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THE WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND ISSUE

Trading parking spaces at market

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK In the packed parking lot of Trader Joe's, Cybil Knight unloads her groceries into the trunk of her sedan while drivers circle around her like sharks waiting to strike.

Their prey? Knight's parking spot.

"It can get pretty crazy in here sometimes," the Brentwood resident said, as she pointed to a long line of cars waiting to pull into the health-conscious grocery store's parking lot. "I've basically just accepted the fact that I may have to wait 10 to 15 minutes to park. That's why I try to go later on at night when it's not as busy."

It seems that no matter what time of day

it is, it's always congested, another product of the city's limited supply of parking and an abundance of people who still use their autos to get around town. Despite efforts by City Hall to encourage walking and other forms of transportation, the increase in parking restrictions on city streets, coupled with an influx of visitors to popular sites like the Third Street Promenade and Montana

Avenue has only added to the parking woes.

Trader Joe's, at 3212 Pico Blvd., seems to be situated in the eye of a perfect parking storm — located on a crowded corridor near a freeway offramp. Several businesses, including a pharmacy, clothing boutique and costume store also share limited parking

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LOCAL



IN THE FASTLANE

Racing club slams the pedal to the metal
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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

FAST GIRL: Candace McCulty, 16, sits atop her recently wrecked race car in the parking lot of The Church on Pearl in Sunset Park, Friday. She smashed it up during a recent race.

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June 1993-March 3, 2007



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YOUR LIFE WAS TAKEN ON FEB. 27, 2007

*Bear, our home is silent now. I miss you.
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I will always remember you.*

Love, Richard Hilton

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

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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.

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.

'Living Peace Sign'

Santa Monica Beach, sunset

Organized by the Humanist Movement, and other progressive groups, lantern-bearing, pro-peace supporters will stage a call to end the Iraq war. For information visit www.lahumanist.googlepages.com/peace.

Tom Nolan Band at Rusty's Surf Ranch

256 Santa Monica Pier, 8:30 p.m. — 11 p.m.

For more information, call (310) 393-7437.

The Keiskamma Altarpiece

1008 11th St., 10 a.m. — 6 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.

Sunday, March 18, 2007

Cardio-Latin Workout class

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

Every Sunday at the Santa Monica Dance Studio, learn to dance Salsa, Merengue, Cha-cha, Samba and more while getting a workout. For more information, visit www.santamonica dance studio.com or call (310) 319-5339.

Laughter Yoga Class

717 Broadway, 5 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing and laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, to decrease pain and everyday stress and to promote a more positive mental attitude. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 for two people attending class together. For more information, contact Shakti's Elements at (310) 471-5773.

Whale Watching at Malibu Pier

23000 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Whale watching voyages will sail from Malibu Pier on the 55-foot boat "Aquarius." The trip lasts approximately two and a half hours. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for juniors. For further information and reservations, call (310) 456-8037. Group rates are available.

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.





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CHILLIN': A group of teenagers peer out over the Santa Monica Place Mall Friday. The Frank Gehry designed mall is slated to undergo a major facelift in near future.

Residents chime in on new mall design

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PLACE There's strong support for a remodeled Santa Monica Place mall, but residents remain cautious, raising concerns about traffic, the compatibility with the Third Street Promenade and whether new stores will be able to cater to both those with six-figure incomes and those making minimum wage.

And then there's the senior community. "What's in it for us?" an elderly woman asked during a community meeting Thursday with city staff and the mall's owner, Macerich Co., which is planning to rip the roof off the mall and make use of the city's warm weather and cool ocean breezes.

"What about the seniors?" the woman said, referring to the Santa Monica Strutters, a group of retirees who walk through the mall in the mornings as a safe and secure place to exercise. "If it's open air, what are we to do in the wintertime when it's cold?"

The meeting was the second of what will be several hosted by City Hall to give residents, business owners and others a chance to voice their opinions on major projects before getting deep into the development process. That way, potential conflicts may be easily avoided, said Eileen Fogarty, director of planning and community development for City Hall.

Macerich learned this the hard way, when in 2004, it proposed a massive redevelopment of the mall that included demolishing the Frank Gehry-designed structure and

replacing it with three, 21-story office towers that would have included space for offices, retail and housing.

Residents balked at the idea because it would have been out of character for the neighborhood and would bring more traffic to the area.

Admitting they made a mistake, Macerich officials this summer met with community members in a series of 14 meetings and used their input to craft a dramatically different concept. The current plan is to tear the roof off the "central spine" of the mall to create an open-air, multilevel complex that better connects with the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and Civic Center. The new structure will be slightly smaller than the current mall and will include a variety of retail options. There will also be a food court on the third floor that will combine traditional mall fare with more upscale restaurants, along with stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

"This plan creates more of a flow and this overall feeling that you are not in a shopping center," said Fogarty, who stressed the importance of creating synergy between the promenade, the mall and a new park and housing development in the Civic Center across the street from City Hall. "All of this has to connect. You cannot have barriers."

Officials with Santa Monica-based Macerich Co., one of the nation's largest retail investment trusts with 73 regional

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More than a mug of green beer

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE While the day has since become an excuse to booze it up in festive green clothes or pinch people wearing anything but, St. Patrick's Day was actually once the celebration of a saint who wasn't even Irish.

The story began late in the fourth century when the Briton was kidnapped by Irish pirates and grew up a slave in Ireland, according to Joseph Nagy, an English professor who teaches a course on Celtic languages and literature at UCLA.

But after managing an escape back to Britain, St. Patrick, under the inspiration of God, decided to return to Ireland as a missionary to convert the Irish population to Christianity. Historians believe this occurred around 432 A.D.

There were probably already Christians in Ireland at the

time, but St. Patrick was significant in helping spread the faith in the potato-loving country.

"He left a letter in which he angrily complains about the mistreatment of Christians and it seems to be a writing to the Irish king or the British king," Nagy said.

Though historians aren't clear on the exact year when St. Patrick died, some believe he passed away on March 17, 461, hence, the day set aside for his remembrance, as well as a wee bit o' revelry.

His life was celebrated within a few hundred years of his death.

In the Irish Christian tradition, a saint's life is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, contrary to what many believe. In commemoration of the St. Patrick's death, the

Weekend patients more likely to die

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. Heart attack patients have a slightly higher risk of death if they go to the hospital on the weekend, when they are more likely to miss or wait longer for crucial treatments, one of the largest studies of the issue finds.

Although the increased risk of death is small, roughly 5 percent higher in the month after an attack occurs, it can mean potentially thousands more deaths in the United States annually. The study indicated that weekend patients waited

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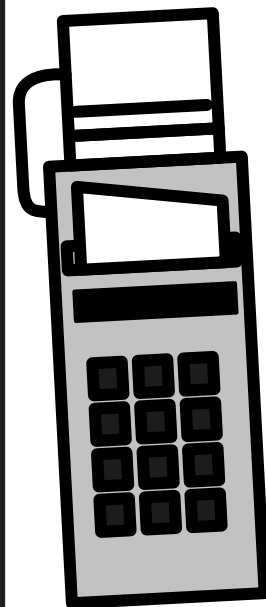


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No guarantees for soldiers

Editor:

This is in response to David Pissarra’s piece (“A picture tells the story of a life lost,” March, 13, page 4) where he laments the death of Army Reserve Capt. Brian Freeman, who was killed (executed) in Iraq. Pissarra says he doesn’t know how presidents sleep at night knowing others are doing their bidding and dying. At the end of his column, he says he’ll never be president because, “... I cry over the death of a man I’ve never met ... and whose sacrifice is beyond me.”

Mr. Pissarra assumes that presidents are automatons devoid of emotion – that a Commander in Chief takes so cheaply the lives of our troops that sleep comes easy and tears are not shed. This is an insulting assumption. He confuses our leaders and our presidents (Republican and Democrat) with the likes of Hitler, Stalin, Saddam Hussein and the current terrorist leaders who send their young zealots out as human bombs to purposefully target innocent women and children at markets, cafes and public squares. These are (were) the true leaders and presidents without restless sleep and heartfelt tears.

During President Reagan’s administration, no males ever entered the Oval Office without a jacket and tie because he considered that room a “holy place” from which this country’s finest were ordered into harm’s way. No American president ever took, nor will take, these things lightly. History and eyewitness accounts of those closest to all our presidents bare this out.

In the middle of his piece, Pissarra also says, “I cannot wrap my head around how these leaders are able to ask men to die for them. It makes no sense to me.” Allow me to help: The thing he should wrap his head around (and try to make sense of) is this ... How are our young men and women able to muster the courage to volunteer to serve this country, knowing full well they might not come back whole or alive, and why do they do it?

As a veteran, let me first tell Mr. Pissarra about the “how.” It comes from that corny, flag-waving, patriotic, I love America-part of the heart; a heart that drives a sense of duty into action and keeps it there no matter the danger; no matter how crummy the food, pay, or weather is, or even who the president may be.

But there are other ways to volunteer and patriotically serve America without being a warrior, so then, why the military? This is the “why”: Because priests and rabbis don’t guarantee freedom of religion; because writers and poets don’t guarantee freedom of speech; because reporters and columnists don’t guarantee freedom of the press, and because activists and ACLU attorneys don’t guarantee the right to peacefully assemble and petition government in a redress of grievances – soldiers do; sailors do; airmen do; Marines and Coast Guardsmen do. The U.S. Constitution, a cherished ideal of inalienable rights recorded on parchment, guarantees these freedoms only because our armed forces stand between those ideals and tyranny.

Perhaps if Mr. Pissarra had spent more time reflecting on the irony of the last name of Capt. Brian Freeman rather than worry about the president’s sleeping habits, then maybe, instead of misspelling the captain’s first name (it’s Brian with “i”, not “y”), he would have been able to wrap his head around the idea that this brave and great American patriot volunteered, served and died in uniform so people like us can be free men.

James Zeruk jr.
Veteran, USAF

A means to an end for renters

Editor:

Kevin Herrera’s article (“Rents just keep on rising in this town,” March 12, page 1) raises many interesting and debatable issues about rent control and affordable housing. But the statement attributed to rent control officials in the article’s last sentence is disingenuous. They said that it would be a “logistical nightmare” to allocate rent controlled apartments to low income tenants because tenants’ economic circumstances change. These rent control officials know that all tenants in Section 8 subsidized housing, in deed-restricted low income apartments and in Community Corp of Santa Monica apartments (among others) are all subject to annual means testing.

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Credit card spending makes life interesting

A FEW MONTHS AGO, MY WIFE AND I decided that we had been spending too much money lately. We hadn’t gone crazy. We’re not particularly extravagant. We don’t own a jet, we don’t rush off to a private island when things get too hectic here and I don’t own a pair of “nice jeans” for the weekend. But we had noticed that, gradually, over the past few years, we were inexplicably spending more money. I suggested that we try to go for a couple of months without using our credit cards and just pay cash for everything. I felt this would make us more reluctant to buy things that we really didn’t need. I was right. The experiment worked. We definitely spent less money. And I hated it.

Before deciding to put our credit cards aside, we went over our financial records. I pretended to be interested in all the details, and the conclusion was that there weren’t any glaring areas where we could cut back. It wasn’t as if all we had to do was lay off our upstairs maid and the butler and everything would be fine. Instead, it was all those little things that we buy and don’t really think about that had been adding up.

So, we took a certain amount of money out of the bank and put the cash in a secret place in our house. (Note to burglars: Since we no longer are doing the cash-only system, we don’t keep cash in our house anymore). We would each take some cash out of our stash whenever we felt we needed to replenish the money in our wallets. However, we’d be very careful about those “withdrawals” because the money in our hiding place would have to last the entire month.

I had never been in the habit of carrying much cash on me. I would usually just have a few dollars stuffed in one of my pockets. I had my credit cards and I thought — incorrectly, as it turned out — that I rarely spent money, anyway. When I started to carry cash, I actually felt a difference in me. I’m sure I walked with a swagger. I had become a “Big Time, Charlie Potatoes” with money in my wallet. I was living large, and for me, it was all about the “Jacksons” I was carrying.

I didn’t part too easily with any of those “Jacksons” or “Hamiltons” or even my “Washingtons.” I learned very quickly what the owner of every casino in the world knows -- people are much more likely to spend money if it’s not really money, but plastic. If you were actually putting cash on the table and losing at blackjack, you’d stop playing a lot sooner than when you’re just losing those plastic chips.

Similarly, when we pay for something with a plastic credit card, it doesn’t “hurt” as much as actually reaching into our wallets

and handing over our cash to a stranger.

As I said, the cash-only system worked. I was much more likely to ask myself the question, “Do I really need this?” before I bought something.

Since it worked so well, why did I hate our “no credit card” system? For one thing, I felt like I was a kid on an allowance. I resented that I couldn’t buy whatever I wanted. And there was guilt attached to every purchase — “Should I really be buying this?” “If I do, will that mean I’ll have to take more money out of our hiding place?” “If I buy it, does this mean I’m an irresponsible person with no self-control who is a poor role model for my children and a bad citizen of the world?” (Sometimes, I’m a little rough on myself).

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After two months, we decided, thankfully, that we had learned how to spend money more wisely, and we could go back to a more normal, relaxed “sometimes credit card, sometimes cash” system.

But the damage had already been done. Even though I am now “allowed” to make an impulse purchase with my credit card, the leftover guilt from the two-month experiment stops that purchase from being a joyous one. It’s no fun to be responsible.

I think the only thing that would get me out of this mood is if we would go out and have a ridiculously expensive evening, throwing our money around extravagantly, celebrating the fact that we have learned how to be responsible with our money.

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STRAY talk

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

"The villa owner refuses to move, so the real-estate developer has had to dig out all around it to force him to."
- A Weilian Real Estate Sales Company employee regarding the owner of a Chinese villa, which now stands atop a 30-foot deep man-made pit. The owner refuses to vacate the space for a shopping mall and apartments unless the company pays him 20 million yuan.

"We kind of embrace that we are non-mainstream. We're independent. We don't have the red carpet and we try not to kiss Hollywood's ass."
- Gary Ellenberg, co-founder of 'The Other Venice Film Festival'

"There is a huge agenda behind trying to destroy me and put me down."
- Heather Mills, soon-to-be ex-wife of Paul McCartney, on the negative publicity she's received since it was announced the couple would be separating

"I thought I could do something special ... I feel that it was really a missed opportunity."
- Architect Frank Gehry on the Santa Monica Place Mall, which he designed

"You are the best female artist ever, all your fans are missing you and want the best for you."
- A message posted by a British Britney Spears fan in on the singer's website. Fans were asked to leave messages of support for the singer who's currently in rehab

"Mayor Giuliani believes Hugo Chavez is not a friend of the United States, and his influence continues to grow because of our increasing reliance on foreign sources of oil."
- From a written statement released by Rudy Guliani's office in response to the news that the former mayor has links to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez through his law office, which lobbies on behalf of Citgo Petroleum Corp. – the American subsidiary of the state-owned Venezuelan oil company

"I think these veterans have earned the right to park without being charged."
- Armand Assayag, a representative with the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, on a city ordinance allowing veterans to park for free

"Saturday I rose from the dead and then died again."
- Comedian Sinbad on rumors that he had died. The rumors began on the Web site, Wikipedia.com; an online encyclopedia where the public can update entries

"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."
- Assemblywoman Julia Brownley speaking at a rally on the possibility that a natural gas processing plant will be installed 20 miles off the coast of Malibu near Oxnard

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- Denny Zane, co-founder of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights on the rising rent prices in Santa Monica



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U.S. Bank tower was targeted by terrorists

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Suspected 9-11 terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's admission that he planned to destroy the West Coast's tallest building comes as no surprise to Los Angeles authorities, who say it is still one of the nation's top terrorist targets.

Mohammed told U.S. authorities this past week that he had planned attacks that would have destroyed Los Angeles' US Bank tower, Chicago's Sears tower and New York City's Empire State Building among others. The attacks were planned as a second wave of violence against the United States following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington.

"We knew that we've been a target since 9-11," Los Angeles police Lt. Paul Vernon said Thursday. "We know that we're one of the top three targets in the nation. The fact that he admitted to that doesn't change anything."

None of the secondary attacks Mohammed mentioned in a lengthy statement read at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were carried out. Last year, President Bush credited the cooperative efforts of several countries with foil-

ing the planned attack on the US Bank building, which towers 73 stories above the downtown Los Angeles skyline.

Bush said at the time that Mohammed began planning the attack a month after Sept. 11 and planned to have terrorists with bombs hidden in their shoes blow open the cockpit door of a commercial airliner. They would then fly the plane into the building.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa complained at the time that he had been given no particulars of the plot, learning of them only from watching the president's speech on television. Villaraigosa had no comment Thursday, a spokeswoman said.

Vernon said local authorities still consider the building a key target, adding it is one of several protected by stepped-up security measures that he declined to discuss.

Another is Los Angeles International Airport, which was the target of a failed attack planned for New Year's Eve before the millennium.

"One of the things we've learned in dealing with al-Qaida-type terrorists is once they get fixed on a target they tend to stay fixed on it," Vernon said. "These are things that stand for the region, are landmarks, icons, for the region."

STATE BRIEFS

Duarte
Jockey appeals zoning rule, wants tall house

Five-foot jockey Garrett Gomez wants a tall house. "All of them came to the same conclusion - that more funding is required," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell.

However, he also cautioned against getting bogged down in arguments "about a specific dollar figure."

O'Connell urged leaders to first imagine a more efficient system, then figure out how much it will cost and how to pay for it.

The financing recommendations are part of a package of more than 20 academic studies requested by O'Connell, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and other political leaders.

They are intended to inform the work of the governor's Committee on Education Excellence, which is examining the state's public education system and will recommend reforms later this summer.

Research director Susannah Loeb, an associate professor of education at Stanford University, discounted what has emerged as perhaps the most controversial analysis in the reports. That produced an estimate saying the state would need to spend as much as \$1.5 trillion annually to raise student achievement, but Loeb said such a figure was statistically inaccurate.

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Yosemite
National Park may raise admission fees in 2008

The entrance fee to see such wonders as Half Dome and Yosemite Falls may jump to \$25 per car next year to match the price charged at other popular parks, officials said.

The \$5 increase would be the park's first since 1997. The proposal is part of a recommendation by a special task force to Yosemite and "destination parks" such as Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon, which already charge \$25 per car.

The Yosemite increase would also raise fees for people arriving on foot or bicycle from \$10 to \$12, motorcycles from \$10 to \$20 and annual passes from \$40 to \$50. Campsite and commercial tour fees will remain the same.

AP

Sacramento
Study finds more school money needed

California needs to boost education spending at least 40 percent, or about \$25 billion a year, to dramatically raise student achievement levels, according to the second part of an education research project released Thursday.

But the report also concludes that even such a dramatic infusion of money would not elevate the state's worst schools enough to meet basic performance goals.

Politicians and others involved in education reform immediately downplayed the request for billions in new school funding, which would increase education spending to roughly 65 percent of the state's annual budget. They noted that the package of research studies presented over a two-day period also recommends a dramatic overhaul for public education. Changes to the governance and finance systems potentially could save the state billions of dollars, they said. All of them came to the same conclusion - that more funds are needed.

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Prof has advice for workers

Stanford educator thinks workplace bullies need to chill

BY ELLEN SIMON
AP Business Writer

If you've worked for long, you've probably had a boss or co-worker who was a complete, flaming jerk.

Maybe she always scowled as if she smelled something bad while reviewing your work. Maybe he never missed a chance to berate you in front of others. Or he interrupted constantly when you were talking. Or sneaked up behind you at your desk. Or helped himself to your food.

Robert I. Sutton, a professor of management science and engineering at Stanford Engineering School, has heard it all while working on his recently released best seller, "The No A----- Rule."

The book grew from a piece he wrote for The Harvard Business Review in 2004 under the headline, "More Trouble than They're Worth." The piece, he said, inspired an outpouring of jerk-boss e-mails from around the world. His correspondents included the manager of a roofing company, the CEO of a money management firm and a researcher for the Supreme Court.

Since the book came out, he said he gets at least 15 e-mails a day from people with horrible bosses.

"I feel like Dr. Phil," the talk-show therapist, he said.

He argues that companies should screen for jerks as they hire and purge the bullies already in their ranks because, in almost all cases, they cost more than they contribute.

One of his other solutions may deflate anyone who works for a jerk: Leave the job.

If that's not possible, he suggests checking out emotionally. "Passion is an overrated virtue in organizational life, and indifference is an underrated virtue," he wrote.



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Robert I. Sutton, professor at Stanford Engineering School

The AP interviewed Sutton, who describes workplace monsters with a mild expletive, which has been changed here to "jerk." Excerpts:

Q: First, let's define who we're talking about. You define work jerks as people who pick on those beneath them and leave others feeling belittled and sapped of energy. What are some other signs?

A: To me, the main sign of someone who's a certified jerk is someone who leaves a trail of people feeling demeaned and de-energized. It tends to be more often associated with power dynamics — they kiss-up to those above them and kick down those

beneath them. About a third of the time, bullying is peer on peer.

Q: Since workplace jerks tend to pick on people below them, how can the victims, who usually don't have much power, fix the problem?

A: In normal organizational life, for people who have less power, the best thing is to get out. If you can't do that, try to avoid to contact with the person as much as possible. You can also learn not to care.

The other thing is to find little ways to get

control and fight back. One woman whose boss was always stealing her food reshaped Ex-Lax to look like candy, then her boss stole it.

My favorite story comes from a former CEO who told me about her worst board member. When he'd call and scream, she'd lean back in her chair, put her feet on the desk, put him on speakerphone, turn off the volume and do her nails. She would check in from time to time to see if he was still screaming. When he was done; she would reason with him. She put herself in a relaxed position and did something she could control — her nails.

Churches want new movement to help illegal immigrants

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Churches in a handful of U.S. cities are preparing to launch a "sanctuary" movement to help illegal immigrants stave off deportation, hoping to unite faith-based groups in a push for immigration reform.

The "New Sanctuary Movement" is based on the sanctuary movement in the 1980s, when churches harbored Central American refugees who were fleeing wars in their home countries, said the Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, executive director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, an interfaith association spearheading the plans.

"At the time we were able to make major changes and awaken the moral imagination of the community," said Salvatierra. "Immigration today is still a human rights issue."

Salvatierra said they were in the process of identifying immigrant families to assist, but declined further details.

The full plan, which included other major U.S. cities, would be unveiled in several weeks, said Salvatierra, who is with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The movement "will enable congregations to publicly provide hospitality and protection to a limited number of immigrants."

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Golden State decides to flex primary power

BY LAURA KURTZMAN
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Associated Press Writers

SACRAMENTO California jolted the presidential primary schedule Thursday, moving up its 2008 contest to Feb. 5 and setting the stage for a potentially decisive one-day, mega-primary across the country.

"Now California is important again in presidential nominating politics," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday during a bill-signing ceremony, "and we will get the respect that California deserves."

California joins a handful of other states that already have scheduled Feb. 5 primaries. But 15 other states — including Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Texas — are considering moving their contests to the same day, which could diminish California's influence over the contest.

Such a congested early schedule presents big challenges to candidates in a presidential contest that is wide open and moving swiftly.

Many strategists in both political parties believe it also increases the significance of early successes in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — all of which will hold contests before Feb. 5.

"To go to California, you are going to need a huge head of steam," said Democratic political consultant Jenny Backus. "California moving up actually makes more attention go on the first lap. Even if you have all the money in the world, it will be hard to

catch up to somebody who has racked up some victories in the first states."

Others said California could play an important role in the primary, but it is likely to be lessened by all the other large states that are considering a move up to Feb. 5.

Having so many big primaries on the same day will heighten the importance of money by forcing candidates to buy advertising in big states like California, where it costs at least \$2 million a week.

But if candidates split the Feb. 5 vote, the contest could be drawn out even longer.

"I could imagine a scenario where each party's leading candidate wraps the whole thing up or a scenario where there is a three-way split," said Gary Jacobson, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego. Bruce Cain, director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, said the expense could force candidates to compete in only a few of the Feb. 5 states.

"That's why you could have a split decision," he said.

A super primary on Feb. 5 also could help a well-financed candidate who stumbles in the early primaries. But it upends plans by the Democratic National Committee to control the primary calendar.

The DNC designed an early primary schedule that squeezed Nevada caucuses between Iowa's Jan. 14 caucus and New Hampshire's Jan. 22 primary, while setting South Carolina's primary for Jan. 29.

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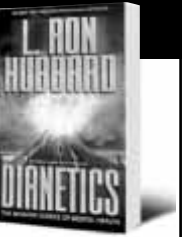
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Cal State, UC systems to raise fees

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES It's going to cost more to go to a public university in California this fall. Leaders of the University of California and the California State University voted Wednesday to raise fees, the fifth increase in six years.

Meeting at UCLA, a committee of UC's governing Board of Regents raised undergraduate fees 7 percent, taking the average annual bill, including various campus fees, to about \$7,300. Fees for graduate students also rose 7 percent and fees at some professional schools could go up as much as 10 percent.

The full board subsequently ratified the increase 13-6.

CSU's Board of Trustees, meeting in Long Beach, raised fees 10 percent, putting annual costs for undergraduates at the nation's largest four-year public institution, includ-

ing miscellaneous fees, at about \$3,400.

The votes came over the strong objections of students, who spoke and rallied against having to pay more.

"We see our parents breaking their backs to pay off our loans," UCLA student Jonathan Lee told regents. "If you want to get our trust back, if you truly want to ful-

maintain quality.

"I hate this notion of raising fees. I just hate it," UC President Robert Dynes said outside the meeting. "It's painful to watch this."

After several years of deep budget cuts in the early 1990s, UC and CSU officials struck a deal with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that promised small but

year, and although legislators could still change that before the state's budget is made final this summer, university officials say they don't have any indications that will happen.

CSU and UC officials note that their fees are still low compared to peer institutions.

But students say the costs of living in California are high, putting the total annual bill of attending college out of reach for many.

UC officials note that about one-third of the increase revenue will be put back into financial aid to protect low-income students from the hike. Some of the fee revenue will go to improve campus mental health services, which are currently underfunded and understaffed.

Included in the miscellaneous fees is a temporary \$60 surcharge to recover losses from a class-action student lawsuit challenging professional school fee hikes.

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Robert Dynes, UC President

fill your duty to the people of California and if you believe that education is a right and not a privilege, you will not increase our fees."

University administrators said they don't like the increases, but they have to

predictable increases in state funding along with annual fee increases of no more than 10 percent.

Last year, the governor made the hikes unnecessary by putting extra money into the budget. That hasn't happened this

Heart attacks occurring during weekend prove more fatal

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longer for angioplasty and other procedures, likely because of reduced staffing.

Even so, doctors say you shouldn't avoid a weekend hospital visit if you think you are having a heart attack or stroke. A delay of even an hour or two raises chances of death or serious heart or brain damage.

The new study of nearly a quarter-million first-time heart attack patients in New Jersey reflects what smaller previous studies have shown about weekend medical care. Recently published Canadian research also showed stroke patients hospitalized on weekends had a higher chance of dying than those admitted on a weekday.

In the latest study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J., used a huge statewide database. They tracked 231,164 patients admitted for a first heart attack from 1987-2002. They looked at trends over four-year periods, partly because of major advances in heart attack treatment over that time, including new clot-busting drugs, artery-clearing angioplasty and tiny devices called stents that prop open cleared-out arteries.

In the most recent four-year period, when care was much the same as today, patients admitted on a weekend were about 7.5 percent more likely to die within a month than those admitted on a weekday. After adjusting for factors such as age and other medical problems, the death rate was 5 per-

cent higher for those admitted on weekends, said the lead researcher, medical student William J. Kostis.

He said the difference in outcomes was obvious by the day after admission and amounted to 1 in 100 patients each year.

"We lose this patient early. It's after the first day or two," Kostis said, adding that the weekend patients were at least one-third less likely to get angioplasty or bypass surgery promptly, compared with weekdays. "It seems very likely to be a factor."

At many hospitals, the catheterization lab where those procedures are performed is closed or has limited service hours on weekends. In the most recent four-year span, almost 13 percent of heart attack patients admitted on weekends died within a month.



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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Washington
Feds: \$26.9 billion needed to open, run Yucca Mountain

It will cost \$26.9 billion to build and operate the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump through 2023, the Energy Department said Friday in a new cost calculation.

The department did not release a new figure for the total life-cycle cost of the Nevada project, estimated several years ago at \$58 billion. The department plans to recalculate that figure in May and it almost certainly will rise, said Edward F. "Ward" Sproat, director of the Energy Department's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

The \$26.9 billion figure, about in line with recent estimates, assumes that the department meets its goal of opening the repository in March 2017, Sproat told reporters on a conference call.

"It is our best estimate at this stage of the game as to what the total program's going to cost. We think it's an accurate projection," he said.

That 2017 opening date is a best-case scenario and Sproat cautioned that it will slip if the department does not get the money it needs each year for the dump. In recent years the department's budget goals have not been met, partly because of opposition from Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who now has even more power as Senate majority leader.

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Colorado
National Renewable Energy Lab gets extra \$107 million

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory will get \$107 million more in the current budget year, Sen. Ken Salazar said Friday.

The extra money amounts to an increase of more than 50 percent in the lab's budget, said Cody Wertz, a spokesman for Salazar. Before the boost, the budget was about \$200 million, but the exact figure wasn't immediately available.

The Energy Department will give the lab \$20 million to expand its Integrated Biorefinery Research Facility, \$17 million to equip its science and technology facility and \$63 million to design and build a research support facility.

An additional \$7 million will go for operational costs.

AP

Nevada
Moore gets multiple life prison terms for deadly Reno fire

The woman responsible for Reno's deadliest hotel fire was sentenced Friday to 12 consecutive life prison terms without parole for the Halloween night blaze that killed a dozen people and injured 31.

Washoe District Judge Brent Adams imposed the maximum penalty for each count after victims' families pleaded with him to guarantee Moore would never leave prison again.

Chief Deputy District Attorney David Clifton, in arguing for consecutive life terms, said a lesser sentence would be tantamount to acknowledging only one victim.

"There were 12," he said. "Each and every one of these lives is important,"

Adams also sentenced Moore to up to 15 years for first-degree arson.

The case, the judge said, "demonstrates the consequences of anger - it's mayhem and murder." He then imposed each sentence one at a time.

"It is the intention of the court that the defendant shall spend the rest of her natural life in prison," Adams said.

In a brief statement to the court, Moore apologized the victim's families but denied her guilt, saying she only pleaded guilty to avoid the death penalty.

"I'm sorry for each and every one of your loss, but I did not do this," she said, as some in the courtroom gasped.

AP

Colorado
Officials consider moving caucuses

Colorado lawmakers said Friday they are negotiating a plan to move the state's presidential caucuses from March to Feb. 5 along with several other states, hoping to cash in on the national attention it would bring from candidates.

The hang-up is over whether to include state and local caucuses, which Democrats prefer, or hold two separate meetings as Republicans insist.

Rep. Michael Garcia, D-Denver, said he hopes to introduce a bill in the next two weeks so lawmakers can consider it before they adjourn in May.

"We seldom see candidates in Colorado. We have no voice in the election," Garcia said.

House Minority Leader Mike May, R-Parker, said Republicans don't want to move up the date for caucuses for state offices, including state House of Representatives, because it would give candidates less time to rally their supporters.

Republicans lost control of both chambers in the Legislature in 2004 and hope to retake the House in 2008. To do that, they need to focus not only on the high-profile offices but on lower-tier races as well.

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Arizona
Pluto blots out star

Swarms of astronomers are expected to pack major observatories in Arizona this weekend hoping to see a rare "occultation" as Pluto crosses in front of a star and blots out its light.

Sunday morning's event is exciting for scientists because it will give them a better idea of the size and makeup of Pluto's atmosphere.

In an occultation - not an eclipse, mind you - the nearer object blots out the light and is backlit. If there is no atmosphere, it will blink out almost instantly, said Don McCarthy of the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory.

But in an object with an atmosphere, the backlighting will "bend the light and go out slowly," McCarthy said. How that light is bent and filtered can tell something about the composition of the atmosphere.

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The City Manager has invited a broad base of community stakeholders to participate in a Workforce Housing Committee to investigate the needs, assess financial tools and explore geographic opportunities. The first committee meeting will be held March 19, 2007, and is open to the public.


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Bigfoot won't trouble these summer campers

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

Summer camps were once synonymous with campfires, smores and cumbaya. But kids today might be left to ponder the purpose of all those sleeping bags and tents.

Traditional summer camping, complete with all its familiar outdoors trappings, remains a summer standby, though some Santa Monica parents have found it to be, well, old school! The camping experience is new and improved. Nowadays, whether it's theatre, surfing or intense gaming that piques their interests, there seems to be a summer camp for every kid.

This year, let them leave the bug spray and propane lanterns at home.

Modern camps often introduce the youth to creative and professional jobs. Internal Drive, or iD Tech Camps, is the nation's largest, most recommended summer computer camp. The family-owned Silicon Valley-based company is in its ninth season.

"Like sports or religious camps, iD Tech is a summer technology camp," said Karen Thurm Safran, VP of Marketing for iD Tech Camps. "Students sign up for different

courses to learn how to build robots, make 2D and 3D video games, or make Web sites or movies in just a week."

Beat that, popsicle stick birdhouses!

Beginning in June, iD Tech Camps will offer week-long, day and overnight summer computer camps for more than 17,000 students, ages 7 to 17. This summer, camps will bring life to 22 U.S. states in 50 prestigious universities throughout the country, including Brown, Stanford, Columbia and Georgetown.

Santa Monica residents can send their campers to UCLA, Pepperdine University and Cal Lutheran University. Not too far from the bay, at UC San Diego and UC Santa Cruz, iD Tech's 'Surf and Tech' program allows campers to spend half their day surfing and the rest creating a video game or Web site.

"It's a different way for them to articulate they're creativity," said Thurm Safran.

With only five students per staff member, students have the chance to use their own computers and other industry standard products. The hands-on, project-based curriculum allows campers to complete a project by the end of their session.

"We're different because students really take something away with them," Safran said.



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DEEP IN THOUGHT: Science-related activities are innovative additions to select summer camps.

"It's a lifelong learning experience. After their session they may get hired by their parents or use their skills for the school. In the future, our campers may have a side business or become successful entrepreneurs."

iD Tech only uses the leading, cutting edge products in their courses.

Adventures in Comic Creations, a course for 7- to 10-year-olds, teaches students about taking pictures, creating images, distorting faces and making comic books using Adobe Photoshop and Wacom templates.

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thousands of kids throughout the country create their own robots. Thurm Safran said it takes just a couple of days to create it and throughout the week students compete do different things with them.

"Every year we listen to the kids and parents to see what they want," Safran said. "Last year, we learned that there are some very serious gamers out there who want to learn more about actually making a game and who may even want to make it their profession."

"Kids are having fun and their self-esteem blossoms," he continued. "Parents are happy. The staff is happy. You can't surpass kids learning in a fun, stimulating environment."

STICKING CLOSE TO HOME

CREST (Child care — Recreation — Enrichment — Sports — Together) Camps at Virginia Avenue Park offer more interaction for summer campers through physical and creative activities.

At CREST, up to 120 campers participate in each specialty class or activity. Parents and kids can choose from different themes that will challenge the campers' minds and bodies.

With classes in both the morning and afternoon, counselors create the curriculum for their 8- to 14-year-old campers. Participants don't spend the night at this camp, but rather, they come from day to day during their session to enjoy activities during spring or summer.

CREST's theater program ranges from musical to improv to comedy, according to

Adrianna Torres, community services specialist. The visual program offers themes like nature or recycled art that encourage campers to learn new skills and new ways to express themselves, while their sports experience, which is typically held at John Adams School, gives campers new fitness ideas with a variety of outdoor activities.

Campers also go on weekly local trips to hike or swim, or visit such sites as theme parks, museums, parks and sporting events.

"The kids love it," Torres said. "They especially love going on the trips and meeting kids from different schools. Everyone comes from a different background. It's just really diverse."

Rosie's Girls is an impacted class designed specifically for girls in middle school. Unlike CREST's other programs, space is limited to just 40 girls each session. Rosie's Girls hopes to build self-esteem, leadership and physical confidence through an exploration of trades and non-traditional activities like carpentry, welding, mask-making, furniture design, kayaking and ropes courses.

CREST also offers "generous financial assistance for low to moderate income families" said Rebecca Sprigg, program analyst for CREST.

Where kids were once just sent off into the woods, the words "summer camp" now bear a fun and constructive connotation. The option are as varied as the imagination this time of year; the time to send the little rascals off.

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Big fun

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A group of local children play volleyball on Santa Monica Beach during free-play time at a local day camp. There are a multitude of camps for parents to choose from in the greater Santa Monica area. Most include sports and outdoor activities.

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Developers look to public to inspire new mall

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shopping centers in its portfolio, said they learned a lot from the community about what they want and have created a plan that reflects that.

Resident Carl Swirkal agrees.

"Their first proposal was too grandiose of a project for this area," said Swirkal, who lives on Second Street near the mall. "That would have brought in too many cars, too many people and would have create chaos in downtown. This proposal seems to be downsized and more realistic. I think Macerich listened to the community and we are going to get what we want."

While many seemed to be in favor of the new proposal, which city staff will be analyzing over the coming weeks to determine what environmental studies will have to be done, there are some who are not looking forward to the adaptive reuse of the site.

Karin Morris, who has been shopping at the mall since it was built, said she has grown fond of the mall and blames much of its downfall on the success of the promenade.

"I think it's a beautiful mall," said Morris, an admirer of

Gehry. "It's been a good place for the community for years ... The new design looks pretty on paper, but how will it look in real life?"

Morris' husband, Roger Templeton, said he too had "a soft spot" for Gehry and the mall, but loves the idea of opening the mall up and taking advantage of the ocean views and cool breezes.



THE NEW DESIGN LOOKS PRETTY ON PAPER, BUT HOW WILL IT LOOK IN REAL LIFE?"

Karin Morris , Resident

"I think it if really opens up and connects with the promenade, that will be a net gain," Templeton said.

Judging from comments made Thursday night, many are still concerned about the potential affects a new mall would

have on the promenade.

Barbara Tenzer, a commercial real estate manager who works with many merchants in downtown, said there has always been a "sea-saw" effect with the mall and promenade. When one does well, the other seems to suffer and vice versa.

That said, Tenzer and her clients feel the mall's design allows itself to become one with the promenade and other stores in downtown, finally creating one distinct shopping district.

"For the first time we see a whole area that is connected and tenants are very excited about that," Tenzer said. "We don't want to have this beautiful shopping area and then lose people because of a dumpy, old mall. On the other side, we don't want people to leave the mall and come to the promenade and get panhandled to death. This seems to give us one complete area that blends together."

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NO VACANCY: Finding parking at the Trader Joe's on Pico Boulevard can be nearly impossible at times for shoppers.

Trader Joe's parking can be vexing to some

FROM PARKING PAGE 1

with the popular grocery chain.

"Parking is outrageous all over the city," said Lloyd Silverberg. "It's just not adequate. Sooner or later, people are just going to stop shopping here. There are other stores around that have similar things."

While many customers complained about the congestion, most had good things to say about Trader Joe's and its employees, who have made attempts to keep cars moving, such as making traffic flow one way and placing employees in the lot to help load groceries and guide drivers to empty spaces. The eclectic grocery store has also worked out a deal for its employees to use parking spaces at a nearby hotel to free up spots for customers.

"There is a problem with parking, but the employees have been outstanding," said Gayle Stafsky, a resident of Palms, who teaches at Santa Monica College and likes to shop at Trader Joe's while on break. "I think they've done a lot to improve it. I can't remember the last time I've had to wait long for a spot."

Alison Mochizuki, a spokesperson for Trader Joe's, declined an interview request with employees at the store, but in a prepared statement said the company is doing what it can to alleviate traffic congestion.

"We keep all of our registers open, which have helped move traffic more quickly," she said.

"We do appreciate our customers' patience and understanding when the parking situation at one of our stores is less than ideal."

While Trader Joe's is fond of its customers, not everyone in the neighborhood shares the warm sentiments. Residents living nearby said they are annoyed by customers who park in front of their driveways and leave shopping carts in front of their homes. They also worry about traffic at the intersection of 33rd Street and Pico Boulevard, where cars are backed up and drivers make dangerous moves to skirt around those waiting to enter the Trader Joe's parking lot.

"It really is a recipe for disaster," said Christine Mourad, who lives a few doors down from the grocery store. "People just treat our street as if it was an extension of the parking lot."

"This location has definitely built up a reputation for being too crowded."

Resident Ross Levinson said Trader Joe's has been responsive to complaints and makes it a habit of attending community meetings about parking woes on Pico Boulevard. His beef is with customers.

"It has become a constant battle for me," Levinson said just minutes after a person parked and blocked his driveway. "It's amazing that people will just leave their carts, thinking someone will come along and pick them up."

Levinson fought for permit parking on his block, but the restrictions allow for people to park for two hours in front of his home during the day without a permit.

"We thought that was fair to the businesses around us," he said. "We understand that this is really more about congestion than it is Trader Joe's."

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St. Patrick's Day is an Irish-American thing

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Irish traditionally visit sites in Ireland that have a special connection with the saint.

In the case of St. Patrick, that means a visit to Croagh Patrick in County Mayo, known as St. Patrick's sacred mountain, where he fasted.

THE ELEVATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY INTO CELEBRATION OF IRISHNESS ... STARTED AMONG IRISH AMERICANS, NOT THE IRISH THEMSELVES."

Joseph Nagy
Professor English, UCLA

But St. Patrick's Day didn't really catch on until the late 19th to early 20th centuries, with the mass immigration of Irish to America. With them, the Irish brought a celebration of their heritage to the new country.

"St. Patrick's Day ... has been redefined by the millions of Irish who went abroad in the 19th century and grew nostalgic of the country and focused on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate Irishness," Nagy said.

Everyone celebrates St. Patrick's Day in

a different way.

Today, the UCLA professor will be flying to Scotland and not participating in things that are typically considered as St. Patrick's Day activities. His traditional day usually starts with a visit to the local Catholic church for mass and ends with munching on Irish potato candies from See's.

For the untold number of other St. Patrick's observers, they are praising the Lord that the holiday falls on a Saturday this year, allowing them to pencil in untold hours of drinking green beer at their local pubs.

"Drinking is a custom associated with all sorts of festivals," Nagy said. "There's nothing unusual about that."

"The elevation of St. Patrick's Day into a celebration of Irishness ... started among Irish Americans, not the Irish themselves," he added.

At Sonny McLean's, a Boston Irish-themed pub on Wilshire Boulevard, bartenders expect to see the bar packed to capacity all night long, as St. Patrick's marks the busiest day of the year. Latecomers can expect to pay a cover charge of about \$10 beginning in the late afternoon.

The festivities will start early at Finn McCool's on Main Street, where doors will open at 9 a.m. as 93.1 FM will broadcast live from the restaurant/pub. Last year, there was a three hour wait outside the restaurant.

"This place is jumping (on St. Patrick's Day)," said owner Geraldine Gilliland.

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com**WILD BUNCH:** The Church on Pearl Romans 8:1 Race Team hams it up for the camera Friday in Sunset Park. The group of mostly teenage girls builds their own cars and goes out and races them.

What would Jesus drive?

These teenage kids are real gearheads on the racetrack

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK You go, girl!

While some teenage girls spend their time shopping or chatting on the phone about the boy du jour, a group of junior Danica Patricks are getting down and dirty, with wrenches in their hands and grease smeared across their face.

For nine local teenagers, race car driving isn't just something to watch on television on Sundays, it's a time consuming activity that demands dedication to creating a real life version of Hot Wheels.

It's all part of a program at the Church on Pearl Street, where for the past three years, Pastor Jeff McCulty has guided a group of teenage girls toward creating their own race vehicles from what were once junked cars.

But that's just the start. The girls then race the finished product at the Bakersfield Speedway in the Junior Mini Stock class.

Before the season begins, the drivers, ranging in age from 14-16 years old, purchase an old stock car, removing all glass, fabric and plastic. The car is then sent to a welder, who fuses a cage to protect the driv-



REPRESENT: The team's logo is emblazoned across Candace McCulty's shirt.

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Then, the teenage girls come in with their work gloves on and toolboxes in tow, adding the fuel valve, racing seats, seat belts and padding.

All the work is done by the girls with the assistance of McCulty and 20-year-old Crystal Shanley, who gained automotive experience growing up around her father's auto repair shop.

The program was started in 2005, a year after McCulty bought his own speed demon and raced it at the Bakersfield Mesa Marin Raceway to fulfill a lifelong dream. It all happened after McCulty found out that he was a match for his mother-in-law, who was in need of a kidney transplant.

"I ended up being the lucky dog and what I said then is that I want to do something before I do the kidney transplant," McCulty said. "What I wanted to do was go racing."

While at the racetrack, he found out the raceway offered a class that allowed high school students to race for free. The light bulb went on and McCulty decided to channel his love for racing into the kids at his church.

Surprisingly, it wasn't the teenage male parishioners that jumped on board. In fact, the first boy didn't sign on to the team until last week.

The pastor soon donated his 1978 Chevy Monte Carlo to the team, called "Church on Pearl Roman's 8:1 Racing," and asked the girls to build him his own race car, which they did when they refurbished a 1988 Honda Civic.

"We won the race that year, competing against 14 teams in their class," McCulty said.

The team participates in about 15 races every season, which runs from March to September. Meeting each Tuesday to work on the cars, the girls joke around while tightening bolts, quoting their favorite movies including 2006 comedy "Talladega Nights," saying "I'm gonna come at you like a spider monkey!"

Once someone starts the quote, the others will finish it.

The program is open to teenagers between the age of 14-16, though McCulty has admitted middle school students in the past. Both church and non-church members are invited to join. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have their parents' permission in order to drive the cars.

For 15-year-old Candace McCulty, it was only a matter of time before she joined the

race car life. Her father, the pastor, was an announcer at the Bakersfield Mesa Marin Race Way when she was a child. The oldest of the three McCulty children who are part of the team, Candace McCulty raced in a competition last week, demolishing the car after crashing it into the wall.

Hitting the wall itself wasn't scary, but the immediate aftermath was when another race car slammed McCulty from the side.

"That was the scariest wreck I've been in," she said.

Today, the car sits in the lot at the Church on Pearl Street, marred by irreparable damage.

The team is now looking for its next big project, hoping to find a Honda Prelude made before 1994 to add to its growing collection. The Preludes, which Honda stopped producing in 2001, are popular among the teen race crowds.

One day, 11-year Kendra McCulty, one of the youngest members, hopes to race a car herself. Since joining the team two months ago, the middle school student in Marina del Rey has learned the basics of transforming a regular car into a racing machine.

When she does go behind the wheel in three years, the youngest McCulty will see race car driving as preparation for when she takes her driver's license test.

"It's scary because Candace is about to get her license and she did that," Kendra McCulty said pointing to the wrecked car.

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Photo courtesy

FIRESIDE CHAT: A couple rests by an ornate outdoor fireplace at the Royal Palms Resort

TRAVEL

Royal Palms treatment

BY CAROLE ORLIN

Special to the Daily Press

Old World charm overflows from the latest destination resort I have discovered. It is luxurious, affordable and located in a breathtakingly beautiful setting that is only an one-hour flight from LAX.

It is the Royal Palms Resort and Spa. Just seven miles from the Phoenix airport, the Royal Palms is situated in the Valley of the Sun, near Scottsdale, Arizona, at the foot of the magnificent Camelback Mountain. I have seen pictures of Camelback Mountain, but pictures cannot even come close to doing this place justice. There are numerous hiking, biking and running trails with varying degrees of difficulty, all in close proximity to the resort. Needless to say, my husband and I took full advantage of them. Scottsdale also has 200 golf courses, so if golf is your thing, they've got you covered!

Meanwhile, back to the Royal Palms. When we first arrived, we knew we were in for an amazing experience. This resort was originally a grand estate built as a private winter retreat in 1929. Over the years, it has been a hotel of one sort or another; but in 1997 it underwent a major renovation that was focused on restoring its original grandeur.

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As we arrived at this beautiful, lush and inviting resort our eyes were treated to Mediterranean style courtyards with Spanish tiles, European antiques, citrus groves, gardens, and blooming flowers all centered around the dramatic backdrop of Camelback Mountain. We were surrounded by the resort's 119 casitas, guestrooms, and spa-suites. We stayed in the newly completed (three weeks prior to our arrival) Montavista spa suite. We had our own steam shower and a wonderful, oversized, European soaking tub. One thing to remember though, when using the steam shower, is to keep the door closed or the fire alarm will go off!! Trust me, this can be quite embarrassing, but the staff was very gracious about that! Our suite had French doors leading to a beautiful courtyard

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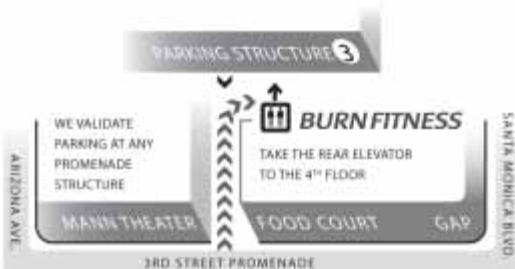


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with small pools (I don't know if they were for wading or just admiring), beautiful bougainvillea, fountains, and again that awe-inspiring view of the majestic mountains. Our suite also had a yoga mat, meditation chair, inspirational books, and a medicine ball. I felt a little guilty about not using them all, but I decided that the hikes, massages and breathtaking views offered the physical and spiritual exercises I needed. (Of course, I am good at rationalizing.)

We had a superb dinner at their T. Cooks restaurant. A Spanish guitarist serenaded us as we dined outdoors. The food was wonderful. Our server was enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the menu. We took his suggestions and were not disappointed. We also enjoyed their spa facilities, the Alvalora Spa. I must give a nod to the designer of the spa. Its unique, tranquil setting immediately put us in a peaceful mood. I had a relaxing and invigorating massage, and although I did not want a male masseuse (I know--I have hang-ups), mine was great. I will definitely ask for him when I return.

On top of all this, the resort hosts business conferences and retreats. As a matter of fact, they were hosting a conference while we were there. I don't know how they did it, but we were not even aware of their presence until we happened to see a sign. It did not detract from the resort's private, retreat-like atmosphere. I guess that's because the rooms and casitas are quite spread out. However, if you need a break from all the beauty and tranquility, they are just a few minutes away from great shopping and art galleries. They have put a lot of effort into making this a superb destination resort, and I would say their efforts were more than realized.

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Photo courtesy
LUXURY DIGS: (Above) The rooms at the Royal Palms Resort and Spa near Scottsdale, Arizona are plush and roomy. (Below) Poolside relaxation is just one of the amenities that the full-blown desert resort boasts.

Colorado ski resort business regroups

BY SANDY SHORE
AP Business Writer

DENVER After early season storms kept many skiers and snowboarders off the slopes, business at Colorado's resorts has rebounded and may end up matching the record for visitors, a trade group said Wednesday.

The resorts logged 8.5 million skier visits from Oct. 13 through Feb. 28, an increase of 119,271, or 1.4 percent, from the same time last season, according to Colorado Ski Country USA.

The most robust business occurred at destination resorts, where visitors typically stay for more than a day. They posted a 4.9 percent increase in skier visits.

Visits dropped 0.70 percent at Front Range resorts, a decline blamed largely on fewer day visitors because of the storms. Much of their business comes from the nearby population centers on the eastern edge of the mountains.

"I think we've had our challenges as it relates to the in-state demand this season," Rob Perlman, president and chief executive officer of Colorado Ski Country, told The Associated Press in an interview. "I think we've had strong results on a destination front from both a domestic and international business standpoint."

On a nationwide level, ski resorts probably will not have a record year because a lack of snow caused a slow start in parts of the Midwest, East Coast and California.

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Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

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

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

ents make when planning for college.

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

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

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Long Beach State has long day

49ers routed in first round by Tennessee Volunteers, 121-86

BY RUSTY MILLER

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio Forget "Rocky Top." Chris Lofton may have come up with a new Tennessee rallying cry.

Lofton led the way with 25 points as the Volunteers set off some offensive fireworks to beat Long Beach State 121-86 Friday — matching the most points scored by a team in a first-round NCAA tournament game.

"It really was (fun)," Lofton said. "We're used to playing like that. When a team plays (uptempo) like that, we get excited. It was just a fast-paced game."

"We put the 'fast' back in 'fast break.'"

Catchy — and accurate. The point total equaled the most in a first-round game, set by UNLV in 1977 against San Francisco.

Both teams came in averaging 80 points

— putting them among the top 11 in the nation — so it wasn't a shocker that baskets came in bunches.

But the numbers were nonetheless staggering for old-timers who believe defense drives teams into the elite field.

"I like an identity for a program. This is our identity," coach Bruce Pearl said. "We've never finished second in (any league in) scoring in 14 or 15 years I've been a head coach. We pride ourselves on, as Chris said, putting the fast back in fast break. We do. We want to be able to do that and win. I enjoy being uptempo and being aggressive in transition. We'll put four or five guys on the floor that can score, and they've got a lot of freedom."

The Volunteer (23-10) hit triple digits on a dunk by Duke Crews with more than 6 1/2 minutes left and then stepped on the gas to tie the school mark for points.

"They were scoring from all kinds of positions on the court," Long Beach State coach Larry Reynolds said.

JaJuan Smith added 24 points, Ramar Smith 22, Crews 12 and Wayne Chism 10 points. Dane Bradshaw had a career-best 11 assists.

"We didn't come in with a game plan

that says we want to put up 100 on these guys," Bradshaw said. "It was just the flow of the game."

The Volunteers improved to 29-3 in Pearl's two years when scoring 80 or more points — a threshold they reached with 13 minutes remaining. They'll face Virginia in the second round of the South Regional on Sunday.



THEY WERE SCORING FROM ALL KINDS OF POSITIONS ON THE COURT."

Larry Reynolds, Long Beach State coach

Kejuan Johnson scored 24 points, Aaron Nixon 23 and Kevin Houston 17 for the 12th-seeded 49ers (24-8), regular-season and tournament champs of the Big West who were making their first NCAA appearance in a dozen years. Lofton, the Southeastern Conference player of the year, led the way as the Volunteers shot 59 percent from the field and made 14 of 27 3-pointers. He hit half of his eight shots behind the arc and JaJuan Smith hit 4-of-6.

Each team hit seven 3-pointers in a wild

opening half that featured the Volunteers racing to a 29-12 lead in the opening 7 1/2 minutes. They did it with precision shooting, their full-court press and trapping pressure.

Lofton keyed the defense, with two steals leading to a pair of layups in a 5-second span.

The 49ers got as close as 41-35 thanks to

their own long-range marksmanship, with Nixon hitting four shots behind the arc and Johnson three — each of which were arching rainbows that barely rustled the net.

The 3-point shooting contest also was hardly a surprise. Both teams set school records this year, with Tennessee hitting 286 3-pointers and the 49ers making 261. Ahead 57-45 at the break, the Volunteers ran off 12 of the first 14 points in the second half — seven by Lofton — to build the lead to 69-47.

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BASEBALL
Ortiz's return to SF
stirs bad memories

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The memories from Russ Ortiz's final moment in his first stint with the San Francisco Giants are still painful.

After walking off the mound with the game ball and his team eight outs from the 2002 World Series title, Ortiz could only watch as the bullpen blew a five-run lead in a crushing defeat.

The team hasn't won a playoff series since, extending the World Series drought to more than a half-century.

The road Ortiz has taken since that night in Anaheim has been a winding one. First there was a trade to Atlanta, followed by 36 wins and a pair of division titles in two seasons. After parlaying that into a \$33 million, four-year contract with Arizona, little has gone right for Ortiz.

He went 5-11 in his first season with the Diamondbacks before hitting bottom last year: an 0-8 campaign, a release from Arizona and advice that he should leave the game for good.

"I was told be people that I'd done. I was told by people that, 'Hey you have to realize that you can't do it anymore,'" Ortiz said. "I wouldn't believe it because I knew there was something holding me back.

"I was healthy. I knew all the stuff was there. Something was holding me back, but I couldn't figure out what it was."

Ortiz could have easily stepped away, collected the \$16 million the Diamondbacks still owe him for 2007 and '08 and reflected on a career that included 108 wins, an All-Star appearance, and four trips to the post-season.

Instead, he went to Puerto Rico to play winter league ball for the first time in eight years and began working on doing what was necessary to be a winning pitcher once again.

"I wasn't going to accept the fact that I lost it," he said. "It wasn't my focus to say, 'I told you so.' But it was a situation where I wanted to be able to say, 'I still had it.' I knew I had a lot left in me."

Ortiz tinkered with his mechanics late last season in Baltimore with pitching coach Leo Mazzone, who was in Atlanta during his career-best 21-win season in 2003.

The two realized that Ortiz was bringing his arm straight up when he took the ball out of his glove instead of all the way back. The new motion generates more arm speed and has added about 4 mph to Ortiz's fast-ball.

Giants catcher Bengie Molina, who faced Ortiz during his struggles last year in Baltimore, immediately noticed the change this spring.

"Now he's back the way he used to and being nasty again," Molina said. "I see a lot of good stuff from him that I didn't see last year."

It's the reaction of the hitters that speaks loudest. Ortiz has allowed four runs in 12 innings this spring, and has almost locked up the fifth spot in the Giants' rotation.

"He's thrown the ball well every time out," manager Bruce Bochy said.

"It's a great sign to see him back on track. He's had to deal with a lot the last couple of years and worked hard to get back."

In a bit of an oddity, Ortiz will be pitching for the Giants, while receiving the bulk of his salary from the division-rival Diamondbacks.

BASEBALL
Matthews says he never juiced up

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Gary Matthews Jr. ended more than two weeks of silence on Wednesday after being linked to a steroids investigation, denying for the first time that he took human growth hormone.

Matthews allegedly was sent HGH in 2004 from a pharmacy that's part of a wide-spread steroid investigation. Los Angeles Angels owner Arte Moreno and commissioner Bud Selig had been pushing Matthews to address the issue, and he finally did 16 days after the first stories came out.

"I have never taken HGH — during the 2004 season or any other time," Matthews said in a statement. "Nobody has accused me of doing so, and no law enforcement authority has said I am a target of any investigation for doing so."

Moreno, general manager Bill Stoneman and manager Mike Scioscia all said they were pleased Matthews finally addressed the issue and that he denied using HGH.

"As an organization, we felt it was important for Gary to address the media regarding his situation," Moreno said in a statement. "Today he honored that request and issued his own statement. Now, it's time for us to continue our preparation and focus on the season ahead."

Scioscia said he senses that Matthews was

relieved after issuing the statement through the team Wednesday morning. Matthews then went out and homered in the Angels' 4-3 exhibition victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Scioscia said he hopes the statement will help the team focus on baseball.

"There's been a little anxiety in our organization just waiting for this thing to move forward and hopefully move forward toward being resolved," Scioscia said. "This is a huge step there. That's encouraging."

HGH was not banned by baseball for players with major league contracts until 2005. This investigation appears to be targeting the suppliers of the substances, not those who might have received anything from the suppliers.

Stoneman said the team had no plans to discipline Matthews. He said it was up to the commissioner's office to determine whether Matthews violated baseball's drug policy.

"My feeling is that as long as this stuff is accurate in what it is and nothing else pops out at some point, we're fine," Stoneman said. "But again, the way it works in baseball is there is a policy between the owners and players that governs these things."

Selig said it would be inappropriate to comment while his office is investigating the case.

Matthews explained the delay in his denial was due to his representatives.



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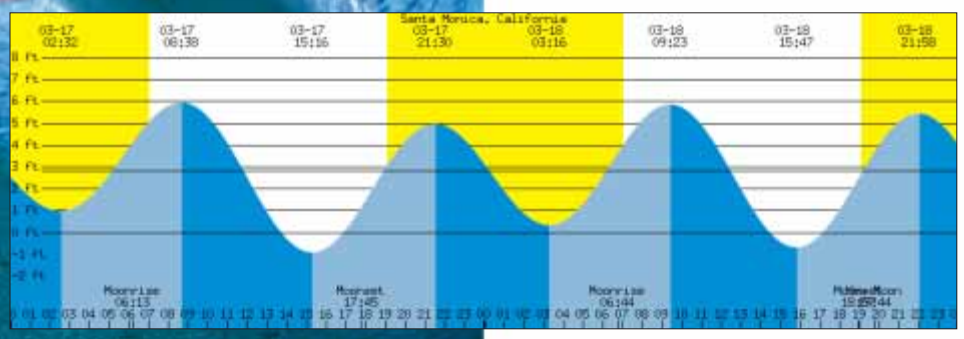
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Today that WNW swell we've been tracking since last week will be hitting the coast with 270+ swell and 14-16 second periods pushing most west facing breaks into chest to head high surf (bigger though at standouts). Sunday, it looks like this WNW will be on the way out. Standout west facing breaks though can still expect to see some head high waves in the better sets.

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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 31
Number of [C,D,F] grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 13

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Morado 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)	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	A+
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	A+
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at San Bonifacio County Beach	B	A+
Puero State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	B
Sunbiter Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F
Carlton Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	D	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	B	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19048 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns
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LEGEND

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Tradition might be important, but for once, you might be in the mood to do something different. "New" seems to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Give serious thought to a special relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Create a special day with an important someone you love and adore. You could be so dazzled that you forget that today is St. Patrick's Day. Tonight: Know that you are being watched.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Listen to what is being said as well as what isn't said. Understand that perhaps there are alternatives. The only mistake you might make is not being around friends and people. Your popularity soars. Tonight: You can count on the fact that you are where the party is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Whether you throw the party or decide to pitch in on some project, you will be busy. Slow down enough to enjoy the people who surround you. Tonight: Nap and then decide what appeals to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes you are in much better shape than you think. Your charisma and high energy make you irresistible. Use that magic to add to your life as well as the moment. Tonight: Be Irish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Don't get an attitude. You might opt to stay close to home rather than toss yourself into the festivities. In fact, mellow might be how you want it. Tonight: Touch base with a key person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Hanging out feels right. Sensuality is high; you are happy and full of energy. Why shouldn't you have what you want? Others want your company. You don't have to go far. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Put yourself on a budget before you do any damage. Laugh and relax, but a little self-discipline goes a long way. Tonight: Get ready for the unexpected. You could be shocked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You notice that you glow, whether you are into St. Patty's Day or have other plans. A good time is had by nearly all Goats. Tonight: Remember, you are treating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Know when to back off and head in a new direction. You don't have to explain your behavior or decisions. Seize the moment, and the world can be your oyster. Tonight: Even more into the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Listen and share with friends. No matter what is going on or what your plans are, you'll have a good time. Tonight: Remember to treat yourself well.

Born Today

Actor Kurt Russell (1951)

Singer Nat King Cole (1919)

Actor Rob Lowe (1964)

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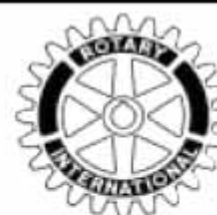
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Infringement! Carol Burnett files suit to the tune of \$2 million

CAROL BURNETT has filed a \$2 million copyright infringement lawsuit against 20th Century Fox, claiming her cleaning woman character was portrayed on the animated series “Family Guy.”

The U.S. District Court lawsuit, which was filed

Thursday, said the Fox show didn't have the 73-year-old comedian's permission to include her cleaning woman character, Charwoman, in an April 2006 episode.

The episode shows Charwoman as a porno-shop maid, and it uses what

the lawsuit called an “altered version” of Burnett's theme music. The characters in the show also perform Burnett's signature ear tug, the lawsuit said.

Besides copyright infringement, Burnett alleges 20th Century Fox violated her publicity rights.

The studio said it was surprised by the lawsuit over what amounted to about an 18-second scene.

“‘Family Guy,’ like ‘The Carol Burnett Show,’ is famous for its pop culture parodies and satirical jabs at celebrities. We are sur-

prised that Ms. Burnett, who has made a career of spoofing others on television, would go so far as to sue ‘Family Guy’ for a simple bit of comedy,” said 20th Century Fox Television spokesman Chris Alexander.

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DUCHOVNY SELF DESTRUCTS



DAVID DUCHOVNY, who starred as special agent Fox Mulder in “The X-Files,” will return to television in a new Showtime comedy about a self-destructive writer.

The 46-year-old actor will play Hank, a novelist whose “obsession with truth-telling and self-destructive behavior – drinks, drugs and relationships – are both destroying and enriching his career,” the cable network announced Thursday.

Hank's issues complicate his relationships with his 13-year-old daughter (played by Madeleine Martin) and an ex-girlfriend (Natascha McElhone).

AP

Kelly says Regis is on the mend

KELLY RIPA says **REGIS PHILBIN**, her co-host on “Live With Regis and Kelly,” is in good shape after having heart bypass surgery this week.

Ripa said Philbin, 75, came through his surgery Wednesday with flying colors.

“He is already up joking

around with the nurses and the doctors and harassing people and picking on people,” Ripa said. The doctor “told us what we already knew: that Regis Philbin has the heart of a 19-year-old.”

Ripa, 36, said she plans to keep her promise to give Philbin some special atten-

tion: a sponge bath.

“I'm so thrilled that you're feeling better,” she said, “and nursie-poo is coming with her sponge!”

MTV's Damien Fahey, who was filling in for Philbin on Thursday's show, had a better idea: “It would be nice to bathe him on-air, you know what I mean? We

replace the desk with a tub, we run some warm water.”

Ripa replied: “That's the pay-per-view special.”

Philbin said on Monday's show that he was having the surgery because “there's some plaque in some arteries and I've got to get it cleaned out.”

AP

Hatch thinks prison life is ‘horrendous’

RICHARD HATCH, who won \$1 million on “Survivor,” says being in prison for failing to pay taxes on his reality TV prize and other income is no day at the beach.

Hatch, who became known as the “naked fat guy” for refusing to wear clothes for much of the CBS show, was convicted last year. He was sentenced to 51 months in prison, and is at the Federal Correctional Institution in

Morgantown, W.Va., a minimum security facility.

“Obviously, this is better than the county lockup,” Hatch tells People magazine in its March 26 issue. “There's no fence here. But people think I've come to a country club. It's not. This is prison. Just because it's got a beautiful view of the countryside doesn't make it a resort. And it's horrendous because I'm an innocent man in jail.”

Following his conviction,

Hatch says he spent “six horrendous months” at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility in Plymouth, Mass.

“We were all in a small room – 52 people: child molesters, murderers, rapists and me,” he recalls. “For six months I never left that room. There were no doors, no privacy. There were two TVs in that room, so I lived all day long with ‘Jerry Springer’ blaring.”

His lawyer, Michael

Minns, has said Hatch deserves a new trial because a judge improperly kept him from testifying about claims of cheating on the show. CBS, a division of CBS Corp., has said Hatch's claims have no merit.

“I don't apologize for anything,” says Hatch, who said he is looking forward to returning to his home and family in Rhode Island. “I didn't do anything wrong.”

AP

Oprah opens second school in S. Africa

OPRAH WINFREY opened her second school for poor South African youth Friday, an innovative, environmentally friendly institution she hopes will be a model for public education.

The Seven Fountains Primary School was funded by Oprah's Angel Network, a public charity that supports organizations and projects focused on education and literacy.

“The Seven Fountains School is an example of what schools in South Africa can become,” Winfrey said at the school's formal dedication outside the remote town of Kokstad in eastern KwaZulu-Natal province.

Dressed casually in a cream top and white pants, the talk-show host danced and sang with teachers and children who lauded her with cries of “Long live Oprah, long live!”

Winfrey first visited the

school in 2002 when it was located on a farm, bringing gifts, clothing, books and teacher-training materials for its 1,000 students and staff.

The school was later forced to move from the farm and relocated to a building with no windows, little electricity and running water, and only four toilets.

During a follow-up visit in 2004, the Angel Network committed itself to building a new school.

“We thought the school you had before was not good enough, so we wanted to build the best school for you,” she told the children Friday.

The \$1.6 million school, which will be run by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, has 25 classrooms, three multipurpose rooms, a library, computer center, landscaped playground and two sports

fields.

The supply of water to the area is irregular, so the school has an innovative system that recycles rain-water and uses seesaws and merry-go-rounds to pump water. It also uses solar power and has landscaped gardens that supply vegetables for school meals.

“It can be done within the expectations of budgets. We used our imagination and creativity to build not only a good school but a great school,” Winfrey said.

Winfrey emphasized the importance of education in combating poverty and said every child had a right to succeed. “We are here today to celebrate the transformative power of education,” she said.

Principal Veliswa Mnu kwa praised Winfrey for responding to their plight and called her an “angel.”

“This is the second time you are visiting us, but now it is a very different school ... Nothing compares with what you have done for us,” she said.

Nduli Amahle, 11, marveled at the school's transformation.

“I want to thank Oprah for giving us this school. It is going to change my life and help me become a doctor,” she said.

Parent Lindiwe Mbambo said the school is also going to have a lasting affect on the community.

“Even as a parent I am going to participate here. There is a night school, a computer center and a library that we can use. I can't express my gratitude for Oprah. The old school was so miserable,” she said.

Winfrey opened her Leadership Academy for Girls outside Johannesburg to great fanfare Jan. 2.

AP

‘INVASION’ OF SECOND CHILD



EDDIE CIBRIAN, who starred on television's “Third Watch” and “Invasion,” and his wife, Brandi, are expecting a second child next month, publicist Lauren Kucerak said Friday.

The couple, who live in Los Angeles, were married in May 2001. They have a 3-year-old son, Mason. Cibrian, 33, is best known as New York firefighter Jimmy Doherty on NBC's “Third Watch,” which ran from 1999-2005. He also starred on ABC's “Invasion,” portraying park ranger Russell Varon, and the 1998 TV movie “Logan's War.”

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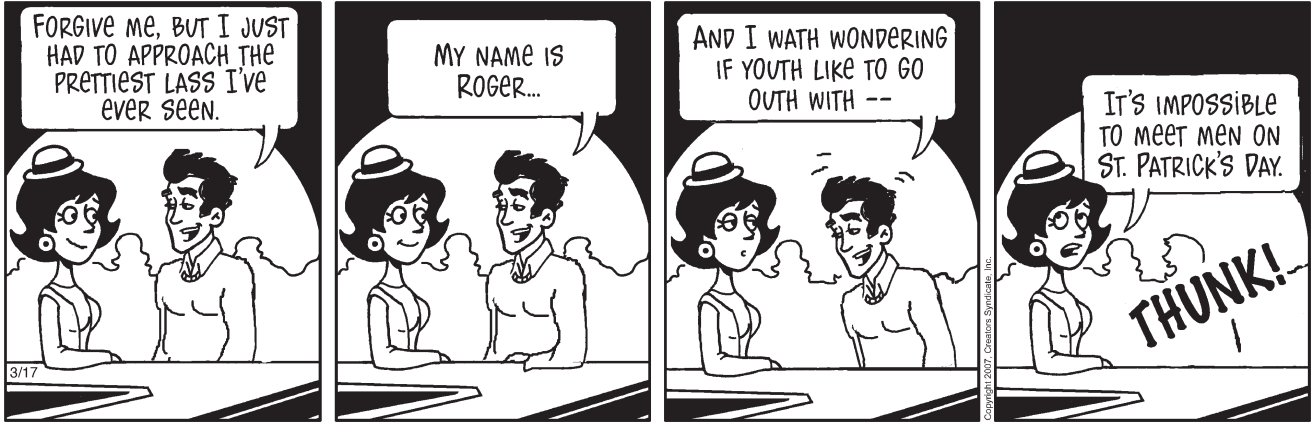
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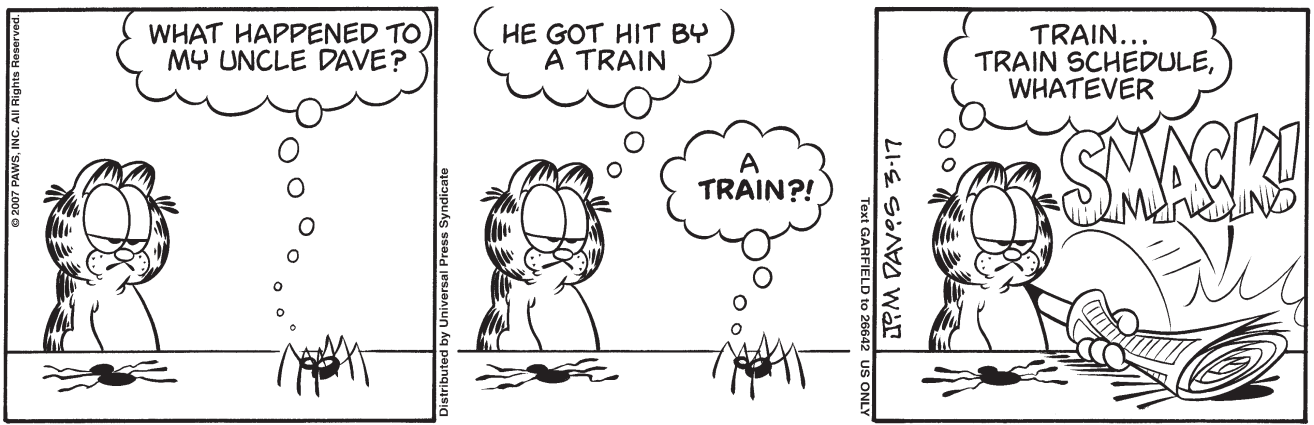
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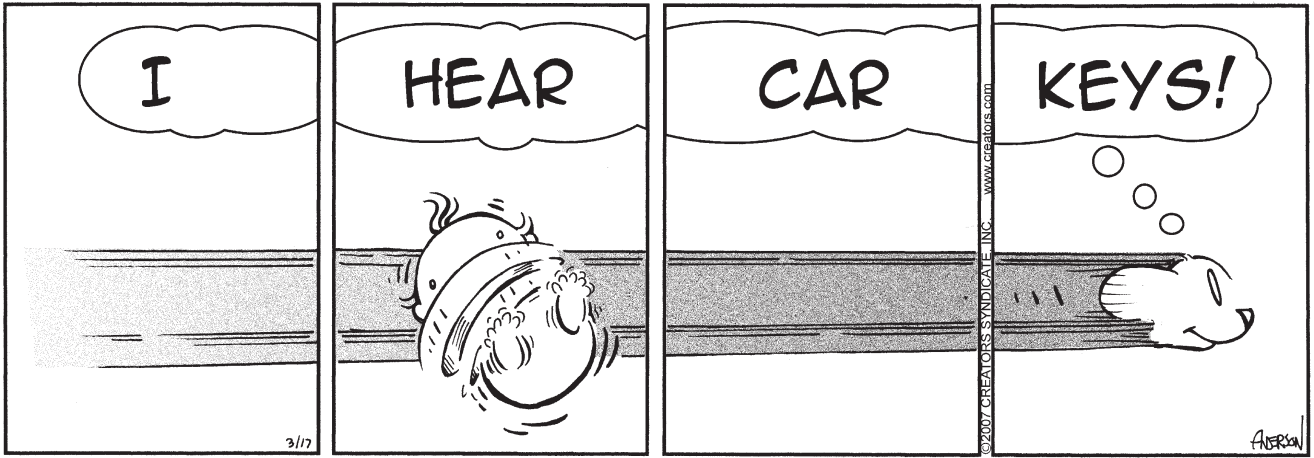
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ACROSS

- 1 Irish —
- 7 Bakery buy
- 11 Different
- 12 Plot unit
- 13 Rude person
- 14 Moore of movies
- 15 Jabs
- 16 Café offerings
- 17 Exceeded the limit
- 18 Is unable to
- 19 Golden Spike setting
- 21 None too cordial
- 22 March honoree
- 25 Craggy peak
- 26 Enthusiastic
- 27 Pencil part
- 29 Little lies
- 33 Bird-related
- 34 "The Kiss" creator
- 35 Sewing aids
- 36 Piranha
- 37 Addition column
- 38 Red-and-black bird

39 John

Major, for one

40 Irish —

DOWN

- 1 Graph points
- 2 Leading
- 3 Cereal bit
- 4 Psyched
- 5 — out (gets by)
- 6 Poetic "always"
- 7 Burdened down
- 8 Vast
- 9 Strong hold
- 10 Full of spirit

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Yesterday's answer

- 16 Skier Phil
- 18 Provide food for
- 20 Occupied
- 22 Mira of "Mimic"
- 23 Boxer's aide
- 24 Due to be punished
- 25 Tempest setting?
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The University of Texas-Arlington fired two employees last year after they had prayed at the cubicle of a co-worker and anointed it with prayer oil, and in December the two filed a lawsuit over the termination. The school said that "praying, shouting and/or chanting over a co-worker's ... belongings without her knowledge and consent constitutes harassment," and that rubbing down the cubicle frame with oil showed "disregard for university property." Evelyn Shatkin and Linda Shifflett said that the co-worker was on vacation at the time, but they declined to say why they thought she needed the benefit of prayer.

■ Britain's Home Office decided recently, in the course of remodeling at the Brixton prison in London, that, because of Muslim inmates, all the toilets should be re-positioned so that users would be respectfully facing perpendicular to Mecca as they answered nature's calls. In China, meanwhile, several multinational corporations, along with the government's television network, said they are de-emphasizing pigs in advertising and promotion even though this is the Year of the Pig in the Chinese zodiac. The Han Chinese majority regard pork as their premier meat and the pig as a symbol of happiness, honesty and fertility, according to a January Wall Street Journal dispatch.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1577 The Cathay Company is formed to send Martin Frobisher back to the New World for more gold.

1756 St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in New York City for the first time (at the Crown and Thistle Tavern).

1845 The rubber band is invented.

1891 The British steamship SS Utopia sinks off the coast of Gibraltar, killing 574.

1901 A showing of 71 Vincent van Gogh paintings in Paris, 11 years after his death, creates a sensation.

1913 The Uruguayan Air Force was founded.

1966 Off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean, the Alvin submarine finds a missing American hydrogen bomb.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James M. Kunkle in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that James M. Kunkle 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 April 17, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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.

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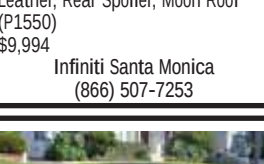
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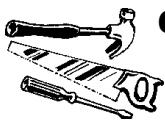
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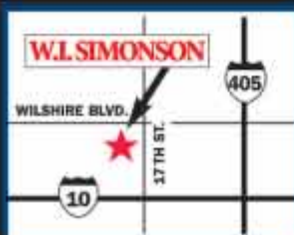


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