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BIG PLANS: Jonathan Bickart, sculptor and director of Sculpture Studio on Broadway, works on a model for an upcoming piece.

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A winner is recognized

Champion inducted into Santa Monica College Hall of Fame

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

LAGUNA BEACH As World War II came to an end Glenn Bassett found himself not in Guam working on a naval destroyer, but back in his quiet hometown of Santa Monica, where he decided to get his life back on track and attend college. Realizing he wasn't quite ready for a four-year institution, Bassett decided Santa Monica College was the best place to help him get back into the groove of studying and writing papers. It was also the perfect place for

him to brush up on his tennis. Apparently his decision paid off in a big way. Bassett went on to become the only person in history to win an NCAA tennis title as a player, assistant coach and a head coach, leading UCLA to its very first NCAA championship. Due to those accomplishments, Bassett, 80, who still plays tennis three to four times a week, was inducted into the SMC Sports Hall of Fame, joining other sports luminaries like Olympic gold medalist and retired SMC professor Dr. Tommie Smith, four-time Olympic swimming gold medalist and SMC alumnus Lenny Krayzelburg, and Olympic track and field bronze medalist and SMC alum-



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BIG DAY: Tennis champion and SMC alumnus Glenn Bassett (right) was inducted Tuesday into the SMC Sports Hall of Fame. He is with Olympic rowing bronze medalist Anita DeFrantz, who is also president of the LA84 Foundation and co-chair of the SMC Foundation Sports Hall of Fame selection committee.

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Staying safe in the city

Women who live alone face unique challenges at home

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It happens without warning, a woman rummaging through a bag for her set of keys, absentmindedly trying to open a door when an unknown hand from behind covers her mouth and forces her into the house. The door shuts and unspeakable acts occur. Assault, it happens without forewarning, but it can be avoided with precaution. There have been at least two incidents of assault in the city of Santa Monica in the past half year on women who live alone in their residences, most recently one that resulted in the tragic death of Juliana Redding, a 21-year-old aspiring actress and model who was found dead on Sunday in her Centinela Avenue home. Last fall a woman was assaulted in her Princeton Street home by a 17-year-old man from Oxnard who was believed to have been working on her house during the day. The two incidents were unrelated but occurred on women who were believed to be living alone at the time. When it comes to safety, it all comes down to the basics of being vigilant, whether it's parking a car in a well-lit place or having keys ready in hand when opening the door, according to Lt. Alex Padilla of the Santa Monica Police Department. Little everyday things, like carrying a whistle or a flashlight on a set of keys can mean the difference. It can mean purchasing fewer groceries that can easily be carried from the car to the house, decreasing the number of trips back and forth and the chances of being assaulted. Women who usually come home late at night might want to invest in an outdoor light that is set on a sensor or timer, automatically going off when approached, Padilla said. Such a light would create visibility. "It's just being cognizant and aware of your surroundings," Padilla said. There are also measures that can be taken in advance, such as researching the Megan's Law database to identify registered sex offenders living in the neighborhood and also checking for certain escape routes that can be taken within

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Breakfast with the Junior League

3312 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

The Junior League of Los Angeles (JLLA) is hosting a free fashion show and couture sales event at the Colleagues Boutique to benefit the Children's Institute Inc., an organization that helps children who have been affected by violence in their homes or communities. There is no cost to attend the event, but a suggested \$10 donation would be appreciated. Opportunity drawing tickets will also be sold for the chance to win high-end prizes. For more information about CII, please visit their website at www.childrensinstitute.org.

Lights! Camera! Glamour!

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

As studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia, George Hurrell shot some of the world's most beautiful and intriguing personalities, creating the template for Hollywood glamour portrait. His flawless photography was instrumental in shaping the images of stars such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney and Rita Hayworth. The exhibition shows more than 80 iconic photographs ranging from Jean Harlow, and Clark Gable to Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The exhibition also features a replica of Hurrell's studio, with his camera, boom light and handpainted screen and a room of nude portraits, many of which are being shown for the first time.

What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

Friday, March 21, 2008

Kicking it with Ed

1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.

Get a taste of '70s style late-night talk show at the Ed Forman Show. Starring Aaron Ross, the show is an off the cuff evening of entertainment featuring a mix of comedy, music, and interviews. For information, call (310) 451-0850.

Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

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





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ART FIRST: The Big Blue Bus unveiled an art installation at the Transit Store on Tuesday. The installation, which addresses sustainability issues and public transit's role in environmentalism, was created by four students at the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles. The 'Elements of Recycling' is laid out like a periodic table and identifies objects that can be recycled, but often are not.

Art meets the color green at Big Blue Bus

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN There's a new approach to promoting the virtues of sustainability, one that doesn't include staged demonstrations or city ordinances, but rather the stroke of a paint brush.

Big Blue Bus (BBB) officials on Tuesday unveiled a month-long art installation that aims to promote recycling and sustainability, the product of four students from the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles, which is located in the Sunset Park neighborhood.

The installation is being showcased at the Big Blue Bus Transit Store on Broadway as an element of the agency's efforts to promote public transit's role in environmentalism, keeping cars off the streets and would-be drivers on buses. The quasi-gallery will be commemorated into an art book that will be distributed during an Earth Day celebration on the Third Street Promenade next month.

The four art pieces were created by Daniela Gill, Laura Moyer, Sara Parras and Amanda Rios, students in the Art Institute's interior design and graphic design programs, which recently began incorporating sustainability issues into its curriculum, teaching students about using recycled material and low VOC paint in their art works.

The installation took on two different

themes, with two pieces focused on buses and their role in saving the environment and the other half on ways to go "green."

Moyer, a senior interior design student at the Art Institute, explained the intent with one of the works — a grouping of various clear cylindrical containers filled with toy cars — was to demonstrate visually just how many cars and gas mileage can easily be replaced by one bus. Each of the cars stacked in the containers represented one million gallons of gasoline. In the center of the exhibit was a tall empty container, topped with a toy Big Blue Bus.

"I thought there would be more of an impact visually," Moyer said. "I wanted to emphasize that one bus can make a major difference."

On the wall to the left of the exhibit is a replica of a vintage Blue Bus illustrated with thumbtacks on a board. Each of the 885 thumbtacks represents one million gallons of gasoline, all together telling the whole picture of the amount of gas that public transportation saves in gasoline each year.

Hanging to the right of the toy car exhibit is the "elements of recycling," a piece that takes the periodic table layout in describing the type of everyday objects that are recyclable, but often aren't, such as "Og" for optical glasses and "Ip" for iPod.

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Mortgage fraud case opens eyes

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES It was in August 2007 when investigator Eric Bremner found evidence in a shredder at Olympic Escrow Inc. that he said confirmed borrowers' complaints that they had never signed the mortgage documents that pushed them into a new financial hell.

Bremner found pieces of documents that had been cut to remove signatures and notary seals. Loan applications, escrow agreements and other documents had signatures that had been taped on, he said.

"That validated the statements that the

victims had been making over and over again: That they did not recall signing these documents and they did not agree to the terms of the loans they were given," said Bremner, a senior investigator in the real estate fraud unit of the San Bernardino County district attorney's office.

The discovery triggered an investigation that led to Tuesday's closure of seven mortgage companies in an ongoing campaign against predatory lenders.

A family of accused con artists is suspected of leading an operation that processed thousands of home loans in California dur-

ing the past several years in the widespread refinancing scam.

The case has brought renewed calls for tighter regulation of the troubled mortgage industry that threatens to take the U.S. economy down with it.

Experts said the fraud occurred in a weak regulatory environment in a business that offered huge financial incentives to brokers willing to cheat.

"There's no regulatory oversight, it's all complaint-based," said Dustin Hobbs, communication director for the California Mortgage Bankers Association.

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EDITORIAL

If ATM fees are important, why not public safety?

At the City Council meeting scheduled for March 25, elected officials will be asked by residents living near Santa Monica Airport – some within 300 feet of the runway – to make official a ban on larger, faster jet aircraft, which have increased in number since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and the rise in fractional jet ownership, allowing corporate executives, celebrities and others with big bucks to fly privately and avoid hassles like security checkpoints.

The council could have approved the ban weeks ago, but wisely decided to hold off and continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration and lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to come up with runway safety enhancements that would protect the greatest number of people in the event that a pilot misses the target. The delay allowed Congress members Henry Waxman and Jane Harman and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar more time to pressure the FAA into making a deal, which it did last week.

That said, the council should move forward with the ban Tuesday night, regardless of fears that such a decision will anger the FAA and jeopardize negotiations for runway safety enhancements, or expose Santa Monica to litigation. While the ban will almost certainly not stop one single flight given that the FAA will immediately seek an injunction, it will show residents that the council is serious, and it will put the onus on Waxman and Harman to get down to business and fight for their constituents.

Most residents don't want it to become some long, drawn-out political process in which the FAA drags its feet out of fear of setting a precedent. Waxman and Harman need to use their muscle to get things done now, as should City Hall. Residents have waited, patiently, for far too long. Any further delay is a slap in the face, especially given City Hall's past actions.

Those actions include enacting a law preventing banks from charging non-customers ATM fees. Santa Monica was the first city in California to take on the banking industry by banning what officials – and many consumers – regard as a “double charge.” Attorneys for the banking industry argued before the U.S. Supreme Court – yes, city attorneys took it that far – that City Hall had no jurisdiction over banking fees. The court agreed.

The FAA has used the same argument when it comes to the airport, that City Hall cannot regulate it and must do what the FAA says.

The FAA has released a new proposal that gives City Hall some of what it wants, but not all. The council should keep the pressure on and demand something be done. The residents have done their part in attending meetings and raising awareness, now it is up to public officials to act, both locally and in Washington.

The FAA should be less concerned about private jets having access to Santa Monica and instead focus on protecting consumers from possible overruns and major airlines like Southwest, which failed to properly inspect its aircraft, putting lives at risk. It seems the FAA dropped the ball on that one, just as it has done with Santa Monica.



The Rand Stand

By Thomas A. Bowden

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The right to keep and bear arms in question

FIRST, THE ROBBER HIT WILLIE LEE HILL more than 50 times with a can of soda, knocking him unconscious. Later, the 93-year-old victim awakened, covered with blood, to find his 24-year-old assailant ransacking the bedroom. When Hill pulled out a .38-caliber handgun from near his bed, the robber lunged at him. Hill stopped his attacker with a single bullet to the throat. “I got what I deserved,” the robber told police afterward.

That episode happened in Arkansas last July, but similar acts of self-defense occur by the thousands all across America every year. Overwhelming historical evidence and common sense demonstrate that guns — often called the “great equalizer,” for obvious reasons — are a powerful method of self-defense in the precious minutes before police can arrive.

In the District of Columbia, however, citizens may not lawfully possess a handgun for self-defense, even in the home. The Supreme Court is currently hearing oral argument in D.C. v. Heller, which is expected to determine whether such a blanket ban violates the Second Amendment. But regardless of how the court may interpret the U.S. Constitution, citizens deserve a legal right to own a handgun for self-defense.

As the Declaration of Independence recognizes, governments are created to protect our individual rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” The right of self-defense is included and implied in the right to life. In forming a government, citizens delegate the task of defending themselves to the police. But to delegate is not to surrender. Each citizen retains the ultimate right to defend himself in emergencies when his appointed agents, the police, are not available to help.

But what constitutes an emergency? What acts of self-defense are permissible in such a situation? And what tools may private citizens own for emergency self-defense? The law's task is to furnish objective answers to such questions, so that citizens may defend their lives without taking the law into their own hands.

An emergency, properly defined, arises from an objective threat of imminent bodily harm. The victim must summon police, if possible. An emergency ends when the threat ends, or as soon as police arrive and take charge. During that narrow emergency interval, a victim may defend himself, but only with the least degree of force necessary under the circumstances to repel his attacker. A victim who explodes in vengeance, using excessive force, exposes himself to criminal liability along with his assailant.

Many objects commonly owned for peaceful purposes can be pressed into service for emergency self-defense. But unlike kitchen knives or baseball bats, handguns have no peaceful purpose — they are designed to kill people. The same lethal power that makes handguns the most practical means of self-defense against robbers, rapists, and murderers, also makes handguns an essential tool of government force. Handguns are deadly force and nothing but — a fact that gives rise to legitimate

concerns over their private ownership in a civilized society.

These concerns can be resolved only by laws carefully drawn to confine private use of handguns to emergency self-defense, as defined by objective law. Such laws must also prohibit all conduct by which handguns might present an objective threat to others, whether by intent or negligence.

IF HANDGUNS ARE CONFINED TO EMERGENCY SELF-DEFENSE, NO LEGITIMATE PURPOSE IS SERVED BY AN OUTRIGHT BAN SUCH AS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ENACTED....THEY WOULD INFRINGE UPON A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN'S RIGHT IN EMERGENCIES TO REPEL ATTACKERS WHO ARE WIELDING KNIVES, CLUBS, FISTS – OR CANS OF SODA.

Contrary to an often expressed worry, therefore, a right to keep and bear arms in no way implies that citizens may stockpile weaponry according to their arbitrary preferences. Cannons, tanks, and nuclear weapons have no legitimate use in a private emergency, and their very presence is a threat to peaceful neighbors.

If handguns are confined to emergency self-defense, no legitimate purpose is served by an outright ban such as the District of Columbia enacted. Even if such laws actually deprived criminals of guns (which they don't), they would infringe upon a law-abiding citizen's right in emergencies to repel attackers who are wielding knives, clubs, fists — or cans of soda.

With the aid of his handgun, Willie Lee Hill survived that violent home invasion last July. Self-defense was his right, as it is ours. A proper legal system recognizes and protects that right, by permitting private ownership of handguns under appropriate limits.

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A phobia that's nothing to grab a hankie over

Would it be wrong to go through life wrapped in a giant condom?

Unlike Client No. 9, I'm a strong advocate of safe sex. However, I'm not worried about catching a venereal disease (and not just because my husband and I can hardly afford for him to spend \$4,300 for two hours with one of the Emperor's Club V.I.P.'s finest). No, what worries me are good old-fashioned germs, against which it would seem a body-size prophylactic would offer exceptional protection.

I never used to be a germaphobe. In fact, there was a time I believed the line about how being exposed to some bacteria had immunity-boosting effects.

Sure, there were moments in my life when I took issue with cooties. Like the summer I came home from sleepaway camp with a plantar wart on the bottom of my foot. The doctor said I probably got it from walking around the pool barefoot, effectively ending my days of ever voluntarily entering a locker room or swimming where anyone else had previously tread. Although the latter probably had more to do with realizing just how many people probably think of swimming pools as their toilet away from the bathroom. That, and the sharks that could creep up through the drain in the deep end.

When I lived in New York I would sooner fall to the floor than touch any surface in a subway. My whole day was ruined if ever I was bumped and even an inch of my skin touched one of the greasy metal poles. Dow Chemical petri dishes likely have fewer living organisms than a strap on an A, C or E train.

For the most part, though, I'd always inadvertently accepted kisses from dogs who had just licked themselves (oh, come now, who hasn't?) and survived the ordeal, or changed the diapers of my nephew and nieces with some amount of glee (baby poo can be charming when handling it is ultimately someone else's responsibility).

But not anymore. Like Spider-Man in the black suit, I've changed. I am germ-carefree no more.

Some of the worst offenders are grocery cart handles, ATM touch screens, credit card signing machines with the attached pens in supermarkets and department stores. I hate when the UPS guy hands over his electronic pad for my signature, especially after I see him wiping his nose with his palm (he's had

a cold for what seems like months). Or even worse, when I walk into a bathroom as someone's walking out and I see that the sink is bone dry.

God bless cashiers. Is there enough money to compensate someone for touching all those grimy bills and coins? Why the bad rap for money laundering?

Thankfully there have been some signs that conditions are slowly improving for mysophobes — like the near-extinction of public telephones. Could there be anything more disease-laden than something touched by the hands, mouths and ears of, well, everyone? And does the phone company ever visit their remaining pay phones with baby wipes to sanitize the handsets and keypads?

Not that it would do much good. The January issue of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology (a little light reading) published findings of a study that said alcohol-based hand gels aren't nearly as effective as once thought.

That study, in fact, might have been the straw that broke my back, as the weight of a mini Purell bottle in my pocket used to give me a sense of security, knowing I could disinfect at any time, regardless of the proximity of soap and water. Yes, it was the study that almost certainly drove me to my current Howard Hughes-like obsessive-compulsive state.

Speaking of straws and fingernails, I've become increasingly suspicious of waiters delivering drinks. How do I know their hands are clean? Just because there's a sign in the bathroom telling them it's the law to wash up? How do I know their discreetly dirty digits haven't brushed the inside rim of my drinking glass? Or the lime wedge on the glass rim didn't make contact with the waiter's feasibly filthy fingernails? These days I can only ever drink after personally unwrapping the straw. If the straw arrives unwrapped, I go thirsty.

Of course, all I can really do is be thankful for the rise of hands-free operated trash cans.

On the subject of progress, Client No. 9 may actually have been onto something by trying to duck using a condom. They do seem a little impractical. Maybe Saran Wrap comes in my size?

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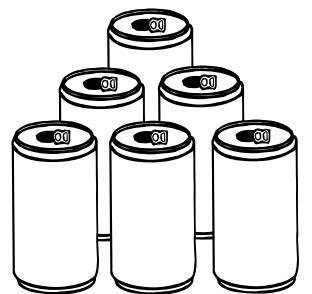
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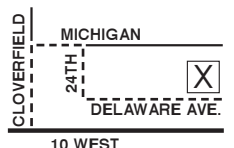
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BELLY UP TO THE BAR: Buddha's Belly offers a nice variety of drinks sans a good wine list.

The rub on Buddha's Belly

Buddha's Belly, a new addition to Downtown Santa Monica, hits the spot. The interior with its clean lines in a light, airy setting enjoys a nice corner position with plenty of shaded light so you don't feel closed in. The cuisine is a combination of many of the popular Asian dishes from Japan, China, Thailand, Korea and Vietnam. The service is fast and friendly. The food is tasty and eclectic.

WHERE: 205 Broadway.

WHEN: 11:30 am to 10 p.m. — 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

BEST DISHES: I prefer the "starters," especially the rock shrimp tempura. Not only is the shrimp delicious, so is the glass noodle salad and the cream tobanjan sauce. The portion easily serves two. The chicken and shrimp Vietnamese rolls with two dipping sauces are fresh and tasty, without being heavy. Most of the lunch crowd seems to prefer the salads.

BEST FEATURE: You can get in and out quickly but still have a wide choice of a lot of different dishes and flavors.

WORST FEATURE: Because it's basically fast food, and it comes out fast, not everything is fresh and made to order — the Albacore and avocado roll, for example, tasted like it was made earlier in the day.

WHAT TO DRINK: Sake, wine, beer, teas, soft drinks, or try the herbal tonics for something different. Forget the wine list, but there's a nice selection of beers.

BOTTOM LINE: This is a great addition to the local eating scene. Where have all the Chinese restaurants gone? For a quick sushi break this menu has something for everyone, and hits the spot.

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Healthy and Irish — who knew?

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Special to the Daily Press

VENICE Genial chef, Gavan Murphy is making culinary strides with his guerilla-style online cooking show "The Healthy Irishman."

"An online cooking show was never what I intended to do, but my wife put me in front of the camera and it's taken off quite naturally," said Murphy, who is based in Venice.

Each week's show features a new ingredient; March, of course, is dedicated to Irish foods traditionally served around St. Paddy's Day such as bacon and cabbage.

"Healthy and Irish cooking seem a bit of a contradiction," said Murphy, who grew up eating foods slathered in butter and sugar. He practices simple substitutions, such as olive oil for butter, which reduces the calories without sacrificing the flavor of his favorite dishes.

"Lean toward honey, agave, or even pure maple syrup to get the effect without using refined sugars," said Murphy. As for parsnips, he advised, "They tend to be sweet

on their own so you'll be amazed how easy it will be not to use sugar."

Murphy attended the Ballymaloe Cookery School in the lush, rolling countryside of East Cork, Ireland. The school is situated smack-dab in the middle of its very own 100-acre organic farm. It was there that Murphy became acquainted with organics, and developed an appreciation for a healthier approach to cooking. He moved to the Santa Monica, Venice area in early 2000 and was quickly hired by EAS to work in conjunction with the "Body For Life" fitness program as a chef for Cindy Crawford. His personal recipes are featured in celebrity fitness guru, Kathy Kaehler's book, "Fit and Sexy For Life" and Akasha Richmond's "Hollywood Dish."

Although Murphy is busy as a personal chef for celebrity clientele, he is always available for catering, special events and private and group cooking lessons. For more information visit: www.thehealthyirishman.com.

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It's not just sex

A look at why the oldest profession is still flourishing

BY HILLARY RHODES
Associated Press Writer

High-definition pornography is a mouse click away. Assignations with multiple partners are advertised on Craig's List. And if celebrities are any indication, underwear is strictly optional.

Sex, it seems, is everywhere. It's on the Internet, in chat rooms, in "Girls Gone Wild" buses and hotel rooms and governors' mansions. It's come a long way from darkened peep shows and plain brown wrappers.

So in this hyper-sexualized time, one might wonder: What's the point of going through the elaborate, illegal and stigmatized motions of hiring a prostitute?

Eliot Spitzer's alleged choice to partake in "the hobby," as men who solicit prostitutes call it, cost him his governor's seat. Why will some men risk everything for secret trysts with sex workers?

The answer may seem obvious, but experts say it's not just about easy sex. Some might be drawn to adventure. Some are attracted to the level of secrecy they think will come with a paid prostitute. Others are looking for a sense of control.

"It could say that they don't know how to be intimate," says Bev Smallwood, a psychologist in Hattiesburg, Miss. "It could say that they have a sexual addiction, that they have become desensitized to sex within a more appropriate context and they're seeking one

more thrill of the chase."

For some "clients," there's a rush in knowing you're doing something you're not supposed to do, experts say.

"There is an appeal to coloring outside the lines," says Smallwood. "Certainly (Spitzer) was a risk-taker or he never would've gotten where he got in life. ... But sometimes the thrill of that risk can be extremely destructive."

The difference between merely enjoying sex and having an unhealthy obsession with it is that with addiction, a person pursues something he wants despite the extremely damaging consequences that can come with it, says Smallwood, who wrote, "This Wasn't Supposed to Happen to Me: 10 Make-or-Break Choices When Life Steals Your Dreams and Rocks Your World."

"We all have temptations, but people who are more responsible or conscientious look at a temptation and see it for what it is," she says.

Men who use prostitutes might be drawn to the position of power it can afford in the sexual encounter, according to some experts.

"It's self-serving," says Douglas Weiss, the executive director of the Heart to Heart Counseling Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Himself a former sex addict, Weiss has worked with hundreds of men who use prostitutes — almost all of them married — and says such rendezvous provide clients with "object-related sex," where the man can direct the situation on all levels. "You give her a script, she plays it," he says.

There's little threat of rejection with paid sex. If you want your wife to behave in ways that push certain boundaries, you might get turned down. If you pick somebody up at a bar and try to ease her out of her comfort zone, you might get "partial results," Weiss says. But with a prostitute, generally you get what you pay for.

In some cases, it's more than just sex that clients are looking for. Online message and review boards for "escort" services reveal many conversations where customers are seeking a GFE — a "girlfriend experience" — which can mean anything from showing extra affection the way a girlfriend might to not wearing a condom.

Encounters with prostitutes might be a temporary boon to a man's self-esteem, says Weiss, who wrote, "The Final Freedom: Pioneering Sexual Addiction Recovery."

"You've got the psychological reinforcement," he says. "That message is, 'I want you.' ... Prostitutes know that the male psyche wants to be wanted. They want to be wanted, and so the prostitute will communicate it during sex. That sends the man through the roof."

A prostitute whom you've never met might give a potential client a sense of security that he won't be found out. If you engage in illicit behavior with anybody in your immediate circle of friends, colleagues or acquaintances, there are more chances of being gossiped about, according to Tina B. Tessina, author of "Money, Sex, and Kids: Stop Fighting about the Three Things That Can Ruin Your Marriage."

"He's, in his mind, protecting his relationship by doing this," she says.

Tessina believes communication is the most important way to heal a troubled relationship. Sometimes that means facing facts that are initially unsettling.

"We have to come to terms with who we are as human beings," she says. "We can't pretend it's going to get tame and go away just because we're uncomfortable with it. It's like death. That's not going to go away either, just because we're uncomfortable with it."

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(Left) Bert Chan's Tap III class practices a routine at the Tap Academy on Lincoln Boulevard. (Above) (From left) Cydne Moore, Chloe Meisner and Srena Dolinsky, members of the American Cultural Youth Ambassadors, rehearse for the only stateside production of 'Make Mine Myths' at the Santa Monica Playhouse before its debut in Japan. (Below) The Santa Monica Theatre Guild rehearses a stage production of 'The Full Monty' at the Morgan-Wixson Theater on Pico Boulevard. The show runs through April 12. (Top right) David McDonald, an abstract sculpture artist and painter, works in his studio at the 18th Street Art Center. (Bottom right) Sara Hunter works on a skirt in her beginning sewing class at the Sewing Arts Center on Pico Boulevard.





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RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: Stephanie Negriff (right), the director of the Big Blue Bus, unveils an art installation by students from the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles at the Transit Store on Tuesday. The students, (from left to right) Daniela Gill, Amanda Rios, Laura Moyer and Sara Parras, created the installation, which addresses sustainability issues.

Local transit agency gives local students a showcase

FROM ART PAGE 3

"Not everyone goes the extra mile to recycle," freshman graphic design student Rios said.

Tying into the "green" periodic table — both literally and figuratively — is a collection of items gathered from the local recycling center such as water bottles and televisions, each covered in blue or yellow paint, which when fused together create the color green.

In addition to promoting sustainability issues, the purpose of the exhibits are to bring a youth voice to the discussion table on environmental matters, according to BBB spokesman Dan Dawson, who approached the Art Institute last year about partnering up for the installation.

BBB Director Stephanie Negriff noted the importance of youth involvement in furthering the environmental cause.

"With innovative thinking and elaborate design, the paradigm shift is in the works," Negriff said.

The students were selected by the school

as one of the top members in their programs, spending several months both conceptualizing and researching possible art pieces.

"It's looking through the eyes of young people," Michelle Estrellado, the director of public relations and marketing for the Art Institute, said.

The exhibit will stay up through at least mid-April, after which point it will be replaced by a new installation on the 80th anniversary of the Big Blue Bus. The installation will also be created by Art Institute students, Dawson said.

The Big Blue Bus has already partnered with at least one after-school program that will bring elementary school students to the Transit Store to view the exhibit and learn more about sustainability, one of the goals in hosting the installation, Dawson said.

"We wanted to get kids involved," Dawson said. "Students learn better from other students."

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Self-defense training helps women stay safe

FROM SAFETY PAGE 1

the home in the event of an attack, according to Suzanne Brown-McBride, the executive director of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

"It would do everybody good to look at security devices in the home, access points," she said. "Check to see if your locks are reasonable, identify escape routes if there is a home invasion."

In the case of home invasions, the cardinal rule is to immediately contact the police if there are any suspicions that a burglary has taken place, rather than going inside to assess the damage or to see if the perpetrator is still there.

"If the door is ajar or the windows are partially opened or removed or damaged, walk away," Padilla said. "Call the police and we will come out and investigate and we will walk through the apartment to make sure it's safe."

Perhaps the most important precautionary step to take is to get to know thy neighbors.

Brown-McBride said that neighbors can be a resourceful crime-fighting tool, keeping an eye out for suspicious activity, noticing if a stranger is driving by or coming near the residence frequently.

"It's not just about single women feeling safe, but how the community takes responsibility for each other," she said. "Ideally a neighborhood is so connected to one another so it's not one person who is uniquely responsible for their own safety."

"That is how an area becomes less desirable [to predators]," she said.

Padilla concurred, adding that there is

strength in numbers.

"The [strength in numbers] that women have are those of her neighbors and being able to know who they are," Padilla said. "It's for them to know you so you can feel comfortable calling on them if you need them."

Women can also always opt for some self-defense training.

Nelson Nio, a Brentwood resident, founded the Shield Women Self Defense training course five years ago after a co-worker was attacked while she was walking from her apartment in Costa Mesa, the incident leaving her scarred.

The program teaches women how to strike their attackers properly, keeping the right body alignment and staying balanced. The program also touches on words women can use to deter an attacker and how to most effectively scream.

"We practice yelling out from the abdomen, not from the throat," Nio said. "It would create a blasting impact when you speak out from the stomach ... and it creates a sound blast that pretty much attracts attention to you, startling the opponent."

Nio has taught the course across Southern California and offers regular training sessions through the Santa Monica Police Activities League.

"Every woman needs to learn something on self defense, not just precautionary but to know how to use your body," Nio said.

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Local tennis figure helped colleges win championships

FROM BASSETT PAGE 1

nus Johnny Gray.

"It really does mean a lot to me in a lot of different ways," Bassett said Wednesday about his induction. "It was a thrilling experience to be back from the war and to see all of my friends again. We all had been apart for so long and SMC was a great place to sharpen up on our academics and learn how to study again. It got us into the groove, and it helped me realize that tennis was my life."

Bassett, of Laguna Beach, began his impressive career at SMC with first place honors in the men's singles competition at the Ojai Tennis Championship in 1947.

Bassett co-captained the UCLA championship team in 1950, and represented the USA twice at Wimbledon, before entering the education arena, teaching and coaching high school tennis for 15 years, many of them at Santa Monica High School, where

he helped guide the tennis team to five straight California Interscholastic Federation championships.

Moving back to UCLA in 1967, he coached tennis for 27 seasons with an impressive record of 592-92-2, winning 13 conference championships, seven NCAA team championships and three singles championships. Among the tennis stars he coached were Jimmy Connors and Arthur Ashe.

He is in the UCLA Athletic, Intercollegiate Tennis Association Collegiate, and the Southern California Association halls of fame, and he is the author of "Tennis Today" and "Tennis: The Bassett System."

He got his start playing the game as a kid when he teamed up with a classmate at Lincoln Middle School. The two used to play with and against each other in tournaments at Reed Park, which was then called Lincoln Park.

"A lot of my blood was spilled on those courts" Bassett said, recalling the long hours he put in training and playing. "I started playing because of my friend and then I started to realize I had some talent, and that got me excited. We started playing in tournaments and traveling, and I got even more excited. From there I just went full blast."

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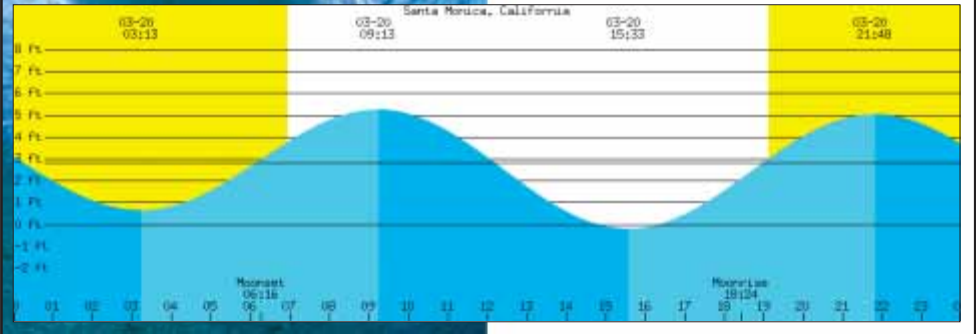


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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	B	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	B	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	D	A
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Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	C	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	D
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Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	B
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Talent runs deep in these families

BY DOUG FEINBERG

AP Sports Writer

It's easy to see where some of the players with big-time family genes in this year's NCAA women's tournament got their passion for the game.

Abi Olajuwon, Meg Bulger and Carlee Roethlisberger grew up around famous relatives.

Courtney Paris and twin sister Ashley were too young to see their NFL All-Pro father play, and tragedy came between Candice Wiggins and her dad, but tremendous athletic ability was there to be molded.

All five players will be in action when Stanford, Oklahoma and West Virginia compete in the women's NCAA tournament that begins Saturday. And if fans look closely, they just might see some family ties.

The 6-foot-4 Olajuwon traveled with father Hakeem when he was playing for the Houston Rockets and becoming one of the NBA greats. She didn't really start playing basketball until late.

"Around eighth grade and into high school, I wanted to find something that I was good at but something that I would be passionate about," Olajuwon said. "Since I had always been around basketball, I wanted to try it out and I didn't realize how much I would enjoy it."

While she got a late start, catching up wasn't that difficult.

"I had a good teacher, so it balances out," said Olajuwon, a sophomore reserve center for Oklahoma who averages 3.2 rebounds in just 6.3 minutes a game. "One thing that I did feel always came naturally was rebounding ... I'd always rebounded for my dad or helped rebound for someone else. That's one thing that I thought was easier."

Olajuwon isn't the best-known Sooner who comes from an athletic family.

Courtney Paris, a 6-4 All-American center, and 6-3 sister Ashley, a junior forward, have been around sports for as long as they can remember. Their father, Bubba, won three Super Bowls with the San Francisco 49ers.

"I think just when you grow up in a family with people who value athletics and value the time that can be put into it to really become as good as you can be, you know how important it is and you see the passion in it," Courtney said. "If you're for it, then you're going to be a better player."

Courtney was the National Player of the Year as a sophomore and recorded a double-double in a record 90 straight games.

"I think that's a big reason I'm so into it as I am now, to where I'd want to play Division I athletics," Courtney said. "I think I lived a very normal life."

Sometimes, though, getting out of the family's shadow is a little tougher. Carlee Roethlisberger is the Sooners' 6-1 freshman forward. Big brother Ben led the Pittsburgh

Steelers to the 2006 Super Bowl title and just signed a multimillion-dollar contract.

"I always want to make a name for myself," Carlee said. "I want to do my own things, but I don't mind being Ben's sister just because I'm so proud of him."

Ben's not the only Roethlisberger with an athletic background. Their father, Ken, played football and baseball at Georgia Tech and mom Brenda played and coached basketball as well.

"They never took it easy on me," Carlee said. "It wasn't just, 'Oh, come on, let's play a little basketball. I'm going to let you score a layup.' It's no matter where I'm at, he's going to come from 3 feet behind me and swat the ball into the next yard."

Like Roethlisberger, Meg Bulger grew up surrounded by athletic family. Older sister Kate was the No. 4 career-leading scorer at West Virginia. Marc, one of her three brothers, is a quarterback for the St. Louis Rams.

"My brothers have been great role models, and my sister has been too for me," said Bulger, a 6-0 forward known for her 3-point shooting. "They taught me how to be tough, and how to work hard and be disciplined. You don't realize it then, but I look back now and realize how beneficial it was for me."

It all began on the family driveway.

"It started out with one-on-ones, and when the girls started playing, they were getting so good that boys against girls was a mismatch," father Jim Bulger said. "The girls would make it from outside, and the boys would try to muscle on inside. It could get kind of rough every now and then, but it was fun to watch."

Wiggins now stars at Stanford. She didn't really get to know her father, former major league baseball player Alan Wiggins. After years of abusing drugs he died of complications from AIDS at 32, about a month before Candice turned 4.

"The biggest thing was knowing he was a famous figure was probably the weirdest part and the perception," said Wiggins, a three-time Pac-10 player of the year. "A lot of children grow up without a father or they lose a father, but not everyone loses a father under the circumstances that I lost mine and it's in the spotlight. That was the biggest adjustment growing up."

Wiggins, a 5-11 guard, will be trying to lead Stanford back to the Final Four for the first time since 1997. Since her freshman year she committed herself to restoring her father's image. She wore a T-shirt for practice early that season that read: "No doubt about it. My health. My sport. My victory. I compete clean."

"That will always be my legacy and his legacy, just making sure we can be good role models for people," said Wiggins, also referring to big brother, Alan, who played at the University of San Francisco. "The situation I'm in, using it to motivate people, and if my story inspires anyone then that's great."

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Sort it out, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ The Sun moves into your sign, invigorating your energy and allowing greater choices. Do finish up a job or project. You will want more and more free time. You'll get a sudden insight if you remain open. Tonight: Only what relaxes you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might want to jump on an offer. But in the long run, you could regret that decision, especially if you make it in the later part of the day. A friend might be whimsical but also a pain. Deal with others gracefully. Tonight: Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might want and need to understand what is going on much better. What is happening behind the scenes could change dramatically if it's exposed. The unpredictable occurs at work and within your immediate circle. Tonight: Pull back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Make that extra effort to touch base with someone at a distance. You could believe that this person is making it more difficult than necessary to find him or her. Relax. Remember to return other calls too. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation before you make a decision. In fact, you could just rethink it and not make a decision yet. Give yourself the space to just be. Don't forget someone you care about. Buy a treat or card for that person. Tonight: You don't need to go overboard to have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are definitely in the middle of the action. In fact, you might be the one tossing the bowling ball down the lane to hit the pins. Know that if you call the shots, the responsibility drops on you too. Tonight: Say yes to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ If you feel low on energy and want to lie back a little, do. Soon you will need all the energy you can muster. Listen well and gather facts. Don't feel like you have to do anything, yet still be aware of the rushing currents around you. Tonight: Get as much sleep as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Think more carefully about exactly what your actions are creating. You might not have all the right answers. Know that you can find the solutions if you listen and explore. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds no matter which direction you turn. Think positively, and you will be able to ride the crest of the wave rather than fall. You have the strength and support necessary. Question information and check out its validity. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

HHH Get ready to take an important step forward this month. You might be eyeing some important changes. You probably haven't settled on the correct course just yet. Keep seeking out new information. Tonight: Just hang with a friend or two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Someone might be very strong-willed and determined. Are you going to flex, or are you going to give this person a hard time? You have the capacity to do either, though you do need to make a decision. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might want to sit back and let someone else make the call. If you look around, many people are ready to step up to the plate. Let it happen. Others might need to feel important as well. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Enjoy those around you.

Happy Birthday

You will charge into this year a force to be dealt with. High energy combines with opportunity, making nearly anything possible. You might want to give serious thought to your image and direction. Know that you will have an impact as a leader and a person. You are likely to experience a promotion or pay raise as well. Be willing to take a stand. If you are single, you will have an option to change that status. Don't throw yourself into just any relationship. Give a newly established bond time to grow. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish, especially if you are willing to defer more often. VIRGO can be challenging.

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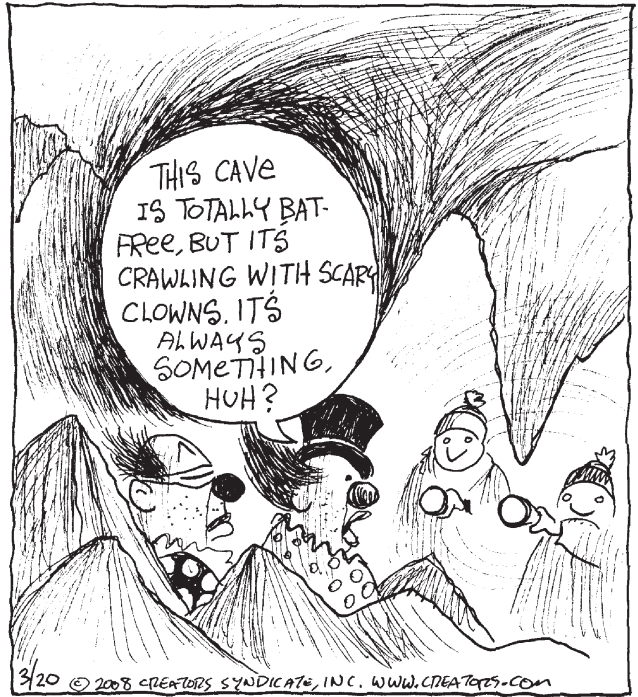
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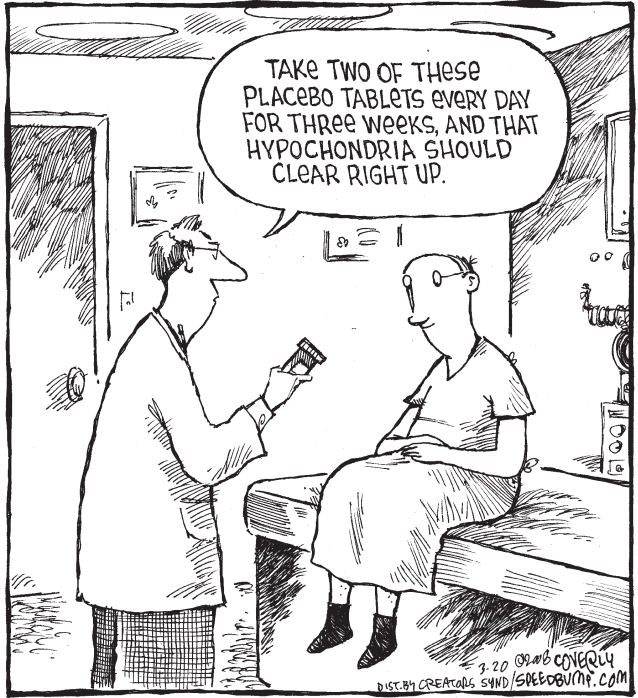
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- 17 Business abbr.
- 18 "The — Kid"
- 22 Western sidekick
- 24 Reporter's exclusive
- 25 Crone
- 26 Cunning
- 27 One of Kirk's crew
- 30 Counterfeits
- 32 Tenement worker
- 33 Bulldog backer
- 34 Opened hastily
- 38 Rodin creation
- 41 "Zounds!"
- 42 Pass through a membrane
- 43 In the buff
- 44 Hit on the noggin
- 45 Workout sites

DOWN

- 1 One of the Bears
- 2 Bakery worker
- 3 Reorganizing
- 4 Lease signer
- 5 Urban fleet
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- 7 Wry
- 8 Cattle call
- 9 Future flower
- 10 Hog home
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ More Questionable Judgments: (1) David Holland, 46, gave a DNA sample last year to police in San Jose, Calif., to help resolve murder charges against his brother, but was then arrested for an until-then-unsolved 2001 rape when his DNA sample matched that left behind by the rapist. (2) Edward Debrow of San Antonio, Texas, who was sentenced to 27 years in prison for a 1992 murder conviction, appealed that sentence as too harsh. After a Texas appeals court granted his challenge and ordered a re-sentencing in October, a judge gave him 40 years.

■ Awesome Capacities: Jason Panchalk, 36, was admitted to the Pima County (Arizona) jail in December, facing a charge of trafficking in stolen property, but he arrived prepared. According to a jailer, Panchalk was carrying "some syringes, matches, lighter, heroin, marijuana, and an assortment of pills," all inside his rectum. And in October, court officials in Cork, Ireland, who were suspicious of a defendant's demeanor, had him medically examined. According to a report in the Irish Independent, doctors found a mobile phone, SIM card and charger, all wrapped in foil and coated with lubricant, inside his rectum.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1820 U.S. Navy hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington.

1882 President Chester Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

1908 American author Louis L'Amour was born in Jamestown, N.D.

1933 during Prohibition, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

1941 the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state went into operation.

1945 the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

1958 movie producer Mike Todd and three other people were killed in the crash of Todd's private plane near Grants, N.M.

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