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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

At his trial in November for stealing the equivalent of US\$150,000 worth of jewelry from a house, Daniel Dady, 20, offered the defense of lack of motive, in that he had just inherited the equivalent of US\$30,000 and did not need more. The jury found him guilty anyway, and at his sentencing in January, Judge Peter Jacobs not only sentenced him to 4 1/2 years in detention but also ordered him to hand over the inheritance to his victim as partial restitution (an inheritance the judge would not have known about had Dady not spoken up in November).

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Market crash driver to stand trial in August

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — Elderly driver Russell Weller will stand trial before a judge this August, more than a year after the Farmers' Market crash that left ten people dead and dozens more injured, officials decided Friday.

Weller, now 87, is not expected to testify in the preliminary trial. If a judge rules there is enough evidence to proceed, the case likely will be tried before a jury.

Prosecutors levied 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence against Weller in January, saying he should have stopped before driving through the crowded market on July 16. Defense lawyers countered the accident was tragic, but not criminal.

"We've now had an opportunity to review all the evidence that the DA is going to present and there's nothing in there that changes our mind from before," said Mark Overland, who is representing Weller, alongside local attorney Jim Bianco.

If convicted on all counts, Weller could face up to 18 years in prison. Boris Hoffman, 49, whose father died

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INSIDE THE CHAMBER

A month-long series that examines the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Stamp of approval: Board shuffles its lineup

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — It's election time for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

In the next two weeks, more than 1,000 local businesspeople will decide who should serve on the chamber's 37-member board.

Ballots will be mailed out by April 1 and votes will be counted on April 16, according to Kathy Dodson, the chamber's president and CEO. Dodson expects a 10 percent return on votes.

And while any chamber member can be nominated and voted for, a slate of 18 people already

"If you are a brand-new chamber member, your chances of being on the board are small until you've earned it."

— KATHY DODSON
Chamber's president and CEO

has been picked and put on the ballot. Four of them would be new to the board, if elected.

"We try to get a good mix of large and small businesses, all industries and geographics," Dodson said, adding in her two years at the chamber, the slate has been voted in both times.

The nominating committee used that criteria to select the prospective board members over the past two months, then sub-

mitted their list to the chamber's executive committee, which has the ultimate say on the slate. The nominating committee always consists of the chamber's past chairman, current chairman and chairman-elect.

Chamber board seats are two-year terms and members can serve two terms consecutively. After that, members can't serve on the board again. But there are excep-

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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 ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could start the day with disappointing news. Work with a change and turn it into a benefit. Use this time slot to do something you have wanted to do for a while. Hop in the car with a friend and take off. Tonight: Chat away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A money issue or situation with a partner could be difficult to resolve. You might need and want to play it conservative for a while. Your instincts serve you well. Do research. At the same time, if you haven't already, do your taxes. Tonight: Rest, because tomorrow you will need all your energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You can avoid a power play by not playing. Of course, you could leave the other party a bit miffed, to say the least. An invitation involving friends might be perfect. Go for some light and easy entertainment. Tonight: Whatever makes the Twin content.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate opportunities that surround your work and daily living. A change could be refreshing and invigorating. Talk to a parent or older friend. This person has many more ideas than you realize. Listen. Brainstorm. Tonight: Get in early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Someone might balk at what you think is a great idea. Oh, dear. Still, you manage to bypass this situation and get much more of what you want. Make your expectations clear before getting into a relationship or another type of commitment. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Have you ever thought you are too trustworthy and reliable, because that might be the reason others dump their work or responsibilities on you. Start saying "no," even if you cause a mini-revolution. A partner works with you. Tonight: Do only what you must.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Detach from the immediate craziness, and you will be much happier. Someone might say something or take an action that you feel is hostile. Why bother? Head your own way knowing what you would like to do. Tonight: Feel free.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Get together and plan your day with that special person. You could be surprised by what a good time you have. Refuse to get into a money matter that could cause a disagreement. Make sure you have a good time. Tonight: Make nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Don't let your mood mar the moment, even if you want to back off. Others seem to be happy with your company. Let it all hang out. A loved one shows that he or she cares. Refuse to get into a power play. After all, you are with the one you love. Tonight: Where the party is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Stay close to the pad, and you'll relax and enjoy yourself. Not every moment needs to be social or interactive. Reconnect with the people you live with. Happiness surrounds your home. A suggestion could work. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others seek you out because of your frolicsome ways. Understand that a friend might feel remote or not included. Be sensitive. Take time for a talk. Teach others how to naturally have fun. Hang out. Tonight: What happens, happens.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to put some money into your home or buy something involving real estate. At the present moment, you might need to hang back a bit, especially if a big sum of money is involved. Have you done your taxes? Tonight: Order in.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Orchestrate a send-off with style

By Daily Press staff

Strolling through Main Street's farmers' market on a Sunday morning, dessert-tasting at UCLA, or seated in the historic, newly refurbished Barnum Hall, locals this spring are getting an unprecedented number of opportunities to enjoy the award-winning music of the Santa Monica High School orchestra.

They'll get one more chance today.

The singers will perform at the Samohi Orchestra Spring Concert in Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica campus at 7 p.m.

Between now and April, the community can hear a variety of performances by the young musicians as they gear up for their international debut concerts in Vienna and Prague.

As part of a world-wide Dvorak festival, the highly-regarded high school Symphony Orchestra has been invited to play in Prague at the beginning of next month.

In an effort to promote Santa Monica's music program and raise funds for the trip, Symphony Orchestra musicians have played a wide range of local venues.

In February, the orchestra hosted a fundraising event for the Prague trip at the UCLA faculty club, where guests were entertained by chamber music, jazz vocals, a brass ensemble, harp and piano soloists and an African rhythm band.

On March 10, the Samohi Chamber Orchestra and Winds accompanied the choir in a choral masterworks concert at Barnum Hall.

The orchestra headlined the Santa Monica school community's traditionally sold-out Stairway to the Stars concert March 18 and 19 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

Following tonight's concert, the spring season will climax with the Prague "send-off" concert at Barnum on April 2 at 7 p.m. At that event, the Symphony Orchestra will premier the program they will be playing on their European tour. The spring season's final performances will feature selections from the Shostakovich Symphony 5, Rimsky-Korsakoff-Scheherazade, the Beethoven Egmont Overture, Dvorak Symphony 8, and Gershwin's celebrated Porgy and Bess.

The community is invited to preview the challenging and delightful program these stellar musicians will take on their European tour. Tickets for the Barnum concerts are \$5. They can be purchased at the door.

Shmoozing with Schubert

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a three-day celebration of the works of famed Romantic composer Franz Schubert, featuring vocal selections, chamber music, military marches, and piano, string and orchestral works. The event will also include a ballet presentation.

Concerts — all free — are scheduled for March 30, April 1 and April 3 in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The "Schubertiad" brings together the talent of SMC professors, students, accompanists and guest artists, all under the direction of SMC music professor James Martin.

"We are blessed here at SMC to have many fine musicians on our faculty, combined with talented students in our Applied Music Program, now in its third year," Martin said. "This is the third year we are celebrating the works of a famed composer — in 2002 it was Bach and last year it was Haydn and Beethoven."

The concerts are:

■ Tuesday, March 30 at 11:15 a.m.: Schubert's Vocal Music, featuring an all-male cast of performers — SMC professors Drew Holt, Dennis Parnell and William Trabold, plus student Shawn Thuris — singing selected art songs as well as "Erkling" set to Goethe's poetry. An augmented all-male chorus will perform the finale, a selection of songs. The accompanists are Donald Fredrickson, Gary Gray and professor David Goodman, with music department chair James Smith conducting.

■ Thursday, April 1 at 11:15 a.m.: Schubert's Chamber Music, featuring a popular Viennese military march piano duo, with professors Goodman and Rhoda Tuit; a



On Saturday, our NW wind and ground swell mix will be fading, while the S swell also slowly starts to wind down. Many NW breaks have surf in the waist- to chest-high range.

By Sunday, the NW energy will be primarily wind swell while the S swell will offer some remnant energy. Good NW and combo breaks have waist- to chest-high surf with a few bigger sets, while standout NW/combo breaks go bigger.

OUTLOOK: Look for smaller surf on Monday as both swells continue to fade.

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MONDAY	11:29	0.4	11:01	3.0	3:01	4.0	7:10	3.4
TUESDAY	12:10	0.1	11:52	2.6	4:33	4.2	7:12	3.7
WEDNESDAY	N/A	N/A	12:42	-0.1	5:32	4.6	7:22	3.9
THURSDAY	12:28	2.0	1:09	-0.3	6:18	4.9	7:37	4.2
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student-faculty string trio featuring violinist Nazanin Eliahoo, violist Miyuki Hokazano, and cellist Andrew Nestler (who teaches math at SMC); faculty pianists Joan Mills and Jung Eun Kim collaborating on the f minor "Fantasy;" a faculty and guest duo featuring Jeffrey Lavner performing "Sonatina in D Major" for violin and piano; and professor Frank Turner conducting a German Band.

■ Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m.: Schubert's Orchestral & Ballet Music, featuring the SMC Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Smith and Martin, presenting a concert including Schubert's Symphonies No. 5 and No. 8. Also on the program will be a ballet choreographed by dance professor Judith Douglas to the music of "Rosamunde."

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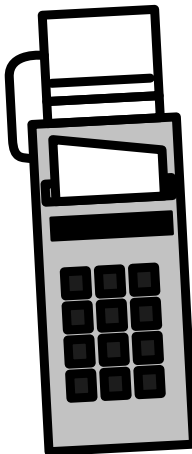


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OPINION

LETTERS

Will the real Mike Feinstein stand up?

Editor:

I found Councilman Mike Feinstein's quote about honest government in your March 25 article on the beach and pier smoking ban quite ironic. The same Mike Feinstein that is now calling a ban of smoking on the beach and pier an intrusion on civil liberties is the same Mike Feinstein that was a passionate supporter of the smoke-free parks ordinance a year ago. If smoking in outdoor public spaces like the beach and pier is a "stretch" as Feinstein puts it, then why didn't his voting on smoke-free parks reflect this belief? On Nov. 25, Feinstein voted in support of the motion calling for the drafting of the very same policy he is now publicly bashing through English and Spanish-language media. As an environmentalist, Feinstein should know that there is an even more compelling case for a ban of smoking on the beach than in parks with the added problems of coastal pollution. He also knows that cigarettes cause hundreds of fire incidents a year on the pier. He claims that he is very bothered by secondhand smoke himself while enjoying our beach, so he certainly understands the serious health aspects.

It is not for me to speculate why Feinstein decided to flip-flop on this issue at this point in time. Perhaps he can spend some of his time with the media explaining his inconsistency. The rest of City Council has been consistent in their core beliefs surrounding this issue, including Pam O'Connor, who voted against the policy. If Feinstein were truly concerned with individual rights, he might be concerned about the right that individuals have to clean air, a clean beach and a safe pier.

Would the real Mike Feinstein please stand up?

Robert Berger
Santa Monica

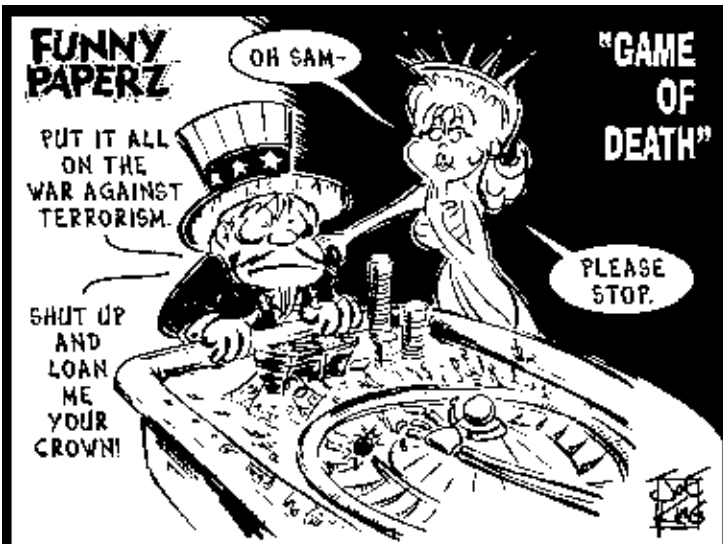
Greed trumps the greater good

Editor:

Regarding "Speculator uses Santa Monica Mountains to cash in" (SMDP, March 25, page 1), Mr. Sweeney's and his partnership's behavior provides an all too com-

mon example of what occurs when human greed and self-interest combine with the current incarnation of the corporate ethic. The only litmus test seems to be "if its not illegal, it's OK," regardless of how their decisions harm the greater community. In this case, its a "savvy buyer" extracting obscene profits at the taxpayer's expense.

Brian Johnson
Mar Vista



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A word is worth 1,000 pictures ... just my opinion



MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

Donald Trump likes to own things. The latest thing he wants to own is the phrase, "You're fired!" Those are the clever words he uses on his hit television show "The Apprentice." Trump says that his lawyers filed papers to trademark the phrase back in January when his show first hit the air. There is no truth to the rumor that he also filed to trademark his hairstyle.

I'm not a lawyer, so it's just my opinion, but trying to trademark "You're fired!" seems a bit greedy and extremely goofy. Supposedly, Trump's not happy that people are selling sweatshirts, hats and coffee cups with those words on it. New York's Bloomingdale's sold 300 "You're Fired!" shirts in three hours last week, but could he really care about the money? Does he want more publicity? Isn't having his name on half the buildings in New

York enough? It's just my opinion, but he may have a bit of an ego problem.

At first I was outraged by Trump's attempt to trademark those words. Why should this rich guy get to own words in the English language? Can a dotting grandparent trademark the words, "Oooh, wook at that wittle nose?" Could a traffic cop lay claim to, "Do you know how fast you were going?" Can a kid trademark, "My dog ate my homework?" The filing fee for a trademark application can be as low as \$325. It's just my opinion, but this could get out of control.

Boxing announcer Michael Buffer successfully trademarked his famous phrase, "Let's Get Ready To Ruuummmmmmmmbbllle!" He and his manager/brother, Bruce, run a corporation whose primary assets are Michael and the words, "Let's Get Ready to Rumble." In addition to announcing fights, Buffer can be hired for between \$15,000 and \$30,000 to say those magic words. Maybe you can hire him to do his thing right before you and your spouse argue about that annoying cousin of yours who never knows when to go home.

Lawyers suggest that for a phrase to be

trademarkable, it should be continuously used, and fully identified with its "owner." So, it's just my opinion, but if Buffer had only said his famous words once or twice, he probably wouldn't have received the trademark. If the originators of Jerry Maguire's "Show me the money" had kept saying it over and over again until we got even sicker of it, maybe it would have been eligible for the same legal protection as "Let's get ready to rumble."

So, it's just my opinion, but Trump and his lawyers may actually pull this off. And instead of railing against it, maybe we can find some benefits of Donald trumping our language. If he ends up owning the phrase "You're fired!" then other bosses won't be able to use it — without paying Donald a royalty that might be prohibitive. As a result, maybe everybody's jobs will be secure, except if they work for Trump. Employees might even start taunting their bosses: "If you fire me, Donald Trump will sue you."

I'm surprised that one of the presidential candidates hasn't seized upon this as a device to stem the tide of unemployment. Forget about tax incentives or laws against outsourcing. All you have to do is enforce

the "Donald Trump You're Fired! Law," and nobody else will ever lose a job. Not having to fear being fired, workers will become more relaxed on the job. Productivity will rise and the economy will thrive. In that case, I say let Trump have the words. Of course, it's just my opinion.

Speaking of which, I feel that this column has laid the legal groundwork for establishing "It's just my opinion" as my trademark phrase. I used it an annoying number of times, it could become the name of my column and "It's just my opinion" will look great on everything from SAT tests to judges' robes.

And I think my employer should come up with the \$325 filing fee. I know that's presumptuous of me, but what have I got to lose by suggesting it? They can't fire me. Or, is that just my opinion?

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OPINION

The Q Line

Allow the gays to have their days

This past week, Q-line asked:

"Should gay couples be afforded the right to marry? Why or why not?"

Here are your responses:

■ "As long as gays remain monogamous and stay out of HIV-infested, homosexual bathhouses, I see nothing morally wrong with gays marrying. It certainly will not affect the heterosexual community."

■ "When it comes to a deep committed relationship, what is the difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals who want to formalize their relationship? Gay and lesbian couples should be permitted by law to marry and solidify their relationships."

■ "I have no problem with gay marriages. I think they should have been able to marry thousands of years ago. There is no reason why two people who are in love should not be able to marry. Love is love. It makes no difference whether they are male or female."

■ "My answer is 'no.' Gay couples should not be able to marry."

■ "Marriage from Adam and Eve on down is the union of one man and one woman. The denigration of the true meaning of marriage is just another nail in the coffin of morality, the breakdown of society which is happening all around us. There will come a day of reckoning."

■ "Gays should be permitted to marry. Gays are made by God. They are wonderful people, and they should be permitted the same rights of the rest of us."

■ "A lot of things in life are a zero sum gain. The gain of one group is another group's loss. When it comes to gay marriage, I can think of nothing that will be lost by heterosexuals if gays are allowed to marry. For heterosexuals,

mating and reproduction with the opposite sex is a primal drive. The only logical explanation to the resistance to gay marriage is bigotry. Of course they should be allowed to marry."

■ "I am so glad you asked this question. I am a heterosexual — all the way — all my life. I am also a Christian. I feel that if there is a meaningful commitment between two people — any two people — they should be afforded the same rights of everybody else, regardless of their sexual orientation. I have friends, even relatives, who yell and scream about God not wanting this and judgment day and so on. I am always left wondering, 'Do they actually read the Bible?' God didn't write it, first of all. Second, it has been my understanding that Christ was a man of understanding, love and compassion so deep he was willing to die to be true to it. Using his name to disguise discrimination is sacrilege and I wouldn't be the least bit surprised that these very same people 'preaching' against gay marriage get a big slap in the face come this 'judgment day.'

■ "Homosexuals should have the right to do their own little perverted thing behind closed doors, but when they get married it would force the public, companies and taxpayers to pay for their homosexual needs. That is wrong."

■ "I feel that any couple — gay or straight — if they are in love, should have the right to marry. As long as they aren't hurting anybody. The government can find a way to profit on that I'm sure. I do agree they should be able to marry."

■ "Two consenting adults should be allowed to do whatever they want to do."

Why should the president be able to stop them? Who has the right to play God and tell these people they can't do what they want? The government has no business in the personal lives of their taxpayers."

■ "Who are any of us to question whether people should be allowed to marry? We are all children of God. He made each and every one of us. I don't agree with homosexuality. Actually, I think it's a little repulsive, truthfully. However, we all must make choices in this life. Perhaps we will pay for these choices after our demise, perhaps not. Still, even though I don't agree with the practice, I feel they must be afforded the rights of all under God."

■ "I believe that gays should certainly be allowed to legalize their loving relationships, just like heterosexuals. They should be allowed to reap any benefits within our country, tax breaks and so forth. They are citizens. Those who would deny these unions are dragging out the same old, tired, stale bigoted slogans the religious right used to use to oppose interracial marriage. Just substitute the word 'interracial' with 'gay' and it's the same old thing. I don't know what they're afraid of, but a loving relationship is a loving relationship."

■ "The debate over gay marriage sends a clear message that our sick society is getting sicker. Can anyone imagine a

gay couple living in the White House representing our country? It would be as ludicrous and degrading as the recent spectacle of American men rushing to San Francisco to try and sanctify sodomy by marrying each other. I am also very concerned about the children being raised by gay couples. They are being given such a rough start in life. Having to explain to their friends that they are being raised by two mommies or two daddies has to be psychologically damaging. These are the victims of the new homosexual lifestyle. A marriage license, legal or not, is not going to change this disastrous situation."

■ "Marriage is a recognized institution in our society that provides economic and social benefits to those so committed. No group should be excluded because they don't adhere to certain religious tenets. People have the right to marry the partners they wish. Banning gay marriage is a serious human rights violation, with liberty and justice for all. Incidentally, I am straight."

■ "Let the gay people marry. They can have the positive and negative ramifications that marriage presents. Marriage is a costly proposition, and they should be given the same opportunity everyone else has."

■ "I don't understand what the big deal is. How does this affect my life? If gays get married and get the homeless people off my block and fund our schools, that would make me happy."

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LOCAL

Committees range from politics to special events

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tions to that rule — if a board member serves as a chairman, he or she automatically serves three years, plus can run for two consecutive terms. Other board members may remain on the board just because of what industry they represent, said board chairman Dr. Mike Gruning.

Gruning will officially become past chairman in July, during the chamber's installation dinner, when longtime chamber member and former Santa Monica mayor, Nat Trives, will become the new chairman.

Dodson said it's important to keep several past chairmen on the board for historical knowledge. The board meets once a month and discusses everything from the organization's finances to local and state issues facing the business community, as well as voting on positions it will take in Santa Monica politics.

"Anything and everything that affects business in town," Gruning said.

Newcomers to the board this year, if elected, are Laverne Davis, who represents Verizon; Denny Fitzpatrick, representing the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel; Dr. James Luck from the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital; and John McIntire from Encino State Bank in Santa Monica.

While each may be a newcomer to the board, they aren't new to the chamber.

"If you are a brand-new chamber member, your chances of being on the board are small until you've earned it," Dodson said. "You usually have to earn your stripes by being on a committee."

The chamber has more than a dozen

committees that range from politics to special events. The newest one — the political action committee — is unique because it enables the chamber, for the first time, to select, endorse and campaign for candidates for the City Council. There are four seats open on the Council this fall. PAC successfully helped defeat Santa Monica's living wage ordinance that would have required businesses in the coastal zone that generate more than \$5 million a year in revenue to pay their employees \$12.25 an hour.

The committee also helped pass a school district parcel tax measure last year and is supporting a new charter amendment planned for a November vote that would require City Hall to give schools at least \$6 million a year.

Other committees are:

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE

The group serves as liaisons for the chamber's members at various activities, including mixers, luncheons, membership breakfasts, the new member mentor program and other services.

BUSINESS/EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee plans the education celebration each year, an event that welcomes new teachers and administrators in all local schools — public and private — from kindergarten to the collegiate level.

WESTSIDE BUSINESS EXPO COMMITTEE:

The committee plans the expo and con-

ference held in March. The event focuses on business-to-business opportunities, as well as showcasing chamber businesses to Santa Monicans at large.

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY FORUM COMMITTEE

The group holds events that present discussions and highlights of developments and trends in technology that is useful in business development, marketing and management.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

The committee promotes an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable community. The committee's Sustainable Quality Awards Program recognizes local businesses for their sustainability. The awards are given out in April.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The group's mission is to monitor and recommend positions to the chamber's board of directors on issues impacting the business community and the general membership. It involves participation from representatives of all levels of government and brings issues forward for review, discussion and action.

HEALTH TASK FORCE

The committee coordinates the annual health festival in April on the Third Street Promenade and arranges for health-related seminars. The committee also organizes "To Your Health," a program where chamber members in the healthcare industry give health-related talks at local businesses.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

The group focuses on regulatory and other issues that affect the mechanics of opening and operating a business in Santa Monica. The chamber has long been a critic of City Hall's bureaucracy when it comes to giving permits, business licenses and approvals to new business in town.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The committee is currently focusing on finding solutions to solving homelessness and vagrancy problems that negatively affect businesses.

TASTE OF SANTA MONICA COMMITTEE

The task force is responsible for planning the annual event, held in September, that showcases the area's restaurants and related businesses to the larger Los Angeles community. The weekend event combines food from the area's best restaurants, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and a program to benefit the Westside Food Bank.

Getting down to business

Here is the slate of nominees for the chamber board:

William Crookston — WHC Associates

Laverne Davis — Verizon

Tim Dubois — Hotel Casa Del Mar

Denny Fitzpatrick — Beverly Hills Hotel

Aurelia Freeman — SBC Pacific Bell

Bashir Kadri — Sanford Papermate

Iao Katigiri — Rand

Jeff King — Ocean Avenue Seafood & I Cugini Restaurant

Rick Lopez — Metro Goldwyn Mayer

James Luck — Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital

John McIntire — Encino State Bank- Santa Monica

Jean McNeil Wyner — Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center

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LOCAL

Cops keep eye on Weller's car

WELLER, from page 1

and whose mother suffered extensive injuries in the afternoon accident, said he hopes Weller will serve time behind bars for the fatal crash.

"Weller should be punished," said Hoffman, whose parents celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary three days before the crash. "People are worried about him not sleeping well. I don't care. My dad and the rest of the nine people — they are sleeping fine."

Hoffman said his mother, who was hospitalized for several months following the accident, will never regain full use of her left arm. She underwent a skin graft, had a steel rod installed in her shoulder and suffered from several broken bones.

"She's coming in and out," Hoffman said Friday. "It has been very hard on her. She is still suffering from her own injuries and she is missing my dad. It is very hard."

"Only the people who have had the experience can know and can really understand it."

Lawyers will meet again in court next month to work out various housekeeping issues, including where and when a detailed investigation of Weller's car — a 1992 Buick LeSabre — can take place. The Santa Monica Police Department currently has the car, according to Bianco.

Weller, meanwhile, has been hospitalized three times since the July 16 crash. He had a pacemaker installed, but then needed to have it removed due to infection. His lawyers contend he suffers from second-degree heart block, a condition that can cause dizziness and faintness.

"He's still in very, very poor health," Bianco said Friday. "He's still grappling with his health condition."

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— **BORIS HOFFMAN**
Son of crash victims

It's a degenerative condition and he still needs a pace-maker, and he's still without a pacemaker because of the problems with the past pacemaker."

While the criminal trial against Weller moves forward, dozens of civil lawsuits have been levied against the city of Santa Monica for failing to erect barricades along the boundaries of the market. Top litigators are working on the case, which should proceed once the criminal matter is resolved. They also are looking into whether faulty machinery played a role in the incident.

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Hearst extends deadline for conservancy to raise \$80 million for ranch land

By The Associated Press

SAN SIMEON — The Hearst Corp. has extended its deadline for a conservation group to come up with its share of \$95 million to preserve vast stretches of ranch land surrounding Hearst Castle, a company attorney said.

The deal calls for the San Francisco-based American Land Conservancy to give Hearst \$80 million and for the state to grant \$15 million in tax credits. The nonprofit conservancy is relying on multiple sources to fund its end of the agreement, including state money and donations from foundations and individuals.

The agreement expired in February, but Hearst agreed to extend it until May.

"At the end of May ... we could extend it again at the same price, we could extend it again at a higher price, or we could terminate it," Hearst attorney Roger Lyon said.

Lyon also said an independent appraiser has determined the land is worth "more than double" the company's asking price. Hearst is willing to donate the difference, he said.

Stretches of beach, grassland and forest surround the castle, the never-completed former dream home of publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst, which draws tourists from around the world. The castle opened as a state park in 1958, but the surrounding ranch remained in the hands of the Hearst family.

Under the agreement, the company

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— **ROGER LYON**
Hearst attorney

would turn over 1.75 square miles of coastal land to the state and agree not to develop almost all the remaining ranch land east of California Highway 1, which would be maintained by the conservancy.

Hearst would be able to continue ranching, and retain the right to build a 100-unit resort using plans drawn up decades ago by Julia Morgan, the architect who designed the Hearst Castle. The deal also would allow for homes to be built on 27 lots east of the highway on five-acre sites adjacent to existing roads and not visible from the castle or the highway.

The company would give up its right to build an estimated 400 homes on the land. For decades it had considered developing the land, with plans that included a luxury golf resort, 650-room hotel and dude ranch. The proposal provoked a public outcry and was shot down by the regulatory California Coastal Commission in 1998.

Dinosaur's derriere makes quite a lasting impression

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Amid well-preserved dinosaur footprints along what used to be the shores of a prehistoric lake in southern Utah, scientists have found the rare signs of a dinosaur's posterior.

Two impressions, made about 200 million years ago when the dinosaur sat down, were found March 17 in St. George, in southwestern Utah, as scientists were investigating the area around a planned dinosaur museum.

Despite the potential importance of the impressions, they may be destined for destruction.

To build a structure to protect nearby dinosaur tracks, backhoes would trample the delicate new find in a few weeks, said Andrew Milner, St. George's city paleontologist.

"We're pressed for time," he told The Salt Lake Tribune. "It's a little bit disappointing."

It appears the 20-foot-long dinosaur, likely related to dilophosaurus, sat down, stood up, walked a few paces and sat down again before walking away.

"We're working really hard to document this thing up and down, backward and forward," said James Kirkland, the state paleontologist.

Scientists hope to remove the impressions intact, but some prints may be destroyed in the process, Milner said.

Researchers have photographed and traced over the area and will create a latex impression of it, Milner said.

Utah was a vast desert in the Jurassic era, when the impressions and other footprints were made, and the 100-mile-wide body of water was likely an oasis. Milner said the freshwater lake supported many species of fish, which could have served as dinosaur food.

"Traces of squatting dinosaurs are very rare."

— **MARTIN LOCKLEY**
Geologist

Martin Lockley, a geologist at the University of Colorado at Denver, saw the impressions last week and called them a significant find.

"Traces of squatting dinosaurs are very rare," Lockley said. Information gleaned from these traces could offer new insights into dinosaur behavior.

In August, St. George will open a \$1.2 million museum at the site of the tracks, where more dinosaur footprints will be uncovered in a climate-controlled environment, said Gary Sanders, the city's community arts and exhibitions administrator.

Sheldon Johnson discovered the dinosaur tracks on his farm in 2000 and later donated the site to the city.

INTERNATIONAL



EU leaders call for new U.N. resolution on Iraq

BY CONSTANT BRAND
Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union leaders Friday called for a new Security Council resolution to support an increased U.N. role in Iraq, although they did not directly link it to supplying peacekeepers.

The EU leaders said they "look forward to the U.N. playing a vital and growing role endorsed by the U.N. Security Council in the run-up to transition and beyond."

Spain's incoming prime minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, has made it clear he will pull his country's 1,300 peacekeeping troops out of Iraq by June 30 unless the United Nations takes control of the postwar occupation.

The leaders also agreed to relaunch stalled talks on an EU constitution, with a new deadline of June 17.

The 25 European leaders on Friday discussed ways to create jobs and make European business and workers more competitive, with pledges to implement more reforms.

Britain, France and Germany were pushing for a new "super EU commissioner" responsible for boosting industry and jobs at the EU's executive office, the European Commission.

In draft conclusions, the leaders made only a vague reference to supporting their "competitiveness agenda" in the next commission, which takes office in November.

They also acknowledged they were in danger of missing their goal of making the EU the most competitive economic bloc in the world by 2010.

"The credibility of the process requires stepping up the pace of reform," leaders said. Luxembourg even suggested pushing the deadline back to 2012, diplomats said.

Leaders condemned the "extra-judicial" killing of Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, whom Israel held responsible for dozens of suicide attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis.

EU leaders urged the United States to ensure better security in Iraq, condemning recurring deadly attacks against civilians and humanitarian aid groups.

Zapatero's plan to pull Spanish troops has alarmed Washington and London, but puts Madrid in line with Germany and France.

Spain's troop commitment makes up one of the largest coalition contributions in Iraq.

Other European nations who have sent peacekeepers

and police to Iraq include Britain, Poland, Italy, Portugal, the Netherlands, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

On terrorism, the leaders approved a 15-point action plan in the wake of the March 11 bombings in Madrid.

There is a "very strong sense of unity in Europe at the moment for very obvious reasons," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

The leaders picked former Dutch government official Gijs de Vries as the bloc's first anti-terror czar to bolster the continent's defense.

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De Vries's job will be to ensure anti-terrorist measures are correctly implemented by the EU's foreign affairs, finance and interior departments.

De Vries, a former deputy interior minister who was born in New York but lived most of his life in the Netherlands, will start work Monday and report to Javier Solana, who heads the EU's foreign and security department.

Leaders adopted other measures including improving police and intelligence cooperation and increasing border controls and tracking of phone records.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, whose country holds the EU presidency, will pursue one-on-one negotiations on the EU constitution with a view to sorting out the most divisive issues before convening another summit.

Talks collapsed in December after Poland and Spain refused to go along. The constitution must be agreed unanimously by all 25 current and soon-to-be EU members.

The March 14 election defeat of Spanish Prime Minister Jose-Maria Aznar's conservative party by Zapatero raised hopes for movement. Poland also recently said it was open to dialogue.

Ahern said about 20 items remained to be resolved,

including the size of the EU's executive commission and the number of European Parliament seats.

The constitution is meant to streamline decision-making in a bloc of 25 nations and bolster its role on the world stage, with the creation of an EU president and foreign minister. It also boosts defense cooperation.

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INTERNATIONAL

American awaits appeal of Mexican drug sentence

BY MICHELLE MORGANTE

Associated Press Writer

ENSENADA, Mexico — It was a craving for freedom that compelled Dawn Wilson to settle in Mexico, to the limited extent any sea-loving sailor ever settles down.

"I've always liked it. I felt the freedom of it, the lack of structure as far as laws go," said the 48-year-old woman with untamed light brown hair.

Now, as she speaks from behind three layers of metal screening at a state prison in Ensenada, Wilson herself is surprised she still can laugh at the irony of it all.

On April 12, 2003, the San Diego County native was picked up by Ensenada police as she walked toward her pickup in this port town, intending to drive down the Baja peninsula to the boat she calls her home.

She carried three months' worth of dilantin, an anti-seizure medication. Given the large amount of pills she had, and the fact she carried no prescription for the barbiturate-related drug, a Mexican court convicted her of possessing a controlled substance with the intent to distribute it. She was sentenced to five years in prison.

"I look back on it and I see a lot of coincidences that went wrong for me," Wilson said recently in her first jailhouse interview with an American reporter. "Definitely, if I could go back ... I would do everything different, every single thing different. But I can't do that."

Fernando Benitez, the Tijuana attorney leading Wilson's defense, maintains that Wilson's case is a cautionary tale for Americans who buy pharmaceuticals in Mexico to take advantage of substantially cheaper prices.

Though Mexican pharmacists are supposed to require proof of prescriptions for legally controlled substances, the law is not always followed. Wilson maintains she bought her dilantin without having to show a prescription.

Liza Davis, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, said Americans who are caught with pharmaceuticals often are surprised they're violating Mexican law. Currently, about 200 Americans are serving prison terms in Baja California state for a variety of drug charges, Davis said.

"I think Americans need to realize ... that this is a sovereign country with its own laws," Davis said. "That's a lesson many, many Americans forget."

Scores of pharmacies, English-language signs in their windows hawking popular pain killers and diet pills, line the main drags in tourist towns such as Ensenada, Rosarito and Tijuana. Certainly, most purchases go smoothly, but problems are not unusual — either when Americans try to bring drugs back across the border, or when they are stopped by Mexican authorities.

A common scam reported to the U.S. Consulate involves police officers approaching foreigners outside pharmacies and demanding bribes, Davis said.

Last fall, an Iowa woman claimed she and her husband were detained by Tijuana police after buying drugs at a pharmacy and that she was raped when her husband left to withdraw bribe money. Charges against the officers are pending.

Wilson contends that after she was arrested, the bank and credit cards in the purse she handed over to police were used to withdraw about \$4,000 from automatic

teller machines in Tijuana and Ensenada.

Wilson and Benitez say it was an unfortunate series of events that landed her in jail: a highway closure that forced her to pass through Ensenada; a minor accident with her pickup that caused her to spend the night there; her failure to carry her prescription with her; and then a series of defense errors made by her first attorney, Rogelio Iniguez.

Iniguez, a private lawyer hired by Wilson, failed to provide proof of her medical condition or need to take dilantin at her trial even though Wilson's fiancé, Terry Kennedy, contends he provided him with the records.

Iniguez did not return several messages left at his Ensenada office seeking comment.

Records from a San Diego hospital provided to The Associated Press show Wilson was diagnosed as having a "mini-seizure" disorder in 2002 and was prescribed dilantin. She said the seizures are the lingering effect of a childhood horse-riding injury.

Under Mexican law, such evidence can no longer be considered in Wilson's defense because it was not presented during her initial trial, according to Benitez.

Wilson has lost two appeals of her conviction and now is pinning hope on one final challenge before a constitutional-review panel in Mexicali. Her lawyers say Wilson's rights were violated because prosecutors failed to conduct the chemical testing required by law to prove the pills were a controlled substance.

The judicial panel is expected to issue its ruling in the next few weeks. Of the three appeals made so far, Benitez said, "this is by far the best one."

Wilson says she is optimistic, but not overly so.

"I always have hope, but I won't let myself dwell on it because I've had too many disappointments already," she said.

Benitez has prepared two fallback plans in case the constitutional challenge fails: a deal that could reduce the seriousness of Wilson's crime and cut her sentence; or transferring her to a California prison where she might qualify for early release.

As she awaits a ruling, Wilson says she is adjusting as best she can to life in prison. Initially she lacked even basic necessities, but over the year has bought blankets, a mattress and other goods from prisoners.

"I'm pretty comfortable. I even have a pillow, which is a big luxury," she said.

She has gone without her medication since her arrest, and said she has suffered several mild seizures. Last month, she broke her right hand while playing softball and may now require surgery to have it correctly set.

She spends her days on chores, writing about her life behind bars, teaching English to other inmates and reading spiritual and self-help books. She trusts that there is a purpose to her imprisonment.

"I have a real belief that there is a reason that I'm here, that I'm still here, and that it will be revealed to me in the future," she said.

Asked about her plans for life after prison, Wilson begins to talk of returning to the ocean, but her voice starts to choke with emotion and she switches tracks.

"Talking about the future is kind of bittersweet," she said.

Wilson has lived in Mexico for nearly 30 years and she may decide to remain here, she said.



WORLD BRIEFLY

Brits go from cavern to custody

By The Associated Press

CUETZALAN DEL PROGRESO, Mexico — Six British explorers surfaced after more than a week trapped in an underground cavern, but they faced captivity by Mexican immigration authorities amid questions about whether they had permission for their expedition.

The explorers, who emerged unharmed from the flooded cavern in central Mexico on Thursday, will be sent to an immigration detention center in the capital along with the six others in their team, Assistant Interior Secretary Armando Salinas said.

The men were trapped deep underground on March 17 when rising water flooded the entrance to the Alpatz cavern system in the state of Puebla. The explorers rationed their food, fashioned maps into playing cards and kept in radio contact with team members on the surface.

But the explorers, who included four members of Britain's military, inflamed Mexican sensitivities by refusing help from local rescuers — prompting suspicions that the team was involved in an unauthorized military or scientific expedition.

"We have reason to suppose that their actions could touch on our immigration law," Salinas said in Mexico City. "Their stay was legal as tourists, but there are indications that their activities were not of this type."

Ivory Coast opposition won't back down

By The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Opposition leaders vowed to continue demonstrations in Ivory Coast on Friday, despite a government ban and a day of bloodshed that left 25 dead in the largest city of this West African nation.

The violence, the worst in Abidjan since a failed 2002 coup split the country, left a fragile peace deal in tatters with rebels and the main opposition party quitting a power-sharing government.

"We will continue to march until we get to Republic Square," Bacongo Cisse, spokesman for the main opposition party, the Rally of the Republicans, said Thursday.

Republic Square is in the city center — a heavily guarded zone home to the presidential palace that security forces have declared off-limits.

Overnight, sporadic gunfire could still be heard in the northern Abobo neighborhood.

Ailing man takes heart in new device

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — After five heart attacks and a stroke, Charles Neal's heart was so worn out that he couldn't walk across a room without feeling exhausted and short of breath.

Constant fatigue caused by congestive heart failure eventually forced the 72-year-old business owner into early retirement.

"I used to go to work every day, go on trips, but that quit two years ago, I couldn't stand up to it," said Neal, who owns an underground fuel tank storage company.

That all changed a few months ago when doctors used a new device to help reshape Neal's sickly left ventricle — the lower heart chamber — allowing the heart to pump more efficiently.

The operation was done along with six bypass procedures, which also contributed to his improved health.

Rights of the unborn expanded

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a major win for social conservatives, Congress is sending to the president legislation that would expand the legal rights of the unborn by making it a separate crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act cleared the Senate on a 61-38 vote Thursday, a month after the

House passed the bill and five years after conservatives first tried to move the legislation through Congress.

The measure is limited in scope, applying only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime is being committed against the pregnant mother, such as terrorist attacks, drug-related shootings or attacks on federal lands or military bases. But proponents on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issue saw far-reaching consequences.

Tony Perkins, president of the conservative Family Research Council, said that with the president's signature, "our nation will be one giant step closer to rebuilding a culture of life, where every child, born and unborn, is given the protections they so clearly deserve." President Bush has urged Congress to send a bill to his desk.

But the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, Kate Michelman, said it would be the first time ever in federal law that an embryo or fetus is recognized as a distinct person, separate from the woman. "Much of this is preparing for the day the Supreme Court has a majority that will overrule Roe v. Wade," the 1973 Supreme Court decision affirming a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

Kerry vows to keep jobs at home

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry, promising to create 10 million jobs and keep them in America, said Friday he would cut corporate taxes by 5 percent and eliminate tax loopholes that push jobs overseas.

The Democratic presidential nominee-in-waiting said he would fight a reluctant Congress and special interests to carry out the most far-reaching changes in international corporate tax law in four decades. Kerry overrode the objections of some advisers who opposed the corporate tax cut on political grounds.

"Time after time, (the Bush) administration has put ideology first and jobs last. Today, I'm announcing a new economic plan for America that will put jobs first," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery Friday at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The plan would face a series of obstacles should the Massachusetts senator defeat President Bush in November, starting with politically powerful corporations that benefit from the overseas tax breaks he wants to scrap.



THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ANNOUNCES THE REOPENING OF ITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAITING LIST

The Housing Division of the City of Santa Monica is reopening its Affordable Housing Waiting List. This list is used to fill vacancies in affordable units within privately owned developments.

Affordable units are generally available for either low-income or moderate-income households. To qualify, your household income must not exceed the limits shown below.

Household Size	Your household is Low-Income if you made less than this in 2003	Your household is Moderate-Income if you made less than this in 2003
1	\$23,700	\$38,550
2	\$27,050	\$44,100
3	\$30,450	\$49,600
4	\$33,850	\$55,100
5	\$36,550	\$59,500
6	\$39,250	\$63,900

The maximum rents for low-income and moderate-income units are as follows:

No. of Bdrms	Low-Income Rent*	Moderate-Income Rent
0	\$579	\$964
1	\$661	\$1,102
2	\$785	\$1,309
3	\$897	\$1,495

*Section 8 vouchers may be applied toward Low-Income units.

Applications will be available from April 5, 2004 to April 16, 2004.

To Apply: If you feel that your household meets the income requirements and can pay the Low-Income or Moderate-Income rent under this program, you must:

1. **Pick up an application** at any of these locations in Santa Monica:

City Hall Information Desk **Ken Edwards Center** **Santa Monica Libraries**
1685 Main St., Main Lobby 1527 Fourth Street (Various locations)

2. **Complete and sign** the application.

3. Return the signed application to: Housing and Redevelopment, City of Santa Monica, P.O. Box 91510, City of Industry, CA 91715.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 17, 2004

QUESTIONS/DISABILITIES: If you have questions, or if you are disabled and need to have an application mailed to you, please call 1-866-279-3508 toll free between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from April 5, 2004 to April 16, 2004.



HOUSING DIVISION, CITY OF SANTA MONICA REAPERTURA DE LA LISTA DE ESPERA DE VIVIENDA A PRECIOS MODICOS

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la ciudad de Santa Mónica está abriendo otra vez su lista de espera de viviendas para personas de bajos recursos. Esta lista se usa para llenar los apartamentos vacíos en unidades para personas de bajos recursos dentro de edificios privados.

Unidades razonables están generalmente disponibles para familias con ingresos bajos o ingresos moderados. Para poder calificar, su ingreso familiar no puede pasar de los límites en la lista siguiente.

Cantidad de ocupantes	Su vivienda es Ingreso Bajo si usted ganó menos de esto en 2003	Su vivienda es Ingreso Moderado si usted ganó menos de esto en 2003
1	\$23,700	\$38,550
2	\$27,050	\$44,100
3	\$30,450	\$49,600
4	\$33,850	\$55,100
5	\$36,550	\$59,500
6	\$39,250	\$63,900

El máximo alquiler por unidades de ingreso bajo e ingreso moderado es lo siguiente:

Número de dormitorios	Alquiler de ingreso bajo	Alquiler de ingreso moderado
0	\$579	\$964
1	\$661	\$1,102
2	\$785	\$1,309
3	\$897	\$1,495

*Sección 8 vales pueden ser usados para unidades de ingresos bajos.

Las solicitudes estarán disponibles desde Abril 5, 2004 hasta Abril 16, 2004.

Para Solicitar: Si Usted cree que su familia cumple con los requisitos de ingresos puede pagar el alquiler de bajo o moderado ingreso bajo este programa, usted necesita:

1. Conseguir una solicitud en cualquiera de esta direcciones en Santa Mónica.

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2. **Complete y firme** la solicitud. Solicitudes incompletas no serán aceptadas.

3. Mande la solicitud firmada a: Housing and Redevelopment, City of Santa Monica, PO Box 91510, City of Industry, CA 91715.

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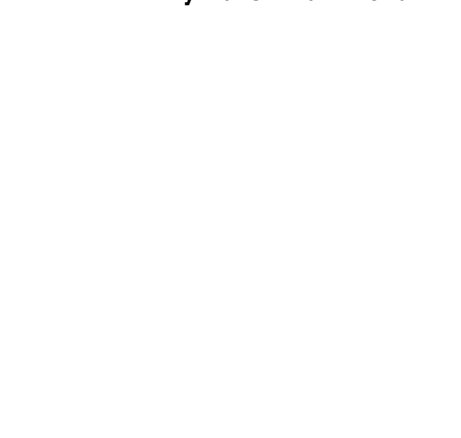


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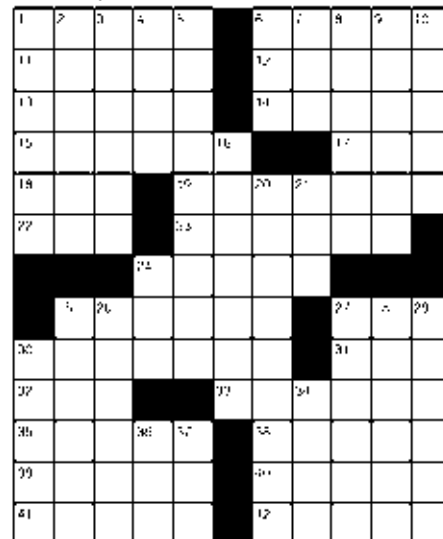
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Real-life 'Ladykiller' surprised by sudden reel life

By The Associated Press

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — The Coen brothers have again reached into their past for the memorable name of a movie character.

In their film "The Ladykillers," which opened Friday, Tom Hanks plays Goldthwait Higginson Dorr III. If that name sounds familiar, it's because there's a real-life Dorr who once lived in the Twin Cities.

Now 72 and living in Phoenix, Dorr worked at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts as a curator and administrator in the early 1960s.

"I ran the Rose Fete and oversaw the display of the traveling Larry Rivers exhibition," said Dorr, who was surprised to be reborn in film as a pompous con man.

Joel and Ethan Coen, who grew up in St. Louis Park, have a history of borrowing Minnesota names for their characters. They turned local film critics Bob Lundegaard and Bill Diehl into characters in "Fargo."

The studio confirmed that the Coens recycled Dorr's name from their childhood.

How they remembered his name, "I have no idea," Dorr said. "They must have been quite young at that time. Being with the museum, you meet all kinds of people."

■ **HONG KONG** — Enrique Iglesias had to cancel concerts in Hong Kong and Manila after visa problems in Malaysia disrupted his entourage's travel arrangements, a promoter said Friday.

The son of Latin singing legend Julio Iglesias had to scrap parts of his Asian tour when Malaysia was slow to issue required work permits for an appearance in Kuala Lumpur, said Nigel Peters of Midas Promotions in Hong Kong.

The delays made it impossible to ship everything needed for the huge show in all cities where it had been scheduled, Peters said.

"When you're moving 25 tons of equipment and nearly 55 people, you can't just keep changing the

schedule," Peters told The Associated Press. "It reached a position where it just wasn't cost-effective for the artist. If it's just a small group and a couple of crates of equipment, it's no problem."

Malaysia eventually approved the paperwork, but it was too late to reinstate the Hong Kong concert, which had been scheduled for April 6, Peters said. Iglesias also has to miss an April 2 concert in Manila, Peters said.

Peters said he lost money promoting the Hong Kong show, but he wouldn't provide figures.

"I guess we're just victims of the circumstances," he said.

■ **NEW YORK** — Andrew McCarthy can admit now that he wasn't exactly in the pink while shooting the movie "Pretty in Pink."

The actor says he had a serious drinking problem at the height of his Brat Pack fame in the '80s, but he still managed to function — and fool everyone.

"Like in 'Pretty in Pink' for example, people said, 'Oh, he's so sensitive and lovely in that movie,'" McCarthy says in an interview on ABC's "20/20," airing at 10 p.m. EST Monday.

"I was so hung over for that whole movie ... I'm thinking, 'God, I got a headache. I am just dying here. I got to go lay down.' But on film it came across a certain way."

The 41-year-old actor says he started drinking when he was about 12, before co-starring in films including "St. Elmo's Fire" and "Less Than Zero."

"It took a while for alcohol to really sort of kick my (butt), which it ended up doing completely ... maybe '88 to '92," he says. "The first Bush presidency, I like to say, I missed."

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — Mary Donaldson, a former Australian real estate agent who will soon become a Danish princess, has appeared in a regional magazine's list of the world's top 100 sexiest women, the

publisher said Friday.

Britney Spears topped the Australian and New Zealand edition of FHM magazine's annual list of sexy women, with Australian singer and actress Delta Goodrem at No. 2. Perennial favorite Kylie Minogue was fifth.

Donaldson appears for the first time on the list, in 87th place.

"As always the list creates a great deal of controversy," FHM editor John Bastick said.

Australian and New Zealand readers vote for the first 99 places and the top spot is decided by a poll of readers in 22 countries. The list will be published in the magazine's May edition. Last year's winner was Halle Berry.

Donaldson is due to marry Crown Prince Frederick on May 14 at Copenhagen's Lutheran cathedral.

They met in a Sydney bar during the 2000 Olympics. After the wedding, Donaldson will become Crown Princess Mary.

■ **WASHINGTON** — Serena Williams has signed with the William Morris Agency, leaving her agents at IMG after four years.

"While tennis is my No. 1 priority, there are a number of interests that I have, which I think William Morris is most suited to provide for me," Williams said in a statement released this week by her publicist.

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After an eight-month absence, she returned to tournament tennis Friday with an opening-match win at the Nasdaq-100 Open. Williams had left knee surgery in August.

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