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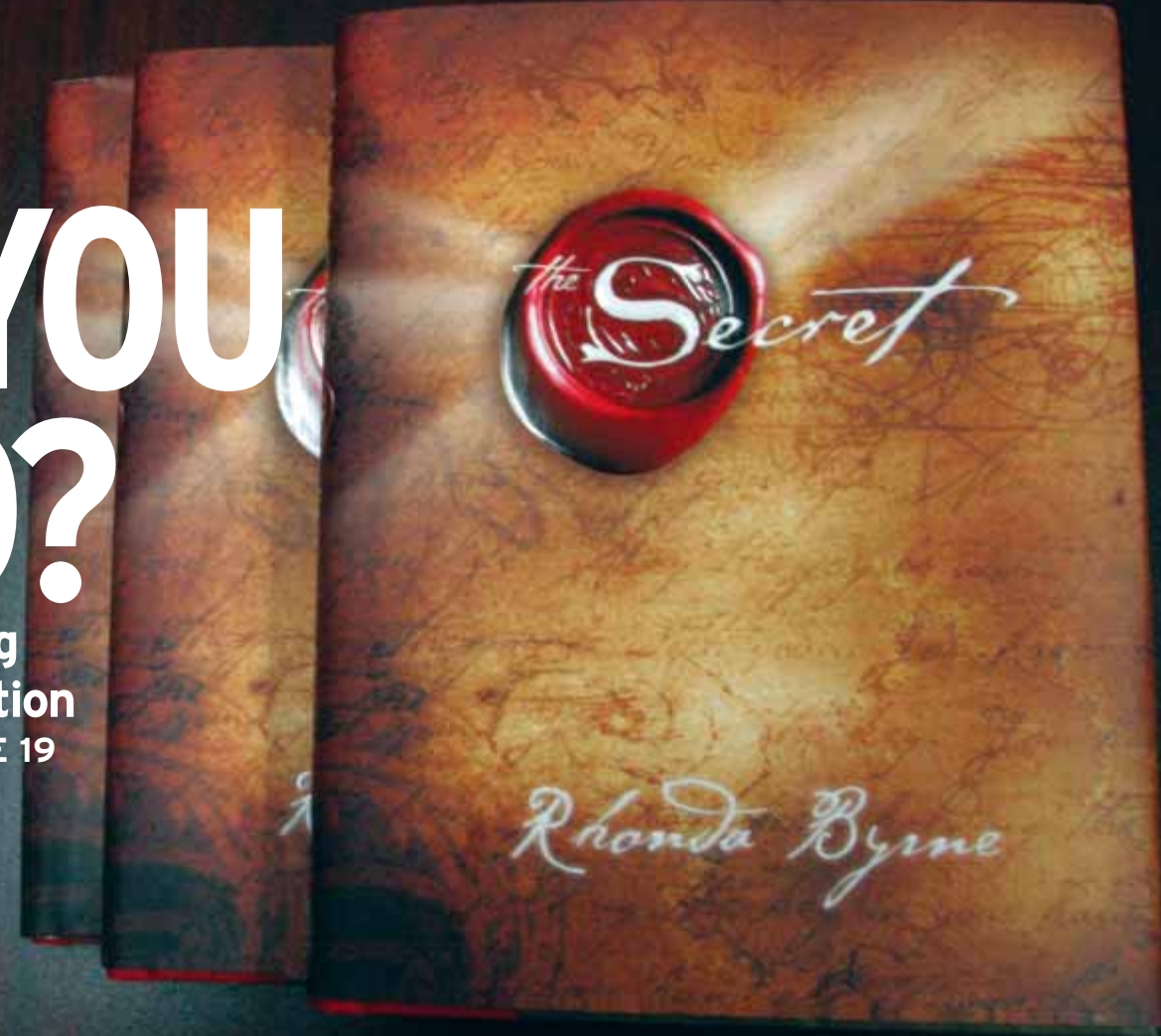
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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

Get a tick trying to find Route 66

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

END OF THE ROAD Santa Monica Pier or the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue? Just where does historic Route 66 end?
Neither, according to David Knudson, executive director of the National Historic Route 66 Federation.
Contrary to what many believe, the cross country route that has meandered its way into American folklore ends inauspiciously at the intersection of Olympic and Lincoln boulevards, where there is nary a marker or signpost to designate the end of the fabled route.
Designated as a highway on Nov. 11, 1926, the historic Route 66 starts in Chicago and spans eight states — Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.
A 2003 book called “Finding the End of the Mother Road,” written by Scott R. Piotrowski, also states that “Here, at the intersection of Lincoln and Olympic boulevards, Route 66 came to an abrupt end, leaving the Route 66 traveler just a few blocks short of that big body of water.”
There are actually two endings for Route 66 — one emotional and one technical, according to Knudson. The “emotional” end of the route is at Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, where the Will Rogers plaque was placed to coincide with the release of the 1952 feature film, “The Story of Will Rogers.”
The famous humorist was a Santa Monica resident.



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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



'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 with Waldorf education. Moderated by Waldorf's Academic Director, Gita Labrentz. For more information, call (310) 454-7064 or visit www.wswaldorf.org.

'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.

Sunday, March 25, 2007

Sunday Concert Series at the pier

Santa Monica Pier, 2 p.m.

The Rhythm Kings, a jazz and blues band, will perform. A free concert will be held — weather permitting — on the pier parking deck in the Central Plaza. Limited parking is available on the pier and in beach lots. For more information, call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicipier.org.

Laughter Yoga Class

717 Broadway, 5 p.m. — 6 p.m.

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

'Alice and the Wonderful Tea Party'

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For tickets and information on this Rudie-DeCarlo Family Theatre Musical, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Debbie Merrill's Inline Skate Group Class

2400 Ocean Front Walk, 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Beginner and advanced beginner class. Walk-ins welcome.

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



CORRECTION

In the recent article "Inventive brothers shake it up," (March 22, page 3) the suggested retail price of a product called the Safe-T-Valve should have been listed as \$174 for a 1-inch valve — the most common size for a single-family home.

In addition, Fabian Padilla worked in a number of capacities for the Gas Company, but never as claims supervisor. His brother Miguel Padilla served as chairman for the company.

SM activists file lawsuit for whales

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

SM COURTHOUSE The California Coastal Commission sued the Navy on Thursday over its decision to proceed with offshore sonar training exercises without precautions that the state regulators contend are necessary to protect whales and other marine life.

The lawsuit by the powerful agency is the first state action against the Navy over the issue of sonar training, which has been linked to the stranding deaths of whales and dolphins worldwide.

In a separate lawsuit filed Thursday in federal court, a coalition of environmental groups led by the Santa Monica-based Natural Resources Defense Council faulted the Navy for failing to prepare an environmental impact statement on the planned drills. It's the fifth time the NRDC has sued the Navy over the sonar issue.

The point of the lawsuits is not to choose between enforcing environmental law and protecting national security, said attorney Joel Reynolds, director of the marine mammals program at NRDC.

"This case is about reducing avoidable harm to our environment," Reynolds said. "Whales and other marine species should not have to die for practice."

On Wednesday, the Navy refused to turn over sonar data to a federal court in a case involving potential harm to whales, saying the information could jeopardize national security.

The Navy had previously said many factors can cause marine animals to beach including pollution and starvation.

The commission earlier this year allowed the Navy to conduct the military exercises over a two-year period only if it took safeguards to protect marine mammals and sea turtles.

Among the restrictions imposed by the commission were avoiding coastal waters with a large whale and dolphin population and lowering sonar levels during periods of low visibility.

The Navy, in turn, sent a letter to the commission, saying it couldn't agree with the restrictions and will go ahead with the maritime exercises, according to the lawsuit.

Girls gone mild

At SMC, spring break won't include wild times out

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE While young coeds at local four-year universities like UCLA and USC might be baring it all this spring break, flashing their goodies to strangers in Cancun and drinking cheap beer, the majority of students at this junior college will be letting loose in a different way.

Whether it's a matter of money, free time

or age, the students at Santa Monica College tend to spend their spring break picking up extra shifts at their part-time jobs or simply relaxing with a modest jaunt to Vegas or another nearby city.

"Santa Monica College has a student population that is considerably different than a lot of four-year universities," said SMC Public Information Officer Bruce Smith. "A lot of our students are lower income and they're working part-time, so

spring break is a break from school, not necessarily an excuse to travel to get crazy."

The students at SMC will be celebrating their time off from April 9-13.

At STA Travel in Westwood, a discounted travel agency geared towards college students, the majority of spring break fares have been sold to UCLA and Loyola Marymount students who are headed to Cancun, Miami

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READY TO MAKE THE SCENE

Amanda Keidan feeds her dog Remington a treat Thursday during "Yappy Hour" at Tails of Santa Monica on Main Street, where dogs and their owners gather to eat, relax and mingle. No doggy bar-room brawls were reported.

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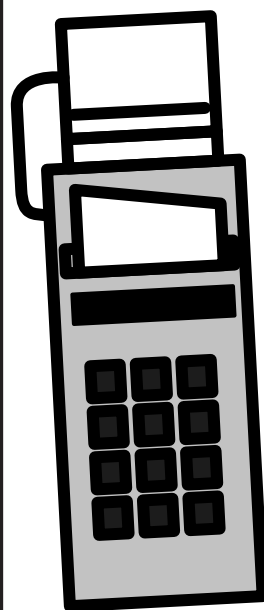


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Stairway’ to public’s ears

Editor:

My personal thank you and congratulations go to the parents of the talented students who performed this week at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District’s “Stairway of the Stars” concert.

Anyone who heard the astonishing level of student performances knows congratulations are in order. I say also “thank you” because family support at home contributes so greatly to the experience we shared at our historic Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Fully 47 percent of our district students – up from 28 percent just a year ago – now participate in SMMUSD music programs taught by certificated music teachers.

The recently released “Creative Capital” report documented how important the arts are to Santa Monica, and the “Stairway” concert demonstrated the great value our community receives from its willing support of excellent public schools.

Kevin McKeown

Santa Monica City Council

Killing the Rent Control beast

Editor:

Santa Monica’s rent control is officially more un-American than even China, which recently decided to uphold private property rights.

The divisive and essentially valueless Rent Control Board should follow communist China’s lead and vote itself out of existence. Immediately, almost all city renters would receive a \$160-a-year windfall and relations with landlords would improve. There is nothing the board does that cannot be handled by common sense, lease agreements or, if need be, small claims court, as in virtually every other city in the nation.

When it comes to city sustainability, economic vitality and cultural diversity, the Ellis Act and vacancy rent de-control are the best things that have happened to Santa Monica since rent control was foolishly adopted more than a generation ago. I don’t blame voters. Voters elected George W. Bush, at least once, and look at what he’s done.

Rent control is a grossly inefficient way for government to redistribute wealth – that is a fact beyond dispute. Despite increasingly desperate rhetoric spewed by the SMRR faithful, Santa Monica rent control was never about social justice or economic diversity. It’s about luck, pure and simple. If you happened to be renting here before vacancy de-control in the late 1990s, you are pocketing a monthly cash windfall, whether you’re a rich doctor, elderly on fixed income or a long-term incumbent city councilman.

And you know what? Right on. More power to you. Stay as long as you can – though we certainly need new faces and ideas on the City Council. Because that lucky windfall will continue with or without an elected rent control board and its sidekick – the bloated, over-priced rent control staff that recommends annual rent “adjustments” that, amazingly, give the lowest percentage increases to those in the most expensive apartments.

Clearly, we don’t need the rent control apparatus. It doesn’t help the renters. It doesn’t seem to help anyone, except itself. Will the city wise up and follow communist China’s lead? Hell no. And few things have been, and will be, uglier to watch in civic affairs than proponents of this dying beast, bitching and moaning with scare-tactic speeches, self-justifying reports and alarmist surveys as the clock ticks toward its inevitable, overdue grave.

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Selective amnesia only when it counts

SOMETIMES I FORGET WHERE I PUT MY glasses. Sometimes I forget to phone someone I said I’d call. But if I had leaked the identity of a CIA agent or if I had decided to fire some United States attorneys because their politics were different from mine, I wouldn’t forget about those things. And I don’t think most people would, either.

So when public figures keep claiming selective amnesia, we tend not to believe them. This is a serious situation. I’m not just talking about truth becoming more and more rare. I also feel these “forgetful” people are messing things up for the rest of us. If we’re going to give less and less credibility to politicians who say “I forgot,” pretty soon people will stop believing those of us who sometimes really forget things. It’s not fair that a few rotten apples are giving forgetfulness a bad name.

In the Scooter Libby case, Libby’s defense team wanted to have a “memory expert” testify in front of the jury. They asserted that she would demonstrate that Libby’s flip-flopping on the facts was not a result of his lying, but was because of a faulty memory. However, when the expert, Elizabeth F. Loftus, testified in a pre-trial hearing, she admitted that her studies were not scientific. And at one point, referring to her own writings, she said, “I don’t know how I let that line slip by.”

I guess the memory expert forgot to proofread her work.

The judge ruled that the jurors were capable of distinguishing between lying and forgetfulness without hearing from a memory expert. Obviously, because of their eventual verdict, the jury thought the claims of faulty memory were bunk.

In the recent firing of the eight United States attorneys, the “I don’t remember” monster raised its ugly head again. According to White House Press Secretary Tony Snow, “At this juncture, people have hazy memories.” This is from the guy who’s supposed to spin things to make his bosses look as good as possible, and the best he could come up with was “hazy memories?”

Snow went on to say, “We know that Karl (Rove) recollects Harriet (Miers) having raised it (firing U.S. Attorneys), and his recollection is that he dismissed it as not a good idea.” Snow added that as far as ordering the firings himself, President Bush “certainly has no recollection” of doing so.

Notice he didn’t say that anybody denies anything. They just don’t remember. I’m not saying I know that these people did something wrong. But I know that with all these claims of

cloudy memories, they are definitely losing credibility about what they did and why.

And there is another “red flag” about their claims. It’s the word “recollect.” When I hear that word, I get suspicious. Who uses “recollect” today besides people who have just talked to their lawyers? We don’t hear things like, “You’ll have to drive today. I didn’t recollect to bring my car keys.”

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Like I said before, politicians overusing the “I can’t remember” excuse are blowing it for the rest of us. Pretty soon, if we say things like, “I completely forgot that we were having an 8 o’clock meeting this morning,” what boss is going to believe that? Now if we say, “Sorry, I forgot to pick up the milk on my way home,” we may get a rolling of the eyes from our spouse. But soon, we’ll be called a liar for making a claim like that. And I wouldn’t advise anyone to say something like, “I forgot that tonight was supposed to be a special night just for the two of us.”

Let me make it clear that I don’t think claiming bad memory is strictly a Republican maneuver. If the Democrats had been in power for the last several years and been involved in some shady things, they probably would be using the “I can’t remember” excuse today. At least I think they would. It’s been so long since they were running the country that I really can’t recollect what they were like.

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STRAY talk

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

“The meeting was pleasant and interesting.”

— Aide for Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres on the latter's meeting with Leonardo DiCaprio in Israel. Peres asked DiCaprio to help promote peace and global environmental protection in the Middle East

“When a newspaper comes out that says ‘Duff Puff — she must have gained 15 pounds’ or something like that, how would any normal person react?”

— Hilary Duff, pop singer and actress, on media pressure to lose weight

“Sooner or later, people are just going to stop shopping here. There are other stores around that have similar things.”

— Lloyd Silverberg, Trader Joe's customer, on the lack of parking and ensuing complications at the Pico location

“I'd sew the hems of his pants if he asked me to.”

— Actress Scarlett Johansson on director Woody Allen

“I told my husband that the whole time we were talking, she was probably filing her fingernails and not even listening to me. She was paid to answer to an angry customer.”

— Shannan Clark, of Jacksonville, Fla., who purchased a 40-inch LCD television from TVAuthority.com — an e-commerce site based in Santa Monica — and has yet to receive her television, despite repeated attempts to communicate with the company

“She is just a 20-year-old who had to reel it in.”

— Dina Lohan, mother of actress Lindsay Lohan, on her underage daughter's recent stay in rehab

“We are, in fact, one, even though sometimes our ways of going about it are different.”

— Rev. William Wood of First Presbyterian Church on the idea behind Unity Day services, where Christians of different denominations join for prayer

“Nothing frightens me, not even little fellows like Bush and Blair.”

— Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe regarding threats of economic sanctions by the U.S. and Britain unless Mugabe steps down. International criticism of Mugabe has increased recently due to violent police suppression of peaceful protests by his opposition.

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The Q-Line

EVERYBODY HAS A SOLUTION TO FIX PARKING WOES

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?

Here are your responses:

"I WOULD LIKE IT IF OUR CITY OFFICIALS would mandate some money from Santa Monica and pay the homeless the minimum wage and have them stand in parking spaces and only people with more than one person can have a parking space on residential streets. Otherwise they must park in parking structures now that we have some big ones built in Santa Monica. I think it would cure job issues as well as get people working and feeling good about themselves. Oh, and save our environment."

"A GOOD PLACE TO START IN SOLVING the parking problem is to take away all the free parking passes given out to elected officials and department heads. Once they have to start doing what everybody else does they would be able to come up with a solution. I also take issue with why you call city officials "trusted." If it's a joke, eh, it's pretty funny. But if not, it was certainly the wrong word to use."

"HERE IS A VERY GOOD REASON WHY people shouldn't be on the City Council for 20 years. Back 35 years ago there were 1,600 parking meters now there are 7,000. Why? Because of a misguided response to obscene over development? All condos should have four parking space for every unit. The two hospitals should provide parking for employees. I see them parking north of Wilshire all the time. Hotels need to have on-site parking for guests and employees instead of renting city parking structures. Your paper said you can make \$25,000 a year per-space. Very difficult for City Hall to give up that money. That's why the bed tax passed. It was pay back. Instead of paying \$35 million for the Sears Auto Center that nobody wants but Pam O'Connor, use that money for small, one-story parking lots along all major boulevards. And all unrestricted spaces should be free to Santa Monica residents."

"I DON'T KNOW IF ANYTHING CAN BE done to remedy the horrendous parking problem we have in this city. The geniuses on the City Council have allowed so much over building in the last few years and it is now catching up to us. Instead of all the potential slum buildings they have been in a rush to put up, put up more parking structures."

"AS FAR AS THE PARKING IN SANTA Monica goes, it sure is a mess. I walk around the city a lot and especially the residential streets and I see a lot of vagrants living in their cars, their trucks, in their vans, and in their motor homes taking up lots of parking that should be available to the citizens. The police should look into that problem."

"FIRST, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE is not a shortage of parking spaces in Santa Monica. Each day, Santa Monica plays host to and parks thousands of motor vehicles. The only problem that Santa Monica has regarding parking is the over abundance of motorists wishing to visit Santa Monica and those motorists wanting a front-door parking space. These motorists do not understand that walking is a marvelous form of exercise. Even though I wish the best for local business people, it should be noted that there are other business areas a consumer can spend money at and make their purchases and find ample parking. Also, for those desperate to park, there is always beach and pier parking. It is a little bit pricey and one would have to have the energy to walk up the go-around pier access way. Once there they would be in one of the main areas of activity in the city."

"SINCE SANTA MONICA LIKES TO ORDER landlords about anyway, they should force

each landlord to provide at least one parking space per unit. If people want to fill their units with junk then that is their problem. As for parking permits, they should just limit it to one per-household and if they want more they could just charge them double the price of the first one and triple the price for the third one. If they can afford all these cars they can afford to pay for more parking permits. Instead of paying the same price for all three, they should have to pay more."

"YOU MUST BE JOKING WHEN YOU make a statement like, "What would you like to see done by our trusted city officials." God, I wouldn't trust them as far as I can throw them. I mean they are such liars and thieves. The parking has always been terrible in the city. A lot of the buildings were built in the 50s and 60s and most people didn't have as many cars as they do now. The city's politicians won't do anything unless they are getting money under the counter. Come up with a better question next week instead of these penny-ante things you print all of the time."

"I KNOW THE PARKING CONDITION IN Santa Monica is disgraceful, but then again the City Council doesn't do anything. They haven't done anything about parking or the homeless for a number of years because they get paid from these special interests firms. These people on the City Council are no good. They yell and scream at the landlords and they live in rent-controlled apartments. They need term limits in this city. These people on the City Council are really trashy people. Oh, that Pam O'Connor and that terrible mayor! There are people running this city that should have been thrown in the garbage can years ago."

"PARKING IN SANTA MONICA IS A disgrace. I live just a little bit north of Wilshire on Seventh Street and I pay \$1,300 a month for my apartment plus everything else and there is no place to park. I spend a half hour every night trying to park. The City Council doesn't do anything to help the residents out. They are just a bunch of scavengers. They have always been. I wouldn't vote any of them in. In fact, I have never voted any of them in. Why don't they do a walk-about and have a look at the city. All this preaching that they do this and they do that. They don't do a thing. They are just wrapped up in special interests. I think the best thing to do is to have them all audited. They all live in rent control apartments and are sponging off the rest of the land like nearly everybody is nowadays."

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Murrietta
Former OC deputy gets prison for child porn

A former Orange County sheriff's deputy who had 1 million images and videos of child porn in his home computer was sentenced to 42 months in federal prison and ordered to register as a sex offender.

Patrick Francis Calcagno, 49, of Murrietta was sentenced Thursday by a U.S. District Court judge who also ordered a \$10,000 fine and placed him on five years' probation. Calcagno pleaded guilty in July to one count of possession of child pornography.

Federal investigators found the images on Calcagno's computer and compact disks after they served a search warrant as his home in May 2004. Calcagno was indicted in March 2006.

Calcagno was snared during a federal investigation targeting an Internet billing firm in the former Soviet republic of Belarus that allegedly provided credit card billing services for 50 child pornography Web sites and operated its own child-porn Web sites.

Calcagno left the Orange County Sheriff's Department in March.

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NORCO
City trying to avoid \$10,000-a-day pollution fines

The city is trying to avoid \$10,000-a-day in fines threatened by water officials for polluted storm drain runoff that harms aquatic life downstream.

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board alleged the city was responsible for unregulated and unmanaged animal manure, waste from industrial and construction sites and the erosion of horse trails and hillsides.

Fines up to \$10,000 a day could be imposed for violations.

The water board had set a March 21 deadline for Norco's response to the agency's critical 22-page report and draft a schedule and program to eliminate problems.

The city's storm water program to reduce pollution that ends up in the Santa Ana River was last renewed with the water board in 2002.

City Manager Jeff Allred said Norco has been working on problem areas, including use of non-eroding trail materials and creation of a committee to study manure management. The group's first meeting was last week.

The water board gave Norco the March 21 deadline to respond to the report and draft a schedule and program that will bring the city back into the agency's good graces.

While acknowledging there is a need for improvement, Allred's 14-page response Tuesday said the board overlooked some city efforts.

"We made it clear what we are doing, and we're doing quite a lot in those areas," Allred said.

The city has to develop a tracking system to inspect businesses to ensure there is no pollution of storm water runoff and create a site-specific Urban Runoff Management Plan, the city said in its response.

Norco officials plan to study the difference in levels of debris in areas without curbs versus those that have them, and curbs are being installed in older areas of town.

Allred said the city still plans to strengthen its codes and develop policies and procedures to meet the various requirements.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Judge turns down innocent man's bid for transcripts

A judge ruled a man wrongfully convicted of murder decades ago cannot see transcripts of a county grand jury that investigated a jailhouse informant partly responsible for his conviction.

Thomas Goldstein served 24 years in prison before he was ordered released in 2004 by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. His conviction was secured in part through testimony of a cellmate/informant.

Cellmate Edward Floyd Fink later described on television how easy it was to make up evidence the prosecution wants on another defendant in order to cut deals.

Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza said Thursday that the law does not allow the secrecy of grand jury testimony to be breached except for habeas corpus proceedings or motions to vacate a judgment involving death sentences or life imprisonment.

A federal suit was filed by Goldstein against the county, the city of Long Beach, former District Attorney John Van de Kamp and former Chief Deputy District Attorney Curt Livesay.

Goldstein attorney Ronald O. Kaye said he believes the grand jury transcripts will prove misuse of jailhouse informants was part of a pattern and practice condoned under Van de Kamp and Livesay.

"I'm very disappointed with this ruling," Kaye said. "People who are wrongly convicted deserve to have access to the truth about what happened."

Goldstein was arrested for the Nov. 3, 1979, shotgun killing of John McGinest in Long Beach. Goldstein lived nearby in a rented garage but there was no physical evidence to link him to the killing and the weapon was never found.

Fink, a heroin user with a criminal record, testified that Goldstein told him in a jail cell confession that he shot McGinest because he owed Goldstein money. Fink testified during the preliminary hearing that he had not received any benefit in return for his testimony.

AP

BARSTOW
Jury acquits ex-teacher of molesting 10 kids

Jurors acquitted former school teacher James McKinley of all 22 counts alleging he molested 10 fourth-graders.

The Superior Court jury deliberated just 90 minutes before returning not guilty verdicts Thursday to 12 felony counts alleging lewd acts upon a child under age 14 and 10 misdemeanor counts alleging child annoyance.

Prosecutors said the alleged incidents from 2003 to 2006 included reports of inappropriate touching of girls in McKinley's classroom, on the Cameron School campus and during a field trip to Santa Catalina Island.

Superior Court Judge John Gibson dismissed the six-man, six-woman panel and the jury left without commenting to reporters.

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Progressives boost Pelosi's withdrawal bill

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON California's most liberal House members said Thursday they were giving Speaker Nancy Pelosi a bloc of votes to pass an Iraq troop withdrawal bill, even though many consider the legislation too weak.

Members of the Progressive Caucus and the Out of Iraq Caucus — among them several of Pelosi's fellow Northern California liberals including Barbara Lee of Oakland and Lynn Woolsey of Petaluma — decided they didn't want to risk the bill failing when it comes to a vote Friday.

Such an outcome would be viewed as a major failure of Pelosi's leadership. The vote is expected to be close and Pelosi, D-San Francisco, could not afford to lose all the liberals.

So the progressives announced that they were encouraging 10 previously uncommitted lawmakers in their group to vote "yes" on the bill.

Several would likely have done so on their own anyway, so it was unclear how decisive the move was. However, the deal would allow some of the most visible anti-war members including Lee, Woolsey and Rep. Maxine Waters of Los

Angeles to vote "no" without risking sinking the bill.

"I have struggled with this decision, but I finally decided that, while I cannot betray my conscience, I cannot stand in the way of passing a measure that puts a concrete end date on this unnecessary war," said Lee.

The move comes on a \$124 billion spending bill being debated on the House floor Thursday that would require that combat troops leave Iraq by Sept. 1, 2008, and possibly sooner if the Iraqi government does not make progress on its political and security commitments. A vote was

expected Friday morning. President Bush has said he'll veto the bill.

Progressives wanted an earlier deadline and did not want to provide any funding for the war to continue, but House leaders wouldn't let them bring that plan to a vote as an amendment.

The deal might appear to let the liberals have it both ways. Waters said she didn't see it that way.

"For those people who were opposed to the bill and it was a matter of conscience they will stay opposed and they will vote no and that's exactly what is happening," she said.

Strip club owner gets 15 months in San Diego bribery case

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO A former strip club owner who testified he was willing to do "whatever it took" to get the City Council to overturn a "no-touch" ordinance was sentenced Thursday to 15 months in federal prison for channeling tens of thousands of dollars to local politicians.

Michael Galardi, a Las Vegas adult entertainment entrepreneur who also owned a club in San Diego, returned to federal court here nearly two years after taking the stand as the government's key witness in a corruption investigation dubbed "Operation G-Sting."

Reading from a sheaf of loose yellow note pages, Galardi apologized for his role in the

plot, which led to the conviction of two local politicians on bribery charges.

"I apologize for the shame and embarrassment I have caused this great city," Galardi told U.S. District Judge Jeffrey T. Miller.

Miller, saying that as the "kingpin" of the scheme Galardi was more culpable than some of his associates, added three extra months to the 12-month sentence recommended by government prosecutors. He chastised Galardi, telling him the scheme was "not only an assault on the integrity of government but also unfortunately fuels the cynics who see only the worst in government."

Outside the courthouse, Galardi again repeated his regrets to the people of San Diego for bringing "bad national press" to the city, but said he thought at the time

bribery was "just part of business."

"I grew up in Vegas and that is just part of how you do business," Galardi said. "I think people feel the same way everywhere about politicians — people think they're all corrupt, and I agree with them."

Galardi, 45, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in September 2003. He also pleaded guilty in Las Vegas to one count of racketeering stemming from a parallel probe that ensnared four former Clark County, Nev., officials.

Galardi was sentenced last week in Las Vegas to 2 1/2 years in federal prison in that case. He will be permitted to serve his San Diego sentence concurrently.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Ciaffa commended him to the judge for giving prosecutors an "immediate and unconditional" offer to cooperate in the case "right

off the bat" once warrants were served and before charges were filed.

In San Diego, Galardi testified he gave \$34,500 in cash and contributions to City Council members Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet seeking to repeal a 2000 ordinance preventing strip club patrons from touching dancers. Both were convicted in 2005, although Zucchet's conviction was later overturned by the judge who oversaw the jury trial.

Inzunza was sentenced to nearly two years in prison. Prosecutors have said they plan to appeal the judge's decision regarding Zucchet. The no-touch rule was never repealed. In Las Vegas, one member of the powerful Clark County Commission and one former member were convicted in the political corruption case.

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Feds track down tainted spinach to Central Coast

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO The likely source of the E. coli outbreak in spinach that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others was a small cattle and horse ranch near the Central Coast, state and federal officials said Friday as they concluded their investigation.

Authorities for the first time said they had isolated the deadly E. coli strain on Paicines Ranch in San Benito County near a field it leased to Mission Organics, a spinach grower.

They found E. coli "indistinguishable from the outbreak strain" in river water, cattle feces, and wild pig feces on the ranch within a mile from the spinach fields, the California Department of Health Services and U.S. Food and Drug Administration said in a joint report.

Investigators also said they could not make a definitive determination as to how the E. coli contaminated the spinach.

"We'll never be able to make a definitive link, but this shows the inherent risk in the area," said Patti Roberts, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Health Services. "Hopefully that's what good agricultural practices can address to reduce the risk in the future."

The Paicines Ranch, which breeds Angus cattle and quarter horses, said in a statement on its Web site that it leases land to crop growers and was not under investigation.

Rock on Cambodia!

Filmmakers revive nearly forgotten native rock 'n' roll

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The jubilant sound of Cambodian rock, nearly destroyed in the 1970s by the Khmer Rouge, is making a comeback.

Several American musicians and filmmakers who were captivated by the music have formed a band, gone on tour and made movies to preserve the once vibrant genre that was formed during the Vietnam War era when Cambodian artists blended the sounds of American pop heard on U.S. military radios with their traditional music.

"It's pretty incredible that somehow Cambodian musicians got rock 'n' roll right during the late 1960s and '70s," said documentary maker John Pirozzi, whose film "Don't Think I've Forgotten," is about the emergence of Cambodian rock and the fate of some of its iconic stars.

The music is a mix of surf and psychedelic rock combined with the distinctive melodies and soaring vocal styles of Cambodian folk music.

"Outside of the United States and England, there was no good rock 'n' roll elsewhere in the world, but they managed to

make it their own and make it into something unique," Pirozzi said.

When the Khmer Rouge ruled from 1975-79, an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians died from starvation, overwork, medical neglect and execution in the notorious "killing fields."

Artists and intellectuals were deemed enemies of the classless society the brutal regime was trying to create. Cultural and performing arts institutions were closed, instruments and records burned. Singers who could not flee were killed or forced to sing propaganda songs. Some surviving musicians said they went to great lengths to hide their identities in labor camps.

The country's most popular female singer Ros Sereysothea died mysteriously during those years, and even today no one knows for sure what happened to her. Her life is the subject of the short film "The Golden Voice."

"I got enthralled by the music, it was like nothing I've ever heard before," said the film's director Greg Cahill. "It sounds like '60s American rock but with a totally different spin on it."

Cahill said he learned about Sereysothea by interviewing many "killing fields" survivors who resettled in Long Beach, home to the country's largest Cambodian community. He wrote his script in English, had it translated to Khmer, hired a Cambodian cast and shot the movie in the Los Angeles area.

The movie premiered in Long Beach in October and was warmly received by a mostly Cambodian audience.

"A lot of people said they were happy we

made the film because it's telling this very important story that's been buried," he said.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles band Dengue Fever is introducing Cambodian rock to an eclectic audience as it tours college campuses and hipster venues, and performs in Cambodian communities across the country and abroad.

IT SOUNDS LIKE '60S AMERICAN ROCK BUT WITH A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SPIN ON IT."

Greg Cahill, film director

The band was formed in 2001 by Ethan Holtzman, who discovered the music while traveling across Cambodia. He returned home and recruited his brother Zac, three other Americans and a Cambodian-born singer to help him cover some of the infectious pop and rock tunes he heard on his trip.

"I traveled all over Southeast Asia, but Cambodia really stood out from the other countries because of its history and what its people had been through," Holtzman said.

Their first, self-titled album is a compilation of some of the biggest hits from the era while their second album contains original songs, written in English and translated to Khmer, that fuse rock with jazz.



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Repeatedly arrested illegals face problems

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

Guidelines issued by U.S. attorneys in Texas showed that most illegal immigrants crossing into the state had to be arrested at least six times before federal authorities would prosecute them, according to an internal Justice Department memo.

The disclosure provides a rare view of how federal authorities attempt to curb illegal immigration. The memo was released this week in response to a congressional investigation of the dismissals of eight U.S. attorneys.

The Border Patrol makes more than 1 million arrests a year on the U.S.-Mexico border. T.J. Bonner, head of a union representing Border Patrol agents, said it's unrealistic to prosecute all violators.

"Let's be honest, there isn't enough jail space to incarcerate everyone who crosses that border," said Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council. "If everyone demanded hearing in front of an immigration judge, it would bring our system to a grinding halt in a matter of days."

The immigration debate has intensified in recent years as the number of illegal immigrants has swelled. President Bush has faced criticism from fellow Republicans who say his administration has not done enough to secure the border and to remove those in the country illegally.

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T.J. Bonner, head of a union representing Border Patrol agents

It is unclear when the memo was written, but the Justice Department reviewed the guidelines sometime after a February 2005 performance review of Carol Lam, the top federal prosecutor in San Diego from 2002 until she was fired last month. Some Republican lawmakers had complained that Lam failed to aggressively prosecute immigration violations.

Justice Department spokesman Brian

Roehrka said Thursday that immigration prosecutions are a high priority and that the government sent 30 additional attorneys to the border region in the second half of 2006. He said U.S. attorneys set guidelines that, in part, reflect local crime issues and staffing.

"Increasing the number of prosecutors

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Guidelines vary by office, but migrants with no criminal records who have not been deported by an immigration judge will almost certainly be turned back to Mexico "numerous times" before getting prosecuted, according to another Justice Department memo dated Nov. 22, 2005. Those "voluntary returns" are booked on administrative, not criminal, violations.

Parts of the other memo are blacked out so it's unclear whether the document refers to U.S. attorneys in Houston or San Antonio.

The memo says one Texas district prosecutes migrants if the Border Patrol catches them at least six to eight times. The other district prosecutes after someone is caught at least seven times.

In late 2005, the government created a 200-mile zone near Del Rio, Texas, in which every adult arrested for illegal immigration would be prosecuted and jailed before being deported.

The San Diego office, which covers an area stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona state line, does not prosecute "purely economic migrants" as a general rule.

Rat poison found in recalled pet food a likely culprit

BY MARK JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. Rat poison was found in the pet food suspected of causing kidney failure that killed at least 16 cats and dogs, but scientists still don't know how it got there, state officials said Friday.

The toxin was identified as aminopterin, which is used to kill rats in some countries, state Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker said.

Aminopterin is not registered for killing rodents in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, though it

is used as a cancer drug. State officials wouldn't speculate on how the toxin got into Menu Foods' now-recalled pet food but said no criminal investigations had been launched.

Scientists at the New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell and at the New York State Food Laboratory tested three cat food samples provided by Menu Foods and found Aminopterin in two of them. Hooker said they would test individual components of the pet food, as well. The early test results were released to give veterinarians a better idea of how to treat sick animals.

"Any amount of this product is too much in food," Hooker said.

Aminopterin, also used as a cancer drug,

is highly toxic in high doses. It inhibits the growth of malignant cells and suppresses the immune system.

In dogs and cats, it can cause kidney failure, according to Donald Smith, dean of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Food and Drug Administration has said the investigation into the pet deaths was focusing on wheat gluten in the pet food. Wheat gluten itself would not cause kidney failure, but the common ingredient could have been contaminated, the FDA said.

Bob Rosenberg, senior vice president of government affairs for the National Pest Management Association, said he had never

heard of the substance before Friday.

"It would make no sense to spray a crop itself with rodenticide," Rosenberg said, though he said grain shippers typically put bait stations around the perimeter of their storage facilities.

The pet deaths led to a recall of 60 million cans and pouches of pet food produced by Menu Foods and sold throughout North America under 95 brand names. There have been several reports of kidney failure in pets that ate the recalled brands, and the company has confirmed the deaths of 15 cats and one dog.

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Divided House

Congress approves Iraq withdrawal bill along party lines

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A sharply divided House voted Friday to order President Bush to bring combat troops home from Iraq next year, a victory for Democrats in an epic war-powers struggle and Congress' boldest challenge yet to the administration's policy.

Ignoring a White House veto threat, lawmakers voted 218-212, mostly along party lines, for a binding war spending bill requiring that combat operations cease before September 2008, or earlier if the Iraqi government does not meet certain requirements. Democrats said it was time to heed the mandate of their election sweep last November, which gave them control of Congress.

"The American people have lost faith in the president's conduct of this war," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The American people see the reality of the war, the president does not."

The vote, echoing clashes between lawmakers and the White House over the Vietnam War four decades ago, pushed the

Democratic-led Congress a step closer to a constitutional collision with the wartime commander in chief. Bush has insisted that lawmakers allow more time for his strategy of sending nearly 30,000 additional troops to Iraq to work.

The roll call also marked a triumph for Pelosi, who labored in recent days to bring together a Democratic caucus deeply divided over the war. Some of the party's more liberal members voted against the bill because they said it would not end the war immediately, while more conservative Democrats said they were reluctant to take away flexibility from generals in the field.

Republicans were almost completely unified in their fight against the bill, which they said was tantamount to admitting failure in Iraq.

"The stakes in Iraq are too high and the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families too great to be content with anything but success," said Republican Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Voting for the bill were 216 Democrats and two Republicans — Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland and Walter Jones of North Carolina. Of the 212 members who opposed the bill, 198 were Republicans and 14 were Democrats.

The bill marks the first time Congress has used its budget power to try to end the war, now in its fifth year, by attaching the withdrawal requirements to a bill providing \$124 billion to finance military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan for the rest of this year.

College students shocked by price of birth control

BY JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

Millions of college students are suddenly facing sharply higher prices for birth control, prompting concerns among health officials that some will shift to less preferred contraceptives or stop using them altogether.

Prices for oral contraceptives, or birth control pills, are doubling and tripling at student health centers, the result of a complex change in the Medicaid rebate law that essentially ends an incentive for drug companies to provide deep discounts to colleges.

"It's a tremendous problem for our students because not every student has a platinum card," said Hugh Jessop, executive director of the health center at Indiana University.

There, he said, women are paying about \$22 per month for prescriptions that cost \$10 a few months ago. "Some of our students have two jobs, have children," Jessop said. "To increase this by 100 percent or more overnight, which is what happened, is a huge shock to them and to their system."

At some schools women could see prices rise several hundred dollars per year.

About 39 percent of undergraduate women use oral contraceptives, according to an estimate by the American College Health Association based on survey data.

Many students could shift to generics but experts said they might still pay twice the previous rate.

"It's terrible, because these are students who are working very hard to pay for their tuition and books at a time when tuition costs are edging up as well," said Linda Lekawski, director of the university health center at Texas A&M, where the old price for

birth control pills of about \$15 per month is expected to triple. "This is one thing they've been able to benefit from for years."

The change is the result of a chain reaction started by a 2005 deficit-reduction bill that focused on Medicaid, the main federal health insurance program for the poor. College health officials say they had little idea the bill would affect them.

IT'S A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM FOR OUR STUDENTS BECAUSE NOT EVERY STUDENT HAS A PLATINUM CARD."

Hugh Jessop
Health center executive director
at Indiana University

Before the change, pharmaceutical companies typically sold drugs at deep discounts to a range of health care providers, including colleges. With contraceptives, one motivation was attracting customers who would stay with their products for years.

Another reason the discounts made business sense was that they didn't count against the drug makers in a formula calculating rebates they owed states to participate in Medicaid.

In its 2005 bill Congress changed that. Now the discounts to colleges mean drug manufacturers have to pay more to participate in Medicaid.

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Iowa's farmers get aggressive and violent

BY TODD DVORAK
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa A dozen of one farmer's cows have been gunned down since August. Another lost a 370-head hog nursery in a January fire investigators believe was intentionally set.

Reports of vandalism to farm equipment, buildings and at livestock construction sites have been turning up across rural Iowa. Some farmers also say they've received threatening telephone calls and letters from people condemning the bigger-is-better approach to raising cattle and pigs.

The question facing law enforcement officials is whether the incidents are random acts or deliberate, orchestrated attacks by those with personal, political or social agendas.

"We don't have any trends that we've identified in the past year or two that would suggest there is any organized effort to attack factory farms or large-scale hog operations,"

said Jim Saunders, spokesman for the Iowa Department of Public Safety. "The reasons behind all these incidents could vary."

Since August, the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers has identified at least seven

coalition, which helps farmers meet environmental regulations.

"There has always been farm vandalism on some levels. But we have certainly noticed an escalation in the more violent, threaten-

ing types of reports," Putze said. "It could be that farmers are more comfortable reporting incidents these days. But the real question is what is the motivation behind this?"

Iowa is the nation's leading hog producer, and the industry's rapid growth in the past decade has provoked a public backlash on several fronts.

Detractors complain that large-scale hog and cattle operations threaten the environment and public health, depress property values and economically squeeze smaller producers.

As a result, opposition to corporate and super-sized operations has branched out beyond the usual suspects — animal rights activists and urban environmentalists — agriculture academics and supporters said.

"People locally are promoting a lot of anger and misinformation," said Mike Lawrinenko, a hog farmer from La Porte City in central Iowa.

When Lawrinenko started building a new barn to expand his operation last fall, threats and violence followed, including a suspicious, late-night fire ignited in a garbage can that damaged a corner of his home. Nobody was hurt in the blaze, which Lawrinenko said he doused with a garden hose.

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Aaron Putze, Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers executive director

significant acts of violence and threats aimed at farmers. The majority targeted hog producers who have expanded their operations or pursued government permits to do so, but cattle producers have also been victims, said Aaron Putze, executive director of the

Energy and Commerce Committee considers EPA budget cuts

BY JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

DENVER The office that serves as watchdog over the Environmental Protection Agency is moving to reduce its staff and possibly close offices across the country to cut costs, actions some members of Congress say are premature because a new budget hasn't even been considered.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the House

Energy and Commerce Committee chairman, and four other members delivered a letter Friday to EPA acting Inspector General Bill Roderick questioning early buyouts that could require employees to leave as soon as April 30.

Committee members asked that their staffs be briefed and a 60-day notice given before any field offices are closed.

In documents obtained by The Associated Press, Roderick told his staff Feb.

9 that despite an anticipated \$900,000 increase in funding for the rest of the current fiscal year, "it is very likely we will have to close facilities and/or conduct a reduction in force" in face of a \$5.1 million decrease in President Bush's fiscal year 2008 budget request for the office.

Asked by staffers if there would be work force reductions if funding increases instead, Roderick responded in a March 5 e-mail to all staffers: "It is unlikely we will know what

is going to happen soon enough to not lose some of the staff."

The EPA personnel office started sending early retirement and buyout forms to employees March 15.

John Manibusan, spokesman for the inspector general's office, said Roderick would not comment because he hadn't received the letter. EPA spokesman Dave Ryan declined comment, saying the inspector general's office is a separate organization.

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Rare Mormon books sell for \$180,000 each

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY A rare Book of Mormon and a hymnal each sold for \$180,000 during an auction this week.

The purchase price for both items is believed by some Mormon scholars to be among the highest ever paid for historic documents associated with the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The hymnal had been expected to sell for less than \$40,000 and the first edition Book of Mormon for less than \$90,000, said Rebecca Weiss, a media relations representative for Swann Galleries in New York.

“You never know what will happen at auctions,” Weiss said.

The books were sold to buyers bidding by phone, she said. The auction house doesn’t identify bidders or buyers.

The first edition Book of Mormon was signed by early LDS Apostle Orson Pratt. An inscription by the book’s original owner, Denison Root, indicates “the book was a gift from Hyrum Smith,” brother of church founder Joseph Smith.

Mormons consider the Book of Mormon to be scripture on par with the Bible. Smith said he translated the book from gold plates delivered to him by an angel, and first editions of the book were printed in 1830. The hymnal, titled “A Collection of Sacred Hymns, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,” was published in 1841.

Put that in your peace pipe

BY MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press Writer

GILLETTE, Wyo. Jeff Doles says customers weren’t supposed to smoke marijuana or any other illegal drug from the neon-colored water pipes he used to sell from his shop.

But a 24-inch, bright red bong to smoke tobacco? Yeah right, say police, who seized nearly 3,000 pipes, bongs and other items in three raids on his strip mall store, Hip Hop Hippies.

Wyoming has few head shops. But there’s plenty of talk here about property rights, and to that end Doles’ case is unusual: Only after a jury acquitted Doles on drug paraphernalia charges did prosecutors seek — and win from a different judge — permission to keep his merchandise.

It might be the first case of its kind for the Wyoming Supreme Court.

“There’s a long history of libertarian thought out here in the West and in Wyoming,” said Doles’ attorney, Nick Carter. “I think we’re getting away from that.”

Opinions are mixed on whether civil forfeiture nationwide has increased or decreased in the nearly seven years since the federal Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act was signed into law.

Civil forfeiture attorney Brenda Grantland, board president of the group Forfeiture Endangered American Rights, said she’s seeing a resurgence in civil forfeiture.

“It’s horrible,” said Grantland, of Mill Valley, Calif. “The Supreme Court ruled that forfeiture isn’t punishment. They don’t have me convinced.”

But Seattle attorney Rick Troberman said he’s seen dramatically fewer civil forfeiture cases since CAFRA, which sought to rein in a proliferation of forfeiture abuses.

Under civil forfeiture, it was Doles’ property that was found guilty, not Doles.

That means he doesn’t have to take things personally. But try telling him that.

“What’s the point of it?” he said. “A jury has already spoken on it.”

He said prosecutors filed for civil forfeiture because his acquittal peeved them.

guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. In civil forfeiture, property need only be more likely than not involved in crime.

A jury found Doles not guilty of one count of delivery of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia.

Afterward, Gillette Police Chief Rich Adriaens was unmoved: “Just because six people found someone not guilty doesn’t mean the crime didn’t occur,” he said.

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Nick Carter, Jeff Doles' attorney

“It was a personal slap in the face to them, and they can’t stand it. They hate it,” Doles said. “But the jury spoke. It’s not my fault they didn’t speak on their behalf.”

But Campbell County prosecutor Bill Eichelberger wants drug paraphernalia off the street.

“We were finding items in the hands of people using marijuana who advised us they had bought them at Mr. Doles’ shop,” he said.

And Eichelberger says he has a century of case law backing him up.

Civil forfeiture helps police shut down big-time criminal operations by allowing law enforcement to seize property with a lower standard of proof. In criminal cases,

the verdict so that police could keep 330 items seized during two raids on Hip Hop Hippies. District Court Judge Michael Deegan upheld the forfeiture on Sept. 21, and that very day police raided Hip Hop Hippies for a third time, seizing 2,500 more items. Doles has appealed to the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Carter said prosecutors didn’t get the result they wanted with the jury, so they used civil forfeiture to go before another judge.

“What’s concerning about that is the state of Wyoming, or the government in general, can just kind of forum shop until they get the result that they want,” Carter said.

Carter argues that Doles acknowledged that he owned and sold the pipes.



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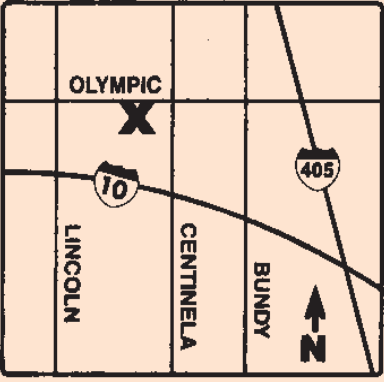
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A summer camp survival guide for kids

BY IRENE MANAHAN

Special to the Daily Press

Flashlight. Check!
Sleeping bag. Check!
Vaseline. Um ...

When Joey Drozd was a kid, he attended a lively and memorable Polish summer camp. The typical standbys like flashlights and sleeping bags weren't the only things on his list of what to pack for the week-long overnight camp.

"We'd bring Vaseline and then rub it all over the door knobs so that counselors and other kids couldn't get into our cabin," Drozd said this week with a laugh.

Ah yes, and let the shenanigans begin! For those like Drozd, now 21, it's prank or be pranked at summer camp.

For other campers, like Wellington Phillips, the camp checklist was limited to bug repellent, shower shoes, jackets and socks.

Camping tools ought to be necessities when getting ready to head off to camp, but every camper has those little extras else in mind.

"Watch out for bullies and the occasional trouble-starters who like to do pranks," warns Phillips. "I've seen kids get sent home."

Phillips, now 24, is an overnight camping vet, attending six summers as a kid with his

church and boys and girls club. He sometimes even went to two camps a summer.

"I would go to one, like, say Sunday to Friday, then to another one the next Sunday, two days later," said Phillips.

For him, it's expert against amateur.

Whether you consider yourself a camp trickster or just someone looking to have a good time, you'll need to know some things to survive summer camp.

STEP ONE — WHERE TO GO

When picking a summer camp, first, make sure it's one you really want to go to. There are many choices out there: Space camp, sports camp, theatre camp ... the list goes on and on.

Do the research and choose one that both you and your parents think is cool.

"We offer quite a few camps," said Tatiana Morrison, staff assistant for the City of Santa Monica's Community Programs. "This summer, we will be offering surf, chess, dance, art — it's just across the board! We never can really tell which will be the most popular."

Classes take place at the SM Beach and various parks in the city.

"We try to use all the of the city facilities," said Morrison.

The City's Department of Community Programs provides for the youth day camps.

The summer session can last from six to 10 weeks, depending on the variety of camp. The activities promote mental and physical fitness.

"We hate to use the word 'camp,'" said Cammy Truong, Director of Education for the Santa Monica Playhouse, "because it has a different connotation."

The Santa Monica Playhouse is 30-year-old program that offers month-long performance art-oriented workshops for kids from 4- to 17-years-old.

"It's more of a balance. We don't want the kids to feel like they're just going back to school," said Truong. "The word 'camp' gives the idea 'drop off and pick up,' where parents send them off with a roll of toilet paper. Here, we want the parents to be part of the process, encourage lines of communication."

Morrison reminds kids and parents to register very early.

"There are many popular camps and they should become aware of what's available and when to register," she said. "Get on the ball! It's heartbreaking for us to turn kids away if the camps are full, but it's their safety, first and foremost."

STEP TWO — WHAT TO BRING

Have your parents contact the camp ahead of time to see what you're allowed to bring and not allowed to bring (like electronics or food).

"With the majority of our classes, materials are already provided, like surfboards, music, arts and crafts. But it really depends on the camp," said Morrison. For example, at the city's surf camp — Surf Academy — Morrison suggests snacks, water and adequate sunscreen.

"The first thing I would do is ask the specific camp about what the kids can and can't bring," said Karen Thurm Safran, VP of Marketing for iD Tech. "A lot of kids like to bring electronics, like cell phones or Game Boys. So it's good to find out what's allowed and what isn't. That way, kids won't get off to a negative start right in the beginning."

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GOTCHA: Summer campers play flag football in Santa Monica. With summer camps having changed with the times, so have the necessities. Parents are urged to prepare in advance.

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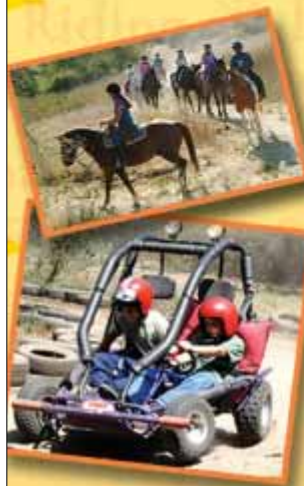
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NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT: The venerable Santa Monica Pier is not the true ending point of Route 66, contrary to popular belief. In actuality, the legendary American roadway came up short of the Pacific Ocean, no matter the Hollywood retellings. Some locals still debate the matter that will most likely go on for ages.

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THE STUFF OF LEGEND?:

(Above) The actual ending point of Route 66 is an inauspicious one, at the intersection of Lincoln and Olympic Boulevards in Santa Monica. Conspicuous by their absence are any signs or markers that the fabled route actually ended there, but plans are underway to establish a marker. (Left) A sign on the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street falsely gives the impression that the route ends comes to an end there.

End of Route 66 isn't an easy spot to find

FROM ROUTE 66 PAGE 1

Many believe that the movie production company that created the Will Rogers biography was responsible for the creation of the plaque.

"It stayed that way and stuck, and most people think it actually ends there," Knudson said. "It didn't really end there in reality."

The National Historic Route 66 Federation is currently trying to get approval to place a Route 66 sign at the intersection of Lincoln and Olympic boulevards.

But longtime Santa Monica resident Kent Cullom, who works in domestic travel for AAA, which placed most of the Route 66 signs from Chicago to Los Angeles, believes that Olympic and Lincoln boulevards is just one of a few official endings, including Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

As for the pier, Route 66 never even touched that area, Knudson said.

"People just say in generality it ends at the pier, meaning Santa Monica Boulevard," Knudson said. "You could walk into Palisades Park and look at the left and there is the pier."

"It specifically didn't end at the pier ever, emotionally or otherwise."

THE ROAD MORE TRAVELED

The precise location of Route 66 has caused debate across the states in which it spanned because the route was realigned numerous times, primarily for political purposes.

Along with Route 66 came increased traffic and tourists and many business owners whose operations were located along the highway saw it as a gold mine.

In the 1930s, a New Mexico governor actually moved Route 66 from Albuquerque to Santa Fe — about 63 miles away — where

he had a business and political allies, Knudson said.

"Route 66 in those days meant that thousands of cars every day would drive by whatever alignment was in effect at that point," Knudson said.

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David Knudson

National Historic Route 66 Federation
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Route 66 can be credited with helping the city of Santa Monica grow into the vibrant community that it is today, along with the electric rail that brought tourists from Los Angeles into Santa Monica in the early 1900s.

Even today, Route 66 still attracts adventurous travelers who will ride the entire historic highway from Illinois to Santa Monica, said Ho Nguyen, director of operations at the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum.

From time to time, Route 66 travelers will stop by the museum, seeking postcards and books pertaining to the historic route.

A geographer by trade, Cullom traveled the entire route a few years ago, including several of the different alignments in Illinois. He didn't bother driving to the end of the route.

"My ending was my home," he said.

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BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

STATE OF MIND You have the power to change the world ... and buy that new Mercedes-Benz. All it takes is persistence and positive thinking.

The belief that what you think, you receive is not new. In fact, it's been around for centuries, but lately, it seems more and more people are becoming hip to the law of attraction and the complex field of quantum physics thanks to "The Secret," a film that has won praise from the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Larry King, as well as harsh criticism from the mainstream press.

"The Secret," based on the New York Times Best Seller of the same name by Rhonda Byrne, is the latest craze in self-help, preaching techniques that anyone can use to create lasting relationships, enhance one's health and fatten their wallets.

"It's a great movie, one that can change your life," said Patty Warivonchik, as she left the Church in Ocean Park following a recent talk on quantum spirituality — the belief that all of the energy in the universe is connected and free flowing, allowing one to affect change through thoughts alone.

"I watch it every so often as a pick-me-up," Warivonchik said. "It's like a little pep rally. It's great. Who doesn't want to improve themselves, take a positive attitude towards life and create new possibilities, new realities?"

"It's the evolution of the mind. We have more power than we think."

The novel has become a hot item at local bookstores and the DVD — released in March 2006 — a popular teaching tool for therapists and life coaches like Laura Fredrickson, whose Santa Monica-based company — Internal Design (internaldesigncoaching.com) — uses principles found in "The Secret" to help clients realize their inner strength and their innate ability to affect change.

Among her services is a mental detox in which Fredrickson helps people get rid of negative thoughts and beliefs, replacing those with uplifting images and desires to help one create inside their mind the life they really want to have. Like Gandhi said, "Be the change that you want to see in the world."

"I think the reason why 'The Secret' has become so popular is because people are hungry for what I call 'soul food,'" Fredrickson said. "They are craving something that is going to give their life meaning and make sense of what a lot of people feel is a sense of chaos, especially in the world today with war and global crisis ...

"The Secret" brings sort of an ownership quality back to an individual's experience and allows them to feel more empowered about the choices they make," said Fredrickson, who turned to the law of attraction more than a decade ago after spiraling into deep depression because of financial woes. "It gives inspiration and hope that what I'm thinking about is what I am going to create, instead of always feeling like a victim.

"You can either be a conscious creator or an unconscious creator, but any way, we are always creating."

Interest in "The Secret" prompted Carrie Gebbie to create the Santa Monica Law of Attraction Meet Up group (lawofattraction.meetup.com/99), which gathers once a month at the Main Library. Their next meeting is set for Thursday, when a yoga instructor will give a free lesson on life skills yoga, which takes keys from the physical to understand what is occurring emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

Gebbie, known as the ambassador of abundance in her group, said she has used teachings learned from "The Secret" in her everyday life, even when she gets a parking ticket.

tions by just creating positive affirmations, which is true. But what if something negative happened a long time ago and has been reinforced by several other instances?"

Doktor said the best way to achieve inner peace is to serve others. Obtaining wealth for one's own benefit is possible, but if one is doing it solely because they want more material things, they may find roadblocks along the way.

"We are a very individualistic culture, probably the most individualistic in the world," Doktor said. "So when you are trying to do something to only benefit yourself, chances are it won't work."

UP HIGH AND ON THE DOWN-LOW

While it does emphasize positive thinking as a means to achieving

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Carrie Gebbie, creator of the Santa Monica Law of Attraction Meet Up group

"You always have to honor your feelings," Gebbie said. "I'm not one who believes everything is perfect, so you have to recognize when you are angry or upset and then try to learn a life lesson from the situation. Everything happens for a reason. If someone dumps you, that means they probably weren't right for you, they weren't there to help you serve a higher purpose ... For a parking ticket, I always think that the money is going back to the schools or to help pay for roads or someone's salary.

"It's my chance to tithe, and I get over it."

GREED IS NOT SO GOOD?

While it may sound easy enough, it isn't, which is one of the central criticisms some people have with "The Secret." Many feel the film focuses too much on the material and provides a dubious recipe for greed, social apathy and blaming the victim.

In addition, therapist Ray Doktor said the film gives people false hope, especially those who have experienced trauma in their lives.

Someone who is abandoned as a child can easily fall into a depressing pattern in which loved ones are kept at a distance out of fear of being hurt by getting too close. This can create strong emotional charges that fire in certain instances, causing one to lose control over their thoughts and give into their feelings, Doktor said.

"What I teach is for people to learn how to identify with their core emotions and how they drive our perceptions and how those perceptions create themes in our lives," said Doktor, who is holding a seminar on "The Secret" this Saturday at Wild Oats on Wilshire Boulevard. "In 'The Secret,' they postulate that you can override those emo-

wealth, "The Secret" also talks about using principles found within to live healthier and bring positive, loving people into one's life, Fredrickson counters.

"It talks about true love and how if you focus on the fact that there are no good women or good men left in Santa Monica, that's what you are going to attract — people who are no good," she said.

So where do traditional religious beliefs fit into all of this?

Right alongside, Gebbie claims.

"I like to say it like this, 'What gravity is to God, the law of attraction is to God,'" Gebbie said. "I really believe that no matter what someone's religion is, the law of attraction affects them just like the law of gravity. The beauty is that people of all religions are attracted to this. We have Jewish members, Buddhists, Christians ... everyone plays a part."

Doktor said Jesus Christ practiced principles in "The Secret," which accounts for some of the healing miracles he performed.

"This was never meant for people to be rich," he said. "It was used more to affect feelings and to create a better way of living. It was about helping people and their country, not about money."

For Warivonchik, it's the opportunity to be a leader, not a follower, that keeps her intrigued in the principles. It's a way to lead a more positive lifestyle and not sweat the small stuff that can cause someone to have a bad day, a horrible week and, ultimately, a meaningless life.

"Negative patterns are hard to break away from, but this provides you with the opportunity to wipe the slate clean," she said. "Now, I'm the conductor in life. I've got the wand."

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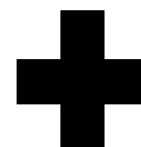
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SMC students less likely to book a trip

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and the Bahamas. Travel agent Keponi Elaisa couldn't recall selling any plane tickets to SMC students.

Working from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the days he isn't in school, 21-year-old Andreas Choi will likely spend the lion's share of his spring break in his brother's South Central grocery store.

But when his shift is over, the bio-chemistry student plans to head over to some bars in Koreatown for a few drinks. He might also find time for a short trip to Palm Springs and hit the slots on an Indian Reservations.

"It'll be time to let loose," he said.

On a quiet Friday afternoon, a week before most students will be done with their midterm examinations, Choi chatted with his friends in between classes.

To his left stood 22-year-old Jee Lee, who plans to spend her spring break in India with family. Her family has lived in India for the past five years and Lee moved to California for school in 2005.

Spring break is never really about partying hard for Lee, who believes the last time she really let loose with alcohol and fun was when she left India for the United States. Her normally conservative parents let Lee have her fun as a going away present, she said.

Now that he's 27, Michael Torres doesn't consider spring break to be an excuse to party. Older and wiser than most of his fellow students, the SMC student remembers his early spring break days in Cancun and Ensenada, having drinks with friends and witnessing more than a few crazy acts.

Though he wasn't in college at the time, Torres often accompanied friends from four-year universities on their spring breaks.

At Santa Monica College, Torres doesn't



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SCHOOL'S OUT: SMC students free for week.

see the kind of students who would let loose and drop several hundreds dollars for a trip to Florida or another exotic location. The majority of the students here commute to school, have jobs and don't have the time or the money, he said.

He's not interested in another trip to Cancun, but he fondly remembers those wild and crazy days.

"Everyone pretty much gets as drunk as they can and has crazy sex," Torres joked.

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Pointers for playing it safe during upcoming vacation

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITYWIDE Spring break — a time when many college students across the country spend their five-day break from classes by downing beer after beer and laying out on the sand.

But for parents, spring break can be their worst nightmare — a time when they might see their son end up behind bars in a south-of-the-border prison cell or their daughter flashing her chest to a "Girls Gone Wild" film crew.

There are precautionary steps that parents can take before their kids leave with their suitcases packed for a week of debauchery in the sun, according to Jim Boyle, president of the College Parents of America.

It all starts with communication.

"Have a conversation with your child with clear and realistic expectations about spring break," Boyle said. "Ideally, it's a conversation that happened a long time ago and not now."

One of the most important things parents should do is address the issue of alcohol and drug use during spring break. Remind college kids of the health risk and legal ramifications that come with underage and

binge drinking and drug use, Boyle said.

College kids who are headed to Mexico and other popular international spring break locations should be reminded by their parents that if they engage in some illegal activity, it won't be too easy to bail them out.

"Be extremely careful about not breaking the law and not getting into an unfamiliar situation because of the difficulty in being able to reach each other," he said.

Parents should try to encourage their children to see spring break as a time for community service activity, something that can be both fun and productive. It's a time when they could interact with friends through community service, meet new people, and also make a contribution to the local community, Boyle said.

Though parents are encouraged to keep the lines of communication open, they should steer clear of telling stories about their own spring break escapades.

There's no need to instill wild and crazy ideas in such impressionable minds.

"It isn't helpful to say 'back in the spring break when I drank a case of beer,'" Boyle said. "Some things are better left unsaid."

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THEY WON'T BITE: Children spend some quality equestrian time while attending a local summer camp. In addition to the standbys like flashlights and sleeping bags, campers should prepare for the inevitable pranks while away from home.

Getting the right gear a first step toward enjoying camp

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things for them to take.

"Kids should bring cell phones so that they could communicate with parents, especially in the case of homesickness," Safran said. "Even if they don't end up using them, it's important to feel connected. They can call out if they need to."

Depending on the rules of the camp, e-mail is also very important. Kids may not know their parents' e-mail addresses. So Safran suggests parents write down on paper the cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses of relatives and close friends.

However, at the UCLA Recreation Center, electronic equipment is discouraged.

"Those are solitary activities," said Tracie Lockwood, Director of Youth for Recreational and Instructional Programs for the UCLA Recreation Center. "We promote adventure and social programs. We encourage interaction and a sense of community between the kids and discourage individual play."

The UCLA campus has two different youth camps. The athletic department provides instruction-based camps for specific sports that suit their interests, for example, lacrosse. The recreation center houses all the general day camps — instruction noncompetitive, science, theatre — for kids ages 4 to 18.

"We are more of the general camp. Kids participate in programs like science, theatre, sports, swimming, tennis, instructional in everything from animation, guitar and total health and wellness and travel adventure camps which includes surfing, sailing and kayaking."

Some camps provide the materials you'll need, but these are some necessities that camp supervisors and campers alike agreed upon.

THINGS TO BRING:

1) Sunblock

We all know how it feels to get a sunburn. Ouch!

"On cloudy days, it's almost easier to get a sunburn" because we often forget that the shine breaks through the clouds, said Safran.

2) Layers of comfortable clothes

Even if it's warm out, you never know when it could get cold.

"Even in California, it can get chilly," Safran said. "Even if it's just a day camp, I encourage parents to pack layers of clothes. Check the weather. It might get cold."

3) Group activity

"Bring a game of some sort, like a deck of

cards so they could be involved in a group activity," suggests Safran. "It can make it easier for them to make friends and sometimes produce an almost instant bonding with other kids and inspectors. Food, if it's allowed, pretty much things that they can share."

4) Snacks

"There were bag checks for food because one year some idiot brought a mini feast and a bear ravaged our tent," recalled Phillips.

6) Medicine (if you need it)

"Medicine safety is really important to us, and we have a very strict policy," Safran said. "It's very important for them to have the medicine in an appropriate way, that is, not in a Ziploc bag, but they must be in the prescription bottle that states what the medicine is for and how often it needs to be taken. Even if it's just allergy medicine, the label should state very clear what it is."

STEP THREE — HOW TO HAVE THE MOST FUN

Have a good attitude and knock yourself out. You may not realize it while you're there, but some of your best memories (and even friends) will be made at camp. While some necessities may have changed, one piece remains — bringing along a good attitude and interest in meeting new people and doing new things.

"Bring a good attitude and a willingness to be a part of a community. Kids should bring a willingness to try new things and be ready to be pushed out of their normal experiences and normal comfort level," said UCLA's Lockwood. "We encourage them to interact with kids of different social backgrounds; kids in different peer groups that they don't regularly meet with."

"We really don't require that they bring any physical items. It's really just that they bring a positive and cooperative attitude ... and, of course, a willingness to try something new."

Being open to doing new things is key, according to veteran camper Phillips.

"I never went hiking or canoeing except for camp and it was fun, he said. "I still talk with my camp buddies 10 years later .. even some of the ladies still call every now and then."

"For me, camp was about meeting new friends and girls, even though I was too shy to do anything but say 'hi'" said Phillips. "I learned a lot about being a team player and about caring for one another and looking out for people."

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French release UFO data to Earthlings

BY JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press Writer

PARIS The saucer-shaped object is said to have touched down in the south of France and then zoomed off. It left behind scorch marks and that haunting age-old question: Are we alone?

This is just one of the cases from France's secret "X-Files" — some 100,000 documents on supposed UFOs and sightings of other unexplained phenomena that the French space agency is publishing on the Internet.

France is the first country to put its entire

weird sightings archive online, said Jacques Patenet, who heads the space agency's UFO cell — the Group for Study and Information on Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena.

Their oldest recorded sighting dates from 1937, Patenet told The Associated Press in an interview Friday. The first batch of archives went up on the agency's Web site this week, drawing a server-busting wave of traffic.

"The Web site exploded in two hours. We suspected that there was a certain amount of interest, but not to this extent," Patenet said.

The archive includes police and expert reports, witness sketches (some are childlike

doodlings), maps, photos and video and audio recordings. In all, the archive has some 1,650 cases on record and about 6,000 witness accounts.

The space agency, known by its French initials CNES, said it is making them public to draw the scientific community's attention to unexplained cases and because their secrecy generated suspicions that officials were hiding something.

"There's always this impression of plots, of secrets, of wanting to hide things," Patenet said. "The great danger would be to leave the field open to sects and charlatans."

He said many cases were unexplained lights in the sky. "Only 20 to 30" could be classified as "Objet Volant Non Identifie" — UFOs that appeared to be physical objects, leaving "marks on the ground, radar images," he said.

Even Charles de Gaulle, France's wartime hero who became president, got the UFO bug.

"In 1954, there was a wave of sightings of phenomena in France, and it went up to the highest levels of state. Gen. de Gaulle himself assigned ... an aide and told him, 'Look into this for me, study it to see if something needs to be done,'" Patenet said.

Booze and cigs can be more dangerous than some illegal dope

BY MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON New "landmark" research finds that alcohol and tobacco are more dangerous than some illegal drugs like marijuana or Ecstasy and should be classified as such in legal systems, according to a new British study.

In research published Friday in The Lancet magazine, Professor David Nutt of Britain's Bristol University and colleagues

proposed a new framework for the classification of harmful substances, based on the actual risks posed to society. Their ranking listed alcohol and tobacco among the top 10 most dangerous substances.

Nutt and colleagues used three factors to determine the harm associated with any drug: the physical harm to the user, the drug's potential for addiction, and the impact on society of drug use. The researchers asked two groups of experts — psychiatrists specializing in addiction and

legal or police officials with scientific or medical expertise — to assign scores to 20 different drugs, including heroin, cocaine, Ecstasy, amphetamines, and LSD.

Nutt and his colleagues then calculated the drugs' overall rankings. The experts agreed with each other.

Heroin and cocaine were ranked most dangerous, followed by barbiturates and street methadone. Alcohol was the fifth-most harmful drug and tobacco the ninth most harmful. Cannabis came in 11th, and

near the bottom of the list was Ecstasy.

According to existing British and U.S. drug policy, alcohol and tobacco are legal, while cannabis and Ecstasy are both illegal. Previous reports, including a study from a parliamentary committee last year, have questioned the scientific rationale for Britain's drug classification system.

"The current drug system is ill thought-out and arbitrary," said Nutt, referring to the United Kingdom's practice of assigning drugs to three distinct divisions.

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Sacramento's Artest says he's not guilty

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

AUBURN Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest pleaded not guilty Thursday to misdemeanor charges stemming from a domestic dispute with his wife earlier this month.

A Placer County Superior Court judge also ordered him to stay at least 100 yards away from his wife and children until further notice.

Artest's attorney, William Portanova, entered pleas of not guilty to charges of battery and corporal injury to a spouse, false imprisonment and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

Artest sat in the audience section of the small courtroom among other defendants and members of the media. He spoke only when asked direct questions by Judge Francis Kearney, responding no when asked if he owned firearms and yes when asked if he understood the conditions of the restraining order.

Thomas Leupp, an attorney for Kimsha Artest, told the judge Artest's wife was not requesting a restraining order.

Artest will be allowed to communicate with his family by telephone, e-mail and letter, the judge said.

"We all decided that was the right thing to do for the family," Portanova said. "That is the right thing for now."

Artest is due back in court April 5.

He was arrested March 5 at his estate in Loomis, 25 miles northeast of Sacramento. He is accused of grabbing, pushing and slapping his wife during an argument.

The couple's 3-year-old daughter was home at the time.

Artest has since apologized to his family and his teammates, and sat out two games.

He did not answer reporters' questions after Thursday's hearing.

Artest planned to fly to Phoenix to join his team for Thursday night's game against the Suns, but his flight was diverted to Ontario, Calif., because of thunderstorms.

Further flight delays in California led Kings president Geoff Petrie to tell Artest to head back to Sacramento.

Artest's only interaction with others in the courtroom came when a fellow defendant turned to Artest and said "good luck" as the hearing began.

John Carpenter, who lives in the Sacramento suburb of Roseville and was in court facing his own domestic violence charges, then gestured to Artest, holding out his fist. Artest responded with a fist pump.

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Kentucky center Morris signs with Knicks

Kentucky center Randolph Morris signed a free-agent contract with the New York Knicks on Friday, another big loss to a program already dealing with the departure of coach Tubby Smith.

Morris averaged 16.1 points and 7.8 rebounds for the Wildcats this season and was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference.

He will join a team fighting for an Eastern Conference playoff berth. The Knicks played in Cleveland on Friday night. There was no immediate word on when Morris would join the team.

Morris' decision comes one day after Smith left to become the head coach at Minnesota.

Kentucky spokesman Scott Stricklin said athletic director Mitch Barnhart met with Morris late Thursday night and asked Morris to wait until a new coach was in place before deciding whether to leave.

Morris declared for the 2005 NBA draft following his freshman season, but went undrafted. He returned to the Wildcats after sitting out an NCAA-mandated 14-game suspension, averaging 13.3 points and 6.0 rebounds in 21 games.

Morris blossomed this season, becoming the most consistent player for the Wildcats, who went 22-12 and lost to Kansas in the second round of the NCAA tournament last weekend.

Morris said he "expected" to return to the Wildcats following the loss, but didn't completely rule out leaving for the NBA.

A provision in the NBA's collective bargaining agreement prevented Morris from re-entering the NBA draft and he was given free agent status throughout the 2006-07 season.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles coach ready to resume full-time duties

Andy Reid sounded a lot like a football coach when he talked about his sons' legal troubles. Take everything one day at a time. Hit trouble head on. Eliminate distractions. Sounds like someone who's prepared for both the Giants and a giant personal crisis.

Reid returned from a temporary leave of absence Friday, five weeks after leaving the Philadelphia Eagles because his two oldest sons face criminal charges. Reid returned to his duties full time, in time for the NFL owners meetings in Arizona next week.

Reid took leave on Feb. 12 because his sons were embroiled in legal troubles stemming from separate arrests on Jan. 30.

"It's good to be back," Reid said. "I thought it was very important that I took a little time and had the chance to spend the time with my family."

While Reid used a leave of absence to pull his family together, his sons' serious legal issues are far from over.

Britt Reid, 21, faces a felony charge of carrying a firearm without a license and misdemeanor drug charges stemming from a road rage incident in which he allegedly pointed a gun at another motorist.

Garrett Reid, 23, faces charges he injured a woman in a traffic accident while under the influence of heroin.

Because of the pending legal issues, Reid said little about his sons and his personal life. Speaking in his usual quiet, calm tone, and wearing a button-down striped shirt with an Eagles logo, Reid asked a jam-packed auditorium to try to keep the questions related to football.

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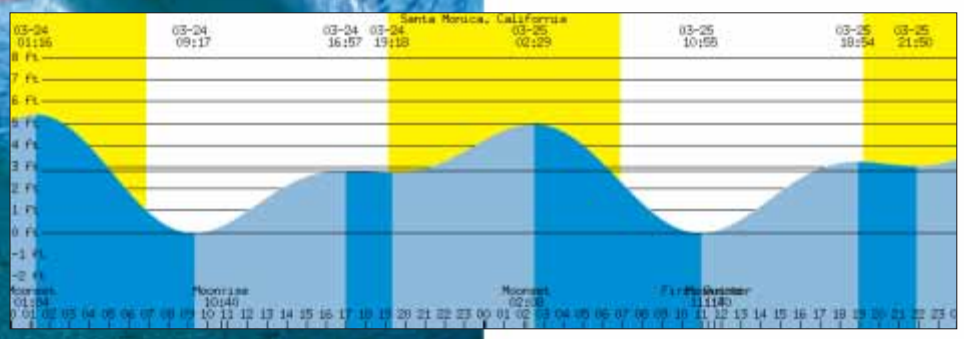
SURF CONDITIONS

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
Today, we're expecting some 14-16 second period ground swell from 295 from a system that traversed the high latitudes of the northern hemisphere this week. Sunday, the NW ground swell is expected to fade, but waist to possibly chest high at times at west facing breaks seems to be a reasonable call.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, BUT CONDITIONS AND WEATHER IN QUESTION...

WATER TEMP: 57°

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 6

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4

Number of wet days -- 8

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 31

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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
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+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Where your friends are, Leo

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have a lot to say and share. You might want to make waves or change directions. Extremes punctuate your decisions and actions. Stay calm and goal-directed. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Friends, fun and dreams mix well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ What you say and do has a financial impact. Knowing when to say "no" can and will make all the difference. Reach out for others and be willing to act. You might feel uncomfortable with another's demands. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and are willing to veer in a new direction. You see life with renewed interest and a different attitude. Be willing to break into new thinking and go in a new direction. Your vision of what might work could work. Tonight: Say "yes" to an opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take your time listening to news and feedback. You could be on overload with a lot on your plate. Think in terms of growth and gain. You have dynamic energy. How you view a situation could change if you listen to a rambunctious partner. Tonight: Take your time deciding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Stay focused, and you'll get results. Think in terms of growth and gain. Your humor and lightness take you in a new direction. Listen to news with an eye to dynamic growth and change. Extremes touch your life. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take charge knowing what you are doing and where you are going. Others admire your flex and ability to move through a problem. You are generous and easygoing. You might want to breathe and flex more. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Creativity and imagination mix. You see life from a renewed, more dynamic perspective. Someone wants to swap ideas and do more with you. Don't say "no." Brainstorming, chatting and visiting add to your vitality and interest. Tonight: How about the movies?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with a partner, especially when dealing with a money matter. You are more stubborn – or shall we say "anchored" – than in the past. You might want to break past someone's attitude. Understand the role of timing. Tonight: Stop and get to know someone better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You bounce into a situation all smiles and ready to go. Sometimes you might not realize the importance of a smile, a laugh or simply a positive attitude. Someone might be more challenging than usual. Avoid sitting on the fence. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself and take your time. How you see someone could change dynamically. Your sixth sense comes through for you. Know that you might need to take action rather than sit still. You might splurge. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might have a lot more get-up-and-go than in the past. Your humor and easy way help many relax. If you are strong and willful, others will back away. What happens in the near future could be the result of your direct actions. Tonight: Add that special energy others associate with your sign.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Basics count when handling a personal matter. You might want to avoid dealing with others, as you could have a lot on your chest. An opportunity drops on you, if you are willing to put out that extra effort. Tonight: Happy at home.

Born Today
Magician Harry Houdini (1874)
Actor Steve McQueen (1930)
Actress Alyson Hannigan (1974)

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He’s Rick James! Estate sues music publisher for cash

The estate of late funk singer **RICK JAMES** is suing a music publishing company it claims collected money from licensing his songs without permission. The lawsuit, filed March 15 in Superior Court, seeks unspecified damages. It accuses California-based Brooklyn Music Publishing Group Inc. of collecting

money from European music publishers and making new foreign deals without authority. Music publishing rights are the rights to use a song composition for various reasons, such as using the tune in commercials, but they do not include rights to the actual recordings, which are typically held by

record companies, said Larry Iser, the attorney who filed the lawsuit. The company also has withheld key licensing information for songs and even some master recordings, the lawsuit contends. Dozens of James’ compositions are involved, Iser said. A call to Brooklyn’s attorney, Vincent Chieffo,

wasn’t immediately returned Thursday. Brooklyn had a long-term contract to oversee the publishing rights to some of James’ compositions, although not to his hit “Super Freak.” When James died in 2004, his trust decided not to renew the agreement, instead awarding the pub-

lishing rights to another company in January 2007. However, Brooklyn has “essentially refused to stop administering the compositions,” the lawsuit claimed. That has made it “difficult, impractical and, in certain instances, impossible” to collect revenue from some songs, the lawsuit claimed.

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NAOMI A FREE WOMAN

NAOMI CAMPBELL has cleaned up her act – by getting down and dirty. The catwalker was released Friday from a garbage truck garage after completing five days of community service for assaulting her maid. The British supermodel sauntered out of the Department of Sanitation facility in Manhattan just after 4 p.m., making her exit seconds after a garbage truck rolled through the area. The pavement and chain-linked fence might as well have been a catwalk: She strutted through in a bare-shouldered, ankle-length shimmering gown and stiletto sandals, then stepped into her silver Rolls Royce and sped away as neighborhood residents and paparazzi ogled. Her boss for the week, department chief Albert Durrell, said she successfully completed her service.

The 36-year-old supermodel had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault for throwing the phone at her maid about a year ago in Campbell’s Park Avenue apartment over a missing pair of jeans. Her maid, Ana Scolavino, required four stitches to her head, since the phone apparently was crystal-encrusted. Campbell said it was an accident because she did not intend to hit her. Misdemeanor assault is punishable by up to a year in jail. In an agreement negotiated with prosecutors, a Manhattan Criminal Court judge sentenced Campbell to the five days of community service, to take anger management classes and to pay \$363.32 in restitution to Scolavino.

AP

Regis calls Kelly with news

REGIS PHILBIN called “Live With Regis and Kelly” on Friday to report that he’s in pain, but doing well, after his recent heart bypass surgery. “Well, you know, I think I’m through the worst of it,” Philbin told co-host Kelly Ripa. “I guess I was a little

unprepared for, you know, the first week and what they actually do to make this thing happen – and so, some of it came as quite a shock.” Philbin, 75, said he’s in pain around his heart, back and leg where doctors took some arteries for the

bypass. He said it especially hurts when he sneezes. “Other than that, I’m dancing, I’m having fun,” said Philbin, who is expected to return to the syndicated daytime talk show in about a month. Philbin says painkillers

have kept him up at night, causing him to “wander around the house” and say some strange things. “Last night I was yelling – I’m a little embarrassed to tell you this – but I was yelling, ‘I haven’t had sex in 3½ months!’” he said.

AP

Halle Berry heads home to Cleveland

Even in the rain, **HALLE BERRY** draws a crowd when she returns home to the Cleveland area. About 800 people waited in drizzle Thursday night in this Ohio suburb to catch a glimpse of the Oscar-winning actress before a screening of her new film, “Perfect Stranger.” Onlookers snapped photos with cameras and cell phones as Berry made her

way from a sport utility vehicle to the movie theater. She signed autographs, talked to fans and conducted interviews with local media. “I’m so happy to be home,” she told the packed theater before the film started. “I swear this is true. No matter how many countries I’ve been to, no matter how many warm receptions I’ve gotten, my heart was beat-

ing when I pulled up. Nothing feels better. The voices all sound familiar in some weird way. I’m of here. I’m from here. And I’m one of you.” Berry, 40, grew up in the Cleveland area and graduated from high school in suburban Bedford in 1984. She won the best-actress Oscar in 2002 for “Monster’s Ball.” Guests at the screening included Cleveland Mayor

Frank Jackson – who called Berry “homegrown and beautiful” when he introduced her – and Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards. “I’m a big fan of Halle Berry’s,” Edwards said. “I think every man in America is.” “Perfect Stranger,” which also stars Bruce Willis and Giovanni Ribisi, opens in theaters April 13.

AP

Jefferson Airplane infighting crashes and burns in lawsuit

Psychedelic flashback? Jefferson Airplane sues founding member **PAUL KANTNER** – again. Is this a flashback? One faction of the 1960s psychedelic band Jefferson Airplane is again suing founding member Paul Kantner, alleging that he’s using the band’s name without permission. Singer Grace Slick and Bill Thompson, former manager of the Jefferson Airplane and the Jefferson Starship, filed the lawsuit Tuesday in federal court, charging that Kantner is violating both trademark rights and an \$80,000 legal settlement he signed in 1985. Kantner promised never to perform as Jefferson Starship or use the names “Jefferson” or “Airplane” without consent from Slick,

majority shareholder in Jefferson Starship Inc., the lawsuit said. Kantner, 66, has been performing for years under variations on the names. He started touring in 1991 as Paul Kantner’s Starship, while Mickey Thomas, another ex-Starship vocalist, has been touring under the name of Mickey Thomas’ Starship. Kantner’s and Airplane vocalist and co-founder Marty Balin’s use of the Airplane name in a 2000 concert tour brought another lawsuit and an injunction. Asked why Kantner hadn’t been sued before now for his appearances under the Starship banner, Thompson said: “Playing small fairs didn’t irritate us so much.” Kantner crossed the line

by making a deal to let Microsoft Corp. use the Starship name to promote a new computer operating system, Thompson said. He said publicity for the concerts associated with the promotion included a poster with a photograph of Slick. The lawsuit says Kantner has cost Thompson, Slick and Jefferson Starship Inc. more than \$750,000 in revenue from using a name not rightfully his. The lawsuit seeks to confiscate his profits and stop him from performing as Jefferson Starship. Kantner said he hadn’t sold the Starship name, but let Microsoft use it in promotions for four free concerts, for which the band was paid \$100,000.

AP

ABBA WINS IN COURT

Former **ABBA** stars Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson won a court battle Friday over who wrote the script for one of their musicals. The feud between Ulvaeus and Andersson and writer Carl-Johan Seth concerned “Kristina fran Duvemala,” viewed by more than 1 million people in Sweden and expected to be cast on Broadway. Ulvaeus and Andersson wrote the songs and music for the play. Seth argued that he should be considered the main writer, but Ulvaeus and Andersson said his work was unusable. They said they used a script by director Lars Rudolfsson and dramatist Jan Mark. Seth’s lawyer, Staffan Michelson, said his client would appeal.

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MOVIEGUIDE

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Saturday
The Wrath of God (Aguirre, der Zorn Gottes) (NR)
7:30
Sunday
Lessons of Darkness (NR)
7:30
Our Daily Bread
(Unser taglich Brot) (NR)
5:00

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Breach (R)
7:10, 9:45
Bridge to Terabithia (PG)
11:55 a.m., 2:35, 4:55
I think I love My Wife (R)
11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Premonition (PG-13)
11:25 a.m., 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00
Pride (PG)
11:35 a.m., 2:05, 4:35, 7:45, 10:10

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1310 3rd Street
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300 (R)
11:10a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
The Last Mimzy (PG)
11:50a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Reign Over Me (R)
11:20a.m., 12:25, 2:05, 3:30, 4:50, 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30
TMNT (PG)
11:00am, 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
Wild Hogs (PG-13)
11:30a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
Zodiac (R)
11:15a.m., 2:40, 6:10, 9:50

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8223

First Snow (R)
11:30a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
The Wind That Shakes the Barley (NR)
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55

LAEMMILE’S MONICA FOURPLEX
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Beyond the Gates (R)
12:00, 5:30
The Lives of Others
(Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
1:10, 4:20, 8:00
Memory (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
The Namesake (PG-13)
1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:55

MANN’S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
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Dead Silence (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
The Hills Have Eyes 2 (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00, 12:20a.m.
The Host (Gwoemul) (R)
11:10a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Music and Lyrics (PG-13)
11:20am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Shooter (R)
11:00a.m., 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:40, 9:20, 10:40, 12:10

Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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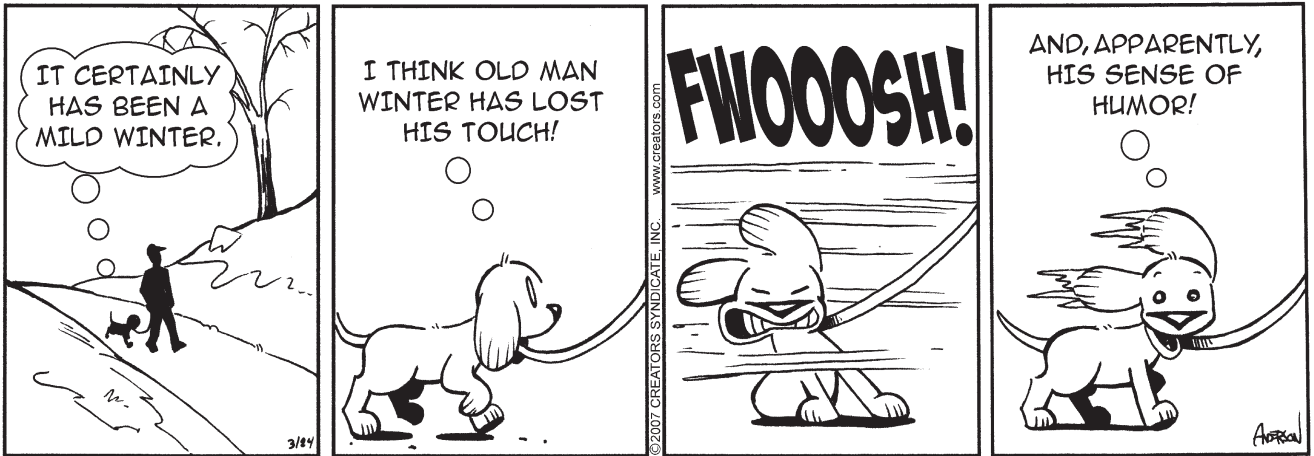
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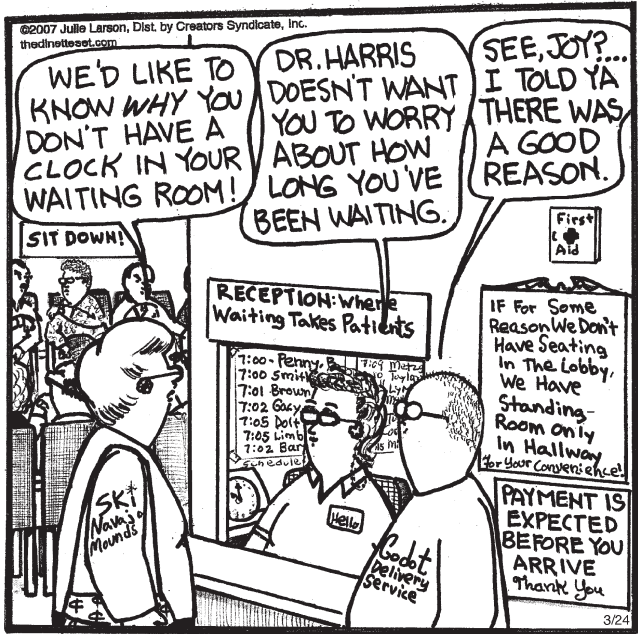


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■ For a story, a KGTV reporter in San Diego called several telephone numbers advertised in local media offering to supply trendy, "boutique" puppies (e.g., Maltese, Bichon Frise) at cut-rate prices, and among the numbers was a seller in Nigeria, who said he was practically giving away the Bichons for just the cost of shipping (\$1,000 to \$2,000). The reporter, who was recording the call, asked to hear the dog actually barking before he sent any money, and the seller complied. When the reporter played back the barking for acoustics engineers, they all agreed: The Bichon's woof-woof perfectly matched the characteristics of the Nigerian seller's voice.

■ People With Issues: Everyone Has a Dark Side: (1) Ms. Georgie Audean Buoy, 82, pleaded guilty in February in The Dalles, Ore., to having sex with an 11-year-old boy in her foster care. "(T)his is not the Audean we have known for the last couple of decades," said her pastor at the Covenant Christian Community Church. (2) Denver's City Attorney (and a former state court judge) Larry Manzanares was placed on leave in February after a search found one of the state's stolen laptop computers in his home. Manzanares told KMGH-TV that he had bought it but had no receipt. Said he, "It was rather foolish of me to even think about buying a computer from a fellow in a parking lot." (Manzanares has resigned, and a special prosecutor is now investigating.)

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GEVENE K. CLINTON

Gevene "Jeri" K. Clinton, 84, formerly of West Los Angeles, California passed away March 20th at the St. Joseph Village in Manhattan, Kansas. She was born on April 21, 1922 in Greenleaf, Kansas, the daughter of Henry "Dutch" and Alwena Lena Hoerman Kappelman. She graduated from Greenleaf High School in 1940 and moved to Hutchinson where she graduated from business school. She met her Husband William "Bill" Clinton while he was stationed in Hutchinson serving in the United States Navy. They were married in Marysville, Kansas on November 19th, 1946. After marrying, the couple moved to West Los Angeles where they owned and operated several businesses. Gevene was a secretary at Howard Hughes Aircraft and later worked as a department manager for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company. After retiring from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company in 1974, she continued to live in West Los Angeles enjoying gardening, walking her dog by the ocean, needlework, quilting, shopping and having coffee with friends at the Brentwood Country Mart. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. Gevene was a caregiver for family members for most of her retired years. In 1980's Gevene moved to Pahrump, Nevada to care for her husband until he passed away in 1995. She then spent her time living between Salina, KS with her sister, Naomi Kretz and her home in West Los Angeles. In 2004, Gevene moved to St. Joseph Village where she enjoyed playing Bingo and spending time with her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, twin brothers who died at childbirth, and her husband Bill Clinton. Survivors include her niece, Gayle Winter and husband, TJ Winter of Manhattan, KS; her nephew Gary Kretz of Dallas, TX; great nieces and nephews, Michelle Oetting-Sokolov of Davis, CA, Sierra Winter of Manhattan, KS, John-Michael Kretz of Dallas, TX, Kasey, Gary and Jack Kretz of Houston, TX, and two great- great nephews. A memorial Service will be held on Monday, March 26th at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at the St. Joseph Village in Manhattan, KS. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorials have been established for the Community Health Ministry in Wamego, Shepherds Crossing in Manhattan, and Home Care and Hospice of Manhattan. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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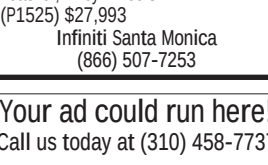
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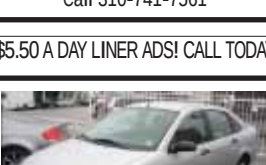
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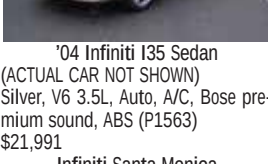
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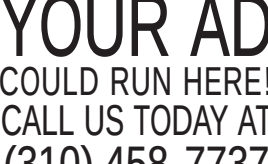
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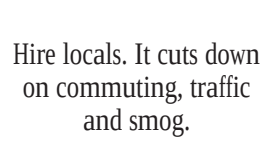
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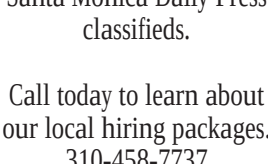
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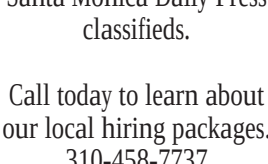
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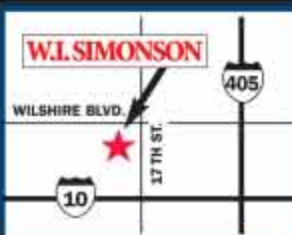


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