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'Black widows' case finally begins

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, LA It was the moment they had all been waiting for.

After months of delays and waiting, Santa Monica landlord Helen Golay, 76, finally had her day in court on Monday, starting the first day of an expected three-day preliminary hearing at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

It's been almost 10 months since Golay and her alleged accomplice, Olga Rutterschmidt, a Hungarian immigrant from Hollywood who turned 74 last Monday, were arrested for federal mail fraud charges. Those charges were later

dropped when the Los Angeles County District Attorney filed murder charges against the pair in late July of 2007.

The trial has been marked by delay after delay, as the preliminary hearing date wasn't set until just a few months ago. The latest postponement occurred last month when the preliminary hearing date of Feb. 20 was postponed to Monday.

Even the beginning of the preliminary hearing date on Monday was delayed for an hour in order for Judge David Wesley to conclude another trial.

The pair of women are accused of murdering Paul Vados, 73, and Kenneth McDavid, 50, both of whom were killed in separate yet similar hit-and-run incidents in 1999 and 2005, respectively. Investigators believe that Golay and

Rutterschmidt concocted a scheme in which they befriended the two men when they were still homeless, setting them up in apartments and gaining their trust. The women then allegedly convinced Vados and McDavid to sign them onto their life insurance policies.



RUTTERSCHMIDT



GOLAY

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Day in the sun

Linda Hackman, left, leans up against her husband Jerry Hackman during the peak of afternoon temperatures on Monday at Santa Monica Beach. The Hackman's are in town on vacation from Columbus Ohio and are enjoying the recent winter heat wave hitting the area. Temps reached the 80s Monday, but are expected to subside a bit Tuesday according the National Weather Service.

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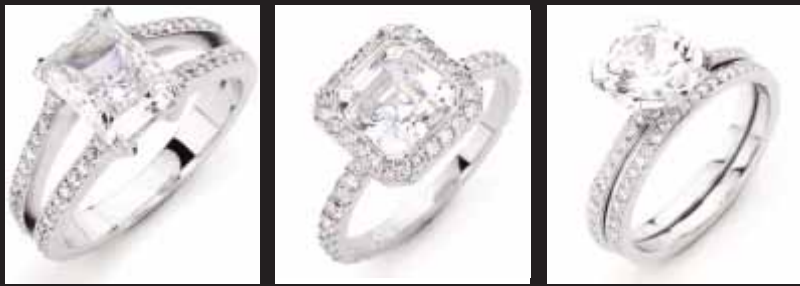
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The Kieskamma Altarpiece was made by women of the Kieskamma Art Project to celebrate the strength of an African community ravaged by AIDS where grandmothers bear the responsibility of raising orphaned children. Made with embroidery, painting and photographs, this triptych was inspired by the famous Issenheim Altarpiece. The piece will be set up and available for viewing in the church sanctuary; free of charge.

Green Living Workshop

2811 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Each six-week Sustainable Works' course is designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, and protect their health. Cost is \$25 for the full six weeks. Group meets at the Green Party Headquarters. To reserve a space, call Anna Cummins at (310) 458-8716.

Afternoon fiction book group at the Main Branch

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

The selected book for March is 'Arthur & George' by Julian Barnes. Group meets in the Community Room of the Main Branch Library.

For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Basic Bike Maintenance

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

REI offers a complimentary informative class on how to lube a chain, fix a flat tire quickly and make other minor adjustments to a bicycle.

'Junk Drawers'

3301 Pico Blvd., coffeehouse hours

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

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Demystifying the Casting Process

1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

A casting panel discussion with Tim Angle, Jeanie Bacharach, Heidi Levitt, Phyllis Schuringa, Debra Zane and others.

'Choosing the Right Business'

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

The Entrepreneur's Source presents a free seminar on choosing the right business at the Main Branch of the Santa Monica Library. Seating is limited; only the first 30 will be admitted. Call (310) 450-3959 for information.

'Vision Statement'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Law of Attraction group is hosting a seminar on how to create vision statements. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.lawofattraction.meetup.com/99.

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Green Living Workshops

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Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, presents six-week courses designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, eliminate junk mail and protect their health.

Group meets at the Wild Oats community room.

For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 1.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

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



Trying to cut down commute

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE While he lives only 20 miles from his office at City Hall, Deputy City Attorney Ivan Campbell spends about two hours of his day in his car commuting, and that's only if he leaves before or after rush hour. If he decides to follow the rest of the herd, it can take even longer.

That's because Campbell lives in Carson — not by choice, but out of necessity. Even though he has a steady, well-paying job with benefits, Campbell can't seem to break into the high-priced housing market in Santa Monica.

"I considered staying close, but I couldn't afford it," said Campbell, who rented in Venice before moving south for more affordable housing. "It's too expensive to own if you're single out in the Los Angeles area and Santa Monica even more so."

Campbell hopes to move closer to Santa Monica, probably within the next three to five years, but if there was some kind of incentive offered by City Hall, he would be able to relocate sooner, he said.

"There's a huge need for affordable housing, some sort of city-subsidized housing," Campbell said. "I know the city offers incentives for ridesharing, but I don't know if there are any incentives to actually live here."

"There's a huge workforce here and for about 95 percent of them, living here is impossible."

City Manager Lamont Ewell is looking to change that. The Santa Monica resident has formed a workforce housing committee comprised of community leaders, high-ranking executives in the private and public sector and a major contractor to develop solutions to a crisis that is affecting not just Santa Monica, but many cities where young professionals making a livable wage are still priced-out.

"About 80 percent of employees in the city are commuting back and forth to work, and then we wonder why we are having such challenges with traffic and our local streets being so congested," Ewell said.

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Oh, baby

People check out a huge image of a newborn baby surrounded by hundreds of colorful rubber ducks at the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday.

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Cabrillo port faces battle

BY KEVIN HERRERA
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MALIBU Assemblywoman Julia Brownley has joined a growing list of environmentalists, elected officials and celebrities who are opposed to a natural gas processing plant 20 miles off the coast of Malibu near Oxnard.

Brownley was at a rally last weekend at the Malibu Pier, where she joined former "James Bond" star and environmentalist Pierce Brosnan and his wife Keely Smith, along with residents and her colleagues in the state Legislature to voice her objections to the project, which is currently under consideration by state and federal authorities.

If approved, the \$800-million plant, dubbed Cabrillo Port, would become the first liquefied natural gas terminal built on the West Coast.

"Each one of us has a moral obligation to keep this ocean clean, to protect its vast range of critical habitats, to be its steward,"

Brownley, a resident of Santa Monica, said. "And when we use it, to use it responsibly and gently, not to exploit it in reckless ways that carry unnecessary and unjustifiable risks."

"Cabrillo Port is a big risk."

ries and power plants, to become the portal through which California receives natural gas from Australia.

Californians are the largest consumers of natural gas in the nation, with about 35-45

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The press conference came one day after a comprehensive study on the proposal was released, stating that the project poses substantial environmental and safety concerns for the California coast.

BHP Billiton, one of the largest energy companies in the world, wants its terminal, capable of processing 800 million cubic feet of natural gas daily for use in homes, facto-

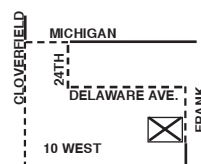
percent of all electricity used in the state generated by natural gas, a figure that is expected to rise nearly 44 percent by 2013, according to the California Energy Commission.

With several regulatory hearings on the project set to begin in April, the study says

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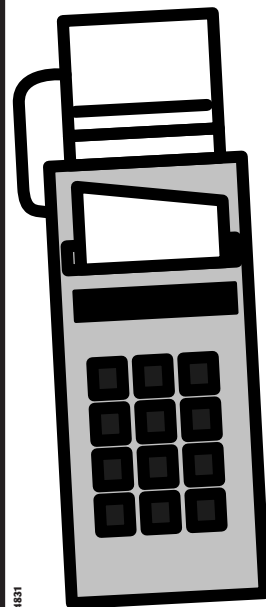


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wi-fi lowlights

Editor:

According to Council member Kevin McKeown, "It is time to resume the reform fight" but he only considers "outsider developer money" to be at odds with resident interests. I strenuously beg to differ.

What about business interests inside the city that are at odds with the needs of "voter-owned" elections, like developers, car dealers, tourism and other interests that increase the tax base? Do we need more tax revenues so the city council can provide work force housing to pay back city employees for their loyal endorsement of incumbents like McKeown? Do we need more so called low income housing so the city can profit from HUD subsidies?

What about special interests like the coalition between CEPS, SMRR, City Employees and Living Wage advocates? Seems like there is far more concern to foster dependency by providing grants to the homeless industry (who just happen to support incumbents) than to assess the impact all this compassion has on the residents who have been driven from their parks and libraries.

Seems like the hotels and outside developers, despite their huge investment, failed in their attempt to oust incumbents who pander to the other special interests who really run this city. If McKeown really wants to see a level playing field why not limit the amount of money incumbents can raise and provide matching funds for candidates who aren't endorsed by any special interests? Here's is another radical concept: Term Limits...

Now that Los Angeles will be providing WiFi to residents, will Santa Monica will follow their lead? Will our council finally reinstate a Public Electronic Network on the city website to give residents a voice? I doubt it...

Do we need to keep the airport open for those wealthy enough to afford landing fees, when all that land could be put to public use? Outside developers continue to build all over Santa Monica, or am I the only one that notices the boom in construction? I know I am not the only one who notices the parking and traffic chaos from policies like increasing foreign enrollment at our "community" college...

We voted for school bonds because we were told it would go to upgrade facilities, etc. Truth is that teachers were really lobbying for a salary increase for themselves. Shall we expect a raise for city employees, too?

So who really owns the elections in Santa Monica? Certainly not the resident voters who do whatever they are told by the ruling coalition. It's time for the voters of this city to wake up to who really has a voice in city government!

Jonathan Mann
Internet activist



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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A picture tells the story of a life lost

I WAS READING THE OBITUARIES THIS weekend. Looking out at me from the black and white pages, were pictures of people who had lived lives and had created enough love in their life to make someone want to publish their name and their picture and tell a bit about their life in the paper.

For most people, this is how they will be getting into the paper. Most people lead lives of marriage, job, family. It is a quiet life that most people actually seek. They just want to have happy holidays and fond memories of playing with the kids and have a place to call their own.

Most obituaries are just what you expect. An older person, whose life was full has passed away. Generally peacefully, frequently in bed, and mostly at night. As we age, we come to want this sort of "happy death." A way of leaving this world with dignity and grace. You can skip most obituaries, because they are generally not all that different.

But there are those that you can't not read. The ones that reach out and grab you.

For me, it is almost always a picture that does the grabbing. Usually of some fresh-faced young man, in uniform, with a stoic look on his face, being the warrior. Sometimes it is that same young man, but in a moment of happiness. He was caught off-guard, and the joy of his life shows through.

This weekend it was of a young man playing with his two kids. It was the sort of scene that most parents witness hundreds of times. Dad playing with the kids, who are screaming in terror and joy, they are excited to be playing with dad, but can't take anymore tickling, but don't stop it either.

I didn't read the headline. I couldn't. I could barely stop the tears from coming down my face. All it took was to see the picture and I knew the story.

The actual particulars of the story weren't necessary for me to feel the pain. The actual way in which this, one, young man died, were not the point. And that's not to say his death was of no concern, quite the contrary, each one adds to the collective pain of the people we send to die in foreign lands.

It turns out that this particular soldier was kidnapped and executed, versus, being bombed, or snipered. But the point is, he is just as dead. This one just happened to be a man who was trying to help an Iraqi child with a heart problem. He was also trying to get life restarted by working with beekeepers in Iraq.

He is described in his obituary as a humanitarian. He was assigned to the Civil Affairs department. The irony of a man working in "civil affairs" being kidnapped and killed in such an uncivilized way, is not lost on me.

I've frequently said that I would like to be President. I would really enjoy the use of Air Force One, and having the White House to throw some fabulous parties would certainly be a boon to my social life.

But I don't know how Presidents send men to die. I don't know how to lead men to their deaths, and I certainly don't know how leaders sleep at night, knowing that as they sleep, others are doing their bidding and dying in the process.

I watch movies like "Patton" or "Alexander." I've read Shakespeare's "Henry V," and I remember the moving speech given by Harry, right before the battle of Agincourt. "We few, we happy few." And through it all, I cannot wrap my head around how these leaders are able to ask men to die for them. It makes no sense to me.

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I suppose there is a certain amount of resignation involved, in that as President, one must be resigned to the fact that people die every day. That taking on a big project means sometimes people die, and that they know the risks of taking on a job like being in the military. I assume that part of wanting to be President is knowing that part of the job is sending people to their deaths and accepting it.

So I guess I'll never be President, because I cry over the death of a man I've never met, whose family is unknown to me, and whose sacrifice is beyond me.

Captain Bryan Freeman, we never met, but I cried for you today.

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Guest Commentary

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A close look at Obama does little to clear view

THE 2004 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL Convention ushered in a political celebrity after Illinois State Senator Barack Obama gave the keynote address. America found a new star and Obama won a seat to the U.S. Senate.

Obama proved a busy senator as he sponsored 152 bills in the next two years, including one to extend the college Pell Grant loan program. He also backed a bill to increase aid to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Obama has worked on immigration reform and has served on four senate committees, including foreign relations and veteran's affairs.

Last month Obama announced his candidacy for president and the media has been in a feeding frenzy since. The public is enamored with Obama's speaking prowess and his charismatic personality. His campaign is attracting Hollywood stars and big bucks. But how much do we know about Obama?

His mixed parentage is common knowledge — white mother, Kenyan father. Obama obtained his law degree from Harvard Law School, taught law at the University of Chicago Law School and served as a state senator in Illinois from 1996 to 2000 and again in 2002.

A short but sterling stint for a new politician. But there's more. In order to consider Barack Obama for president, all sides must be considered and weighed. We must know the good and the bad about any candidate.

First comes the issue of Obama's blind trust. After taking senate office in 2005, Obama invested \$50,000 in individual stocks at his broker's advice. One company was AVI Biopharma, which was developing a drug to treat the Avian flu. Two weeks after he bought the stock, Obama pushed for more federal funding to fight the disease. Coincidence or blind ambition?

Another company was Skyterra, shares of which are owned by some of Obama's financial backers. One of them is Jared Abbruzzese, a New York businessman who is now at the center of a federal inquiry into public corruption. Abbruzzese, who normally backs Republican causes, must have converted to the Democratic Party. He donated \$10,000 to Obama's Political Action Committee. Change of political philosophy or something else?

Obama is not the only senator who has been embarrassed with blind investment trusts. Tennessee Senator Trent Lott, a former doctor, had a blind trust that gave him bad publicity. One of the stocks in it was a

family-run business and questions of insider trading were raised at the time. The matter was smoothed over and soon forgotten.

A second question over Obama comes through his prior real estate transactions. Obama paid \$1.65 million for a mansion in Chicago. Not bad for a state senator. Antoin Rezko, a now-indicted political fund raiser, bought an adjoining undeveloped lot and both properties closed on the same day. Later in 2005, Obama wanted to enlarge his yard so he paid Rezko \$104,500 for a strip of his land. This price was above the appraised value.

Eventually, Rezko was indicted for his role in an alleged pay-to-play scheme designed to fatten Illinois Governor Blagojevich's political fund and for bilking a creditor. Rezko and Obama have been friends since 1990.

When I heard about this, a red light came up. I know that in the world of illicit drug trade, a favorite method of laundering dirty money is real estate deals. Such transactions have never been successfully connected to the drug trade according to the FBI and the DEA. However, Rezko has been known to skirt the law and Obama did pay above the appraised value for Rezko's land. Paying above appraised value for real estate is fairly rare.

Bad business practice or something else? No one is accusing either man of anything illegal, but questions do pop to mind.

Finally, I am concerned about the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago which Obama attends. More specifically, I question the theological philosophy of the pastor of this 10,000-member mega-church, Dr. Jeremiah Wright.

Wright's politics are a bit questionable. He openly admits to having taken a trip with Louis Farrakhan to visit Moammar Gadhafi in 1984. Why is a confessed Christian traveling and fellowshiping with two Muslims? Farrakhan makes no secret of his agenda of a black separatist nation within the borders of America. Black Muslims in America generally support Farrakhan's separatist agenda.

So why is Wright hanging out with these two Muslims?

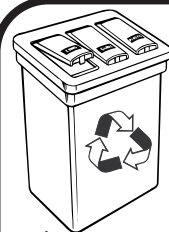
Does this remind you of a combination of Christianity and Black Muslim philosophy? It should. The Civil Rights Law of 1964 did not encourage black separatism nor did it encourage black supremacy.

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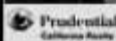
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Car fire possibly ignited Anaheim blaze

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM A 2,036-acre wildfire that damaged two homes was ignited by flames that spread from a stolen car that was intentionally set ablaze during strong Santa Ana winds, a fire official said Monday.

Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief Ed Fleming, however, stopped short of calling the wildfire arson because it wasn't clear if the intent was to start a wildfire or simply cover up criminal evidence.

"They have confirmed that it was a stolen car and that the car was intentionally ignited," Fleming said. "As we fight the fire, they are trying to come up with every lead possible to figure out who did this and why and what their motive was."

The blaze charred the equivalent of three square miles and temporarily forced hundreds of people from their homes in the Anaheim Hills area of Orange County. On

Monday, it was 80 percent contained with full containment expected by 6 p.m.

The red flag alert, indicating a high fire danger, was in effect in much of Southern California, where dry weather has left chaparral-covered hills highly combustible.



IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE'RE ALWAYS 24 HOURS AWAY FROM HAVING A WIND-DRIVEN, LOW HUMIDITY FIRE."

Capt. Ian MacDonald, city of Orange

"In Southern California, we're always 24 hours away from having a wind-driven, low humidity fire," said fire Capt. Ian MacDonald from the city of Orange, which borders Anaheim Hills. "The weather is cooperating at this point."

Stoked by hot, dry winds on Sunday, the

fire spread south and west and threatened multimillion-dollar homes about 35 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Residents of about 500 homes were evacuated for several hours, but most were able to return Sunday night. Two homes and

another structure were damaged, and a fourth structure was destroyed, said Capt. Steve Miller of the Orange County Fire Authority.

Temperatures hit record highs Sunday in many spots, including a 97-degree reading in nearby Fullerton. The city's previous record

high for the day was 84 degrees in 1959.

Winds gusted up to 49 mph, and humidity hovered around 5 percent.

Those high temperatures continued Monday, with a high of 92 degrees in Santa Ana and temperatures elsewhere reaching into the 80s and 90s. A cooldown of about 10 degrees was expected for Tuesday.

Richard Steffy said he saw the fire from his window when he awoke Sunday.

"Boom, billows of smoke," he said.

Susan Snell, who has lived in Anaheim Hills for 23 years, followed a well-worn routine. She put her cat in a carrier, packed tax and insurance papers and photographs and left.

"It's freaky what you end up taking with you," she said, watching television for updates at the Anaheim Hills Community Center.

The dry weather comes two years after the region was awash with a near-record 37 inches of rain.

Peace activists rally at Pelosi's San Francisco residence

By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A few dozen peace activists marched across the Golden Gate Bridge and gathered outside the San Francisco home of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sunday, demanding that Congress stop funding the war in Iraq.

"San Francisco has been against this war from the very beginning," said Toby Blome, a physical therapist who organized the event.

"This is our fifth year of the war, and Nancy needs to wake up and represent San Franciscans."

Blome, holding a plate of cheese and bread and a glass of wine, was stopped on her way to Pelosi's front door and told the Speaker would not see them.

Blom and about ten other activists said they plan to camp outside the residence overnight.

"Speaker Pelosi shares the concerns of the

protesters about the disastrous war in Iraq. The Speaker has put the House of Representatives on course to chart a new direction for the American people and the war in Iraq," said Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill, in a statement.

"Led by the Speaker, Democrats have put forward legislation that will measure the Iraqi government's actions by the standards President Bush himself set, conforms deployment of our troops to existing mili-

tary standards for readiness and provides badly needed help to an overburdened military and veterans' medical system wracked by scandal."

Hammill would not say whether Pelosi was home Sunday or not.

The rally is the most recent "occupation" activists have staged in lawmakers' offices on Capitol Hill and in their home communities. U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel's office in Chicago was targeted on Thursday.

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Comic dead

Police investigating possible suicide by standup Richard Jeni

BY ANA BEATRIZ CHOLO
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Richard Jeni, a standup comedian who played to sold-out crowds and was a regular on the “Tonight Show,” died from a gunshot wound in an apparent suicide, police said Sunday.

Police found Jeni alive but gravely injured in a West Hollywood home after responding to a call Saturday morning from Jeni’s girlfriend reporting the comic had shot himself, Los Angeles Police Officer Norma Eisenman said.

He died after being rushed to a nearby hospital.

Eisenman said she could not confirm Jeni had killed himself and said the investigation was ongoing. She said the female caller told police: “My boyfriend shot himself in the face.”

Jeni appeared on the “The Tonight Show” and acted in the Jim Carrey movie “The Mask.”

Jeni was 49, said Lt. Mike Lopez, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. The coroner’s office also listed Jeni at 49.

An autopsy on Jeni would be done Monday, said Lt. Fred Corral from the investigation division of the coroner’s office.

Frazer Smith, standup comedian who often opened for Jeni and the emcee at the Ice House in Pasadena, where Jeni often performed, said young comedians looked up to him.

“He was probably one of the best standup comedians in the last 50 years,” said Smith. “He had tons and tons of material. He was looked up to by all the young comedians, a total pro.”

He regularly toured the country with a standup act and starred in several HBO comedy specials, most recently “A Big Steaming Pile of Me” during the cable network’s 2005-06 season.

Another HBO special, “Platypus Man,” won a Cable ACE award for best standup comedy special. It formed the basis for his UPN sitcom of the same name, which ran for one season.

Jeni wrote comic material for the 2005 Academy Awards, hosted by his friend Chris Rock.

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standup comedian

The comedian guest-starred in the TV shows “Everybody Hates Chris,” “Married: With Children,” and updated versions of the game shows “Hollywood Squares” and “Match Game.”

Jeni became a frequent guest on “The Tonight Show” during Johnny Carson’s reign and continued to appear after Jay Leno took over as host.

The Brooklyn-born comic first received national attention in 1990 with the Showtime special “Richard Jeni: Boy From New York City.” Two years later, his “Crazy From the Heat” special attracted the highest ratings in Showtime’s history.

Jeni’s movie credits included “The Mask,” playing Jim Carrey’s best friend.

Strip club owner gets 30 months in Las Vegas bribery scandal case

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS A former strip club owner who named names and gave graphic accounts of bribing Nevada and California politicians in a corruption probe known as “Operation G-Sting” was sentenced Monday to 2 1/2 years in federal prison.

Michael Galardi, 45, who bankrolled the political scandal, had been expected to get no more than five years under a 2003 plea deal that had him plead guilty and testify in federal bribery trials in San Diego and Las Vegas.

U.S. District Judge Larry Hicks in Las Vegas gave Galardi the break that prosecutors sought. The judge said that while Galardi led the conspiracy and paid bribes, he was not an elected official and had “cooperated fully” with the FBI and prosecutors.

“If anything should ever occur like this again,” the judge said, “I would hope the person most knowledgeable would come forward and provide substantial assistance to right the wrongs.”

Over the last four years, Galardi has complied with requirements to pay most of \$500,000 in fines and restitution, forfeit

\$3.85 million to the federal government and divest himself of business interests in his clubs in Las Vegas.

He apologized Monday to the judge and to the community.

“I’m very sorry for what I’ve done,” he said. “I’m responsible for what I did, and I’m willing to accept my punishment.”

Galardi last year told jurors of showering public officials with money, golf outings and sexual favors to gain business advantages for his clubs. Sometimes, he handed over blue velvet Crown Royal bags stuffed with cash that he carried around in the trunk of his car.

His testimony led to the conviction of two city council members in San Diego and two members of the powerful Clark County Commission in Las Vegas.

Two other Clark County commissioners pleaded guilty in the case — including Galardi’s lobbyist and bribery “bag man” Lance Malone.

Malone, 45, was sentenced last month by Hicks to six years in federal prison. On Monday, the judge repeated his characterization of the scandal as “one of the most reprehensible crimes of bribery and public corruption that has ever been prosecuted in the state of Nevada.”

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Program helps Native American youth learn, appreciate culture

BY DON COX
Associated Press Writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. The sun was setting, the temperature dropping and winter storm clouds were moving over the Sierra when Timmee Osorio sprang to his feet, yelling with delight.

"We've got a fire going!" said Timmee, smiling as he made the triumphant announcement.

Finally, warmth, and another step forward for Timmee in "Project Venture."

Only moments before, Timmee, 11, and eight other young members of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, had occupied a very cold spot of bare ground at the south end of Carson City.

Timmee's fire was the first. But soon after his shout, two other small piles of brush and twigs burst into flames as separate three-kid teams successfully completed their assignment in a vacant area near the recreation center of the tribe's Stewart Community.

The youngsters, ages 7 to 16, had learned to build campfires, one of the first in a series of projects that will culminate in June. That's when about 50 of the tribe's children and teenagers spend four days in the woods as the their final exam in a program the Washoe tribe hopes will preserve old traditions and prevent modern trouble.

"We can get them involved in outdoor cultural activities," said Ryan De Rose, a wilderness expert hired by the tribe to guide

the youngsters through Project Venture, "instead of being bored, which leads to gangs and drug use."

Last month, there was fire making. Later will come rock climbing, outdoor survival and other lessons.

"It allows them to see nature," said Waldo Walker, elected in October as chairman of the 1,800-member Washoe tribe when he defeated longtime leader Brian Wallace. "It allows them to get a chance to do things we didn't get a chance to do when I was growing up."



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Project Venture is more than camping out. The program, combining weekly classroom instruction with monthly outdoor excursions, is being used not just by the Washoe tribe, but on American Indian reservations across the country, where youngsters such as Timmee are hiking through forests, rafting rivers and climbing mountains.

"Ultimately, it's a prevention program," said Liz Garcia, Washoe tribe director for Project Venture. "It's about health and well-

ness, (preventing) drugs and alcohol."

Project Venture is part of the tribe's after-school program of activities — which range from cooking to Washoe language instruction — that take place daily from about 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"We provide a safe educational environment for our children," said Wanda Batchelor, chairwoman for the tribe's Stewart Community. "A lot of our parents work and aren't home until 6 o'clock. We target those times."

Stewart is one of four Washoe neighborhoods in the Carson City-Carson Valley area. Project Venture classes are conducted in each community, and the project's participants come together for monthly outings.

"With children, you always hear: 'There's nothing to do. There's nothing to do,'" said Richard Varner, a retired state law enforcement officer who is head of the tribe's police. "This is an effort on the tribe's part to keep them interested in something positive."

Voucher foes want statewide vote on matter

By the Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah Opponents of Utah's new school-voucher program are pledging to gather petition signatures to put the issue to a statewide vote.

"Advocates for vouchers say it's about having a choice," said Kim Burningham, chairman of the Utah State Board of Education. "If they really believe in choice, they should turn to the public and let them choose."

Utah lawmakers recently approved a sweeping program that gives families \$500 to \$3,000 per child to send children to private schools.

Burningham signed the application for a petition drive, along with the former leader of the Utah Education Association, the president of the Salt Lake City branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and others.

Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert has until Monday to judge the petition request.

If granted, a group calling itself Utahns for Public Schools would have 40 days to gather 92,000 signatures. If the threshold is met, Gov. Jon Huntsman could call a special election or put the issue on the 2008 ballot.

Burningham said a statewide vote is appropriate, given the one-vote margin of victory in the House on Feb. 2.

"We now have a new system with no new accountability," he said.

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 (7L15-8:45) 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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Dear Dorie

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Baby burnout hits exhausted mommy

Dear Dorie,

My son will be 11 months on Saturday! He is taking a few steps here and there, but definitely on his own walking along furniture and crawling so quickly that it is sometimes difficult to catch him. He loves saying "Da Da" and "bye bye." Only "Ma Ma" when he is crying. He loves his music class and is quite the percussionist. Just like his Daddy. He moves his body as soon as he hears music, shakes his hips and moves his head with a big smile on his face. Just like his Mommy.

All of this loveliness, but I am completely and totally exhausted. Dorie, why can't we get this child to sleep? I thought the 9th month was going to be our bad month but we got him to go down on his own for about 3 weeks, but still waking in the middle of the night. Now for some reason we can't even get him to go down anymore without him being hysterical and crying well into 10 minutes.

When he finally goes to sleep in my arms, totally limp, I put him down and he immediately rolls over and sits up. Lately I got in the habit of lying down with him on the couch or in bed in the middle of the night because my arms are about to fall off and I can hardly stand anymore. He doesn't even get comfortable with that. You can tell he wants to sleep but just is not comfortable. Sometimes when he wakes he is screaming and arching his back, then he might pass gas. We are still giving him baby sleep medicine. The doctor thought that he might still need it. It could be the reason he is always sitting up in the crib so quickly. But if that is the reason then the medicine is not working.

My husband thinks there is something else going on with him. Something wrong. I don't know. When I go to the doctor he tells me he's fine but I need to get him to sleep and take naps. Well, I want to say, you do it. He had a bit of a sleep pattern happening for mornings and all of a sudden it is shot. I am now officially starting to lose my mind.

If you have any suggestions that would be great. Or just some words of wisdom and your awesome outlook on life.

Insanely Sleepless

Dear Sleepless,

About one out of every 10 questions I get from parents deals with sleep and sleep deprivation. Somehow, society tells us that our babies should sleep easily or we are failing as Moms. Well, that's not true. You are doing your best as a great parent trying to teach your infant to sleep and it's a thankless, painful job. While there is no way that I can know exactly what is going on with one letter, I do have a few recommendations:

Step 1: Give up on the baby meds – they're not working anyway and it's possible that your son is having a reverse reaction. Check with your pediatrician for weaning instructions.

Step 2: You and your husband look each other in the eye and say, "We've got ourselves a non-sleeper" – blame each other's genes if it helps but acknowledge

the reality nonetheless.

Step 3: Accept that it will be this way for way more than a few months, and possibly through age two.

Now, take a good look at what your son is doing right before naptime. Is he feeding? Is he being put in a stroller? Look for any possible triggers to discomfort. I know parents that drive, stroll, feed... anything to get the baby down. Try what you are comfortable with and, if all else fails, don't make him nap. Go about your business and find out when he really wants to go to sleep (e.g. it could be 3 p.m. instead of 1 p.m.). Play the investigator now and find out what your son really wants during the day. Also, is he sucking anything? Non-nutritive sucking is a soothing mechanism and can help with self-regulation.

THE OPERATIVE WORD IN SLEEP IS 'RESPONSIVE.' YOUR SON IS TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING AND YOU WILL FIGURE IT OUT EVENTUALLY.

At night, begin with a later bedtime and follow his signals. The operative word in sleep is "responsive." Your son is trying to tell you something and you will figure it out eventually. Your goal is to identify what is happening right before bedtime (one to two hours prior) to get an accurate picture of his needs.

FYI, middle of the night wake-ups are typical for most infants. There is nothing alarming there. Soothe him, comfort him and let him fall back to sleep. That's all you can do at that time. Getting him off the meds should help with that.

Finally, and most importantly, pick up a copy of the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire." This is a parent screening tool that is very informative, user-friendly and research-based. If you go to www.uoregon.edu, they will have a sample ASQ that you can do online to see if there are any developmental red flags. Start with the 10 month ASQ and if all indicators are good, do the 12-month. The ASQs are incredibly informative! I used them for both my children and most of our program parents use them to stay abreast of what is happening with their little ones. This will address concerns about your son's development.

I know this time is difficult, but remember "this too shall pass." Before long, your son will be a teenager and you won't be able to wake him up :) Good luck.

DORIE MEEK is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

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Living locally can help reduce stress, improve productivity

FROM HOUSING PAGE 3

"That's what prompted me to form this committee. I'm hoping we can come together and start thinking about how we can tackle this."

Forming the committee is not another case of city government trying to solve society's problems, but rather an attempt to facilitate a community-wide discussion that includes all players, Ewell said.

"I'd be a fool to think I have all the answers," he said. "This is about the community coming together to solve this problem. Now there may be properties that are owned by the city, by (Santa Monica College) or others where we could take a look at opportunities. We just have to look at every single approach."

One doesn't have to look very far to find the impacts of a transient workforce. Residents can step outside their homes and look at the line of cars stacked along Pico, Olympic, Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards as workers make their daily, evening migration to the east. Employers only have to take a glance at their employees' time cards to see those who continually arrive late to work are stressed-out because of a congested freeway.

And those who rely on new recruits can only sit back and watch as highly-qualified candidates take jobs elsewhere because of the high cost of housing.

"Housing is a huge challenge for us," said Posie Carpenter, chief administrative officer for Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, which, along with St. John's Health Center, has only 8.8 percent of its employees living in Santa Monica.

Not only do physicians need to live nearby, so do other employees in order for the hospital to provide the best medical care possible. Some treatments require quicker response times from doctors. Where someone lives can literally mean the difference between life or death, Carpenter said.

From a recruitment perspective, many in the medical field and beyond do not want to fight traffic, which makes it difficult for facilities like Santa Monica-UCLA to attract the best of the best. That goes for SMC as well.

"There is a lot to be said about having our

faculty and staff living here," said Chui Tsang, president of SMC. "This is where we can really build a stronger community feeling to the college. We are supposed to serve the community and we know that when we have faculty members and staff members who live near the college, we see a greater attachment to the college and to the services that are provided here."

The benefits of living in the same city where one works are enormous, said Matt Woods, an assistant at a downtown law firm who lives in Ocean Park. It only takes him five minutes to drive home, saving him plenty of time to make lunch, check the mail and watch some afternoon television before heading back to the office.

"It's a nice place to live in," Woods said of Santa Monica. "I live close to the promenade and Main Street and the beach, and that convenience is very cool."

While it is expensive, Woods is able to afford his apartment because of rent control, he said.

Believe it or not, there are those who don't mind the commute and actually prefer to live outside of Santa Monica because of the city's politics and semi-secluded location.

Jay Sarmenta is one of them. A resident of Sherman Oaks, Sarmenta said his 40-minute commute to his job at an investment firm on Ocean Avenue has become "part of life," and doesn't mind the drive "as long as it's not over an hour."

"Each person has their own agenda," he said. "It's just a matter of preference ... I'd only move here if I lived in Brentwood or somewhere north of Wilshire."

The committee will hold its first meeting Monday, April 19 at the Main Library. The public is encouraged to attend, Ewell said.

Some ideas that will be considered include offering low-cost loans to city employees, including fire fighters and police officers, as well as educators.

"We need to look at directing some of the affordable housing toward people who are vital to our infrastructure," Carpenter said, "and our security."

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SM officials, activists oppose offshore port

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the terminal would significantly affect air quality, ocean views and marine life. It also concludes that an accident or terrorist attack, while unlikely, could affect ships heading or departing from the nation's busiest port complex at Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors.

The findings are contained in a 3,000-page final environmental impact report (EIR) prepared by the U.S. Coast guard, California State Lands Commission and the U.S. Marine Administration. The document is expected to play a key role in a series of hearings over the next three months.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will have the final say sometime this summer on whether or not the LNG plant is good for California, and environmentalists and elected officials are expected to lobby vigorously against the project, pointing to the EIR as proof that it should be scrapped.

"We feel that this document confirms what we have been saying all along, that this project would be harmful to our environment and coastal communities, and should not be approved," said Linda Krop of the Environmental Defense Center.

Representatives with Billiton claim the project will be safe and environmentally sound, utilizing the latest technology to reduce impacts to the land, air and sea.

Unlike other projects, it will in no way utilize or extend the life of offshore oil platforms off the California coastline, officials said.

"The truth is, saying no to LNG is saying yes to something else, like coal, nuclear power, diesel or some other dirty fossil fuels," said Kathy Hann, the environmental advisor for the project said. "We need to look at cleaner, more reliable, safe sources of energy for our future and that includes renewable energy as well as LNG."

The port will be a floating, LNG terminal that will receive gas from ships and transfer it to land using pipelines connected to the Southern California Gas Company's onshore natural gas pipeline distribution system. Once operating, Cabrillo Port is expected to meet almost 15 percent of California's daily natural gas needs.

While Billiton seems to have the backing of the EPA and the Bush Administration, which endorsed offshore gas terminals, it will have a rough time gaining the approval of state agencies and officials, evident by the list of those fighting it.

In addition to Brownley, the chairman of an Assembly committee that heavily influences California's energy policy announced his opposition to the LNG terminal.

Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D-Van Nuys) said he would fight the terminal because it is "unneeded and dirty."

Back in 2004, Levine wrote a letter in support of the Cabrillo Port. However, Levine said he was misled by Billiton into thinking the project would comply with all the state's strictest environmental laws.

Levine pointed to an inquiry by Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles), chairman of the house committee on oversight and government reform, who questioned why the EPA dropped a key environmental roadblock to Billiton, and then refused to turn over key documents surrounding the decisions.

The EPA originally required Billiton to reduce more than its fair share of emissions, but the agency reversed itself in June 2005 without explanation after Billiton officials

lobbied the White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining. Since then the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District has told the EPA that the project must meet the original rigorous cleanup standards, which includes the purchase of emission reduction credits.

Those familiar with air pollution in the area, said such credits are hard to come by, especially in the quantity Billiton would need to purchase.

In a letter to EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson last week, Waxman charged a senior EPA political official with intervening in the permit decision on the company's behalf without ever justifying the reversal.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Rep. Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) have also wrote to Johnson demanding an explanation of the reversal as well as documents that Waxman's said he has yet to receive.

In addition to air pollution, those opposed to the project point to the EIR's findings in regards to noise and views.

Noise could be a serious problem for boaters within three miles of the terminal and loud enough to interfere with personal conversations within about half a mile.

The terminal could also be an eyesore for whale watchers and visitors to the nearby Channel islands National Park. At night, those on the mainland may be able to see lights from the terminal, the report said.

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the environmental advisor for the project

The report conclude that although many of the impacts can be mitigated, a number would remain significant and unavoidable.

"That still doesn't point to all the migrating whales and what impacts it would have on them," Krop said. "What about noise, potential tanker strikes and also the disruption of the food system because the project takes in a lot of sea water and sea life as part of ballasting."

Renne Klimczak, president of Billiton, said in a prepared statement that the port will be a positive for California, and in particular, Ventura County, generating \$25.5 million a year in economic activity, including new jobs for residents.

"We support an open and constructive and reasoned dialogue about Cabrillo Port because we believe when stakeholders and residents have all the facts, they will understand that Cabrillo Port will be built to the highest public safety and environmental standards and will provide clean, safe reliable energy ..."

Brownley isn't convinced.

"This is about our quality of life," she said. "This is the wrong project, in the wrong place and this applicant has taken on the wrong communities ... I am with you until this project is dead in the water."

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Local schools to get upgrades

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH On a warm Saturday morning, parents, school officials and school advocates piled into the cafeteria here to catch a glimpse of the future of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

It was the Board of Education's fourth and final public workshop on the Facilities Master Plan — a 20-year plan outlining projects to improve school buildings — before the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee is due to release a draft of the plan to the public later this spring. The plan will tie in with Measure BB, a local bond initiative passed last November that will bring in \$268 million to the district to improve classroom instruction and health safety.

The audience wasn't disappointed as the team of three consultants — Harley Ellis Devereaux, Concordia and Sidewalk Studio — unveiled conceptual plans for each and every single school campus in the district. Whether or not people in attendance agreed with the proposals is another question.

An entire wall of the cafeteria was covered with renderings of each school site. Prior to the presentation, parents walked alongside the drawings, scrutinizing and trying to make sense of the plans.

The team seems to envision big changes for the district, proposing creating a possible magnet school within the Olympic High School campus on Ocean Park Boulevard and possibly even adding a grades six through 12 school within the site. Olympic High School is currently the district continuation high school.

The biggest change lies in the proposal to construct an entirely new school for Edison Language Academy, an elementary school on Kansas Avenue. The team is also proposing transforming the school into a kindergarten through eighth grade academy. Part of the reason why the design team is proposing to rebuild the school is because the majority of the classrooms are located in portables, which is something the team would like to do away with district-wide.



WHY WOULD THE CITIES OF SANTA MONICA AND MALIBU TAXPAYER MONEY GO TO SUBSIDIZE A SCHOOL THAT IS 50 PERCENT LA UNIFIED AND CULVER CITY."

Lisette Bauersachs, parent

There is also the possibility of the district acquiring new land on Virginia Avenue where the new school could be built.

"This is one of the more radical proposals we'll see today," said John Dale, principal of Harley Ellis Devereaux in his presentation.

At least one parent seemed to take exception to the idea that the biggest project would occur at Edison Language Academy where many students are from out of the district. Close to 50 percent of students at Edison Language Academy are non-Santa Monica-Malibu residents, according to parent Lisette Bauersachs.

"Why would the cities of Santa Monica and

Malibu taxpayer money go to subsidize a school that is 50 percent LA Unified and Culver City," Bauersachs asked during the public comments portion of the workshop. "I want Measure BB money to come to our students."

Big changes seem to be in store for the district's two other high schools. The project team is proposing to somehow draw Santa Monica High School and the Civic Center across the street closer together, possibly creating a bridge over Fourth Street to link the

ing. Same goes for John Muir Elementary School, he said. John Adams will likely receive a minor facelift, with improvements to the science and technology classrooms. The east side of the building might see a new two story building.

John Muir on the other hand could get a new gym, a new lunch shelter and additional classroom space.

The majority of the schools in the district will be afforded expanded classroom space, lunch shelters, media centers and expanded playing fields. Several of the schools, like McKinley Elementary School could receive new libraries while others, like Franklin Elementary Schools, might enjoy a new Internet cafe.

But before the Board of Education moves forward with upgrading the district's facilities, it will need to consider policy issues that would have a significant impact on the Facilities Master Plan, as the presentation concluded on those policies. Perhaps the most controversial item on deck is the enrollment policy.

The district currently has a moratorium placed on new out-of-district students.

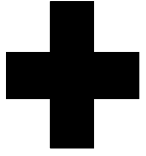
Other policy issues the school board will need to consider is whether or not the district will hire the necessary information technology staff to support and train the faculty on the equipment used in the district.

"Not only do you have to educate your teachers and make sure they are up to the current trend, but also your children," said Tim Morneau, project manager with Harley Ellis Devereaux.

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Trial opens as Golay complains about time

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Investigators believe the women collected millions of dollars from the men's life insurance policies.

The preliminary hearing did not get very far, as it started late and was mainly filled with the testimony of witness Robert Brockway who was an investigator for almost seven years with the California Department of Insurance.

His testimony lasted for hours as Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels provided page after page of evidence showing different life insurance applications and claim forms that both Golay and Rutterschmidt had filed over the years with different insurance companies, alternately calling themselves the men's fiancés, cousins and even investment partners.

The insurance policies ranged from around \$20,000 to nearly \$1 million. Both Golay and Rutterschmidt signed onto many of the policies together. In some applications, they were both named as the primary beneficiaries, splitting the payout evenly. In others, Golay would be mentioned as the primary beneficiary and Rutterschmidt as the contingent. In others, Golay's 43-year-old daughter, Kecia Golay, was named as the contingent beneficiary.

The one time insurance investigator, Brockway, who now works in the Department of Justice, sat at the stand under oath, identifying and revealing information on every single piece of evidence that Samuels placed on the overhead projector. In a table next to Samuels sat Rutterschmidt and Golay with their defense attorneys, Public Defender Michael Sklar and Roger Jon Diamond, respectively. All four stared at the projection to their right.

Among the forms placed on the projector were letters allegedly written by Golay who threatened litigation against the insurance companies that did not respond to her requests for life insurance payouts. Several of the companies like Garden State Life Insurance from whom the pair was seeking a payout for McDavid's death, did not fulfill the claim pending an investigation.

On more than one occasion, Rutterschmidt claimed to be Vados' cousin. The former homeless man was also Hungarian.

In a policy seeking \$500,000 from Empire General Life

Insurance, the women claimed to both be investment partners while Golay also listed herself down as McDavid's fiancé.

The women had filed more than 20 life insurance applications on McDavid and Vados.

Only one other witness testified on Monday. The former apartment manager for Vados, Maria Zamarripa, spoke through a Spanish language interpreter, answering questions for both Samuels and Sklar as he cross-examined the witness. She was the apartment manager for Vados at the time of his death and recalled seeing Rutterschmidt stop by once a month to help Vados pay his rent, occasionally bringing him groceries and clean clothes.

She pointed at Rutterschmidt, identifying her as Vados' frequent visitor and remembered the Hungarian native coming by to inform her that Vados was missing, and later that he died.

The witness mentioned that there was another woman who occasionally came by with Rutterschmidt, but did not identify her as Golay.

When Sklar cross-examined the witness, he raised questions about Vados' drinking habits. Zamarripa confirmed that Vados drank alcohol often and "had a hard time caring for himself," as Sklar said. Was it not true that Rutterschmidt appeared to be Vados' friend, Sklar asked.

The witness said yes.

The hearing will continue today and Samuels said she expects to wrap things up on Wednesday. She believes that about 20 to 25 witnesses will have been heard by the end of the preliminary trial with most testimonies taking roughly five minutes.

At the beginning of the preliminary hearing, Diamond requested once again for the judge to allow Golay to be awakened at a later time during court appearance days. The L.A. County Jail inmate was awoken at 3 a.m. on Monday for her hearing, Diamond said. The courthouse does not open until 8:30 a.m.

The early morning hours affects Golay's ability to concentrate during the proceedings and Diamond said he fears that it will have detrimental effects in the long-run if the case does go to trial. He suggested leaving Golay asleep until 7 a.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Floyd returns USC to NCAA tourney

BY ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Tim Floyd’s turnaround of Southern California is ahead of schedule, with the Trojans back in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2002.

“I was just trying to get it done by the end of my contract, which is the fifth year,” said Floyd, who is in his second season.

Fifth-seeded USC (23-11) will play No. 12 seed Arkansas on Friday in Spokane, Wash.

The Trojans were all beaming as they watched the NCAA selection show on the giant screen at their new campus arena. Each of them is headed to the tournament for the first time after an improbable season.

It was a far different scene than on Saturday when they were humbled by one of the worst defeats in the program’s history, an 81-57 loss to Oregon in the Pac-10 tournament final. At one point, USC trailed by 39 points.

“We got embarrassed,” Nick Young said Sunday. “We’ve got a lot to prove. It’s a new season now.”

Despite that defeat, Floyd thought the Trojans’ two conference tournament wins to get to the final gave their NCAA seeding a boost.

“Some people a week ago had us out,” he said. “I think the tournament got us the five seed.”

The Razorbacks’ conference tournament experience was remarkably similar. They won three games to get to the SEC final, where they were trounced 77-56 by No. 6 Florida on Sunday.

The teams have faced each other just twice and not since 1986.

“I’ve seen them play a little bit,” said Young. “They’re an athletic team, they’re country fit, they’re from down South, and they’re going to bring it.”

His coach reflected on the tradition of No. 12 seeds upsetting fifth seeds in the tournament.

“Five-12 has always been one of the historical upset brackets,” Floyd said. “And we’ll make sure our players are aware of that. We’ll go back and do our history.”

“THEY’RE AN ATHLETIC TEAM, THEY’RE COUNTRY FIT, THEY’RE FROM DOWN SOUTH, AND THEY’RE GOING TO BRING IT.”

Tim Floyd
USC’s head coach

Floyd is glad to be playing Friday to get an extra day of rest, and to be staying on the West Coast.

“Legs are so important this time of year,” he said, “and there’s a chance we could give them back-to-back days off.”

When the season began, the Trojans were spurred by playing in the sparkling Galen Center, but still saddened by the death of starting point guard Ryan Francis. He was killed in a drive-by shooting in May during a visit to his home state of Louisiana.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UCLA opens March Madness against Howland’s alma mater

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Losing consecutive games for the first time this season cost UCLA a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and dropped the Bruins into a bracket that may as well be named for their coach.

Call it the Ben Howland regional.

The second-seeded Bruins (26-5) will open Thursday in Sacramento against No. 15 Weber State, Howland’s alma mater.

“That’s the only thing I know about Weber State,” a grinning Luc Richard Mbah a Moute said.

The West region includes Gonzaga and Pittsburgh, two schools in Howland’s coaching past.

“Our focus is solely on Weber State University, formerly Weber State College,” Howland said Sunday. “When I went to school there, it was a college.”

He played there from 1978-80, leading the Wildcats to two Big Sky championships and two NCAA tournament appearances. He was twice the team’s defensive MVP.

“I’ve got pictures of our team when we won the Big Sky championship my senior year, beat New Mexico State in the first round (of the NAAs) before losing to

Arkansas,” Howland said.

Howland’s wife, Kim, was a cheerleader at the Utah school, where Howland earned a bachelor’s in physical education.

“We used to wear the short shorts,” Howland said, joking about how he landed a cheerleader.

The coach’s closest buddies include some of his former teammates, who attended UCLA’s overtime loss to California in the Pac-10 tourney and roadtripped to Arizona to see the Bruins in February.

“They’ll be there in Sacramento,” Howland said. “My greatest memories are just lasting bonds and relationships with my former coach Neil McCarthy, as well as my teammates.”

Asked who his buddies will be rooting for, Howland replied, “Their teammate.”

McCarthy, the former New Mexico State coach, is retired and living in the Sacramento area, so Howland plans to invite him to Thursday’s game.

Just in case anyone was wondering, Howland’s loyalties have changed.

“I’m excited for Weber State, but the bottom line is, I’m all about UCLA,” he said.

“I expected after our loss against Cal that we would be a 2 seed and play Weber State. Not a lot of surprises in the brackets.”



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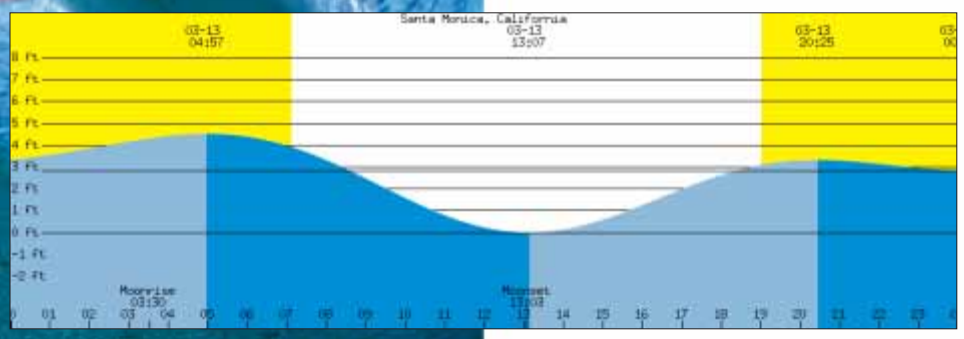


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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 14

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	B	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	B
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	C	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	D	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	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+

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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	B	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	B	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are emotional and dynamic. You have incredible pizzazz, especially if you let that internal spontaneity and creativity pop forward. You find that others care about your choices and what you feel is right or wrong. Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your ability to take the high road no matter what goes on or who you are with earmarks your decisions. Do extra research and get more suggestions. Touch base with an expert or two. Tonight: Reach out for someone special.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Work as a team and see what someone else has to offer. Whether you deal in a personal or professional realm, this exchange or inquiry seems absolutely necessary and worthwhile. Surprises happen with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others run the show. How you deal with someone could point to dynamic changes in your relationships. You have a lot to offer and much to handle. Reach out for someone you care about. You might be pleased. Tonight: Answer to your popularity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Examine what might be going on with someone you care about. You need to nurture someone in your environment. Your instincts might be crucial in order to succeed in the moment. A partnership plays a key role as well. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Examine opportunities with care. Your playful ability and fun nature emerge despite yourself. Think positively, and you might discover that others want to be around you. Creativity and mischief mix – what a delightful combo. Tonight: Let your imagination speak to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to attempt to do something differently. Whether you succeed will depend on your ability to integrate a personal matter or project. Know that you can do it if you relax and run with the ball. Tonight: Anchor in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Happiness blossoms from a strong emotional base. You have good reason to believe that how you phrase what you think could make a huge difference in the outcome. Life proves to be full of surprises. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You bounce from one idea to another, especially regarding fiscal responsibility. Brainstorm and ask questions. You come from a place of centering. Be spontaneous and upbeat. The unexpected punctuates your domestic life. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Express your essence as best as you can. You might be surprised at what life tosses on your plate. Know that anything is possible. If you want to reverse gears, do just that. Tonight: You are all smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Knowing when to back out gracefully takes skill. Do you have what it takes? You will have the opportunity to make waves like never before. Your incisive instincts pay off with money and questions dealing with security. Tonight: Take a back seat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Life proceeds with vigor and excitement. Your unpredictability might not be easily restrained. Stay on top of a situation. Others make assumptions! Tonight: Happiness comes naturally.

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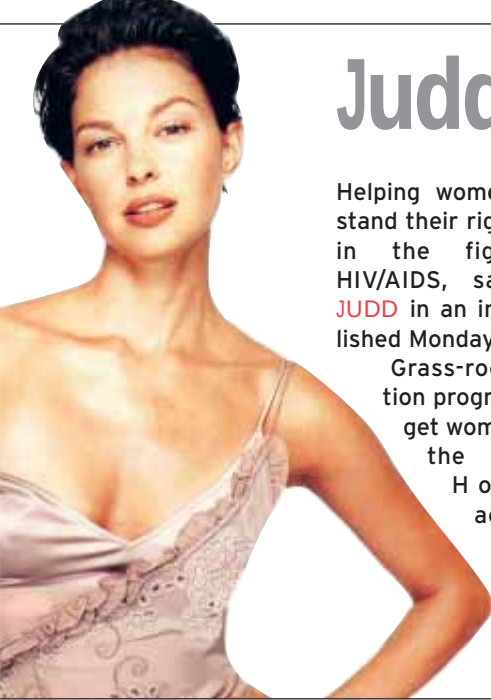
Leo in Israel

Supermodel, DiCaprio visit causes paparazzi to swarm

LEONARDO DICAPRIO arrived in Israel with super-model Bar Refaeli this weekend, creating a paparazzi storm.

The 32-year-old Hollywood actor and Refaeli, 21, have been romantically linked for about a year, and Israeli newspapers regularly run updates on their relationship.

They apparently hoped to slip into the country unnoticed on a night flight from Frankfurt, Germany, on Sunday, but the plane



was also carrying a group of Israeli entertainment reporters on their way back from a press junket in Ireland.

By the time DiCaprio and Refaeli headed for her family's home in an upscale Tel Aviv suburb, it had been besieged by dozens of photographers.

Guy Pines, host of an Israeli entertainment news show, rented a helicopter to survey the scene from the air, standard paparazzi procedure abroad but a first

for Israel, he said.

But all the cameramen were able to capture was a blurry shot of the couple, their faces obscured, being driven to the home of Refaeli's parents.

On Monday, the pair eluded their pursuers and traveled to Jerusalem, where they paid an after-hours visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, museum spokeswoman Estee Yaari said.

They later visited the Western Wall and its sub-

terranean tunnels in the Old City, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Police kept cameras back to shield the famous couple from exposure.

DiCaprio has received Oscar nominations for his roles in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," "The Aviator" and "Blood Diamond." Refaeli is featured in Sports Illustrated magazine's recent swimsuit issue alongside Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler.

Pines told The

Associated Press the high-profile success both celebrities have enjoyed "turns them into a power couple that grabs a lot of media attention."

But more than anything, Israelis are happy for a diversion, Pines said.

"The fact that most of the headlines here recently haven't been pleasant turns the interest in this beautiful fairy tale couple into something the media can revel in," he said.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judd trip to India raises awareness

Helping women to understand their rights is crucial in the fight against HIV/AIDS, said **ASHLEY JUDD** in an interview published Monday.

Grass-roots prevention programs that target women work well, the 38-year-old Hollywood actress told the Mumbai-based DNA newspaper.

Judd is representing

Population Services International, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, during her weeklong visit to India to promote awareness about HIV/AIDS.

She met sex workers in Mumbai, India's financial and entertainment capital, after her arrival Saturday.

Aid workers estimate there are at least 10,000 sex workers in Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay.

"The empowerment of girls and women is an

essential tool to preventing the HIV/AIDS emergency from exploding any further," DNA quoted Judd as saying.

The actress, whose movies include "De-Lovely" and "Kiss the Girls," has traveled across the world to focus attention on HIV/AIDS.

Most women have "dreams for other people, but not dreams for themselves," she said. "That is painful."

With 5.7 million infec-

tions, India has the world's largest number of people living with HIV/AIDS. The government has launched campaigns encouraging high-risk groups such as sex workers to use condoms, aimed at stopping the disease from spreading.

"There is a common problem worldwide and there is also a common solution," Judd said about the need for more prevention and awareness programs.

AP

Kristofferson to receive Cash Award from country's finest

KRIS KRISTOFFERSON, who has written some of country music's most enduring hits, will receive CMT's Johnny Cash Visionary Award, the cable network announced Monday.

Rosanne Cash, Cash's daughter, will present the honor to the 70-year-old singer-songwriter during the April 16 awards show in Nashville. Previous recipients include Cash, Hank Williams Jr., Loretta Lynn, Reba McEntire and the Dixie Chicks.

"John was my hero before he was my friend, and anything with his name on it is really an honor in

my eyes," Kristofferson said during a recent phone interview from Atlanta.

"I was thinking back to when I first met him, and if I ever thought that I'd be getting an award with his name on it, it would have carried me through a lot of hard times."

In an e-mail, Rosanne Cash said of Kristofferson: "I love Kris fiercely, not just because he and my father are cut from the same spiritual cloth, and because he is the living artistic link to my dad, but because he is my ideal as a songwriter and a human being."

"He and my dad were closer than brothers. They

loved each other early, and it is so fitting that he receive this award named after dad," she said.

Kristofferson, who launched a successful acting career in the early '70s, said one of his greatest joys as a songwriter has been "seeing people who can transform the thing you made and make it bigger than it was."

"I think the first time that ever came through to me is when Jerry Lee Lewis sang a song that Shel Silverstein and I wrote ("Once More With Feeling"). We were both amazed at what he had made it," he said.

AP

REGIS GOES UNDER THE KNIFE

REGIS PHILBIN, co-host of "Live With Regis and Kelly," announced on Monday's show that he will have heart bypass surgery this week.

"Well, listen, I gotta tell you something. ... I had been feeling chest pains, you know, and, uh, shortness of breath and all those little symptoms that you hear about," Philbin, 75, told his TV audience. After a number of tests, doctors recommended bypass surgery.

Philbin said he was hoping to have angioplasty because "you know, you get in - bang, bang, bang - they blow it open and you leave the next day." But, he said, "there's some plaque in

some arteries and I've got to get it cleaned out."

He's not looking forward to the surgery.

"Darn it, I don't want to do it," Philbin said. "Nobody wants to do it, I guess. And I had a second opinion, I did all those things, and so they're all in agreement that it should be the bypass. And so that's what I'm gonna do."

His co-host, Kelly Ripa, said she planned to give Philbin some special attention.

"My primary job will be, like it or not, get your pills ready - your sponge-bath nurse," she said.

Philbin quipped: "Why don't you give me a quick dip before I go?"

AP

Coulter still in good standing with her book publisher

While conservative pundit Ann Coulter has been dropped by several newspapers for using an anti-gay epithet regarding Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, she remains in good standing with her book publisher.

The Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House Inc.,

plans an October release for her next book, "If Democrats Had Any Brains, They'd Be Republicans."

"We have a book with her on our fall list and have no plans on altering our current publication plans," Crown publisher and senior vice president Steve Ross told The Associated Press in a recent e-

mail. "Every book we have published with Ann has been a major best seller and we expect the same with the upcoming title."

Coulter's books include "Treason," "Slander" and "Godless," in which she harshly criticized a group of New Jersey widows whose husbands perished

in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "I've never seen people enjoying their husbands' deaths so much," she wrote.

According to Editor & Publisher, at least eight newspapers have dropped Coulter's syndicated column since her comments.

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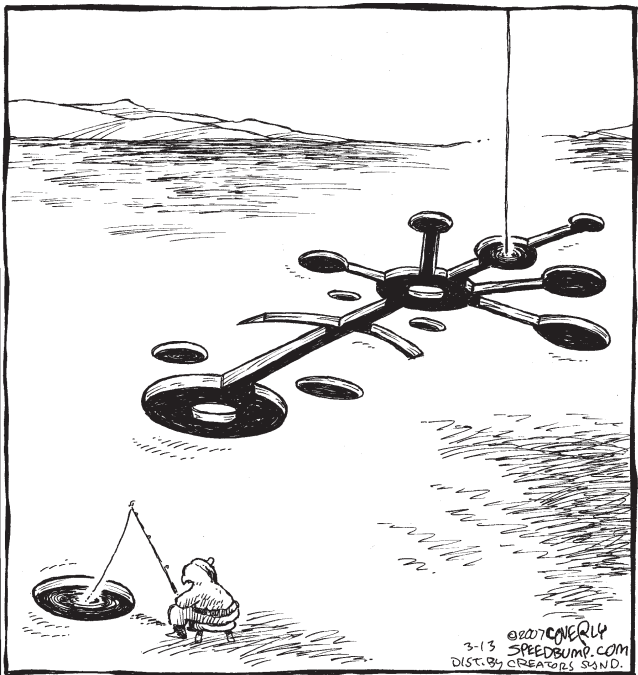
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Undignified Deaths: (1) A 47-year-old registered sex offender died of a heart attack in Palm Beach County, Fla., in January; his body was found, nude, in front of his home computer on which he had been viewing pornography. (2) Another 47-year-old man was killed late at night, in February in Belle River, Ontario, when his snowmobile collided with a tree stump embedded in Lake St. Clair; the man had been waging a notorious, three-year campaign to have the stump removed from the lake because of the danger it posed to nighttime snowmobilers. ■ The Kibera neighborhood in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Dahravi section of Mumbai, India, are two of the planet's most appalling slums, but residents have recently discovered well-off international visitors roaming their toxic, fetid urban hells as voyeurs on travel agency-arranged tours. "(T)hey want to come and take pictures ... tell their friends they've been to the worst slum in Africa," lamented one resident of Kibera (which has one toilet for every 1,440 people), speaking to a Reuters reporter in February, but a March Smithsonian magazine piece quoted a Dahravi tour entrepreneur as promising to show "the positive side of (the) slum" (for instance, the community spirit that discourages street beggars, in a nation otherwise teeming with them).

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LESLIE SPICER AKA LESLIE PERCIVAL SPICER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOHN K. SPICER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN K. SPICER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 04/03/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section

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Attorney for Petitioner HOWARD A. SCHNEE, ESQ.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 1093756-10 APN: 4274-008-055 TRA: 08604 Loan No: XXXXX3220 Ref: Martin, Sergio UNINS Important notice to property owner: You are in default under a Deed of Trust, dated November 04, 2004. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. On March 26, 2007, at 10:30AM, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 12, 2004, as Inst. No. 04-2935384, in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California executed by Sergio Martin, a single man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: At the West Side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2624 Kansas Ave. #10 Santa Monica, CA 90404. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$351,923.30 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (714) 259-7850, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: March 06, 2007 By: Deborah Bird, Authorized Signature ASAP# 827726 03/06/2007, 03/13/2007, 03/20/2007

Trustee Sale # CA08127099 Loan# 1000286621 Order # 30052726 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/21/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/2/2007, at 11:30AM, MTC Financial Inc., dba Trustee Corps as the duly appointed Substituted Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 11/01/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2631416 Book No. , Page No. , of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles, County, California, executed by, mary Autera, an unmarried woman as Trustor, the Lender is Fremont Investments & Loan. The beneficiary is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corpo-

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