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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In Vancouver, Wash., in January, Cuitlahvac Renteria-Martinez, 26, was arrested for jumping into an idling 18-wheeler and taking off. However, the rig had a global positioning system that made it easy to track Renteria-Martinez, and he was quickly arrested. He later admitted to police that he had taken a swig out of what he thought was the driver's coffee cup but learned too late that it was actually the driver's tobacco spit-cup.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1965, Neil Simon's play "The Odd Couple," starring Walter Matthau and Art Carney, opened on Broadway.

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death in Purchase, N.Y. (Jean Harris, convicted of murder, served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in January 1993.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no tyranny so despotic as that of public opinion among a free people."

Donn Piatt
AMERICAN JOURNALIST (1819-1891)

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SMPD officers defend beating after traffic stop

Policeman took the stand to explain their use of force against suspect Jeremy Naidoo, whose beating was videotaped

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — Three officers accused of using excessive force in a videotaped 2002 Santa Monica police beating took the stand Wednesday to defend their actions.

Santa Monica Police Department Officer Salvador Lucio, a backup officer who repeatedly struck an admittedly drugged-up suspect in Ocean Park using police-issued nunchakus, said he did so because the man refused to cooperate with officers.

"He was not under control," Lucio told a jury at the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building and Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles. "He was not cooperating with the officer's request. He was resisting ... It was a very violent, volatile situation."

Amateur videotape footage of the beating apparently shows Lucio hit suspect Jeremy Naidoo, then 28, five times over the head and shoulders, as Naidoo lies face down on the pavement. Naidoo had been stopped for running a stop sign. He admitted to bolting from his car and throwing away a

bag of drugs before being tackled by officers.

Lawyers for Naidoo maintain Lucio used excessive force, continuing to strike Naidoo after he was restrained. In the video, Lucio apparently strikes Naidoo four times rapidly, as former SMPD officer Robert Lanam pins back Naidoo's right arm and SMPD Officer Michael Bambrick stands behind Naidoo. Lanam and Bambrick also were named as defendants in the civil case.

Naidoo can be heard screaming "Don't hit me! Please don't hit me!" and Lucio can be heard yelling "Get your arm back! Get your arm back!" Seven to eight seconds after it appears as though Naidoo is restrained, Lucio delivers a fifth blow.

Asked by Naidoo's attorney, Steve Hauser, to explain the last hit, Lucio on Wednesday responded, "The reason for that last strike is Mr. Naidoo still has his left hand underneath him. At one point, you can see it shoot forward like the tongue of a snake."

"It was a traffic stop gone bad," he added. "I had no idea what was going on."

Bambrick and Lanam told similar stories, describing the taped portion of their encounter with Naidoo as misleading because it followed a violent struggle that began when Naidoo, after being pulled over for running a stop sign, refused to show his hands.

See **BEATING**, page 6

Scent and sensibility



Kim Calvert/Special to the Daily Press

A pit bull at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter awaits a new home. Almost one third of the dogs at the shelter are pit bull mixes, according to shelter manager Donn Umber. The controversial, but popular breed, says Umber, can make for an exceptional pet when raised correctly.

Score one for locals in battle for parking

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Local residents won the battle for parking over employees Tuesday night when the City Council approved a resolution that will broaden some preferential parking in Santa Monica.

The preferential permit expansion was approved by a 5-1-1 vote, with Councilman Herb Katz casting the lone vote against it, and Mayor Pam O'Connor absent from the meeting.

The resolution will allow residents to apply for parking permits on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh streets between Wilshire Boulevard and Montana Avenue; on California and Montana avenues between

No parking will be allowed between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., except by permit.

Fourth and Seventh streets; and on Washington and Idaho avenues between Fourth Street and Lincoln Boulevard.

Currently, the area is bordered by preferential parking to the south, west and east, according to a city staff report. Staff recommended the expansion after resi-

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Restroom bathers best not get caught with pants down

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Transients caught using public restrooms for taking baths, washing clothes and sleeping may soon face fines or possible jail time.

The City Council approved the initial wording for an ordinance

Tuesday night that would allow the city to establish rules to promote "cleanliness, safety and accessibility to all for the restrooms' intended purpose."

The ordinance is in answer to a series of resident and merchant complaints that city-operated restrooms often are dominated by transients.

Violators of the law could be fined \$250 or charged with a misdemeanor, which carries a \$1,000 penalty or six months in jail.

A city staff report said that because the restrooms are being inappropriately used, parents are reluctant to use them or allow their children to use them. They said the restrooms are being monopolized

by a few individuals and become unsanitary as a result of the misuse.

Libraries in Santa Monica already forbid bathing, shaving or washing hair in public restrooms, and the new ordinance could be modeled in the same vein, said

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
 ★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Information could have you moving quickly or changing plans. Fortunately, you have the ability to sift through problems quickly and come up with winning results. You sense a change in attitude as a result. Tonight: Finally — a second wind. Use it well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Just when you thought you were on cruise control, you hit a snag that involves a key associate or someone who has a great deal of impact on you. Remember what you ultimately want rather than get embroiled in a situation. Tonight: Take some personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Clear out as much of your responsibilities as possible. You will want to focus on the more social side of life as early as tonight, though this period could be marked by networking and meetings. Deal with a respected boss or elder. Tonight: Start making weekend plans now, if you haven't already.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Don't allow a change in plans to upset you. Yes, your schedule might need an overhaul, but you have the flexibility associated with the Moon Child. Work out stress through a walk or some other physical activity. Tonight: Buy a new DVD or CD.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Opt for the high road rather than get caught up in nit-picking. Your instincts will guide you to a strong agreement or decision. Someone wants to work with you, not against you. Together you initiate a new beginning. Tonight: Choose a mental escape.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Review decisions with an eye to creating a better relationship. The New Moon today encourages a new beginning. Why not use the planetary energy to straighten out a situation? This stellar happening might also signal the beginning of a new relationship. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Finish projects rather than begin new ones. You will want to clear the decks because of an increased social pace. Look at this as the last day of the workweek, as you won't be in the mood to concentrate at all. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity and ingenuity take you in a new direction. If you are single, you might meet someone very important in the next few months. If you are attached, your relationship becomes different but ultimately better. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Hunker down and achieve the results you want. You will discover soon enough that you won't want to be serious. Use the few precious hours well before you transform into a wild thing. Your weekend starts early! Tonight: Play it like a Scorpio.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Follow through on errands, calls and discussions. You might need to revise your thinking. The words you choose might make a big difference in what happens. Think before you speak. Tonight: Nibbles with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Balance your budget. Make sure you have the necessary funds before you launch into action. A friend might cost you more money than you'd anticipated. Regroup, smile and go on. Flexibility counts. New financial beginnings are possible. Tonight: Nap, and then out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Express yourself with care, especially around a superior. You could be in trouble before you know it if you buck this person's authority. Good news heads in your direction. Solidify an emotional bond with the New Moon in your sign. Tonight: Head home early.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Samohi rides wave of Bowl success

By Daily Press staff

For the second straight year, Santa Monica High School has won the LA/Orange Counties competition in the regional Ocean Sciences Bowl. The competition is held each year at USC, and is sponsored by the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Sciences and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

By winning the regional competition against 17 other teams, Samohi now advances to the national competition held late in April in Biloxi, Miss. Last year, Santa Monica's team finished in fifth place during the national Ocean Sciences competition held in Charleston, SC.

Santa Monica's team went undefeated in the first five head-to-head matches of pool play. Their team also went undefeated in the next three rounds of double elimination play, beating Woodbridge High School of Irvine, 79-50, in the final match.

The winning team includes Courtney Borden, Areeb Pirani, Douglas Matsunaga and Eileen Wong. The academic decathlon team is instructed and coached by Ingo Gaida.



Photo courtesy of Ken Borden
(Left to right): Samohi's Courtney Borden, Douglas Matsunaga and Eileen Wong, with Areeb Pirani in the back, prepare answers during the Ocean Sciences Bowl.

Carnevale! announces poster competition

By Daily Press staff

The Venice Artists Forum, which sponsors the annual Carnevale! Venice Beach has announced the third competition for a local artist to design this year's logo.

This year the Carnevale! kicks off the Venice Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 25, with an all-day, costumed Mardi Gras style festival in Windward Circle.

There is a \$500 prize for best design contributed by the city of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department.

Any form of two dimensional art, photo, drawing or collage can be submitted. Although not a requirement, applicants are encouraged to work the text, "Carnivale! Venice Beach 2005," into their work. The theme this year is "Electric Adventures," and designs that reflect that will have priority.

Anyone who is interested in the details of the competition can find them on www.carnevale.us

Last year's winner, Jeffrey Verges, produced a dancing image inspired by the famous, free-wheeling '70s in Venice and the costumes of the Carnevale in Venice, Italy.

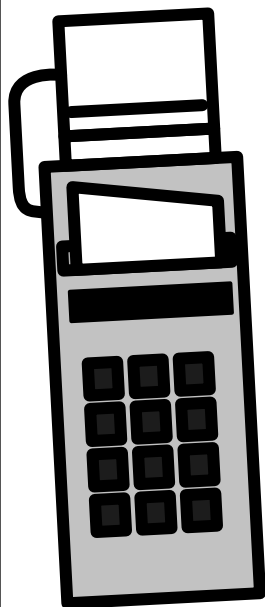
Submissions must be 11 inches by 17 inches and must be submitted by April 1. Sculpture or three-dimensional art can be submitted via a photograph. Submissions should be sent to the Venice Artists Forum, 55 Rose Avenue, Venice, CA., 90291. Participants must live and/or work in Venice Beach.

The Carnevale! Venice Beach celebration, which was first staged in 2002 after a more than a 50-year absence, is a costume party inspired by the famed Carnevale in Venice, Italy, featuring theatrical, dance and musical performances focusing on local Venice artists.

The festival is being produced again this year by the Venice Artists Forum in association with the Venice Chamber of Commerce and is funded, in part, by a grant from the city of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department and co-sponsored by The Bank of America, and co-produced by Miriam More and Bonnie Cheeseman.

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MONDAY	12:25	2.0	1:43	1.4	6:34	6.1	8:10	4.2
TUESDAY	1:17	1.4	2:19	1.4	7:24	6.3	8:39	4.6
WEDNESDAY	2:04	0.9	2:52	1.2	8:11	6.3	9:08	5.0
THURSDAY	2:49	0.4	3:24	0.8	8:56	6.0	9:38	5.2
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The Q Line

City Hall officials have been tapping the community for ideas on how to improve traffic in Santa Monica. Elected leaders will be pouring over a massive document in the coming year that will govern how development is dealt with for the next two decades. Part of that is how traffic should be handled.

More roundabouts, bike lanes and angled parking have been topics of conversation.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What do you think will improve traffic in Santa Monica?"

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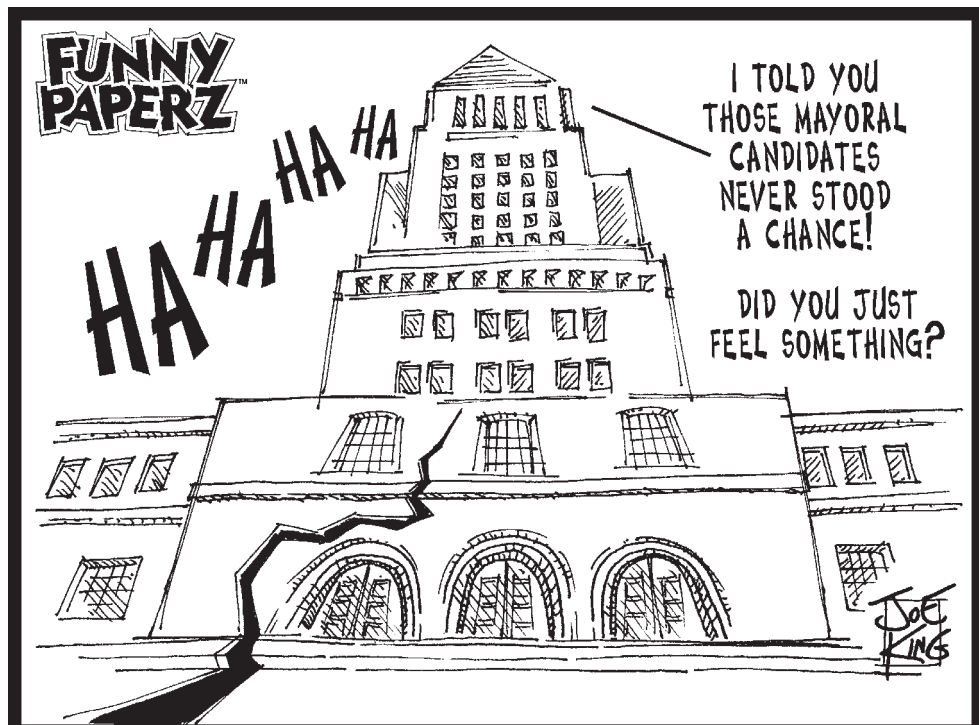
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Child poverty is greater evil than abortion

Editor,

The Pope's statement equating the holocaust to abortions ignores the fact that abortions are voluntarily requested, often by desperate women who cannot care for the many children they already have. Child poverty is a problem even in the U.S. where welfare prevents hunger. In other parts of the world, homeless children roam the streets begging for food. Surely, in the hierarchy of needs, starving children have priority over unwanted fetuses. The horror of overpopulation outweighs the Pope's desire to save fetuses.

Ralph Meyer
Santa Monica

Slaves represented cheap labor, too

Editor,

Recently, President George W. Bush stated we should allow illegal immigration into the U.S.A. because these illegals will do work that legal Americans will not do.

Once upon a time, so-called "civilized nations" justified the use of people of poorer nations as cheap labor also. These people were called slaves.

Henry Duval
Santa Monica

Allow Commandments to stay put as reminder

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



In Austin, a six-foot granite replica of the Ten Commandments has been on display in front of the Texas state capital building for more than 40 years. Hard to miss, it presently has the full attention of the U.S. Supreme Court as they decide what to do with it. Under intense pressure from a growing new wave of fundamentalist influence in America that starts at the very top of government, the high court has its hands full as it weighs the value of citizens seeing a top-ten list of how-to-live-your-life-according-to-the-gospel as you go about your public business, against the basic, nation-founding principle that separates church from state.

"I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt hold no other gods before me," are the first words carved into that granite, the first of the commandments, and the President of the United States might be taking that one a little too far. His war on terror is largely a war on the radical fundamentalist Islam that spawns most terrorism, which could be taken to mean it's war on Allah, to keep him from being held before our God. The only trouble is, Osama bin Laden and about a zillion Muslims of the same ilk happen to like Allah best of all, and they too will have no other god held before theirs. So who or what determines whose god gets to be held before who else's? You got it. Boom — whoever can make the most things explode, which most likely angers either one of the two Gods and would anger just about any decent, all-knowing god, wouldn't you think? What if Bush's and bin Laden's turn out to be the same god when all is said and done and blown up? Who would the joke be on then? On the dead who happened to be near one of the ground zeroes, whose bodies litter the planet, that's who.

"Thou shalt not kill." Well, goodness, where do you even start? How about with the reported hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi human beings obliterated in an unprovoked war in order to, as it turns out, free them? Now, the warrior chieftains will justify the killing by saying it's not murder, it's only killing. Though it is clearly "kill" that is written in the scriptures and carved into granite, the revisionists conveniently insist that God really meant "Thou shalt not murder" when he said "Thou shalt not kill," and that "kill" is not all that bad a thing when you're talking about handing out freedom and protecting yourself from evil and its phantom weapons of mass destruction.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Especially when bearing false witness against him in order to justify demolishing him. Like, for

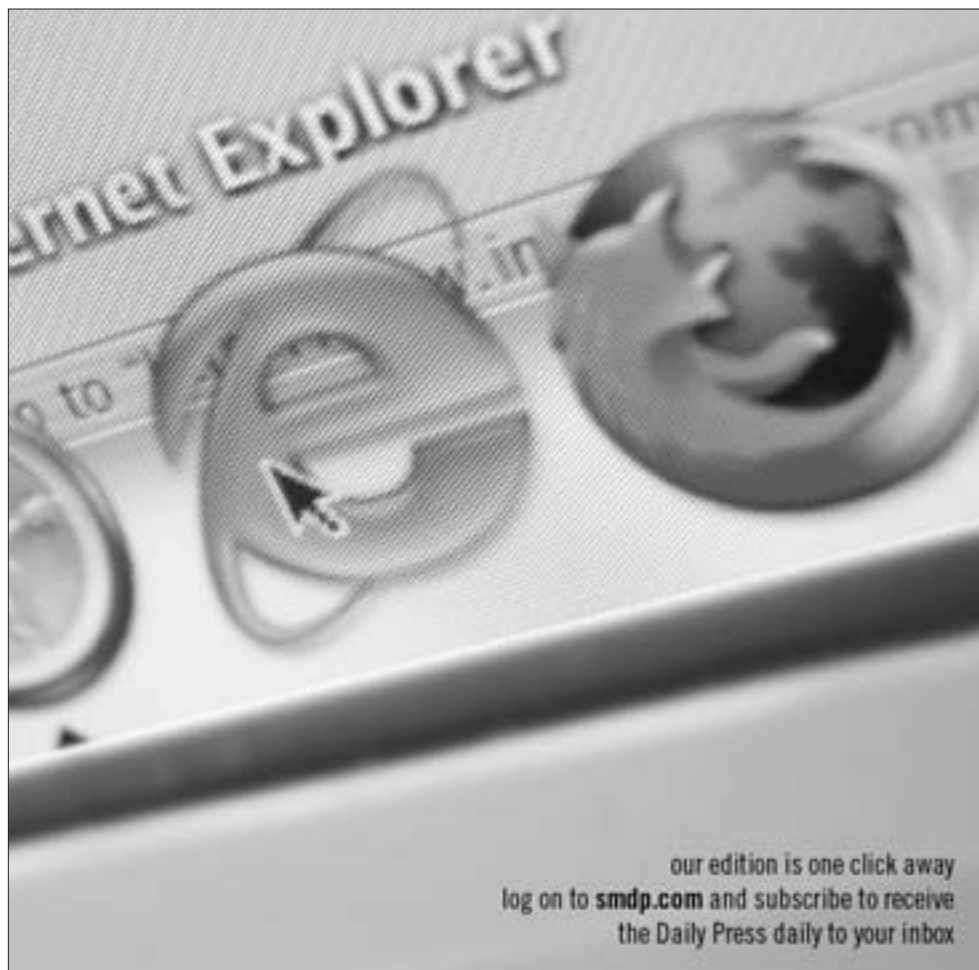
instance, bearing false witness against him about non-existent yellow-cake uranium, mobile biological weapons labs, and metal tubes to be used in building nuclear bombs — the "smoking gun" evidence concocted to convince a wary American populace that Baghdad must fall at any cost. The President ignored the precedent — the wisdom handed down by his own father — who knew at the close of his very own war with Iraq the deadly chaos that would reign with a U.S. occupation in its aftermath, and wisely pulled the troops back home.

"Thou shalt honor thy father and mother." If Dad says it's not worth it to overthrow an evil despot and create a democracy in which a fundamentalist regime is likely to be elected that will be even more anti-American than the evil despot ever was in the first place, then honor Dad, accept his wisdom with grace and honor, save the money and the lives. "Patience, my son," the elder Bush may have advised his hyper son. "Evil despots, too, though it's hard to see, sometimes have a place in the natural order of things, like wasps and earthquakes." This secular evil despot in fact served as an effective buffer against the ones who are open about their bad intentions for the U.S., yet the precocious youngblood, like the kid who throws a tantrum in the toy store until he gets the G.I. Joe he wants, rushed off to his war.

"Thou shalt not steal" is also carved into that stone in Austin. Now maybe you don't call it stealing from the poor by refusing to raise the national minimum wage above the current joke of \$5.15 per hour, which has been in place for seven years now, but I do. Congress again voted against increasing it when it came up this week, even though they've given themselves raises five times in that same seven-year span, raises that add up to \$28,000 per member. And maybe you don't say it's stealing from the poor to hand out massive tax cuts to the wealthiest while ringing up a record federal deficit at the same time you're cutting the most basic social services like home care for the elderly and after-school care for the young, but I do. Anybody want to talk about the money that's inexplicably missing from the coalition-controlled Iraqi reconstruction accounts? It's \$9 billion and would look something like this on a check made out to you: \$9,000,000,000. That's an awful lot of zeroes to be losing track of. Some might not call it stealing.

So go ahead, let the Ten Commandments stand down there in Austin, and let the President and the similarly righteous take a good hard look at it when in the neighborhood. If thou shalt hold it up for all to see, then thou shalt better damn well read it, get it right and heed it.

(Ron Scott Smith can be reached at Edgeofthewest@aol.com.)



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Business

SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

IRS announces 'Dirty Dozen' of tax scams

By Daily Press staff

The Internal Revenue Service this week unveiled its annual listing of notorious tax scams, the "Dirty Dozen," reminding taxpayers to be wary of schemes that promise to eliminate taxes or otherwise sound too good to be true.

The "Dirty Dozen" for 2005 includes several new scams that either manipulate laws governing charitable groups, abuse credit counseling services or rely on refuted arguments to claim tax exemptions. The agency also sees the continuing spread of identity theft schemes preying on people through e-mail, the Internet or the phone, sometimes with con artists posing as representatives of the IRS.

"The Dirty Dozen is a reminder that tax scams can take many forms," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "Don't be fooled by false promises peddled by scam artists. They'll take your money and leave you with a hefty tax bill."

Involvement with tax schemes can lead to imprisonment and fines. The IRS routinely pursues and shuts down promoters of the scams. But taxpayers should also remember that anyone pulled into the schemes can face repayment of taxes plus interest and penalties.

Persons who suspect tax fraud can call the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

1. Misuse of trusts: Unscrupulous promoters for years have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits, and the IRS is actively examining those arrangements. More than two dozen injunctions have been obtained against promoters since 2001, and numerous promoters and their clients have been prosecuted. As with other arrangements, taxpayers should seek the advice of a trusted professional before entering into a trust.

2. Frivolous arguments: Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: That the Sixteenth Amendment concerning congressional power to lay and collect income taxes was never ratified; that wages are not income; that filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and that being required to file Form 1040 violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination or the Fourth Amendment right to privacy. Don't believe these or other similar claims. Such arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

3. Return preparer fraud: Dishonest return preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their ploys. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the saying goes, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. No matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy. Since 2002, the courts have issued injunctions ordering dozens of individuals to cease preparing returns, and the Department of Justice has filed complaints against dozens of others, which are pending in court.

4. Credit counseling agencies: Taxpayers should be careful with credit counseling organizations that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment agreements or charge high fees, monthly service charges or mandatory "contributions" that may add to debt. The IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division has made auditing credit counseling organizations a priority because some of these tax-exempt organizations, which are intended to provide education to low-income customers with debt problems, are charging debtors large fees, while providing little or no counseling.

5. "Claim of Right" doctrine: In this scheme, a taxpayer files a return and attempts to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of his or her wages. The promoter advises the taxpayer to label the deduction as "a necessary expense for the production of income" or "compensation for personal services actually rendered." This so-called deduction is based on a misinterpretation of the Internal Revenue Code and has no basis in law.

6. "No Gain" deduction: Similar to "Claim of Right," filers attempt to eliminate their entire adjusted gross income (AGI) by deducting it on Schedule A. The filer lists his or her AGI under the Schedule A section labeled "Other Miscellaneous Deductions" and attaches a statement to the return, referring to court documents and

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Women investors need to take bull by horns



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

Women today have more earning potential and more influence over financial decisions than ever before. Women represent almost half of the workforce and many businesses are owned or managed by women. Many women influence or control the majority of all consumer purchase decisions and many of the investment decisions. As you can see, it's important for women to focus on finances now more than ever.

Whether you're a business owner, a stay-at-home mom or working in a corporate environment, learning to manage your money should be a priority. Throughout your life, as a woman, you will be faced with different financial challenges than your male counterparts. If you are going to take control of your financial future, it's important that you recognize those differences and empower yourself.

There are several reasons you should have a financial plan and pay attention to your investments. Let's take a look at some of these reasons:

■ **Longer life expectancy.** According to the National Center for Health Statistics, women outlive men by an average of seven years. As you live longer, you face more years in retirement and may spend those years alone. You'll want to make sure that if you should find yourself in this situation, you are confident in your financial knowledge.

■ **Being on your own.** You may be on your own at some point in your financial life, whether it be before getting married, after a divorce or following a spouse's death. Those experiences can be an emotional time in your life, so you'll want to make sure you have a solid understanding about your finances in order to know what your next steps should be.

■ **Time spent out of the workforce.** Generally speaking, women tend to spend more time away from work than men, whether caring for children or possibly an elderly parent. Even if you aren't currently in the workforce earning money, it's still important to stay in touch with your finances.

The key to navigating these and other

challenges is to have a well-rounded investment plan. The good news is that it's never too early or too late to begin planning for your future. Here are a few steps you can take now to help ensure your financial security:

■ **Determine your financial goals.** Make a list of your financial goals, including any specific needs your children may have. Once your goals are determined, you should determine the steps necessary to achieve those goals. Regardless of what your plan includes, the important thing is to have your goals clearly defined and identify the right tools to reach them.

■ **Seek the advice of a financial consultant.** It's important to find a financial consultant that you feel comfortable with and can trust. By seeking a professional, you won't be giving up your decision-making power, but enlisting the aid of an expert to provide you with helpful advice on creating a tailored plan for your specific financial situation.

■ **Educate yourself.** Many women still make the mistake of shying away from investing, but educating yourself is the best way to learn more about the various vehicles available to you. Keep abreast of your own financial situation, as well as what is happening in the investing world by reading financial news, surfing the Internet and attending personal finance seminars. By learning more about investments, you won't feel as overwhelmed if you find yourself unexpectedly in the financial driver's seat.

■ **Implement your goals.** Once you are familiar with investing and have a clear picture of your financial goals, you can work with your financial consultant to begin implementing your plan. As you take action, keep in mind that you may need to change it in the event of life changes such as marriage, divorce or the birth of a child. It is important to review your financial plan at least once a year in order to keep it fresh and in sync with your lifestyle.

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LOCAL

Naidoo team rests its case against SMPD

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Though Naidoo admitted to running from his car, he denied ever striking any of the officers.

Two eyewitnesses testified to seeing a different series of events. Evan Brown, who filmed the beating, said he heard one of the officers say "Yeah, f*ck him up" before he started recording.

Daniel Weitzel, who said he was sitting in his car smoking a cigarette when Naidoo was pulled over, testified he saw an apparently cooperative Naidoo tackled and beaten by the officers. Weitzel was so disturbed by the incident that he called 911 and demanded an officer be sent out to record his statement against the officers.

"The man (Bambrick) standing above him (Naidoo) kept yelling, 'Shut the f*ck up! Be quiet! Shut up!'" Weitzel told the jury of five women and three men. Juries in federal civil lawsuits consist of only six

people. The two others were alternates who also may deliberate.

Naidoo, who took the stand in his own defense Tuesday, sat quietly next to his attorneys through Wednesday's proceedings. He wore a dark blue suit and tie.

The excessive force trial began Tuesday and is expected to be completed before the end of this week. It is being heard by United States District Judge Audrey B. Collins. Several pieces of evidence have been kept out of the trial by Judge Collins, including a list of previous crimes Naidoo was convicted of as a youth and a prior excessive force lawsuit levied against Bambrick. Judge Collins deemed none of the barred evidence would be pertinent to the current suit.

What's at issue in an excessive force case is whether an officer was reasonable in his use of force, when considering the totality of the circumstances. Deputy City Attorney Carol Rohr fought unsuccessfully

"It was a traffic stop gone bad. I had no idea what was going on."

SALVADOR LUCIO
SMPD Officer

ly to keep the video out of trial on the grounds that it didn't depict the events that preceded the beating. Rohr also lost an earlier court motion to keep the actual nunchakus out of trial and instead show jurors photographs. Rohr declined to comment on the case Wednesday.

The police-issued nunchakus used to hit Naidoo were made from two pieces of heavy, polyurethane plastic, connected by a short string of braided nylon, according to Police Chief James T. Butts, Jr., who has declined to discuss the case at the advice of City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

Moutrie has commented on the case only to say excessive force suits are rare in Santa Monica.

Hauser, who is representing Naidoo with attorney Fran Campbell, rested his case Wednesday. He said afterward he was confident Naidoo would prevail.

"We're ahead. We're winning. We just proved our case. All you have to do is show the tape," he said. "This is a case of police brutality. My client admittedly

made a traffic violation, had drugs on him and was under the influence — and he ran 10 feet.

"Then he got beat up," Hauser added. "No resistance whatsoever."

Several friends and family members were present for the trial. Among them were Naidoo's sister and her boyfriend, and Naidoo's father Vassie, a martial arts teacher and former owner of Palisades Bakery in the Pacific Palisades. Also at trial Wednesday were family members of Lucio and several courtroom spectators.

The video footage of the beating was kept secret by Naidoo's attorneys until last year, when City Hall asked the case be moved from county to federal court, where the rules governing how evidence is shared are stricter. A short time later, the seven felony charges Naidoo faced in connection with the May 2002 incident were dropped. Naidoo instead pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor charge and was ordered to complete a drug diversion course, according to his lawyers.

It was unknown Wednesday how much money Naidoo hopes to obtain in the civil lawsuit, though the complaint seeks reimbursement for pain and suffering, and emotional distress. Hauser and Campbell declined to say how much money they would ask the jury to award Naidoo, but added that, so far, attorneys for City Hall have not made any offer to settle the case.

"Their offer is bend over," Campbell said, "and let me kick you in the butt."

Residents feeling crunch petition city for parking

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dents living on Idaho Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets filed a petition in February, having the two-third majority of signatures needed for approval.

Residents submitted the petition because of a parking crunch they said is due, in part, to frequent commercial traffic.

"It is the neighborhoods that support those businesses, so we have to give primary access to the people who live there," remarked Councilman Kevin McKeown.

Current regulations — two-hour parking available to the public between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. — will remain intact, however, no parking will be allowed between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., except by permit.

The city estimates area residents living within the expanded zone will purchase approximately 400 new permits upfront. At \$15 per permit, the city expects to generate an extra \$6,000 in revenue this year.

"People are driving six blocks to find a place to park near their house," said Councilman Bobby Shriver. "You have to give residents priority. What else can you do?"

Jane Walker, chair of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association, said she did not approve of the preferential parking expansion, because it failed to address employee parking needs.

"I request this be postponed until the employee parking issue is addressed," Walker said. "The customers still have a place to park, but the employees do not."

Katz concurred with Walker's sentiments that preferential parking creates a whole new series of obstacles for motorists.

"Preferential parking has never addressed long-term parking solutions," Katz said. "It has only expanded preferential parking onto other streets. I was involved years ago when it started, and it has proven itself out, only providing parking on a temporary basis."

Katz said he knew of two ideas that might address Santa Monica's long-term parking needs. He said existing neighborhood businesses could create parking structures, which would be assessed, or future development could be regulated to ensure developers provide more parking spaces than needed for a site.

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LOCAL



City looks to clean up behavior in restrooms

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City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

"This (ordinance) deals purely with behavior, not with poverty or status," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "It's about their intended use."

Councilman Ken Genser was also in support.

"People have to abide by certain rules," Genser said. "I don't think this is anything Draconian."

But some members of the public spoke against the ordinance.

"Are we going to have bathroom monitors," said resident Christine Schanis. "Are we going to ask the homeless to sit in the back of the bus, too?"

"This policy is not flushed out," argued resident Jerry Rubin. "We will

have to pay the police more to monitor the bathrooms, which takes away from other things we can be doing (with taxpayer money)."

Public restrooms in Santa Monica have been the subject of regulation from City Hall before. For years, Santa Monicans have complained that public restrooms in parks and downtown are commandeered by vagrants and the mentally ill.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said there was an uproar some years back when the council outlawed people from using a restroom marked for the opposite sex. The idea was to crack down on male drug dealers seeking safe space in female restrooms, but some women were upset that an emergency bathroom option was taken away.

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including the words "No Gain Realized."

7. Corporation Sole: Since September 2004, the Department of Justice has obtained six injunctions against promoters of this scheme and filed complaints against 11 others. Participants apply for incorporation under the pretext of being a "bishop" or "overseer" of a one-person, phony religious organization or society with the idea that this entitles the individual to exemption from federal income taxes as a nonprofit, religious organization. When used as intended, Corporation Sole statutes enable religious leaders to separate themselves legally from the control and ownership of church assets. But the rules have been twisted at seminars where taxpayers are charged fees of \$1,000 or more and incorrectly told that Corporation Sole laws provide a "legal" way to escape paying federal income taxes, child support and other personal debts.

8. Identity theft. It pays to be choosy when it comes to disclosing personal information. Identity thieves have used stolen personal data to access financial accounts, run up charges on credit cards and apply for new loans. The IRS is aware of several identity theft scams involving taxes. In one case, fraudsters sent bank customers fictitious correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing their personal financial data. In another, abusive tax preparers used clients' Social Security numbers and other information to file false tax returns without the clients' knowledge. Sometimes scammers pose as the IRS itself. Last year the IRS shut down a scheme in which perpetrators used e-mail to announce to unsuspecting taxpayers that they were "under audit" and could set matters right by divulging sensitive financial information on an official-looking Web site. Taxpayers should note the IRS does not use e-mail to contact them about issues related to their accounts. If taxpayers have any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, they can call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it.

9. Abuse of charitable organizations and deductions: The IRS has observed an increase in the use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation. This can occur, for example, when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt supporting organization or donor-advised fund but maintains control over the assets or income, thereby obtaining a tax deduction without transferring a commensurate benefit to charity. A "contribution" of a historic facade easement to a tax-exempt conservation organization is another example. In many cases, local historic preservation laws already prohibit alteration of the home's facade, making the contributed easement superfluous. Even if the facade could be altered, the deduction claimed for the easement contribution may far exceed the easement's impact on the value of the property.

10. Offshore transactions: Despite a crackdown on the practice by the IRS and state tax agencies, individuals continue to try to avoid U.S. taxes by illegally hiding income in offshore bank and brokerage accounts or using offshore credit cards, wire transfers, foreign trusts, employee leasing schemes, private annuities or life insurance to do so. The IRS, along with the tax agencies of U.S. states and possessions, continues to aggressively pursue taxpayers and promoters involved in such abusive transactions.

11. Zero return: Promoters instruct taxpayers to enter all zeros on their federal income tax filings. In a twist on this scheme, filers enter zero income, report their withholding and then write "nunc pro tunc"—Latin for "now for then"—on the return.

12. Employment tax evasion: The IRS has seen a number of illegal schemes that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or other employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. Such advice is based on an incorrect interpretation of Section 861 and other parts of the tax law and has been refuted in court. Recent cases have resulted in criminal convictions, and the courts have issued injunctions against more than a dozen persons ordering them to stop promoting the scheme.

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STATE

State weighs Options in charter school probe

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — State education officials said this week they will investigate the business practices of a Pasadena-based charter school that serves 20,000 students at dozens of centers throughout California. Options for Youth is the state’s largest independent study charter school organization. The 10 schools focus on at-risk students who are on the verge of dropping out of school, such as pregnant teens, low academic achievers or gang members kicked out of other schools. A state panel that oversees independent study programs has already cut its funds by 30 percent for failing to spend enough on credentialed teachers and in November requested an audit to resolve questions about the schools relationship with several private companies owned by the schools’ founders. The audit will be conducted by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, which helps troubled schools, Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell said. The team will be helped by education officials from Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and Siskiyou counties, where the schools are located.

"After a thorough review of this organization ... we are concerned about its business practices, and we believe it is prudent to have the California Department of Education launch this investigation," said Mark Kushner, chairman of the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools. John and Joan Hall, the two retired teachers who run the schools, said in a statement Tuesday that have always cooperated with the state’s requests for information and they “look forward to the results of this audit so that we can continue to improve our programs” and serve their students better. The audit’s announcement came the same day that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed a charter school founder and advocate to head the Governor’s Initiative to Turn Around Failing Schools — a privately funded drive to promote charter schools in communities where public schools have been lagging. Margaret Fortune, was superintendent of St. HOPE Public Schools, a Sacramento-based charter school that enrolled 2,000 students. Fortune said Tuesday that she’ll focus on helping parents launch charter schools or call in state assistance for low-performing schools. In 1992, California approved legislation allowing charter schools, which are public schools that are freed from many state regulations in the hopes that increased flexibility will result in greater academic achievement. California now has more than 500 charter schools with more than 180,000 students. The Halls founded the 10 charter schools — the six nonprofit Options for Youth schools and four operated by a for-profit organization called Opportunities for Learning. Last year, those schools received \$43 million from the state. The Halls have been fighting the state for three years over a funding formula that requires independent study programs to spend 50 percent of their money on credentialed teachers. Their schools barely met the 50 percent requirement last year, according to documents from the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools. In some cases, state records show, it appeared they only made that threshold because the schools’ chief financial officer applied for an emergency teaching permit. The Halls say they they’ve met the requirement and are entitled to the full amount — about \$5,000 per student. Last week, they asked FCMAT to examine their books, hoping to resolve their differences with the state before next year’s funds are determined. State charter school officials also have concerns about the business structure of the schools, which contract for management services with companies also owned by the

Halls, Kushner said. Although charter schools are considered public schools, some use private management companies to consolidate administrative tasks or buy textbooks and supplies in bulk for several schools. But state officials worry that public money can’t be tracked by regulators. “It’s unclear to us who was on the board at times and whether they did recuse themselves from votes,” Kushner said. The state laws were designed to combat profiteering, Kushner said. “It’s hard to tell if there’s excess profiteering when we can’t see salaries of board members and employees of the charter school and the management company.” State officials say the structure resembles that used by the California Charter Academy, which also ran independent study programs throughout the state. Last August, the California Charter Academy collapsed as state and local officials investigated its finances, particularly how the academy funneled state money into a series of private companies that shared the same management as the schools themselves. Unlike the CCA schools, Kushner said, officials aren’t worried about the quality of Options for Youth’s academic program. “It’s not the issue here,” Kushner said. “It’s how they’re spending the money.”

A major shift possible in century-old wildfire suppression policy

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — A major shift in the century-old policy for suppressing the wildfire danger in Southern California’s national forests could be coming this summer. Unchecked growth has left the region’s woodlands dangerously overgrown and the new plans will be part legacy of 2003’s deadly firestorms, part science and part popular opinion. U.S. Forest Service planners have worked three years on the new management guidelines and they are now poring over nearly 11,000 separate concerns contained in more than 3,000 letters and e-mails sent in response to an initial draft released last year. Plans for the San Bernardino, Cleveland, Los Padres and Angeles national forests should be complete this summer, project leader Ron Pugh said. It will be an aggressive strategy of thinning forests and controlled burns to restore the forests to a more natural state. Tightening restrictions on recreation and expansion of wilderness areas are also possible, Pugh said. “The plan reflects a shift in the agency’s philosophy,” Pugh told The Press-Enterprise. “We spent the last 100 years or so suppressing fires. We need to look differently at the role of fire in the forest, and that’s a tricky one because we have so many people living out there now.” From Idyllwild to Lake Arrowhead, more than 100,000 people live in the San Bernardino National Forest, and those numbers can triple on holidays and weekends. Also in the mix: The forests are home to 60 threatened and endangered species and 168 animal and plant species that are considered sensitive. “We’ve heard from people, a lot of people _ from people who think they ought to be able to drive their motorcycle wherever they want, to those who feel you shouldn’t be allowed to wear shoes in the forest,” Pugh said. Drought conditions for six years exposed flaws in forest management that included suppressing wildfire, even when ignited naturally by lightning strikes deep in federal forests. Pine-killing bark beetles then moved in, killing thousands of trees. “No one ever envisioned what would happen with the drought and the beetles,” said Bernie Weingardt, deputy forester for the U.S. Forest Service. “It just got kind of out of whack when it wasn’t doing what nature was used to doing.”

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NATIONAL



Educators agree 184 districts need help

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal education officials announced a deal this week that would raise from 14 to 184 the number of California school districts designated as in need of improvement. The state, however, will avoid financial penalties, and the list is much shorter than federal officials initially threatened.

The U.S. Department of Education last month said California was using a wrong measurement to determine how many school districts needed improvement under the No Child Left Behind law. The department said it might require changes that could have added 310 school districts to the watch list.

Assistant Secretary of Education Ray Simon announced the compromise in a conference call with reporters Tuesday following a meeting between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings.

The deal will allow California to use a performance measurement method that will result in 184 districts qualifying as needing improvement, and there will be no loss of funding as was originally threatened.

Simon said California had allowed school districts to avoid being on a watch list if low-income students did well on a certain measure of achievement — even if overall student performance on math and English tests hadn't improved as much as it was supposed to.

But he said federal officials determined the state Board of Education made an honest mistake.

"It was our determination that there was some misunderstanding on the part of the board at the time the decision was made to use this indicator as to whether or not they could use it," Simon said. "We believe that the board wanted to do the right thing from the beginning."

Under the deal, districts will go on a watch list if annual performance goals aren't met across all grade levels in a subject area for two consecutive years. A different model would have looked at whether individual grade levels met subject area performance goals — which would have resulted in 310 watch list districts instead of 184.

The 184 districts will no longer be able to provide supplemental education services — tutoring — to students as a result of being designated as in need of improvement. They will also need to develop improvement plans, and must implement corrective action by the end of the second year.

The state Board of Education is expected to approve the deal Wednesday at a meeting.

"I am pleased that after significant negotiations we were able to reach a tentative agreement with the federal government that allows California to approach the issue of identifying districts for program improvement in a more sensible way," state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said in a statement.

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Employer participants can also be held responsible for back payments of employment taxes, plus penalties and interest. It is worth noting that employees who have nothing withheld from their wages are still responsible for payment of their personal taxes.

Other scams still lingering

The IRS removed four scams from the Dirty Dozen this year: slavery reparations, improper home-based businesses, the Americans with Disabilities Act and EITC dependent sharing. But taxpayers should remain wary because the IRS has seen old scams resurface or evolve.

Resources on IRS.gov to help taxpayers avoid tax scams:

The IRS has an entire Web site of Tax Fraud Alerts, where taxpayers can view case summaries on individuals who have been prosecuted for promoting and using various scams to evade their tax responsibilities. Log on to:

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The IRS, in conjunction with the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators, issued News Release 2003-120 <<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=114574,00.html>> and Fact Sheet 2003-117 <<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=114575,00.html>>, which address concerns that credit counseling organizations using "questionable practices" may seek tax-exempt status.



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NATIONAL

Volcano's bark was worse than its bite

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Associated Press Writer

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's volcano observatory here were getting ready to head home when the squiggly line on the computer that tracks seismic activity at Mount St. Helens suddenly turned a solid black.

"It just kept on going and going and going," said research hydrologist Jon Major, describing the seismic line that registered Tuesday's earthquake measuring a magnitude of 2.0.

Outside the building, the mountain — 50 miles northeast — was belching steam and ash 7 miles high, signaling the most powerful blast since Mount St. Helens

reawakened last fall.

Volcanologists said they were surprised, but not too worried. This time the mountain's bark was worse than its bite.

Compared to the blast that killed 57 people on May 18, 1980, the plume "is really small potatoes," said Major. Tuesday's emission lasted for roughly 10 minutes, compared to the eruption 25 years ago that went on for nine hours.

The outpouring began with practically no warning at around 5:25 p.m., about an hour after the 2.0 magnitude quake registered on the east side of the 8,364-foot volcano, said Bill Steele, coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network in Seattle.

The blast of ash and gas was not pow-

erful enough to visibly scar the surface of the crater, but it was strong enough to destroy several monitoring stations used by scientists to keep tabs on the mountain, officials said.

Scientists did not know what caused the larger-than-normal plume, but noted that in the hours preceding the incident the seismograph readings had changed. While the peaks, indicating the strength of each seismic burst, were no higher than normal, the line separating them had become "noisier," said Major.

"Usually that line is nice and flat. Instead it was creeping up and getting noisier and noisier," he said, drawing on his pad a vertical squiggle that became darker as he drew it out horizontally.

But volcanologists had seen that pattern before when it did not lead to such a large belch.

What scientists do know is that the plume rose very rapidly and much higher than in previous months. That indicates that there was an explosive element inside, rather than just a collapse of the crater's roof. "The fact that it rose so fast and so high means it's not just a simple collapse of the lava dome," said Major. "If so, the plume would have risen more lazily."

Nevertheless, scientists described the

event as "just another beat," in the volcano's escalating drumroll, said Peter Frenzen, monument scientist for the U.S. Forest Service.

Tourists rushed to the mountain.

"It's cool to watch," said Brian Atchison, 31, of Pittsburgh, Pa. "It's remarkable. The potential for it to go off at any time is amazing."

Scientists will spend the next few days combing through the hours of data just before the plume to see if they missed any markers. They also intend to gather ash samples near the crater to study its rock chemistry and to determine if the composition of the magma has become richer in explosive gases.

Geologists have said there is little chance of anything like the massive explosion that removed the top 1,243 feet of the mountain in 1980. But the Forest Service has closed an area in a 5-mile-radius around the cone to foot traffic. The area includes the Johnston Ridge Observatory, which officials had hoped to reopen in May for the 25th anniversary of the 1980 eruption. Officials said their plans are on hold.

"The volcano's really in charge at this point," said Todd Cullings, assistant director of Mount St. Helens visitors center.

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Border agent turf battles hurt security

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Turf battles, jealousies and competition are keeping two immigration and border security agencies in the Homeland Security Department from sharing intelligence and coordinating investigations, former agents said Wednesday.

Witnesses told a House Homeland Security subcommittee that the duties of immigration enforcement and border security should never have been split between Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Several recommended combining the agencies.

“A wall has been truly erected between the people at CBP and the people at ICE. They have separate chains of command that, at this point, you can’t have if you are trying to fight a war on terrorism and a war on drugs,” said Michael Cutler, a former senior special agent with the

defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Congress dismantled the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 2001, complaining it was ineffective. The two agencies had been part of INS.

When border inspectors and investigators were split between the agencies, “collaboration, coordination and teamwork immediately began to diminish,” said Kenneth Klug, a former special agent in charge at a New York ICE office.

“It is vital to recognize that the two bureaus barely interact and when they do, they argue over budget, operations and jurisdiction,” said David Venturella, former director of the Office of Detention and Removal Operations at ICE.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., offered an example: The CBP stopped a vehicle with contraband and notified the Drug Enforcement Administration, which then contacted the ICE.

The ICE has a \$300 million deficit because money was transferred from the agency to the CBP and another

immigration agency in the department, said Randy Callahan, vice president of a union for Homeland Security employees. “The leadership of the former INS and Customs Service are, as we speak, locked in a heated battle for control of the purse strings,” he said.

Homeland Security spokeswoman Suzanne Luber declined comment on the statements. The CBP referred calls to Luber. Homeland Security Secretary Mike Chertoff said in testimony last week that he plans a review of the department’s organization, operation and policies.

ICE spokesman Dean Boyd said the agency’s “accomplishments in two short years speak volumes about the quality of work being done here every single day. We are achieving record results.”

He said the ICE deported 160,200 illegal immigrants in the last federal budget year and that more than half of them criminals. The agency has arrested more than 5,000 child sex predators and increased financial investigations resulting in seizure of more than \$202 million.

Elvis has left the igloo: Impersonator, Alaska make for unlikely duo

BY MATT VOLZ

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska — When the Tlingit King is about to perform, he bops nervously from foot to foot, all glam and glitter from his colorful shower curtain cape to his shiny silver-and-white tennis shoes.

Then the crowd trickles in and it’s showtime. The King hits play on the boombox behind him, and as Elvis Presley croons, Leonard R. Johnson dances up and down the small stage.

Within minutes, the nervousness is forgotten. His face is bathed in sweat, but his smile never falters. He turns up the corner of his lip in a trademark sneer, grabs the hand of a young woman and dances with her. He spreads his cape so that the eagle on back is displayed.

The crowd filing by for the night’s main event, Juneau’s Wearable Arts Extravaganza, is appreciative of the hardest-working Tlingit in show business.

“It doesn’t get any better than this. Tlingit Elvis! It’s perfect,” said fan Cristine Crooks.

The Alaska Native answer to Elvis is actually a husband-and-wife team. Pua Maunu, a Hawaiian artist who works for the Haida Regional Authority, designed the mesh of pop culture and native Northwestern art. Johnson, her Tlingit husband and the model for her art, can only be described as a reluctant Elvis impersonator.

“I really never did get up in front of people like that, especially white people,” Johnson said. “I really kind of felt embarrassed until everybody started getting louder and whistling and they liked it — I know they liked it — so I just got into it.”

After a smash debut at Juneau’s premier fashion show a year ago, Johnson and Maunu now enjoy something of celebrity status. Maunu’s costume was recently on display in the Juneau Douglas City Museum, and Johnson gets autograph requests that he obliges by signing “Tlingit Elvis” with a flourish.

The costume design involves intricate painting, beadwork and feathers done in traditional Tlingit fashion, but unmistakably Elvis in its final presentation. Bold reds, aquamarine blues, blacks and yellows form the feathers, eye and claws of the cape’s eagle, which is Johnson’s tribal clan. Eagles also appear on his necklace and belt.

Feathers hang from the cape and from Johnson’s flared white pants, which match his spotless white shirt with dangling tassles and a neckline that plunges to his stomach.

“Who would have thought that Elvis and the Northwest coast go together so beautifully?” said Jane Lindsay, director of the Juneau Douglas City Museum.

The Tlingit King occupies a corner of turf in a world filled with Jewish Elvises, lesbian Elvises, Chinese Elvises and impersonators of all shapes, sizes and colors. It’s that appeal across the spectrum that fans say make Elvis Presley as much a uniter as the most inspiring leaders.



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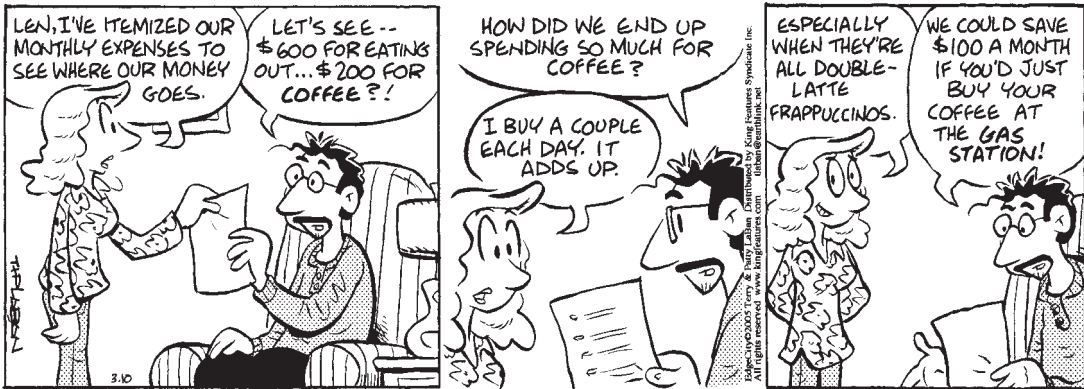
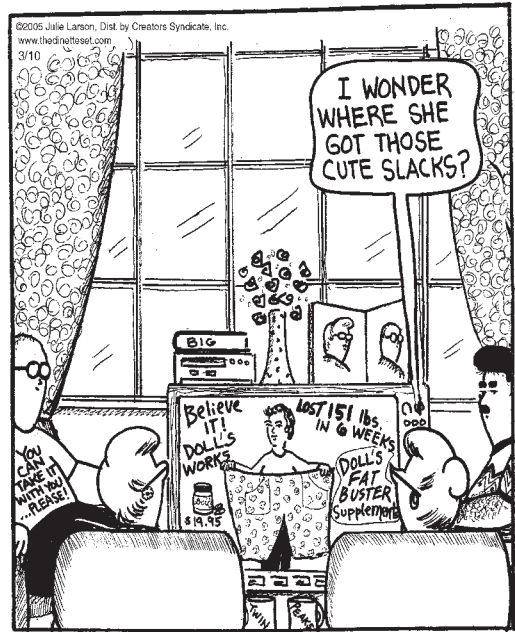
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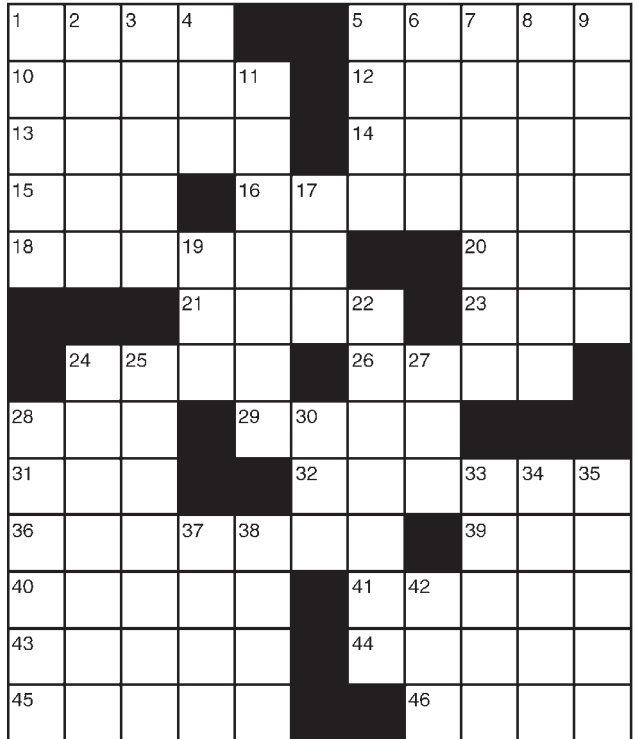
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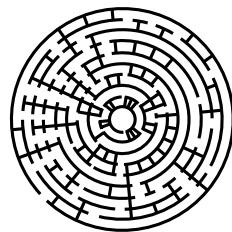
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Efran A. Diaz passed away peacefully on March 2, 2005, at his home in Santa Monica, CA, with his wife, Lucy, and his children at his side.

Efran had strong ties to the city of Santa Monica, where he was born on July 9, 1922, raised, and attended local schools.

He served in the United States Army as a Technical Sergeant in the 94th Infantry Battalion during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was employed with the City of Santa Monica and retired as City Maintenance Manager after 35 years of service.

After retirement, Efran and his wife moved to Paso Robles, CA, where they lived for 22 years. He was active in his church, community and local senior groups. In 2003,

he returned to Santa Monica to live out his remaining years, close to his children and his many relatives.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Gloria Foos. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, and his children Lupe Diaz (Santa Monica), Rita & Lester Wilson (Templeton), Terrie & George Centeno (Santa Monica), Thomas Diaz (Agoura Hills), Tony Diaz (Oxnard). He had 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A celebration of his life will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2005, at St. Clement Church in Santa Monica (310/396-2679). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Hospice, 16030 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 600, Encino, California, 91436 (800/757-4242).

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The saga continues for 'Star Wars' creator Lucas

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Career-achievement prizes? Maybe for your ordinary, down-to-earth directors, not your interstellar filmmaking overlords.

"Star Wars" creator George Lucas is receiving a "galactic-achievement award" next week at ShoWest, an annual convention of theater owners in Las Vegas.

The honor being presented March 17 comes two months before the debut of the final installment in Lucas' sci-fi saga, "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith," chronicling the transformation of young hero Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) into the dark lord Darth Vader.

"This unique award celebrates the enduring popularity of the 'Star Wars' movies and the enormous impact and influence they have had on audiences and popular culture," Mitch Neuhauser, co-manager of ShoWest, said Tuesday.

"No other movie series has been so successful for so long, and no movie is more eagerly anticipated this year than 'Revenge of the Sith.'"

Lucas, who turns 61 five days before "Revenge of the Sith" opens, has said that life after "Star Wars" for him will be heavy on the sort of smaller movies he started off making, such as his 1971 debut feature, "THX 1138."

"Revenge of the Sith" opens in U.S. theaters on May 19.

LONDON — A British judge banned the broadcast of video footage showing Elizabeth Jagger engaging in "sexual activities" with her boyfriend in a nightclub.

Jagger, daughter of Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall, sought the injunction against John Darling, manager of Kabaret's Prophecy Nightclub in London.

High Court Judge Rodger Bell ruled Wednesday that Jagger, 20, and boyfriend Calum Best, son of former soccer star George Best, had a "legitimate expectation of privacy" when they engaged in sexual activities just inside the club's doors on Feb. 17. The couple were captured on a closed-circuit television camera that they had failed to notice.

"Although the claimant may be said to be guilty of misconduct in a most general sense, she was not in my view on the present information guilty of such moral turpitude as to prevent her seeking her remedy from the court," the judge said.

Bell barred the broadcast or publication of the footage or any still from it.

TAMPA, Fla. — Reggie Jackson feels he's on a "second life" after surviving a car crash last week in which his vehicle flipped over several times.

The Hall of Famer, a New York Yankees special adviser and spring training instructor, was treated at a hospital and released after his sport utility vehicle was struck from behind Friday night.

"You wonder why you survived," Jackson, 58, said Tuesday. "I've struggled more emotionally. Now I have a second life. I've been blessed again. Thank God for having a hand on my shoulder. I just thank God I had my seat belt on."

Jackson is stiff and sore, has several cuts on his head and bruises caused by his seat belt. The driver of the other car, Miguel Angel Rivera, 34, of Temple Terrace, Fla., remained hospitalized Tuesday but is improving and will recover from his injuries, Tampa police spokesman Joe Durkin said.

"I feel a lot better," Jackson said. "Let me tell you, when the doctor and nurse told me I could go home and there were no internal injuries, I felt as good as when I

hit the three homers," he added, a reference to his performance in Game 6 of the 1977 World Series.

Jackson discussed the accident at Legends Field before the Yankees' exhibition game against Atlanta at Kissimmee. He read to reporters an e-mail he sent to family and friends.

"I hung on, expecting something to snap or get hit by something," Jackson said. "Windows are blown out, the car is crushed as it comes to a stop on the passenger side. Now I fear the fire, but I feel all my body and I'm OK. A mouth full of grass and dirt, a bloody face, blood in my eyes, just some minor cuts. I say to God, 'Thank you. I can walk, I can talk. Thanks to you God.'"

NEW YORK — Rosario Dawson says she'll fight disorderly conduct and obstruction charges stemming from her arrest during last year's Republican National Convention.

Dawson, 25, was arrested while filming "This Revolution" along with director Stephen Marshall. Authorities said she was wearing two handkerchiefs on her face with only her eyes showing.

A criminal complaint says the actress refused when ordered by police to move from the 35th Street and Eighth Avenue location, near the site of the GOP convention.

When Marshall tried to show the city film permit to police, he and Dawson were arrested.

Dawson denies the police department's claim that she refused to move.

A Manhattan criminal court judge Tuesday denied Dawson's request to dismiss the charges and said her trial would begin next week, the New York Post reported in Wednesday editions.

Dawson's screen credits include "Men in Black II" and "Alexander."



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