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Two arrested for allegedly torturing man

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police officers arrested two residents for allegedly holding a mentally handicapped man against his will for roughly six months,

during which time they tortured him, causing him to lose 60 to 80 pounds and suffer severe injuries including numerous cuts and contusions over his entire body, including his genitals, authorities said late Thursday.

Francisco Gerardo Rodriguez, 25, and Maria Leyva Jasmitel, 26, were arrested

Wednesday at their home located in the 3000 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. During the arrest, officers found two children, ages 5 and 7, at the home. They were taken into protective custody and placed with the Department of Children and Family Services, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

Rodriguez was booked for assault with a deadly weapon, mayhem and torture. Both suspects were booked for abuse of a dependent adult.

Trisler said officers were made aware of

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Senior housing gets delayed

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The First African Methodist Episcopal Church will have to wait on funding for a senior housing project now three years in the making after City Council members pulled the item from the consent calendar at its meeting Tuesday night.

The action, if approved, would have allowed a state agency to float a maximum of \$9 million in bonds to help pay for the construction of 49 units of affordable senior housing.

Those bonds would act as tax exempt financing, which would help hold down the cost of the project, which in turn would make it possible to charge less in rent, said Jim Kemper, housing administrator for City Hall.

"It makes a big difference to the developer," Kemper added.

Allowing the bond issue to go forward would not put any direct financial obligation on City Hall. However, Santa Monica is the gap financier, meaning that whatever money for the project that isn't raised through the bond and other loans will come from City Hall.

It's part of Santa Monica's stated commitment to create more affordable housing, Kemper said.

"This is a great deal," Kemper said. "And it's only money that's supposed to be put into affordable housing. We're not deciding between spending it on housing and spending it on parks."

Although residents of the Pico-Euclid neighborhood spoke at the meeting regarding the project, they focused on problems with the plans, including the designation of

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BIG BOOST: Mentors and professional comedians Michael Kosta (far left) and Orin Moore (far right) with their John Adams Middle School students Anthony Lopez (center left) and Moises Gonzales (center right). The group is part of the Spark program, which matches kids with mentors.

JAMS students get the Spark of learning

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

JAMS A week ago Wednesday, Brian Depablo, Kevin Quintero and Peter Duran left the John Adams Middle School campus

and walked into the halls of Activision, a game development company with offices in Santa Monica.

Armed with Activision dog tags and a nondisclosure agreement, the students were escorted to three separate wings of the

building to learn the ins and outs of different parts of Activision's business: computer repair, cover art and website design.

The boys, along with over 20 other JAMS

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 25, 2011

'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a hip musical comedy which follows six young people in the throes of puberty, who are overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, as they learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. At each performance, four audience volunteers are selected and invited on stage to participate in the Bee, making each performance unique. This play also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Live music
CENTRAL

1348 14th St., 9 p.m.

Art vs. Science will be featured at this hip new nightspot. American Royalty and RYAT are also on the bill. For more information, call (310) 451-5040.

Saturday, March 26, 2011

VDAY Santa Monica presents

'The Vagina Monologues' by Eve Ensler
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 8 p.m.

Come celebrate VDAY and be a part of the global movement to end violence against women and girls. All proceeds raised at VDay Santa Monica benefit the Peace Over Violence organization and the Global VDay Spotlight for 2011 — Haiti. The program features "The Vagina Monologues," by Eve Ensler. The all-star cast includes: Beverly Johnson, Julie Newmar, Barbara Bain, Lainie Kazan, Wendy Hammers and other notable performers. For more information, call (310) 428-7258.

Local history workshop
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.

The "Santa Monica: Preservation of a Regional History" workshop will discuss the preservation of regional history through local resources including the library's digital collections archive and the Santa Monica History Museum collections. The program is an opportunity to present an overview of both the library and museum collections and to highlight the Santa Monica History Museum's opening in their new location at 1350 Seventh St., on the Library campus. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Musical Alchemy: An exploration of Nada Yoga
Bhakti Yoga Shala
204 Arizona Ave., 8 p.m.

The Musical Alchemist, Filippo Franchini, explores the awesome power of tones, chanting and sonic massage to harmonize the body, mind and voice through a series of vocal exercises, along with a sequence of yogic postures led by Jamie Bechtold. Franchini has been a yogi and studied and played music in the yoga world for over 15 years. For more information, call (310) 804-9290.

Mid-City meets
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.

Mid-City Neighbors holds its first official meeting. The group was formed out of the lack of representation of this large part of the city.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Actor Duhamel organizes run for Japan

First it was Haiti. Now it's Japan.

Actor Josh Duhamel is once again teaming up with the American Red Cross of Santa Monica to host a "Youth Run 4 Japan," an earthquake/tsunami relief fundraiser that also aims to help kids get physically fit.

The 2-mile run will be held on Santa Monica Beach Sunday morning – rain or shine, organizers said.

People of all ages are invited to join the run. Runners will gather at Dorothy Green Park adjacent to Beach Parking Lot 5 where Ocean Park Boulevard meets the beach at 2600 Barnard Way. Registration for the run opens at 10 a.m. The run itself will begin at 11 a.m. Participants are asked to make a \$10 donation for American Red Cross Japan earthquake/tsunami relief efforts.

Children under 15 are required to bring a parent or adult guardian along. Runners are also asked to wear something red to show support for Japanese earthquake relief efforts.

In January of 2010, Duhamel led 2,500 runners on a similar beach run and raised over \$100,000 for Red Cross Haiti earthquake relief.

"There is great joy in running and knowing you're also helping the good people of Japan recover from the effects of a devastating earthquake and tsunami," Duhamel said.

"Youth Run 4 Japan" participants will run a mile north to the Santa Monica Pier, then turn around and return to the starting point at the park.

Checks and money orders should be made out to "American Red Cross – Japan relief." Cash will also be accepted. For complete information, go to the Santa Monica chapter website: www.redcrossofsantamonica.org or on Duhamel's website: www.reliefrun.com.

Duhamel, 38, has a long history of supporting the American Red Cross. He is a member of the relief organization's national Celebrity Cabinet and is a good friend of the Santa Monica chapter. He's set to receive the Red Cross Spirit Award at the chapter's annual Red Tie Affair fundraiser, Saturday evening, April 9 for his "Youth Run 4 Haiti."

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Going dark

In support of Earth Hour this Saturday, the world-famous, solar-powered Ferris wheel at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will have its 160,000 LED lights turned off for 60 minutes, starting at 8:30 p.m.

"Pacific Park's participation with Earth Hour fits right in with our commitment to being a leader in our community and industry for green initiatives," said Jeff Klocke, director of Marketing and Sales at Pacific Park. "In addition to the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel and energy-efficient LED lights, we continue to identify additional greening initiatives including the replacement of all light fixtures in the park, discontinued use of bottled water and providing employees with reusable bottles and mugs, and upgrading cleaning supplies to environmentally friendly products."

In 2010, Pacific Park was awarded Excellence in Stewardship of the Natural Environment at the 15th annual Sustainable Quality Awards presented by the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the nonprofit Sustainable Works.

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million people and more than 2,000 businesses turned their lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change.

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Superbug appears at county hospitals

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County health officials say a drug-resistant germ has appeared in local hospitals.

A study by the LA County Department of Public Health documented 350 cases of carbapenem-resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae, or CRKP, between June and December of last year.

Nearly half of the infections were found in long-term acute care hospitals while 6 percent were in skilled

nursing facilities.

The germ tends to strike elderly patients. It's unclear how many of the infections were fatal.

The bacterium, which is resistant to antibiotics, has been found in medical facilities across the United States.

Before last year, LA hospitals never had to report CRKP cases so it's not known how long the bug has been around.

Federal health officials have said CRKP has not spread to the community unlike other superbugs.



BIG HAND

Photo courtesy Kevin B. Gray/U.S. Navy

Lt. j.g. Jaden Risner, assigned to the Black Knights of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, speaks with Japanese citizens Monday during a mission in Japan. Risner is a graduate of Santa Monica High School and a former Explorer with the SMPD. Risner told the Daily Press in 2007 that he learned to fly at Santa Monica Airport and paid for lessons by helping Japanese students with reading.

L.A. unions reach deal on pension, health costs

MICHAEL R. BLOOD

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Striving to ease a budget crisis, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced a watershed deal Thursday with city unions that will require civilian workers for the first time to pay part of their salary toward retiree health benefits.

The tentative health care agreement with the Coalition of L.A. City Unions could generate \$64 million over three years and help City Hall avoid sweeping municipal layoffs, as the mayor and City Council try to

close a projected \$500 million budget shortfall.

A sickly economy, double-digit unemployment and a housing crisis have left the nation's second largest city starved for cash, and unions faced a stark choice: Agree to concessions or see jobs eliminated. Already, the city has cut library hours, reduced park maintenance and cut loose employees to save money.

Labor strife has caused chaos in Wisconsin and elsewhere, but thus far Villaraigosa has been able to find common ground with city workers in the midst of a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Squirrel caused outage

Editor:

For 25 hours this week, from 5 p.m. Sunday until 6 p.m. Monday, the 11 houses surrounding Ashland Park were without electricity. At first we thought this was in some way the result of the powerful storm that pounded all of Los Angeles through most of Sunday. One neighbors whose house lost power had the presence of mind to ask a Southern California Edison repairman what had happened. He learned that the damage began when a squirrel chewed through a wire somewhere in the vicinity of the park.

Our thanks go out to the folks from SCE who bailed us out of this situation. What we are left wondering, however, is how SCE management allowed such inferior maintenance to occur in the first place. As ratepayers, we can attest to the fact that their service does not come cheap. Why not use some of the money to keep the infrastructure in good working order, instead of letting it get to the point where a lone squirrel and a lone wire can cause such a problem?

Joan Walston

Santa Monica

Marathon moves, inspires

Editor:

It was quite the experience to walk down to the finish line of the L.A. Marathon, wrapped warmly in my rain gear and my coffee in hand. As I watched the winners stride across the finish line, I admit I had a lump in my throat in my admiration and awe of their physical strength and determination.

I walked back up San Vicente Boulevard toward Seventh Street as many more runners sped, trudged and limped toward the final stretch. I was no less moved by these determined runners and wheelchair racers. Some runners' T-shirts declared such things as "For Japan" or "En memoria de mi mama." The crowds were thin, but they cheered on the runners. As the rain pounded harder and the cold wind thrashed, on they came, mostly grimacing in determination. One young runner was walking and shaking with hypothermia and a person on the sidelines wrapped her jacket around him and walked with him to Ocean Avenue to get him medical help.

The Fairmont Hotel graciously opened the ballroom for the unexpected numbers of hypothermic and sore runners to gather. The hotel, its staff and volunteers stepped-up to the plate to pass out blankets, towels, food and warm drinks for these tired racers.

Some may complain about the extra traffic and inconvenience that this event brings, but this local citizen was moved and inspired. May it be a tradition for years to come.

Carol Hastings

Santa Monica

Take a hike

Editor:

I would suggest that if Mr. Petoria really believes that Santa Monica is "just another crappy suburb" he pack his bags and move sooner rather than later ("No thanks, Santa Monica," Letters to the Editor, March 18, page 4). Those of us that live here choose to do so. This community works hard to make our schools great, shows compassion to the less fortunate and is on the cutting edge relative to environmental issues like plastic bags and Styrofoam. Mr. Petoria, why not become part of the solution, not part of the problem?

Michael Dubin

Santa Monica

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SMDP EDITORIALS

Democracy doesn't come cheap

Those who have participated in the political process in Santa Monica know that residents in the city by the sea exercise their right to vote and are civically engaged, more so than those living in other areas in the region when comparing voter turnout rates. Santa Monica has a history of encouraging residents to participate in local government, and because of this City Hall provides benefits to candidates not enjoyed in other cities, and that includes not charging those contemplating a run for public office a fee for filing with the City Clerk's Office.

In a report to the City Council on Tuesday, City Clerk Maria Stewart laid out the costs City Hall incurs during election season. She said that in 2010, the cost of printing candidate statements in both English and Spanish was \$924 per candidate vying for a seat on the council dais — and there were 11 people running. That's \$10,164, and we're not even talking about staff time to process campaign filings, verify signatures from registered voters and post contribution reports online for the press and other interested parties to peruse. Stewart said her staff spends a "significant" amount of time on election activities and that takes away from other duties.

And there's City TV time. Councilman Kevin McKeown said anywhere between \$12,000 and \$17,000 in staff time and production costs is spent during campaign season as City TV gives candidates the opportunity to talk with viewers directly using taped statements broadcast regularly during the campaign. That's a tremendous value provided free of charge.

The state elections code allows for municipalities to charge an initial candidate filing fee not to exceed \$25 and require candidates to reimburse the cost of printing and mailing their respective candidate statements. Santa Monica has paid for all candidate statements since at least 1974 and doesn't charge a filing fee. This needs to change.

The council on Tuesday night failed to approve a \$200 fee for filing, choosing instead to have staff study other scenarios, some of which weren't all that bad, including doing away with a filing fee for those who can either show a financial hardship or who can gather more than the 100 signatures required to qualify for the ballot.

Even Berkeley charges a fee — \$150.

When there are threats of stripping away

funds that pay for public services and when residents and businesses are being asked to pay more in the form of higher taxes and fees to use swimming pools or after-school programs and cover other expenses, there needs to be a filing fee in place to recoup some costs (\$200 doesn't even come close). We're not talking about a prohibitive amount that would scare away serious candidates. This fee is minimal.

Not only would the fee help pay for a small fraction of the costs, but it could also help weed out those candidates who are not serious contenders and who continually waste resources, and negatively impact political debates hosted by various community groups and the media. There's only so much political discourse people can stomach at one time and when there are 11 candidates featured in a debate, it drags the discussion down, offers less substance and doesn't give the community a chance to hear more from those candidates who actually have support and the financial means to run competitive campaigns.

We say raise the filing fee to \$300 and require candidates to gather at least 300 signatures in order to receive City TV time. This would demonstrate a sincere interest in running for public office, and if the council ever does place on the ballot a measure for public financing of campaigns, something which has been discussed in earnest, this would be one way of protecting taxpayer money from being wasted by those looking to pump up their own egos.

The council needs to act on this and impose a fee. Promoting democracy is something this community does, but at some point you have to realize that democracy doesn't come cheap.

On a side note, the Santa Monica Daily Press is supportive of the council's move to raise the strict campaign contribution limit in Santa Monica from \$250 to \$400. The limit has not been raised in over 15 years and the change reflects the ever increasing costs of running a successful campaign and could help candidates counter the influence held by independent expenditure committees, which are not required to abide by the limit. Four hundred dollars is still low enough to make sure no one person has more power over a candidate than another, but a large enough increase to help candidates be more competitive.

Planning puts foot down on project

We have to hand it to Planning Director Eileen Fogarty and her staff for holding their ground when it comes to making sure the Hines Bergamot Transit Village project, one of the largest in the city's history with nearly 1 million square feet of commercial space, housing and retail, complies with the goals of the Land Use and Circulation Element, which will dictate development and traffic patterns for the next 20 years or more. Fogarty did not bow to the pressure and it's a shame she is retiring. We will miss her leadership.

As for the project, we believe some design changes and the addition of community benefits and retail that truly serves the community, will go a long way in reaching the vision of LUCE. We think the project will be good for Santa Monica, providing much-needed housing, jobs and tax revenue. Yes, it will generate traffic. But if we're smart about it, we can minimize those impacts. City

planners and the council have to make sure that other projects in the area — and there are plenty — comply with strict traffic management plans and there are pedestrian- and bike-friendly connections to Expo Light Rail.

In the end though, the council shares a lot of the responsibility for the increases in traffic congestion. If LUCE would have been completed sooner and the council not dragged its feet, we wouldn't be seeing projects so out of line with the vision residents have for their city. If LUCE would have been adopted six years ago, developers would have had a better idea of how the future was going to look before making significant investments that call for greater density to make a profit. Council did a lot of things piecemeal, creating confusion when it came to developing a vision for the old industrial part of town.

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Charlie gives winning a bad name

GUESS WHAT FOLKS, WE'RE IN ANOTHER war. If you're keeping score at home this makes three simultaneously: Iraq, Afghanistan and now Libya. Frankly, I'm not a fan of any of them.

When and if we ever leave Iraq, one can only imagine the chaos and bloodshed that might follow. And Afghanistan may turn out to be the longest war in our history. (As Dick Cheney might say, "So?")

Regarding Afghanistan, days ago at his court martial in Seattle, U.S. Army Specialist Jeremy Morlock admitted to being part of a rogue "kill team" that murdered three unarmed Afghan civilians. The German news magazine Der Spiegel published photographs, one of which shows Morlock smiling as he lifted the head of an Afghan man he'd killed. It seems to me that we continually put young people in insane situations and wonder why they act insanely.

Regarding Libya, President Obama's rationale for the bombings is to protect civilians rebelling against Moammar Gadhafi's brutal 41-year dictatorship. Notoriously nuts, Col. Gadhafi vows to "fight to the last man and the last bullet." On the other hand, you have to admire Moammar's "humility" in only making himself a colonel instead of a general.

I'm not sure what our objective is in Libya and what our exit scenario will be. Whatever it is, I hope it's sooner rather than later.

Switching from wars to natural disasters, in earthquake-ravaged Japan, it's unclear exactly how much progress there's been in bringing the four damaged nuclear reactors "under control." One thing that is clear, however, is Japan's history with nuclear radiation is star-crossed, to put it mildly.

I shudder whenever I think about reactors in California that are so close to earthquake fault lines. My only solution is to stop thinking about it, which is where Charlie Sheen comes in.

Sheen's personal "meltdown" seems to be getting as much media coverage as earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear radiation. Then again, I suppose in writing about it I'm guilty of fueling that phenomenon.

As it happens, Sheen attended Santa Monica High School and was friends with Rob Lowe and Sean Penn. According to IMDB (Internet Movie Data Base) Charlie was a pitcher on the Viking baseball team with a lifetime record of 40-15. He didn't graduate, however, as he was expelled shortly beforehand for "low grades and lack of attendance." (Imagine, that.)

Charlie recently made a surprise appearance on Jimmy Kimmel's TV show. Manic as ever, Sheen bolted onto the stage to rousing

applause and proceeded to kiss Kimmel on the lips.

According to TMZ (Thirty Mile Zone), earlier in the day, Sheen's ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, opted to let expire a restraining order she had against Sheen. The order had prevented him from coming near her or their twin sons. Apparently she and Charlie have settled their differences. (Which is more than CBS can say.)

Sheen is planning an upcoming one-man show, "Charlie Sheen LIVE: My Violent Torpedo of Truth." Amazingly, Sheen sold out his first show at New York's 6,000-seat Radio City Music Hall in less than 30 minutes. An additional show was added, and it sold out as well.

Evidently, there's huge money in being crazy in public. If you do the math, Sheen could make \$1,000,000 per show. Tickets to the Radio City performance range from \$79.50 to \$519, but if fans want a meet and greet with the Warlock, it will cost a whopping \$750. Sheen's PR department points out that he's donating \$1 per ticket to the Red Cross Japanese Earthquake Fund. (One dollar? Given the ticket prices that seems downright parsimonious.)

Sheen has sold out performances planned for Detroit, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland and Columbus, to name but a few. He promises audiences they will "hear the real story from the Warlock himself."

Under the heading, "ratings trump everything," is the news that CBS reportedly wants Sheen to return to "Two and a Half Men." Maybe it's because Sheen is suing his former bosses for \$100 million. Or maybe they're impressed with how much drawing power the sold-out shows indicate Sheen still has. Whatever the reasoning, according to Radar Online, CBS CEO Les Moonves is personally spearheading the negotiations.

Among the many insults Sheen hurled at his former employers was one directed at "Two and a Half Men" co-creator Chuck Lorre, who's Jewish. Sheen sarcastically referred to Lorre as "Chaim Levine," which is Lorre's real name. It seems an odd insult coming from Sheen whose real name is Carlos Irwin Estevez. (Irwin? Actually, that might explain a lot.)

Unfortunately, if Sheen, who refers to himself as a "gnarly bitchen rock star from Mars," does return to CBS, then he'll assuredly tout it as just another example of his "Duh, winning!" To have to listen to his narcissistic, grandiose ramblings, I'd rather hear about wars, earthquakes and nuclear radiation. Well, almost.

If he isn't wasting time on IMDB, RadarOnline or TMZ, **JACK** can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.



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Report: Records show \$425K missing in land deal

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BELL A California city plagued by a corruption scandal paid more than double the assessed value for a plot of land in 2006 and nearly a half-million dollars of that money is unaccounted for, it was reported Thursday.

Then-City Administrator Robert Rizzo and ex-General Services Director Eric Eggena wanted the property in Bell as part of a revitalization effort in the business district, but no redevelopment has occurred on the site where a car wash still operates and pays rent to the city, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The city paid \$1.35 million for the land and in return got a promise that \$425,000 would be returned in the form of a charitable contribution to the city to support a youth club or build a park, the Times said, citing interviews and records.

When the contribution is subtracted, the actual sales price would be \$925,000 — well above the appraised value of \$612,000.

The car wash operators had a long-term lease that gave them the right of first refusal to match any prospective offers but could not afford the price.

The land was sold by Jack Elwood shortly before his death. His son, Bruce, and city officials do not know what happened to the charitable donation, the Times said.

The \$425,000 was held by an escrow

agency and later returned to the city while Bruce Elwood signed over the property deed after his father's death, the Times said.

Elwood told the newspaper that he repeatedly asked Eggena for a city letter that had been promised to document the tax-deductible donation, but said he never got the paperwork and never claimed the deduction.

"I was always suspicious of the city from the standpoint of, what did you do with that money," Bruce Elwood said.

Calls by The Associated Press seeking comment from Rizzo and an Eric Eggena in Tujunga were not immediately returned.

The Bell Community Redevelopment Agency was criticized in a state audit last year for improperly using money for low-income housing to help subsidize the bloated salaries of top city officials and operating without enough oversight.

No criminal charges were filed over the car wash land deal.

In a separate case, Rizzo and seven other ousted Bell officials were charged with fraud and other counts claiming they looted the city of millions of dollars, largely by providing themselves with exorbitant salaries.

Rizzo, who had an annual salary and compensation package of \$1.5 million, and three other defendants pleaded not guilty Thursday to the corruption counts.

Eggena was not charged.

Judge to rule if kids can visit paralyzed mother

JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It's a custody case in which no one disputes these tragic facts: A healthy young woman went to the hospital to deliver her triplets, was badly brain damaged by a series of medical errors and can no longer walk, talk or even feed herself.

But Abbie Dorn's attorney says that doesn't make her any less a mother to those 4-year-old triplets, telling Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Shaller at a pre-trial hearing in Los Angeles Thursday that the 34-year-old woman has the same rights to regular visits with her children as any other parent.

"They can call her mommy and, most of all, they can tell her they love her," attorney Lisa Meyer said during closing arguments at a hearing to decide whether Dorn is allowed to see her children for two weeks every summer and a week in the spring and fall.

The attorney for Dorn's ex-husband, Dan Dorn, countered Meyer, saying that as tragic as her situation is, she is no longer capable of being a parent and that if her children are to see her it should only be under the supervision of their father and on his terms.

"It's unfortunate but it's the truth, and we have to deal with what we know," said attorney Vicki Greene.

It likely will not be the final word in this case, as Abbie Dorn's parents have sued for permanent visitation rights.

After the closing arguments, Shaller closed the courtroom to the public so he and the attorneys could discuss the effect of visitations on Dorn's children without violating their privacy. He said he expected to issue a tentative written ruling to the attorneys sometime Thursday.

A trial date on that matter has not been

scheduled.

The tragic events that led all parties to Shaller's courtroom this week began on what should have been the happiest day of Abbie Dorn's life. That was June 20, 2006, when she left for the hospital to give birth to her sons and their sister.

The first two births took place without incident. But as a doctor was delivering the third triplet, he accidentally nicked Dorn's uterus. Before doctors could stop the bleeding, her heart had stopped, a defibrillator they used malfunctioned and her brain was deprived of oxygen.

A year later her husband, believing she would never recover, divorced her and is raising their children at his Los Angeles home. Her parents, meanwhile, took her to their Myrtle Beach, S.C., home where they are caring for her. As the conservators of her estate, they also manage her malpractice settlement of nearly \$8 million.

Dorn's attorney argues that her children should not be denied the crucial opportunity to bond with her as they grow up, even if they can't have a traditional relationship with her.

Thursday's closing arguments showed a deep division between Dorn's mother, Susan Cohen, and Dorn's ex-husband.

"She is an unfit grandmother," Greene said at one point, adding that Cohen wants to take on the role of parent whenever the children visit their mother and to fill them with unrealistic expectations that their mother might recover.

Cohen's attorney, Meyer, complained that during a December visit, when the children asked to take home a photo of their mother, Cohen gave them each framed pictures that they clutched tightly. But when they got home, she said, their father hid the photos away in a cabinet.

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Associated Press

SAN GABRIEL Authorities have closed three upscale townhouses that were operating as a maternity center for Chinese mothers paying thousands of dollars to give birth in the United States so the children would automatically gain citizenship.

Police and city inspectors found seven newborns and two mothers when they closed the homes for building code violations on March 8 in San Gabriel, a suburb east of Los Angeles that is home to a large Asian population.

The women, who were Chinese and Taiwanese nationals and spoke little English, told officials their families had paid to send them to the United States to give birth, said city code compliance officer Clayton Anderson. He did not know how much was paid.

The women stayed at the center before and after giving birth at local hospitals, Anderson said.

The three homes, part of a five-unit condo development on a quiet residential street, had adjoining inside walls removed and had rooms divided so mothers each had separate spaces, Anderson said.

The babies were kept in clear plastic bassinets in a kitchen converted into a nursery.

"There was a woman there who said she was a nurse but she kind of scrambled away when we got there," Anderson said.

The women and babies were taken to another location after the homes were deemed unsafe for occupancy because structural walls had been breached.

U.S. law automatically entitles children born on U.S. soil to citizenship, and it is not illegal for pregnant women to visit the U.S. to give birth.

Women from other countries have long traveled to the U.S. legally on tourist or student visas and given birth, but this case is unusual in that it appears to involve an organized business, experts said.

"The reports up to now have been about travel agencies abroad that specialized in this, but they send one person at a time here," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies. "What this could suggest is ... they're taking it to the next step. Whoever is organizing this type of operation is buying or leasing a home to become a clearing house. That's a serious problem."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement would only investigate if the case involved fraudulently obtained visas, agency spokeswoman Virginia Kice said.

Republican lawmakers have targeted limiting automatic citizenship for children born in the U.S. and earlier this year said they hoped to trigger a Supreme Court review of the Constitution's 14th Amendment or force Congress to take action with legislation they've drafted on the issue.

Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King sponsored a bill that would limit automatic citizenship to people with at least one parent who is a citizen, a legal permanent resident or served in the military, but there has been little movement on the legislation since it was introduced.

Some states, too, have tried to take steps to limit birthright citizenship. Last week, Arizona's state Senate rejected illegal immigration bills that included measures intended to produce a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on who is entitled to U.S. citizenship at birth under the 14th Amendment.

But Rep. Judy Chu, D-El Monte, said traveling to this country to give birth is not a common practice and defended automatic citizenship for children born in the U.S.

"The 14th Amendment is fundamental to the U.S. and too important to change because of the practice of a few," she said "It would be a severe disservice to our nation if millions of immigrants are painted with the same brush."

Chapman University law professor Maria Cianciarulo, who specializes in immigration, said she's never heard of a maternity house, noting that birthing tourism is a tiny fraction of the flow of immigrants and tourists into the United States.

Workers at the San Gabriel house were busy Thursday restoring it to its original state as ordered by the city.

Property manager Dwight Chang was fined \$800 for construction without a permit and operating a business in a residential zone. He told city officials that he had rented the townhomes to a woman. A phone message left at Chang's business, Ta Way Development in Arcadia, was not immediately returned.

The city investigation, which included police and child protective services, was prompted by neighbors' complaints of noise at night and a lot of activity at the house at all hours, said Jennifer Davis, community development director.

Neighbor William Padgett, who has lived on the street for 22 years, said he often saw groups of women in the advanced stages of pregnancy taking walks in the neighborhood and a lot of cars in the middle of the night.

"I knew something from the get-go was going on," he said. "There was a lot of coming and going."



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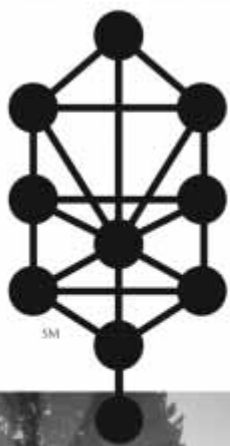
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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Cops shut down grow house

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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, AT 1:15 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 700 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a possible location being used to grow pot for sale. Officers went to the location and made contact with a man who was leaving the residence. Officers conducted a consensual search of the suspect and found paperwork on growing weed and over \$1,000 in cash. During a search of the home, officers said they found 105 pot plants, two bags of processed marijuana (5.6 and 8.4 ounces), large amounts of cash and anabolic steroids. The suspect, Jackey Ross, 45, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of marijuana for sale, cultivation of marijuana and possession of pot. His bail was set at \$20,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, AT 6:54 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding an assault and battery. When officers arrived they found the victim lying on the ground in a pool of blood. The victim was out cold. Several witnesses told officers that the suspect ran up to the victim and punched him in the face. While the victim was on the ground, the suspect continued to strike the victim in the face with his fists and feet. The suspect walked away, did some push-ups and walked back to the victim and started to kick him several more times, all while the victim was unconscious. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect, Ronald Hughes, 33, a transient, was booked for attempted homicide and mayhem. His bail was set at \$500,000.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, AT 10:04 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Main and Kinney streets when they saw a man running out of a liquor store with the manager chasing after him. A confrontation ensued and officers intervened, breaking up the fight. The manager told officers that the suspect took a bottle of beer and food and left without paying. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Damion Bradbury, 24, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, AT 8:27 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1700 block of Appian Way regarding a suspect trying to open car doors. When officers arrived they made contact with the suspect. The suspect appeared to be delusional, police said. As officers attempted to check the suspect for weapons, the suspect allegedly elbowed one of them, striking him in the chest. The suspect attempted to walk away but was detained by officers. The suspect replied, "That was stupid of me." When asked why he struck the officer, the suspect said, "I thought I could take you," police said. Officers arrested the suspect, who was identified as Bryan Krum, 39, a transient. He was booked for assault on a police officer. His bail was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, AT 7:57 A.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the 300 block of Wilshire Boulevard when they saw a man riding a skateboard while being chased by another person. The two went into traffic lanes, causing cars to stop short in order to avoid striking them. The skateboarder entered the street while facing a red traffic signal. Officers stopped the skateboarder a few streets away. Officers told him that he ran a red light and called his parole officer. Officers let the skateboarder go, only to arrest him a short time later after receiving a report about a stolen skateboard. Officers were told that the suspect physically took the skateboard from another and fled. The suspect was arrested and booked for robbery and a parole violation. He was identified as Daniel Brown, 25, of West Hollywood. He was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, AT 7:25 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 200 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a bicyclist that was stopped for riding on the sidewalk. The bicyclist did not have any identification, police said. While trying to identify him, officers discovered the suspect was in possession of 114 grams of marijuana. The suspect told officers that it was medical marijuana, but officers were not moved. They placed the suspect under arrest for possession of pot for sale and for riding on the sidewalk. He was identified as Isiah Gunn, 23, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, AT 9:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 3300 block of Pico Boulevard – Trader Joe's – regarding a shoplifter. When officers arrived, they detained a possible suspect outside the grocery store. The suspect allegedly told officers that he did steal some items and was sorry for doing so. Store employees told the officers that the suspect stole some food. They confronted him and told him not to return. They changed their mind about pressing charges when officers said they found additional items from the store in the suspect's car. The suspect was arrested and booked for burglary. He was identified as Andre Carey, 50, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

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students, participate in the Spark program, a youth empowerment project that places students in apprenticeships with professionals to inspire them to continue their education and pursue their dreams.

Students identify their "dream job," and Spark staff hit the streets to find individuals and offices willing to mentor the children in the field of their choice, said Jahan Boulden, the program manager for Spark Los Angeles.

"Students are placed in everything from the Melisse Restaurant and The Yard as chefs, Activision for video game design, Spinmaster for toymaking and fashion design," Boulden said.

Once a week for 10 weeks, the kids leave campus and go to their apprenticeships, where mentors teach them aspects of their field of interest. At the end of the program, the students will produce a final project, which they present sci-

ence-fair style at an event called "Discovery Night."

The apprenticeships dovetail with a leadership class that schools students in public speaking and interpersonal skills.

The goal is to connect the learning done in the classroom with its ultimate conclusion — the opportunity to make it in the field they dream of.

"We use this program to find inspiration and relevancy in day-to-day school work," said Ben Allen, a program manager for Spark and board member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Allen helped bring the program to JAMS, which is the first non-charter school in the Los Angeles area to host Spark.

It's also the only school to incorporate the leadership portion into the actual school day.

The biggest challenge in the program is not convincing students and teachers to take time out of their day, Boulden said, it's finding the perfect apprenticeship for each kid.

"It's student-driven, so we ask the students to fill out an interest form. We call them 'career buckets,' and they include

different careers that fit under different categories," Boulden said.

Staff then interview the students and take that information to the streets to find professionals that work in the field and would be willing to spend time mentoring the children.

Lee Rosen, founder of Premier Oncology, a cancer research and treatment center in Santa Monica, agreed to take in one JAMS student who told staff that he wanted to cure cancer.

"What a great opportunity to give back to the community and work with young people to encourage them to develop careers and dream big dreams," Rosen said.

Premier Oncology has three components: cancer treatment, cancer research and a foundation that supports cancer patients through their treatment process, Rosen said.

Part of the mentoring program will be showing the student the multiplicity of ways that he can break into the field of cancer treatment, Rosen said.

"It's about doctor and patient, but also about the pharmacist, nurse and business people who go into that process of curing cancer," Rosen said.

While the middle-schoolers involved in the program won't be turned into highly-trained professionals over the course of the program, they do pick up some practical knowledge.

Adan Hernandez went to work with computer repair business owner Scott Bly.

"We talked first about electricity, and he taught me how to read adapters," Hernandez said.

Although it's only week two of the program, the kids are excited about their apprenticeships.

"We were really lucky to get this opportunity," Quintero said.

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DELAY

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all three buildings as "senior group housing" in the staff report.

Objections centered on a communal kitchen, which people felt needed to include a staff member to prepare meals for seniors, and concerns that the designation was simply a way to allow the developer to skirt density rules.

"It's premature to promote this," said resident Wendy Lamm, continuing to state that it was unclear exactly what kind of housing was being proposed — senior group housing or senior apartments.

Each have different requirements under zoning codes, and allow varying degrees of density.

The lack of clarity troubled council members, who couldn't get direct answers from staff on whether or not Santa Monica's municipal code required that a person be on hand to cook communal meals to qualify a residence as "senior group housing."

Council member Bobby Shriver asked if the kitchen needed to be capable of producing meals, or if a "kitchen will be there to produce the meals for them," indicating a presumption that a staff person would be cooking for seniors.

"My understanding is that it's a full kitchen that's being proposed," said Director of Housing and Economic Development Andy Agle.

The council chose to wait to approve financing until this and other issues brought up by the residents had been answered.

Both the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission have approved the project, and many of the issues had been brought up in the past, Agle said Thursday.

"Based on the initial review, the plans are compliant," Agle said. "It would not receive building permits unless the final plans are compliant."

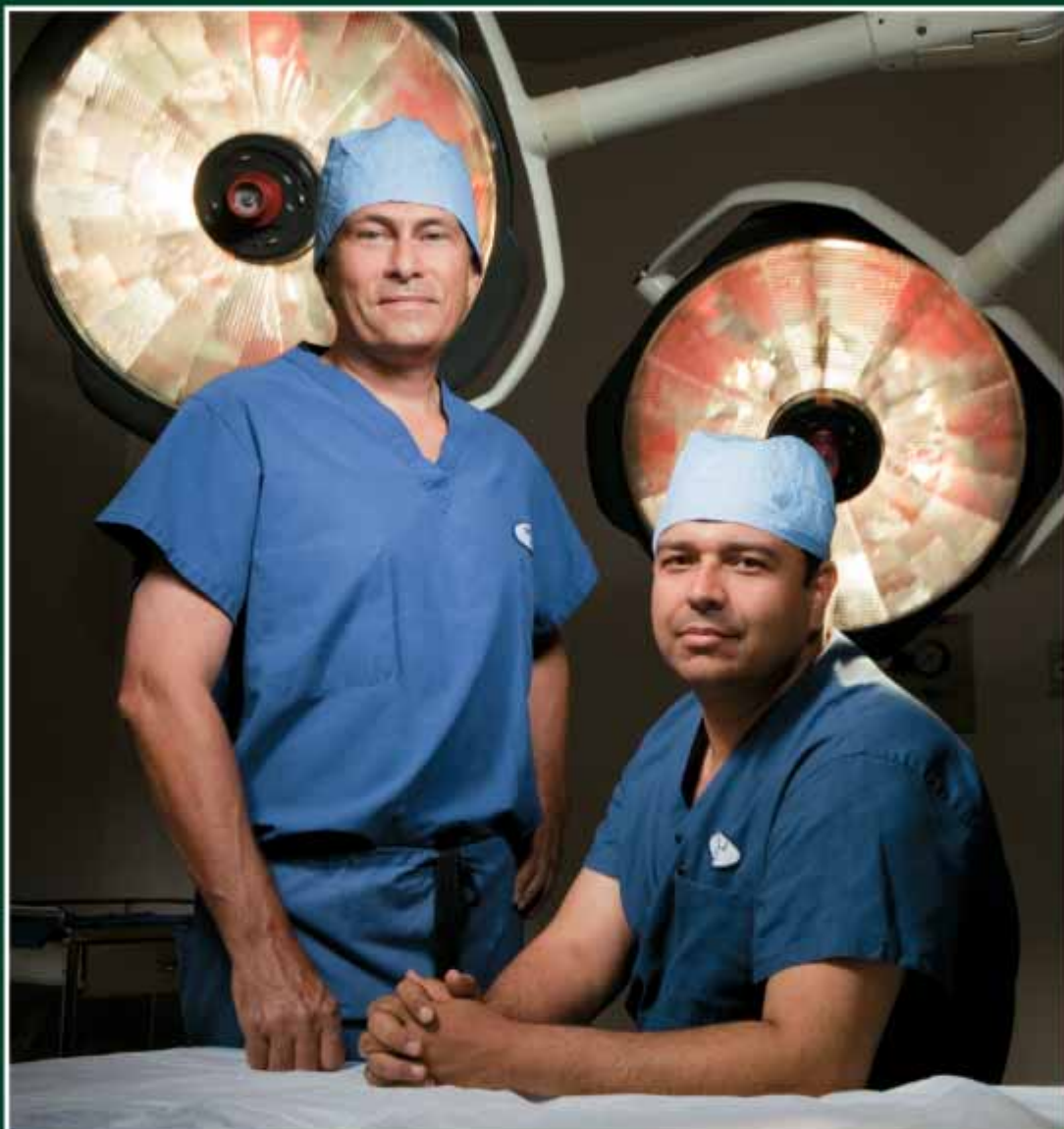
Without building permits, no funding could be used anyway, Agle noted.

Staff will come back with more information to present to council at a future meeting.

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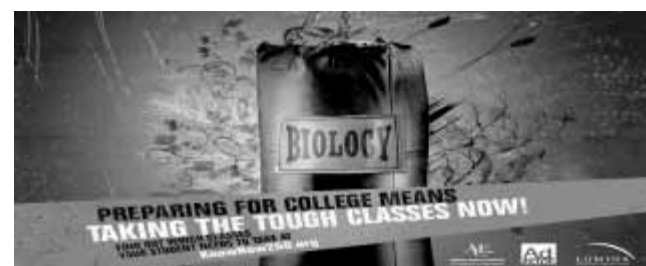


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complicated budget mess.

"Los Angeles has a message for Madison, Columbus, Indianapolis and every city or state capital where public employee unions have been vilified as the cause of budget problems and economic woes: Collective bargaining works," Villaraigosa said in a statement. "Unions are our partners, not our enemies."

Civilian workers now pay nothing toward retiree health benefits. Under the deal that must be ratified by unions, workers would contribute 2 percent of salary toward those costs beginning in April, increasing to 4 percent in July.

With earlier pension changes, a worker after July 1 will invest 11 percent of salary toward overall retirement benefits — pensions and retiree health care combined. A worker now pays 6 percent of salary toward pensions.

The deal covers the coalition, which represents about 20,000 civilian workers. Police and firefighter negotiations will take place separately.

"Everybody knows they have to do something here. Nobody is happy about it, but they have to do something to sustain these

benefits and help the city out of the quagmire," said Bob Schoonover, president of Service Employees International Union, Local 721.

The Democratic mayor, a former labor organizer, has been pushing other changes that would raise the retirement age for new hires and award them less generous pension benefits compared to today's retirees.

The health care payments are part of a broader labor pact that will save the city's general fund about \$200 million over several years, in part through delaying pay raises and a temporary suspension of cash over-time. It also includes a no furlough guarantee for workers covered by the deal, through June 2014.

The situation in Los Angeles mirrors much of the U.S., where state governments and municipalities are struggling to control soaring costs for public workers, including retirees.

City documents state taxpayer contributions to the civilian retirement system are projected to grow to \$791 million by 2015, up from \$407 million this year. Increased contributions to police and firefighter pensions and health care could nearly double that figure.

The city faces a projected budget gap of up to \$500 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

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the allegedly abuse on March 20 when the 26-year-old victim was dropped off at a hospital in Culver City with severe injuries. The victim was transported to another hospital for advanced medical care, at which time police were notified.

Officers said the victim had numerous new tattoos and appeared to be emaciated. He told the officers that he had been held against his will and tortured repeatedly.

Physicians told officers that the victim suffered from numerous cuts, abrasions and

contusions and lost 60 to 80 pounds.

Anyone with information related to this crime is urged to contact Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or Investigator Hee Seok Ahn at (310) 458-8452 or the SMPD (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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Play Time

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‘Girls Talk’ a riot at both ends

“GIRLS TALK” IS AN UPROARIOUSLY FUNNY play — for about 20 minutes. Then it turns from affectionately teasing banter to passive-aggressive vitriol and it isn't funny any more.

Roger Kumble's new play, now having its world premiere at the Lee Strasberg Theatre in West Hollywood, brings together three high-end matrons from Bel Air to plan a fundraiser for their children's pre-school.

Two of the women, Lori (Brooke Shields) and Jane (Andrea Bendewald), are Jewish. The third, Scarlett (Nicole Paggi), is what Jane calls a “shiksa convert” who greets everyone with a boisterous “Shabbat Shalom!” no matter what day of the week it is.

Lori's best friend and former television writing partner, Claire (Constance Zimmer), has dropped in as well. She, at 39, is unmarried and childless, as the others keep reminding her, and she spends much of the time trying to talk with various agents and studio people from an erratic cell phone that doesn't get much of a signal inside Lori's home in the hills.

Lori has two brand new twin boys as well as a 4-year old daughter who is away on a play date with Tom and Katie Cruise's daughter, Suri. This, of course, impresses Jane, the social climber and former actress who is in charge of the school fundraiser. Jane, who is yoked to a poop-laden baby of her own, also has a website from which she dispenses inviolable wisdom as the “Mommy Maven.”

As a self-imposed mentor to Lori, Jane has manipulated her into accepting the role of co-chair for the fundraiser. Which seems to work out OK until the second act, set six weeks later, when Claire returns to the house to tell Lori that she has convinced their former agent to accept Lori as her writing partner for a new television sitcom.

Lori, who had been suffering from new-mommy blues, is excited about this turn of

events until she realizes that the critical meeting she needs to attend conflicts with the date of the fundraiser. The conflict would seem to be a no-brainer, but Lori, who is naively intent on trying to please everyone, instead allows them to bully her into desperate indecision.

At this point decorum collapses and all the claws come out. The subdued viciousness among the women accelerates into an atomic explosion and devastates everyone in its path. Whether they deserve it or not. And this is where the motivation — and the play — falls apart. No matter how much resentment, or envy, or disdain each of the women has been harboring toward the others, the punishment far outweighs the crime. They wreak damage on each other that is not only deadly, but also irreversible. Such an overwrought scene would seem to be pretty improbable — even in Bel Air.

But aside from the plot, Mrs. Lincoln, writer/director Roger Kumble has led his players into a nice bit of ensemble acting. Which includes a fifth member, Eileen Galindo, who nearly steals the show as a ditzzy housekeeper trying to stay ahead of Lori's contradictory demands. And set designer Tom Buderwitz has placed them in a light and tasteful living room, while Ann Closs-Farley has identified them quite appropriately by the costumes she has put them in.

“Girls Talk,” which starts out as a laugh riot, turns into an actual riot at the end. But in the end, unfortunately, no one is laughing.

“Girls Talk” will continue at the Lee Strasberg-Marilyn Monroe Theatre, 7936 Santa Monica Blvd., in West Hollywood, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through April 24. Call (800) 595-4849 for tickets.

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Lower unemployment and bankruptcies helped reduce the nation's economic stress in January compared with a year earlier, according to The Associated Press' monthly analysis. Still, the figures show the economy has yet to regain full health.

Midwestern and Southeastern states posted the strongest gains year over year, thanks to increased manufacturing, the AP's Economic Stress Index shows.

Stress declined in January in 34 states and in more than two-thirds of the nation's 3,141 counties. Year-to-year, unemployment was lower in nearly three-quarters of counties. And bankruptcies and foreclosures declined in nearly half.

Counties whose health improved most in the past 12 months tend to have heavy concentrations of workers in manufacturing, temporary, technical, professional and retail jobs. By contrast, counties with many people employed in construction, utilities and real estate suffered the sharpest increases in stress, according to the AP analysis.

The AP's index calculates a score from 1 to 100 based on unemployment, foreclosure and bankruptcy rates. A higher score signals more economic stress.

The average county's stress score in January was 11.2. It was 11.9 in January 2010. And it was 10.4 in December. Under a

rough rule of thumb, a county is considered stressed when its score exceeds 11.

The national economy has come far in the past year. But it hasn't fully recovered from the recession that ended in June 2009 — the worst downturn since the Great Depression. A little more than half the nation's counties, and just under half the states, were deemed stressed in January 2011.

More than 90 percent of counties endured more hardship in January than in December. So did every state but Florida, Nevada and South Carolina. Foreclosures and bankruptcies rose in more than a third of counties. And unemployment rates jumped in more than 90 percent of them.

Still, unlike the national figures, county unemployment rates aren't adjusted to account for seasonal trends. That makes the data more volatile from month to month.

And it means January tends to have higher unemployment than other months. The year's start is when jobs in agriculture, construction and tourism tend to dry up. And layoffs follow temporary holiday hiring in November and December.

Many economists predict the economy will strengthen in coming months as people spend more, bolstered by a cut in Social Security taxes. Rising demand could encourage businesses to add workers, leading to more spending. Some analysts estimate job

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growth will average 200,000 jobs a month for the rest of the year, better than the average of about 150,000 over the past three months.

“I do think the economy will steadily gain traction this year and next,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics.

Still, threats remain, from a jump in oil prices to instability in Libya to economic consequences of Japan’s earthquake and nuclear disaster.

Nevada again had by far the worst Stress score: 21.41. It posted the worst results in all three index categories: A seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate of 14.2 percent, a foreclosure rate of 6.5 percent and a bankruptcy rate of 2.7 percent.

After Nevada, the next-most-stressed states in January were California (16.72), Florida (16.36), Arizona (15.27) and Michigan (14.86). Michigan returned to the list after being displaced by Georgia in December.

Of those, only Nevada and Florida saw month-to-month improvement. But all except Arizona were healthier than they were a year ago.

Because of tourism, Nevada and Florida fared slightly better in January. The hotel occupancy rate in Las Vegas rose 6.6 percent from December and nearly 8 percent year over year. The number of visitors to Florida rose more than 5 percent in the October-December quarter of 2010.

Osceola County, Fla., a hard-hit suburb of Orlando, had a Stress score of 19.6 in January, making it the 41st most-stressed county. But the county has been

helped by the opening of a Harry Potter attraction at Universal Orlando that’s boosted tourism.

Tourism tax dollars have risen 12 to 14 percent over last year, said Fred Hawkins Jr. of the Osceola County Board of Commissioners.

“It’s one of the better indicators that we’ve had here locally in a while,” Hawkins said.

Still, Osceola’s troubles, along with similarly situated counties in Florida, Nevada, Arizona and California, run deep. No one’s paying taxes on nearly one-fifth of real estate properties.

In January, the county’s non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 12.7 percent. The foreclosure rate was 5.7 percent, the nation’s seventh worst.

“The two major industries in our community are tourism and construction,” Hawkins said. “In tourism, when those service industry jobs start to fall, then construction goes with it.”

The healthiest states in January were in the Plains and New England: North Dakota (5.24), Nebraska (5.85), South Dakota (6.19), Vermont (6.87) and New Hampshire (7.77).

The most stressed counties with populations of at least 25,000 residents were Imperial County, Calif., (29.32); Lyon County, Nev., (27.79); Merced County, Calif. (26.25); Yuba County, Calif. (25.71); and San Benito, Calif. (25.46). All but Yuba were better off than a year ago.

The healthiest counties according to the Stress Index were Ellis County, Kan. (4.16); Buffalo County, Neb. (4.3); Ford County, Kan. (4.63); Arlington County, Va. (4.79); and Brown County, S.D. (4.79). Except for Ford County, all five were better off than they were a year ago.

Expungements: Burying Those
Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle “yes” and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you’re on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3

years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you’re ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around \$60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver’s license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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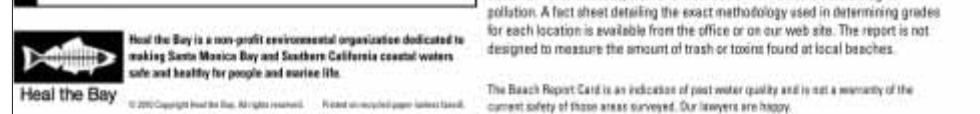
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<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (310) 260-1528</p> <p>Composer John Barry Tribute Midnight Cowboy (MA) 1 hr 53min They Might Be Giants (G) 1hr 38min 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Call theater for information.</p> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (888) 262-4386</p> <p>Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min 11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm</p> <p>Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1hr 40min 12:05pm, 2:40pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min 11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440</p> <p>Rango (PG) 1hr 47min 11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm</p>	<p>Sucker Punch (R) 2hrs 00min 11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm</p> <p>Paul (R) 1hr 40min 11:00am, 1:45pm, 3:35pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm</p> <p>Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min 12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min 10:30am, 1:00pm</p> <p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 1hr 36min 10:50am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 478-3836</p> <p>Desert Flower (Wustenblume) (R) 2hrs 00min 1:20pm, 7:10pm</p> <p>HappyThankYouMorePlease (R) 1hr 38min 4:30pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Desert of Forbidden Art (NR) 1hr 20min 1:00pm, 5:20pm</p>	<p>Barney's Version (NR) 2hrs 12min 1:30pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min 4:40pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>White Irish Drinkers (R) 1hr 49min 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm</p> <p>I Am (NR) 1hr 16min 3:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>Rango (PG) 1hr 47min 10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm</p> <p>Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min 10:45am, 12:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, 10:05pm, 10:50pm</p> <p>Jane Eyre (PG-13) 2hrs 01min 10:50am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm</p> <p>Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min 11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm</p>
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Say 'yes' to an offer, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Keep reaching out for a distant associate. You will get a novel perspective, whether you like it or not. Your friendship means more than you realize. The unexpected could occur if you push. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Deal with another person directly. Your perspective, your way of thinking, takes you down a new path now that you grasp another person's logic. Lift your spirit and entice your mind with a last-minute happening. Tonight: Enjoying every moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Continue allowing others to claim their power, even if it means holding yourself back. Just observing reminds you there are so many different ways to get to the same point. Schedule some special time with an associate. Tonight: Christen the weekend in style.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Dig into your work and accomplish as only you can. Can you leave work with a clean slate? Make it a point to do so. Schedule a meeting late in the day, when business can merge with pleasure. Squeeze in some exercise. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Listen well to what others say. Important information could be coming to you. The message could come in various forms, like a lilt in the voice or subtle comment. Confirm what you believe you are hearing. Make phone calls at the end of the day. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Stay tuned in to spending and cost. You might be distracted and lose track of key details. Don't allow yourself that luxury of an error. Take a break if you're tired. You will recycle. Tonight: You walk out the door and feel great.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Beam in what you want in the daytime. If your sixth sense kicks in, follow that message as well. Anger could be an issue if you're dealing with a tiresome person. Use care, as you easily could go overboard. Know your limits. Tonight: Indulge and enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Zero in on a friend who might be uncomfortable. Pressure occurs with finances and wanting to meet someone's expectations. Attempt to detach and understand more. Someone in your daily life could act in the most unexpected manner. Tonight: Vanish happily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Know what is going on. You don't need to stay in a situation. Observe those around you. Your sixth sense comes through financially. You can count on that "feeling," but keep risks minimal. Postpone what you don't feel comfortable with. Tonight: A brave new world awaits you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Take charge and stay on top of your work. You don't want to mess up upcoming plans this weekend. Friends might even start interfering in the afternoon, as they make plans. Screen your calls. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You could be up for taking a risk or crossing the line in an emotional situation. Is it possible that you are seeing someone in a different light other than reality? If so, a leap of faith based on this perspective could be troublesome. Tonight: Don't be surprised if you get tired early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Excuse the expression, but you have worked like a dog lately, and you continue this pace. You might be kidding yourself about a situation, as you could be heading for a fall. Stop and use some caution. Postpone a critical decision. Tonight: You get a second wind -- go out and enjoy yourself.

Happy birthday

This year, you get through the fields of distraction to focus on whatever you so choose. Travel and education open new vistas as you accept different styles. Some of you might be enjoying foreigners who enter in your life. The unexpected could bolt you into the present moment if you daydream and/or drift. If you are single, you could be attracted to someone quite different. Avoid power plays in relationships, especially if you're married. CAPRICORN pushes hard.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS	
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:	
*****Dynamic	★★ So-So
***** Positive	★ Difficult
*** Average	

MYSTERY PHOTO

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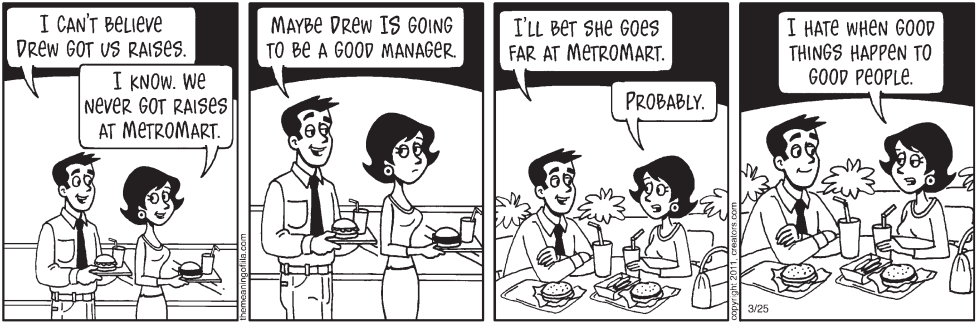
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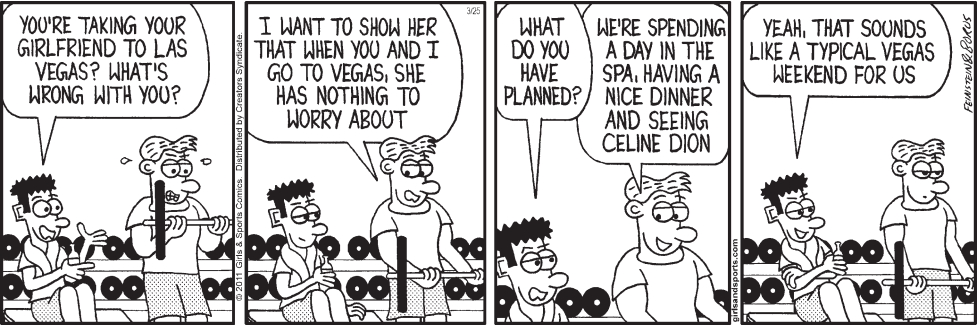
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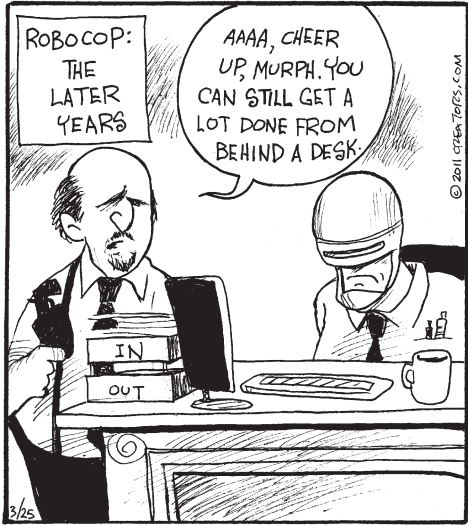


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

4		8				5		9
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1		5				2		7

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8	9	7	1	6	4	2	3	5
5	2	6	3	8	7	4	9	1
4	3	1	2	9	5	8	7	6
7	6	5	8	3	9	1	2	4
2	4	8	7	1	6	9	5	3
3	1	9	5	4	2	7	6	8
9	5	4	6	7	8	3	1	2
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6	7	3	4	2	1	5	8	9

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Caravan carrier

6 Lucy’s friend

11 Future seed

12 Long attack

13 Vice follower

14 Trap

15 Conclude

16 Highway scofflaw

18 Deplore

19 Shoe shade

20 Pig’s digs

21 Time in office

23 Flat-bottomed boats

25 Kids’ card game

27 Peyton’s brother

28 Personnel worker

30 Street liners

33 Kilmer of “The Doors”

34 Diner treat

36 Golfer Trevino

37 Old light source

39 Cam-paigned

40 Scout unit

41 Golf-bag group

43 Draw out

44 “The Color Purple” heroine

45 Chopper part

46 Fixed shoes

DOWN

1 Secret

2 Wide street

3 “Nobody gets away with it”

4 Overhead trains

5 Minimal amount

6 Perfume

A	L	P	S			T	R	A	M	S
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Yesterday’s answer

7 Fork feature

8 “Some-one will be fired for this”

9 Wading birds

10 Cautious

17 — de deux

22 Ruin

24 Corrida cheer

26 Give the walls a new look

28 Salon creation

29 Brink

31 Nasty sort

32 Felt

33 Poll goer

35 Long stories

38 Nuts

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3-25

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 4, 6, 6, 9, 9, 10, 12

• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.

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• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.

• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Solution for Task 736

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	+		+
19 ▶		+	+
	+		÷
17 ▶		+	-

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1 7 18 29 39

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3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) An unnamed man was taken to St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla., in February with a gash on his face and a bullet (later removed) in his sinus cavity. KOKI-TV reported that police think "he might have been chewing on a firecracker or a bullet" when it exploded. (2) A 50-year-old woman was arrested in February in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., after managers at a Family Dollar store accused her of walking out without paying for packages of baking soda and dishwashing detergent and a pair of thong panties (total value, according to Family Dollar, \$7.50).

■ (1) To conceal an arrest warrant for auto theft, Amos Ashley, 62, told traffic-stop officers in Lawrenceburg, Ind., in February that he was (as he wrote on a paper for them) "Rorth Taylor." ("Pronounce it," ordered a trooper.) "Robert Taylor." ("Spell it once more, please.") "R-e-r-e-r-t," wrote Ashley. ("And 'Taylor?'" "T-a-y-l-o-e-r." Several more attempts followed, until Ashley finally admitted his name and was arrested. (2) Police in Princess Anne, Md., arrested George Ballard, 25, inside a PNC Bank at 11 p.m. on Jan. 25 after a motion detector sounded. Officers said the "cash" Ballard was in the process of taking was in fact a stack of fake bills the bank uses for training.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 The Georgian Orthodox Church restores its autocephaly abolished by Imperial Russia in 1811.

1918 The Belarusian People's Republic is established.

1924 On the anniversary of Greek Independence, Alexandros Papanastasiou proclaims the Second Hellenic Republic.

1931 The Scottsboro Boys are arrested in Alabama and charged with rape.

1939 Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.

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