eisenberg, said he was shocked by Carter's ruling.

"I don't think the judgment in any amount was correct," he said. "We intend to seek vindication immediately."

A year ago, a Texas jury concluded Smith had no right to any money.

100 suffer from strange illness after pre-Oscar party

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — A mystery illness has overcome at least 100 guests who attended a pre-Oscar ceremony honoring scientific and technical achievement last weekend, public health officials said Thursday.

About 500 people attended the dinner and awards presentation at the Regent Beverly Wilshire hotel in Beverly Hills on Saturday. Although many became ill the next day, some guests didn't show symptoms of the illness for several days.

The total number of those sickened has not been determined, but the Los Angeles County Department of Health said at least 100 people were overcome, while Oscar officials said it could be nearly 200.

County epidemiologists were examining everything from the fish and beef on the menu to the desserts and wine. Investigators were also collecting stool samples from sickened individuals to determine the nature of the disorder.

The illness was characterized by vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and sometimes a low-grade fever. Symptoms were typically lasting one to two days.

Nearly 20 employees of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences called in sick earlier this week amid the organization's busy Oscar season, said spokesman John Pavlik.

"It seems like it was about half the people at each table," Pavlik said. "For instance, I didn't get sick, but my wife did and we both ate the same things."

Pavlik added that another person at his table had a vegetable plate with no fish or meat and still became ill. "Whatever it was, it seems to have skipped around a lot," he said.

About 20 employees of the Academy

became ill, including Laura Ziskin, who is producing the upcoming Oscar telecast on March 24.

The menu at the event included arugula salad, lobster bisque, roasted beef with a side of halibut, mashed potatoes, tomatoes and asparagus tips. Among the desserts were berry sorbet, chocolate cake, lemon tart and assorted fruits.

Hotel officials did not immediately return calls for comment.

County health investigators said they don't believe the problem was an isolated illness.

Former SLA member's bail on murder set at \$500,000

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The last time former Symbionese Liberation Army member Michael Bortin faced the possibility of prison, he vanished for eight years.

A Sacramento County judge on Thursday dismissed prosecutors' fears he might flee again, setting Bortin's bond at \$500,000 on first-degree murder charges.

Bortin should post bail early next week, if not sooner, his attorney said, now that Superior Court Judge Thomas Cecil halved prosecutors' request for a \$1 million bond.

Bortin is alleged to have been helping rob the Carmichael branch of Crocker National Bank near Sacramento on April 21, 1975, when an accomplice shotgunned 42-year-old Myrna Opsahl as she came in to deposit her church's collection offering.

Kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst allegedly drove the getaway car, and is expected to be a key witness.

Bortin's defense attorney, Tony Serra, said his client may have been "a wayward youth" in his 20s, but "he is

truly a different person now."

His was a violent, dangerous youth that not only included the bank robbery but an apparent attempt to blow up a building at the University of California, Berkeley, argued prosecutor Rob Gold.

Berkeley police found a 14-inch pipe bomb and other bomb-making material, manuals on urban guerrilla warfare, a shotgun, carbine and an assault rifle with large amounts of ammunition in a garage near the campus on March 30, 1972, according to prosecutors' court filings.

Police arrested Bortin and two others at 3 a.m. the next day as they re-entered the garage with more weapons, gloves, a stocking cap, flashlights and matches. Prosecutors said it appeared the men were hours away from attempting to bomb the Naval Architecture Building because it was linked to the U.S. Department of Defense.

A search of their car turned up a "Communique from the Revolutionary Army," taking credit for "torching" the building: "Any stage in the production of the empire's death machine is a legitimate target of revolu-

tionary war, including the training school for the technicians of death," the note said, according to court records.

Yet Bortin was given a suspended prison sentence and four years of probation after he pleaded guilty to possessing an explosive device, noted his defense attorneys, indicating there must have been extenuating circumstances.

Bortin fled to Boston when his probation was revoked in November 1975, skipping even his father's funeral in 1978, before surrendering in 1984, according to court records and testimony Thursday from his younger brother, Seth. He served a short prison term before he was paroled in 1985, and has had no other convictions before or since, his attorneys said.

"He was fleeing from charges that were a lot less serious than the charges here," said Gold. He said Bortin also helped hide two co-defendants, Emily Montague and her former husband William Harris.

Since then, however, the 53-year-old hardwood flooring contractor, hobbled by chronic work-related arthritis, has led an exemplary life, his attorneys said.

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1 million chickens may die from company's money woes

BY KYLE WINGFIELD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — A food company's bankruptcy left as many as 1 million starving chickens in Georgia and Florida. Most the birds may have to be killed because they are too emaciated or diseased to be saved.

Cypress Foods Inc., which filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this year, left about 1.4 million egg-laying hens in southeast Georgia and central Florida without feed for as long as 10 days, agriculture officials said Thursday.

About 1.2 million of the hens were on nine farms in southeast Georgia. Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin estimated that two-thirds of those birds — almost 800,000 — may be unsalvageable.

"We're getting some good cooperation, but it's still a very tedious thing to deal with," Irvin said. "You run the risk of spreading disease, and we've put the farms under quarantine."

Georgia officials were notified of the

starving birds late last week, and about 300,000 to 350,000 already have been sold to other active poultry companies, Irvin said.

The rest likely will end up at a rendering plant to be disposed of.

Calls to the Cypress Foods' corporate office in Winter Haven, Fla., on Thursday were not answered.

At a Cypress Foods farm near Dade City, Fla., prison inmates worked for a second day to clear an estimated 20,000 dead chickens from the open warehouse-type buildings that housed 200,000 hens.

Florida state veterinarian Dr. Leroy Coffman said if any of the birds still alive were in good enough condition they would be placed somewhere. But these were older birds, he said, and with the lack of food and amount of stress they had endured, he was not hopeful any would live.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office in Pasco County, Fla., where one of the farms is located, said investigators were trying to find out who stopped the feedings and whether any charges would be filed.

Father negligent for death of daughter by family snake

BY CHARLES SHEEHAN
Associated Press Writer

GREENSBURG, Pa. — A man whose 8-year-old daughter was squeezed to death by the family's 11-foot python was found innocent Thursday of involuntary manslaughter but guilty of endangering the girl's welfare.

Robert D. Mountain, 31, was negligent but not grossly reckless in leaving Amber Mountain home alone with the snake last August, Judge Richard McCormick Jr. ruled in the non-jury trial.

Mountain could get up to five years in prison.

Amber was found unconscious on the kitchen floor with the python, named Moe, coiled around her body. She died two days later at hospital from compression of the head and neck.

Prosecutor Wayne Gongaware had argued that what the girl's father did was "worse than leaving a child alone with a

loaded gun. A gun cannot slither down the stairs toward a vulnerable child."

But the judge said prosecutors failed to prove the snake had not been released from its cage by Mountain's estranged wife or by his daughter.

The girl's mother — who bought the snake — pleaded guilty to child endangerment in December and was placed on probation for two years. Marcy Mountain testified against her husband.

Robert Mountain testified that he was kept awake by the python the night before his daughter's death as the snake tried to escape from its makeshift cage. He said he applied about four layers of duct tape to hold a screen on the lid in place and checked on the snake before leaving for work the next morning.

Both he and his estranged wife said they knew the snake had outgrown its cage, a particleboard bin bought from a fabric store, with a hinged, clear-plastic lid that Robert Mountain had attached.

Judge allows boxers to wear temporary ads on their backs

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Boxers will continue to be allowed to sell the space on their backs in Nevada.

A judge ruled that Nevada boxing authorities would be violating the right to free speech by not allowing temporary ads on a boxer's back during a bout.

The preliminary injunction issued by District Judge Valerie Vega came in response to a suit by online casino GoldenPalace.com to allow boxers to carry the company's Web site address on their backs.

The Nevada Athletic Commission banned the ads in January, but Golden-

Palace.com went to court and obtained a temporary restraining order that allowed super bantamweight boxer Bones Adams to wear the tattoo ad in his Feb. 23 fight against Paulie Ayala.

The latest court order issued Wednesday extends the original order and will become permanent unless appealed by the Nevada commission.

Middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins was the first to wear an ad Sept. 29 during his title unification bout against Felix Trinidad in New York.

Nevada boxing officials said when they banned the practice that judges could be distracted by the ads and that the ads could smear and get in a fighter's eyes.

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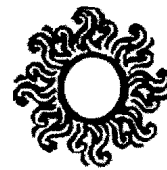
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Farm bill's estimated cost error puts legislation \$6 billion over budget

BY PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional budget analysts made an error in estimating the cost of a Senate-passed farm bill that means the legislation is more than \$6 billion over budget.

The mistake could seriously weaken the position of Senate Democrats in their negotiations with House Republicans and the Bush administration over a final version of the legislation. A House-passed bill complied with the spending limit set by a congressional budget agreement.

The error "shows the balance and broad base that the House bill has," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

As a result of the error, the Senate bill would increase government spending by \$79.4 billion over the next 10 years, \$6.1 billion more than was allowed under last year's congressional budget agreement.

House Republicans had openly questioned how the Senate bill could create new subsidy programs and increase others and still comply with the \$73.5 billion spending cap.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, expressed disappointment at the magnitude of the error but said it should not affect negotiations with the House.

"All we can do now is to continue to move forward and address this issue" in the negotiations, he said.

Before the error was discovered, it was thought that the Senate bill would spend more on farm subsidies than the House version in 2002 and 2003, after which the House was more generous. The Senate bill spent significantly more than the House on conservation and nutrition programs.

Farm groups have been pushing lawmakers to finish their work on the bill by the time Congress breaks for its Easter recess on March 22 so that the legislation can take affect for this year's crops.

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National Corn Growers Association, lobbyist

Mary Kay Thatcher of the American Farm Bureau Federation said Senate leaders will have to overhaul the proposals in their legislation before they can negotiate further.

"It gives a little more leverage to the House side," she said.

The House-Senate conference committee that is working on reconciling the legislation already faced a number of thorny issues, including a new \$2 billion subsidy program for dairy farmers in the Senate bill and a Senate-passed limit on the payments that individual farms can collect.

The Senate bill also would increase subsidies to grain and cotton farmers in a way that the Bush administration says would encourage overproduction of those crops.

War of words



Associated Press

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., right, and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, exchange words in an animated discussion on Capitol Hill on Thursday as the committee agreed to delay for one week a final vote on the nomination of Judge Charles Pickering to be judge of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal in New Orleans. Opposition to Pickering has come from civil rights groups who say he supported segregation as a young man in Mississippi.

INTERNATIONAL



Heavy bombs rock eastern Afghanistan towns

BY KATHY GANNON

Associated Press Writer

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — U.S. troops scoured caves and cleared ridges of al-Qaida diehards Thursday, but sandstorms and high winds grounded helicopters and threatened to disrupt the U.S.-led air and ground offensive.

After some of the heaviest bombing in the six-day offensive, a number of supply flights were delayed or canceled because of the worsening weather. U.S. officials acknowledged pilots and troops on the ground would have a harder time routing the fighters in such bad conditions.

Maj. Bryan Hilfery, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said 100 militants were killed Wednesday. Allied attacks also destroyed some of their heavy weaponry — which includes mortars, small cannons, rocket-propelled grenades and shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles.

“We’re continuing to bolster our efforts, and units are continuing to maneuver in fire today, clearing ridgelines, caves and pockets of al-Qaida resistance,” Hilfery said at Bagram air base, north of the Afghan capital Kabul.

U.S. officials and Afghan commanders said al-Qaida sympathizers — including some from Pakistan — had crossed into the mountains to join the fight. Afghans said enemy forces may now number 1,000.

The commanders insisted the routes to the mountain passes had since been sealed — even though Taliban fighters managed to bring some of their slain comrades to the foothills of Surmad for burial Tuesday. Surmad is 18 miles south of Gardez, the capital of Paktia Province. Gardez is about 75 miles south of Kabul, the capital.

U.S. officials have said hundreds of fugitive fighters have been killed since Operation Anaconda began and small numbers detained. Eight American and three Afghan troops have died in the offensive.

Five international peacekeepers were killed Wednesday when a Soviet-era missile they were trying to defuse exploded, the first fatalities in the force. And on Thursday in Kandahar, a fire at an ammunition depot

near the coalition base killed three U.S.-allied Afghan fighters. Canadian officials said the Afghans may have tripped a booby trap, sparking a fire.

New troops were headed to the region, including about 200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, equipped with 16 Apache helicopters and four CH-47 Chinook; and 107 members of a Canadian infantry unit rotating in.

Thursday dawned over eastern Paktia province with thunderous blasts from U.S. B-52 bombers shaking Gardez and the mountains southwest of here. Dozens of U.S. Army Apache attack helicopters, armed with 30 mm guns and Hellfire missiles, pounded targets in the narrow, craggy gorges.

The air bombardment, felt 30 miles away, appeared heavier than in recent days as the United States accelerated efforts to crack the al-Qaida resistance.

Residents of several mountain villages have fled the assault, which has pummeled Shah-e-Kot and the nearby hamlets of Babar Khel, Shai Kha Khel, Zweigi Qalai, Marzak and Mughal Qala, said Hafeezullah, a member of the Surmad town council.

U.S. and Afghan forces detained at least two people from Mughal Qala on Wednesday — a father and his 10-year-old son who had returned to get their belongings, said resident Ali Baht.

The U.S. operations have sparked resentment among some villagers, who fear that civilians — including wives and children of fighters — were being killed. Resentment is also high in Surmad, because U.S.-led forces detained the police chief before the offensive began on suspicion of being a Taliban sympathizer.

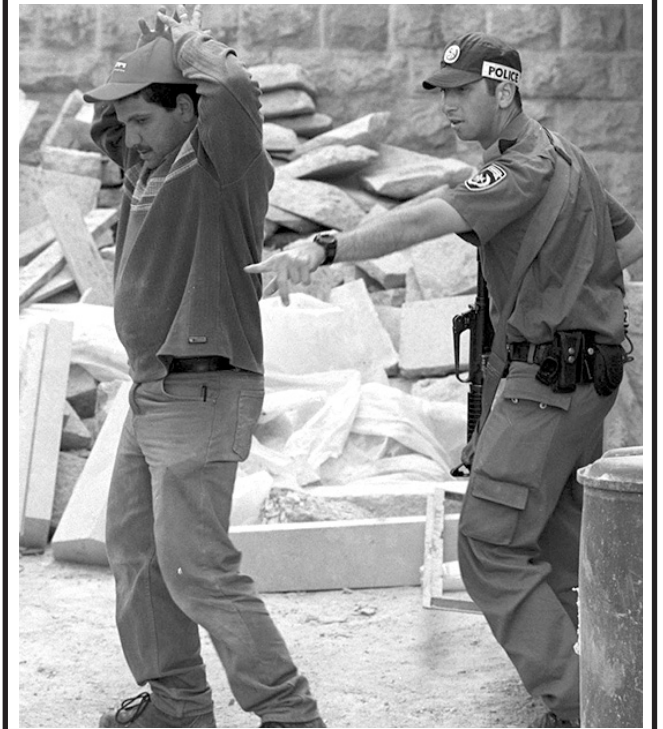
Storm clouds moved in low over the region in the afternoon and sandstorms whipped up, indicating snow in the mountains. Three Chinook helicopters flew into the Shah-e-Kot area on supply missions under low cloud cover, but the worsening weather could slow further air and ground action.

Combat troops are trained to fight in any conditions,

but “obviously you’ve got discomfort issues,” he said.

Front-line commander Abdul Matin Hasankhiel said the battle to break al-Qaida was taking longer than expected because of the difficult terrain and harsh conditions.

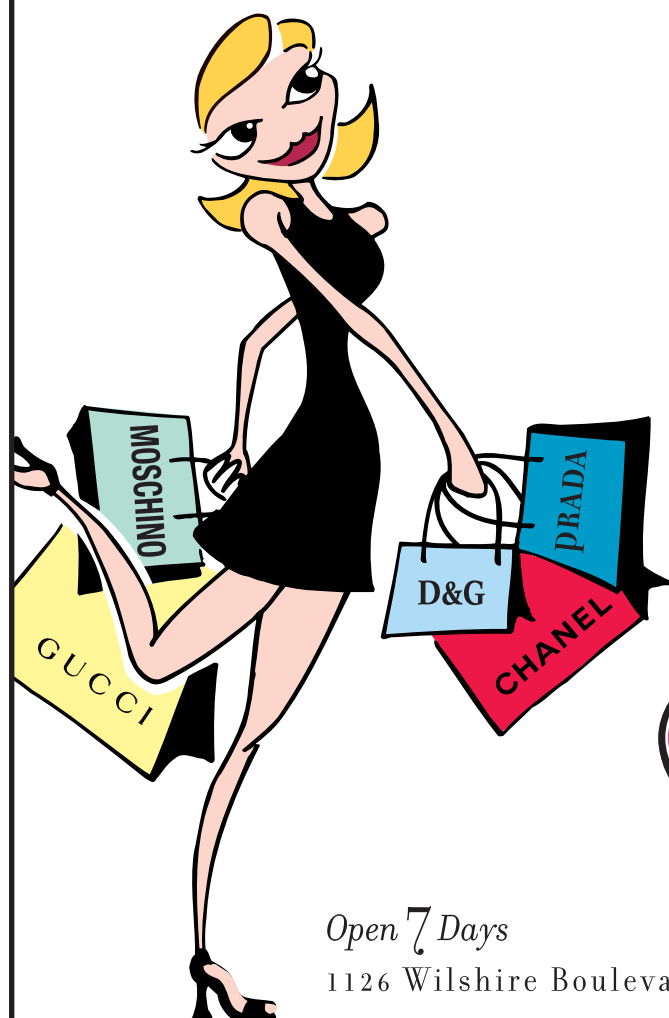
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An Israeli police officer detains a Palestinian laborer for an identity check at a worksite near a Jerusalem cafe where a bombing attack was thwarted on Thursday. According to police, two patrons of the cafe overpowered a Palestinian carrying a bomb when he tried to enter the cafe in an apparent bombing attempt.

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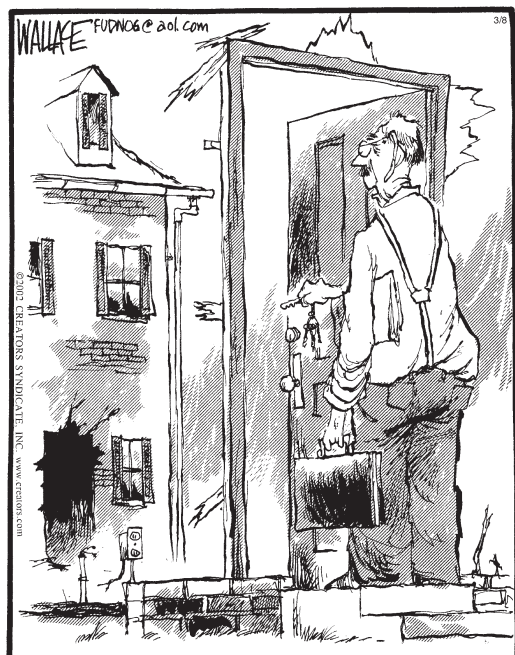


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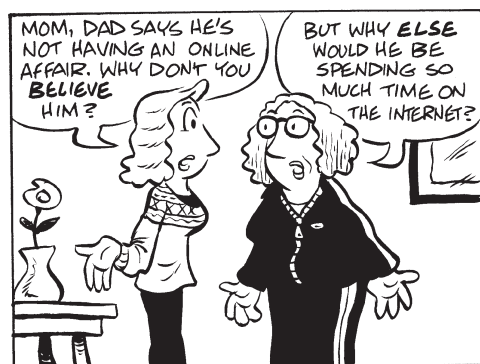
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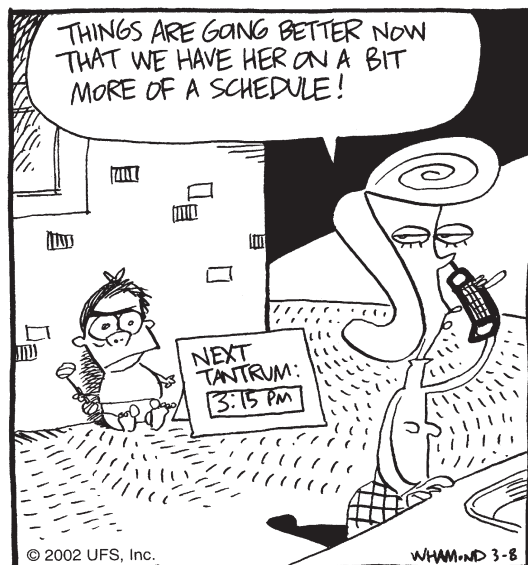
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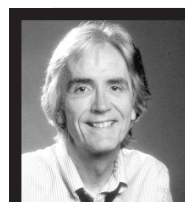
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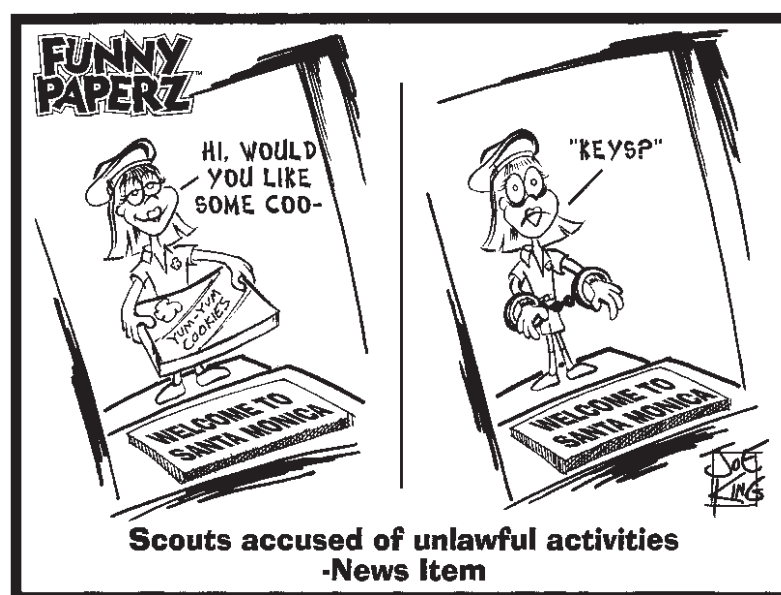


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Fast food coupons reward for perfect attendance

- An education law firm in Adelaide, Australia, recommended that its client private schools obtain student permission in writing before sending report cards home, so as not to violate new privacy legislation that took effect in December.
- Biology teacher Christine Pelton resigned in December from Piper High School near Kansas City, Kan., after the school board refused to allow her to give grades of zero to the 28 students who plagiarized their term projects.
- To cut absentee rates, a school in Sooke, British Columbia, began passing out perfect-attendance coupons this year, good for free fast-food sandwiches and french fries.



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