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TOUCH OF PERSIA

Santa Monica College marked the Persian New Year by hosting the Iranian Student Club's "Norooz Extravaganza 2007," Thursday on its main campus. A group of SMC students (top) dance during the day's festivities in decidedly liberal attire, a stark contrast to the general perception that women are to be covered in public according to Islamic standards. (Left) Susan Tsarukyan cuts traditional baklava for those in attendance.

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Animal activists may sue

Group considers filing civil rights lawsuit against SMPD

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA Animal rights activists known for their aggressive tactics are threatening to file a civil rights lawsuit against City Hall and the police department for what they say has been a pattern of abuse and intimidation to keep the protesters out of the city.

The latest incident of alleged abuse occurred Sunday afternoon on the 400 block of 12th Street, in front of the home of Nelson Freimer, a UCLA professor of human genetics who activists claim experiments on primates, depriving them of water.

Activists claim Santa Monica Police officers threw protesters to the ground, placed them in pain-compliance holds and ripped masks from their faces. They also claim officers detained several activists and two legal observers, and confiscated videotapes documenting the alleged abuse.

Two demonstrators were arrested for violating the city's noise ordinance.

"The Santa Monica police are a pack of thugs embroiled in a sick power trip," said Lindy Greene, one of those arrested. "Activists aren't going to stop protesting in Santa Monica. The fact is, that by the SMPD violating the civil rights of, and assaulting and battering, legal activists they succeed only in escalating the level of anger on all sides and from the public at large."

SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla said officers were at the protest on Sunday monitoring the actions of the activists. Officers had a noise meter to record the decibel level of the protesters and based on that, two people were arrested for noise violations.

The incident is still under investigation, Padilla said.

"Our officers conduct themselves in a professional manner and always balance people's first amendment rights with public safety," Padilla said.

Jeanette Schachtner, chief deputy city attorney in the civil

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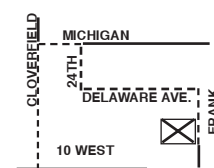
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Dr. Patch Adams will give two workshops at the Calamigos Ranch Conference Center. The focus will be on preventing burnout for medical practitioners and caregivers.

Pre-registration is required; limited space available. For more information, call Josie Ramirez at (951) 769-4780.

A concert for the Midnight Mission: 'From Malibu With Love'

23825 Stuart Ranch Rd., Malibu, 8 p.m.

Hosted by Richie Sambora and featuring performances by Los Lobos, Elliot Easton, Teddy 'Zig Zag' Andreadis, and many others. Ticket prices start at \$90. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.malibuperformingartscenter.com or call (310) 456-6722.

Sharon Lewis Koho signing

13400 Maxella Ave., Marina del Rey, 11 a.m.

Author Sharon Lewis Koho will be signing copies of her books at Barnes & Noble. The signing will continue as long as copies of the book remain in store.

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.

Saturday, March 24, 2007

'Walk for Water' with Starbucks

Santa Monica Pier, 10 a.m.

Starbucks Coffee Company and its Ethos water brand are sponsoring a three-mile 'Walk for Water' that symbolizes the journey that women and children in developing countries must undertake to get drinking water for their families. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Walkers will meet on the pier and continue on a three-mile walk along the Ocean Front Walk, concluding at the Windward Plaza in Venice. Participation is free. To pre-register, visit www.worldwaterday.net or www.ethoswater.com.

Westside Waldorf School Symposium

17310 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m.

A panel of Waldorf alumni, educators, and alumni parents share their experiences for visual and performing artists and other topics. To register for this event, call California Lawyers for the Arts at (310) 998-5590 or send an e-mail, including contact info, to UserCLA@aol.com. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

'Red Tie Affair' fundraiser

101 Wilshire Blvd., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The fundraiser will be held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and will include both silent and live auctions. Among the honorees to receive the 'Spirit Awards' is the Fox Broadcasting Corporation with Hugh Laurie, star of the television show 'House, M.D.'. Proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross of Santa Monica. Tickets are available at \$175 per person. For reservations and information contact Marcia Caldirola at (310) 394-3773 or visit www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

Home ownership seminar

2200 Virginia Ave., 10 a.m. — noon

First AME, the Church by the Sea and 1st California Security Investments-Community Outreach Program are sponsoring a seminar on home ownership. Continental breakfast will be served. To reserve a seat, call Seminar Coordinator Sherry Brooks at (310) 523-1001.

'The Ties That Bind'

3540 N. Mission Rd., Los Angeles, 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Greg Victoroff, partner at the law firm of Rohde & Victoroff, will speak at a free hands-on workshop covering Intellectual Property Law, Copyrighting and Contracts for visual and performing artists and other topics. To register for this event, call California Lawyers for the Arts at (310) 998-5590 or send an e-mail, including contact info, to UserCLA@aol.com. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

'Rancho Monterey'

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

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

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.



Red letter year or just red ink?

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS It's going to be a long budget season.

In one of his first acts as interim Chief Financial Officer for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Dr. Stephen Hodgson broke some bad news to the Board of Education:

The SMMUSD is projected to see approximately \$2.7 million in deficit spending for the 2007-08 school year.

A Multi-Year Financial Projection (MYFP) worksheet that Hodgson presented to the public during a late Wednesday afternoon workshop illustrated that the district will take in approximately \$3.2 million less during the upcoming fiscal year than it received for the current one — roughly \$78.4 million.

In the 2007-08 school year, the district is projected to receive approximately \$75.3 million.

The MYFP assumes that the district's spending habits don't change from year to year.

Though total revenues next year are expected to be down, total expenditures are projected to increase by more than \$26,000.

Affecting the revenue stream into the district are declining enrollment numbers, which are expected to decrease by about 181 students next year. The district's enrollment has continually dropped the past few years due to the moratorium on students who reside outside of the district being allowed to cross the city's boundaries to attend school.

"I've been looking at enrollment data and declining enrollment for a while," said Superintendent Dianne Talarico on Thursday. "I was not surprised by it."

The MYFP indicates even more problems in the near future. If spending habits remain the same, deficit spending will gradually increase in the coming years — from a deficit of \$3.5 million in 2008-209 to \$4.2 million in 2009-10.

Financial Oversight Committee Chairman Paul Silvern seems concerned that the MYFP dictates that there would be no increases in staffing costs for the next three years, especially considering that salary

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AHHHHH

Christine Chang news@smdp.com

Thursday marked the international observance of World Water Day, which was created in 1992 during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. Its mission is to focus attention on the world-wide shortage of available clean water sources particularly in under-developed, third-world countries. As part of this initiative, the UN is striving to increase the distribution of bottled water to spots around the globe that lack basic access to the wet stuff. No word as of yet if the Pellegrino brand will be amongst those provided.

Parents decry 'secret deals'

Some accuse new special ed. director of dodging questions

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Parents of students requiring extra care hope the new director of special education will breathe new life into a program that some have come to believe was damaged by the former leadership's regime.

Whether change under Director of

Special Education Ruth Valadez will happen remains to be seen.

It was less than a year ago that several parents accused former Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services Tim Walker of brokering so-called "secret deals" with the students' Individualized Education Plans (IEP). The IEP outlines an educational program specific to a special needs student for the entire school year.

If parents are unhappy with the IEP, they could either opt to seek Due Process or meet personally with Walker to settle a variety of disputes.

The parents alleged that their children lost out on services due to "secret deals" —

having signed confidentiality agreements requiring them to refrain from disclosing specifics of these contracts to third parties.

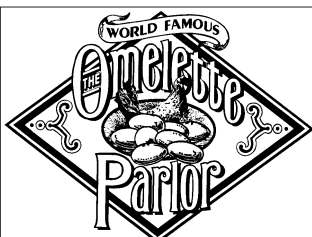
Last August, Walker was promoted to deputy superintendent of the district.

Parents are left to wonder if the practice will continue under Valadez.

"There are no secret deals between Tim Walker and parents," Valadez said last week. "Parents who are unhappy with their student's programming have the right to file for Due Process."

"The law specifically states that districts are to attempt to resolve any complaints that have been filed," Valadez added. "Mr. Walker

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The DP stepped up its coverage

Editor:

Let me just say “thank you” for the front page photo in the March 14 edition of SMDP (“Donor steps up”). It was a wonderful ground-breaking event – and the cover of the local paper (in color!!!!) made it even more joyous. Thank you.

Kimm Baersch

Development Director, Step Up on Second

Everyone lays claim to Route 66

Editor:

(Re: “The pier is still the end of the line,” March 8, letters)

There are many different viewpoints and Web sites (all claiming their historical or authority credentials) that will state the exact point of the western end of Route 66. The Federal Highway Administration definition is that an official highway starts and ends only at another highway, which would be somewhere on Highway 2 or Lincoln Boulevard. Of course, we are talking about a highway that had a functional life of just over 30 years.

But let’s take a second and think if there was any other points that were “close enough to count” for these weary travelers from the Midwest and other landlocked areas, they could have felt was the end of their western travel.

Could it be that they stopped at Palisades Park to enjoy the vistas of the Santa Monica Bay and seeing the Pacific Ocean for the first time?

Could it be that they made a right and drove down the California Incline to enjoy the “Gold Coast,” public beach clubs, the beach, wade in the water or continue their travel along the coastline?

Could it be that they continued on Lincoln south to visit Pacific Ocean Park, or to see what that crazy Abbot Kinney was doing building canals in Venice?

Or, could it be the end of the line was to see family, friends or start a new life, as my grandfather did after graduating from the University of Chicago and coming out west in the ’20s?

Putting aside the fun of trying to separate fact, fiction and folklore, I question the wisdom of using a historical point of view for making a future decision in this case. You are comparing a time when cars and travel was more of a novelty, an adventure with plenty of wide open spaces to the current time were we are oversaturated with cars and the amount of open spaces is declining.

Because of the city’s excellent plan use and future vision, the downtown area has been given the green light to increase residential density, increase office space, build more parking and now the redo of Santa Monica Place. All of those events will greatly increase traffic in the area. Is it really good for the city, the residents and tourists to direct even more traffic though downtown just to drive under a sign? The 1550 & 1440 Lot (sites of former and the first beach clubs in the city) was built in the 1950s for additional beach usage and not for the pier, and they already exit onto PCH.

Is it not in the best interest of everyone to redirect more traffic to the underutilized south lots, create/promote a Tide Shuttle route to the pier and support the Beach Tram? Would this not give tourists (who could now take a picture underneath the sign without being run over – like the historical debut photo), and residents a little better quality of their experience with the pier?

As the pier(s) nears the marking of its 100th anniversary (2009), it could use this milestone as a break from the past and enter into a new era. Those crazy visionaries who took the idea of removing cars from Third Street would be proud after years of ebb and flow to see the amount of life and energy created on the promenade. Using the same idea could be the seed that is planted to revitalize, re-energize and rejuvenate the pier as it enters its next century of life.

David Newberg

Santa Monica

No pepper, no problem

Editor:

I could care less if this person in the pepper-spray incident was homeless or landed Gentry (“Peppery air,” March 2), I don’t think a security guard at Vons has any business using pepper spray in a grocery store! It is simply unhealthy for anyone, and especially dangerous to children and senior citizens, which I understand this man is, to have to breathe pepper spray. I think I will shop elsewhere.

Barry C. Lawrence

Santa Monica



The Soap Box

Bennet Kelley

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Democrats in need of a road map to DC

THE 2008 ELECTION CLEARLY PRESENTS a great opportunity for the Democrats to retake the White House. To win, they need to be mindful of the wreckage of past campaigns and be prepared to navigate the “Seven C’s.” This is not about any body of water, but seven points that should be their compass along a triumphant return journey toward the Oval Office.

Cool Down! This race is heating up too soon and needs to simmer down. While the front-runners in 1980, 1992 and 2004 declared their candidacy between 52 and 61 weeks prior to the election, Senators John Edwards, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama each announced their candidacy more than 90 weeks before Election Day. The elongation of the race not only raises concerns about increased voter fatigue but, when combined with the frenzy over the historic candidacies of Senators Clinton and Obama, it creates a risk that the two campaigns essentially will drain the oxygen from other candidates and reduce this to a two or three person race by as early as January.

While there is good reason for the early excitement surrounding this race, Democrats should not be in a rush to push aside the “second-tier” candidates such as Governor Bill Richardson and Senators Joe Biden and Chris Dodd who combined have over a century of political experience. Voters may even take notice that in addition to being a top-notch political player, Richardson, a Latino, should rightfully have his campaign considered every bit as historic as Clinton’s and Obama’s.

Not only will they add considerably to the debate, but the less experienced candidates will gain far more from demonstrating that they can address issues at the same level as these men.

CONSULTANTS

Joseph Hazelwood may be the most famous ship captain in America for navigating the Exxon Valdez into the nation’s largest state. While Hazelwood has not worked as a captain since that day, Democrats keep hiring campaign consultants with the equivalent of multiple Valdez-esque failures. Consider Bob Shrum, who may be a brilliant speech writer but is O-for-eight in presidential races and in 2004 ignored something much bigger than Alaska — the Swift Boat Veterans. That is not how to navigate the road to the White House.

CAJONES

Democrats are perceived as weak by some because too often they fail to hold their ground. For example, it is a widely held perception that many Democrats listened to their consultants and not their gut in voting for the Iraq War. The road to Washington requires that the party finally have the courage of its convictions — as James Carville noted, “Americans will not trust a party to defend America that isn’t willing to defend itself.”

Stated differently, instead of Fleetwood Mac’s “Don’t Stop Thinking about Tomorrow,” the party should embrace the steel determination of the Dixie Chicks and

have the courage to do what is right today.

COMMUNICATION

In any race, the winning candidate is usually the one who is better at articulating his or her message and/or reducing it to its core elements. In 2004, that candidate clearly was not John Kerry given his infamously-convoluted statement that “I voted for it, before I voted against it.” Fortunately, the current pool of candidates is especially articulate, but Democrats must remember that their candidate needs to be just as comfortable and effective speaking at the local barber shop as they are in policy speeches at Georgetown University.

THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON REQUIRES THAT THE PARTY FINALLY HAVE THE COURAGE OF ITS CONVICTIONS .

CARTER-IZE

For a dozen years after his defeat, Republicans continued to run against Jimmy Carter, trying to tattoo candidates with Carter’s troubled record. George W. Bush is the Republican’s Jimmy Carter and Democrats must respond in kind by making Republican candidates wear the Bush record like an anvil around their necks. Between now and Election Day, Democrats must continue to force Republicans to choose between standing behind their President and their electoral viability.

CATALOG

In order to effectively “Carterize” the Republicans, Democrats need to catalog the impact of the Bush agenda and translate it in a way that average Americans can understand the economic, health and fiscal costs of Bush’s failed time in office.

CHALLENGE

President Bush has misled or alienated military families, veterans, evangelicals, hunters and the coal country to name a few. While these constituencies have rarely been in play for Democrats in recent years, Democrats should challenge every component of the eroding Republican base and ask them “what have Republicans done for you lately?”

The chance to penetrate the Republican base is a perfect illustration of the great opportunity available to Democrats next year and a summation of the “Seven C’s” considering that these groups’ views of Democrats have been shaped by many of the mistakes discussed above. All this is possible in 2008 if Democrats can learn from their past mistakes. As Paul Tsongas once said, “Let’s try winning and see what it feels like. If we don’t like it, we can go back to our old ways.”

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A Pete Rose is a rose is an Attorney General

FOR MORE THAN A DECADE PETE ROSE denied he bet on baseball. He even wrote a book about it, "My Story," which some called "My B.S. Story." But last week, surprising everyone, he confessed he had bet on every game his team played. Rose hopes to be reinstated in baseball, boasting he's done as much for the game as anyone. Actually he's done as much for bookies as anyone.

This past week also marked the fourth anniversary of the Iraq war. This means we've been fighting in Iraq longer than in either of the World Wars. In a few days it will pass our Civil War. I'm haunted by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's prediction, "It could take six days, six weeks, certainly not more than six months." Or World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz's estimate that the war would cost just \$50 billion. So they were off by a mere 1,000 percent. Nobody's perfect. Certainly nobody in this administration.

Meanwhile the nightmare in Iraq grinds on with no end in sight. Today there was a news report about a vet who committed suicide after being turned down for mental health treatment by the Veterans Administration. He had been put on a waiting list and told to check back in three months. For more details I went on the Internet and typed "Iraqi war vet commits suicide." I discovered soldiers in Iraq are killing themselves at higher percentages than in any other war. One reason given was the high number of reservists with multiple tours of duty. I can barely tolerate multiple tours of watching it on TV.

My anger over the war reached the boiling point with the Walter Reed Hospital privatization scandal. It seems the Army awarded a \$120,000,000 contract to IAP World Services, run by former Haliburton executives. (Surprise, surprise.) Why does a veteran, who has sacrificed body and soul for his or her country, have to be on a waiting list? It's a national disgrace. Maybe next time a soldier is asked to go into combat, he should request to be on a waiting list and they could check back with him in three months? I say any vet who sees action automatically gets the same medical treatment as members of Congress, like Congressman Duke Cunningham or Bob Ney. (Bad examples, they're in jail.) Okay, the vets get the same medical benefits as VP Dick Cheney. (And anyone Cheney inadvertently shoots in the face.) One of Bush's hackneyed slogans is "support the troops." Waiting lists,

complicated forms, mold on the walls, saggy mattresses and rats, doesn't seem too supportive to me.

To some, supporting the troops meant you display a flag on your SUV's antennae. That way when you drove around getting eight miles to the gallon, you at least showed your neighbors how patriotic you were. On TV last year, just before Christmas, I saw President Bush suggest a way to support the troops was to keep shopping. I shook my head in amazement and I reached for the remote.

Talking head Bill O'Reilly supports the troops with free copies of his book, but only if someone else buys a copy at full price. It would appear his support comes in the form of a "twofer." It could have been worse. He could have offered a free loofa with each book. Rush Limbaugh could offer free OxyContin or Viagra. (I apologize as I realize even the suggestion of Bill or Rush and sex in the same column is obscene.)

Even more obscene is this war. After four years the "support the troops" chant from the neo-cons rings hollow. Our young men and women were sent to an ill-advised war, on a false premise. They were ill-equipped (lack of body and Humvee armor), ill-trained (too many reservists) and on a mission with no plan or exit strategy. Other than that, it was brilliantly conceived.

The General in charge of Walter Reed, the Secretary of the Army and Rumsfeld have resigned. Big deal. George Tenant was awarded the Medal of Freedom, Wolfowitz was promoted to head of the World Bank and Bush and Cheney haven't been impeached... yet. Hey, that might be a real way to support the troops?

And now, in the latest of the Groundhog Day of scandals, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales may be on his way out the door. We've learned Bush refers to him as "Fredo." Didn't George outgrow mean-spirited nicknames at the fraternity house? Apparently not. Bush's "compromise" is his advisors can be interviewed but not under oath. It sounds like an advance warning that they'll be lying.

Speaking of lying, if Pete Rose doesn't get reinstated in baseball, maybe he could be the new Attorney General? Sure, he hasn't ever prosecuted a case, but neither has Gonzales. Charlie Hustle and W have baseball in common. I think they're a perfect fit.

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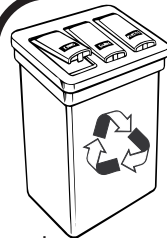
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A kingdom for a parking spot

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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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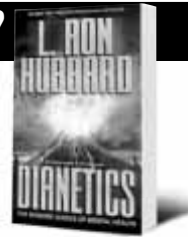
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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Saying it instead of spraying it

Daily Press Staff

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, AT 12:30 P.M.

Police on routine patrol in the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard were flagged down by a man who said he was assaulted while walking down the street. The alleged victim said a homeless man approached him, yelled at him and then spit in his face repeatedly. The victim called out to police, who arrested the suspect a few blocks away for assault and battery. The suspect was identified as James Morris Armstrong, 58, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, AT 9:15 P.M.

Police responded to the 1300 block of Stanford Street regarding an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he was working in his front yard when an acquaintance passed by. The two began to argue and the suspect allegedly picked up a chair and threw it at the homeowner, striking him in the head and the ribs, police said. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Randy Norman Birchall, 45, a Santa Monica resident. No bail was set because of a probation violation, police said.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, AT 1:10 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Sephora – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security, who said the suspect walked into the perfume and cosmetics store and placed several items into a bag and walked out without paying for the items. Once outside the store, security stopped the suspect and searched the bag. Inside they said they found \$36 worth of lip gloss. Police took the suspect into custody for shoplifting. He was identified as Stephen Henry Harrington, 19, of Soquel, California. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, AT 9 P.M.

An officer on routine patrol in the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard noticed a man riding a bike without a light, a violation of the vehicle code. The officer stopped the suspect to issue a citation and discovered he had no identification. The officer searched the suspect's belongings and discovered several bottoms of vitamins that looked like they had just been purchased. Since the suspect was in front of Albertsons, the officer went to the grocery store to see if employees recognized the suspect. Once inside, the officer viewed video from the store's surveillance cameras and saw the suspect grab several bottles of Centrum vitamins and stuff them in his jacket before walking quickly out of the store, police said. Based on the video, the officer arrested the suspect for commercial burglary. He was identified as Mehrdad Akbari, 26, a transient. His bail was set at \$145,000 because of several outstanding warrants, police said.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

Engineer turned spy set for trial

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA As a top engineer at a major U.S. defense contractor, Chi Mak helped develop some of the most advanced and closely guarded naval technology in the world, including silent-running propulsion systems that can make submarines virtually undetectable.

Now, in a case that experts say could have serious implications for U.S. security, he is accused of stealing those secrets for the Chinese.

Prosecutors say the Chinese-born Mak was working for China from 1983 until his arrest two years ago, stealing hundreds of documents about a number of defense systems, including the weapons, nuclear reactors and propulsion systems aboard U.S. submarines.

The 66-year-old Mak is set to go on trial Tuesday on charges of conspiracy to export U.S. defense secrets to China, possession of property in aid of a foreign government and failure to register as a foreign agent. He could get more than 50 years in prison if convicted.

If the allegations are true, China may have gained critical information as it tries to develop an open-water fleet to challenge U.S. naval supremacy in Asia, said Richard Fisher, vice president of the International

Assessment and Strategy Center, a nonpartisan think tank in Alexandria, Va.

"China's military capabilities would benefit tremendously from the kind of inside information that he's had access to," Fisher said. "If the Chinese are on the inside track on this one, then we are truly in an arms race."

The case is also troubling because the U.S. government might have to declassify evidence and present it to jurors to prove its case.

"This is the bad choice the government faces," said Paul D. Moore, who served for more than 20 years as the FBI's chief China analyst. "There are a number of people running around the United States who have committed espionage and gotten away with it because the government couldn't afford to lose the information they needed to prove the case."

In similar cases, prosecutors withhold evidence deemed too sensitive. Other times, they obtain special security clearances for the judge, jurors and defense attorneys to look at certain classified documents. But the bulk of the evidence must be aired in open court.

Prosecutors in the Mak case did not return calls for comment. Defense attorneys have undergone FBI background checks and received clearance to see certain government evidence.

Mak, a U.S. citizen since 1985, had secret clearance for a decade through his work with Power Paragon, an Anaheim-based subsidiary of L-3 Communications.

No protection?

L.A. appellate court says law may not apply to Samaritans

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A woman accused of rendering a friend a paraplegic by pulling her out of a wrecked car “like a rag doll” may not be protected by California’s good Samaritan law, an appellate court ruled.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal wrote in a decision Wednesday that immunity from liability only applies to “the rendition of emergency medical care at the scene of a medical emergency.”

“Any perceived risk to plaintiff from remaining in the car was not a medical risk; moving plaintiff from the car was, therefore, not emergency medical care,” Justice H. Walter Croskey wrote in the opinion joined by Presiding Justice Joan D. Klein and Justice Patti S. Kitching.

Attorney Robert Hutchinson, representing plaintiff Alexandra Van Horn, said the state’s

Samaritan law doesn’t require people to render aid. But if they do, he said, they must be held to a reasonable standard of care.

Van Horn was in the front passenger seat of a car that slammed into a light pole at 45 mph on Nov. 1, 2004, causing the air bags to deploy, according to the negligence lawsuit filed against Lisa Torti.

Torti was a passenger in another car that stopped to help people inside the wrecked vehicle. Torti testified she placed one arm under Van Horn’s legs and the other behind her neck to lift her out of the car.

Van Horn, who testified Torti grabbed her by the arm and pulled her from the car “like a rag doll,” suffered injury to a vertebrae and a lacerated liver that required emergency surgery. The cause of her paralysis was disputed.

Torti lawyer Jody Steinberg said he will appeal Wednesday’s appellate court ruling to the California Supreme Court, saying the good Samaritan law should protect everybody.

“There was no evidence that our client was doing anything but trying to rescue a person in need,” Steinberg said. “This is a public-policy issue that needs to be re-examined by the Legislature.”

One, two, three: ‘Dancing’ stint could fix Mills’ image

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES On an episode of “30 Rock,” comedian Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan) informs co-workers he’s on a religious quest.

“My attorney told me to join a church preemptively, ‘cause juries are suspicious of celebrities who find religion after getting into trouble,” he explains.

There could be an alternate approach to legal or public-relations damage control — and it took Jerry Springer, of all people, to light the way for needy celebrities like Heather Mills.

That’s Mills as in Paul McCartney’s marital sparring partner, tabloid target and, sagely, among the latest “Dancing with the Stars” contestants.

On ABC’s hit series last season, Springer waltzed his way into America’s heart in the unexpected role of a devoted father who wanted only to make his daughter, Katie, proud when they danced at her wedding.

With a game attitude and self-effacing jokes (“At my age we don’t shake hips, we replace them”), Springer managed to eclipse his longtime role as sleazy talk show host. Katie sealed the deal, hugging him after a performance.

“This is a business, and if they think you appeal to Middle America then obviously those opportunities are going to be there.”

Mills could provide the greatest test of the healing powers of dance. Compared to her, Springer was a piker when it came to bad press: Mills threw divorce mud at a beloved Beatle that, conventional wisdom had it, she never deserved.

THIS IS A BUSINESS, AND IF THEY THINK YOU APPEAL TO MIDDLE AMERICA THEN OBVIOUSLY THOSE OPPORTUNITIES ARE GOING TO BE THERE."

Jerry Springer
television personality

He was born again as a mambo-makeover pioneer.

“It will forever be seared in my heart, the moment with his daughter, which is a much stronger visual than any chair-throwing, outrageous stunt he’s ever had on his show,” said TV and radio host Leeza Gibbons, a competitor on this season’s “Dancing.”

Call it The Springer Effect.

Perhaps a new image wasn’t Springer’s goal, but he gained one and it quickly paid off. When Regis Philbin bowed out as host of NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” which will return come summer, Springer was picked to replace him.

“I don’t think there’s any question that the networks obviously saw the friendly response to my being on the show,” he said.

Springer “had to have an influence on Heather’s decision to do this,” said “Dancing” host Tom Bergeron, noting he hadn’t spoken with her about it. “There’s no question that this show can be a vehicle to enlighten people, if you will, as to who you really are.”

“For good or ill,” he added, with a laugh.

As Mills dances, viewers aren’t judging her skill. At stake is whether she can demonstrate, by charm or by the grit needed by an amputee dancing with a prosthetic leg, that she is a Good Person After All.

On Monday’s debut, Mills was introduced by Bergeron as a “charity campaigner” whose goal on the show is to inspire the disabled.

“You’ve got more guts than Rambo!” excitable judge Bruno Tonioli exclaimed after Mills performed with apparent ease.

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Schwarzenegger makes nice with Limbaugh

By the Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made nice with Rush Limbaugh on Wednesday, calling in to his radio program a day after he dismissed the conservative host as "irrelevant."

Limbaugh, who a day earlier had accused the governor of abandoning the conservative cause, treated Schwarzenegger cordially. But he pressed him on recent political moves, such as his \$12 billion universal health care proposal, that have angered conservatives.

The two had a back-and-forth discussion

over extending health care to illegal immigrants and whether the money to pay for the governor's health plan amounted to new taxes or fees.

Limbaugh said the compromises Schwarzenegger said were necessary "to get things done" were a capitulation to liberals.

"We are still compromising our ideology," Limbaugh said. "They are not. And this is what people are upset about."

But Limbaugh sounded pleased when Schwarzenegger eased out of the interview, saying he wanted to smoke more cigars with him.

"You and I, we're going to have a good time

again in our next smoke out," Schwarzenegger said. "We'll smoke a stogie together, and we will talk about this from here to eternity. The key thing is that people should know that you and I, we don't have a fight."

Schwarzenegger embraced a more centrist agenda after voters rebuked his attempt in 2005 to limit the power of public employee unions. His recent policy moves, to curb the greenhouse gases associated with global warming, raise the minimum wage and extend health care to all Californians, have angered many conservatives, including Limbaugh.

In an interview aired Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, Schwarzenegger said Limbaugh's views were irrelevant to his work in California.

"All irrelevant. Rush Limbaugh is irrelevant. I am not his servant," Schwarzenegger said tersely.

Limbaugh responded on the air Tuesday by saying, "If he had the leadership skills to articulate conservative principles and win over the public as (former President) Reagan did, then he would have stayed conservative."

Limbaugh put a mock poster on his Web site featuring Schwarzenegger's face.

State Transportation Department kept numerous contracts secret

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES The California Transportation Department shielded from public view details of at least 290 contracts worth more than \$13 million, though there is no record the agency was given authority to strike the information from state records, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The contracts — labeled "confidential" and in many cases awarded without competitive bidding — went out between 2002 and 2006 and ranged from \$10,000 to more than \$1 million. In some cases, they authorized payments of up to \$7,000 per day to experts in various fields for their testimony or legal opinions.

The General Services Department, which has authority over a huge tracking system of

state contracts, requires agencies to seek permission before labeling records confidential.

DGS said it received a request from the Transportation Department several years ago to withhold details of contracts tied to ongoing litigation. Such exemptions are permissible, but "we have not been able to locate any documents ... that prove conclusively that specific permission was granted," spokesman Bill Branch said in a statement.

The agency was unaware Caltrans listed confidential contracts in its records until notified by AP, Branch said. However, after reviewing the issue, he said it was "acceptable" for Caltrans to place the contracts off limits because they dealt with legal issues typically exempted from disclosure.

Caltrans said it was complying with all rules regarding confidentiality.

"The department has not received any

indication from DGS that its current practices related to expert witness contracts are contrary to policy," spokesman Matt Rocco said in an e-mail.

Robert Stern, president of the nonpartisan Center for Governmental Studies and a former general counsel at the California Fair Political Practices Commission, said the situation raises questions about who is watching over billions in taxpayer dollars.

"Who is minding the store? Why aren't they paying attention to this?" Stern asked. "If nobody is watching, people have an incentive to pay more and could be fleecing the taxpayers."

An AP investigation in January found scores of California Justice Department contracts, many of them no-bid, were erroneously labeled "confidential" in computerized state records and hidden from public view.

The department said the omissions were mistakes by staff members, and that there was no attempt to intentionally hide spending or protect favored contractors from public scrutiny. This week it issued a new policy for employees to follow.

At AP's request, Caltrans released 45 of the confidential contracts worth as much as \$1.5 million.

All were for experts hired for court testimony or legal advice in areas such as property appraisal and pediatric neurology.

In one case, the state was billed \$2,200 by a former truck driver for 11 hours of travel time for a flight from Sacramento to Quincy, Ill. A toxicologist working at \$500 an hour had state contracts valued up to \$74,000.

The issue of confidential contracts is on the agenda Thursday at a state Senate subcommittee meeting in Sacramento.



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STATE BRIEFS

Los Angeles
Tracking truancy at middle, high schools

Thousands of Los Angeles Unified School District students are skipping class routinely, with the problem rampant in a few low-performing schools, according to a new report. The report released this week shows that 3,533 of the district's nearly 386,000 middle and high school students had 10 or more unexcused absences in January. The study is the first in what is intended as a series of monthly counts that will track truancy and absenteeism in all the district's middle and high schools in an effort to curb dropout rates. Education officials said keeping tabs on truancy rates is critical because students typically begin skipping school sporadically before dropping out altogether. "It should allow us to improve student attendance and track down those students who may drop out because of attendance problems," said John Newton, an assistant principal at Belmont High School, where more than one in 24 students carried at least 10 unexcused absences.

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Moorpark
City fines Time Warner Cable \$25,000 over poor service

Time Warner Cable Inc. was fined up to \$25,000 by the city for poor service. The City Council, fed up with technical problems, long waiting times and telephone prompts that didn't lead to the right answer, voted Wednesday night to fine the cable company to express dissatisfaction with Time Warner. "Time Warner has, for a period of time, not lived up to the obligations that are required for the citizens of this community," said Councilman Keith Millhouse. The city has complained to Time Warner for months without results. Among other things, Time Warner failed in its agreement to answer customer calls in 30 seconds or less, the council said. It wasn't known if the fine would be used as refunds to Moorpark customers of the nation's second-largest cable company. The franchise agreement states, "Telephone answering time shall not exceed 30 seconds." "There has to be better service and better response," Millhouse said. The vote was 4-0, with Mayor Patrick Hunter absent. The City Council vote started the process of formally notifying Time Warner that fines will be assessed, cable company regional spokeswoman Patti Rockenwagner said Thursday. "They voted to start the process. Once we receive formal notification, we will respond," Rockenwagner said. Time Warner, which has endured complaints throughout the region since last year's changeover from Adelphia, ousted its top regional cable executive Roger Keating last week due to customer dissatisfaction. In January, the most recent reporting data available, there were more than 1.6 million calls to Time Warner with 26 percent of the calls abandoned, according to Time Warner Cable figures. That's up from 7.5 percent last September.

AP

Diamond Bar
Raid uncovers pot worth \$10 million in grow house

Up to \$10 million worth of marijuana was found inside an upscale seven-bedroom home dedicated entirely to growing pot, investigators said. Narcotics investigators raided the Eldertree Drive home Wednesday afternoon and about 2,100 plants were confiscated, said Deputy Anthony Moore of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Inside the home was Kiet Chung, 40, who was arrested and booked for investigation of cultivation of marijuana. He remained in custody with bail set at \$500,000. Nearly every room of the home was packed with up to \$80,000 worth of lights, pumps, filters, timers, and other equipment used in the cultivation of marijuana, sheriff's narcotics Capt. Dennis Werner said. The entire house was also rewired to allow the growers to draw extremely high amounts of electricity without paying for it or arousing utility company suspicion, Werner said. "We suspect there's going to be more of them in the community," Werner said, noting similar sophisticated home growing operations discovered previously are believed to have been run by Asian organized crime. The street value of the high-quality pot was estimated at up to \$10 million, Werner said. "This is not medical marijuana," the captain said. "This is being peddled to our kids on the street."

AP

Redondo Beach
Teens charged with baseball bat attacks

Two Redondo Beach teenagers were charged with attacking two young people with baseball bats. One victim was also stabbed. Brandon Blaxland, 19, was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury in the March 8 attack, said Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office. His 17-year-old alleged accomplice, whose name was withheld because of his age, was charged with five counts of assault with a deadly weapon in attacks on two victims, Robison said. An Inglewood Juvenile Court hearing on April 9 may consider a prosecution motion to try the youth as an adult. Blaxland, released on \$300,000 bail, faces a hearing next month in Torrance Superior Court. The youth who was stabbed was a passenger in a Jeep Cherokee driven by a minor female and two juvenile female passengers.

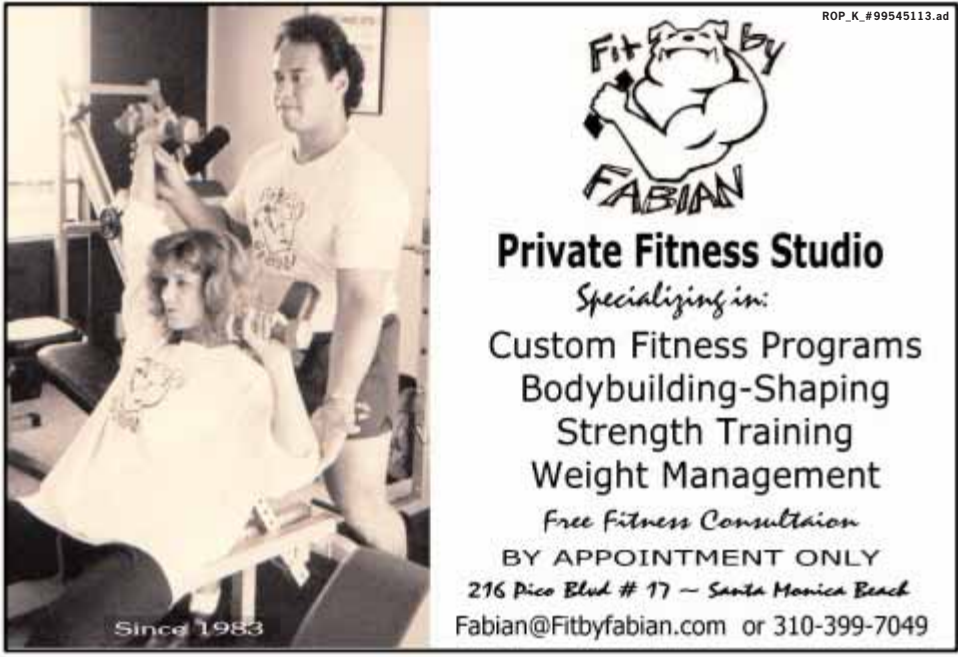
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Fort Peck Reservation
wants access to water

BY MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press Writer

POPLAR, Mont. As the Missouri River drops out of the Rocky Mountains and snakes across the plains toward St. Louis, it passes through some of the most barren land in the country. It was here, on an arid expanse of rolling hills in northeastern Montana, that the federal government relocated the Assiniboine and Sioux Indians in the late 1800s. Although the tribes' Fort Peck Reservation fronted more than 100 miles of the Missouri, the river went largely unused and the tribes have struggled to eke a living from an area where rainfall totals can rival those of the deserts of the Southwest. But now tribal leaders have a plan they say could help free their people of the poverty endemic to the reservation. By tapping billions of gallons of water from the Missouri, they want to irrigate up to half-a-million acres of sandy soil in the surrounding hills to grow potatoes, onions and other

high-value crops. That vision, if realized, could reshape eastern Montana and make the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes the regional arbiter of one of the West's most valued resources water. "This is going to absolutely transform this entire region," proclaimed Thomas "Stoney" Anketell, a tribal council member leading the push to tap the Missouri. He gestured at the reservation's brown, treeless landscape with a sweep of his hand: "This is some of the worst dry-land farming there is. That's why the tribes own so much of it. But take a bunch of sagebrush and sandy-type soils, put water on it and something magic happens ... This time, our people will be the wealthy ones." So far, Anketell's dream amounts to little more than a tantalizing business plan, which he and other tribal leaders are shopping around to banks and state and federal officials in hopes of getting financial backing for an initial 15,000-acre irrigation project. The region is suffering from a drought.



What does *Nobody Outcleans The Maids* really mean?





ACTION!

Steven Weber and Camryn Manheim perform "Riding The Pine" at the Other Venice Film Festival.

Photo courtesy

Burton's work honored at Venice Film Festival

By the Associated Press

Tim Burton, director of "Edward Scissorhands" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," will receive the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at this year's Venice Film Festival.

"Tim Burton is a cinematic genius, the most imaginative child of the new age of cinema," festival director Marco Muller said in a statement Wednesday. "More insolently

pop than most of the contemporary new directors, and less eager for approval than most of the older ones, there is not a bankable Hollywood director with a flintier sense of cinema than him."

The 64th edition of the festival will be held on the Lido in Venice from Aug. 29 through Sept. 8.

Burton, 48, presented "The Nightmare Before Christmas" at the festival in 1994 and "Corpse Bride" in 2005.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

'Boys & Girls' get freaky

For all who have ever had too much to drink, a one-night stand and a headache the next morning, "The Boys' & Girls' Guide to Getting Down" provides a biting take on the culture of partying. The film, which takes place amid the party scene and clubs within the Cahuenga Corridor, opens this weekend.

Writer/director Paul Sapiano presents a raucous picture of today's party culture. The film touches on issues such as casual sex, booze hunts and drug use to provide an insightful parody of everything possibly encountered when partying.

Using innovative animation, graphics and tongue-in-cheek scientific experiments, the filmmakers present a "how to" guide for the party scene and offer sound advice on how to get in, get down, avoid the moocher, sidestep the drunk, handle the police and generally have the most fun with the least stress.

The ensemble film boasts 180 speaking roles, many of whom are actual club kids, bouncers and bartenders from the Hollywood club scene.

For times and tickets, contact the Hollywood Chinese 6 Theater at (323) 464-8111. For more information on the film visit www.guidetogettingdown.com.



DAILY PRESS

Artus interruptus for all to see

"I Can Find Shelter Anywhere," an exhibit featuring new collages by award-winning Seattle artist Robert Yoder, opens at the Deborah Page Gallery in Santa Monica on March 29 and runs through May 8.

Robert Yoder is a West Coast artist whose work is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the Seattle Art Museum and fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez. The new abstract works, inspired by interruptions in the landscape, include mixed collage materials, paper, graphite and ink, combined with industrial materials such as vinyl adhesive films and reflective tapes.

Also featured will be high school senior Walker Flynn's glass works. He is the recipient of two Gold Key awards in the 2007 Southern California Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Competition sponsored by Otis College of Art and Design.

The Deborah Page Gallery is located at 1028 Montana Ave. For more information, call (310) 458-4400.

The Art Palette

Hamp Simmons

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Poi and the art scene highlight SM weekend

THIS WEEK'S PALETTE COMES TO YOU FROM EXOTIC ENVIRONS SOMEWHERE WEST of the Santa Monica Pier. That's right folks, I'm in Hawaii – the only place on the planet where the weather might be considered better than in Santa Monica. But don't feel too jealous, I'm working on a computer that was new back in the days when Madonna still spoke with an American accent. And the connection? Well, let's just say cuneiform was a quicker method of communication.

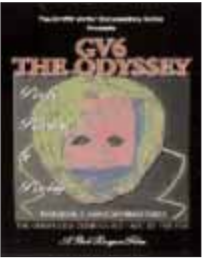
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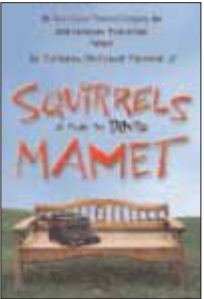
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Bob Bryan's poetry film "GV6 The Odyssey: Poets Passion & Poetry" will be screening at the Church in Ocean Park, followed by readings by five of the film's featured poets – francEyE, Steve Goldman, Brendan Constantine, Rod Bradley and Suzanne Lummis. There will also be a discussion and Q & A period. This will definitely be a night of literary delights!

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And now, I'm off to my hula lesson, I'm a bit old for all that hip action, but you should see what I can do with a set of poi balls! I'm still a few lessons short of a luau, but don't be surprised to see me hop on stage with Hula Halau 'O Kamuela 'Elua at the Santa Monica Festival on May 20 in Clover Park. Aloha!

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Parents claim that director avoids issues

FROM EDUCATION PAGE 3

has offered to meet with parents prior to the formal filing of a Due Process case, and has been very successful in resolving disputes with the creation of ‘Agreements.’”

After working with the East Whittier City School District for eight years as the director of special education, Valadez came to Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District after being hired in December, looking for new challenges and hoping to implement new programs.

Following a meeting with Valadez last month, members of the Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC) said they have some concerns about the direction of the program under Valadez, the number one concern being that she reports directly to Walker, rather than Superintendent Dianne Talarico.

“(Valadez) has to have kind of a global understanding and she has to be able to know what she can budget for and what programs the superintendent, who has [a] background in special education, would like to

push,” said SEDAC Chairman Ken Haker.

Other concerns include whether Valadez is willing to implement a special education strategic plan that the Board of Education adopted in 2004, and whether the new director has a specific program for students with autism.

Some parents said they are concerned that Valadez didn’t have much to offer at the community meeting, which was held on Feb. 27, and criticized her for sidestepping questions.

“She was just checking things out and kind of ... avoided specific questions,” said a parent of a special needs child, who asked to

“It’s especially embarrassing to me, because we’re one of the richest school districts in the country and their agenda is to spend as little as possible on children with special needs,” said the parent, regarding the so-called “secret deals.”

Dodging questions seemed to be the case during a SEDAC meeting in January, said Tricia Crane, a member of the committee, when Valadez avoided inquiries about her view of the special education strategic plan, saying she would do so at the February meeting.

“My goals include working closely with my supervisor ... to increase the district’s capacity with regard to staff knowledge in the areas of instruction, curriculum, behavior management, state and federal laws, and serving students with specific disabilities,” Valadez said of her plans for the future of the special education program.

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Ken Haker, Chairman, Special Education District Advisory Committee

Many areas of the strategic plan have already been adopted and a good portion of the staff who helped draft the plan have left since approval, according to Valadez.

remain anonymous. “It’s clear that the tactic is to avoid what is appropriate to children and to keep the parents busy chasing tails so they’re exhausted and beaten down.

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Staffing cuts may just be necessary to balance budget

FROM BUDGET PAGE 3

negotiations with administrators and classified staff are expected to take place within that time and could potentially up the amount needed to cover costs.

“That is a fairly stringent assumption,” Silvern said.

“WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO ALIGN OUR STAFFING LEVEL WITH OUR CURRENT ENROLLMENT.”

district’s future, it seems unlikely that the budget can be balanced without cutting some personnel, according to Hodgson.

The workshop was meant to apprise the board and the public of the district’s financial situation before school administrators begin providing some possible solutions to help the district achieve financial stability in the next three years, Talarico said on Thursday.

“We know that we have to align our staffing level with our current enrollment,” she said. “We think we are going to be able to deal with this situation through attrition and then we would not backfill those positions.”

One way the district could draw in more students who live in the district — but do not attend public schools — is through the hiring of a public affairs officer, according to Rebecca Kennerly, a long-time district volunteer.

The public affairs officer would be a source of information regarding the district for the community to draw upon and could help attract new students, Kennerly said.

She projected that the officer could potentially bring in about 25 to 50 new students a year.

“You would only need eight students to pay for the PAO

and the rest is revenue,” Kennerly said.

Acknowledging that certain “advocacy groups” would not look fondly upon some of the potential budget solutions that is to come in the next few months, Hodgson presented a list of cost-cutting measures that the board could consider. Perhaps one of the most controversial suggestions is to cut the number of full time equivalents in kindergarten through third grade from 168 — the current level — to 159.

Also suggested is to move the annual contribution from the Building Fund to the ongoing Major Maintenance Account by about \$500,000. This would save the district up to \$1.5 million over three years, Hodgson predicted.

“That’ll probably be true for the majority of these things that end up on this list,” Hodgson said. “Inaction and failure really are not options. We have to move forward in a systematic way to address this deficit.”

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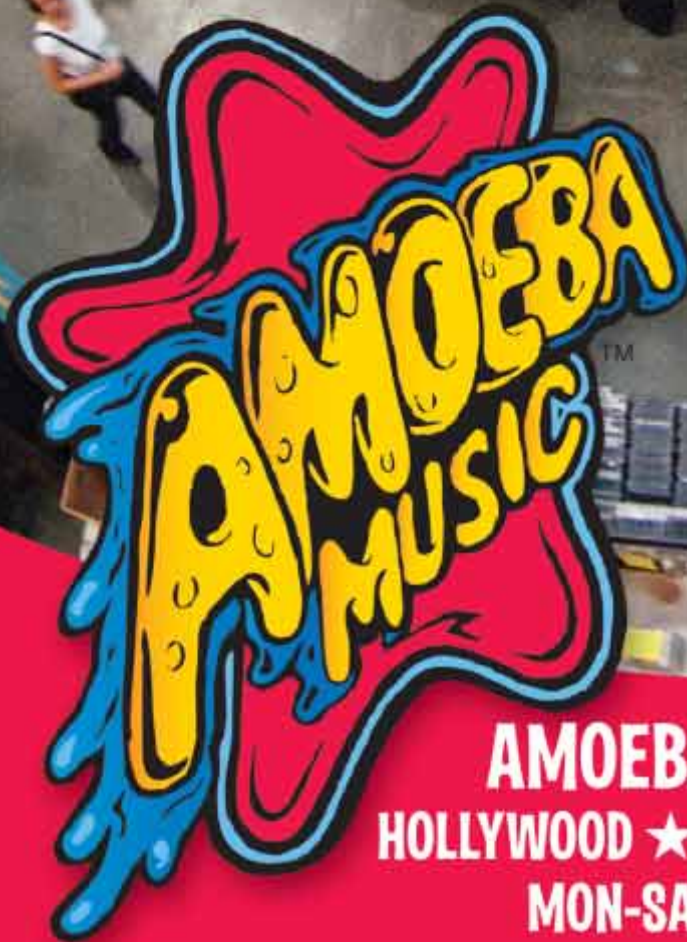
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WOLFGANG CRIES FOWL: Renowned chef Wolfgang Puck has pulled foie gras and other foods derived from mistreated farm animals from the menu at Chinois on Main and all lines of his business as part of an animal welfare program believed to be the first of its kind in the food service industry.

Puck stands up for the defenseless little piggies

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET The next time you dine at Chinois on Main or any other restaurant owned by world-famous chef Wolfgang Puck, you may notice some slight changes on the menu, starting with the absence of foie gras.

Puck's decision to never again serve foie gras at his restaurants is part of an animal welfare program that is said to be the first of its kind in the food service industry.

Foie gras is produced by force-feeding ducks or geese to the point where their livers swell up to 10 times their normal size.

The nine-point program aimed at raising the bar on farm animal treatment and curing many of the worst cruelties associated with factory farming also includes a ban on all eggs from hens confined in battery cages, any pork from producers who confine breeding sows in gestation cages, and veal produced by those who lock calves in individuals crates, preventing them from turning around or walking for months at a time.

"I have regularly spent weekends at my local farmers'

markets and farms, getting to know my vendors, their animals and their animal treatment programs," Puck said. "As my companies have grown much bigger, we must now develop formal policies to maintain our exacting standards. I want to be certain that only animals who are able to freely engage in natural behaviors are used to provide the products for our tables.

"If consumers could see how abused these animals can be, they would demand change."

These new standards cover all Wolfgang Puck lines of business, including fine dining group restaurants, express franchises, catering and events, and consumer products.

"The Humane Society of the United States commends Wolfgang Puck, his chefs, and his entire executive team for their ushering in of these historic animal welfare reforms," said Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society. "This voluntary program — the most far-reaching and comprehensive we have yet seen in the restaurant industry — will improve the lives of countless farm animals.

"Wolfgang Puck's policies send a strong message to the agribusiness industry that it needs to start phasing out its

most abusive practices."

The program, created in conjunction with HSUS and Farm Sanctuary, will be fully implemented for all Wolfgang Puck companies, starting with the 14 fine dining restaurants, by the end of 2007.

In addition to the ban on foie gras, Puck has pledged to serve more organic foods and sustainable seafood, along with more vegetarian options.

At Chinois on Main, general manger and partner Bella Lantsman said the restaurant stopped selling foie gras several months ago and has been offering more organic selections for customers.

"We are trying to contact all of our providers to make sure they are complying with our requests," Lantsman said. "We always try to use the best local ingredients, and we support bringing animal welfare to the table."

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Animal rights group considers suit

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

liability division, said she is aware of the threats to sue, but so far she is not aware of any lawsuit having been filed.

"You have a right to freedom of speech, but you must do it within the law," Schachtner said.

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Last Sunday's protest wasn't the first clash between protesters and police officers. In September 2006, activists were demonstrating in front of the home of an executive with POM Wonderful, a company that specializes in pomegranate juice.

The company used to conduct tests on animals, but announced in January of this

year that it would stop the practice in response to growing pressure from animal activists and an ultimatum from Whole Foods Market Inc. — the nation's largest natural-foods grocery chain.

During that protest, activists, who are known to show up in front of people's homes dressed in lab coats covered with blood, said neighbors assaulted them and the police did nothing. Activists claim officers instead confiscated videotapes of the alleged assault.

The following month, search warrants were served at seven of the activists' homes, where SMPD officers seized more footage, computers, T-shirts, books, leaflets, posters and other materials, according to Pamelyn Ferdin, whose house was raided.

"Santa Monica police continue their pattern of abusing activists and abridging their legal rights to speak freely and protest," Ferdin said. "They are intimidating, harassing and assaulting legal activists in a shameless attempt to scare them from exercising their freedom of speech in Santa Monica."

While attempts to reach Freimer this week were unsuccessful, other residents living near the latest protest feel it is the activists who are intimidating and harassing.

One neighbor, who did not want to be identified out of fear of retaliation, said she understands freedom of speech, but the protesters have gone too far, showing up on her doorstep with fliers while shouting obscenities through a megaphone.



File photo

PAINTING THE TOWN RED: Clashes between animal rights activists and police are nothing new in Santa Monica. In October 2003, an extreme group defaced the Sunset Park home of the general manager for the L.A. Department of Animal Services. Red paint was poured on the front gate, and splattered above the garage and on the sidewalk next to the house.

"I'm scared of them," the neighbor said. "Why can't they protest at the person's workplace? We're innocent in this ... I agree with what they're saying about the treatment of animals, but I think they are going about it the wrong way."

"I think they bring it on themselves."

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BASKETBALL

Artest charged in domestic dispute

BY AARON C. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest faces four misdemeanor charges stemming from a dispute with his wife at home earlier this month.

The charges were filed late Tuesday. Placer County Deputy District Attorney Dan Quick said Artest will be arraigned Thursday on charges of battery and corporal injury to a spouse, false imprisonment and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. Each carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison.

Artest was arrested March 5 at his estate in Loomis, 25 miles northeast of Sacramento, and was released from custody after posting a \$50,000 bond.

A Placer County sheriff's report said Artest grabbed a woman and pushed her down, then slapped her face during an argument. The report, which did not identify the victim because it was a domestic violence incident, said Artest took a phone from the woman the first time she tried to call 911.

When she reached 911, the woman at first complained that Artest was taking the family Hummer from the home, according to a recording of the call released by the sheriff's department. The woman then told a dispatcher that her finger was cut and her leg scratched, and that she broke the windshield of the vehicle.

Five days after his arrest, Artest said he'd stumbled as a father and husband and apologized to his wife and family, as well as to the Kings and his teammates. He sat out two games, but was not suspended and continued to receive his salary.

Artest's attorney, William Portanova, said Wednesday that he had not yet seen the charges. "Ron's first priority remains his family,

and the process will simply have to work itself through," he said.

Portanova declined to say whether Artest has had any contact with his family since the incident.

"The family continues to request privacy during these difficult times," he said.

RON'S FIRST PRIORITY REMAINS HIS FAMILY, AND THE PROCESS WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO WORK ITSELF THROUGH."

William Portanova
Artest's attorney

Immediately after the arrest, the county sheriff's department obtained an emergency protective order that prevented Artest from returning to his home or contacting the woman until she could obtain a restraining order. Officials with the Placer County clerk's office and sheriff's department said Wednesday they had no record that she had sought or obtained such an order.

Calls Wednesday to Artest's agent, Mark Stevens, were not immediately returned. Kings spokesman Darrin May said he had no immediate comment.

It was the latest in a string of incidents that have marred Artest's basketball career.

As a member of the Indiana Pacers, he was the central figure in the 2004 brawl with Detroit Pistons fans.

HORSE RACING

Jockeys' Guild, Churchill Downs settle lawsuit over rider's walkout

BY BRETT BARROUQUERE
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. The Jockeys' Guild and Churchill Downs Inc. have settled a lawsuit stemming from two jockey boycotts of the historic track.

The settlement, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Louisville, bars the jockeys from walking out or going on strike until 2011 and forbids the track from taking disciplinary action against the riders, except under normal circumstances.

The settlement of a pair of lawsuits stems from a walkout by a group of jockeys in November 2004. The jockeys boycotted racing at Churchill Downs and Hoosier Park in Anderson, Ind., in a dispute over health insurance and safety issues. The walkout in Indiana prompted the cancellation of a 12-race card.

Churchill Downs Inc., which owns both tracks, barred the jockeys from riding, then sued the Jockeys' Guild, a nonprofit trade association with about 1,200 members, claiming it violated antitrust laws by ordering the walkout. The Jockeys' Guild, based in Monrovia, Calif., countersued, saying

Churchill Downs trampled the riders' rights with the ban.

Jockeys in Kentucky and Indiana are not covered through workers' compensation. Hoosier Park and Churchill Downs had been offering up to \$100,000 in medical insurance for jockeys.

Riders claimed that amount is not nearly enough. As a result of the dispute, Churchill Downs stopped contributions to the guild. Churchill Downs gives about \$375,000 a year to the guild, part of more than an estimated \$2 million the guild receives from all North American tracks.

Under the settlement, which needs to be approved by U.S. District Judge John Heyburn II, the Jockeys' Guild cannot refuse to provide jockey services at thoroughbred tracks operated by Churchill Downs Inc. as part of a plan to increase payment or insurance levels for jockeys.

Churchill Downs agreed not to ban, threaten or discipline any jockey from its tracks, except in situations where any other person would be barred.

Churchill Downs and the guild issued a joint statement Wednesday, saying they were happy to have the matter resolved.



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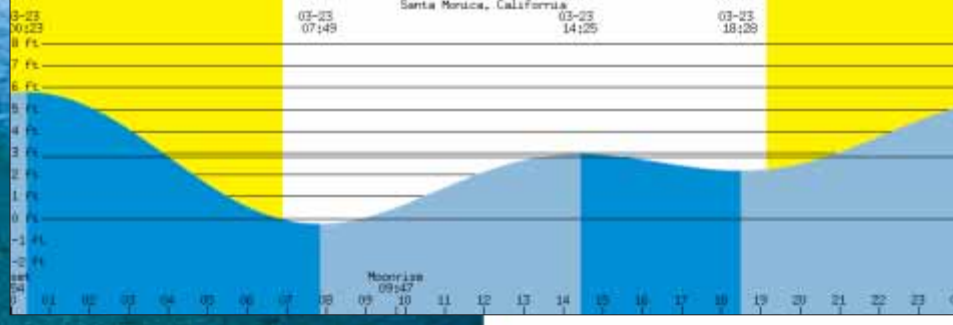
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 14

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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	B	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	B	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	B	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	B	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	B	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	C	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	D	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
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LEGEND

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You speak, and others listen – though they might not get the gist of a situation. You have the ability to sort out any confusion and get to the bottom of any problem. Investigate a friend's "strong" suggestion. Tonight: Visit with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Expenses take you in a new direction. Your intuition comes out with a friend, though he or she might be hard to convince. Work with each other on a one-on-one level. Dig to the bottom of a situation. You want answers. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ New beginnings take you in a new direction. Listen to ideas, though you might feel overwhelmed by what is going on. You don't represent who you are as well as you could. Think in terms of gains and growth. Tonight: Good luck knocks on your door.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to back down, and you will be a lot happier. You'll gather more information and better PR by saying little. A partner could be particularly stormy. Listen, and you will see the logic in his or her thinking. Tonight: Use your insights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to make choices that work better for you than they have in the past. Friends and loved ones surround you. You might not be able to say what you really think. You are optimistic and positive. Tonight: Friends prove to be fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take in another view and understand what is going on. Listen to news that filters in, but know that you don't have all the facts. Investigate new beginnings with an eye to increasing your immediate circle. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might want to rethink an important relationship. You don't have all the facts. Creative inquiries take you to a new level. You get answers that allow you to move forward. Tonight: Sprinkle more empathy into a relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly. What you hear and the choices you make could be quite different. Relax with others knowing that you will get answers. All you need to do is expose yourself to new ideas. Think positively. Tonight: Work as a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Listen to someone more carefully. Your high energy and sense of what is workable come out. Confusion surrounds relationships. New beginnings come from your attitude and positive thinking. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Others want and expect a lot. Your high energy helps others see life from a new perspective. Your instincts kick in with someone you look up to or need to respect. Sort through confusion with an eye to better communication. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You know what works. Still, if you push your ideas down others' throats, you will have a big backfire. Confusion surrounds a money matter. You might not have all the facts. Be a role model. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might have a manner that draws many. Anchor in and make strong choices. How you communicate what you need could determine whether others choose to be responsive. Go for the basics knowing when enough is enough. Tonight: Happy at home.

Born Today
Actress Joan Crawford (1905)
rocket scientist Wernher Von Braun (1912)
singer Chaka Khan (1953)



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‘Party mom’ Lindsay Lohan’s mother denies that she parties all of the time

DINA LOHAN says her daughter Lindsay isn’t an alcoholic and that people are wrong to assume that she’s a club-hopping “party mom.”

“Oh, the party mom, the party mom, the party mom!” Lohan says. “Whoever said that, my ex-husband or whatever, I’m not the party mom!”

“Listen to me: Lindsay would drag

me, literally drag my loser butt (to a club) and say, ‘I need you to know who these people are,’” Lohan, 44, says in an interview in the April issue of Harper’s Bazaar, on newsstands Tuesday. “Yeah, she trusts my judgment. She’s in such a whirlwind; she’s in a tornado. I mean, we’re talking serious earthquake, you know?”

The 20-year-old actress/tabloid target checked into the Wonderland Center in Los Angeles in January. Her publicist, Leslie Sloane, declined comment to The Associated Press on Thursday when asked for details. Sloane had confirmed in December that Lohan was attending Alcoholics Anonymous

meetings.

Lohan says her daughter isn’t an alcoholic. “Noooo! She is just a 20-year-old who had to reel it in. And she’s from an addictive personality genetically,” she tells the magazine.

“Lindsay had to fall and get up,” she says. “I knew it was coming. I told her, but finally she was like, ‘Mommy, I had to do it myself.’”

Lohan also talks about another member of the young Hollywood set, 25-year-old pop star Britney Spears, who embarked on a bout of bizarre behavior after filing for divorce from Kevin Federline in November. Spears recently completed a stint in rehab.

“Cut her some slack,” Lohan says.

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Britney finally gets some privacy through victory

Lawyers for **BRITNEY SPEARS** won a British court injunction Thursday designed to prevent publication of stories about her recent stay in rehab.

The injunction bars unidentified “person or persons ... who has/have been leaking information about Ms. Spears’ time in a rehabilitation clinic from further disclosures invading her privacy,” said Schillings, the 25-year-old pop star’s London law firm.

The injunction was issued at the High Court by Judge Charles Gray.

Spears left Promises Malibu Alcohol and Drug Rehab Treatment Facility

in California “after successfully completing their program,” her manager, Larry Rudolph, said this week. He asked that Spears’ privacy be respected.

She entered the facility Feb. 22 after a bout of bizarre behavior that included shaving her head, getting tiny lips tattooed on her wrist and beating a car with an umbrella.

Schillings said Spears planned to ask the court to force media outlets that had printed stories about her time in rehab to reveal their sources so that the source of the leak could be

identified “and action can be taken against him/her.”

Spears’ activities have been fodder for weekly magazines and entertainment Web sites since she filed for divorce from aspiring rapper Kevin Federline in November, citing irreconcilable differences.

She hasn’t disclosed why she sought treatment at Promises, which offers detox, counseling and 12-step programs. A 30-day stay at the Mediterranean-style villa in the Santa Monica Mountains costs \$48,000.

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Tennessee lawmakers aren’t Timberlake fans

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE won’t be bringing sexy back to the Tennessee Legislature.

State Sen. Ophelia Ford had introduced the resolution to honor Timberlake, a Tennessee native, “for his highly successful music career and for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.”

But Sen. Raymond Finney, R-Maryville, removed it from a list of resolutions that is expect-

ed to get unanimous support in the Senate.

“It’s not something I want my name on,” Finney said.

Republican senators took issue with calling attention to Timberlake’s latest album, “FutureSex/LoveSounds” and to song titles like “SexyBack” and “Rock Your Body.”

Timberlake was also involved in singer Janet Jackson’s infamous “wardrobe malfunction”

during the 2004 Super Bowl halftime show.

The four-time Grammy winner is from Millington, a town near Memphis. A call to his publicist was not immediately returned Wednesday. He was scheduled to play a concert.

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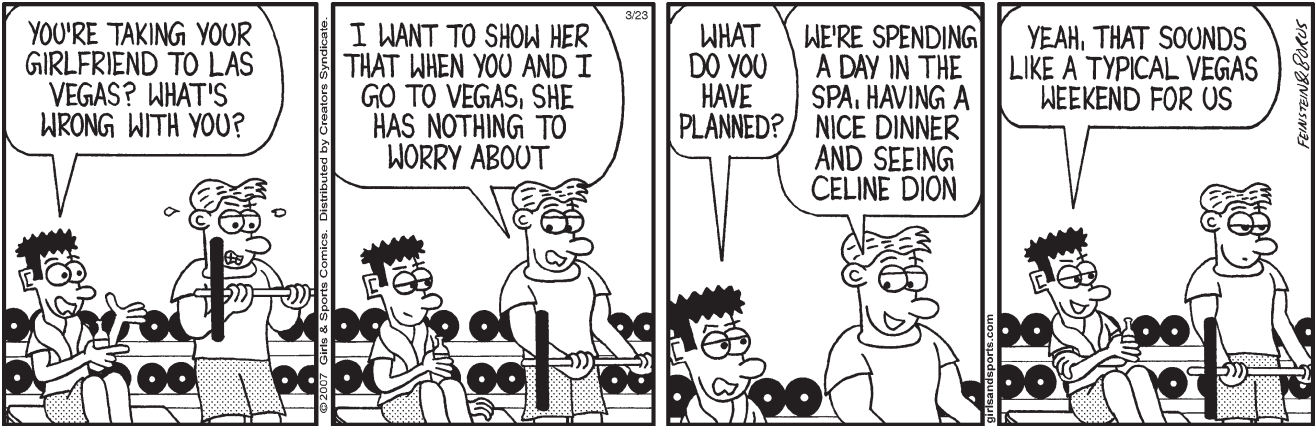
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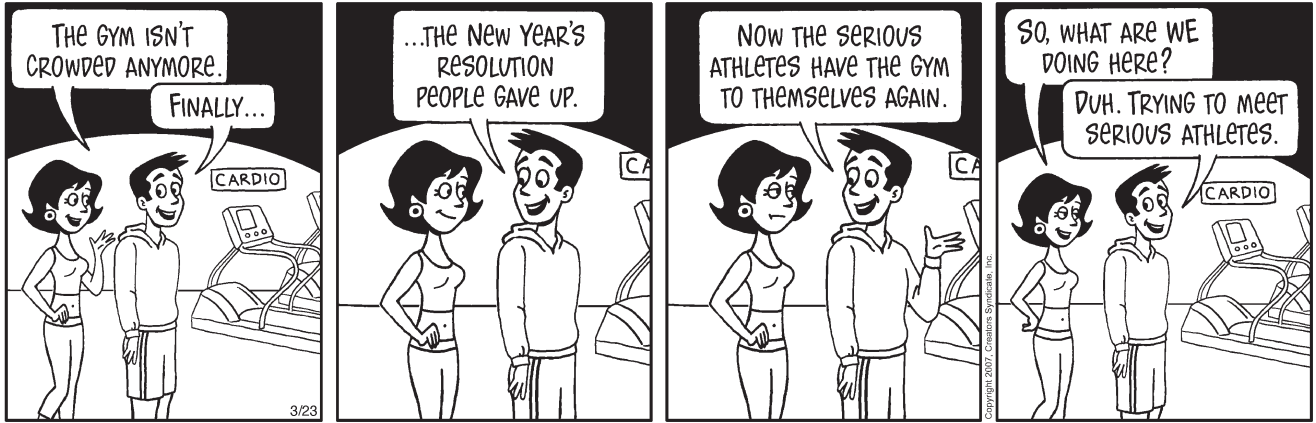
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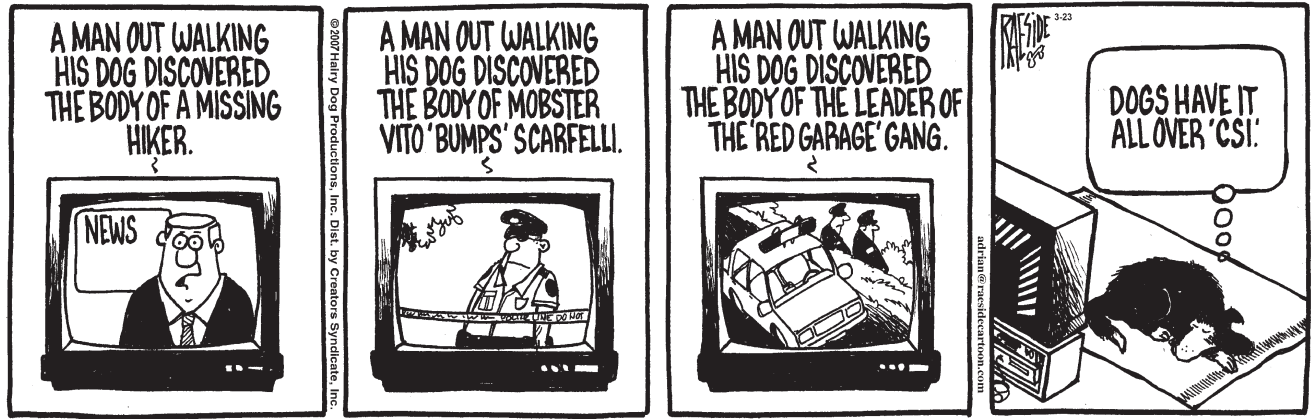
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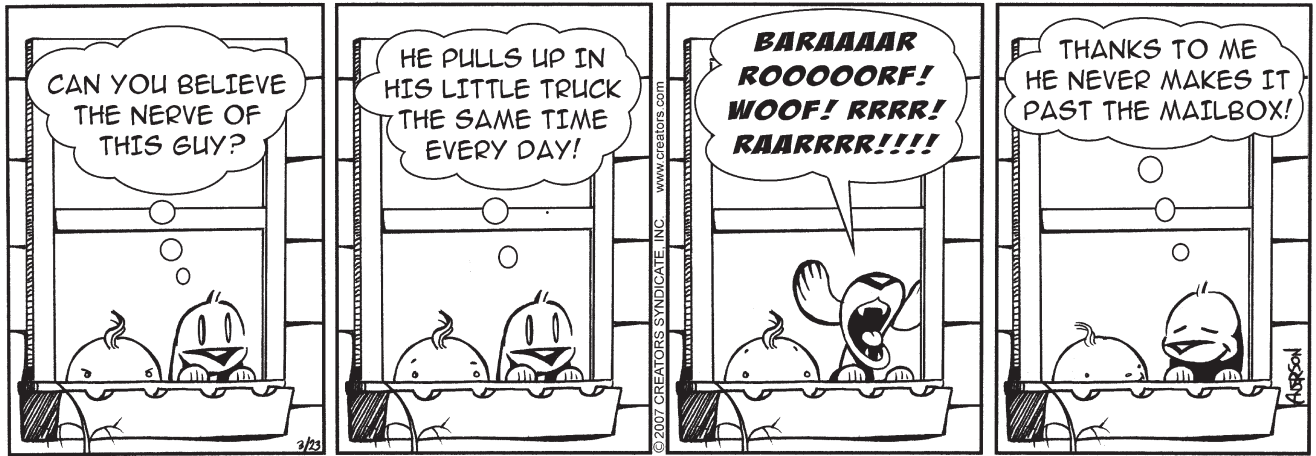
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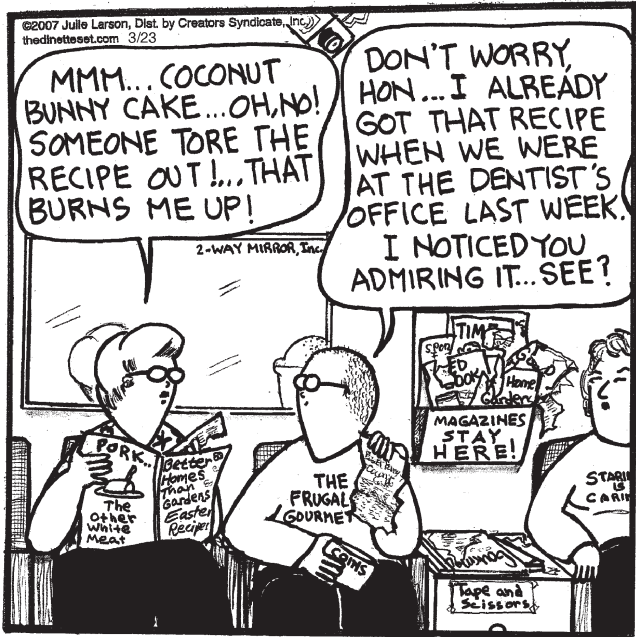
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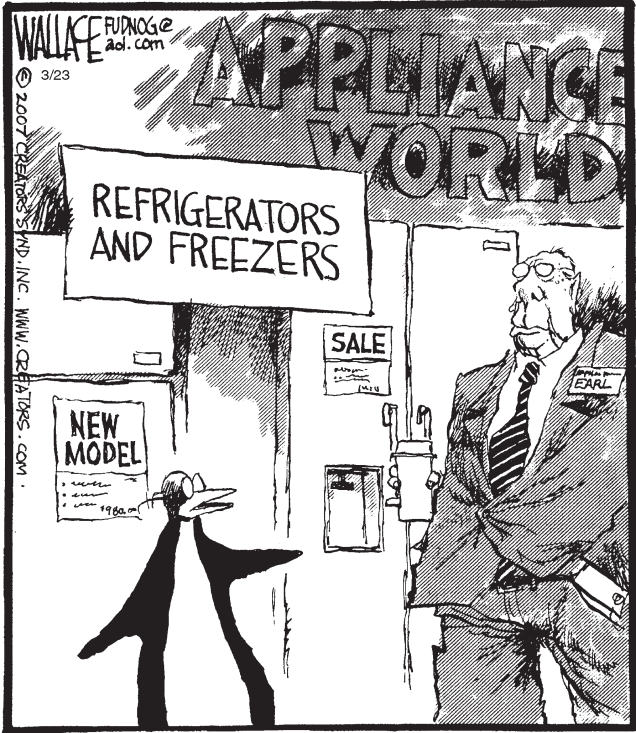
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Steven McCuller, 20, was arrested twice in a two-week period for burglary in Pascagoula, Miss., but it was the earlier January arrest that was the more controversial. George Stevenson, 33, a security guard on duty at the Eastwood Townhomes complex, saw McCuller on the grounds late at night and chased him until the pursuit took both men to the nearby Arlington Elementary School, where Stevenson apprehended McCuller and waited for police to arrive. McCuller was charged in that matter, but Stevenson, also, was arrested and charged both with trespassing at a school and carrying a weapon (his service gun) on school grounds (even though, obviously, no students were present).

■ Robert Moore, 37, was arrested in Floral City, Fla., in January, and according to police, he conceded that he had lost his temper and tried to kill his wife after he found out that she had obtained an abortion without informing him. (The charge thus reflects a basic internal battle within the accused over precisely how sacred life is.)

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1775 American Revolutionary War: Patrick Henry delivers his famous speech "give me liberty or give me death" at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.

1806 After traveling through the Louisiana Purchase and reaching the Pacific Ocean, explorers Lewis and Clark and their "Corps of Discovery" begin their arduous journey home.

1839 First recorded use of "OK" as an abbreviation for "oll korrekt" in the Boston Morning Post.

1857 Elisha Otis's first elevator is installed at 488 Broadway, New York City.

1868 The University of California is founded in Oakland, California when the Organic Act is signed into law.

1889 The free Woolwich Ferry officially opens in east London.

1896 The Raines Law is passed by the New York State Legislature, restricting Sunday sale of alcohol to hotels.

1903 The Wright Brothers apply for a patent on their invention of one of the first successful airplanes after much hard work.

1919 In Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini founds his Fascist political movement.

1933 The Reichstag passes the Enabling act of 1933, making Adolf Hitler dictator of Germany.

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(UCC Sec. 6105)

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Doing business as: CAFE L'ETOILE D'OR
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: VINCENT CARNEAU AND GREGOIRE CHARILLON, 1313 CABRILLO AVE, VENICE, CA 90291

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The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: STEWART TITLE, ESCROW DIVISION, 525 N. BRAND BLVD, GLENDALE, CA 91203 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 11, 2007
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: STEWART TITLE, ESCROW DIVISION, 525 N. BRAND BLVD, GLENDALE, CA 91203 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be APRIL 10, 2007, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
Dated: MARCH 7, 2007
VINCENT CARNEAU, GREGOIRE CHARILLON, Buyer(s)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACK E. KUNKLE

Case No. BP103370

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JACK E. KUNKLE

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that James M. Kunkle be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 17, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA

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

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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TSG No.: 3179237 TS No.: 20069134007259
FHANA/PMI No.: 64168527 Notice Of Trustee's Sale

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