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LOOKING AHEAD TO BRIGHTER DAYS: Leina Oslapas, 4, plays in the sandbox at Douglas Park on Monday afternoon.

# No cop, no stop

Lights aren't flashing behind red-light runners, but that doesn't mean they are safe

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL "Do I feel lucky?"

Sick of seeing drivers ask themselves that question and then gun it to "beat the light," Councilman Bob Holbrook has made it his personal mission to have red-light cameras installed to catch them in the act ... before they end up killing someone.

"I'm suggesting a pilot program and try two or three intersections and then reevaluate and decide if we can continue that or not," Holbrook said. "I have talked with our police department and based on the information officers gave me, red-light cameras dramatically reduce the number of people who run red lights and result in a reduction in deaths and injuries."

Holbrook hopes the issue can be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting, however, the item has been delayed several times because recent agendas have been stacked, leaving little time for debate.

"My whole motive is strictly to try and stop bad driving habits, and red-light running is a symptom of it — it's a big one," said Holbrook, who often wishes he had a siren so that he could pull over violators and issue them a citation.

Red-light cameras have become a very popular method of preventing traffic accidents and fatalities, according to law enforcement agencies in neighboring cities, such as Culver City and Los Angeles, which have been using the devices to snap pictures of violators since 2000. Los Angeles currently has 11 intersections with cameras and plans to expand to 32 in July.

A nationwide study of fatal crashes at traffic signals in 1999 and 2000 estimated that 20 percent of the drivers involved failed to obey the signals. In 2005, more than 800 people were killed and an estimated 165,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running. About half of the deaths in red light running crashes are pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who are hit by the red light runners.

Supporters of the cameras, which snap pictures of motorists and their license plates as they pass through an intersection illegally, say they help agencies with limited resources properly patrol busy intersections while allowing officers to focus their efforts on other crimes.

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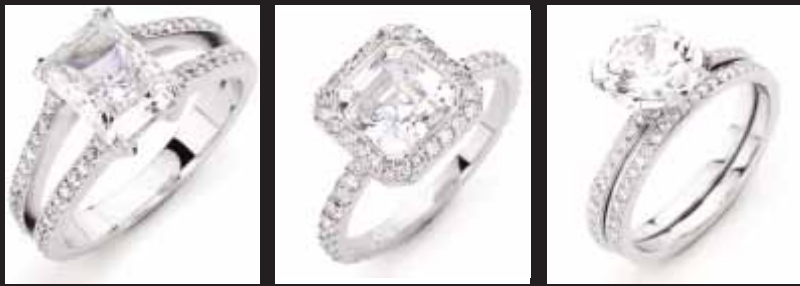
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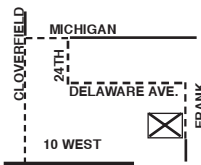


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## WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



### Monthly movie classic: 'Adam's Rib'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

The Main Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library is screening the classic romantic comedy 'Adam's Rib,' starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages are welcome.

### Waldorf Early Childhood Center Dedication

1441 15th St., 3 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Waldorf school is dedicating their new Playground & Gardens at the Waldorf Early Childhood Center. This is an opportunity for parents, neighbors, public officials and friends to learn about the new center. To RSVP, call (310) 454-7064, ext. 4.

### Terrific Tuesdays

1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

Seasonal storytelling and arts & crafts for children in grades kindergarten through second.

### Green Living Workshop

2811 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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

### The Keiskamma Altarpiece

1008 11th St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

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

### 'Junk Drawers'

3301 Pico Blvd., coffeehouse hours

Photography by Richard Gilbert will be on display at the UnUrban Coffeehouse through March 20. For more information on the exhibit, visit [www.osmare.com](http://www.osmare.com).

## Wednesday, March 21, 2007

### Mystery Book Group

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library's Mystery Book Group discusses Kate Atkinson's 'Case Histories.' Group meets in the Community Room located on the second floor.

### 'Suite 12' art exhibit

444 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, restaurant hours

Baby Blues Bar-B-Q hosts, 'Suite 12,' a black and white photography exhibit by local photographers. The opening reception will take place tonight from 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open through April 23. For more information, call (310) 405-2622 or e-mail [photosbyhart@yahoo.com](mailto:photosbyhart@yahoo.com).

### Green Living Workshops

500 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, presents six-week courses designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, eliminate junk mail and protect their health. Group meets at the Wild Oats community room. For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 1.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to [smdp.com](http://smdp.com) and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



## CORRECTION

The article "Schools adding up to math proficiency" (March 19) should have stated there were 35 students who were in danger of failing the district's math requirement to take three years of math in high school in order to graduate, not 35 percent.

A caption that ran along with a photo in the March 16 edition (page 14) should have identified Ryan Keiffner, 29, and Austin Highsmith, 26, as actors from the Ruskin Group Theatre Company. They were performing "Remote Control," a nine-minute one act play during the inaugural Santa Monica Airport Art Walk.

# Injured sunbather has to wait for money

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SANTA MONICA BEACH** Look both ways before sunbathing on the beach.

An aspiring doctor who was run over by a lifeguard vehicle while catching some rays two years ago is still waiting to cash in on a \$600,000 settlement.

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board was scheduled to approve the settlement for the case of Jesse Pace v. County of Los Angeles on Monday morning, but the matter was continued in closed session until April 2, according to county spokeswoman Judy Hammond.

Both parties reached an initial agreement in February and Kevin Boyle, attorney for Pace, sounded surprised when he learned that the matter was continued for another few weeks.

"We were told that it is a formality, but it has taken a while," Boyle said late Monday morning.

The pre-med student from Lee University in Tennessee, who was 19 years old at the time, was sunbathing alone near Tower 25 on June 28, 2005. At around 3 p.m., while listening to his iPod and reading, a lifeguard ran over Pace's left shoulder, chest, abdomen and right hip in a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The lifeguard stated that she did not see Pace lying on the sand after dropping off a



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**SAFETY FIRST:** A man who sued the county after getting run over on Santa Monica Beach by a lifeguard truck similar to this one waits for cash.

## Battle for fashion supremacy

BY SANDY COHEN

Associated Press Writer

**CULVER CITY** Military-inspired collections that looked back and to the future opened L.A. Fashion Week, with Collection bebe offering edgy space-age designs, and Dina Bar-El showing clothes that dripped 1940s glamour.

Their runway presentations Sunday helped launch the first of five days of fall fashion shows.

Collection bebe's ultramodern "War and Peace" collection was all about sharp lines, slick textures and sleek shapes, with the peace symbol as a graphic theme.

"It's war and peace in more of a literal sense, rather than the Tolstoy novel," designer David Cardona said before the show. "It's not period. It's a little toy soldier meets a sexy little girl and becomes a peaceful angel."

The star-studded front row at Smashbox

Studios included bebe spokeswomen Eva Longoria and Rebecca Romijn, Jerry O'Connell (Romijn's fiance), Virginia Madsen and Penny Marshall. Marshall said she was sporting some fashion of her own design: custom-made, blue-sequined Converse sneakers.

The bebe collection was heavy on leather, zippers and hoods in shades of khaki, black, red and Army green.

A black and red leather minidress was trimmed with a hood and gold zippers, plus a scarf with a peace sign. Zippers and black leather made up the asymmetrical neckline of a silky floor-length gown, with another zipper cutting a thigh-high slit in front.

A futuristic red leather shrug with epaulets topped a tight black miniskirt. Army green got elegant with a taffeta "utility dress" and satin trench coat. Peace symbols

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## Jet-set lifestyle to still remain in Santa Monica

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SM AIRPORT** Despite all the complaints from residents about noise, pollution and the potential dangers to public safety, federal aviation officials are standing by their decision to allow private jets to fly in and out of the Santa Monica Airport.

Residents were hoping that proposed runway safety enhancements, if installed, would make it impossible for larger, jet aircraft to use the airport because of a reduction in available runway real estate.

However, officials with the Federal Aviation Administration said they will approve only those enhancements which do not dramatically reduce the size of the runway.

"One of the FAA's big concerns is we don't want the solution to adversely impact operations at the airport," said Jim White, deputy director of airport safety and standards for the FAA. "Jets can safely use the airport currently so there is no safety reason to prohibit them. There are of course noise issues, but that is not a safety issue."

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

City Hall, at the urging of residents living

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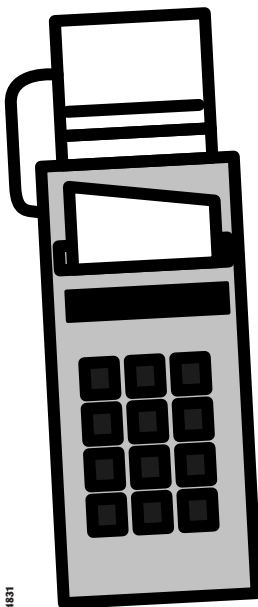
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lack of flow at Trader Joe’s

Editor:

I always enjoy Kevin Herrera’s (articles), and found the ones in the March 17-18 issue of SMDP to be even more interesting than most (“Trading parking spaces at market,” page 1).

First, I'd like to tell you that I almost never drive here in Santa Monica because of the parking and the many complaints I hear about the traffic. The traffic doesn't bother me because I walk and take the bus, except when I go to Trader Joe's. Then, I buy so much stuff that I'd have to make 10 trips to get it all home (if I had walked). I do most of my other food shopping at Albertson's, which is only a block from where I live, and I walk.

When I go to Pasadena, I always stop at the Trader Joe's on South Lake Avenue. It is at the top of a building with a parking structure attached that serves not only Trader Joe's, but also a department store and other stores. When you are done shopping, you take the cart to your car, unload it and take it back to the elevator, where there is a storage place for carts. Trader Joe's employees come and get the carts to take them back up to the store. It is so relaxing to visit that Trader Joe's and so easy to park. It is wonderful. I wish that our Santa Monica Place could have a Trader Joe's in it, but of course, then there might be even more traffic to and from the Place. Actually, I would think that they would want to have a lot of visitors, the more the better, to do more business. In my own case, since I am at the Santa Monica mall at least once a week, I would stop in Trader Joe's and carry off what I could on the bus.

Liz Koers  
Ocean Park

City got its fair market share

Editor:

(Re: “Trading parking spaces at market,” March 17-18)  
One thing I never understood is that the city of Santa Monica knew Trader Joe's was going into that location when they put in that “traffic calming” strip of landscaping and Jacaranda trees, instead of a (westbound) left turn lane in the middle of Pico (Boulevard) at 33rd (Street).

That should never have happened and it should be changed now, as far as I'm concerned.

Linda Morris  
Santa Monica

There's no shame in cutting losses

Editor:

The Iraq war has staggered on for four years now, in defiance of America's disapproval, and there is no end in sight to the bloodshed. Now, the minority who insist that our troops should keep dying there are pandering to a childish machismo by claiming that leaving Iraq would be “surrender.”

But look at what Bush has needlessly surrendered – over 3,200 American lives, our security, our world leadership, our honor and almost \$2 billion of our tax dollars every week that are spent on his war. Think of the families who are devastated every day that the war continues.

Now is the time to stop surrendering those things that make America great. America should no longer be sacrificed to Bush's failure. It is time to get out of Iraq's civil war and Bush's deadly mess. Our only chance to make that happen is to keep telling our members of Congress to get us out of Iraq.

Please contact your members of Congress. If we want to support the troops, we should help save their lives.

Doug Long  
Rio Rancho, NM



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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We should charge a convenience fee

THERE WAS A STORY IN THE NEWS THIS past week about the sorry state of the education system in the state of California. To understand the situation, one should start with the state budget, which is about \$128 billion. Just to get a feel for how strange budget figures are, the governor's Summary Highlights package is 178 pages. That's the summary.

Education, K-12 and the community college system consumes 41.9 percent of the state's revenue right now with its \$60 billion dollar budget. Health and Human services takes another 26.6 percent share, prisons and the “rehabilitation” of criminals takes \$10 billion (or 7 percent of the budget). Those categories combined account for 75.5 percent of the state's budget.

All that money is being used to create a paternalistic government which is attempting to play the role of parent, educator, arbiter of social proprieties, enforcer of laws and general all around good guy.

Each actor in this stage play called “The Crisis in Education” blames a different cause. The governor wants to be able to fire ineffective teachers and upgrade facilities, the teachers want better books, the principals want better schools, the mayor wants to be in charge, the president wants to ‘leave no child behind’ (but doesn't want to pay for it) and the parents just want to know why their kids can't read.

The one thing everyone seems to agree on is that money, and more of it, can solve the problem, but seldom do they agree on how much or where it is supposed to come from.

One report the news outlets have seized upon states that the amount of money needed to make each child ‘academically proficient’ is \$1.5 trillion ... annually. Quoting the Los Angeles Times: “That trillion-dollar figure ‘assumes nothing in the system will change,’ explained researcher Jennifer Imazeki, an assistant professor of economics at San Diego State University. Her calculation, she said, was not a serious proposal for funding, but rather an exercise to demonstrate how broken things are now.”

Thank God we don't have to take her seriously, because if we assume that there are approximately 36 million people in the state, and that roughly 70 percent of them are going to be paying taxes of some sort to fund this universal education program, then we can see that the average amount that each of us needs to pony up to have an ‘academically proficient’ society would be a mere \$71,428 per person.

When I was growing up, California had great schools. Teachers were respected, parents were involved and kids learned. We need to get back to the days when teachers were respected, not only by the kids, but by the parents. When I was a kid, if a teacher told my mom I did something wrong, she took the teacher's side. It was assumed that the adults in the relationship, acted as such, and that included entrusting them

with the right to enforce proper social behavior.

Today, we first accuse the teachers of incompetence, overreaching or neglect. We expect that a bigger budget, newer books and more computers will make our children smarter.

I think we should increase the respect we give our teachers. Empower them with the ability to enforce order. Make the parents of these ne'er-do-well hooligans do the job they signed up for by having kids. Parents are supposed to raise their children, not the state.

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The per capita amount we spend as a state on our children has consistently fallen over the past 20 years, and now we are among the bottom of states in investing in our future. I fully believe that we should increase the amount we spend on our children's education. It should be financed by a head tax on each child that a family has. We give tax deductions and credits for children, which is precisely the opposite of what we should be doing. Children are a fiscal drain on our social budget and we should hold their responsible parties accountable for them.

When you go to a restaurant or buy a plane ticket or go to the movies, they don't ask if you have children coming along and then charge you less. Why are we, as a society, encouraging people to have children, and making the rest of society responsible for their education and acculturation?

It seems to me that if you have made the choice to have a child, you have a responsibility to raise them as a socially adjusted individual ... and you should pick up the tab. The state charges me for a driver's license, a business license and a passport. If I choose to have a child, they should charge me for that too.

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## Guest Commentary

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# Waste and fraud at the U.N. head office

**TAX DAY IS APPROACHING AND THOSE** of you who still owe Uncle Sam money had better send it in. That's because the free-spending Bush administration has teamed up with the pork dispensers on Capitol Hill to send more of our money to the corrupt regime at the United Nations.

The U.N. is embarking on a multi-billion construction project and the timing could not be better for those who like to waste taxpayer dollars. Liberals have taken over the Appropriations Committees on Capitol Hill, and John Bolton — the most effective U.N. watchdog ever — is out of the picture. In addition, the U.N.'s top fiscal office, which used to be managed by a qualified American, is now being run by a Mexican biologist with no financial management experience.

The project is the renovation of the United Nations headquarters in New York City — a metaphor for the U.N. itself. It is outdated, falling apart and no longer useful. It has never had a major renovation, is full of asbestos and is energy inefficient. And while it won't pass a fire inspection, it is one of the only buildings in New York where smokers are still allowed to light up.

The architecturally compassionate thing to do would be to introduce the building to a wrecking ball and have Ban Ki-moon secure office space in a strip mall in Senegal. Instead, the U.N. plans a major renovation with U.S. taxpayers footing most of the ballooning bill. At a time when U.S. officials should be debating the utility of the United Nations, they are helping it build a cathedral of anti-Americanism.

In 2003, two New York-based construction managers presented the United Nations with renovation blueprints — the Capital Master Plan (CMP) — which would cost \$953 million. Engineering, planning and consulting firms were then hired by the U.N. for additional advice (and paid \$7.8 million) only to provide an estimate that then amounted to \$1.2 billion. Satisfied with the higher amount, then-Secretary General Kofi Annan presented an invoice for the full amount to the Bush administration.

Not wanting to offend any of the 191 other countries that make up the General Assembly, the State Department offered the U.N. the full amount by structuring a 30-year loan with a modest 5.5-percent interest rate. Foggy Bottom's financial whiz kids must have actually believed the taxpayers would see that money again. But Annan, so

offended that interest payments were tacked on, rejected the deal even though no other nation offered as much as coffee and donuts for the construction crew.

Three years later, the cost of refurbishing the U.N. now stands at \$1.9 billion — double the original estimate. In the last three years alone, the cost has escalated almost \$20 million per month. In 2005, New York developer Donald Trump offered to complete the project for one third of what it will now cost. Annan refused to discuss the matter with Trump.

With the price tag spiraling out of control, the U.N. has cooked up a scheme whereby member countries will add the construction cost to their annual "assessments." As the largest U.N. contributor, the United States will not only pay 22 percent of the regular U.N. budget, and 25 percent of all peacekeeping costs, we now get to pay 22 percent of the \$1.9 billion construction project (or \$413.6 million).

By contrast, China, with whom we have a \$232 billion trade deficit, will pay only \$38.6 million to the U.N. reconstruction. Iran will only have to pony up \$2.9 million for the U.N. headquarters, since its cash is needed for its nuclear weapons program. Finally, Sudan, which prefers to apply its resources to its on-going genocide, will help defray a whopping \$150,000 of the U.N.'s \$2 billion project.

If you think U.S. costs will be capped at that amount, guess again. In December, the General Assembly adopted a resolution requiring that in the "unlikely event" that "the cost will exceed the approved budget," member countries will be "subject to a further assessment." Nor will U.S. tax dollars benefit American workers or firms. The General Assembly decreed that the work will be done by "vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition."

Last year, Senators Tom Coburn, Jeff Sessions and James Inhofe expressed concern to the Secretary of State about what they deemed an "ill-managed project." That's putting it politely. What Congress is doing is giving the United Nations \$413 million to build the Great Hall of American Hatred.

**THOMAS P. KILGANNON** is the president of Freedom Alliance and the author of "Diplomatic Divorce: Why America Should End Its Love Affair With the United Nations."



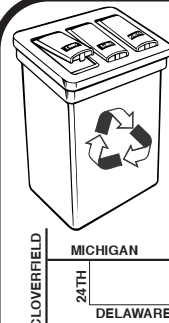
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## The Q-Line

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### A kingdom for a parking spot

At times it seems that motorists drive themselves silly by circling city streets and area parking structures time after time searching out an empty parking space. Of course more parking would be nice, but at what cost?

This week's Q-Line question asks:

**What would you like to see done by our trusted city officials to remedy what at times seems like a daily scavenger hunt for an available spot?**

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# High-speed train project gets traction

By the Associated Press

**VICTORVILLE** Transportation leaders in California and Nevada seem to be embracing the idea of a privately funded high-speed Victorville-to-Las Vegas train.

Plans for a magnetically levitated bullet train ferrying passengers between Anaheim and Nevada in two hours have been discussed for decades, but nothing has been built.

Now, a private group's 125 mph Victorville-to-Vegas train has the attention of transportation officials.

"There's still work to be done. But Caltrans thinks it's a very realistic proposal," said William A. Mosby, a district deputy director for planning and public transportation with the California Department of Transportation.

"It doesn't look like it's pie-in-the-sky thinking at all. If any of the projects move for-

ward, I think it will be this one," Mosby said.

Thomas Stone said his Las Vegas-based DesertXpress Enterprises is counting on Los Angeles and Orange County residents to drive some 80 miles to Victorville to hop on the train.

Stone said the proposal calls for electric-diesel hybrid trains to make the 190-mile trip every 20 minutes. The trip would take about 1-hour, 45-minutes each way.

Private funds would cover the estimated \$3 billion cost.

"Millions of people use Interstate 15 to get to Vegas, and it is getting too congested," Stone said. "We will have trains to carry that demand every 20 minutes."

Per-passenger costs could be an issue. Early estimates have round-trip tickets costing about \$110, a price competitive with airline flights from Los Angeles to Las Vegas.

A Victorville terminus may also be a problem.



Rendering courtesy

**ZOOM:** The proposed DesertXpress will travel to Las Vegas from Victorville.

"That's one of the concerns of ours," said Kent Cooper, Nevada Department of Transportation's assistant director of planning. "Typically, one of the major congested areas is Victorville to the Los Angeles Basin."

Victorville officials envision Las Vegas-bound visitors arriving in a 10,000-vehicle parking lot in Victorville.

"Victorville has flown under the radar for quite a long time," city development director Bill Webb said.

"Most people would think Victorville is just a place people go through on their way to Vegas, but we are the powerhouse of the high desert. We are ready and willing to take on all the responsibilities of being a full-fledged city."

The project is still in the environmental-impact stage. Officials said groundbreaking could come as soon as next year with trains operating by 2012.

"If you've ever seen Interstate 15 on a Friday going north to Las Vegas, it's a parking lot," Mayor Terry E. Caldwell said. "The volume of traffic is unbearable. We look at the impact this will have, and we are seeing all positive."

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## Companies tailor marketing pitch toward more minority groups

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** A singer croons in Farsi while musicians strum their instruments before an audience of families gathered in a park for an Iranian holiday feast.

A banner looms over the crowd wishing them all a happy Norooz — the Persian New Year — from Lufthansa, the German airline.

Such scenes are becoming part of the marketing landscape as global companies look beyond Cinco de Mayo and Chinese New Year in their efforts to reach immigrant consumers that might miss a more mainstream message.

Just as Norooz offers firms a window into an untapped community, so too does the Muslim holy month of Ramadan; or Malanka, when Ukrainians celebrate the

coming of spring.

"You can reach any community, any population, any small target group with the right expertise, the right media resources," said Givi Topchishvili, chief executive of New York-based Global Advertising Strategies, which helps develop niche ethnic markets for Lufthansa and other corporate clients.

By working with advertising consultants who understand a group's unique values and

spending habits, he said, firms aim to deliver a relevant message at the right time, in the right place, in the right language.

"You can be effective not only with larger communities, like the Latino community," he said. "You can reach the Polish community in Chicago or the Greeks in New York."

Ten years ago, advertisers did target broad groups like Hispanics or Asians, said Greg Anthony.

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Los Angeles  
**Prosecutor wants to go after gang wealth**

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo wants to go after street gangs by tapping their wealth. Court injunctions and gang task forces have been used in the past to target gangs, but suing them for money hasn't been tried. Delgadillo said a law is needed that allows cities to sue for the financial damage street thugs cause communities.

Gangs would find it more difficult to operate if their cash and holdings were targeted in civil court, Delgadillo said.

"Some of them have money," said Delgadillo, who went to Sacramento last week to introduce the measure along with a package of anti-gang initiatives backed by several lawmakers.

"They own businesses, they have nightclubs, body repair shops," Delgadillo said of the gangs. "In fact, when I shut down the headquarters of the Avenues gangs in Los Angeles, there was a gang member quoted in a newspaper saying, 'We own homes in this neighborhood.'"

State law already allows the California attorney general's office to sue street gangs for financial damages. But the attorney general's office has never filed a gang injunction, and a gang injunction is required before a financial damages claim can be made, said Marty Vranicar, supervising attorney for Delgadillo's gang prosecutions unit.

"It really makes sense to broaden the authority to include the district attorneys and prosecuting city attorneys who have the most local experience with the gangs, and who have done injunctions against those gangs," Vranicar said.

State Sen. Gill Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, is sponsoring the measure that would allow district or city attorneys in cities with more than 375,000 residents to file civil lawsuits for damages against gangs.

Money collected would be placed in a special fund to benefit the community where the gang activity occurred.

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Riverside  
**Pickup owner in underwear chases thief**

The owner of a stolen pickup truck, wearing only his underwear, used his wife's van to chase down the thief.

The 29-year-old man was sipping coffee in his garage before dawn Sunday when his Ford Ranger suddenly started up and roared off.

The man, whose name was withheld, then jumped into his wife's van and, wearing only his underwear, gave chase. Inside the floor-installer's pickup were his tools.

"He said 'I just couldn't let my truck go because it's my livelihood,'" said Kirk Durbin of the California Highway Patrol.

The man pursued his pickup at speeds up to 80 mph in the unincorporated Riverside County community before ramming the Ford Ranger with his wife's van. The pickup struck a concrete barrier and the thief ran into a field and got into a Chevrolet S-10 pickup and fled, the CHP said.

The Ford Ranger had moderate damage to the front and back, and the van had major damage in the front, Durbin said.

By the time investigators arrived, the man had called his wife on a witness's cell phone and had her bring him some clothes, the CHP officer said.

"He's got a lot of courage," Durbin said.

There were no arrests.

AP

Norco  
**Town's beloved camel moving away**

Matilda the camel – considered by many to be the city's unofficial mascot – is moving to greener pastures: literally.

Owners George and Sherel Stone, who rode Matilda to their wedding last year, are moving to a five-acre cherry orchard in New Mexico in April and are taking the camel with them.

"It's a very hard thing to leave Norco," George Stone said. "People from Norco absolutely love all animals."

George, 47, and Sherel, 55, met while working as part of a pet-assisted therapy program that used Matilda and other animals to help severely emotionally disturbed children.

The two said they plan to start a practice together on their ranch with Matilda, four llamas and two Icelandic horses.

But the people of Norco will still be able to see Matilda at least once a year. The Stones say she will journey back to the city for her famous appearances in its Parade of Lights.

AP

State-wide  
**Amber Alert issued in Nevada, mother from California**

An Amber Alert was issued Monday in southern Nevada for a Southern California woman who police suspect killed a relative and abducted her 4-year-old son.

Vanessa Ochoa, 22, does not have parental custody of the boy, identified by authorities as Manaen Miles.

Nevada authorities said Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators think she took the child Sunday after shooting the boy's uncle dead at a home in the foothill community of Altadena, Calif., about 17 miles north of Los Angeles.

Police said they were looking for a silver four-door Mitsubishi Diamante sedan with temporary Nevada license plates, and said they believed Ochoa and the boy were in Las Vegas or Henderson.

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# Not having it

## Thousands march in Northern California to protest war in Iraq

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** Thousands of marchers, angry but energized by a sense of growing support for their cause, closed down a major downtown thoroughfare Sunday in a largely peaceful display of opposition to the Iraq war.

"All over the country, people are speaking out. And you had the courage to do it first," state Sen. Carole Migden, D-San Francisco, told demonstrators gathered in a city long known as a stronghold of anti-war sentiment.

Although some marchers said they had been protesting the war for years, others said they came out on the sunny afternoon to rally against the war for the first time.

Gary Fong, 65, of San Ramon, a retired school guidance counselor and former Army intelligence officer, carried a sign calling on President Bush to "listen to America."

"I think the war effort at this point is futile," said Fong, who marched with his wife, Shirley.

"We want to do our part to express to Bush and the government that change needs to be made."

Dozens of police on foot and motorcycle blocked traffic and kept an eye on the crowd, which stretched for blocks through the city's financial district. No arrests were reported

by late Sunday afternoon.

Chants of "money for jobs and education, not for war and occupation" echoed among the skyscrapers as marchers beat drums, danced and carried banners pushing an array of progressive causes.

In keeping with San Francisco's reputation as a bastion of diversity, protesters of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and political persuasions — from mainstream Democrats to anarchists with bandanas tied over their faces — took to the streets.

Susan V. Blair, 60, of Santa Rosa, carrying a sign reading "Another Grammie against the war," marched with her son, daughter-in-law and 8-year-old granddaughter.

"We have to protect our next generations from this being repeated time and again," Blair said.

Hundreds of anti-war protesters also marched in New York City on Sunday, a day after thousands assembled at the Pentagon to denounce the war as it entered its fifth year.

A San Francisco police spokesman said the department no longer estimates crowd sizes, but at least 3,000 protesters appeared to be headed toward the march's closing rally near San Francisco City Hall.

A smattering of counter-protesters waving American flags also gathered in what they described as a show of support for U.S. troops.

"It's important to make sure that the sacrifices that we've already made are worth it," said Leigh Wolf, 20, a student at San Francisco State University. "This is a war we can still win."

Many anti-war protesters also called on Congress to impeach President Bush.

## U.S. generates more cyber attacks than any other nation

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON  
AP Technology Writer

**SAN JOSE** The United States generates more malicious computer activity than any other country, and sophisticated hackers worldwide are banding together in highly efficient crime rings, according to a new report.

Researchers at Cupertino-based Symantec Corp. also found that fierce competition in the criminal underworld is driving down prices for stolen financial information.

Criminals may purchase verified credit card numbers for as little as \$1, and they can buy a complete identity — a date of birth and U.S. bank account, credit card and government-issued identification numbers — for \$14, according to Symantec's twice-yearly Internet Security Threat Report released Monday.

Researchers at the security software company found that about a third of all computer attacks worldwide in the second half of 2006 originated from machines in the United States. That makes the United States the most fertile breeding ground for threats such as spam, phishing and malicious code — easily surpassing runners-up China, which generates 10 percent of attacks, and Germany, which generates 7 percent.

The United States also leads in "bot network activity." Bots are compromised computers controlled remotely and operating in concert to pump out spam or perform other

nefarious acts.

The legitimate owner of the computer typically doesn't know the machine has been taken over — and the phenomenon is largely responsible for the palpable increase in junk e-mail in the past half year.

Spam made up 59 percent of all e-mail traffic Symantec monitored. That's up 5 percentage points from the previous period. Much of the spam was related to stock picks and other financial scams.

The United States is also home to more than half of the world's "underground economy servers" — typically corporate computers that have been commandeered to facilitate clandestine transactions involving stolen data and may be compromised for as little as two hours or as long as two weeks, according to the report.

The study marks the first time Symantec researchers have studied the national origins of computer attacks. The report focused on attacks during the last half of 2006 on more than 120 million computers running Symantec antivirus software. The company operates more than 2 million decoy e-mail accounts designed to attract messages from around the world to identify spam and phishing activity. Alfred Huger, vice president of Symantec Security Response, said online criminals appear to be adopting more sophisticated means of "self-policing." They're launching denial-of-service attacks on rivals' servers and posting pictures online of competitors' faces.

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# Suspect in deadly arson fire in court

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE A man accused of starting a raging California wildfire that killed five firefighters was likely experimenting with different arson methods as early as five months before the fatal fire, a state fire investigator said Monday.

Capt. Charlie Dehart of the California Department of Fire and Protection testified during a preliminary hearing for arson suspect Raymond Lee Oyler that he found the remains of cigarette-and-match devices at fires in the area as early as May 16, 2006.

Oyler, a 36-year-old auto mechanic from Banning, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder, 17 counts of using an incendiary device and 23 counts of arson, including the deadly Esperanza Fire. Oyler was arrested Oct. 31 after a wind-whipped fire raced through the foothills near Banning, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, overrunning the firefighters as they attempted to protect a house.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether there is enough evidence against Oyler to proceed to trial.

Dehart testified that he was called to investigate nine suspected arsons in the Banning area between May 16 and July 9. He said that at some of the fires, he found a cigarette-and-match device that contained red-tipped wooden matches, called "safety matches," bundled around a Marlboro Light cigarette with rubberband or duct tape. At others, he said, there were just a few matches or matches placed at a perpendicular angle to the cigarette, with their tips resting on the cigarette.

"There are similarities in the placement of the devices, as far as they're all on the right-hand side of the road, they're all in wide spots in the road, the matches are all similar .... and they're all clumped into one geographic location," he said.

On cross-examination, Oyler's attorney Mark McDonald pointed out that Dehart found at least four different variations on the match-and-cigarette device at the fires, with the only common theme being that wooden matches were found at each scene.

"(With) the amount of fires we've had it the Banning area, it's my opinion that it was experimentation ... to see which (method)

works the best," Dehart said.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Hestrin said that he would attempt to show an evolution in the sophistication of the arson devices as the summer progressed, until the fatal fire in late October. Hestrin has said he expects to call at least 20 witnesses during the hearing, which could last several days.

"There's an evolution in the devices," Hestrin said. "There was also an evolution of locations and terrain that the defendant was choosing as regards to each fire."

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Capt. Charlie Dehart  
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Before the hearing began, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey J. Prevost ordered Oyler's sister and girlfriend to leave the courtroom because they will be called as prosecution witnesses. Prevost also ordered a bench warrant for the arrest of a prosecution witness who failed to show up.

Oyler appeared in court wearing a black suit and gray tie and did not speak. His lawyer entered the non-guilty plea for him.

Oyler was originally charged with five counts of first-degree murder, 11 counts of arson and 10 counts of using an incendiary device. Prosecutors filed 19 new counts against him last week, saying they have linked him to 23 arson fires in all. He entered a plea of not guilty to the new charges at a brief arraignment before the preliminary hearing began Monday. A sheriff's report also obtained by the AP last week said Oyler's cousin told investigators the suspect spent an entire night at the site of the blaze.

## Fashion takes turn toward GIs

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popped up on the thigh of slim-fitting pants and punctuated the skirt of a white chiffon gown with bold, black lines.

Earlier, Bar-El brought the theme of her collection, "Burlesque," to life with a colorful show accompanied by a live jazz quartet and an opening strip tease by a Veronica Lake look-alike in a long burgundy gown.

Bar-El's fashions featured ladylike looks reminiscent of the 1940s. Bar-El said burlesque dancer (and Marilyn Manson ex) Dita Von Teese was her muse, adding that she was inspired by the model's photo book, "Fetish and the Art of the Teese."

"I ended up designing a whole collection around it," Bar-El said. "I don't even know what I created."

It was a varied collection of dresses steeped in classic glamour. Bar-El combined

menswear fabrics with curvy cuts and feminine details, accessorizing outfits with long gloves and vintage hats. She embraced flowing trains and sweeping chiffon and interpreted military chic with a ladylike touch.

Businesslike pinstripes were evening-ready as a strapless dress, while lace edging and ruffle trim softened a checkered shift. Gowns came in an elegant palette of red, black, silver and bronze. One gunmetal Grecian style looked like it floated off the silver screen.

Bar-El gave the military look corset shapes and cap sleeves. There was an Army-green gown with a matching taffeta trench coat, a navy satin sailor dress with rhinestone buttons and a white tuxedo gown topped with a trench coat and jeweled captain's hat.

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# Hard times getting into school

Applying for entry into Westside preschools can at times seem more like college search

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** At the end of a frustrating week in February, Amy Brotherton's jaw dropped.

More than a year invested in finding the right preschool for her son, Jack, visiting different places and spending hundreds of dollars in application fees, had ended in this — a pile of rejection letters from six Westside facilities.

Now, just a few months shy of her son's third birthday, Brotherton is worried that she will never find the right preschool.

"I'm looking at schools farther away," said the Mar Vista resident, who has been hunting for the right place to educate her son in and around Santa Monica. "I'm at a point where I don't have a choice.

"I'm out of options. I just don't want him to not go to school."

She's not alone. Numerous parents of young children are staring down similar predicaments this time of year, with the admissions process for pre-kindergarten schools on the Westside beginning to resemble something that these kids might experience as teenagers, when attending college become a top priority.

In Santa Monica and other cities on the Westside of Los Angeles County, parents are finding themselves thinking about the right preschool before they even give birth to the would-be preschooler. It's a region where kids are placed on waiting lists years before they're even of age to attend preschool; where application fees can cost as high as \$200 per school; where schools adopt child-guided and experimental curriculum; and

where a year's tuition for preschool could cost as much as a new car.

It's a region where frustrated parents are pulling their hair out.

"Many of the best schools in the country are in Santa Monica, but also many families who want the very best and can have it," said Christy Bergin, founder of Best Fit School Service. "There are enough schools, just not the ones that families want."

When parents have exhausted all avenues or are entering the preschool scene for the first time, they turn to Bergin, who helps their children find the perfect school. With a database of more than 100 schools in Los Angeles County, Bergin helps parents navigate through the different institutions, informing them of the different philosophies that each school takes and how that would fit in with their family. She stays on with the family until their child is enrolled in the preschool of their choice.

"There is a demand for excellent high quality progressive developmental education," Bergin said.

The city of Santa Monica is also unique in that the preschools here all offer different and innovative approaches to education, including the Waldorf, Developmental and the popular Reggio approach — an educational method used in Reggio, Italy.

This instructional method prescribes that educators listen to children's ideas and the student guiding the curriculum, Bergin said.

"The curriculum comes from the children and is deeply provoked by the teacher," she said.

Each Reggio-inspired school has developed its own approach and no two programs are similar.

At the Garden of Angels School on 18th Street, Executive Director Cyndy Lunn has seen an influx of applications over the past three years, though she can't pinpoint the reason for the increase in demand.

"I'm not sure whether it's the lack of preschools or if individuals in the city are looking for something different," she said. "I read about the preschool panic here in LA and in New York and it's just incredible."

Lunn receives about 200 applications for a school that can accommodate just 59 children at any one time. The waiting list, which costs \$200 to get placed on, gets longer as expectant and new mothers of 4-month-old children come in to start the application process.

Tuition here ranges from approximately \$8,400 to \$13,200, depending on the amount of time the child spends in school.

## NETWORKING WITH NUK NUKS

The preschool environment in Santa Monica is a hot topic at the playground where many seasoned preschool hunters dish out advice to newcomers.

The playground at Douglas Park was one of the resources that Gintaras Oslapas used to find a preschool for his 4-year-old daughter, Leina, when he moved his family from Japan last fall. He took the opportunity to network while his little girl had a good time playing in the park.

He explored all options, talking to different church affiliated preschools and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

It didn't take Oslapas long to find the right preschool as he eventually settled on the program at McKinley Elementary

School, where the elder Oslapas found the location, facility, cost and teacher-to-student ratio to be desirable for his daughter.

In Tokyo, Oslapas paid about \$5,000 a year for a preschool where there were 20 students to every teacher. But in McKinley, the Santa Monica resident pays close to nothing and there are about seven children to one teacher, he said.

But what has pleased him most about the preschool at McKinley Elementary School is the rapid pace at which his daughter, whose native tongue is Japanese, is learning to speak English.

"Her English is growing leaps and bounds every week," Oslapas said on Monday afternoon as his daughter played in the sandbox at Douglas Park.

Across the park, Sharon Sonnett of West Los Angeles recalled the lengthy process she went through in finding the right school for her 3-year-old daughter, Rachel.

Young Rachel was only a year old when her parents started looking into preschools after they heard horror stories about the amount of time it takes to find the perfect match.

Her mother found schools through word of mouth and researching on the Internet and was disappointed to find that some schools were selective regarding what prospective parents did for a living. One school administrator even told Sonnett, who went to law school, that the school already had too many doctors and lawyers.

She spent about \$20 to \$25 on applications and applied to several schools including First Presbyterian Preschool and Sunshine Preschool before finally settling on Santa Monica Montessori School.

But Sonnett said that her daughter was admitted after calling the school about five or six times.

Luckily for Sonnett, the mother of 6-week-old Samantha probably won't have to go through the ordeal again as the Santa Monica Montessori School might have preferential enrollment for students whose siblings already attend the school.

The way Ellen Khokha, executive director of The Growing Place, sees it, there are not enough preschools for families who want them.

The shortage in early childhood programs is not anything unique to Santa Monica — it's a nationwide occurrence, she said.

"We do not give early childhood the fiscal support or the community support that it deserves," Khokha said. "Early childhood unfortunately is still seen as the parent's problem even though we know definitely from research that when children are in early childhood education, they not only do better in public schools, but they do better in life."

The students who go through early childhood education are more likely to be employed some day, are more likely to pay their taxes, and are less likely to be incarcerated, she said.

"The major thing is that parents are now becoming aware of the frustration that early childhood doesn't have the public support that elementary school has," Khokha said. "They have to advocate that education starts at birth."

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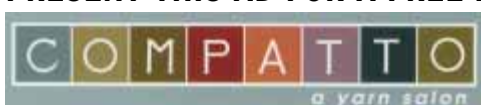
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## Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

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# Barefoot and happy

Dear Dorie,

My 14-month-old son is walking and running energetically, but I've noticed that he is usually bow-legged. My pediatrician assures me that he is fine. Is there anything that I should be doing to help him straighten his legs? Also, is there a certain type of shoe that he should be wearing?

Waddle Watcher

Dear Watcher,

At this wonderful age, the best shoe for your son is inexpensive and easily accessible – barefoot is best. When you're concerned about safety (at the park, for example), use

the slip-on leather booties available at most children's clothing stores. As long as they are soft and flexible, any style will do.

Regarding the bow-legged "waddle," your son is right on track. Right now, he is unconsciously developing the muscles in his feet as he grabs the floor and spreads his toes. Try it out yourself, this is a lot easier to do when your legs are a little bent. As he gains expertise in walking and running, his legs will straighten up.

Right now there is nothing necessary from you except a camera and lots of hugs. Good luck.

Dorie

# Teen girls learn diet ABC's

BY JANET FRANKSTON LORIN

Associated Press Writer

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. For a group of urban teen girls, lessons in nutrition began in the produce section and ended in dairy at a suburban supermarket a few miles from their school. But the give-and-take was the most energetic in the meat section.

Stay away from the bacon, salami and the frying pan, a university student dietitian advised the teens. Broil or grill lean protein like fish instead. Trim the fat off red meat and the skin off chicken.

"The skin makes the chicken taste good," protested 15-year-old Andrea Hagins. But she acknowledged that "if it's better to help my health, I should try it out."

The young women are students in Teem Esteem, a 3-year-old program that aims to teach good nutrition and offers options to the standard physical education classes at Trenton Central High School. The girls are guided through a supermarket and taught how to buy more nutritious foods.

Their fitness classes offer enticing options, including circuit training, cardio dance and karate complete with a trainer who trains them on the use of exercise balls and free weights.

They also get instruction on cooking and hear lectures on topics such as body image, date rape and bulimia, said their teacher Constance Kelley.

About half the students at the school come from low-income households, a group that is at risk for obesity and its related diseases, said Bonnie Arkus, director of the New Jersey-based Women's Heart Foundation, which is collaborating with the school.

If teens can establish healthy eating habits now, they can reduce their risk for chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease, said Gerri McKay, associate professor of nutrition at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

"Our goal is to empower the young women to clearly use the (nutrition) label to make the choices," said McKay, whose students led the teens around the store. "What they're doing today as adolescents is going to directly affect their health as adults."

After a presentation about produce, Kyran Williams, 15, confessed she doesn't eat many fruits and vegetables at home.

"In my household, we really aren't that healthy-eating people," she said. "I learned a lot that I didn't know."

Keyana Montique, 15, said she plans to cut the fat off meat before cooking it and read nutrition labels, especially about serving size.

"I never paid attention to it (a nutrition label) until now, how much sugar is in things, serving size," she said. "I'll tell my mom we need to shop better."

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Kelley, their teacher, said she's "seen a difference, especially in motivation and their attitude."

Girls who took the supermarket tour in previous years say they continue to use the tips and many have lost weight.

Ana Maldonado, 18, a peer leader for the sophomore class, said she eats less fat, less salt and has cut out soda and fast food. She's lost 10 pounds.

"This is going to be a life experience I can share with my cousins," she said. "I could be healthy."

Instead of potato chips and french fries, she snacks on fruit and yogurt.

Another peer leader, 15-year-old Giselle DelValle, said she has lost 30 pounds since attending the class.

"I eat more vegetables and fruit instead of eating fried food and junk food," she said. "I read the nutrition labels."



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# Council may install red light cameras

FROM RED LIGHT PAGE 1

Those opposed believe the cameras violate one's right to privacy and are concerned about Big Brother keeping a watchful eye. They also claim yellow lights are cut short to trap motorists.

The council flirted with the idea of installing the cameras in 2000 and 2002, however, the majority of members got cold feet despite strong support from then SMPD Chief James T. Butts Jr., who said running red lights was on the rise, citing figures from 1998 to 1999 that showed the number of violations increased by more than 200 and accounted for about 7 percent of all traffic accidents in 1999.

Several members said they did not want to be in the position of monitoring the movements of residents and visitors.

"I didn't support it then, and I don't support it now," said former Mayor Mike Feinstein, who was on the council during the first red-light camera debate. "I don't think who should photograph people in public places even though it is already happening. We don't need to do more of it, especially when there are other measures we can take."

Feinstein said an intersection near his home was the site of numerous accidents until the city installed a median that slowed down traffic.

Lucy Dyke, transportation planning manager for City Hall, said speed bumps have been installed to slow traffic, as have neighborhood speedometers to make drivers more aware of how fast they are traveling.

There is also the issue of cost. At roughly \$100,000 a pop, the cameras don't come cheap, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In 2002, city staff estimated a cost of \$4.2 million for six intersections.

The cost can be offset by fines collected, from crashes prevented and by freeing up police to focus on other efforts, supporters said.

Studies have also shown large support amongst the public for the cameras, especially in large cities where 83 percent of drivers supported their use, according to the institute.

While the council voted down the cameras in 2000, there are signs that elected officials may be in support of it the second time around.

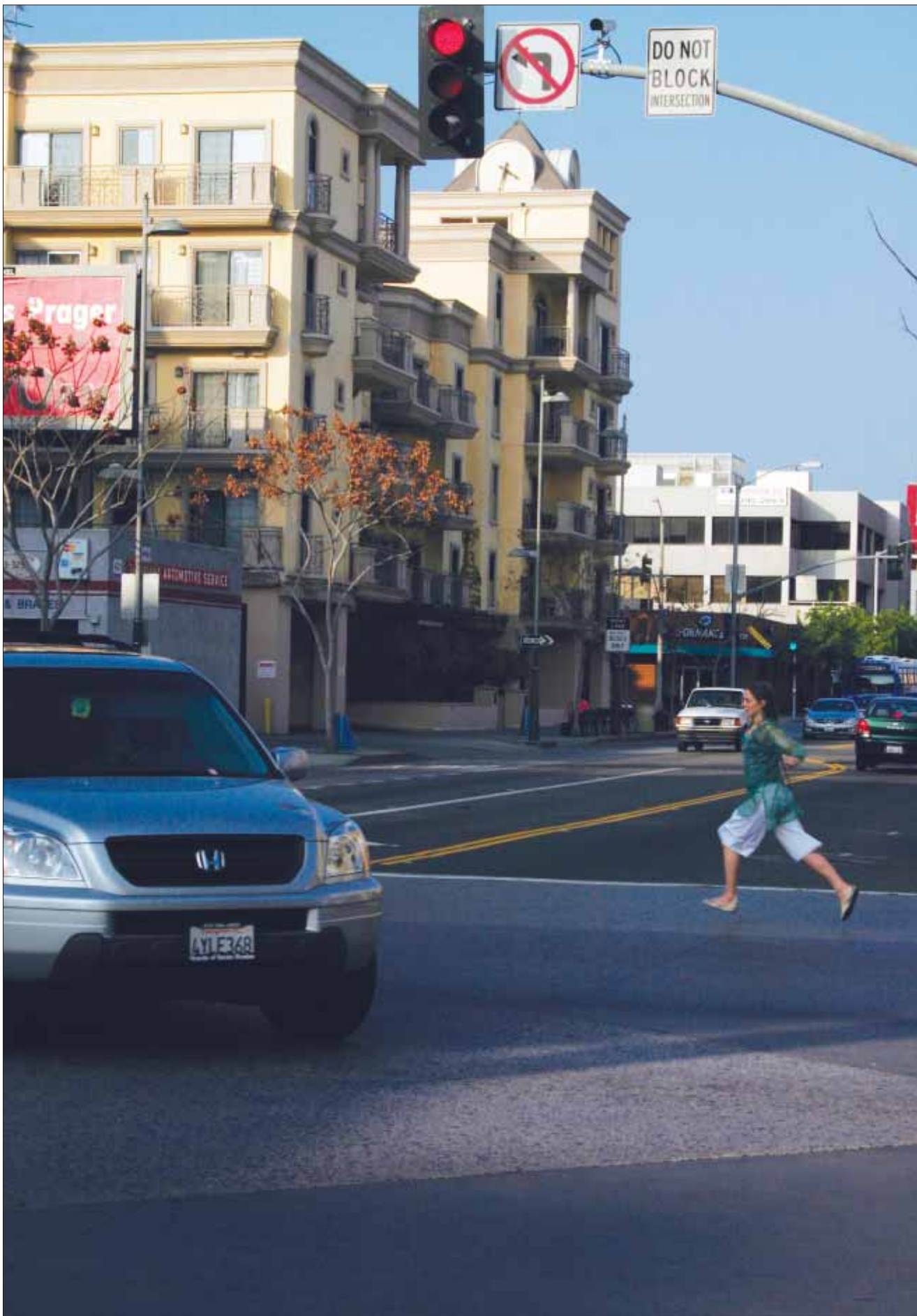
Within recent years, the council has approved the use of cameras on buses and on the Third Street Promenade as well as the Santa Monica Pier to help law enforcement and protect against lawsuits.

"I hope the council shares my concerns," Holbrook said. "I felt we've reached such a bad place that something has to be done about it. I just figure if they drive in Santa Monica, they certainly see the same things I'm seeing."

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**BUSTED?:** A motorist — as well as a pedestrian — cut it close at a red light at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street in Santa Monica Monday. Red light cameras are being considered by the City Council. Some feel it is an invasion of privacy.

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# Lifeguards change their driving ways before people get hurt

FROM SETTLEMENT PAGE 3

lost child at the lifeguard station, then drove 20 to 30 feet before feeling a bump. The victim sustained a ruptured spleen, which was subsequently removed, and injuries to his shoulder, chest and abdomen, according to a summary of the case by Syna Dennis, the principal deputy county counsel.

At the time of the incident, Boyle was interning at UCLA Medical Center, assisting nurses in the intensive care unit.

"He's getting along," Boyle said. "He's back at school and still wants to be a doctor."

The concern for Pace at this point is just how much the loss of a spleen might affect his abilities as a doctor, since the absence of the organ will make him more susceptible to diseases.

"It's really a miracle (he got away) with only a splenectomy," Boyle said. "Had the tire of the truck been one foot away from where it was, he could've easily been killed."

County lifeguards are hoping to avoid similar incidents, none of which have occurred on Santa Monica Beach since that fateful day in June 2005. The Los Angeles County Lifeguard Training Division has continually updated its driving policies over the past few years, focusing on what Training Section Chief Scott Davey calls a "four-point approach."

The first approach has been to redefine what "essential beach driving" means during the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., which is when the beaches are generally well populated with sunbathers and swimmers. To the lifeguards, vehicles will be used on beaches dur-

ing these hours in cases where beach driving is essential — for preventative safety measures, rescue work, medical calls and assisting police departments.

The Lifeguard Training Division is also reemphasizing the importance of training, requiring lifeguards to retake sand driving training programs each year.

"They get the initial course and continuing education, which highlights the dangers involved on (driving) on the beach," Davey said.

Point number three involves the upgrade of all warning equipment on the beach vehicles. The front ends of the vehicles are now equipped with sounding beepers, which sound similar to when a truck is placed in reverse. Censors have also been installed on the trucks so the driver is warned when the

vehicle is approaching something that is obscured from the driver's seat.

"We continue to always seek ways to improve our delivery of safety services to the public," Davey said on the fourth point. "We're in the business to protect and save lives and anything we can do to achieve that mission are things we want to do."

The LA County Lifeguards pulled 9,000 people out of the water from San Pedro to the Ventura County line last year. The lifeguards have averaged about 10,000 lives saved a year in the past decade.

The changes in the driving policy have resulted in a reduction in beach driving by 70 percent in the past few years.

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# Private jet aircraft okay to land in SM

FROM JET PAGE 3

at both ends of the eastside airport, has been negotiating with the FAA since 2002 to implement safety enhancements, which they said are sorely needed given the increase in faster, larger jet aircraft making use of the airport.

Comments from pilots are being analyzed by the FAA, City Hall and the Airport Commission to determine what types of planes can safely take off and land at the airport if additional safety enhancements were to be enacted.

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

While there are those who are encouraged by the progress made so far between City Hall and the FAA, several residents and elected officials have complained about the slow pace of the process and are urging the FAA to act before there is a tragic accident.

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

"We are sensitive to the concerns expressed (by residents and city officials) and we want to move quickly on this, and we believe we can come back to the city with our view of the comments by the end of March," White said. "This is not a simple decision. There are lots of trade-offs and that's why it has taken this long."

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

However, since many airports were built before the 1,000-foot extension was adopted some 20 years ago, many, including Santa Monica, cannot achieve the full standard. This is due to obstacles such as bodies of water, highways, railroads or a severe drop-off in terrain.

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

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

Residents said since bigger aircraft would be the only ones affected by the creation of runway safety areas, they should be the ones to pay for the EMAS system.

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

The FAA is interested in a more condensed version of EMAS at the airport to maintain as much available runway as possible, according to White. Comments from pilots and other operators will go a long way in influencing the FAA on what type of safety measure can be installed.

In the end, White emphasized that the airport is safe and sound.

"We are always interested in improving safety," White said. "If you can make safety enhancements and not significantly impact operations at the airport, it would make sense to do it. That's what we are trying to do now ... make sense of it."

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Christopher Dawson, investigator for the Santa Monica Police Department, accepts the 2007 Rotarian Club of Santa Monica Public Service Recognition Award at the Rivera Country Club on Friday. The three other honorees at the ceremony were SMFD Engineer Dominic Smith, Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Jerold K. Harris and Jackie Mickelbury.

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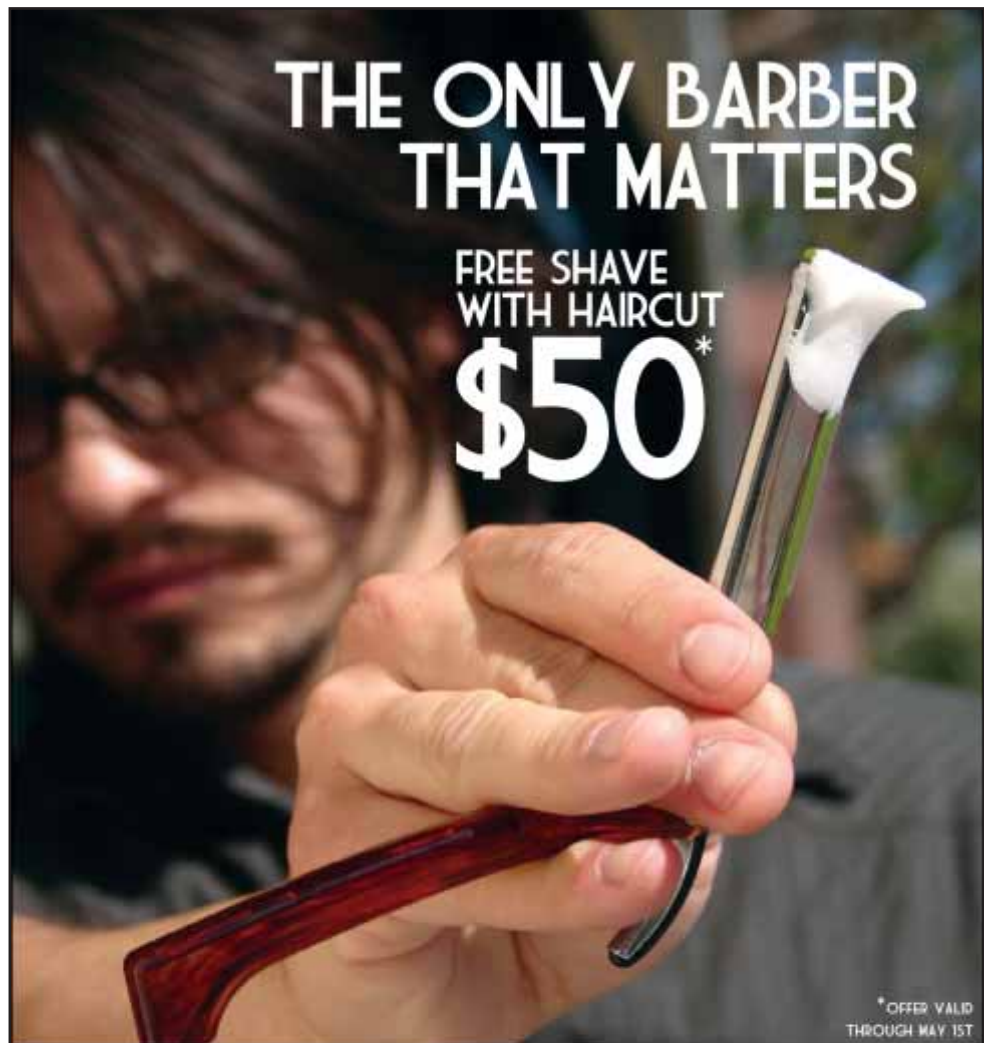
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# ‘Bong Hits 4 Jesus’ banner in court

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON A high school senior's 14-foot banner proclaiming "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" gave the Supreme Court a provocative prop for a lively argument Monday about the extent of schools' control over student speech.

If the justices conclude Joseph Frederick's homemade sign was a pro-drug message, they are likely to side with principal Deborah Morse. She suspended Frederick in 2002 when he unfurled the banner across the street from the school in Juneau, Alaska.

"I thought we wanted our schools to teach something, including something besides just basic elements, including the character formation and not to use drugs," Chief Justice Roberts said Monday. (Watch why "bong hits" are on the court's plate Video)

But the court could rule for Frederick if it determines that he was, as he has contended, conducting a free-speech experiment using a nonsensical message that contained no pitch for drug use.

"It sounds like just a kid's provocative statement to me," Justice David Souter said.

Students in public schools don't have the same rights as adults, but neither do they leave their constitutional protections at the schoolhouse gate, as the court said in a landmark speech-rights ruling from Vietnam era.

Morse, now a Juneau schools' administrator, was at the court Monday. Frederick, teaching and studying in China, was not. Former independent counsel Kenneth Starr, whose Kirkland and Ellis law firm is representing Morse for free, argued that the justices should defer to the judgment of the principal. Morse reasonably interpreted the banner as a pro-drug message, despite what Frederick intended, Starr said.

School officials are perfectly within their rights to curtail student speech that advocates drug use, he said. "The mes-

sage here is, in fact, critical," Starr said.

Starr, joined by the Bush administration, also asked the court to adopt a broad rule that could essentially give public schools the right to clamp down on any speech with which they disagree. That argument did not appear to have widespread support among the justices.

Douglas Mertz of Juneau, Frederick's lawyer, struggled to keep the focus away from drugs. "This is a case about free speech. It is not a case about drugs," Mertz said.

Conservative groups that often are allied with the admin-



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istration are backing Frederick out of concern that a ruling for Morse would let schools clamp down on religious expression, including speech that might oppose homosexuality or abortion.

The outcome also could stray from the conservative-liberal split that often characterizes controversial cases.

Justice Samuel Alito, who wrote several opinions in favor of student speech rights while a federal appeals court judge, seemed more concerned by the administration's broad argument in favor of schools than did his fellow conservatives.

"I find that a very, a very disturbing argument," Alito told Justice Department lawyer Edwin Kneedler, "because schools have ... defined their educational mission so broadly

that they can suppress all sorts of political speech and speech expressing fundamental values of the students, under the banner of getting rid of speech that's inconsistent with educational missions."

Justice Stephen Breyer, in the court's liberal wing, said he was troubled a ruling in favor of Frederick, even if he was making a joke, would make it harder to principals to run their schools.

"We'll suddenly see people testing limits all over the place in the high schools," Breyer said.

On the other hand, he said, a decision favorable to the schools "may really limit people's rights on free speech. That's what I'm struggling with."

After the arguments, two dozen sign-carrying demonstrators chanted, "Teachers should teach, not limit free speech."

Scores of students waited outside the court early Monday for a chance to listen to the arguments.

Ninth graders on a class trip from Mosinee, Wisconsin, were in general agreement on the issue. Cari Kemp, 15, said Frederick's protest was "just a joke" but that "the school took it too far."

The justices, as they often do, sought to probe the limits of each side's argument.

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## Wyoming rancher's case against workers before Supreme Court

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A Wyoming rancher should be allowed to sue individual federal workers for harassment and retaliation under federal racketeering law, the rancher's lawyer told the U.S. Supreme Court Monday.

Thermopolis rancher Harvey Frank Robbins maintains that Bureau of Land Management employees pulled his grazing permits and otherwise persecuted him to try to get him to give the government road access across his ranch. The court is considering whether his case can legally continue.

Harvard Law Professor Laurence Tribe argued the case for Robbins, saying there should be a constitutional avenue for private citizens to sue government employees for continued harassment, instead of having to sue for individual retaliatory actions.

The Bureau of Land Management, represented by the Department of Justice, argued that there is no precedent for

such lawsuits under current law and thus their employees are immune from them.

The justices questioned whether Robbins' lawsuit was an appropriate response to the BLM employees' actions and whether allowing it to proceed would flood the legal system with similar lawsuits.

Justice Antonin Scalia said he believes there are "overzealous government agents, there always have been."

He said individual lawsuits don't seem to be "a realistic remedy" in the face of ongoing harassment.

"Every time there is another trespass he has to go all the way through the administrative procedure and then when the, when the administrative court says, well, it was OK, then he has to go through the regular federal courts," Scalia said.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Stephen Breyer expressed concern about the precedent of allowing the lawsuit to go forward.

"Don't create a whole new remedy just because you are dissatisfied with having to pursue each (charge)."

## Bush to double spending for Columbia

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Bush administration is doubling the amount of money it is spending this year on a project to deepen 103 miles of the Columbia River, an Oregon congressman said Monday.

A spokesman for Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., said the White House will announce this week that it is spending \$30 million in the current budget year for the dredging project, up from \$15 million initially approved by Congress.

The additional money will be spent by Sept. 30 and will allow work to continue on the project at a faster pace, Walden's office said.

"It's very good news," said Andrew Whelan, a spokesman for Walden. He called the deepening project essential for the economy of Oregon and Washington and said it will keep

regional ports competitive with ports in Asia and other areas of the United States.

A spokeswoman for the White House budget office confirmed Whelan's account and said a formal announcement will be made later this week.

The dredging project, which began in 2005, is designed to give new, larger oceangoing vessels access to Portland, Ore., and other ports, helping them compete for Pacific Rim business. The project will deepen the river channel by 3 feet from Astoria, Ore., to Vancouver, Wash.

Matt Rabe, a spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers in Portland, which oversees the project, said Monday that he had heard there will be an announcement this week but did not know details.

The deepening project is about 40 percent complete, Rabe said, with work on the project expected to be finished in late 2009 or early 2010.

# Dolphin’s Porter punches Bengal

## Linebacker accused of striking Cincinnati’s Jones during fracas

BY KEN RITTER  
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS Miami Dolphins linebacker Joey Porter was accused of punching Cincinnati Bengals offensive lineman Levi Jones after police said the players exchanged trash talk at a casino blackjack table.

Porter was issued a summons on a misdemeanor battery charge after the Sunday altercation that began inside the Palms hotel-casino, Las Vegas police Officer Martin Wright said.

“They went outside. In the valet area, one struck the other, causing a small laceration above the eye,” Wright said Monday, calling the injury minor.

Porter could face up to a year in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine, Wright said, but no court date was immediately available.

Porter, 6-foot-3 and 250 pounds, left the Pittsburgh Steelers after eight years and signed a five-year, \$32 million deal with the Dolphins earlier this month. Jones, 6-5 and 307 pounds, missed much of last season with a knee injury.

“It seems they go against each other on the field, and here they take it into the public,” Wright said.

Wright cited an initial report from a Las Vegas police lieutenant who said the two players had a history of on-field trash talking with each other. The Steelers and Bengals both are in the AFC North, and play each other twice each season.

Dolphins coach Cam Cameron said Porter, a three-time Pro Bowl pick, told him about the incident Monday morning.

“We will monitor the situation and refrain from making any further comment until we gather more information,” Cameron said in a statement issued by the Dolphins.

“ONE STRUCK THE OTHER, CAUSING A SMALL LACERATION ABOVE THE EYE.”

Martin Wright  
Las Vegas police Officer

Wright said a written police investigation and report won’t be complete until at least the end of the week.

The Bengals didn’t have much to say about the latest incident involving one of their players. Over a nine-month period, nine Bengals have been arrested.

“We have determined that he did not sustain any serious injuries,” team spokesman Jack Brennan said of Jones.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### BASEBALL Padres’ Wells has diabetes

Padres left-hander David Wells has Type 2 diabetes, which the team says is controllable.

“It’s something he’ll have to manage and something we’ll have to help him manage,” chief executive officer Sandy Alderson said Monday. “It’s not unprecedented by any means.”

Wells was diagnosed two weeks ago, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported in Monday’s editions.

Asked if he feels less energy at times, Wells said: “It depends.” He declined further comment on Monday.

Manager Bud Black said Wells needs to meet with doctors.

“From what I’ve been told, it’ll be manageable,” Black said.

The 43-year-old old signed a one-year contract in January to return to his hometown Padres as the No. 5 starter. The 6-foot-3, 248-pound Wells has often battled his weight, and was scratched from a start late last season due to gout in his right foot.

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#### NCAA BASKETBALL Boise State’s Karl to have surgery

Boise State basketball player Coby Karl, the son of Denver Nuggets coach George Karl, will undergo surgery to treat cancer next month.

The school announced Monday that Karl would have cancerous lymph nodes removed April 2. It will be the second surgery in 13 months for Karl, who had his thyroid removed last March after being diagnosed with papillary carcinoma, a form of treatable cancer. He also underwent chemotherapy to try to kill off any remaining cancer cells shortly after his surgery.

Karl, a senior, is scheduled to play in the NABC All-Star game in Atlanta on March 31, the return to Boise for surgery.

The lymph node cancer was discovered in mid-January before the Broncos played at Utah State. Karl kept the diagnosis private until after Boise State lost to New Mexico State in the Western Athletic Conference tournament semifinals, ending the team’s season.

The diagnosis didn’t bother Karl on the court. He led the Broncos with 14.8 points per game and was the team leader in minutes played, assists and 3-pointers. Karl finished his career third on Boise State’s career scoring list with 1,698 points and the school’s all-time leader in games played, and 3-pointers made and attempted.

Karl declared for last year’s NBA draft and worked out for three teams, including the Denver Nuggets, coached by his father. He eventually withdrew his name from the draft and returned to Boise State for his senior season.



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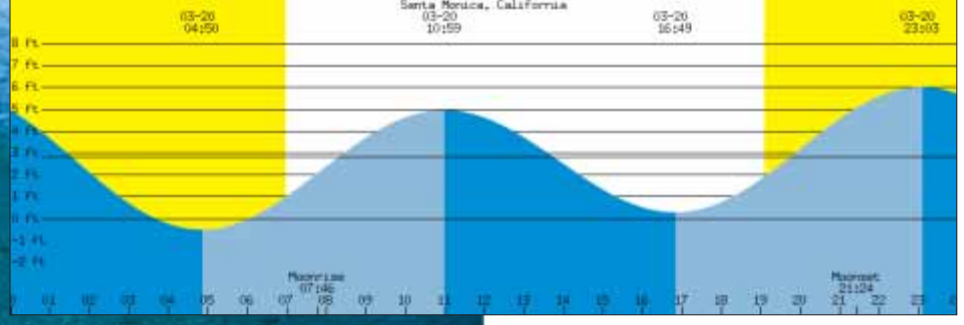
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**TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA**



### NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **March 5, 2007**

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| QUICK STATS<br>(for the last 28 days) | Number of sewage spills --                        | 6       |
|                                       | Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- | 4       |
|                                       | Number of wet days --                             | 8       |
|                                       | Number of A grades for dry/wet weather --         | 30 / 31 |
|                                       | Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather --   | 12 / 14 |

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

| LOCATION                                                             | DRY | WET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth                     | A+  | A+  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A+  | A+  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks        | A+  | A+  |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach                             | A+  | A+  |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth                                   | A+  | A+  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | B   |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)                   | B   | A+  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | F   | A+  |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach                  | A+  | A+  |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A+  | A+  |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach                          | A+  | A+  |
| Puercio State Beach at creek mouth                                   | A   | A+  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puercio Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.       | C   | A+  |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence                               | A+  | B   |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily                             | F   | F   |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | D   | F   |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | C   | F   |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | D   | A+  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs                                   | A   | A+  |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach                                 | A   | A+  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                          | A+  | A+  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | B   | F   |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | B   | A+  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | A+  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+  | A+  |

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

**LEGEND**

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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# Follow another's lead, Virgo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS  
The stars show the  
kind of day you'll have:

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★★ You feel energized. Still, you maintain an element of caution. Creativity and stability are in your back pocket. Innately you make the right decision. Be spontaneous and don't worry quite so much. Tonight: As you would like.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Understanding takes you to a new level. Sometimes you are overwhelmed by what you hear or need to handle. Allow a partner to play a bigger role. Be willing to look forward and take a risk. Be optimistic. Tonight: You don't need to tell everyone everything.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★★ Your imagination and creativity take you down a new path. You have a lot of energy, allowing you to create more of what you want. Others support you and help you get what you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Others seek you out, but at the same time, they toss responsibilities on you. Do you have broad enough shoulders to handle the demand? Do you even want to manage what really isn't your problem? Take a stand if need be. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Your fire exposes you to a new path. Knowing what you want will help define your plans. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Your ability to visualize helps you make strong, positive choices. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★★ How you work with others comes to light; be aware. Express your natural preferences. Others are empowered just by knowing you. You have the ability to stay in tune with associates. Your high energy takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★★ Others allow you greater flow and interest. Understanding will take you in a new direction if you are open and willing to let others run with the ball. You talk a strong game, and others find you persuasive. Tonight: Follow the leader.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★ Emphasize effectiveness and what needs to be done. Your perspective will take you in a new direction if you allow it to. You might spend more to make your professional image stronger. Be willing to revamp your desires. Tonight: Easy does it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★★ Your optimism helps others clear out what could be a problem. You are innovative and full of ideas. Let others see your style. You have a way and manner that inspires many. Listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: Fun and games.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★ You are anchored and well grounded. You know what works. You still might be taken advantage of financially because, though you are practical in this area, you are also a dreamer. Investigate options that involve property. Tonight: Happy at home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★ You grow and evolve in a new direction. Let your dreams become a reality by acting. Embody the goal. Friends come through in a big way. You might want to rethink a certain friendship. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★ Your instincts might be right-on. You might need to handle your finances, thus spending in a different manner. Approach work or a boss differently. You'll get results. Understanding helps you work with a difficult associate. Tonight: Treat yourself.

**Born Today**  
**Director Spike Lee (1957)**  
**Actress Holly Hunter (1958)**  
**Poet Ovid (43 B.C.)**  
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**Happy Birthday!**  
You meet this year goal-directed and sure of yourself. Others respond to your strength and energy. You act and are master of your destiny, more so than in many years. Creativity and dynamic energy point to a new path and direction. You realize much more than many people and help open others' eyes to the possibilities. If you are single, you head in a new direction as you see more opportunities. Make new friends and broaden your horizons. The type of relationship you choose could be quite different. If you are attached, observe a tendency to be a tad me-oriented. Let your sweetie have greater say.

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# Cleaning lady Supermodel Campbell begins ordered service

**NAOMI CAMPBELL**, wearing black stilettos and slinging dark work boots over her shoulder, traded the catwalk for community service Monday at a sanitation garage to start a five-day sentence for assaulting her maid.

The 36-year-old supermodel arrived at the Manhattan District 3 Garage at Pier 36 on the Hudson in a black sport utility vehicle. She'll be pushing a broom or mop at the garage for her guilty

plea to misdemeanor assault for throwing a cell phone at her maid over a pair of missing jeans.

Campbell was met by a garage official who escorted her through the building's dirty, steel double doors. She also wore chocolate brown pants, a short fitted coat with a flared bottom, dark sunglasses and a newsboy-type cap over a short hairdo.

She didn't acknowledge the horde of assembled media.

"Miss Campbell arrived on time to work. She came ready to work," Albert Durrell, deputy chief of the Department of Sanitation, told reporters at a briefing outside the facility.

It's the same sanitation depot where former Culture Club frontman Boy George performed his five-day community service stint in August. He pleaded guilty for falsely reporting a burglary at his lower Manhattan apartment. The responding officers found

cocaine instead.

Unlike George, who performed his duties outdoors in full view of TV cameras, Campbell will work inside the garage. She was issued protective gloves, dust mask and reflective orange vest.

"We have plenty of work for her to do over the next five days," Durrell said.

Because of her celebrity status, sanitation police officers will be stationed at each entrance of the facility, Durrell said.

Campbell, who has a reputation for angry outbursts, pleaded guilty in January for hitting Ana Scolavino in the back of the head with the phone last March. Scolavino was treated for a head injury.

In exchange for her guilty plea, Campbell was ordered to pay Scolavino's medical expenses of \$363, do five days of community service and attend a two-day anger-management program.

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## ROLLING STONE DONATES

**ROLLING STONES** keyboardist Chuck Leavell has donated nearly 300 acres of his middle Georgia hunting preserve to the state as a conservation easement.

Leavell, a noted conservationist, is among the first residents to take advantage of a new land conservation tax credit. He said he hoped others would follow his lead to protect more of Georgia's open space.

"We all know that Chinese proverb that every journey begins with a single step," he said Monday at a press conference with Gov. Sonny Perdue. "We are so fortunate in this state to have such beautiful land."

Landowners who place a conservation easement on their property give up the right to develop the land. Perdue signed a law last April allowing private landowners and corporations to get income tax credits for preserving undeveloped property. There are six applicants so far. Rules governing the program were finalized in December, so officials expect more to apply.

The governor said Leavell's donation shows how the program should work in Georgia, where "people who love the land would step forward with these kind of easements for all of us."

Georgia is one of 12 states with tax breaks.

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## 'Dancing With the Stars' champion goes for it all

**CHERYL BURKE**, two-time champion on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," says she doesn't feel any pressure to bring home another disco-ball trophy as the fourth season premiered Monday.

Burke, who won with celebrity partners Drew Lachey and Emmitt Smith, tells People magazine's Web site: "I don't think it's pressure. Even after coming in last season after winning with Drew in the second season, it wasn't about,

"Oh, I have to win again."

"It's about who I'm dancing with and making my partner the best dancer he can possibly be," the 22-year-old professional dancer says.

Her new partner is "Beverly Hills, 90210" star Ian Ziering. Burke says Ziering is a fast learner who is quick with choreography, but gets frustrated because he's a perfectionist.

"He can be really hard on himself," she says. "So I tell him, 'Deep breath and

let's try again."

Other celebrities appearing on the show: Apolo Anton Ohno, Laila Ali, Clyde Drexler, John Ratzenberger, Heather Mills, Billy Ray Cyrus, Joey Fatone, Shandi Finnessey, Leez Gibbons and Paulina Porizkova.

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## Jolie in Vietnam for special delivery

**ANGELINA JOLIE** arrived in Hanoi on Monday to complete the procedures necessary to take her adopted son Pax Thien Jolie to his new home in the United States.

The 31-year-old actress dodged reporters on her way from the airport after flying from Ho Chi Minh City, where she adopted

the newest member of her family at an orphanage on the outskirts of the city last week.

Jolie was expected to meet with U.S. Embassy officials Tuesday to apply for a visa for 3-year-old Pax. Once the visa is issued, she can take him to the United States. She was expected to leave Hanoi on Wednesday.

Jolie's oldest child, 5-year-old Maddox, who was adopted from Cambodia, came with her to Vietnam. She also has two daughters: Zahara, 2, who was adopted from Ethiopia, and 9-month-old, Shiloh, who was born to Jolie and her partner, Brad Pitt, in May.

Ever since she was young she has wanted to

adopt children, Jolie said in an interview published Friday in a Vietnamese newspaper.

"Everyone would agree that children need to have a family," the paper quoted the Oscar-winning actress as saying. "I have the ability to help children fulfill that desire. Why should I say no?"

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## Travolta's 'hog' auctioned for charity

A motorcycle ridden by **JOHN TRAVOLTA** will be auctioned off to help with the restoration of a landmark movie theater.

The "Wild Hogs" star, who owns a home near Ocala, attended a premiere for the movie in the city on March 2. Travolta

and his wife, Kelly Preston, drove down the red carpet on a custom-made Harley-Davidson motorcycle, modeled after one in the film.

Travolta autographed the bike, and it will be auctioned off at a benefit dinner in May. Also on the auc-

tion block will be Travolta's signed leather jacket and a signed motorcycle helmet.

Money raised by the auction will support the Marion Theatre renovation project and the Ocala Film Commission.

"John has done so much for us, and we think the

gala is going to be another great event," Marion Theatre spokeswoman Tava Sofsky said.

The Marion Theatre first opened in 1940. It closed in October for renovations, but officials hope to reopen it in July.

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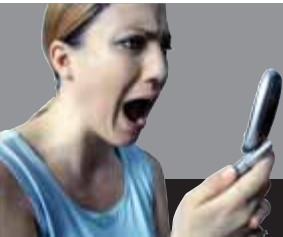
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Tortilla Heaven (PG-13)  
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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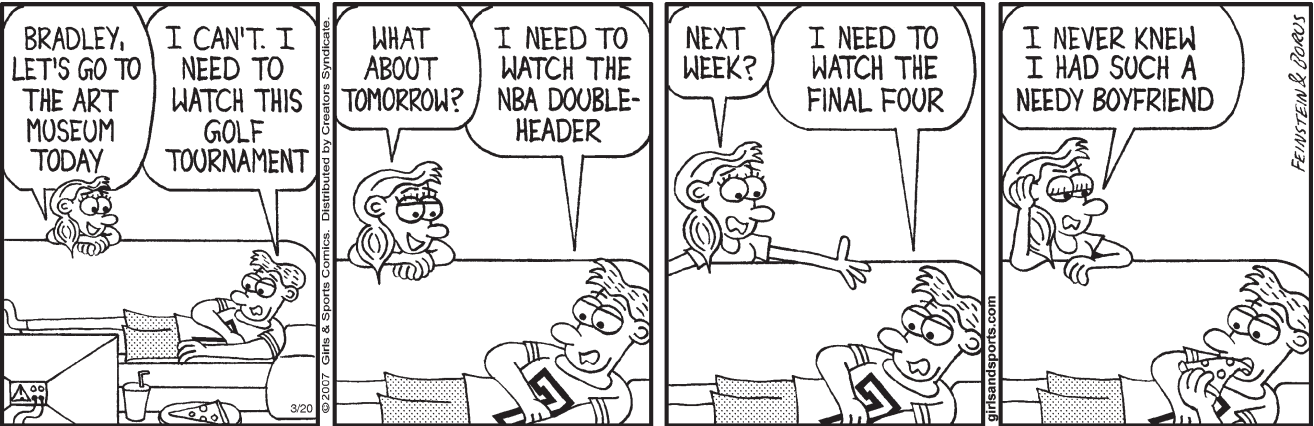
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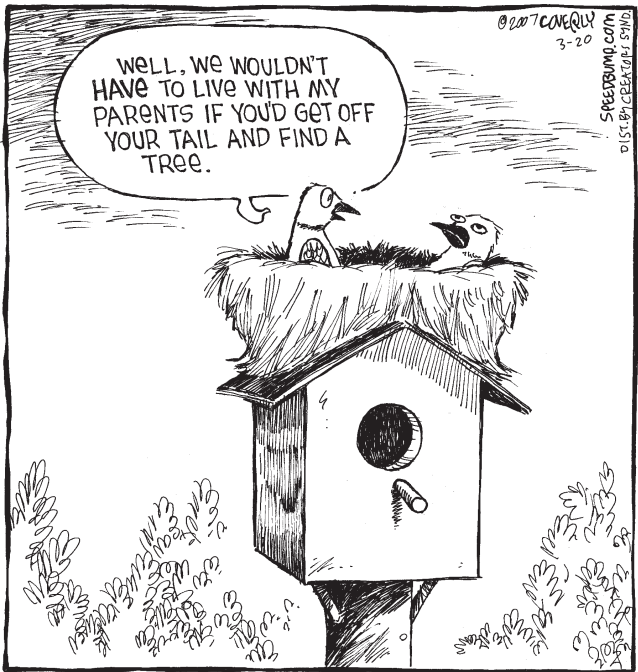
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Dragnet" star
  - 5 Boring
  - 10 Realty units
  - 12 Bitter humor
  - 13 Charlie Chaplin film
  - 15 Debate side
  - 16 Misery
  - 17 Catch sight of
  - 18 Maze walls, at times
  - 20 Dread
  - 21 Make scaloppini
  - 22 Concerning
  - 23 BLT base
  - 25 Gists
  - 28 Sign of sorrow
  - 31 Just
  - 32 Empty the hold
  - 34 Nutrition label abbr., sometimes
  - 35 Pitcher's stat
  - 36 Singer Yoko
  - 37 Charlie Chaplin film
  - 40 Lend — (hear out)
  - 41 Beethoven's "Für —"
- DOWN**
- 1 Common retirement gift
  - 2 Canyon sounds
  - 3 Starr of the comics
  - 4 Implore
  - 5 Conceal
  - 6 Three-time NHL MVP
  - 7 Shelters
  - 8 Kick out of office
  - 9 Rescued damsel's sigh
  - 11 Historic South African township
  - 14 Bad game space to land on
  - 19 Daring
  - 20 Lethal
  - 24 Capitol group
  - 25 Golfer Greg
  - 42 High homes
  - 43 "Why not!"

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Yesterday's answer

- 26 Ruined
- 27 Propeller parts
- 29 Dorm sharer
- 30 Most rational
- 33 Rx amounts
- 35 Goofs
- 38 Pig out
- 39 Under the weather

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**DAILY LOTTERY**

**MEGA MILLION** 17 25 36 40 43  
Meganumber: 9  
Jackpot: \$37M

**Super LOTTO** 6 17 27 36 41  
Meganumber: 3  
Jackpot: \$7M

**Fantasy 5** 7 14 19 32 34

**DAILY 3** MIDDAY: 3 8 5  
EVENING: 5 9 5

**DAILY DERRY** 1st: 02 Lucky Star  
2nd: 05 California Classic  
3rd: 03 Hot Shot  
RACE TIME: 1:48.72

NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ TV evangelist Darlene Bishop (Monroe, Ohio) had a wrongful-death lawsuit filed against her in late 2006 by the family of her brother, who died after a battle with throat cancer, which the family says Bishop convinced him (on his deathbed) that he had defeated through her ministry of prayer. Before her brother was stricken, Bishop's main healing example was herself, in that she touted prayer as having enabled her to beat her own breast cancer, but she later conceded that she merely believed herself stricken and that no formal diagnosis had been made. (Bishop's brother was a prominent country and western songwriter, and the family members are contesting his considerable estate.)

■ Though much of Pakistan remains devoutly Islamic and sometimes even intensely tribal in nature, 28-year-old Mr. Ali Saleem enjoys modest success on television each week as a cross-dressing diva named Begum Nawazish Ali, whose flamboyant character alternates between coquettish and outrageous. According to a January New York Times dispatch from Karachi, Ali and his fans believe no biological female could do what he does, either because of religious norms or sensitive family "honor" (which sometimes leads relatives to punish or even kill female family members who bring them shame in their community).

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**1602** The Dutch East India Company is established.

**1760** The "Great Fire" of Boston destroys 349 buildings.

**1815** Napoleon enters Paris after escaping from Elba with a regular army of 140,000 and a volunteer force of around 200,000, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

**1856** Costa Rican troops rout Walker's soldiers.

**1883** Signature of Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

**1914** In New Haven, Connecticut, the first international figure skating championship takes place.

**1922** The USS Langley is commissioned as the first United States Navy aircraft carrier.

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