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THE MAN DOWN ISSUE

FAA to consider grounding some jets

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT Residents' attempts to ban corporate jets from flying over Santa Monica just might pay off as the FAA, which controls aviation activity at the airport, considers possibly preventing or limiting certain types of aircraft from using the facility because of safety concerns.

The Federal Aviation Administration recently convened a meeting with pilots and operators who routinely use the airport to collect data and feedback on their flights and whether or not proposed runway safety enhancements would prevent them from flying in and out of the airport.

City Hall, at the urging of residents living at both ends of the airport, has been negotiating with the FAA since 2002 to implement safety enhancements, which are sorely needed

given the increase in faster, larger jet aircraft using the airport.

Comments collected from pilots will be analyzed by the FAA, City Hall and the Airport Commission later this month to determine what types of planes can safely take-off and land at the airport if safety enhancements were to be enacted.

The enhancements may include creating runway safety areas that would decrease the available landing and take-off area pilots use, reserving it for emergencies only. While advancements in technology have allowed jet aircraft to use the airport's relatively short 5,000 foot runway, the margin for error is slim, which prompted city staff to examine the issue. By further eliminating the amount of available runway, also known as the landing threshold, jets may be grounded.

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COMING IN: Small prop planes will still be allowed to land.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Arbor Day Tree Planting

600 W. Imperial Ave., El Segundo, 9 a.m. — noon
REI, the Tree Musketeers and the community of South Bay will plant the third installment of trees toward the goal of 500 trees along the Imperial Highway to provide pollution and noise abatement. To sign-up, e-mail Alaina Cunningham at acunnin@rei.com with the names and the number of people planning on participating. All ages are welcome. Water and lunch will be served. Please come in comfortable clothes and dress appropriately for the weather.

Hearing Loss of America - Santa Monica Chapter

1527 Fourth St., 9:30 a.m. — noon
Doctors Christina Palmer and Patrick Boudreault from the UCLA Departments of Psychiatry and Human Genetics will discuss their Deaf Genetics Project, a federally-funded project to examine how genetic testing affects deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, society, and the deaf community. They will give an overview of the causes of deafness, genetics of deafness, and genetic testing and counseling. Free to all.

Literature Book Club

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Book reviewer Heather Hoffman leads a discussion of classic literature. Free and open to the public.

'Outsmart Your Fat Cells' lecture

1700 Ocean, 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
State of the Heart Fitness will be conducting a complimentary lecture at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel Ocean Spa and Fitness Center Receive specific exercise recommendations, tips to help reach weight loss goals and a long-term healthy action plan. Call to register at (310) 842-5657 or visit www.stateoftheheartfitness.com.

Artist Documentary Film Festival

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
The Main Branch of the Santa Monica Library presents a trio of documentary short films by director Terry Sanders, including the Oscar-nominated 'Never Give Up: The 20th Century Odyssey of Herbert Zipper.' Sanders, along with film subjects Don Bachardy and Miriam Wosk, will be on hand for a follow-up Q&A. Free program. All ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served.

Hill Street Center Third Year Anniversary Party

235 Hill St., 8 p.m.
Adaawe, an all-women African gospel percussion group, will be performing at the Church in Ocean Park to celebrate the anniversary. For more information visit www.hillstreetcenter.org or call (310) 281-7572.

'Racing to the Rainbow Live!' Wiggles Show

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, check for times
The Wiggles are performing their new family-friendly concert, 'Racing to the Rainbow Live,' at the Gibson Amphitheater. Tickets for Los Angeles are available through all Ticketmaster locations, by visiting www.ticketmaster.com, or at the venue box office. Prices range from \$22.50 — \$40.

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Susan Werner to perform at McCabe's Guitar

3101 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at McCabe's Guitar Shop. To purchase tickets by phone, call (310) 828-4497. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.mccabes.com.

Monthly Movie Musical: 'An American in Paris'

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Cardio-Latin Workout class

211 Arizona St., 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
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Tackling facilities projects

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH Students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School are one step closer to having their classrooms spruced up.

The Board of Education and the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee will be holding its fourth and final workshop this morning on the Facilities Master Plan before a draft is constructed, which will be presented back to the public in late April or early May.

The Facilities Master Plan evaluates the conditions of all the buildings in the district and creates a 20-year plan for improvement, maintenance and development of the facilities. The plan will tie in with how the district will spend the \$268 million in bonds made available through Measure BB, which was recently approved by local voters in November.

Unlike the previous three workshops, the workshop this morning, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon at the Santa Monica High School Cafeteria, will reveal conceptual plans for the first time.

The plans will be based on the status of the facilities, needs assessment and educational ideas that were reviewed during the other workshops, said Ralph Mechur, a member of the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee.

The meeting agenda is split into five different parts starting with the introduction of the speakers, followed by a recap of the master planning process to date, site proposals, policy issues that would impact the master plan, and conclude with a question and answer session.

One of the areas the workshop will explore is joint use projects — projects that receive revenue by the school district and another source.

Examples include a joint after-school program between the city of Santa Monica and the district.

The workshop will also touch on whether grades should be consolidated to include kindergarten through eighth grade or sixth through 12th grade in one building. The schools are currently clustered into kindergarten through fifth, sixth through eighth and ninth through 12th grades.

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Future shock

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Santa Monica College student Emelie Wallenas, 23, gets a fashion-forward hairdo from fellow cosmetology student Danielle Rurvis, 24, for the college's "The Future from the Past" hairstyle show Thursday.

Really taking a hike

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS There's no need to head to Yosemite to find natural beauty.

In less than an hour or driving, active Santa Monicans itching to go hiking in the wilderness can hop on the Pacific Coast Highway and explore the beautiful parkland of the Santa Monica Mountains, located right in their own backyards.

It's a lot quicker than the six-hour trek north to Yosemite.

"The mountains in most parts of Los Angeles are no more than 15-20 minutes away, depending on traffic," said Dash

Stolarz, spokeswoman for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a state agency. "The Los Angeles basin is surrounded by mountains. There are hundreds of places to hike."

Perhaps one of the most scenic places to hike in Los Angeles County is the Santa Monica Mountains from where hikers could enjoy views of Catalina Island, Long Beach, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Anacapa Island, Oxnard, and even Santa Barbara, according to Hal Margolis, author of "100 Mile Route."

The book, slated for release in May, details and maps a 103.3 mile hike that Margolis undertook across the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Santa Monica Mountains begin just

east of Griffith Park and end near the Pacific Ocean to the west. In mapping his book, Margolis started at Griffith Park, slowly moving through different forests, fossil sites, parklands and conservancies. Around the 33.8 mile mark, Margolis' hike merged onto the Backbone Trail in Topanga State Park and continued into the La Jolla Valley. The hike later merged again onto the Chumash Trail, a trail that is believed to be 7,000 years old and one of the oldest in the world.

His journey ended near the Pacific Ocean between Point Mugu and Oxnard.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrats didn't start the fire
Editor:

(Re: Ken Arnold's letter "Democrats embolden our enemies," March 7, page 4)

For myself, and I'm sure for many other residents of Santa Monica who are shaking their heads, it would be more correct to say that George W. Bush and the Republicans emboldened our enemies with their pre-emptive war. There were no daily suicide bombings, visible death and destruction before Bush and neoconservative warhawks invaded Iraq.

Mr. Arnold's letter reads like it was scripted by Michael Savage, FOX NEWS and Ann Coulter. It would take too long to critique Arnold's letter, so my rebuttal is this: Gas is back up to \$3 a gallon. Isn't it time for another election so that Republicans can work their magic and bring gas prices back down?

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Route 66 was what it was
Editor:

I love the way Michael Klein rationalizes how he is correct on Route 66 ("The pier is still the end of the line," letters, March 8, page 4). I have lived in Santa Monica for over 50 years, and I am a geographer and life member of the National Route 66 Federation. I don't care about the subject of driving on the pier that started the debate, but I do care about how he has twisted the facts to meet his needs.

The "Technically, the Santa Monica Pier is not the real end of Route 66" means it is not the end. The correct end is Santa Monica Boulevard at Ocean Avenue and it was probably the Santa Monica Visitors Bureau that chose to make the pier the end, for photo purposes.

I take offense to Mr. Klein's statement that "many, if not most, folks join the CA Route 66 Preservation Foundation in thinking that Route 66 ends at the pier." That comment is incorrect. People join the Foundation either because they have an historic interest in Route 66 or for people like Mr. Klein, who seems to be geographically illiterate, they join to learn the correct information about Route 66.

Kent Cullom
Santa Monica

Outraged by bus accident
Editor:

I was saddened, shocked and angry by the bus accident that resulted in a fatality on the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue ("Deadly commute," March 8, page 1). Any pedestrian that regularly walks our downtown streets is familiar with the speed and cavalier driving habits of the busses – and many cars – that pass through our city, particularly the MTA busses. I have watched buses make turns when pedestrians clearly have the right away. I have seen busses run red lights. And I have seen them traveling at such high rates of speed that it would be difficult for them to take evasive action if needed.

I, and I'm sure many Santa Monica residents, would like to see a reduction in the speed limit for busses that pass through our city. I would also like to see the current traffic laws enforced with more determination. Unlike Los Angeles, we live in a city of pedestrians and bicyclists. Bus companies and bus drivers do not seem to understand that they need to share the road.

Nigel Wright
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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Get in front of the TV if you want to cast a vote

I'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST THE DAVID Letterman show. It's a very funny show. In fact, if Dave ever asks me to be a guest, I will probably clear my calendar to accommodate him. However, when John McCain went on Letterman last week to "unofficially" announce his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States, don't you think it was a tad bit undignified? I mean, he made this announcement about the most important job in the world on a comedy-talk show that is best known for its Top-10 List and stupid pet tricks.

Previously, some candidates made their announcements on the Larry King show. Larry would interview the candidate, who would talk about why he was the best person to help save the planet, and then Larry's next guest would be somebody like the world record-holder for whistling while eating crackers.

Memo to prospective candidates who want to be taken seriously: Instead of announcing your intention to run for president on a commercial TV show, just hold a press conference.

I don't expect any candidate to take my suggestion. That's because they don't really care about dignity. They care about being seen on television by as many people as possible and/or by the demographic groups that their advisors want them to woo.

Television has become increasingly important in terms of how we elect our leaders. Many people don't vote for the person they think would be the best president, but for the person they think looks best on television. To them, Nixon lost because he sweated too much and needed a shave, Reagan was great on TV, Al Gore was too stiff on television and John Kerry came off as a Frenchman. So is it any surprise that nothing seems more important to candidates than television time?

But I think things have gone too far, which probably means they will go even further. I believe that soon some candidates won't just make their announcements on semi-news or talk shows. If they really want to be seen by the most people, what's to stop them from appearing on regular entertainment shows?

I don't think we're that far away from watching a scene on "CSI" in which a coroner examining a corpse will suddenly turn to the camera, remove his mask, and say, "I'm not really an actor. I'm actually running for president."

Perhaps it's more likely that they will go

on "reality" or game shows to do their announcing. The names of some shows would lend themselves perfectly to political appearances. "The Amazing Race" would be a natural for them. Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani might want to show up on "Family Feud." And those who are doing worse in the polls than "others" can be on "The Biggest Loser."

MANY PEOPLE DON'T VOTE FOR THE PERSON THEY THINK WOULD BE THE BEST PRESIDENT, BUT FOR THE PERSON THEY THINK LOOKS BEST ON TELEVISION.

The next step in this evolution is not just that candidates will appear on these shows to make their announcements. Next, they could start participating in them. Every four years, a different "reality/game show" could host the presidential candidates. If it's "American Idol," all the candidates will sing, and the country can call in their votes for their favorite singer/candidate. The winner becomes president. We wouldn't even have to walk down the block to our polling place. Come on. Who wouldn't want to see the current crop of candidates competing in "Dancing With The Stars?" And wouldn't you want to watch them eating bugs and crawling through the mud on "Survivor: The Presidential Election?"

Maybe I'm overreacting. Perhaps the stakes are so high that the candidates can't be blamed for wanting to be seen by large television audiences. And maybe they do have more restraint and class than I'm giving them credit for. After all, nobody announced their candidacy during the Anna Nicole Smith legal proceedings — so far.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"There was nothing about his performance or his appearance that stood out."

- Principal Cynthia Juarez of the Imagine Charter School in Surprise, Arizona, on how a 29-year-old convicted Oklahoma sex offender attended her school for three months, disguised as a 12-year-old

"Chief Warrant Officer Chao valiantly fought for the freedoms that we hold most sacred. His honorable sacrifice is an inspiration to all Californians."

- Statement by Governor Schwarzenegger on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Cornell C. Chao of Orange City, who died Jan. 28 as a result of wounds suffered when his helicopter crashed during combat operations in Najaf, Iraq

"You've heard of six degrees of separation. Well in New Zealand, it's more like one and a half."

- Simon Shattky, an organizer and sponsor of www.madefromnewzealand.com, a Web site that promotes the country's merchants, speaking on New Zealanders' reliance upon one another

"There were adjustments made depending on the audience."

- Thomas F. Gimble, the Pentagon's acting inspector general, on the consistency of the Feith Office's intelligence-gathering report linking Al Qaeda to Saddam Hussein. The report was conducted by the Pentagon to justify the war against Iraq.

"It's always nice to see people get together to chat.

You don't see that happen much anymore."

- Seth Heuiser, a barista at The Talking Stick coffeehouse, on the allure of the Stitch n' Bitch knitting group that gathers at the coffeehouse

"If you were just going to talk to someone, I don't know that you would need a wig, a trench coat, an air cartridge BB gun and pepper spray."

- Sgt. Barbara Jones, a spokeswoman for the Orlando Police Department, on NASA astronaut Lisa Marie Nowak, who is being charged with the attempted murder of her romantic rival

"That will never happen."

- Ellen DeGeneres, responding to her partner's (Portia De Rossi) claims that when they decide to have children DeGeneres will be the one to carry

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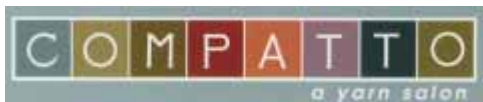
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"ALL I WANT TO DO IS COMMEND YOU for your Santa Monica paper. It includes all the daily news and I look forward to reading every day. It is fair and it is great. And it is a wonderful service for the city of Santa Monica."

"THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS HAS been attacking the poor and has led the charge in punishing the poor for being in public. Their editorial "Make the homeless uncomfortable" encourages the public to hate the poor and follow the press in hating the poor making."

"I WANT TO THANK THE SANTA MONICA Daily Press for listening to me last week and having the courage to ask the public the question about how they feel about the Santa Monica Daily Press. It would have been even better if you asked about how the Daily Press is handling the issue of poor people. That would really have been good but you did fine and I just want to thank you for doing it. I look forward to reading my comments."

"I APPRECIATE THE SANTA MONICA Daily Press due to its publisher allowing its readers – with only a wee bit of editing – to express their diversified opinions regarding a wide variety of subjects. All a reader has to do is call in, or write in, or e-mail in and there is a very good chance you will see your story or opinion in print."

"I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY COMPLAINT with the paper in the way they cover everything except crime watch things. If you have enough pages you should print every single case the police department responds to. And once people see how many problems are caused by bums and gangs they will pester those idiots on the City Council to actually do something about it. Not that they would, but at least people would know how many cases there really are."

"I THINK YOU'RE DOING A FINE JOB. MY only comment would be to have more local news. We get a lot of international and national news from the TV and The [Los Angeles] Times. We want more news from Santa Monica. That I would like. I would like to hear more about the Santa Monica governmental. I'm glad we have at least you to keep in touch."

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Cali connection

Californian among victims of helicopter crash in Hawaii

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii The three passengers killed when their tour helicopter crashed on Kauai and the three survivors were from Arkansas, California and New York, authorities said Friday.

The accident killed the pilot, William Joseph "Joe" Sulak of Princeville, and one passenger from each state. None of the passengers' names or ages was released.

A tarp covered the crumpled helicopter that went down at Princeville Airport on Thursday shortly after Sulak of Heli-USA Airways radioed that he was having problems with the hydraulics.

Witnesses reported hearing a loud boom as far as a mile away and the sound of crunching metal as the helicopter hit the ground about 200 yards from its normal landing pad. Two men and two women died, three in the crash and one on the way to a hospital.

The three survivors were flown to Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu in critical condition, Kauai County spokeswoman Mary Daubert said.

On Friday, a makeshift, roadside memorial of flowers, a Bible and a small teddy bear holding a red plumeria lay against at the wire fence of the tiny airport.

Gini Wittorff of Wayne, Penn., and her two friends took a flight with Sulak, who called himself "Helicopter Joe," exactly 24 hours before the crash. Wittorff stopped by the airport to leave a card for his son and daughter that she said he spoke about during the hour-long tour.

"Every time he talked about himself and the island, they were very much a part of what he was talking about," Wittorff said. "I want them to know their father was thinking about them the day before it went down."

Wittorff said she felt very safe in Sulak's hands.

"He was not a loop-to-loop pilot," she said. "His whole goal was to put people at ease and not think about the fact they were in a helicopter. He wanted them to enjoy the scenery."

Bette Conroy, of Avalon, N.J., who was on the same tour as Wittorff, said Sulak spoke about his days as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War and how he wouldn't do anything to frighten them and that safety was his first priority.

"It was just a wonderful flight," Conroy said.

The spectacular scenic tour, which cost \$240 per person, takes passengers across the lush island to see waterfalls, canyons, the rugged Na Pali coastline and humpback whales in the ocean.

Sulak is seen standing in front of a helicopter on his Web site, www.helicopterjoe.com. The site says he learned to fly helicopters in the Army and served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

"I participated in the infamous battle 'Hamburger Hill' which was later made into a movie," he said on the site.

On Friday, investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board headed to the crash scene to try to determine what went wrong.

FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said that the pilot had more than 10,000 hours flying an A-Star, the model that crashed. The craft itself had showed no significant problems in past FAA inspections, he said.

Nigel Turner, chief executive of Las Vegas-based Heli-USA, said the aircraft, one of six in his Hawaii fleet, was minutes from its scheduled landing when it crashed.

"We are in the process of notifying the families of those individuals involved and our sincere condolences goes out at this time," he said. "We are working with authorities to find out exactly what happened."

Turner defended the safety of his helicopters, which also fly tours in Nevada.

"The company has flown over a million passengers. This is our second accident in a million people," he said. He said he wouldn't hesitate to put his own family in his helicopters.

The crash comes one month after the FAA announced new safety standards for air tour companies that operate at many scenic vacation spots around the country and for pilots who offer rides at air shows.

The FAA promised to closely monitor deaths and other accidents involving air tours after looking into 107 accidents that killed 98 people between 1988 and 1995. The safety rule takes effect in August.

The safety board on Feb. 13 also called for tougher standards for monitoring of tour operators across the country based on two earlier crashes on Kauai, including one involving a Heli-USA helicopter.

The tragedy is the second to hit the scenic and remote North Shore of Kauai in a year. Last March 14, the Kaloko Dam, a few miles from the airport, burst open, killing seven people downstream.

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Pulling the kids out of class for skiing?

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SCOTTS VALLEY Frustrated by children missing class for long weekend ski trips and jaunts to Disneyland, the local school district is trying a novel approach to persuade parents to keep them in school.

It's sending them bills — \$36.13 per day.
The bills are merely a request for reimbursement; no one is actually required to pay. But some parents in the well-to-do community 30 miles south of Silicon Valley are handing over the money, seeing it as a way to ease a guilty conscience.
Others, though, say the request borders on rudeness in a state where nearly half the annual budget — \$66 billion — already is devoted to education.

"I tossed it. It's a public school. I'm not going to be told to pay when I have my kids out," said Helene Handy, who received the initial notice explaining the new policy three times — once each from her children in elementary, middle and high school.

"We've got to have a better way to pay for our schools."
The issue is tied to California's complex system of funding its public schools, in which how much a school receives is based on how many students are in class on any given day.

When parents take their children out of class for family play days, their schools lose money.

The district 30 miles south of Silicon Valley sent a letter in January to parents titled, "If You Play, Please Pay."

It was intended as much to alert parents to the financial consequences for schools as it was to solicit donations, said Brenda Spalding, assistant to Superintendent Susan Silver.



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Helene Handy, parent

"Are the ski slopes calling? Is the beach beckoning? Are you taking the kids to Disneyland midweek to avoid the crowds?" the letter asked. "If so, we would encourage you to reconsider. When your child misses school, there are consequences for the student and the district."

Later, it added: "Make your check payable to Scotts Valley Unified School District."

Stan Wilson didn't think twice about taking his children, Connor, 6, and Courtney, 8, to Hawaii for a week with his

extended family earlier this school year, even if it meant they would miss five days at Vine Hill Elementary.

When the family returned, the Wilsons received the letter from the Scotts Valley Unified School District asking for compensation, which would have totaled more than \$360. Wilson happily gave even more, writing a check for \$500.

The tax-deductible "donation" was a bargain compared to

the private school tuition he and his wife were prepared to pay before they decided to keep their children in public school, Wilson said.

"We saved so much money, we decided it was fair," he said. Many parents said they couldn't fault the district for trying to solicit more money, but said they weren't about to pay up.

"They can always try asking. Maybe they'll get something for it," said Jennifer Osario, who has a 5-year-old son in kindergarten. "I don't think we would (donate)."

Excellent expectoration is spitting image of success for some

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ROSA It takes a swirl, a smell and a sip to size up a wine. Oh, and one other thing. A good, hearty spit.

"It is extremely important to spit if you're doing any amount of wine tasting. You learn that lesson very quickly," says Leslie Sbrocco, author of "Wine for Women," and a frequent

judge at tastings.

Every taster has to spit if only to keep the palate as clear as possible for evaluating multiple wines.

But for women, it's particularly important since they are more quickly affected by alcohol due to metabolic differences, as well as usually weighing less than male judges.

A seasoned judge is the spitting image of success.

"Some people have an incredible streamlined spit that can go five feet," says Wilfred Wong, cellar master for Beverages & More. Still, "the bottom line is so long as you don't drool on yourself, you're fine."

In competitions, as at tasting rooms, organizers thoughtfully provide a bucket. (Viewers of the movie "Sideways" will recall Miles' chug-a-lug example of what not to do with the bucket.)

Sbrocco, who teaches expert expectoration in her wine classes, recalls going around a cellar with a German winemaker a few years back, tasting dozens of wines early in the morning.

"I looked at my spit bucket and it was completely full, and I looked at his spit bucket and it was completely empty," she recalls. "Aren't you spitting?" she asked.

"He said, 'Oh yes I am, my dear.'"

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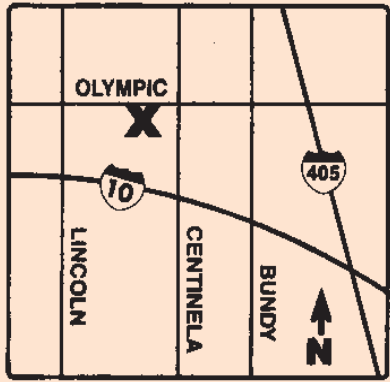
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San Luis Obispo
County can't afford Diablo nuke disaster prep

The county says it can't afford most of the grand jury recommendations to improve public safety if there's a Diablo Canyon nuclear plant radiation leak.

While the civil grand jury report "Diablo Canyon: San Luis Obispo's Katrina?" praised the county's emergency planning in event of a radiation leak, it recommended improvements.

The most expensive recommendation was an upgrade to the road between Avila Beach and Shell Beach so it can be used as an alternate evacuation route from Avila Beach.

The county said the estimated \$6 million cost was too expensive. County administrators will also not follow a recommendation calling for emergency preparedness information to be mailed annually to county households.

"They're great ideas, but it comes down to funding and resource allocation," said county emergency services coordinator Ron Alsop, who wrote the county's response to the grand jury report.

The county has already complied with a grand jury recommendation to give information to obstetricians and pediatricians about the thyroid-protecting drug potassium iodide.

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Santa Cruz
Officials giving cash rebates for folding bikes

In an effort to promote bus ridership, the county will give commuters rebates up to \$250 for folding bikes.

The Santa Cruz Area Transportation Management Association hopes commuters will buy a bicycle that folds up and travels in the aisle of a bus.

"It focuses on people who want to use their bike and the bus," association deputy director Piet Canin said Thursday.

The program is being funded with a \$67,000 grant from the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District with the county's regional transportation commission. Only bikes purchased in Santa Cruz County are eligible.

Thirteen people have already signed up.

"I live in a very small studio, so I got the bike, which fits into small spaces," said Bar Lowenberg, who bought his folding bike for \$300 after a \$225 rebate. "Right now it's in the back of my car."

AP

Washington
Congressman says Schwarzenegger hurts auto industry

A Michigan congressman is defending the U.S. auto industry against calls for increased fuel efficiency by criticizing a famous foe of global warming: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Republican Rep. Joe Knollenberg's re-election campaign placed a billboard along a busy interstate in Detroit that reads, "Arnold to Michigan: Drop Dead!" It shows a grim-looking picture of the actor-turned-politician and draws attention to Knollenberg's Web site.

"Michigan and the Big Three are being unfairly bullied by politicians who have no understanding of auto manufacturing," Knollenberg said Thursday in a statement.

Knollenberg said he "picked on Schwarzenegger because he's a perfect symbol of a bully and because he has become the Republican Al Gore."

Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLearn said the governor's work was "allowing the auto industry to move into the future instead of this kind of backward thinking that will negatively impact job growth and the economy."

The congressman, whose district includes the headquarters of DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group and several major auto suppliers, has criticized President Bush's proposal to raise federal fuel economy standards for new passenger vehicles.

Knollenberg contends it would lead to massive job losses in the domestic auto industry.

Schwarzenegger signed the nation's first statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions last year and has supported a California law passed in 2002 regulating tailpipe standards for automobiles. Automakers have sued the state, asserting the rule is a de facto mandate on fuel economy standards, which can be set only by the federal government.

AP

Los Angeles
Verizon wins state contract

The application lists 45 cities in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside counties where Verizon intends to deploy video services. These are the communities where the telco has the heaviest deployment of its FiOS high-speed-Internet plant.

Verizon West Coast president Tim McCallion called the rapid approval a "huge victory for consumers."

Verizon was the first and, so far, only applicant for a state cable franchise. Incumbent cable operators are not allowed to file to the state until next year under the PUC rules.

Verizon will announce later this month which of the 45 communities will be the first under the state franchise to be offered video services. The company already delivers video in a handful of California communities under local franchises that were negotiated before the state law was passed.

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FBI improperly used Act

Feds over-stepped anti-terror laws to gather information

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The FBI improperly and, in some cases, illegally used the USA Patriot Act to secretly obtain personal information about people in the United States, a Justice Department audit concluded Friday.

And for three years the FBI underreported to Congress how often it forced businesses to turn over the customer data, the audit found.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who oversees the FBI, described the problems cited in the report as unacceptable and left open the possibility of criminal charges. He ordered further investigation.

"Once we get that information, we'll be in a better position to assess what kinds of steps should be taken," Gonzales told reporters following a speech to privacy officials.

"There is no excuse for the mistakes that have been made, and we are going to make things right as quickly as possible," the attorney general said.

FBI Director Robert Mueller said he was to blame for not putting more safeguards into place.

"I am to be held accountable," Mueller said. He told reporters he would correct the problems and did not plan to resign.

"The inspector general went and did the audit that I should have put in place many years ago," Mueller said.

The audit by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine found that FBI agents sometimes demanded personal data on individuals without proper authorization. The 126-page audit also found the FBI improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances.

The audit blames agent error and shoddy record-keeping for the bulk of the problems and did not find any indication of criminal misconduct.

Still, "we believe the improper or illegal uses we found involve serious misuses of national security letter authorities," the audit concludes.

At issue are the security letters, a power outlined in the Patriot Act that the Bush

administration pushed through Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The letters, or administrative subpoenas, are used in suspected terrorism and espionage cases. They allow the FBI to require telephone companies, Internet service providers, banks, credit bureaus and other businesses to produce highly personal records about their customers or subscribers — without a judge's approval.

About three-fourths of the national security letters were issued for counterterrorism cases, and the other fourth for spy investigations.

Fine's annual review is required by Congress, over the objections of the Bush administration.

The audit released Friday found that the number of national security letters issued by the FBI skyrocketed in the years after the Patriot Act became law.

In 2000, for example, the FBI issued an estimated 8,500 letters. By 2003, however, that number jumped to 39,000. It rose again the next year, to about 56,000 letters in 2004, and dropped to approximately 47,000 in 2005.

Over the entire three-year period, the FBI reported issuing 143,074 national security letters requesting customer data from businesses, the audit found.

Timber payments to be extended, says lawmakers

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Payments to rural counties hurt by cutbacks in federal logging would continue for a year under a deal reached Thursday, Oregon lawmakers said.

Four Oregon House members — Republican Greg Walden and Democrats Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley — said they had secured the one-year extension as part of an emergency spending bill for the Iraq war.

Details were still being worked out, but lawmakers said the measure called for spending \$400 million to help counties hurt by logging cutbacks. Democratic leaders — including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — signed off on the deal, lawmakers said.

"The good news is that we have made great forward progress in forcing the federal government to keep its promise to rural communities," Walden said in a statement. "The bad news is that the president has already threatened to veto the emergency supplemental over other issues, so there is still much work left to be done."

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Training for the bar takes on new aspect

BY ANNE KIM

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE Melody Katz sprayed steamy, hot water over shot glasses and set them into an espresso machine, where they caught streams of creamy brown espresso.

She swirled a glass, smelled the espresso and took a sip.

"It's a little burnt," said the 25-year-old bakery manager, who traveled from California for a weekend barista training workshop at Seattle's Zoka Coffee Roaster & Tea Company.

Zoka is one of several specialty coffee roasters in Seattle that hold regular training sessions for their wholesale customers — including espresso bars, restaurants, and bakeries — on how to make a high-end espresso drinks.

And participation in these workshops has grown, roasters say. During the training sessions, which range from onsite training to weekend-long workshop events, customers learn everything from how to make rosettes, or leaf designs on the tops of drinks, to how to clean machines.

Such fancy skills might draw scoffs from blue-collar servers at the local all-night diner. But making espresso manually is an exacting skill that requires practice and precise timing, and a demanding consumer won't hesitate to reject a poorly made drink.

"This market is so competitive," said Joe Mancuso, general manager of Caffè D'Arte, a coffee shop and roaster. "They're doing these types of things to make sure they can put out a better product than the competitor down the road and create a loyal customer base."

Nationally, the number of coffee houses has nearly doubled in the past six years. According to the Specialty Coffee Association of America, there are almost 24,000 coffee houses in the U.S., up from 13,800 in 2001.

About a third of those stores are run by Starbucks Corp., the Seattle-based coffee giant whose growth has driven the specialty coffee craze. To fuel its expansion, Starbucks in recent years has dropped manual espresso machines from many stores, replacing them with automated models that are faster and more efficient.

Some people, however, miss the experience of seeing a barista pull their espresso shots by hand — including Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz. In a recent internal memo leaked to the press, Schultz lamented that the company had "overlooked

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Joe Mancuso

general manager of Caffè D'Arte

the fact that we would remove much of the romance and theatre" of making a drink, thus damaging an "intimate experience with the barista."

Caffè D'Arte holds a weekly training session for businesses at its roasting facility, Mancuso said. And on top of that, the roaster teaches about 10 classes each week both onsite and at the roastery, he said.

The number of participants in the training sessions have increased about 25 percent each year during the past five years, Mancuso said.

Mackey first into halfway point; found musher scratches in snow

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

IDITAROD, Alaska Lance Mackey was the first to reach the halfway point in the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, putting him on course to join his father and his brother as Iditarod champions.

But surprise contender Zack Steer, who finished 14th in 2000, beat Mackey out of the checkpoint by several hours as he took a mandatory 24-hour rest. Wily four-time champions Jeff King and Martin Buser chased Steer down the trail early Friday toward the tiny Yukon River village of Shageluk.

Mackey and Paul Gebhardt, who finished third last year, each rested about 26 hours before leaving Iditarod, a once bustling gold mining community and now a ghost town of dilapidated and collapsed buildings.

Meanwhile, a search for rookie musher Deborah Bicknell, 61, of Juneau, was a success. The search was launched Thursday after Bicknell left the Rainy Pass checkpoint Wednesday morning but never arrived in Rohn.

The 48-mile run from Rainy Pass to Rohn was a particularly treacherous stretch, with

some more experienced mushers flipping and crashing their sleds on the icy, snow-barren trail.

Bicknell was spotted Thursday afternoon from the air driving her team on a trail through Ptarmigan Pass, a route formerly used in the race, said race spokesman Chas St. George.

"It appears she took the wrong trail," St. George said.

She was spotted 18 miles from the Rohn checkpoint. Both she and her dogs were tired but otherwise in good condition, race officials said after she arrived in Rohn.

Bicknell, who was in last place before getting lost, decided Friday morning to scratch. Iditarod officials said she made the decision based on what she felt was in the best interest of her team.

With temperatures falling to 35 degrees below zero, Mackey was the first musher to arrive in Iditarod.

Mackey, 36, of Fairbanks, arrived just after midnight and won \$3,000 in gold nuggets. Gebhardt, 50, of Kasilof, soon followed. Ed Iten, 54, of Kotzebue, was third, just two minutes ahead of 2004 Iditarod winner Mitch Seavey.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Development Review Permit 06-006 and Tract Map 06-017, 1041-1047 17th Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 64459 to subdivide one lot into eight airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed two-story, eight-unit residential condominium project that will have a mezzanine level and subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.020. The proposed project requires a Development Review Permit because the project will be located in the R2 zoning district and have a floor area that is greater than 15,000 square feet. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant: Essick/Marshall Design Group. Property Owner: Westland Mortgage Inc.** [Continued from February 21, 2007.]

Tract Map 06-037, 1434 14th Street. The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 68353 to subdivide one lot into six airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed six-unit condominium development and a subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Section 9.20.04.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. [Planner: Masa Alkire, AICP] **Applicant/Property Owner: Lilly Koeff.**

Tract Map 07-001, 1237 25th Street. The applicant requests approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 67567 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a three unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of three (3) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Applicant/Property Owner: Dr. Robert C. Hamilton.** [Continued from February 21, 2007.]

Tract Map 07-004, 1920 Montana Avenue. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 68538 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a six unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of six (6) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Masa Alkire, AICP] **Applicant: Shahab Ghods, Plus Architects. Property Owner: Hom T. Shokrai, 1920 Montana LLC.**

Tract Map 07-008, 1038 21st Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 68232 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a three unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of three (3) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **Applicant/Property Owner: 1038 21st Street, LLC.**

Tract Map 07-012, 1417 Yale Street. The applicant requests approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 68197 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a three unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of three (3) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **Applicant: Michelle Cardiel. Property Owner: Bob Sinai & Eaton Sharaf.**

WHEN: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.



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The new price of a good night's sleep?

BY ASHLEY M. HEHER

AP Business Writer

CHICAGO Can you put a price on a good night's rest?

Betting weary-but-wealthy baby boomers are willing to do just that, mattress companies are fluffing up their selections of ultra-luxe beds that retail for more than the cost of cars, college tuition and parcels of land.

With a heart-stopping price tag approaching \$50,000 — \$49,500 to be exact, although the price will climb to \$59,750 in April — the Vividus bed launched last year by the Swedish manufacturer Hastens is among the most expensive sold in the U.S.

But the Vividus, which means "full of life" in Latin, is just the latest bed to target a growing consumer appetite for high-end beds made from materials such as latex, flax, memory foam, silk, cashmere, lambswool and hand-tufted horse hair.

"If you could have beautiful, incredible sleep, what's that worth?" said David Perry, bedding editor of the trade publication Furniture/Today. "The whole idea is pamper yourself, you're worth it, go for it, live the dream, sleep on a cloud. That has some appeal."

Since 2000, the market value of the wholesale mattress industry has increased nearly 40 percent, climbing to \$6.4 billion in 2005, according to the trade group

International Sleep Products Association.

But it's the luxury market that's behind much of the trend. Premium-priced mattresses — those costing more than \$1,000 — were 21 percent of sales in 2005, the latest data available, up from 14 percent in 2000.

Furniture/Today says the figure may be even higher. According to the magazine's survey of shoppers, about 56 percent of dollars spent on bedding went for products that cost more than \$1,000. That's up from 37 percent in 2000, according to the magazine's survey.

Meanwhile, the average cost of a queen-size bed has grown to about \$700, up from \$600 five years ago, experts said.

But some people are willing to pay much, much more.

Less than a dozen handmade Vividus mattresses have been sold worldwide since July, but customers are increasingly buying "cheaper" models that cost up to \$20,000, said Mary Pat Wallace, owner of Hastens' Chicago store that began selling the Vividus last month. The company opened U.S. stores five years ago and has had a 66 percent increase in sales annually the past four years.

Hypnos, a rival British company that touts its lineage as the official bed supplier to the royal family, sells beds for between \$8,000 and \$20,000. It expects U.S. sales to continue growing at a 20 percent rate a year.

States struggled to bring college textbook prices under control

BY BRIAN BAKST

Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. Winona State University senior Rick Howden, a business administration major, figures he knows a bad deal when he sees it. A \$4,500 tab for his college textbooks by the time he graduates? Bad deal.

That includes a \$142 business text he had to buy that he has barely opened.

"It ends up sitting on the floor next to my desk," Howden said. "It's hard for me to justify."

Lawmakers around the country share Howden's concern about the heavy expense of college textbooks.

In Minnesota, legislators are considering more tightly regulating the textbook publishing industry and requiring professors to be more cost-conscious in choosing course materials. At least a dozen other statehouses, from California to Connecticut, are taking up the issue.

"This is the hidden cost to higher education," said Democratic Rep. Frank Moe, the Minnesota's bill sponsor, who also teaches at Bemidji State University. "Reasonable profit makes sense. But the margins they are making on these textbooks is just absurd."

Publishers have argued that such proposals interfere with their constitutional rights, threaten the academic freedom of faculty members, and ignore the economics of textbook publishing. Textbooks are costly, in part, because relatively few copies are sold, they say.

The textbook industry pulls in more than \$6.5 billion a year at college bookstores, and college books which have tripled in price since 1986. The industry estimates four-year college students spend \$644 annually on books; a 2005 government report put the figure at about \$900 per year, but that figure includes supplies, too.

At one legislative hearing in Minnesota, student leaders displayed a shrink-wrapped bundle of materials for a single Spanish course. The tab: \$193.

The Minnesota bill would require that bundled material also be available as individual pieces; that publishers disclose planned revisions; and that schools give students itemized cost information before they register for a class.



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Around the country, some students have explored the idea of school-run book-rental services as a cheaper alternative. Lawmakers in Florida, Indiana and Nebraska are considering doing away with sales taxes on textbooks, something 18 states have done.

Bruce Hildebrand, an official with the Association of American Publishers, said the most successful textbooks are lucky to reach 40,000 copies in sales, while mass-market best-sellers can sell millions of copies before they even hit paperback.

Then, after a textbook's debut year, students can pick them up on the resale market. That makes it hard for publishers to recapture their investment.

Happy guy

Author Chris Gardner reflects on life after 'Pursuit of Happyness'

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Chris Gardner is still pursuing happiness.

Despite being a best-selling author, a motivational speaker who's sought across the country and a bank account as big as his beaming smile, Gardner says he's unhappy — fed up actually — with how the poor, homeless and veterans are treated in America.

Gardner, whose struggles as a homeless single parent and rags-to-riches journey was depicted by Will Smith in the film "The Pursuit of Happyness," said he wants to use his "15 minutes of fame," to bring change.

"These folks are just folks," he said. "Everybody that's poor or homeless are not all alcoholics or drug addicts. These are poor people, and in many cases, working people."

The film, to be released March 27 on DVD, has brought attention to a problem that affects every community and possibly offered hope to those who need it most. It also made Gardner's name and story known to millions of people.

Gardner, who did some homeless advocacy while in Hawaii on vacation last week, said he just finished a proposal for a second book, which is expected to be released this fall.

While in Honolulu, he met with Republican Gov. Linda Lingle, social workers, public housing officials and a few homeless people. He also addressed a national convention on homelessness in Washington by videoconference on Wednesday.

Sharply dressed and sporting a well-trimmed, graying goatee, Gardner said wealth hasn't changed who he is, even though he went from being driven out of

filthy restrooms to driving a flashy Ferrari.

"When you have an experience like this, not just being homeless, but homeless with a 2-year-old baby tied on your back — that becomes part of who you are forever," he said.

Gardner is a millionaire who says, "we" and "us," when referring to poor folks.

"You know we've got to do with poor folks and working folks? We've got to market ourselves maybe a little better," he said. "It might come down to something as simple as that."

The single-most important survival skill Gardner learned when he was homeless in the early 1980s was to keep going forward.

"Baby-steps count too," he said. "You add them all up, one day you're living next door to Donald Trump."

BABY-STEPS COUNT TOO. YOU ADD THEM ALL UP, ONE DAY YOU'RE LIVING NEXT DOOR TO DONALD TRUMP."

Chris Gardner
author

He speaks from experience.

The 53-year-old Milwaukee native has gone from the mean streets to Wall Street and from being homeless to owning multiple homes, including a condo in Trump Tower in New York. He is the CEO of the Chicago-based brokerage firm Gardner Rich LLC.

Caroline Soaladaob, who has been homeless with her 10 children for nearly a year, was in tears while listening to Gardner's stories of struggle and sacrifice.

"I get emotional because I see living proof of it every day," said Soaladaob, who lived on a Hawaii beach for months before moving into a new state-funded shelter in October.

"I think he's living proof that we can make it," she said.

Superferry compromise comes soon

By the Associated Press

HONOLULU There's still a chance the compromise bill passed by the Senate would delay the planned July launch of Superferry service between the islands if it becomes law, the company said.

John Garibaldi, Superferry's chief executive officer, said the bill — if signed into law — would prevent the ships from starting operations until the environmental study is complete even though lawmakers say they could go ahead.

"If this stays in its current form, it would have a high likelihood of deferring service," Garibaldi said.

The bill's backers say the legislation would allow the Alabama-built passenger and car ferry to start running from Honolulu to Maui and Kauai on time but would also require the state to study the potential environmental effects of the service on state harbors.

Superferry also plans to start service between Honolulu and the Big Island in 2009 after a second ferry is built.

Senators proposed the measure amid concerns, particularly on the neighbor islands, that the Superferry might collide

with humpback whales, be a conduit for invasive species between the islands and create traffic jams when cars disembark.

State Sen. Gary Hooser, D-Kauai-Niihau, said the bill would put a hold on state harbor improvements for the ferry until after the study was finished. The ferry itself could run as planned, he said.

"We believe the compromise amendments would allow the Superferry to operate," he said.

The Senate passed the bill and sent it to the House on Thursday. House leaders said they have not decided whether to act on the bill.

The original bill would have forced the Superferry to do a lengthy and costly environmental impact statement before it could set sail.

Instead, the legislation the Senate passed puts the expense and responsibility for the study on the state Department of Transportation. The department originally said no study was required for the Superferry.

The bill now heads to the House Transportation Committee, where chairman Rep. Joe Souki, D-Waihee-Wailuku, hasn't decided whether he will take up the issue. If he doesn't schedule it for a hearing, the bill would not move forward.

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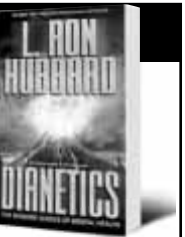
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American workers fattening wallets

Unemployment rate dips, worker pay rises in February

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The unemployment rate dipped to 4.5 percent and workers got fatter paychecks in February, even as bad winter weather sent a bit of a chill through U.S. job growth.

The latest employment picture, released by the Labor Department on Friday, suggested employers are holding up well and opportunities continue for jobseekers as the economy deals with a sluggish spell, a housing slump and troubles in the automotive industry.

Employers — both private companies and the government — added a total of 97,000 new jobs to their payrolls in February, the fewest in two years. Lousy winter weather was blamed for much of the slower job growth.

Construction companies — already feeling the strain of the ailing housing market — slashed 62,000 jobs in February, the most in 16 years, as nasty weather hit many parts of the country.

Meanwhile, factories, coping with slowing economic conditions at home and intense competition from abroad, continued to cut jobs. They eliminated 14,000 positions last month.

Those job losses, however, were eclipsed by employment gains elsewhere including at health care facilities, financial companies, computer-design firms, bars and restaurants, retailers and the government.

“The job market remains relatively healthy. The weather certainly delivered a lashing to the job market in February, particularly in the construction business as snow, ice, and sleet hammered parts of the country,” said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America’s Investment Strategies Group. “Still, companies cautiously have the hiring mats out and workers are making more money.”

The drop in the unemployment rate from 4.6 percent in January came as people left the work force in February. Economists said bad weather made it difficult for people to

get out and look for jobs. Taking those factors into account, February’s jobless rate, the lowest since December, still should ease any fears that the economy could be headed for a worse-than-anticipated slowdown in growth, analysts said.

On another encouraging note, the economy ended up adding 55,000 more jobs in December and January combined than the government estimated a month ago.

“Because unemployment is low, workers have more negotiating power and are getting higher wages,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Economy.com. “Increasing it is becoming a worker’s market, particularly for highly skilled and educated workers.”

Strong wage growth is good for workers and supports consumer spending, a key ingredient to the country’s economic health. But a rapid pickup — if sustained and not



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Workers’ wages grew briskly, another sign that the job market is in fundamentally good shape, analysts said.

Average hourly earnings jumped to \$17.16 in February, from \$16.49 a year earlier. That represented a solid 4.1 percent increase over the last 12 months.

blunted by other economic forces — can raise fears about inflation. Spiraling inflation would whittle away any wage gains, hurting workers’ wallets. It isn’t good for the overall economy, either.

The Federal Reserve has left rates alone since August.

Explorer Thompson celebrated in Canada, United States

BY KIM BRIGGEMAN
By the Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. The next great bicentennial is upon us. You’re ready, aren’t you?

No sooner did Meriwether Lewis and William Clark amble off into the sunrise than along came David Thompson, slowly making his way down from Canada.

He’s the guy who found the Kootenai farming tobacco in, yep, the Tobacco River country near Eureka in 1808. He’s the guy for whom Thompson Falls was named. He’s the guy who climbed Mount Jumbo one February morning in 1812 and mapped the Missoula and Bitterroot valleys for the first time.

Thompson was a London-born explorer, surveyor and trader for the Hudson’s Bay Co. and North West Co. He spent most of five years prowling the Columbia River basin of the Rocky Mountains starting in 1807 — the year after Lewis and

Clark returned home from their western expedition.

Thompson is more the hero in Canada than in the U.S. — he was, after all, British and spent most of his time north of the 49th parallel. But his path sometimes intersected with President Thomas Jefferson’s Corps of Discovery.

Two hundred years later, they’re crossing paths again.

“The way the Lewis and Clark bicentennial elevated the general awareness of history and details of natural history and politics and landscape that sort of make our place what it is was really remarkable,” Jack Nisbet said recently in Lolo. “It’s really one of the most successful history events I think I’ve ever imagined.

“Thompson’s bicentennial is different because he’s quite a different guy. But he does bump into them, especially Thomas Jefferson, over and over again during his life.”

Nisbet presented a slide show and talk about Thompson’s life to some 60 history buffs at the Lolo Community Center.

The program, sponsored by the Montana Committee for the Humanities Speaker’s Bureau, was hosted by the Travelers’ Rest Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

A teacher, naturalist and writer from Spokane, Wash., Nisbet has written five books. Two of them were on Thompson: “The Mapmaker’s Eye: David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau” and “Sources of the River.”

Thompson first reached Montana in 1808, but his bicentennial celebration has indefinite parameters. The North American David Thompson Bicentennials last the three years from 2007 to 2009. Regional commemorations are planned for the three years following that.

Nisbet looks at it in even broader terms.

“It’s been going on for 22 years as an explorer and it’s got five more to go,” he said. “Then as a surveyor it’s got another 30 to go after that. So he’s in it for the long haul.”

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Hawaii's Gov. Lingle sells property high

BY MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Gov. Linda Lingle made more than \$178,000 by selling a Hawaii Kai condo just 15 months after she bought it — a sale that would have been heavily taxed under a pending real estate speculation bill she supports.

Lingle, who highlighted her desire to wean the state off an overreliance on land development in her January State of the State address, bought the condo for \$416,136 on Jan. 29, 2005, and sold it for \$595,000 on April 28, 2006, for a 43 percent profit, according to Honolulu property tax records.

She had planned to take up residence in the condo after her term expires in 2010 and purchased another condo in the same building a few months after the sale, said spokesman Lenny Klompus. She currently lives in the governor's mansion at Washington Place across the street from the state Capitol.

Under the bill that passed the state House on Tuesday, the Republican governor would have been required to pay a 15 percent capital gains tax on the sale, which would

amount to \$26,823 on top of existing taxes.

Klompus claims Lingle was not speculating to turn a quick profit. Instead, she sold the condo so she could buy a larger property. She purchased the second property for \$614,055 on May 23, 2006, according to property records.

"The fact is the governor was looking for a place to live in," Klompus said. "She's not in the speculative real estate business."

If the anti-speculation law had been in effect at the time she made the sale, she would have simply paid the additional taxes, he said.

The bill, which will now be considered in the state Senate, is designed to curb the rapid run-up of prices caused by using properties as investments instead of homes.

"It's another example of words saying one thing but actions saying something else," said House Majority Leader Kirk Caldwell, D-Manoa.

"She's made this commitment, and having made that commitment, I think she should live by these words. It makes an interesting contradiction."

Even if property buyers don't plan to use their purchases as an investment, they would still have to pay the speculation tax, said Rep.

Maile Shimabukuro, D-Waianae-Makua, chairwoman of the Housing Committee.

"Someone might have had no intention to cause this rise in real estate prices but still be subject to the tax," Shimabukuro said. "This is a disincentive to flipping properties in a short amount of time."

Questions about Lingle's property dealings arose because her sale of the condo was not listed on the Internet among her annual financial disclosure filings with the state Ethics Commission.

But Ethics Commission Executive Director Dan Mollway said she reported the

transaction on a candidate disclosure form Aug. 25, 2006, which was not posted on the commission's Web site.

"I don't think she can be said to have violated the state ethics laws, because she was doing what she thought was appropriate and complying with the law," Mollway said. "Given the lack of clarity between the candidates' disclosures and the annual disclosures, that's quite understandable."

Mollway said this is the first time in his 25 years with the Ethics Commission that this ambiguity between different types of disclosure forms had arisen.

Wolf delisting draws a large public crowd for meeting

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. Advocates for hunting of gray wolves squared off against people who support continued protection of the animals under the Endangered Species Act during a public meeting.

Well over 100 people packed a small hotel meeting room on Thursday, and extra security was hired for the public hearing because of the emotional nature of the argument, said Tom Buckley, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The government has proposed delisting the gray wolves from protection under the Endangered Species Act in the northern Rocky Mountains and turning management of the animals over to the states, which would allow hunting to keep numbers low.

George Soetje of Sagle, Idaho, said the estimated 1,250 wolves in a vast part of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, cannot be considered a problem, and wolves should not be hunted.

"Twelve hundred fifty is nothing," Soetje, wearing a jacket with a wolf on the back, said. He blamed ranchers and deer hunters for wanting wolf numbers reduced.

Wolf supporters said hunting the animals would drive them back toward extinction. But advocates for ranchers said wolves are already preying on herds and are increasingly bold in encounters with humans.

Gary Macfarlane of Friends of the Clearwater said Idaho is lucky to have wolves.

"We strongly oppose delisting wolves in the northern Rockies," he said.

"Idaho's governor wants to kill about 85 percent of the wolves in the state," he said. "Idaho's government cannot be trusted."

Chris Norden of Lewiston, Idaho, also opposed delisting. He said there should be 500 breeding animals, far more than there are now.

"I have no confidence whatsoever that state management will be done responsibly," Norden said.

But Barbara Opdahl, whose family runs OOO Outfitters Inc., in the Clearwater National Forest, said elk populations have been decimated since wolves were reintroduced.

"We have had a wolf stalk one of our grandsons last summer," she said. "The current population of wolves far exceeds the needed number for recovery."

Duane Cocking, of the Inland Northwest chapter of Safari Club International, a hunting advocacy group, also said the number of wolves is far greater than is necessary.

WOLVES BRING OUT REALLY STRONG EMOTIONS IN PEOPLE."

Ed Bangs

the agency's wolf recovery coordinator

"You have created a monster because of this overpopulation," he said. "This monster has got to eat."

The population of elk in the region is declining, he said.

"You have to turn management over to the states while they still have big game populations left," Cocking said.

Ed Bangs, the agency's wolf recovery coordinator, said Thursday that he expected some 200,000 public comments, from around the world on the issue. He predicted that regardless of the final decision, not expected until 2008, the matter will end up in federal court.

"Wolves bring out really strong emotions in people," Bangs said.

The public has until May 9 to comment.

In response to questions, Bangs said that even if wolves are not hunted, their numbers are not likely to increase much because most of the suitable wolf habitat is already taken. Wolves will kill off any competing wolves.

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Early to bed, late to rise

Springing forward three weeks early for Daylight Saving Time

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

NATIONWIDE I before E except after C. 30 days hath September. Look before you leap.

All are classic examples of mnemonics and phrasing tricks most everybody has ingrained into their minds from as far back as the fourth grade.

Here's a new one: While we're still springing forward, and not falling back, it seems that our leap is coming early this year. Daylight Saving Time (DST) is set to move up to Sunday, March 11. As a result, DST has been extended one whole month.

The new dates are the result of the Bush Administration's Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Act amends the Uniform Time Act of 1966 by extending DST three weeks earlier in spring and continuing for an extra week in the fall.

The shift was primarily designed to conserve energy. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the President's national energy plan encourages energy efficiency and conservation and promotes alternative and renewable energy sources. The Act was enacted to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, to increase domestic production, to modernize the electricity grid and to encourage the expansion of nuclear energy.

"The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is going to help every American who drives to work, every family that pays a power bill and every small business owner hoping to expand," President Bush said upon signing the bill in 2005.

DST allows Americans to use less energy in lighting their homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

In the U.S., however, some territories

have opted not to observe the time change, like Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the American Samoa Islands and Arizona (with the exception for some Indian Reservations that stretch over neighboring states).

This choice makes sense for the areas close to the equator as day lengths are generally consistent throughout the year.

However, DST does not occur in Arizona because a majority of the state's parents didn't like that their children couldn't sleep when the sun was out and that they went to school when it was still dark outside.

Farmers also debated that DST didn't save time at all, but it merely shifted daylight to later in the evening.

Locals with an agricultural background are split on the issue.

The Farmer's Market held on Arizona Avenue near the Third Street Promenade features fine produce from both Maggie's and Rutiz farms, but they do not share the same opinion on the early coming of DST.

While DST won't make a difference on Maggie's Farm, Rutiz Farms is happily anticipating the early change.

"Well I'm sure looking forward to it," said an excited Maureen Rutiz, CO-owner of Rutiz Farms in San Luis Obispo County. "We would finish farming in the light instead of the dark."

"When it's dark at 4:30 or 5 p.m., it really affects us out in the field working," Rutiz said. "There is more of a chance of accidents at night, plus everyone would rather work out in the daylight. In our operation, we don't go into the fields earlier than 7 a.m."

She added that DST will make it "easier" and "more likely that we will just work later."

While the time change won't impact the Rutiz Farms operation in the fields, it will help them in the marketplace. Rutiz has a stand at the Farmer's Market that usually closes when it starts getting dark.

"I think that when the time changes, people tend to stay out later and will be more inclined to cook more elaborate meals and work on food preparation," said Rutiz. "Now we'll be able to keep the stand open until 6 p.m. instead of at 5 p.m."

At Maggie's Farm in Agoura, workers are usually out working by 6 a.m.

The time difference "doesn't really affect the business," said Dennis Peitso, owner of Maggie's Farm. "We're so used to changing back and forth. We just follow the change and do it. The only thing we really have to do is change the clocks."

Mr. America 2004, Jason Kozma is a personal trainer in Santa Monica and has a personal training gym the city and other locations spread throughout the Los Angeles County area.

Kozma starts working at about 8 a.m. and says that the time won't affect his gym.

"People might change their appointments on the first day, depending if they remember to move their clocks forward or backward," Kozma laughed. "My clients are more afraid of me than they are of time."

While these businesses are not open during the middle of the night, hospitals always are. Clocks will "lose" an hour changing exactly at 2 a.m.

Ted Braun, hospital spokesman for the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital does not expect much of a change to come with the time difference. He explained, however, that employee hourly wages, as opposed to salaries, will be adjusted accordingly.

MY CLIENTS ARE MORE AFRAID OF ME THAN THEY ARE OF TIME."

Jason Kozma

Mr. America 2004 and personal trainer in Santa Monica

"Any hourly employee working the night shift from Saturday into Sunday would be paid an hour less," Braun said. "They will get paid for the actual time they work and get paid an hour less."

While Americans all over the country will get busy changing their clocks, surprisingly, DST will not phase many businesses after all.

With hundreds of watches and clocks in his store, Avak Ourishian, owner of Tic Time at Santa Monica Place sets the myth of his business straight.

"We only set the watches we're selling and leave the others as they are," Ourishian said.

"I've heard people from other stores say they do change them, but I doubt it very much," said a laughing Ourishian. "It's just not logical to go through and change them all."

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Times are 'a changing
The Clock Tower on Santa Monica Boulevard will need to be set early this year.

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Ducking daylight-saving mandate was no-brainer

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX Arizona successfully fought the federal government three decades ago to be allowed to stay on standard time year-round, ultimately getting a last-minute exemption from a mandate to use daylight-saving time.

Arizonans regarded it as a no-brainer, having recently tried daylight-saving time and quickly deciding they wanted no part of it.

Daylight-saving time meant the sun was out longer during summer evenings when triple-digit temperatures are the norm in the populous desert cities of the state, located on the western edge of the Mountain time zone.

Back in 1973 when state officials applied for the exemption, memories were still fresh of what happened when Arizona tried out daylight-saving time in 1967 after the federal government tried to standardize time practices across the nation.

It didn't go well with most desert-dwellers.

"You had to wait until 10 o'clock to start a ball game. You go to the drive-in theater —

they couldn't start the movie until 9:30 or 10 p.m.," recalled Bob Scott, a retired newsman for Phoenix radio stations from 1963 to 2006.

The state Legislature quickly changed course in 1968 when lawmakers reported for their annual session. They put the state back on standard time year-round.

The state has been there ever since, and when the other 48 states go to daylight-saving time at 2 a.m. Sunday, Arizonans — and Hawaii — won't. Though stockbrokers and some other business interests complained about the resulting seasonal three-hour time difference from the East Coast when most of the country was on the daylight-saving time, those who wanted to dump the practice were loud and clear in making their views known to legislators.

"Folks that were here just didn't think they needed any more heat," Scott said.

The fact that most other Americans were on daylight-saving time didn't matter to some Arizonans.

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There are those who are encouraged by the progress made so far between City Hall and the FAA. The two parties have been at odds for years as residents and elected officials alike have complained about the slow pace of the process and are urging the FAA to act before there is a tragic accident.

WE ARE LOOKING AT A POTENTIALLY TREMENDOUS DISASTER, AND THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE GREATER CHANCES ARE THAT IT CAN OCCUR."

Susan Hartley

a member of the Airport Commission

"We are looking at a potentially tremendous disaster, and the longer we wait, the greater chances are that it can occur," said Susan Hartley, a member of the Airport Commission, which is expected to address runway safety at its March 26 meeting. "If we had a crash ... (where) the plane goes off the west end of the runway, it would travel all the way to 18th Street. That's the sort of impact we'd face. Think about all of those families."

Several council members have expressed their displeasure with the FAA and the process.

"It is very disappointing that it's four years later and it looks like we've made no advancements accept that the FAA has become our adversary," said Councilman Bob Holbrook. "They have offered their views on runway safety and they seem to be less than what is necessary ... My only fear is that we will present a plan and the FAA will determine that it is not a perfect plan ... and we tell them to shove it and then we launch into some other direction and five years from now, we're still fighting and we won't have anything."

City Hall and the FAA have battled each other over operations at the airport, with federal officials resorting to legal action to prevent City Hall from enacting an airport management plan that called for the elimination of larger aircraft. That led to a settlement agreement that is good until 2015, at which time many residents and city officials hope they will be able to gain more control over flights.

Representatives from the FAA could not be reached for comment, however, in the past they have said they are committed to working with City Hall to find a solution and are very eager to increase runway safety. However, to help relieve traffic at LAX, federal officials are also interested in making sure the airport remains available to as many classes of aircraft possible.

At most commercial airports, the standard runway safety area is 500 feet wide and extends 1,000 feet beyond each end of the runway, according to the FAA.

However, since many airports were built before the 1000-foot extension was adopted some 20 years ago, many, including Santa Monica, cannot achieve the full standard. This



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SEEN FROM ON HIGH: An aerial view of the Santa Monica Airport's runway.

is due to obstacles such as bodies of water, highways, railroads or a severe drop-off in terrain.

In Santa Monica's case, there are homes located directly adjacent to the runway.

City staff has proposed creating a 600 foot runway safety area on the east end of the runway and a 300 foot runway safety area on the west end with a 250 foot Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) bed, a stretch of pavement injected with air bubbles designed to collapse under the weight of an aircraft as large as a Boeing 737 jet traveling as fast as 50 knots.

Residents said since bigger aircraft would be the only ones affected by the creation of

runway safety areas, they should be the ones to pay for the EMAS system.

A standard EMAS installation extends 600 feet from the end of the runway. An EMAS arrestor bed can still be installed to help slow or stop an aircraft that overruns a runway, even if less than 600 feet of land is available.

"I think it's time for us to be really clear where we are headed," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "Let's be clear to the FAA, the Airport Commission and let's be clear to the community. The time has come. Let's get it done."

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Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA — An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of February at various Santa Monica locations.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 par-

ents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Thursday, March 1st (7:15-8:45) Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday March 3rd (10:00-12:00 Noon) Santa Monica Main Library, Tuesday, March 6th (7:15-8:45) Montana Branch Library. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college.

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88-year-old L.A. teacher still firing up high school

BY ANA BEATRIZ CHOLO
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES “Mama G” is on fire and her Advanced Placement English literature students are feeling the heat.

She dons a red plastic fire helmet as she excitedly begins lecturing on George Orwell’s novel “1984,” connecting current events to themes in the book — government surveillance, conformity and sexuality.

The headgear underscores the importance of being enthusiastic and energetic about learning — to be “on fire,” as Mama G says.

The helmet really isn’t necessary. It takes only a minute or two with the bundle of energy that is Rose “Mama G” Gilbert to get excited about just about anything.

And to forget that she’s old enough to be the great-great-grandmother of her Palisades Charter High School students.

“I want them all to just live literature, love poetry and love life — not just get caught up in grades,” the 88-year-old Gilbert gushes.

Pupils usually don’t start out liking poetry so Gilbert eases them in with love poems by ee cummings. “It’s very sexy,” Gilbert says.

Gilbert has used other techniques to stoke her pupils’ imagination.

Amy Sherman Smith, a 1970 “Pali” graduate, recalled Gilbert wearing a slip over her clothes while teaching about “Freudian slips.” When Smith reconnected with Gilbert last year for the first time in ages, Mama G hadn’t changed a bit.

“Very feisty, very opinionated and

her mind is still as sharp as a tack,” Smith said.

Gilbert is old but she doesn’t act her age and that helps her connect with her pupils — she affectionately calls them “bubbelahs.”

She engages and challenges them. A wrong answer or a student who tries to get away with something is likely to get a quick rebuke: “That’s bunk,” Mama G will say.

Gilbert doesn’t have to work — her husband left her millions when he died.

The racially diverse school located in a wealthy L.A. enclave has 2,700 students and an idyllic setting, perched atop a hill with a view of the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Monica Mountains serving as a backdrop.

Barry Farber, a professor of psychology and education at Columbia University in New York, believes if teachers are satisfied with their job, they won’t want to quit, regardless of age.

“Teachers get burnt out not because they stop loving what they do but they

I WANT THEM ALL TO JUST LIVE LITERATURE, LOVE POETRY AND LOVE LIFE – NOT JUST GET CAUGHT UP IN GRADES."

‘Mama G’ Rose Gilbert, Palisades Charter High School student

But she loves it too much to quit.

Mama G’s energy is infectious, said Masha Elakovic, a 17-year-old senior who’s had Gilbert the past two years.

“She comes in, she is really pumped up,” Elakovic said. “That is kind of a sign she is ready to teach us and ready to be ‘on fire.’ ... I love her.”

Gilbert is the oldest teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Two other female teachers, both 87, also work full-time in the district, the second-largest in the nation where there is no mandatory retirement age.

Gilbert started teaching in the 1940s, took a break and then went back to full-time in 1956. She transferred to Pali when it opened in 1961 and has been there ever since.

can’t feel satisfied, like their efforts are not making a difference,” he says.

Gilbert’s classroom offers a litany of reminders of the difference she’s made. Part classroom and part museum, it holds thousands of memories — walls display cards and letters from students dating to when the school opened.

Students from her first class wrote: “She’s a rebel but we love her that way.” A picture shows a wastebasket stuffed with district memos and teachers’ guides, a nod to Gilbert’s dislike of bureaucracy and anything that gets in the way of teaching.

Numerous awards, memorabilia and plaques are scattered about. Photo albums line one wall from the 26 years she coached the academic decathlon team.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Wanna be a soap star?

Seemingly everybody wants to be a star nowadays. SOAPnet, understanding this phenomenon, has plans to launch a fourth season of its reality series “I Wanna Be A Soap Star.”

The one-hour drama developed by LMNO Productions will be holding an open casting call to find 10 contestants for the latest installment of the series.

The series captures 10 aspiring actors who will live full-time on the sets of actual soap operas. The series is hosted by Cameron Mathison of ABC’s “All My Children,” who will be at the call backs on April 1 and produced by executive producers Eric Schotz and Lisa Bourgojian will be at the casting sessions.

Cameras roll night and day while contestants compete against each other in order to fulfill their fantasies of becoming soap stars. Working together by day, these “wannabe’s” still have to play nice after dark, as they eat, sleep and breathe the soap star life by living together on a soundstage. One by one, a panel of experts in the field of acting, casting and television production will eliminate cast members until one remains to become America’s newest soap star on NBC’s “Days of our Lives.”

Open auditions will take place Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ABC Prospect Studios located at 4151 Prospect Avenue in Los Angeles.

Prospective contestants are encouraged to go to www.iwannabeasoapstar.com to fill out an application before they arrive.

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All entries are due by April 6. This year’s winner will be chosen via a secure Internet poll on www.santamonicapier.org. Visitors to the site will only be able to vote one time, for one poster. Voting will take place throughout late April and early May and the winner will be announced at the 2007 Santa Monica Festival in Clover Park on May 20th.

Past winners include Stephanie Donon with her work, “Dancers,” Carrie Carmody with “Hitchcock;” and two-time winner Jeff Verges’ “A Tribute to the Classics” and “Surf’s Up in Santa Monica.”

Contest rules, design specifications and entry forms are available at www.santamonicapier.org under What’s Happening. A gallery of past posters is also available for reflection and inspiration. Entries are due at the Pier’s offices by April 6, 2007. More information is available by calling (310) 458-8901.

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Los Angeles County offers many hiking opportunities

FROM HIKE PAGE 3

he climbed Mount Wilson, Margolis proudly claims to have traversed much of the region by either foot, bicycle, scooter or plane.

For those wanting to stray further inland, the San Gabriel Mountains, located in parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, provides ample hiking opportunities. That range is also home to ski resort Mountain High.

But the San Gabriel Mountains cannot match the beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains in Margolis' opinion.

"San Gabriel Mountains has less ocean and is not as close to everything," Margolis said.

Whenever Tim Nelson, an employee at outdoor gear store Patagonia on Main Street, wants to head out on a hike but doesn't want to spend hours sitting in his car getting to his destination, he visits Temescal Canyon or Malibu Creek State Park, located

just minutes away. There are people who feel they don't have enough time to spare to go hiking because many of the famous destinations are located hours away. But if they can stand just five to 20 minutes of drive time, these hikers will find hiking opportu-

nities right around the corner, Nelson said. Many of Nelson's hikes occur several hours away from Los Angeles in places like Joshua Tree National Park. There are countless number of places to hike just an hour away from Los Angeles, he said, naming

locations like the Biona Wetlands in Manhattan Beach and Kern River Valley in Lake Isabella, located two hours northeast of Los Angeles.

There are so many hidden gems within hours of Los Angeles, including waterfalls

and other natural wonders, Nelson said. Hikers just need to expand their horizons.

"In Malibu Creek, you don't even know you're in LA," Nelson said. "If you don't turn around and see the city, it doesn't feel like you're right in the middle of the city."

Those who have never hiked before shouldn't be afraid. It's an activity that almost anyone can do, according to Margolis.

When working for the Los Angeles County Jail years ago, Margolis conducted a study of inmates. As a side question, a curious Margolis asked the inmates whether they have any outdoor experience and if they were ever a Boy Scout. He found that only two out of the thousand inmates surveyed were Boy Scouts, and they did not continue beyond the rank of Tenderfoot. In Margolis' opinion, hikers tend to be a cut above the rest in terms of achievement, intelligence, and citizenship.

"If they're kids, they've gone through well known universities," Margolis said. "If they're adults, they've had wonderful careers."

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Scads of basketball fans to pick brackets

BY TIM DAHLBERG,
AP Sports Writer

Like millions of Americans, Jim McDonough carefully studies his teams before making his picks. He freely admits productivity in his office will slow next week as he and others in his pool start monitoring the action closely.

Let others pick underdogs. He just picks dogs.

"The only sports betting we do around here is our annual Iditarod pool," said McDonough, an account executive at Siemens Building Technologies Inc. in Anchorage, Alaska.

and office copiers around the nation will be spitting out even more of them.

It's bigger business than Las Vegas, and a bargain, too, usually \$5, \$10 or \$20 a person.

Bettors will stay up overnight to get a seat to watch the action in the Vegas sports books, and \$80 million to \$90 million is expected to be bet legally on the games in Nevada.

By one FBI estimate a few years ago, the office pools are worth \$2.5 billion.

Pools will be run from loading docks in New York, financial firms in Miami and government offices in Washington, D.C. College students whose schools have no chance of even making the tournament will get them,

ronment, too. This is something that livens it up. We are waiting impatiently for the brackets to form."

There are stories of far more expensive pots getting up to \$100,000, but for the most part the pools are a low-budget, low-pressure way to keep the interest up for people who have never heard of George Mason or Old Dominion.

And keep them interested it does. A survey by career publisher Vault Inc. showed that 27 percent of employees participate in March Madness office pools, and that a third of them take at least 30 minutes at work to fill out their brackets.

"The bosses don't care as long as the work gets done," said Andy Carver, who runs a \$10-per-person pool for 20-30 employees at the trucking firm where he works in Cicero, N.Y. "With the computer, it really only takes a few minutes, so it's not like I'm cheating them out of time."

With high-speed Internet access common in many offices, the urge to keep tabs on favorite teams is becoming more difficult to resist. CBS is doubling its Internet bandwidth this year so that 300,000 people can watch video streams of games at any given time, a target audience generally assumed to be office workers.

The network is even offering a "Boss" button that can be hit if viewers see a supervisor coming. The button silences the audio and causes a fake spreadsheet to pop up.

Businesses are fighting back with technology such as that offered by Websense Inc. to block access on company computers to sites workers may use to watch games or follow scores.



Photo courtesy UCLA

DUNK TIME: Alfred Aboya and the UCLA Bruins should be a high tournament seed.

"Historically, March Madness has been a huge productivity drain on businesses," said Websense executive Steve Kelley.

That's one reason — and the fact that they're technically illegal in most states — that pools are frowned upon at many companies. Still, the bosses themselves are sometimes the ones running the pools. At CB Richard Ellis, a corporate real estate broker in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., managing director Jeff Holding gets about 125 entries a year.

IT TAKES AWAY THE WINTER GLOOM AND PUTS IT INTO A SPRING FEVER."

Fred Kirsch, office manager

So maybe March Madness is a little different up in the frozen north, where the huskies are dogs pulling sleds through the snow, not basketball players for the University of Connecticut or the University of Washington.

Across the rest of the country, though, it's time to start filling out brackets and tossing a few dollars into the pot. The office pool party to end all office pool parties is about to begin.

On Sunday, the NCAA will fill out the 65-team field that will lead to the promised land of the Final Four in Atlanta. By Monday morning, millions of Americans will have brackets in their e-mails or fax machines,

and baseball players at spring training will juggle two or three pools at a time.

The NCAA doesn't much like it, and some bosses fret that employees won't get their work done because they're watching games or perusing Web sites. But it's become an annual rite of spring enjoyed equally by Wall Street tycoons and the people who park their cars.

"It takes away the winter gloom and puts it into a spring fever," said Fred Kirsch, office manager at the Furniture and Appliance mart in Wausau, Wis., where 65 people have already signed up at \$20 apiece. "It takes away from the everyday work envi-

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BASKETBALL

Kobe’s back!

Bryant returns a hero to Lower Merion High School in Philadelphia

BY DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

ARDMORE, Pa. Even in the stuffed halls of his former high school, where he is fervently pursued by wide-eyed students with pens and cell phone cameras in hand, Kobe Bryant can feel at ease.

At Lower Merion High School, Bryant is not the former accused rapist with a tarnished public image, the player who ran off Shaq, or even a “HOMETOWN ZERO” — which the Philadelphia Daily News blasted over his photo on the back page of Friday’s paper.

No, here, Kobe Bryant is nothing but a hero. Kobe Bryant is home.

“He’s my idol,” said Tobi Ajiro-tutu, an 11th grade junior varsity basketball player.

“This is pretty special,” added varsity team captain Adam Ellison.

Bryant is still the most popular guy around at Lower Merion High, in the Philadelphia suburbs, and his trip back on Friday before the Lakers played the 76ers sent the student population into a frenzy not unlike when he led the 1996 basketball team to a state championship.

“It brings me back to where it all began, before everything got started,” Bryant said.

The Los Angeles Lakers star took soft-ball questions, flashed a warm smile during a pep talk and visited with old teachers when he wasn’t tailed by a growing mob of students astonished that the All-Star had dropped by just to say hello and “smell the gym.”

One message he wanted to get across: Philly and Lower Merion is always in his heart.

“It’s always been there,” Bryant said. “Since I’ve been playing in the NBA, I always come back. Always. I’ll never forget what the school has done for me, what the city has done for me.”

While the students love him, the relationship between Philly fans and Bryant has been strained ever since the 2001 NBA finals against the Sixers when he said he was “coming to Philly to cut their hearts out.”

That began an unforgiving attitude from the often-brutal, always-booming Sixers fanatics that’s lasted to this day.

When commissioner David Stern presented Bryant with the All-Star game MVP trophy in 2002 in Philadelphia, the boos were long and loud and he later said he was hurt.

Bryant’s been booed ever since and expected a similar response Friday night.

“I don’t think that’s ever going to fully change,” said Bryant’s high school coach, Gregg Downer. “I do know that if he played for the Sixers, he’d be worshipped.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Basketball
Livingston scheduled for reconstructive knee surgery

Los Angeles Clippers guard Shaun Livingston is scheduled to have reconstructive surgery on his left knee Tuesday in Alabama.

Livingston tore parts of his anterior cruciate ligament, posterior cruciate ligament, medial collateral ligament and lateral meniscus in a victory over Charlotte on Feb. 26. The Clippers’ third-year pro may be sidelined for a year or more.

Orthopedic surgeon James Andrews will perform the surgery at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Birmingham.

The 21-year-old Livingston, taken by the Clippers out of Peoria (Ill.) Central High School with the fourth pick in the 2004 draft, has been hampered by injuries and has yet to play a full season in the NBA.

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Speedskating
Ohno returns and wins world title

Five-time Olympic medalist Apolo Anton Ohno returned to international competition Friday and won the 1,500 meters at the World Short Track Speedskating Championships.

The American won with a time of 2 minutes, 33.793 seconds. Nicola Rodigari of Italy was second in 2:33.841, and Olympic champion Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea was third at 3:22.818.

Ohno took nearly a yearlong break after winning the 500 and taking two bronzes at the Turin Games in 2006. He started training again only two months ago and won the eighth national title of his career at the U.S. championships in Cleveland last month.

At the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, Ohno won gold in the 1,500.

AP

Baseball
Bradley to play center while Kotsay out

Milton Bradley felt like he had a kindred spirit in Mark Kotsay. The two Oakland outfielders are next-door neighbors in the Athletics’ clubhouse and are close in other ways too.

“I look in his eyes and I see the same fire I have in my eyes,” Bradley said. “It’s tough not seeing him in there and not playing with on an every day basis.”

Kotsay has back surgery Thursday in Los Angeles and likely will be sidelined for three months. Dr. Robert Watkins termed the procedure to repair a herniated disk successful.

The back has bothered the 31-year-old center fielder for the past two seasons.

“We’ll have to deal with it,” said Bradley, who becomes Oakland’s starting center fielder. “I know he agonized over it the past couple of years. It’s good he’s taking care of it so he doesn’t have to go out and play in pain.”

Kotsay first injured his back running into the outfield wall while with the San Diego Padres in 2003. Kotsay started 96 of the A’s first 111 games through Aug. 6 last year, but the back problem limited him to 25 starts over the final 51 regular-season games.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 6
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
Number of wet days -- 8
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 31
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 14

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

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Togetherness works, Taurus

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)
★★★★ Where previously you might have become bogged down in the quicksand of misunderstanding, you turn in a new direction. Though you often want to see the big picture, you might need to be pushed by circumstances. Tonight: Let your mind relax to a good movie or great music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Details help you focus on what you want. A misunderstanding serves in a similar manner. Scope out the complete story and understand the demands of someone you must answer to. Tonight: Togetherness works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to leap over problems and look at the possibilities. You obviously might be pushed to see the big picture rather than get caught in the petty and banal. What annoys you might need changing. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Investigation indicates that others need some help. Some people might be slightly more direct, for better or for worse. Try not to have an argument. Try to make a leap of faith. You have what it takes. Know it and act accordingly. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Let your imagination rock and roll. If you feel disconnected, know that you might need to work through some problems or a misunderstanding. With your imagination and good will, there's nothing that can't be resolved. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Home and family star in this odd but dynamic day. You cannot escape dealing with some of the fundamental issues, nor do you want to. Consider what might be making a difference in a key bond. Tonight: Say "yes" to living and acting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You say what you mean but sometimes might have an oblique manner. Work on consistency and understanding. You might need to rethink what is important in a relationship. Do you want to fight? Tonight: Out and about with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Expenses go way overboard. You might need to rope in different expenditures and spending in general. You might want to look at life differently. Loosen up and relax with someone. Tonight: What might be going on around you could be a distinct reflection of your own behavior.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You finally gain a sense of relief and understanding. The Moon moves into your sign, perhaps causing some swift changes on the domestic front, but you can handle these issues, especially now. Tonight: All grins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
HHH Know when it's time to retreat. You might have tried hard enough to convince someone in your immediate environment that you have the right idea. This person still might swerve in a strange direction. Tonight: You cannot control everyone all of the time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You know what you want. Clearly, you will be able to go through whatever's necessary in order to arrive at the needed end results. You might want to think carefully before you say something that cannot be taken back. Tonight: In the middle of the action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be more impulsive than you realize. Know when to back off or do something totally different. Spontaneous action might stem from anger or sublimated and repressed feelings. Try to contact a sense of hurt or anger before acting. Tonight: A must appearance.

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British royalty Prince Edward (1964)
Actress Sharon Stone (1958)
Singer Carrie Underwood (1983)



Happy Birthday!
You might want to frequently take actions that aren't helpful. Learning to understand where you are coming from could be very important when dealing with the many people in your life. Ninety percent of the time, ideas, actions and statements that are thought out will draw better results than acting without forethought. Learn self-discipline, and you will greet new and changed relationships. If you are single, learning to relate will be challenging this year, especially as you are likely to meet someone who triggers your issues. If you are attached, learning to pull away and accept.

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Double time

Hurley weds again, this time in a traditional Indian shindig

ELIZABETH HURLEY and Arun Nayar were married Friday in a traditional Hindu ceremony at Umaid Bhavan Palace. It was the second wedding for the couple in a week.

"We will be doing Hindu rituals, and they will walk around a holy fire seven times," said a Hindu priest, who declined to be named, before entering the palace.

The 41-year-old British actress-model and Nayar, a 42-year-old Indian busi-

nessman, were first wed in a private civil ceremony in a castle outside London. They have been celebrating with a week of lavish parties in Mumbai and in the desert state of Rajasthan.

Earlier Friday, noted Indian designer Rohit Bal told the Press Trust of India news agency that Hurley would wear a white "lehanga" and "chunni" – a traditional Indian embroidered skirt and blouse – detailed in silver. Nayar was

to wear a matching "sherwani," a tight-fitting knee-length coat, Bal said.

The hour-long Hindu wedding ceremony was expected to be followed by a procession of elaborately painted elephants, camels and horses through the grounds of Umaid Bhavan, a massive sandstone domed palace turned luxury hotel.

The wedding party was then expected to move to the imposing Mehrangarh Fort that overlooks

Jodhpur's famed old blue city for a final moonlight party. The couple and about 250 guests arrived in Jodhpur on Wednesday.

"We have been partying all night these days and get hardly any time for sleep," Evelyn Lauder, senior corporate vice president of The Estee Lauder Cos., told The Times of India newspaper. "I doubt if even the couple are getting enough sleep."

Security around the wedding party was intense,

and roads leading to the venues were blocked. A team of security guards flown in from London were bolstered by another 50 guards from Mumbai.

Hurley appeared in the "Austin Powers" and "Bedazzled" films, and for several years was the international face of Estee Lauder cosmetics. Her 4-year-old son, Damian, accompanied the couple on their trip to India.

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Mayer going to 'Nola

Grammy-winning singer **JOHN MAYER** has been added to the lineup of the 2007 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

Mayer, who will perform May 5, joins headliners Rod Stewart, Steely Dan, Norah Jones, ZZ Top, John Legend, Brad Paisley, Van Morrison and Ludacris for the festival that spans two weekends in April and May.

As in previous years, a host of New Orleans native

favorites will perform both weekends, including Harry Connick Jr., Irma Thomas, Branford Marsalis, Allen Toussaint, Better Than Ezra and the Rebirth Brass Band.

Connick will close the festival May 6. He is expected to perform selections from his "Oh, My Nola" album, which covers New Orleans standards linked with the likes of Toussaint, Dr. John and

Louis Armstrong and includes original material.

The festival runs April 27-29 and May 4-6 at the New Orleans Fair Grounds, a horse racing track that flooded and was seriously damaged by Hurricane Katrina. More than 80 percent of the performers are from Louisiana.

This festival will be the second since Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005.

AP

Winslet wins damages from magazine

KATE WINSLET was awarded substantial libel damages Friday after a British magazine wrongly stated that she had visited a diet doctor.

The 31-year-old actress, known for her criticism of excessive dieting, wasn't at London's High Court for the hearing on an article published last month by women's magazine Grazia.

Winslet's lawyer, Rachel

Atkins, said the story wrongly stated that Winslet had sought the help of California-based Chinese herbalist Yi Pan for her weight, despite vowing not to bow to Hollywood pressure on actresses to be skinny.

Atkins said Winslet had visited Pan for a neck injury.

Grazia printed an apology in its March 5 issue, say-

ing it was "very happy to set the record straight."

Winslet, a five-time Oscar nominee, said in a statement that she was delighted by the outcome, adding that the magazine had apologized to her in full.

"I am not a hypocrite," she said. "I have always been, and shall continue to be, honest when it comes to body/weight issues." AP



VAN HALEN IN REHAB

EDDIE VAN HALEN has said he will enter rehab for unspecified reasons.

In a statement addressed to fans Thursday on Van Halen's Web site, the guitarist said he decided to seek treatment because "at the moment I do not feel that I can give you my best."

"That's why I have decided to enter a rehabilitation facility to work on myself, so that in the future I can deliver the 110 percent that I feel I owe you and want to give you," the statement said.

AP

Author Littell becomes French citizen

American novelist **JONATHAN LITTELL**, whose award-winning, 900-page World War II opus is written in French, has been granted French nationality.

Littell was officially granted French citizenship on Wednesday, months after he won France's most prestigious literary award, the Goncourt Prize, for "Les Bienveillantes," or "The Kindly Ones," last November, Le Figaro newspaper reported Friday.

Littell had already made two unsuccessful attempts to obtain French citizenship before his best-selling book was published last August.

But French authorities refused both applications

because Littell – a former humanitarian aid worker and the son of American spy novel writer Robert Littell – did not meet a condition stipulating that applicants must live in the country for at least six months a year. Littell lives in Barcelona, Spain, with his two children and their Belgian mother.

It was a meeting with French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin following the publication of "The Kindly Ones" that put the author's application back on track. With Villepin's chief of staff personally backing the application, authorities made use of an obscure article of

the nationality code allowing for French speakers whose "meritorious actions contribute to the glory of France" to be granted citizenship.

Under French law, Americans who become French are allowed to keep their American citizenship.

"The Kindly Ones," Littell's second book, is a first-person account of the Nazis' murderous campaign in Eastern Europe as told by former SS officer Maximilien Aue.

Littell was born in 1967 into a literary family. His father, Robert Littell, is known for such spy novels as "Legends" and "An Agent in Place." At age 20,

Jonathan Littell published his first book, an unsuccessful science fiction novel called "Bad Voltage." It was written in English.

After graduating from Yale University, Littell worked for a French humanitarian aid organization in Bosnia, Chechnya and Congo. The horrors he witnessed in those war-ravaged lands partly inspired "The Kindly Ones," Littell has said. He chose to write the book in French as a tribute to two of his favorite authors, Stendhal and Gustave Flaubert. The book's English translation is to be published 2008.

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GOLD

	9		1			7		
6	1	5			8		3	
8		2			3		1	
	5			6	2			
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		7			9		5	

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	1	3	4	9	5	8	7
7	5	4	6	2	8	3	1	9
8	3	9	7	1	5	6	4	2
3	4	2	8	7	1	9	6	5
1	7	5	4	9	6	2	3	8
9	6	8	5	3	2	1	7	4
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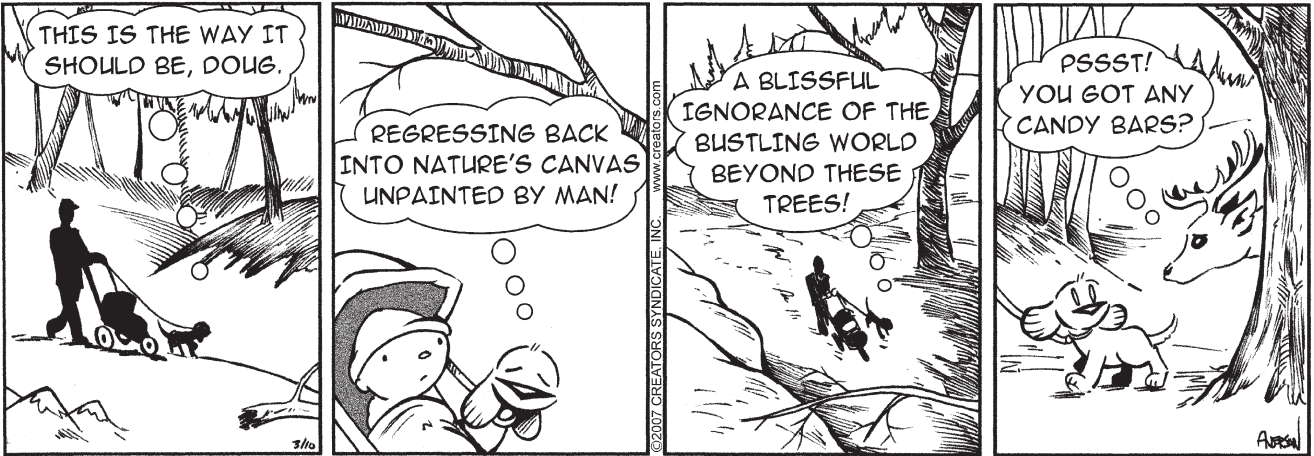
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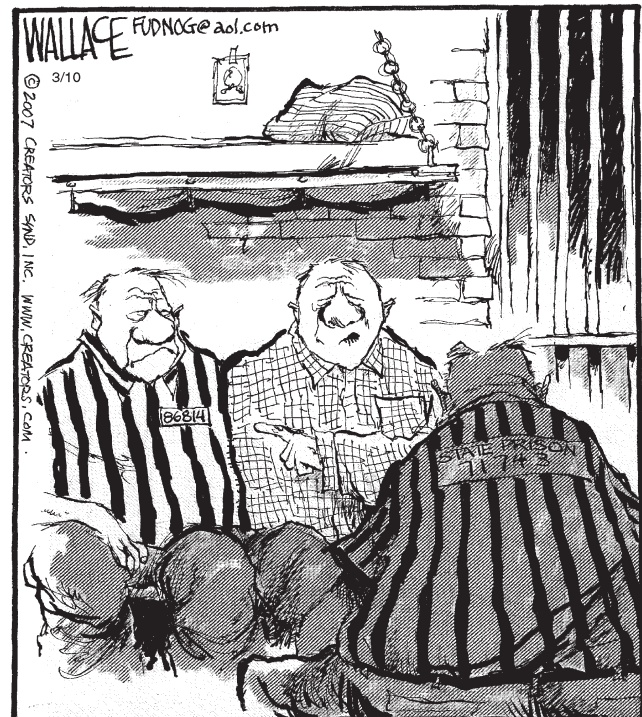


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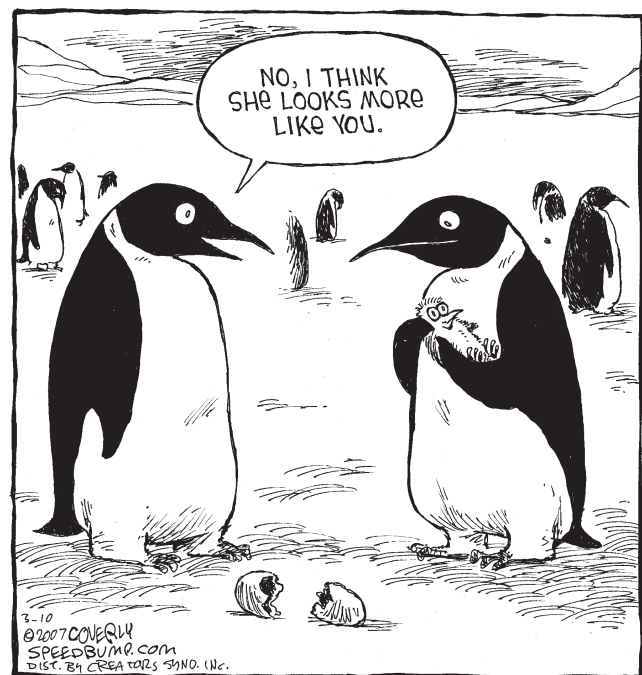
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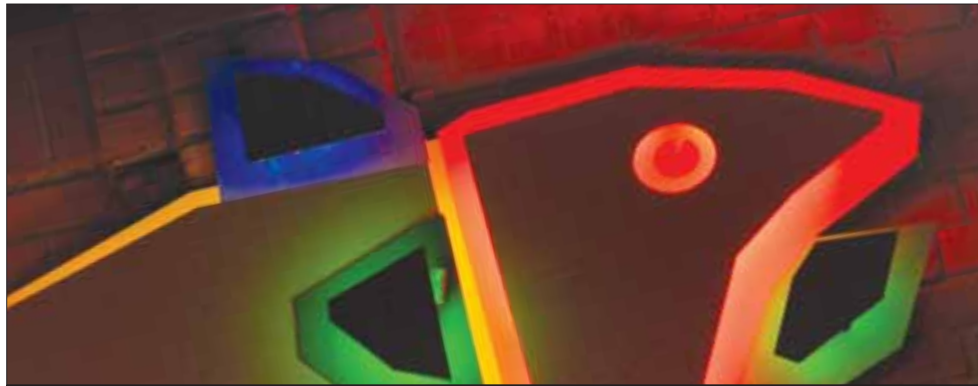


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5 Put in **44** Throws in

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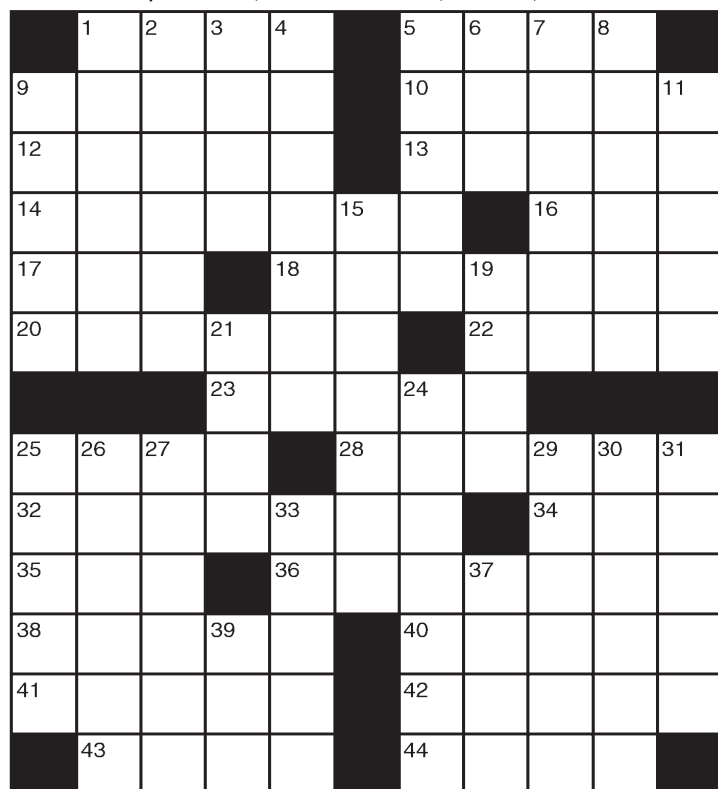
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13 African	belittles
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group	inspiration
14 Lack	4 Lettering
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cube	5 Record
17 Tell tales	company
18 Boston	6 Alias, for
team	short
20 Arthur's	7 Meal, in
adviser	slang
22 Wallet	8 Lure
bills	9 Empire

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Yesterday's answer

11 Shot in the dark	27 Comfortable
15 Pivotal	29 Not raw
19 Swamp croaker	30 Venomous vipers
21 Mando- lin's kin	31 Hammer ends
24 Yacht contest	33 Light wood
25 Bra part	37 Hotel worker
26 Blackout criminal	39 Court hit

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■ Dr. Hugh Tilson, 67, an award-winning public-health researcher at the University of North Carolina, was arrested in January in a men's room at the Atlanta airport and charged with public indecency. Also in January, Lord Justice Richards, 56 (and one of Britain's most senior judges), was arrested for allegedly exposing himself to a woman on a train. And in February, William French Anderson, a world-renowned geneticist, 70 (and runner-up as Time magazine Man of the Year in 1995), was sentenced in Los Angeles to 14 years in prison for molesting an employee's daughter for four years beginning at age 10. Said Anderson, according to court records, "(S)omething in me was just evil."

■ **Least Competent Criminals:** (1) Clenzo Thompson, 45, was arrested in New York City in January after allegedly robbing the same Commerce Bank branch twice in three days. The first robbery ended when the chemical dye in the money bag exploded and spooked him, and he apparently failed to learn from that, in that the second robbery's money bag also exploded. (And three years earlier, Thompson had been caught after another bank robbery after having accidentally dropped his ID on the bank floor.) (2) Michael J. DeWitt, 39, was arrested for DUI in Fort Wayne, Ind., in February after he drove erratically into the parking lot of an Indiana State Police station early in the morning and told officers that he was there "to get a room." (A Holiday Inn was next door.) (Police later said they matched DeWitt's Hummer to the vehicle that minutes earlier had collided with a car nearby and left the scene.)

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1496 Christopher Columbus leaves Hispaniola for Spain, ending his second visit to the Western Hemisphere.

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1917 Batangas was formally founded as one of the Philippines's earliest encomiendas.

1933 An earthquake in Long Beach, California kills 120 people.

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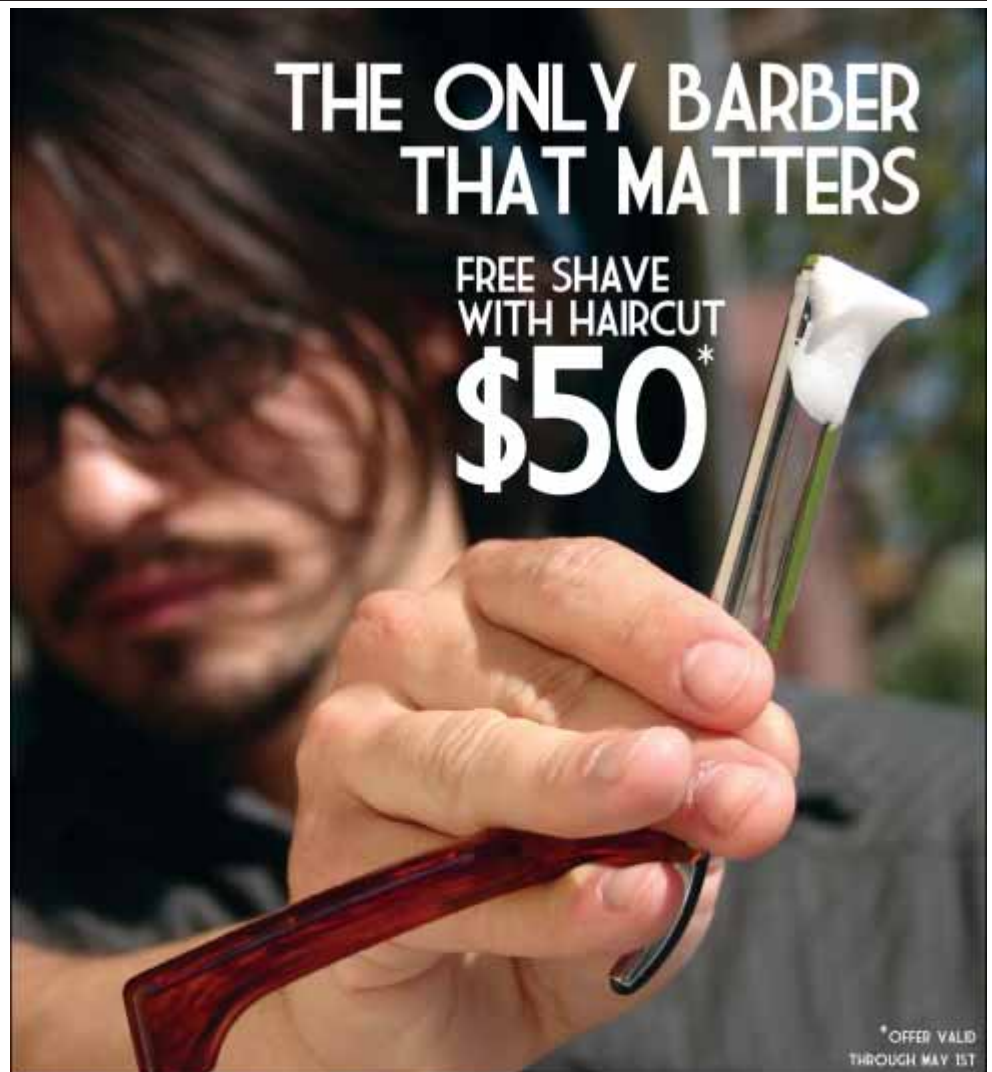
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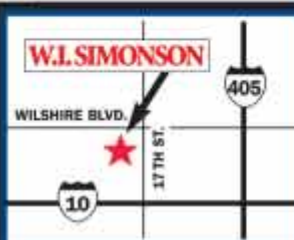


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