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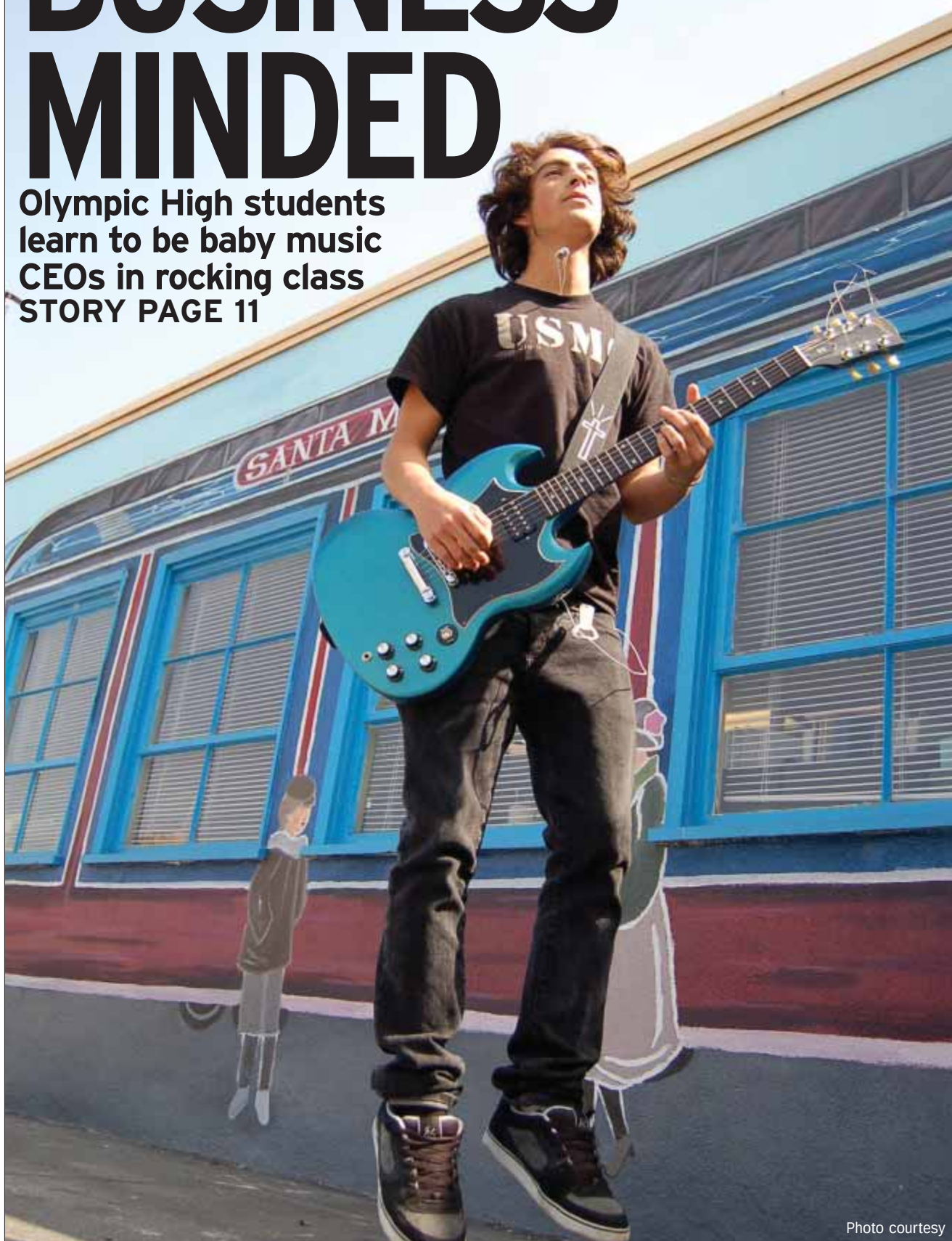


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Parking break for vets

Zero-emission vehicles would also receive set aside from city

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Forget that roll of quarters and those pesky parking tickets. If you're a veteran of distinction or the owner of an environmentally-friendly auto, you'll soon be able to park for free at meters all across town.

City Council members have enthusiastically approved an ordinance granting the parking fee exemption to honor and recognize the contribution of veterans, while at the same time enticing drivers to purchase low- or zero-emission vehicles (ZEVS) such as hybrids or electric scooters.

The exemption will apply to those autos displaying decals issued by the state for hybrids and electrics, and those with the following honorific license plates: Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Purple Heart, prisoner of war, and Pearl Harbor survivor.

City staff estimates a loss of approximately \$2,000 in revenue a year once the ordinance goes into effect.

"ZEVS not only help us control emissions, but they are also the most energy efficient vehicles on the road," said Russell Sydney of the Sustainable Transport Club in Santa Monica, who claims to get 400 miles per gallon on his electric scooter.

"I encourage you to support this," Sydney told the council shortly before the vote.

Armand Assayag, a representative with the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs also urged the council to support the ordinance.

"This will come at very little cost to the city ... while giving these special veterans the respect and recognition they deserve," Assayag said. "I think these veterans have earned the right to park without being charged ... All veterans would support that."

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Chris Carmichael at Cynergy Cycles

2300 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Cycling coach Chris Carmichael will be signing his new book, '5 Essentials for Winning Life' at Cynergy Cycles' customer appreciation night.

The Keiskamma Altarpiece

1008 11th St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

The Keiskamma Altarpiece was made by women of the Keiskamma 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.

'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.

Saturday, March 17, 2007

City of Santa Monica Public Electronic Waste Recycling Event

2500 Michigan Ave., 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

The city of Santa Monica's Solid Waste Management Division will conduct a free public E-Waste recycling event. Call the Solid Waste Management Division at (310) 458-8546 for more information. Residents with disabilities may call (310) 458-8596 for a form to request a special pick-up.

Truth is stranger than fiction Biography Book Group

2601 Main St., 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch Biography Book Group, moderated by Jamie Ruth Watson, will discuss Megan Marshall's 'The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism.' Group gathers in the Community Room. For more information, call (310) 392-3804 or visit www.smpl.org.

'Rancho Monterey'

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The California Heritage Museum's current exhibition showcases Monterey and rancho-style furniture, California ceramics and tile, Mexican ceramics and pottery, tourist-ware and costuming, and fine arts by artists including Phil Paradise, Victor Clyde Forsythe and Hernando Villa. General admission is \$5, students and seniors are \$3 and children 12 and under get in free. For more information call (310) 392-8537.

Richland Avenue Elementary School International Festival and Silent Auction

11562 Richland Ave., 12:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Family entertainment will include face painting, balloons, jumpers and other events. Entry to the festival is free.

St. Patrick's Day movie: 'The Snapper'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a free public screening of the Irish family comedy film, 'The Snapper,' directed by Stephen Frears and starring Colm Meaney. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Cathleen Crone's Pop Art Photography

2525 Michigan Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Cathleen Crone's photography exhibit, Pop Art Photography, opens at the James Gray Gallery Bergamot Station. For further information call (310) 390-1969.

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.



CORRECTION

An article profiling a new hotel being planned for Ocean Avenue ("Hotel to stay true to its roots," March 14, page 1) should have identified Hill Street Realty as the developer of the property at 1327, 1333 and 1337 Ocean Ave. While Joseph Penner is currently managing director for Legg Mason Real Estate, this project was originated prior to his employment with that firm.

A headline for a story about the Santa Monica Airport ("FAA to consider grounding some jets," March 10-11, page 18) inferred that commercial jets land at Santa Monica Airport. All jets are privately owned and there are no commercial flights.



Brood of Bruins

(Left to right) UCLA students Ken Borst, Jennifer Park and David Schwartz kick off March Madness at the Westwood Brewing Company. The Bruins won their first-round NCAA Tournament game against Weber State. See page 15 for the complete story.

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'Black widow' getting tired of courtroom

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA The Santa Monica landlord who stands accused of murdering two former homeless men in an elaborate insurance scheme is tired.

Following a late finish to the third day of her preliminary hearing on Wednesday, an already exhausted 76-year-old Helen Golay did not return to her jail cell in Lynwood until well after midnight.

At 3 a.m., she was awoken by the guards and sent back to the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center for a fourth day of proceedings Thursday to determine whether she and her alleged accomplice should stand trial on multiple murder charges.

Again, Golay's defense attorney, Roger Jon Diamond, pleaded with Judge David Wesley to change the early morning rise-

and-shine hours, requesting that the fourth and final day of the preliminary hearing be vacated so his client could get some rest.

Declined.

However, Golay won't have any more early morning wake-up calls until March 29, when she and fellow defendant Olga Rutterschmidt, 74, are arraigned for the murders of 50-year-old Kenneth McDavid and 73-year-old Paul Vados, who were killed in separate, yet similar, hit-and-run incidents in 2005 and 1999, respectively.

"It's clear to me if this matter goes to trial, this won't be acceptable," Wesley said at the beginning of Thursday's proceedings, adding that special arrangements will need to be made to wake up Golay and Rutterschmidt at a reasonable hour.

After hearing from more than 20 witnesses during a preliminary trial that began on Monday, the final day was dedicated to finishing up testimonies and cross-examinations of

witnesses who previously took the stand.

A toxicology report found traces of the drug hydrocodone, marketed as Vicodin, in McDavid's body. About five bottles of the same drug were found in Golay's medicine cabinet in her Ocean Park home, according to FBI Special Agent Sam Mayrose, who investigates fraud.

In his cross-examination of Mayrose, Public Defender Michael Sklar, who is representing Rutterschmidt, asked the agent if a search of Rutterschmidt's home also turned up any bottles of hydrocodone. Throughout the preliminary hearing, Sklar has asked questions of witnesses in an apparent attempt to distance his client from her friend of 20 years.

No bottles of the drug were found in Rutterschmidt's Hollywood home, Mayrose replied.

Testimony by LAPD Detective Dennis Kilcoyne suggested a link between

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World's ills may be over?

X Prize Foundation saving the world, \$10 million at a time

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A little-known foundation that sparked the first private flight into space is now set to launch a series of competitions aimed at solving the world's technological, medical and social ills.

Members of the X Prize Foundation, based here in Santa Monica, will soon be meeting with advisors from across the globe to narrow down objectives for the world's most creative and determined minds to tackle.

"We try to pick prizes where the solution would have a significant benefit to the community," said Tom Vander Ark, who took over as president of the foundation in January after nearly eight years with the philanthropic juggernaut Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "The difficulty is trying to pick those prizes where there are donors interested in the field so we can secure a prize purse, and also find a goal that can captivate the public's attention because it is important."

Some of the ideas being considered include lunar exploration or a manned orbital flight, a program to customize educational programs for youth, an early detection program for cancer and poverty reduction, according to Vander Ark.

Late last year, the foundation launched a \$10 million prize earmarked for the first team of scientists to successfully map 100 human genomes in 10 days — a task that is daunting, but deemed critical in curing many life-threatening diseases, such as cystic fibrosis.

The genomes contest is being funded by Stewart Blusson, a millionaire Canadian mining magnate who discovered one of the largest diamond mines in North America.

To help finance the next wave of prizes, X Prize has launched a \$50 million fund drive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't kill the messengers

Editor:

After reading the responses to the Q-line question regarding the SMPD's use of a helicopter ("Readers sound off on all that racket," March 3-4, page 6), I couldn't believe how anyone could even suggest that the Daily Press is doing something wrong. The Daily Press is not trying to make the SMPD look bad. The SMPD make themselves look bad. The Daily Press is simply being an unbiased newspaper and reporting on an issue that seldom is covered, specifically community/police relations.

Of course the SMPD is going to have a very high approval rating. In a city dominated by affluent residents, their opinions are all that matter. Of course they approve of the SMPD, they're not the ones being abused. Their children are not stopped for no reason, no reason at all. A police officer can be just as dangerous a criminal as anybody out on the streets.

I'd also like to thank the Daily Press for being on hand to cover the recent peace rally we had to honor Eddie Lopez, Miguel Martin and all other friends and family members we've lost to violence. Thank you for your care and support. It should be mentioned that SMPD Chief Tim Jackman was not present at this event, despite saying he cared about our youth and building a good relationship with the community only a few weeks earlier. Well, he failed the first test. The SMPD officers that did attend effectively alienated themselves and did not interact with anyone. They seemed more concerned about a largely black and Latino crowd causing trouble in an affluent neighborhood rather than lending support to grieving community members.

Lastly, it was nice to read a recent article in the Daily Press about a former gang member coming to speak to some of our youth at Olympic High School. There are countless other stories similar to this one that unfortunately go unreported. It's people like Joe Aleman that truly make a difference in a young person's life.

Keep up the good work, Daily Press!

David Mendez-Yapkowitz

Santa Monica/Los Angeles

Go take a hike... and another

Editor:

The article by Melody Hanatani was excellent ("Really taking a hike," March 10-11, page 3), but it only represents a portion of hiking possibilities in this area.

I've been hiking with the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, for over 24 years. There is a schedule of over 1,000 possible outdoor adventures listed by date for the enjoyment of everyone at angeles.sierraclub.org.

Hal Weiner

Santa Monica

Don't foot bill for L.A.'s students

Editor:

After attending the Measure BB SMMUSD workshop on March 10, I walked away with a sense of amazement; pure amazement that the school district's consultants want the school board and district to review its current permit policy. They did not agree with the current moratorium that stops the mass issuance of permits to non-residents into Santa Monica and Malibu schools. Thankfully, the board directed the consultants to adhere to the current permit policy. Reminds me of the old saying "Easier to spend other peoples' money."

Measure BB funds are to be spent on facilities and construction projects for SMMUSD schools. The third-largest allocation of our Measure BB Funds is directed to a Santa Monica elementary school that is close to 50 percent LAUSD. How does our SMMUSD school board and city residents approve of such a school policy? If a school is located in the city of Santa Monica, and it has close to 50 percent non-city residents, that would be called an LAUSD-satellite school campus. This school is projected to have the second-largest per student allocation of Measure BB funds, half those students being residents of Los Angeles.

Once again, it looks like we are subsidizing Los Angeles residents. When I voted for Measure BB, I foolishly assumed it would go to Santa Monica and Malibu students. Someone should let Mayor Villaraigosa know about his new source of funding for LA city schools – us!

Dr. Lisette Bauersachs

Santa Monica



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Desperate housewife decides to fight back

AS I READ VALERIE PLAME WILL BE testifying before Congress today, I couldn't help thinking I bet Nicole Kidman, Charlize Theron and a dozen other actresses are dying to play her in the movie. There's already buzz about Richard Gere playing Joe Wilson. I would love to write the screenplay, but I'm not holding my breath. I've tried that before and I just get dizzy.

It's absurd to talk about who is going to play whom when the real thing had such serious consequences. Thanks to Cheney-Libby-Novak, not only was Plame's career over, but Brewster-Jennings, the CIA front business she worked for, was also history. And who's the only person to take the fall? A man in his 50s named Scooter. After the verdict Mrs. Scooter was heard to say angrily, "Now we're going to %&#@ them!" Most observers felt she was referring to Cheney, Rove and maybe W. I'd pay to see that.

Her threat was refreshing because the Republican right which brags about their toughness, often targets wives. The first I remember was in 1972 involving Edmund Muskie's wife, Jane. There were two odious articles about her in the "Manchester Union Leader." Muskie got angry and emotional, it was perceived as un-presidential, and that ended his run for the White House. On the other hand, without it there'd have been no Watergate, and no "All the President's Men," a fine movie. I always try to see the silver lining.

In the 1988 presidential debate Michael Dukakis was asked a hypothetical question: If his wife were raped would that change his view on the death penalty. When he didn't get enraged, he was attacked for not showing emotion. Eventually the swift boaters of that era went after his wife, Kitty for problems with alcohol. No Democrat that I can recall ever attacked Betty Ford. Just the opposite, she was lauded, rightly so, for being a woman of enormous courage. (Then again, no Democrat would ever call a triple-amputee, war hero "unpatriotic," as was done to Max Cleland in his U.S. Senate race in 2004.)

But to be fair, the Republican right even goes after their own. In 2000 John McCain was leading in his bid to get the nomination. But in South Carolina, they attacked his wife Cindy's emotional stability, and claimed McCain was the father of an illegitimate, interracial child. The McCain's had adopted the little girl from Bangladesh, so the attackers got their facts a little wrong. But then again, I have a hunch they knew.

Unfortunately, low-level tactics work. It cost McCain the South Carolina primary and the nomination. In a televised debate, McCain, veins bulging, told Bush, face to face, he ought to be ashamed of himself. George stammered and his leg shook. I thought McCain was going to rip Bush's head off. It looked like George thought the same thing. I'd have paid to see that, too.

The right had a field day with Hillary. Some accused her of murdering Vince Foster. (Is that all?) But, on the bright side, they didn't accuse her of having an illegitimate, interracial child. They went after

Chelsea for not being gorgeous. The Bush twins are very attractive, if you overlook the drinking and the partying. Their speech at the 2004 Republican convention reminded me of a You Tube homage to Paris Hilton. It was embarrassing.

Even more embarrassing, when Bush and Cheney were on stage celebrating the nomination with their families, Cheney's daughter Mary, who is gay, was conspicuously absent. I guess for the family-values crowd it would have looked bad. (Although isn't Mary family?) Mary, and Heather Poe, are expecting a baby in late spring. How exciting. But the occasion is causing a little dismay for some on the right. How sad.

BUT TO BE FAIR, THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT EVEN GOES AFTER THEIR OWN. IN 2000 JOHN MCCAIN WAS LEADING IN HIS BID TO GET THE NOMINATION. BUT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, THEY ATTACKED HIS WIFE CINDY'S EMOTIONAL STABILITY, AND CLAIMED MCCAIN WAS THE FATHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE, INTERRACIAL CHILD.

The neo-cons aren't tough. They talk of war, but when it was their turn to fight they had "other priorities." Instead of debating those who disagree with them, they attack the wives. I'm actually hoping Mrs. Scooter follows through. She may be tougher than they are. It wouldn't be hard.

Joe Wilson was not a hippy or a radical or even a Democrat. He was a career diplomat, a retired ambassador whom Bush 41 once called a "national hero". Pro-bono, Wilson went to Niger to get the facts. He discovered the Iraq nuclear claims were false and that the documents were forged! When he returned he filed a report with the CIA. You'd think Bush and Cheney might want to have read it. (Assuming Bush reads reports.) I mean just to make sure we were right in going to war. Nah. They had another plan: trash the wife, ruin her career, and destroy a CIA front, all in a time of war. I may be old fashioned, but I think there's a word for that. It's not tough. It's treason.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is a weekly snapshot of the Santa Monica Police Department, culled from their own reports. The following are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Purse snatching foiled by good Samaritan

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 AT 7:20 A.M.
Officers responded to the 3000 block of Second Street regarding an attempted purse snatching. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she was walking down the street with her purse over her shoulder when another woman approached rapidly and tried to take the purse. The two struggled, during which time the suspect grabbed the victim's hair, police said. The victim screamed and a good Samaritan walking across the street intervened. The suspect ran off and police were called. Officers on patrol spotted the suspected purse snatcher a few blocks away. She was taken into custody and booked for attempted robbery. She was identified as Tracinal Shanie Franklin, 28, a transient. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT 7:30 P.M.
Police responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Macy's – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security guards who said a woman walked into the store and grabbed bags with the Macy's logo and walked over to the lingerie section. The woman began placing items into the bags and took others with her into a dressing room, police said. The woman then walked out of the dressing room, past the cash registers and out the door, where she was detained by security. Inside the bags, security found a pair of jeans and other clothing totalling \$160, police said. The woman was arrested for theft. She was identified as Emily Sarah Jacobson, 43, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$10,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AT 11:30 A.M.
Police on routine patrol in the 1700 block of Georgina Avenue spotted two men sitting in a parked vehicle with no front license plate. Suspicious, officers approached the two men and asked them for identification. The driver could not produce any ID nor a driver's license, police said. Concerned about a string of burglaries in the area, officers conducted a consensual search of the car and found a safe in the trunk that contained a small scale commonly used to measure drugs, police said. Also in the car, was a pair of black ski gloves and another set of gloves stuffed in a plastic bag. The two men were arrested for probable cause burglary. They were identified as Louis Henry Hack, 18, a transient, and Richard Vince Kubacak, 18, also a transient. Bail was set at \$50,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 AT 5:25 P.M.
Police responded to the 2600 block of 11th Street regarding a report of a man masturbating in public. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she had parked her car and was walking along the sidewalk when she noticed a man playing with his penis. She immediately called police. Armed with a description of the suspect, police were able to locate him nearby. He was identified by the victim and arrested for indecent exposure. He was identified as Paul Anthony Medina, 55, a transient. His bail was set at \$35,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 9:30 P.M.
Police responded to the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite-Aid – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said the man walked into the store and grabbed a 24-ounce can of Budweiser and placed it in his waistband. He then allegedly selected a 32-ounce beer and paid for it at the counter before walking out of the store. Security stopped the man outside and found the can of beer in his waistband, police said. He was arrested for shoplifting. The suspect was identified as Benjamin Hudson Joseph, 25, a transient. Bail was set at \$1,000.

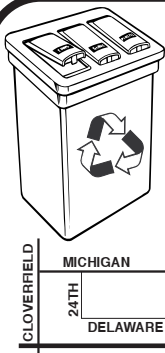
SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AT 9:20 A.M.
Officers responded to the 1100 block of California Avenue regarding an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she had gone to the home of her friend to help her evict a house guest who had worn-out their welcome. When the woman arrived, she was confronted by the house guest, who allegedly punched her in the stomach twice as she spoke to the police on the telephone.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.



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This week's Q-Line question asks:
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Independents may be added to GOP ballot

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Republicans have been asked to review party rules to determine if California can consider opening its 2008 presidential primary to 3 million independent voters, a move that could benefit party mavericks John McCain and Rudy Giuliani.

Democrats permit independents to vote in their presidential primary, but some Republicans fear that if independents remain locked out of the GOP contest they will be unlikely to vote for the Republican candidate in November.

California Republicans who vote in the primary tend to be more conservative. Allowing independents would enhance the prospects of Giuliani, the former New York City mayor, and McCain, an Arizona senator, to capture some of California's 173 delegates, the largest stash of any state. Both candidates have been known to break with party orthodoxy and have demonstrated appeal that crosses party lines.

State Republican organizations are required to notify the Republican National Committee by Sept. 4 of the rules they will use next year to select delegates for the national convention. RNC Treasurer Tim Morgan, a national committeeman from Santa Cruz, has asked the general counsel to determine if California can leave open the question of who will vote in its primary.

If that is allowed, Republicans at the state party convention beginning Sept. 7 could take up the question of opening the state primary to independents, he said.

"I'm concerned about not building into the general election a whole block of voters that, by that rule, we've isolated," said Morgan, who is not aligned with a campaign and hasn't made up his mind whether independents should vote in the GOP primary.

California Republicans allow independents to vote in other primaries, just not for president.

Longshot Republican presidential contender Jim Gilmore, a conservative former Virginia governor, has written to party leaders urging them to reject a "blatant attempt to manipulate the nomination process."

"We are not the Republican-independent party," he wrote in a letter Tuesday to California GOP Chairman Ron Nehring.

California legislators recently voted to move the state's presidential primary from June to Feb. 5 to bolster the state's influence. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a popular moderate Republican who attracted many independents last November, plans to sign the legislation.

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Some Republicans see Schwarzenegger's success in attracting voters outside the party as an indication a GOP presidential candidate could win the state for the first time since 1988, when George W. Bush defeated Michael Dukakis.

Independent voters — those who do not state a party preference on registration forms — now account for nearly two of 10 registered voters in the state. The number of independent voters has been growing at a time when Democratic and Republican registration has been shrinking.

Report points toward elusive reform

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The problems facing California's public schools won't be solved without massive restructuring and tens of billions of dollars more in spending, according to findings in a landmark report released Wednesday.

What's less clear is whether lawmakers and taxpayers will have the appetite to make the changes critics and researchers say are needed to boost student achievement and conform to federal law.

The suggestions are part of a package of more than 20 academic studies commissioned by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and other political leaders. They will be given to a bipartisan committee examining the state's public education system, which will make recommendations later this year.

The governor's Committee on Education Excellence is just the latest panel to attempt reform of California schools.

The governor named the 20-member committee in 2005 when he disbanded its predecessor, the Quality Education Commission. That commission was established by the Legislature in 2002 with a mandate to determine what it actually costs to

educate all students so they can meet the state's academic standards.

In 2001, another panel drew up a 255-page California Master Plan for Education, also requested by state lawmakers. It was described as a road map for fixing California schools but has been largely ignored.

Years of inaction have led to frustration among advocates for reform.

"I'm afraid for the state of public education in California and its most critical stakeholders, and those are students," said Russlynn Ali, director of Education Trust-West, an Oakland-based policy and research group. "We have to, collectively, use this information to effect and implement sustainable change and put students' needs and their interests first."

Ali is a member of the governor's committee and said she is hopeful that action will now supersede studying.

Separate studies scheduled to be released Thursday will address funding. Documents obtained by The Associated Press say those reports will suggest that tens of billions of dollars in additional spending are needed to boost student performance. But Schwarzenegger and the study's authors said Wednesday that spending more money won't do much to help students.

STATE BRIEFS

San Diego
Chevron drops plans for LNG terminal

Chevron Corp. has dropped plans to build a \$650 million liquefied natural gas terminal near Mexico's Coronado Islands, ending a four-year battle with environmentalists who feared the project would harm delicate plant, sea mammal, and bird habitats.

The energy company last month withdrew the three key Mexican permits required to develop the project, said Chevron spokeswoman Margaret Cooper. The decision was "based on our business needs," she said.

Chevron decided to instead send natural gas supplies from the Greater Gorgon gas fields off northwest Australia to Japan, Cooper said. The company has not given up on developing an LNG facility in North America.

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Soquel
Contagious whooping cough case shuts down school

A case of highly contagious whooping cough led to the temporary shutdown of the 93-student Virgil Hauselt Memorial Christian School.

Principal Judy Seagraves said she decided to close the preschool-through-eighth grade campus "as a precautionary measure until further investigation can be done."

The school was working with Santa Cruz County health officials, Health Services Agency spokeswoman Laurie Lang said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control requires schools to check students, teachers, staff and volunteers who may have been exposed to pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough.

The agency suggests notifying parents when there are two or more confirmed cases, but Seagraves said she notified parents after only one case was confirmed.

AP

Skyforest
Millionth diseased tree felled in forest

The millionth bark-beetle infested tree was felled in San Bernardino National Forest, a milestone in the effort to remove dead and dying trees that have made the forest a potential firebomb.

Along Highway 18 at Santa's Village, the millionth tree came down Wednesday afternoon. Dead and dying trees killed by drought and the bark beetle have been felled and removed in the overgrown forest at a rate of 750 per day.

The tree removal, made possible by a \$70 million federal grant, will continue. The removal so far has focused on trees surrounding mountain urban areas, such as Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear City.

"Today, we commit ourselves to the next task," said Dennis Hansberger, a San Bernardino County supervisor. There are \$10 million in federal funds remaining.

AP

Santa Margarita
OC teacher fired over Catholic teen trip to Europe

A popular art and history teacher at Santa Margarita Catholic High School was fired after an investigation into complaints involving a field trip to Europe.

The allegations against Eric Hansen, who led the trips, didn't involve underage sex, but the Diocese of Orange said it couldn't discuss its findings because it was a personnel matter.

"Because of California law, we can't discuss these things," spokesman Ryan Lilyengren said.

In an e-mail message to parents and students Monday, principal Lawrence Monroe said Hansen's contract was terminated March 9. He had been on administrative leave since January over the unspecified allegations.

AP

Fullerton
Community college bans smoking

Fullerton College is about to become the fourth California community college to ban student smoking on campus.

The ban takes effect July 1, school president Kathleen Hodges said Wednesday after the 10-member President's Advisory Council of faculty, students and campus employees voted for the policy.

Under the rule, smokers would first receive verbal warnings. People with five warnings would be referred to the campus disciplinarian. Punishment could include a hold on their records, a fine or suspension.

AP

Irvine
Mother arrested for leaving infant in locked car

A policeman shattered the window of a locked car and rescued a sweaty, crying infant left in the vehicle nearly three hours while the child's mother was working at a nearby business.

Radhika Yelleti, 28, told officers that she had taken the baby to work with her Tuesday because of child-care problems, police Lt. Rick Handfield said.

"She said she checked back on the baby every few minutes, but it only takes a few minutes for the interior to get real hot," the lieutenant said.

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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.

Seating is free, but limited by the size of the room. To reserve your seat, call 310-581-7954 leave a message and receive a confirmation

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VROOM: William Kostman (left), an advocate for zero-emission vehicles, joins Santa Monica resident Russell Sydney, Thursday afternoon for a test drive of the new Vectrix electric, high-performance scooter that can hit speeds up to 65-miles-per-hour.

Green autos also get parking help

FROM VETS PAGE 1

Still, not all are singing the council's praises.

While passing such an exemption is favored by veterans and environmentalists, there are those who would like to see it expanded, especially when it comes to those who have served in the armed forces.

"Anything we can get for veterans is great, but why not have this apply to all veterans? Why do we have to pick and choose," asked Tyrone Ballesteros, a veteran who served from 1986 to 1990. "It seems that they are picking the smallest group of them and are just doing this so they can say they have done something to help veterans. With all veterans having to pay more for health care and other services, it just seems that all should be covered."

As part of the ordinance, drivers of these energy-efficient vehicles must comply with parking restrictions such as the maximum time limit for metered parking. The military license plate portion of the exemption applies to autos, trucks, motorcycles and other motor-driven forms of transportation not in excess of 6,000 pounds gross weight.

Councilman Bobby Shriver had some concerns about enforcement and how city staff would be able to determine how long someone with an exemption has been parked in a particular space with time limits.

Lucy Dyke, transportation manager for City Hall, said staff will rely on the tried and true chalk-mark-on-the-tire method.

"I'm hip to that," Shriver said. "I'm just not quite sure that when people sit at these meters [they] will know about the chalk."

Mayor Richard Bloom jokingly said, "I'm quite certain no one is going to give into that temptation" to stay past the time allowed.

While City Hall passed an exemption for hybrids and other zero- and low-emission vehicles displaying a state-issued decal to allow them to ride in carpool lanes, there was no such decal for ZEVs until 2003, a year after the council approved the clean-air decal. The council wanted to make the amendment because of the increasing number of neighborhood electric vehicles, such as higher-powered golf carts and scooters.

When it comes to veterans, City Hall is following a recent trend, with policies already in effect in nearby Culver City and Fresno.

Assemblymember Karen Bass (D-Culver City) has also introduced a bill that would make the veterans' exemption statewide. That bill, AB 138, would authorize veterans displaying selected special license plates on their vehicles to park, without charge, in a state or local authority parking facility, a parking space in a time restricted zone of one hour or more, or a metered parking space, as specified.

Bass' bill is currently in the Committee on Transportation with a hearing set for March 26.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, there are a total of 1,213 veterans who would qualify for free parking under the city's ordinance. They include 7 Legion of Valor recipients, 90 Pearl Harbor survivors, 973 Purple Heart recipients, and 143 prisoners of war.

There are less than 1,000 ZEVs registered throughout the state, according to the California Air Resources board.

All told, parking fees generated by veterans and vehicles covered by the ordinance equal less than 1 percent of total revenues, according to a city staff report.

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Defense suggests charges be dropped

FROM COURT PAGE 3

Rutterschmidt and the car that investigators believe was used to run down McDavid in a Westwood alley near Bristol Farms.

In Wednesday's hearing, car salesman Mario Medina said he sold a 1999 Mercury Sable to Rutterschmidt. The elderly woman claimed she was buying the car for a friend, Hilary Adler, who later testified that same day that she never asked Rutterschmidt to buy her a car. Instead, Adler alleged that her driver's license was among several belongings stolen from her purse a few years ago at a fitness club in Santa Monica.

The car has been registered under two different license plate numbers, Kilcoyne said. In January 2004, the DMV reported that the Mercury's license plate was 4FYR482, sold by Mexicar Auto Sales to Adler in Los Angeles. In July of 2005, about a month after McDavid was killed, the car was impounded in a tow lot in Hollywood, just four to five blocks from where Rutterschmidt lived.

The impounded car was sold to a couple who affixed a new license plate and number to the car, the reason being that the car came with no plate.

"Hollywood Tow could not explain what happened to the plate when it was in their possession," Kilcoyne said.

That same car was caught in a surveillance camera taken the night that McDavid was believed to be killed and the

same night Golay's AAA membership card was used for a tow service just blocks from where the murder occurred.

Though there is no surveillance video, investigators do have snapshot photos taken of the alley, which shows a Mercury Sable.

"At this point, from what I have seen, you cannot make out who was in the car," Kilcoyne said.

HOLLYWOOD TOW COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLATE WHEN IT WAS IN THEIR POSSESSION."

Dennis Kilcoyne, LAPD Detective

In his closing statement for the preliminary hearing, Sklar asked that the murder charges against his client be dropped, admitting that her potential role in insurance fraud was inappropriate, but that it doesn't connect her to the murders.

He mentioned bits and pieces from testimonies over the last week in justifying his request, saying that Rutterschmidt was Vados' friend and tried to get the former homeless man

back on his feet. He reminded the judge that it was Golay, not Rutterschmidt, who called a life insurance company and requested an increase in the policy about a month before McDavid was killed.

Walking around the podium and pausing on occasion to squeeze four days worth of testimonies into one argument, Sklar told the judge that on the night McDavid was killed, a tow truck was called to pick up an elderly woman a few blocks away, at the corner of Santa Monica and Westwood boulevards.

That tow truck driver dropped the woman off in Santa Monica near Golay's home, not in Hollywood.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels gave her closing argument, saying that the only reason the women pulled life insurance fraud and broke the law was because they wanted the policy holder to die. One of the victims was 50 and the two women are in their 70s.

They aren't going to wait around for the victim to die on his own, Samuels said, adding that it is clear the women conspired to take out various life insurance policies in an attempt to cash in on the homeless men whom they assumed were not cared for by anyone in the world.

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X Prize idea modeled after Orteig contest

FROM PRIZE PAGE 3

Those willing to shell out \$2.5 million or more can join the non-profit foundation's elite "Vision Circle," where they can help try to change the world. Former Vice President Al Gore and billionaire Richard Branson, whose SpaceShipOne team landed the first X Prize purse and paved the way for the tycoon to launch a commercial space tourism company, have announced a \$25 million prize to come up with new ways to combat greenhouse gases. While X Prize's approach may seem innovative and exciting, it isn't new. Vander Ark likes to refer to it as a "new, old idea."

The initial X Prize was modeled after the \$25,000 Orteig Prize that was sponsored by well-heeled hotel owner Raymond Orteig and resulted in Charles Lindbergh's first-ever non-stop flight between New York and Paris.

"It turns out Lindbergh was the underdog," Vander Ark said. "Other teams ended up spending \$400,000 to win \$25,000, and (Orteig) was intrigued by the leverage and efficiency a prize could offer."

"And it continues to intrigue people."

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Stitch in time

Sibylle Weltert, 22, a Santa Monica College student, attaches a sleeve onto a coat during costume design class on Thursday for the upcoming theatre production of 'The Scarlet Pimpernel.' The play will take place at SMC's Main Stage from March 30 through April 8.

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Kid-powered battle of the bands to take place on Saturday

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA PIER What would happen if reality shows "The Apprentice" and "American Idol" fused into a mutant?

For the past few months, students in the Blast Beat course at Olympic High School have played the music business game for teenagers, starting their own multi-media company and organizing the first "Battle of the Bands" competition in Santa Monica. Six local teenage bands will go head to head this Saturday night at the pier for a chance to win a record deal.

It's all part of an international program started by Ireland-based multi-media company Blast Space Limited, which provides high school students around the world with the opportunity to start and run their own businesses.

The purpose of the program — now in its fourth year worldwide and first year in the United States — is to give students experience in what it takes to run a successful business venture.

The competition this Saturday night, featuring bands handpicked by the students in the class, is like a combination of "Making the Band," "The Apprentice" and "American Idol," said Ruici Tio, strategic marketing manager for the Blast Beat program, called "the music business game in a box."

It all started a few months ago when Blast Space Limited founder Robert Stephenson approached Olympic High School Principal Janie Gates about including her students in the pilot project. The program has proven to be successful internationally and Stephenson was interested in branching out in the United States, including five schools in Greater Los Angeles and four in New York City.

Chosen to participate in the introductory year are Malibu High School, Saint Monica High School, New Roads School, Olympic High School and Venice High School. Only Saint Monica and Olympic High Schools will hold their "Battle of the Bands" competition this Saturday.

The students are presented with the opportunity to run their own company, in this case naming it "Mullet Sandwich." Each student then applies for a position within their company, including chief executive officer, talent scout, marketing manager, video director, financial officer and information technology manager. The goal of the company is to scout six different acts in the region to perform in the marquee event of the program, the "Battle of the Bands."

Like any promotions company, the students must promote the event and sell tickets. The company can choose to keep the proceeds from the event, but the students at Olympic have chosen to donate 25 percent of total ticket sales to an organization helping kids in South Africa.

The winning band on Saturday will get a free recording session and will go on to compete against the winning acts from the other

"Battle of the Bands" nationwide.

The national winner will then travel to Europe and compete in the international competition for a chance to win a record deal with Stephenson's label.

"I found that students at Olympic High School are very creative young people," Stephenson said.

After graduation, some of the students at Olympic High School might even score some jobs with Stephenson's company, he said.

Several of the winners from the past few years are gearing up to record their first album. Unknown groups like "Emily" and "The Impressionists" from Ireland could be well-known names in a few years.

During class on Thursday afternoon, the students in the Blast Beat class watched a video from a conference they attended earlier this week as panelists to discuss the future of digital music.

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Robert Stephenson
President and founder, Blast Space Limited

In the corner of the classroom, junior John Shippey sat playing his electric guitar. Shippey, the talent scout for Mullet Sandwich, will be performing with his band in the competition this Saturday and envisions big things for the future if his group prevails.

Many of the students come to Olympic High School from Santa Monica High School after falling behind in their credits for graduation. A few of the students who run Mullet Sandwich have now found a reason to look forward to school.

"A huge part of the class is to expand the kids' world," said teacher Barry Cowan. "Most kids are locked in locally and don't see beyond (Santa Monica)."

Twelfth grader Chris Rodriguez has dreams of becoming a producer or a music photographer some day and believes this class has helped him jump start his career. The member of Intoxicated, which will perform on Saturday, runs the company's Web site.

School seems a lot less stressful now that Shippey started taking the class. It's the reason why he wakes up every morning with a smile on his face whenever he thinks about going to school.

"It feels great that we're getting something accomplished," Shippey said, grinning from ear to ear at the thought of starting his own business some day. "This is better than doing work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

For more information, visit www.blast-space.com. Saint Monica High School's event will start at 6 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier, followed by Olympic High School's Battle of the Bands at 9 p.m.

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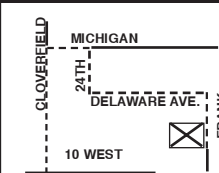
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St. Monica's does 'South Pacific'

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The talented ensemble cast features seniors Frances O'Neill and Nicholas Marcelletti in the leading roles of Nellie Forbush and Emile de Becque, respectively.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on March 16 through March 24, with a special early evening performance on Sunday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee on Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets for all performances are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors (55 and over). Special reserved seating is also available for only \$15 per person. All performances will be held in the Cantwell Auditorium of the St. Monica Parish Community, located at 1030 Lincoln Blvd. To purchase tickets, contact the high school's Performing Arts Association via telephone at (310) 829-7052 or requests may be submitted via e-mail to independent13@verizon.net.

DAILY PRESS

Spanish cinema sans Modovar? Si!

The American Cinematheque's longest running series

opens anew this week. Viggo Mortensen and director Manuel Hueriga are just two of the invited guests slated for discussion at this week's Spanish Cinema XIII.

The weekend's events begin Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Actors Unax Ugalde and Mortensen will discuss their film 'Alatriste' (135 min., 2006). Directed by Agustin Diaz Yanes and adapted from the historical novel by Arturo-Perez Reverte, the film stars Mortensen ("The Lord of the Rings") as Captain Alatriste, a 17th century soldier and mercenary. The plot spans 20 years and along the way Alatriste crosses paths with characters real and fictional. Mortensen performed all of his dialogue in Spanish. The film has been nominated for 14 Goya Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor.

Tickets for the American Cinematheque at the Egyptian Theatre are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors (65 and over) and students with a current I.D. Members pay \$7. To purchase tickets visit www.fandango.com. For more information on the films or the schedule of events, call (323) 466-FILM. The American Cinematheque is located at 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles.

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Small town souvenirs

Anne Marie Karlsen's exhibit, "New Works," on display at Santa Monica College from March 17 through April 21, is a collection of collages that combine an eclectic mix of digital prints, acrylic painting and patterned craft papers. The opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, March 16. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Photography Gallery, located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Call (310) 434-3434 for more information.

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Springfields battle it out for premiere

By the Associated Press

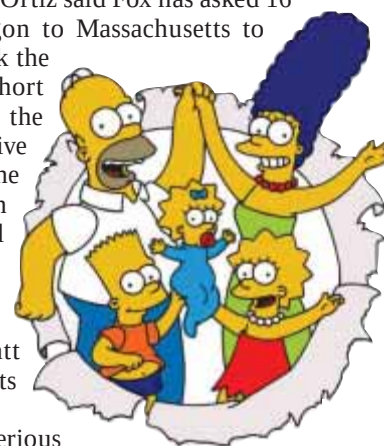
Springfield, the Oregon one, is on a list of like-named towns competing for the big-screen debut of Homer, Bart and the rest of the TV Simpson family this summer.

City officials accepted an invitation from 20th Century Fox to compete for the honor of hosting the premiere screening of "The Simpsons Movie" in July.

Fox publicist Gwyne Ortiz said Fox has asked 16 Springfields from Oregon to Massachusetts to participate. Fox will pick the winner after reviewing short film entries showcasing the community's positive aspects and links to the Simpsons, who live in their own fictional Springfield.

The prime-time animated series created by Oregon-born Matt Groening is now in its 18th season.

"There's plenty of serious issues to talk about, but this is something that we might as well try to have a little fun with," Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken told the Register-Guard newspaper. Newsweek once called the Simpsons' Springfield "America's Crud Bucket," hardly an honor worth fighting over. The cartoon Springfield has a nuclear power plant and several prisons, amenities Oregon's Springfield lacks. Groening has said he chose "Springfield" because it's one of the more common city names in the United States.



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New works by the Argentine collective, Mondongo, are on exhibition at Track 16 Gallery. The artists of Mondongo have earned a reputation as iconoclastic, punk, and ready to take on any subject for deconstructive terrorism.

HAMP SIMMONS is the cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Santa Monica. Send comments or suggestions for the Palette to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.

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Reality show delves into Arabs in America

BY ANNA JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt A new reality TV show in the Middle East has a familiar set-up: Take a group of young adults, put them in an RV and film their every move as they drive across the United States.

But producers threw out the formula of partying, petty fighting and outrageous physical competitions and instead focused on a loftier goal — trying to bridge the cultural gap between Arabs and Americans.

"On the Road in America" debuted earlier this year on the Saudi Arabian-owned satellite channel MBC. It follows four young Arabs — three men and a woman — as they travel from Washington, D.C., to California to discover the "real" America.

It was produced by a nonprofit company backed by a string of Washington heavyweights — Republicans and Democrats — including former President George H.W. Bush, who aim to fight negative stereotypes of America in the Arabic-speaking world.

The company, Layalina Productions Inc., has a board that boasts such names as former secretaries of state Henry Kissinger and James A. Baker III and former U.S. Representative Lee Hamilton.

But unlike the Bush administration's attempts to win over Arab hearts and minds through radio and TV stations here, Layalina, which means "our nights" in



Photo courtesy Layalina Productions
CHEESE!: Cast at Millennium Park in Chicago.

Arabic, is privately funded. Layalina founder Richard Fairbanks, a U.S. ambassador-at-large under President Reagan, said he hopes shows such as "On the Road in America" have something the U.S. government-financed programs do not — credibility.

"I thought the best way to do it was with the private sector and have it appear on media outlets in the region and appeal to people there," Fairbanks said. "I hoped we could produce programming ... that would have a positive impact on critical thinking and show a different view of the United States."

During filming of the 10-week road trip, the show's quartet — an Egyptian, Ali Amr; a Saudi, Sanad Al Kubaissi; a Lebanese, Mohamed Abou Ghazal; and a Palestinian, Lara Abou Saifan — met with politicians.

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(From top clockwise) Franklyn Phillips, a Santa Monica College sculpting professor, takes a ceramic work from the Raku kiln during a demonstration on Saturday at the inaugural Santa Monica Airport Art Walk; Oliva Booth, assistant of artist Jeremy Gilbert-Rolfe, sets up a scaffolding during an architecture exhibit; Teresa Amanfu, 49, works on her ceramic African torso at SMC's ceramic sculpting studio; A pair of acting students work out a scene during the Santa Monica Airport Art Walk on Saturday.



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PRO BASKETBALL

Dirty player talk angers Bryant

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO Kobe Bryant says he can handle just about any kind of criticism. Calling him a dirty player crosses the line.

Bryant reacted angrily to such a concept Wednesday, and expressed gratitude for the support given him by Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

“It’s insulting,” Bryant said before the slumping Lakers flew to Denver for Thursday night’s game against the Nuggets. “I don’t need to be a dirty player. That’s just ridiculous. I’m not a dirty player — never have been, never will be.”

The 28-year-old Bryant, one of the NBA’s best players for years, said he believes he’s played “the right way” throughout his career, which began with the Lakers in 1996 when he went straight from high school to the professional ranks.

Regarding criticism, Bryant said it’s fine for people to say, for example, that he shoots too much.

“I don’t want the image of being a dirty player,” he added.

Bryant spoke to the media for the first time since Jackson accused the NBA of conducting what he called a “witch hunt” against his star player a day earlier.

“He’s being supportive, coming to my defense,” Bryant said. “It feels good to have somebody in your corner.”

Jackson isn’t the only one. Teammates Lamar Odom and Luke Walton, who will both return to action Thursday night after being sidelined with injuries, were emphatic in defending Bryant.

“He plays extremely hard. I don’t think he plays dirty at all,” Odom said. “He plays every game to win it. The game’s physical. He gets beat up and beat down.”

Regarding Jackson’s comments, Odom smiled and said: “That’s P.J. I’ve got to be a little more political with what I say. I don’t have a championship. He’s got a right to say whatever he wants to say. After a few championships, maybe I can talk crazy a little bit.”

Jackson has coached nine championship teams, tying him with former Boston coach Red Auerbach for the most in NBA history.

Walton said Bryant is an aggressive player, but that’s it.

“He wants to win at all costs,” Walton said. “He’s not dirty at all. He’s not out there trying to injure people. He hits us with elbows all the time — that’s part of basketball.”

Since the end of January, Bryant has served two one-game suspensions for hitting players in the face while shooting, and on Monday, the NBA assessed him a flagrant

“THESE ARE MEN PLAYING THE GAMES – THAT’S WHY THEY CALL IT THE NBA – NO BOYS ALLOWED.”

Phil Jackson
Los Angeles Lakers head coach

foul 1 penalty for elbowing Philadelphia’s Kyle Korver in the jaw during last Friday night’s game.

“It shouldn’t even have been a flagrant 1,” Jackson said Tuesday. “That’s crazy. That’s a vendetta. They have a witch hunt going on. It’s nuts. Guys riding somebody. Everybody does that in this league. It’s just becoming a witch hunt now.”

Jackson, who was fined \$25,000 by the league earlier this season for criticizing officiating, said Wednesday he had no such concerns regarding his latest comments.

“No,” he replied emphatically when asked if he expected to be fined again. “That doesn’t even enter the equation that that would happen.”

Jackson also said Bryant doesn’t play dirty.

“Anybody who’s going to be aggressive, there’s a lot of physical activity,” he said. “There’s all kinds of activities that go on that are part of the game. I think Kobe plays the game within the bounds.

“These are men playing the games — that’s why they call it the NBA — no boys allowed.”

The Lakers (33-31) enter Thursday night’s game having lost six straight games and 12 of their last 15. No Jackson-coached team has ever lost more than six games in a row.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Bruin up a tourney victory

By the Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Arron Afflalo put an awful game behind him in UCLA’s impressive NCAA tournament opener.

Shaking off a terrible performance in last week’s Pac-10 tournament, Afflalo had 22 points and eight rebounds to lead the Bruins to a 70-42 victory over Weber State on Thursday night in the West Regional.

Darren Collison scored 14 points while playing on a sprained ankle, and Josh Shipp added 12 for coach Ben Howland’s second-seeded Bruins (27-5), who reached last season’s national championship game before falling short of their 12th NCAA title.

But after spending six weeks of this season ranked No. 1, UCLA lost its previous two games before traveling to Arco Arena --

including a humiliating loss to mediocre California in the conference tournament that cost them a chance at a No. 1 seed.

Afflalo, the conference player of the year, was particularly stung by the last loss because of the way he played: Scoring a season-low three points on 1-of-7 shooting, and later hanging his head in the locker room.

But Afflalo was back on his game as soon as he stepped on the floor where he led his Compton high school to a state title. He scored 15 points in the first half as UCLA rolled to an 18-point halftime lead on the overmatched Wildcats (20-12) of the Big Sky Conference.

Dezmon Harris led Weber State with 10 points.

One year after reaching the NCAA title game, UCLA again is a No. 2 seed out west.



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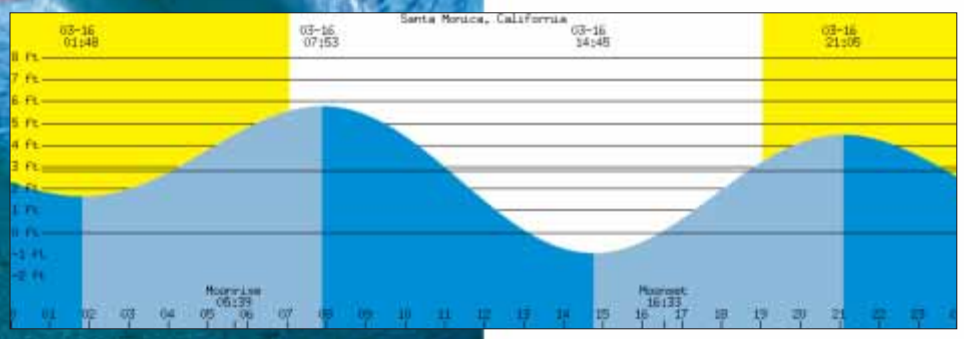
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas 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+

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

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+
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Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
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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)

★★★★★ The unexpected, your creativity and imagination take you in a new direction. Your firm intentions touch a child or loved one who might be a bit cantankerous or difficult. Tonight: Start celebrating St. Patty's Day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Touch base with others. You are heading in a new direction. You take a stand, and others respond. On some level, others find you to be tight. Could you be restricting yourself or causing a personal problem? Take a good look – without bias. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Take the high road, if you can. You might not understand what someone is saying, but you will get down to basics. After that, grab a peek at where this concept could go. Look beyond the obvious. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Dig in and be willing to see how you could change a personal situation for the better. Refuse to cut back or cause yourself a problem. Let someone give you input that could actually change your life. Listen. Tonight: Indulge a touch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Others push hard to get what they want. Investigate and get to the bottom of a problem. Someone allows greater creativity and understanding. You might want to think before you leap. Creativity and dynamic opportunity mix. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might want to review a situation and get down to basics. Investigate possibilities with an eye to expending some of the pent-up energy you've been carry around. Create a better rapport with co-workers. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity takes you in a new direction. You might want to attempt another approach or do something quite differently. Let your guard down and allow greater creativity to flourish. How you see a personal matter could radically change. Tonight: Add to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Deal with a situation head-on. If you investigate a situation with greater openness, you'll come up with dynamic solutions. Someone might be extraordinarily tough or difficult. Unfortunately, you cannot run away. Tonight: Snuggle in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You are full of life and vivacity. Understanding comes forward, and you have an important conversation. You cannot back off as far as you might like to. Investigate and understand your options. Tonight: Even if plans seem difficult, don't slam any doors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might have had enough of another's interference. Your possessiveness could cause a problem where you least expect it. In the next few days, you will have a tendency to go overboard. Shore up your finances. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You are full of energy and high understanding. Examine your ideas with the help of others' observations. Laugh and relax. Smile and make something your own. Don't sit back or let someone else make the call. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You need to understand what is going on. Investigate and be open to others' ideas. You could be overwhelmed or tired. Express full understanding. Listen to your inner voice. Fatigue could stop you. Tonight: Easy does it.

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Actress Lauren Graham (1967)
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Bruce who? Idol's Simon says: 'I sell more records than Bruce Springsteen'

SIMON COWELL says he's bigger than The Boss. In an interview to air Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," the "American Idol" judge says he's worth five times more to Sony BMG than Bruce Springsteen. "I sell more records than Bruce Springsteen, sure," Cowell says of the 57-year-

old rocker, who signed a contract that was reported to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million. "I mean, in the last five years, I've probably sold over 100 million records. If (Springsteen) got one hundred (million dollars), I should have got five hundred (million dollars)," he says.

Cowell says he sells all those records because he's signed "the biggest artist on the planet" — Fox network's "American Idol." "Every single 'Idol' winner is now signed through Sony BMG," says Cowell. "And this applies to ... all the countries ... we sell 'Idol' to, which is over 30 countries."

Albums by "American Idol" winners and runners-up are distributed by labels within the Sony BMG system through a deal between Clive Davis and 19 Recordings Unlimited, the label managed by "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller. Interviewer Anderson Cooper asks Cowell, 47,

whether his deal with Sony BMG is in the same neighborhood as Springsteen's. "A hundred million ... that's a great deal," Cowell says. Was he referring to himself or Springsteen? "For him," Cowell says, grinning. "For him it's a good deal."

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BUTLER CHARGED

YANCY BUTLER, who starred in the canceled cable TV show "Witchblade," has been charged with a crime for the second time in as many months. Butler, 36, was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence after crashing her Saab 900 into a wire guard rail, state police said. She was also charged with failure to drive in the established lane. Butler was released on a \$500 bond and ordered to appear in Bantam Superior Court March 26. Butler was charged last month with disorderly conduct after an argument with a former boyfriend, police said.

AP

Police probe brawl in Jerusalem involving paparazzi and Leonardo

Israeli police said Thursday they were deciding whether to charge two bodyguards in a scuffle with photographers during **LEONARDO DICAPRIO'S** visit to the Western Wall earlier this week. Three photographers were injured Monday as DiCaprio, Israeli supermodel Bar Refaeli and Refaeli's family were touring a tunnel near the Western Wall, the holiest site where Jews can pray. About 20 photographers, along with a crowd of fans and curiosity-seekers, waited for the 32-year-old actor to come out of the tunnel. The photographers gathered around as DiCaprio got into a van, and

security guards tried to shoo them away. Photographers said two of DiCaprio's bodyguards began swinging their fists wildly in an effort to scatter the crowd. "They were freaking out and going crazy," said photographer Gali Tibbon, who suffered bruises to her forehead and collarbone. "It was pure violence." The melee continued after the van drove away. DiCaprio's publicist, Shawn Sachs, said the blame rested solely with the photographers. "Leo is horrified that anyone might have gotten hurt in this situation, but the paparazzi really made this happen," he said.

Two bodyguards were detained by police for questioning and then released. Authorities were still gathering materials, but the probe was focusing on the two bodyguards, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said Thursday. "We understand it was the photographers who were attacked. The photographers didn't attack the security guards," he said. "It's very clear it was an unnecessary incident." He said he didn't know when a decision to press charges would be made. Udi Bar-Shavit, owner of a Tel Aviv security firm and one of the guards who was questioned, said his men

showed restraint, even when reporters cursed and spat at them. "The photographers were so intent on getting the picture that all means were legitimate for them," he said. Shy Perez, a celebrity columnist for entertainment magazine Pnai Plus, said the violence could have been avoided. "We've had celebrities visit here in the past. What's different is that he's the first who hasn't cooperated," Perez said. "They don't want to take his picture because he's a criminal, or because people hate him. They wanted to because people love him."

AP

Mills says 'powers' are out to get her

HEATHER MILLS says she is the victim of a campaign of vilification by the press as she divorces Paul McCartney. "There is a huge agenda behind trying to destroy me and put me down," Mills told British Broadcasting Corp. television Thursday. The 39-year-old activist has complained of being harassed and vilified by the media — and of receiving death threats — since she and McCartney, 64, separated last May after four years of marriage. The couple, who have a 3-year-old daughter, Beatrice, began divorce proceedings in July. "I'm not a publicity seeker ... I haven't gone

'round promoting things to finance my own pockets," Mills said during an interview to promote a campaign against the use of farrowing crates in pig farming. "But there are huge powers, I don't have that powerful system that he has," she said. "There are huge powers that create these things for reasons of their own." Nonetheless, she said: "I'll always love Paul." "He's the father of my child and I'll always have strong feelings for him." Mills began legal action against a number of media outlets after disparaging claims about the former Beatle — alleged to have

been contained in divorce court papers drawn up on her behalf — were reported in the press. She told the BBC she plans to campaign for a new law against press intrusion. "I sue them, I generally win, I get a two-line apology," she said. "My next campaign is going to go to the European Parliament to create a law of not misinforming the public and the size of the lie that they say should be the size of the apology." Mills, who lost her leg below the knee in a 1993 motorcycle accident, will appear on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," which returns for a fourth season

Monday. She plans to donate her appearance fee on the dance competition to an animal rights charity. Also Thursday, police in Hove, southern England, said they were dealing with a "disproportionate" number of calls from Mills. Chief Superintendent Kevin Moore of Brighton and Hove Police said the force had dealt with four emergency calls from Mills in a 24-hour period, but had found no grounds for further action. "We are duty-bound to respond, but clearly people who make lots of calls to the police run the risk of being treated as the little boy who cried wolf," he said.

AP

TRAVOLTA GENDER BENDS

JOHN TRAVOLTA fans finally have their two big wishes: His return to movie musicals after almost 30 years and his first role as a plump Baltimore housewife. Travolta heads the bill in a new production of "Hairspray," whose cast helped preview the film Wednesday night and blew the roof off the joint with show-stopping footage and live music-and-dance numbers at ShoWest, an annual convention of theater owners. "I've had the itch for 30 years" to return to movie musicals, said Travolta, who wears a fat suit for the part.

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1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:55
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Wild Hogs (PG-13)
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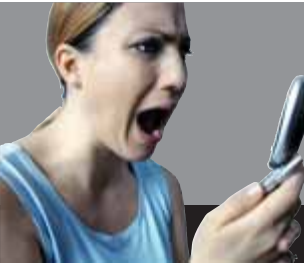
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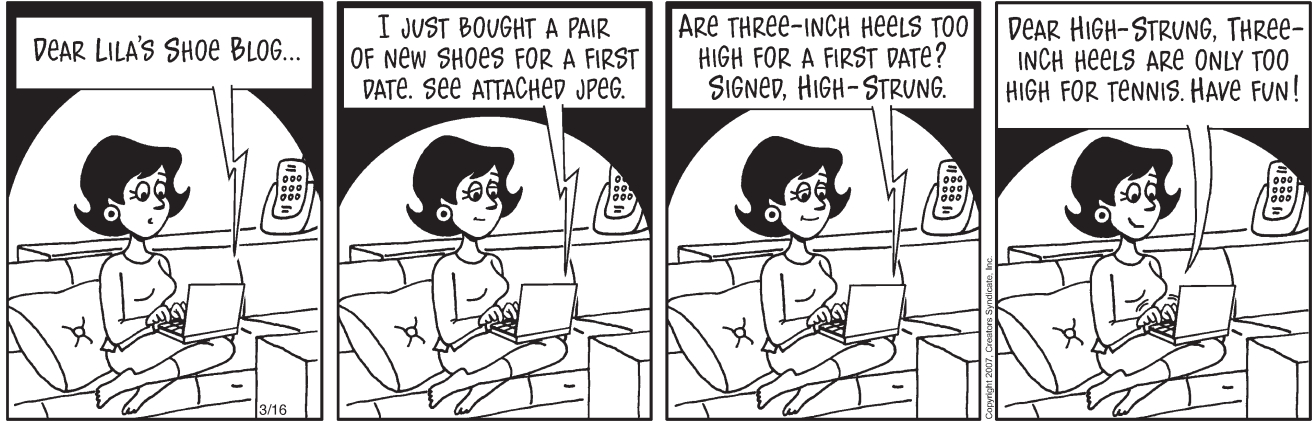
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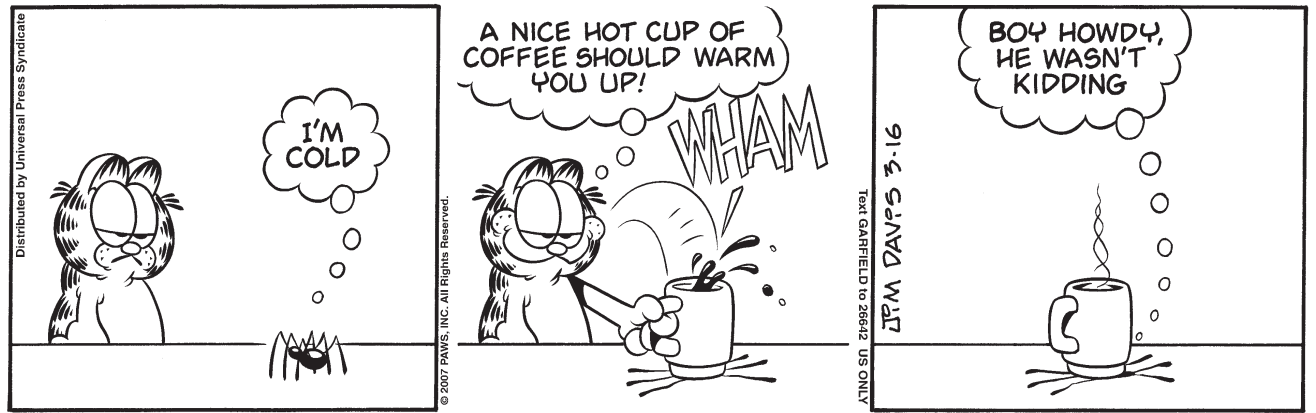
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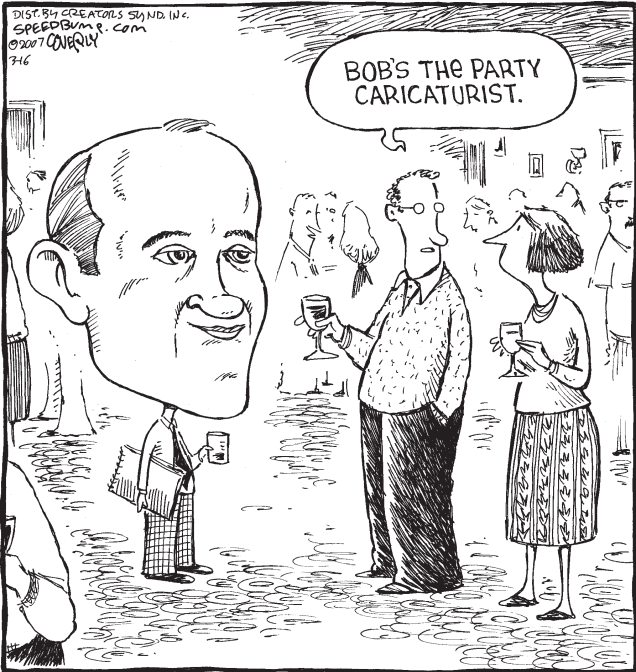
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■ **Questionable Judgments:** Two solutions to "bullying": (1) In November, a mother (with her two daughters and a family friend in tow) rushed to a school in Charlotte, N.C., to defend her 15-year-old son, who had been complaining of bullying. (Logically, a defense by one's mother might not put an end to bullying.) (2) The South Korean government commenced a pilot program in March to supply to-and-from-school bodyguards for kids who complain about bullying (to be funded by private donations). However, the bodyguards would not actually sit with kids in class.

■ **Seattle parents of 9-year-old "Ashley"** announced they have decided to give her intensive hormone therapy, which will likely cause her not to grow beyond her current stature (4-foot-5, 75 pounds), in that she has a likely permanent brain impairment that prevents her from almost all of life's activities (walking, talking, eating, keeping upright). The parents decided that, since she requires constant care, their incentive to take her places and engage her would be increased if she were of a manageable size rather than a full-grown adult.

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1926 Robert Goddard launches the first liquid-fueled rocket, at Auburn, Massachusetts.

1935 Adolf Hitler orders Germany to rearm herself in violation of the Versailles Treaty. Conscription was reintroduced to form the Wehrmacht.

1945 World War II: The Battle of Iwo Jima ends but small pockets of Japanese resistance persist.

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the decedent's will and codicils, if
any, be admitted to probate. The will
and any codicils are available for ex-
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authority to administer the estate
under the Independent
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tions, however, the personal repre-
sentative will be required to give
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they have waived notice or con-
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independent administration authority
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court should not grant the authority.A HEARING on the peti-
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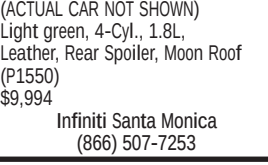
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