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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Rick Kowalewski, 41, and Matthew Bracelin, 20, were charged with fraud in November for selling bogus designer clothes from a booth in Osage, Iowa. Police seized \$25,000 worth of shirts with Tommy Hilfiger, Nike and Ralph Lauren logos but whose neck tags said Fruit of the Loom.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never forget that the most powerful force on earth is love.



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Pier breakwater project remains afloat

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Plans to bring sail boats and sport fishing back to the Santa Monica Pier will remain alive as city officials this week secured more than \$2 million for the project.

About \$2.1 million earmarked to help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rebuild the breakwater north of the pier was in jeopardy because city officials considered using the money to either offset a projected \$11 million budget deficit or use it to help pay for the new Main Library.

But the project is important to elected leaders, who voted on Tuesday to keep the money intact even though it could take years before it is fully funded or completed.

With a growing deficit in the national budget, City Council members fear that federal funding will disappear if Santa Monica pulls its matching funds for the project. The U.S. Army



File photo

The small rocks in the water above represent what's left of the old pier breakwater.

Corps of Engineers has committed \$4.5 million toward rebuilding the breakwater and Santa Monica is required to match it. The city has currently secured only \$2 million.

The breakwater project was on a list of potential capital improvements that the Council considered diverting to free up \$21 million for the Main Library project. But nearly all council members agreed that the money for the breakwater should remain.

"We should keep that project alive," said Councilman Ken Genser. "We might never get \$4.5 million in federal grant money again."

Over the past few decades, the 2,000-foot-long sea wall has slowly deteriorated, now leaving only a glimpse of it at low tide. Rebuilding the breakwater includes a harbor and dock for boats, which is required by the Army Corps as part of its funding.

The Army Corps plans to repair the existing breakwater, rebuild 900 feet of it and construct a small boulder field to restore the rocky habitat.

Not only will the breakwater provide recreational opportunities, but it also will

See BREAKWATER, page 6

Police calm suicidal woman

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica police successfully talked a woman out of committing suicide Thursday after two hours of negotiation.

The unidentified woman threatened to jump off of the bridge over the tunnel on the Pacific Coast Highway. Police closed the PCH to vehicles traveling southbound, creating a

virtual parking lot extending to Malibu.

Police were called by a beach maintenance employee at 11:19 a.m., to report a woman was standing on the ledge of the bridge, located at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Boulevard.

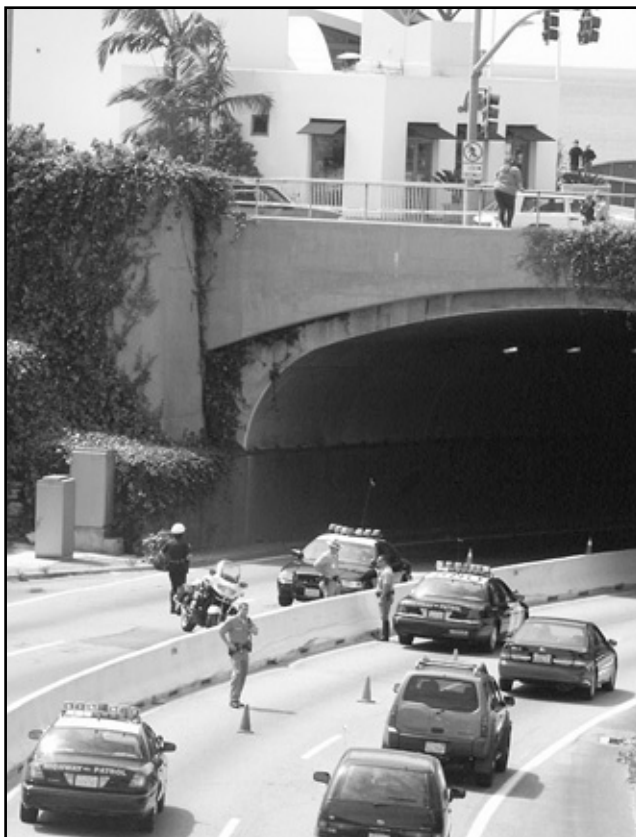
Dozens of police officers, paramedics and fire department personnel surrounded the area in case they needed to respond.

"They were brought in quietly and stayed out of her view because our ultimate goal is get her down safely," said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

California Highway Patrol assisted at the scene by managing traffic on the PCH and using its resources with CalTrans to inform motorists about the delays.

Two officers from the SMPD's crisis negotiation team talked to the woman while she extended her arms out several times appearing as if she was going to jump.

The woman was taken to a county hospital for psychiatric evaluation. She will remain there for 72 hours.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A woman stands atop the bridge at Colorado Blvd. and Ocean Ave., over the PCH on Thursday.

Judge: Former employee, friend must pay back loan

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

It took Judge Diana Wheatley just 60 seconds to issue her ruling Tuesday in a case about the \$10,000 in limbo when a decade-long local friendship went sour.

Wheatley ruled that Sam Ashenofsky couldn't get off the hook for a \$10,000 loan from boss

and friend Jerome Sachs, and must pay it back.

The case, all agreed, was about principle and is typical of the kind of case that should have been settled. But the Ashenofsky-Sachs dispute, bitter as it was, didn't go before a jury. The case was tried directly by Wheatley in Superior Court.

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Saddam's command structure targeted

BY DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

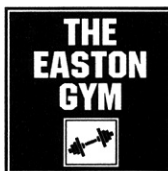
American-led forces bombed Iraqi targets and battled troops across Saddam Hussein's slowly shrinking domain Thursday, battering the regime's communications and command facilities in Baghdad.

U.S. officials began sending reinforcements

to the region and reported 25 Marines wounded after a friendly fire incident around An Nasiriyah.

The Iraqi regime breathed defiance even as coalition troops encircled its capital city. "The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave,"

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 28, 2003:

The unexpected occurs this year. You demonstrate a remarkable ability to flow with opportunities and make what you want happen. You pull the wild card both financially and emotionally, not knowing what's next. Enjoy and relish the excitement. Few years will be like this one. You can nearly wish upon a star and make what you want a reality. Romance flourishes as you have never experienced before. Go for it. If attached, your relationship will sizzle. Communication flourishes. Curb a tendency to be sarcastic and say things that you might regret. AQUARIUS is your natural cheerleader.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Check in with a friend about an unanticipated change of plans. Together you make the most out of the change. A serious conversation takes you in a new direction. Avoid sarcasm, because much happens very quickly. Consider your options. Tonight: Start your week-end with friends.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Claim your power, especially if a problem happens at the last minute. Laughter surrounds a personal matter, though you might not want to share this intimacy with everyone. Discussions lead you in a new direction, if you avoid demeaning or debasing another. Tonight: A must show.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Enjoy what might be happening on a deeper level with someone at a distance. A partner reverses direction. You take a decision more seriously than you have in prior times. Stay even with your dealings. Avoid sarcasm at any cost. Tonight: Skip out the door.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to an associate who seems to be an endless source of information. You could go a bit overboard or be touchy with your dealings. Be aware of what you're feeling, because you have a knee-jerk reaction that you might later regret. Tonight: Dinner for two.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, considering what is appropriate to do. You get feedback that sheds new light on a relationship. You might want to have a long-overdue conversation, but you'll feel most uncomfortable with the information that comes forward. Tonight: Say "yes."

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Because a situation develops around your home life, you might not feel as if you're wrong. Avoid an animated conversation that could become quite difficult if you're not comfortable. Focus on work and getting the job done. A boss could be touchy. Tonight: A must show.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to consider what a loved one or friend means. Reread a message or rethink a conversation. Your perspective takes you in a new direction as a result. Dance to a different tune. Break a pattern. A family member could be reactive because he or she is more comfortable with the old. Tonight: A fun dinner for two.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Discuss a situation differently. Consider more carefully your options that revolve around a child or loved one. Basics and foundations count. A partner wants you to settle in and make stronger decisions. A strong action brings an even stronger verbal reaction. Tonight: Head on home. Take a night off.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Walk forward. Experiment some. You will only gain as a result. Reach out for others. If need be, make a point about a financial matter. Don't be surprised if someone has a strong reaction to your words, reminding you that there is strength in a difference of opinion. Tonight: Out and about.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take your time making a decision. You feel more mellow and understood than you have in a long time. A discussion takes you down a different path, if you allow it to. You might not be happy with a professional situation. Tonight: Your treat.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ With the Moon in your sign, you might be hard to stop. Your sarcasm could cause a problem when you least expect it. Pent-up anger could be venting. Do what you do well. Touch base with friends. You're happiest with the pack. Tonight: Celebrate Friday night.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take your time right now. Close your door. Get your job done. Let others find you. You make excellent decisions because of your willingness to pull back. Clear your desk, looking forward to a few days without heavy responsibilities. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Applications being accepted for school board committee

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is accepting applications to replace one position on the district's Ad Hoc Financial Oversight Committee.

The position is for the remainder of a two-year term, which began on July 1, 2002, and will end June 30, 2004. The application deadline is Friday, April 18. Parents and community members are invited to apply.

The Financial Oversight Committee was originally formed in answer to the community's desire for increased communication and understanding of the district's financial operations and a need to generate additional revenue for the district. The following is the criteria for selections:

- Broad perspective.
- Financial and/or management and/or legal expertise/experience.
- Residing, employed or working within geographic boundaries of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.
- Business process orientation.
- Communicates clearly information resulting from the committee's work.
- Not currently serving as an elected official.

All attempts will be made to have the composition of the committee reflective of the student population.

The Financial Oversight Committee meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the district's testing room, 1651 16th Street, Second Floor in Santa Monica.

The following is the appointment time line: March 24, distribution of applications; April 18, applications due in to superintendent's office; May 1, appointment by board of education

Applications may be obtained at the district administration offices, 1651 16th Street, Second Floor or on-line at www.smmusd.org.

Rally against budget cuts set for today

By Daily Press staff

A regional community college rally and march of students and supporters to protest state budget cuts will be held at Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., in downtown Los Angeles at 11 a.m., today.

An estimated 400 to 500 Santa Monica College students and employees will join groups from 16 other community colleges from throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties. An estimated 6,000 are expected.

SMC students will board buses at the SMC shuttle bus stop on Pearl Street at 17th Street at 9:30 a.m.,

SMC's Madison Advisory Group to meet

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica College Madison Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m., in the Madison Campus cafeteria/multi-purpose room at 11th and Santa Monica Boulevard.

The meeting will be a study session to review the recently released Madison Theater Project Draft Environment Impact Report. All Madison Advisory Group meetings are open to the public. Free parking will be available on site.

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Surf looks promising today. Northwest ground swell will be peaking this afternoon as northwest wind swell picks up. Surf should have good size and consistency at most breaks.

South Bay spots will see overhead sets, chest- to shoulder-high on average. Northern breaks are smaller, more in the waist to chest range. Yesterday saw strong winds and bad blowout throughout the day, but conditions look calmer this morning. Friday boasts the best swell conditions for this weekend. Forecasts show energy decreasing Saturday and becoming even weaker Sunday.

By the end of the weekend, surf will probably sink below waist-high. Long-range forecasts are tracking a major swell off New Zealand, due in SoCal by the middle of next week. It's going to be huge. By Wednesday, reports say surf could be double-overhead at L.A.'s best southwest spots.



Today's Tides:

Low- 12:43 a.m. 1.86'
High- 6:26 a.m. 4.97'
Low- 1:28 p.m. -0.59'
High- 7:51 p.m. 4.22'

Location	Friday	Saturday	Water Quality
County	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surf	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	D
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	B
Break	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Porto	3-5'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A

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OPINION

LETTERS

Pass Measure S for children

Editor:

The California state budget crisis is real in a very big way. California is now facing as much as a \$35 billion deficit, which is an unprecedented amount for our state. Recently, State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell addressed state leaders and attempted to put the state budget crises in perspective. He explained that if California closed all the Universities of California, California State University campuses and all the prisons that would only amount to about one-third of the state deficit. California school districts receive most of their operating budget from the state level. Therefore, given the state crisis, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is facing unprecedented cuts in state funding. That means serious cuts in education programs for our kids.

Here at John Muir Elementary School, that means:

- Increasing class size in grade 3 from 20 to 30.
- The elimination of our instrumental music program.
- Losing our school nurse.
- Losing our library coordinator.
- Losing our P.E. coach.

Our district continues to seek out grants to continue current operations but the truth is our local district's budget is looking at \$13 million less in funds. School districts are restricted by law on how they can raise revenue. They may apply and receive grants and donations or enact a parcel tax by a vote of the people.

With Measure S on the June 3 ballot, we have an opportunity to help support our children and our schools. We can elect to spend our money locally by ensuring its passage.

Measure S is a temporary local funding measure to help get our schools through this crisis. It would raise approximately \$6.2 million annually for six years, making up for about half of the state cuts. It will cost property taxpayers \$225 a year — which is less than \$19 a month — and requires strict taxpayer accountability provisions to ensure that the dollars are spent properly.

You can help by asking your friends to support our local phone banking or walking precincts so that people know this is a partial local answer to a statewide problem. Measure S requires a two-thirds vote to pass. Everyone counts, so please help us help them...our children are counting on us!

Christine Barot
John Muir Elementary School PTA president
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Strong feelings on Promenade homeless

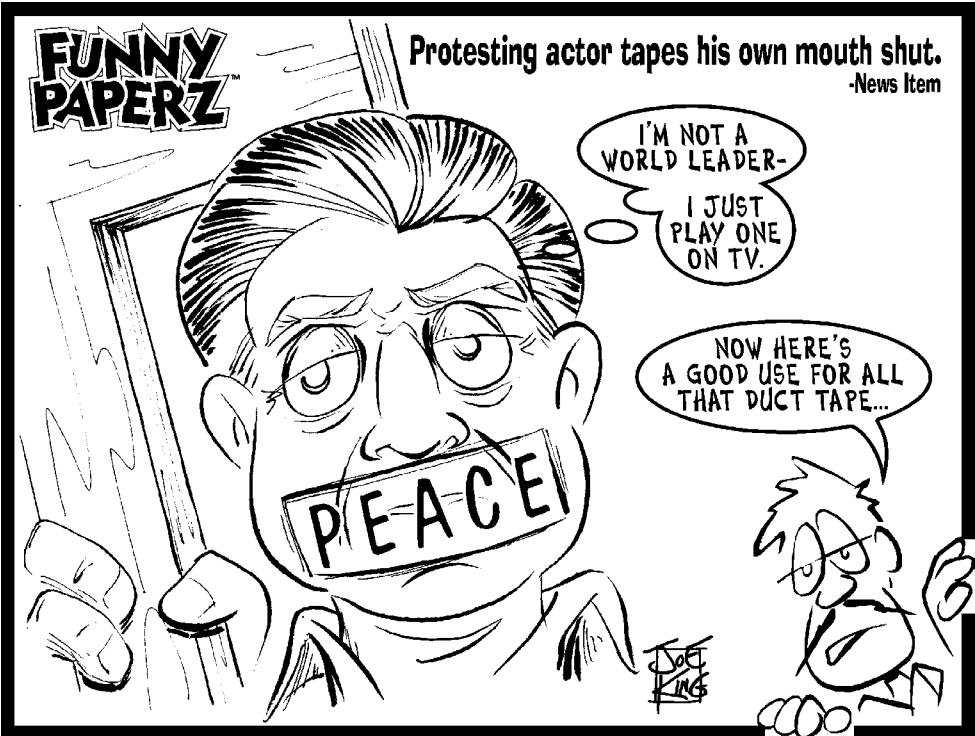
Editor:

So...the city wants me to eat downtown more often? Here's how I see it (and I think many others might also).

I live within walking distance to the Promenade. I (along with friends) eat out about three to four times a week for dinner. We usually spend quite a bit, if you add it all up.

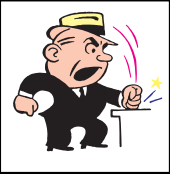
We NEVER eat at the Promenade. In fact, we never shop there anymore either. It is not even a consideration. If we need a bookstore, a bite to eat, or clothing, we take the car. To West L.A. Or the Valley. Or to Pasadena.

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More of the good, the bad and the ugly in Santa Monica



MY WRITE

By Bill Bauer

The good:

Congratulations to Jim Rosenfield, the owner of the Aero Theatre building on Montana Avenue. Jim has secured American Cinematheque as its new leasee. American Cinematheque will take over operation April 15 and has signed a 10-year lease. A.C. has agreed to refurbish the theater. Uncomfortable seating will yield to new, overstuffed chairs with lots of leg room. New state-of-the-art sound and projection will be installed and a remodeled snack bar means the return of delicious popped-on-the-spot Aero popcorn.

A.C. now runs film retrospectives, tributes and programs of interest to film buffs in the Hollywood Egyptian. The same programming will also play the Aero. Bravo!

The bad:

The Pier Restoration Corporation, the city-affiliated entity that manages the Santa Monica Pier, appointed Ben Franz-Knight as its executive director. His job is to oversee the pier's day-to-day operation.

I was impressed with the glowing accolades accorded Mr. Franz-Knight by the local news media until I read this quote in surfsantamonica.com: "Franz-Knight's vision of community ... also includes the homeless. 'Homelessness is a part of the Pier,' he said. 'It is part of the richness that goes on. It's a part of Santa Monica's culture.'"

Richness? How stupid is that? Santa Monica's culture? Unfortunately.

Does Franz-Knight really mean that the homeless are a desirable, colorful and attractive cultural element like surfers at the beach? Funny, I never looked at homelessness as a tourist attraction.

Franz-Knight must not be aware of all the complaints about the vagrants and bums who hang around the pier and environs. Maybe he could check out the Digital City Los Angeles Web site, search "Santa Monica Pier" and click on "users reviews and ratings" for the lowdown on how the rest of the world views Pier "culture."

Franz-Knight was hired by the PRC, whose chair is Linda Sullivan. She's also on the Santa Monicans for Renters Rights Steering Committee and is the wife of former city attorney, Robert Myers, an ardent and outspoken advocate for homeless rights. Sullivan strongly shares her

husband's views.

No wonder Sullivan was so high on the guy. Maybe the entire PRC thinks that all those "homeless" actually enrich the pier. It wouldn't surprise me.

Unfortunately, it appears that Franz-Knight, Sullivan and the PRC might be more interested in promoting a long standing city social agenda than making the pier a safe, clean family attraction. If that's the case, the pier will continue to be the run-down, dirty, financial drain on the city that it is now.

The ugly:

The city is contemplating floating a bond for \$29.3 million to cover additional costs projected for construction of a new Main Library.

Originally, plans were to spend \$25 million to renovate and refurbish the existing 37-year-old structure at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

But, architects for that project determined that costs would be the same whether the old building were remodeled or a totally new one were to be built. The Library Board and City Council approved a new building.

Now, the problem is that this "all new" wretched excess will cost \$72 million. A new bond issue was proposed to raise rev-

enue to cover the inflated cost. Does anyone else remember City Council repeatedly insisting that the "new" library was fully funded? I guess they were wrong.

In this time of budget shortfalls, and minimal city support for schools, the thought of \$29.3 million in additional indebtedness is not only inane but borders on unconscionable.

Is anybody thinking, here?

Now's the time to go back to Plan One — remodel and do this project within the budget originally proposed.

However, there is another option that was briefly considered and disregarded by the myopic Library Board and others pushing this boondoggle.

It's not too late to build the new library in the Civic Center. Then, the city could either sell or develop the present site and use the proceeds to pay for the new structure. A development with subterranean parking and retail, market rate, affordable and moderate income housing would be ideal at Sixth and Santa Monica.

Maybe that's all too easy in a city where no common sense and uncontrolled spending are ugly facts of life.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and freelance writer.)

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OPINION



The QLine

Readers sound off on safety question

This past Sunday, Q-line asked: **“Do you feel safe? Are you confident that Santa Monica is prepared to deal with a possible attack?”**

Here are your responses:

■ “Santa Monica is an accident looking for a place to happen. They only thing Santa Monica really knows about is tearing up the streets and feeding the homeless.”

■ “Santa Monica stands alone on many issues but not during or after an attack. Santa Monica is surrounded by 10 other cities and county areas including West Los Angeles and all of Los Angeles County. Depending on the severity of the attack, there is a great deal of rolling equipment in crisis response team help from those nearby geographical areas to respond to Santa Monica’s possible crisis needs. Santa Monica needs to stand together in times of crisis.”

■ “No way. We would all have to take our individual chances here. Given this city’s track record for mismanagement and over-spending, what could we possibly expect from them?”

■ “The bottom line is, all the foreigners live and work in California. The

money that they make here in California is sent over to the other countries to support their terrorism and attacks. So no, they are not going to attack California because there people are here sending the money over there.”

■ “I don’t feel any more safe or any less safe. I feel the same. I don’t think the current situation is going to affect us. Right now however, in the long run maybe five to 10 years from now I would imagine it would get worse. We are training new generations of people that are anti-American. The more bombs we drop across the world and the more materialistic we become only creates hate for the future.”

■ “Yeah I feel safe. Santa Monica is pretty well covered by Los Angeles. I don’t think terrorists even know where Santa Monica is let alone find something here that is worthy of destroying. As a matter of fact, I noticed about six months ago in Santa Monica we started carrying M-16s in our squad cars. I’m concerned about the safety of that.”

■ “I don’t believe Santa Monica is at any great risk in a terrorist attack. Most terrorists target significant things. Los Angeles would take care of the problem. Increasingly I think the presence of illegal aliens, the undocumented work force in Santa Monica is more of a concern and should be addressed.”

LETTERS

LETTERS, from page 4

And we pay to park. And we sit in traffic. Especially on the weekends. And we do it all with a giant, giggling smile on our faces.

Why do we do this? I’ll let you in on a little secret. THE PROMENADE IS OVERRUN WITH MISERABLE, SMELLING, DRUNK, COMPLETELY WORTHLESS, HOMELESS “PEOPLE.”

I used to frequent the place when I first moved here a few years ago. Then, I grew tired of the miserable homeless SOB’s spoiling my dinner by leaning over the railing at outdoor restaurants and scratching, spitting, mumbling, digging through trashcans, ranting, begging and yelling, all the while insisting on food/money in order for them to leave me and my dining party alone while we try to carry on a simple dinner conversation. What a nice way to enjoy a meal with friends, yes?

Attention Bayside District Corp. (Kathleen Rawson) and City Council: Want to do something about this? Want to turn both myself and others (those WITH money, remember us?) back on to downtown and all it has to offer? Want to encourage growth in this part of the city, especially in the current financial situation?

Then DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN THIS CITY. IT IS WAY BEYOND TIME FOR YOU TO STAND UP AND TAKE CHARGE OF THE SITUATION. ACT LIKE YOU COLLECTIVELY HAVE A PAIR AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT LAWSUITS.

Or you could try a small Band-Aid and apparently non-enforcable (see: outdoor feeding program) ideas.

Or you could, of course, do nothing. Me and my friends (and others like us) can find plenty of other places to eat/shop elsewhere.

Do me a favor though. Just don’t sit around scratching your head a few years from now along with a bunch of angry tenants, wondering “Where did all of our customers go? This was supposed to be such a good idea ... what happened?”

Greg Thomas
Santa Monica

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REAL ESTATE



Rent control and other landlord-tenant legalities



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

Rent control in Santa Monica applies to the 28,000-plus properties currently occupied by tenants who signed leases between April 10, 1979 and January 1, 1999.

Do you know the legalities of how landlords should treat tenants and maximize their income property potential? Tracey Condon, public information manager for the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, shines a light on landlord-tenant relationships.

Jodi Summers: How does the city decide how much to raise rents?

Tracey Condon: "Every year the Rent Control Board authorizes a city-wide increase, called the General Adjustment. The General Adjustment is based on a study that calculates the different components of where every rent dollar goes. The board looks at the cost changes of these components and comes up with a general adjustment. In large part, rent increases reflect the consumer price index. A landlord can reset the rent at market rate when a tenant leaves. That rent can be increased on an annual basis once it is registered with the board."

JS: When does a landlord raise rents on rent-controlled units?

TC: "Every September. The board holds public hearings in May and in June and announces that year's rent increase. The General Adjustment is automatically added to all of the registered units in our database and that becomes the MAR — the Maximum Allowable Rent — a landlord may charge for that controlled rental unit. In some cases, certain surcharges may be added."

JS: Can a new owner evict a tenant to live at the property?

TC: "If there is no like unit vacant, an owner can evict tenants from one unit for the purpose of owner occupancy. They need to pay relocation benefits, which are determined by the city's relocation ordinance. (FYI — a three-bedroom unit relocation fee can range from \$5,700 to \$6,950, depending.) If there are multiple units of the same size, the owner must

evict the tenant who moved in most recently. Then there are good faith requirement"

JS: Are there ways to legally evict a tenant other than the owner moving into the unit?

TC: "There are nine very specific reasons called the 'Just Causes For Eviction' — they're listed in Section 1806 of the Rent Control Law. 'Just Causes' can include owner occupancy, violating the rental agreement, failing to pay rent, causing a nuisance or using the rental unit for illegal purposes. Because of the Unlawful Detainer Act, the tenant is entitled to some notice before eviction proceedings begin. If tenant does not correct the problem, the owner can go to court and have a judge determine whether there is just cause for eviction."

JS: How long does the eviction process take?

TC: "If the tenant is fighting the eviction, it depends upon how long it takes for the court to put the eviction proceedings on their calendar. An eviction attorney can give you a better idea on that time frame."

JS: Where do you get paperwork for an eviction proceeding?

TC: "Owners can get eviction forms from a stationery store or one of the apartment owner's associations in Santa Monica."

JS: Can you relocate tenants to get access to a unit?

TC: "In L.A., a landlord could evict a tenant if they were going to put more than \$10,000 into improvements into a unit. That's never been the case in Santa Monica. If an owner wants to rehab a building, they are required to provide relocation benefits while the work is being done. Then, upon completion, the tenant can come back to their unit at the original controlled amount. If the improvements are considered to be a "necessary and reasonable" the landlord can petition for a rent increase."

For more information: contact the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Room 202, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 310.458.8751 or www.santa-monica.org/rentcontrol.

(Jodi Summers is a real estate agent at Boardwalk Realty. If you have local real estate questions or opinions you'd like to share, e-mail them to her at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com or call 310.309.4219.)

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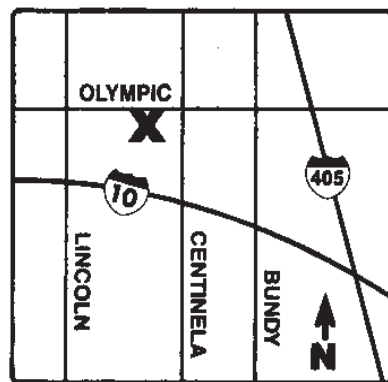
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STATE

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

County residents unhappy with government

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A majority of Los Angeles County residents queried in a recent survey feel a sense of community in their neighborhoods but are dissatisfied with their local governments.

The telephone survey by the Public Policy Institute of California and the School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California, found increasing frustration with government at both the county and city levels.

County government was rated as excellent or good in solving problems by just 24 percent of the residents. In a 1994 Los Angeles Times Poll, 59 percent rated it as excellent or good.

Only 25 percent said Los Angeles city government is doing an excellent or good job, compared to 37 percent in the 1994 Times poll.

A total of 78 percent said they prefer that local voters make most of the important decisions at the ballot box.

The wide-ranging poll, conducted just before the Iraq war began, also found that residents are most concerned about crime and gangs, public schools and, to a lesser extent, the economy.

A random sample of 2,000 county residents were surveyed.

Nude massage therapists a thing of the past in S.D.

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A city committee has voted to close a loophole in laws regulating massage therapists that inadvertently permitted some therapists to work in the nude.

San Diego tightened restrictions on massage-related businesses two years ago but failed to include people working as holistic health practitioners in an ordinance that banned nude massages, said police Lt. Bob Kanaski.

Several holistic practitioners, who use a variety of nonmedical treatments that can include massage, called for new regulations to close the loophole, he said.

A City Council committee voted unanimously Wednesday to advise the council to revise the laws.

Consultant's gifts to council questioned

By The Associated Press

WESTMINSTER — A day before the City Council was to vote on a building proposal, each member received a \$250 check in the mail from a consultant involved in the project.

A letter from Prime Time Cos. Inc. accompanying the check read: “You are recognized as a civic leader and PrimeTime would like to give you a small token of appreciation ... as you know this support is not linked to anything and is yours regardless of individual views on any particular issue.”

Council members criticized the timing and wondered if the firm was trying to affect the vote. The council voted 4-1 last week against the proposal, which sought to add a second story to a retail strip.

The donations were within the legal limit. State law prohibits government officials from participating in decisions affecting contributors who have given them \$500 or more within 12 months of the decision.

PrimeTime CEO Eddie Hodges Jr. denied any wrongdoing.

“The gesture was taken the wrong way,” Hodges said. “If a developer comes into a community and doesn’t get involved in community groups or give, they’re considered (uncaring) about the community. It’s a damned if you do, damned if you don’t situation.”

Hodges said everyone returned the checks except for Councilman Kermit Marsh, who said he will not cash the check.

City to outlaw day laborer corner in Pasadena

By The Associated Press

PASADENA — After putting up a flashing sign that reads “No Hiring Day Laborers Here,” the city is looking for other ways to crack down on a street corner where people seeking work continue to congregate.

The City Council asked the city attorney earlier this week to prepare an ordinance prohibiting business and commercial activity in public rights of way.

Complaints about trash, fights and other problems along a stretch of Fair Oaks Avenue north of the Foothill Freeway have made it necessary to take action, said city public information officer Ann Erdman.

For almost 20 years, the location has been a magnet for day laborers, mostly immigrant Hispanic men. The city had hoped that they would flock to a nearby job center that opened in February 2001.

But, according to a report prepared by the city manager’s office, “it appears that without additional legislation, the opening of the job center alone will not alleviate the commercial activity.”

At least a dozen men were on the corner Wednesday.

“We want to be here to get work,” said Angel Hernandez, 37, a native of Guadalajara, Mexico. “People don’t know about that job center. This area is well-known.”

NATIONAL



Teen who disappeared for years returns from Mexico

BY REBECCA MILLER
Associated Press Writer

RED SPRINGS, N.C. — A girl who vanished at age 11 and recently turned up in Mexico — now 15 years old, and with two children — says she left home with an adult neighbor after becoming pregnant by him and was then kept as a virtual captive.

Before Dana Pevia came home to Raeford, N.C., this week, her family had not seen her since she walked to the school bus just after 6 a.m. on June 4, 1999. They thought she had been kidnapped, possibly killed.

But since coming home Wednesday to a tearful reunion with her mother, Dana has told authorities that she left with her neighbor, Hector Majarro Frausto, now 22.

She had been involved with Frausto, and shortly before she disappeared she told him she had been getting sick every morning, Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said Thursday. Frausto, suspecting Dana was pregnant, arranged for them to travel to his family home in Mexico, Peterkin said.

“She went along with the situation and realized it was a problem once she was on a plane to Mexico,” Peterkin said after interviewing the girl.

When she disappeared, Dana was just short of her 12th birthday. She was attending sixth grade at West Hoke Middle School.

That was the last her mother, Wanda Pevia, knew until earlier this month, when Dana showed up at the U.S. Consulate General’s office in Guadalajara. Consulate officials contacted the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which contacted the Hoke County sheriff’s office.

On Wednesday night, Wanda Pevia was finally reunited with her daughter — and her two new grandchildren — at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

“Oh, my god, my baby, my baby,” Wanda Pevia repeated as she and her daughter embraced, tears streaming down both their faces.

Dana declined to speak to reporters then or at the sheriff’s Thursday news conference. But Peterkin said she told authorities that after a couple of months in

Mexico, Frausto abandoned her with his relatives. They abused her and wouldn’t allow her to leave, the sheriff said.

“She could not go out of their sight,” he said.

After a couple of years, she befriended a local worker who eventually took her away from Frausto’s family and brought her to live with his own, Peterkin said. He said Dana tried to reach her mother and grandmother, but they had changed their phone numbers. Ultimately, the new fam-

ily took her to the consulate’s office.

Police confirmed that Frausto is the father of 3-year-old Sandra, Dana’s oldest child. They would not say who is the father of 3-month-old Francisco.

Warrants have been issued charging Frausto with kidnapping and statutory rape. Police believe Frausto is in the United States.

“There’s no doubt in my mind that Hector knows we’re looking for him,” Peterkin said.

Meteor lights up sky, homes hit with rocks

BY RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The midnight sky flashed an eerie blue early Thursday over four Midwestern states as a meteorite exploded in the atmosphere, sending rocks as big as softballs crashing through some houses.

Residents in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin reported seeing the disintegrating meteorite flash across the sky about midnight. Police were soon deluged with reports of falling rocks striking homes and cars.

Chris Zeilenga, 42, of Beecher, Ill., said he and his wife, Pauline, were watching TV war coverage around midnight.

“The sky lit up completely from horizon to horizon. We’ve seen lightning storms, but this was nothing like that,” he said. “A minute or so later the house started rumbling and we heard all these tiny particles hitting the house.”

Outside his home about 30 miles south of Chicago, Zeilenga found tiny gray and black pieces of stone. He didn’t realize

their origin until he heard people talking about meteorites as he rode the morning train to work in Chicago. “When I heard that I thought, ‘That’s what it was!’”

Kenneth and Karen Barnes of Park Forest, Ill., told WGN-TV in Chicago they were sleeping when a 5-pound meteorite crashed into their living room. Thursday morning their son spotted a hole in the ceiling.

“I didn’t know what to think, so we went looking through the house for it and found it,” Kenneth Barnes said.

Commander Mike McNamara of the Park Forest Police Department said about 60 pieces of space rock ranging from gravel-sized to softball-sized were brought in to the police station.

He said three homes in Park Forest were damaged, along with the fire department and possibly one car. Two homes in the nearby town of Matteson also were struck by meteorite pieces.

Paul Sipiera, a professor of geology and astronomy at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., spent Thursday examining

dozens of pieces of meteorites and plotting where they fell. The largest he saw was about 7 1/2 pounds.

He said the debris field appears to cover a path about 80 miles long by 20 miles wide from north of Bloomington, Ill., to Chicago’s south side and possibly part of northwestern Indiana.

He said all of the pieces came from a stony meteorite he estimates was about the size of a Volkswagen bug when it exploded as it plunged into Earth’s atmosphere.

A spokesman for the U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Neb., said the defense installation was not tracking any manmade space objects in the area at the time that the light show appeared over the Midwest.

Sipiera said it’s very rare for meteorites to fall on populated areas.

“For me, it’s a dream come true,” he said. “I always tell my wife that when I die, I hope I get hit in the head by a meteorite flying through the roof and it came pretty close,” he said.

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INTERNATIONAL



San Francisco Chronicle/Michael Macor/Associated Press

Medical personnel carry an unidentified injured Marine to a waiting ambulance after being flown out of central Iraq on Thursday. The Marine is expected to recover from non-life threatening injuries.



The Dallas Morning News/David Leeson/Associated Press

An Iraqi soldier who surrendered to Task Force 2-69 Armor, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga., is taken into custody during intense fighting outside of Al Kifl, Iraq on Thursday.



Hakan Denker/Hurriyet/Associated Press

Paratroopers of the U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Brigade are stationed near the Harir airfield, 45 miles northeast of Irbil in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq on Thursday. An estimated 1,000 paratroopers from the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade landed earlier Thursday and seized the airfield, as a possible staging ground for a second front against Saddam Hussein.

Air assault on Baghdad delivers sky of flames

WAR, from page 1

Defense Minister Sultan Mashem Ahmed declared.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested that U.S. forces might lay siege to the capital and hope Iraqis rise up against the government.

Eight days after the launching of Operation Iraqi Freedom, President Bush met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and declined to set a timetable for the war. It will last "however long it takes" to win, he said, thumping the lectern for emphasis.

Both men said the United Nations could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but side-stepped tricky questions of who would create and run a new government once Saddam is toppled.

Air assaults beginning before midnight in Baghdad delivered one of the strongest blasts felt there in days as allied forces zeroed in on one of Saddam's presidential compounds in the heart of the capital. Another round of powerful explosions followed, lasting half an hour.

"Coalition air forces and Tomahawk missiles took out a communications and command and control facilities in the capital city during the night," said Lt. Cmdr. Charles Owens, a spokesman reading from a bulletin at the command center in Camp As Sayliyah.

In the war zone, sandstorms abated and the Americans and British reported flying 1,500 missions during the day as they exploited their unchecked air superiority. British forces reported destroying 14 Iraqi tanks near Basra — their largest such take since World War II.

Warplanes bombed positions in northern Iraq near Kurdish-held areas and hit Republican Guard forces menacing American ground forces 50 miles south of Baghdad. Thunderous explosions rocked the capital after nightfall in one of the strongest blasts in days, filling the sky with flames and thick smoke after one of Saddam's presidential palaces was hit.

Combat aircraft dropped bombs "just about as fast as we can load them," said

Capt. Thomas A. Parker, aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf.

Cargo planes flew military supplies into northern Iraq after 1,000 American airborne troops parachuted in to secure an airfield. One source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said additional personnel were being flown in, and that an early objective would be securing the northern oil fields near Kirkuk. Invading forces took control of southern Iraqi oil fields in the early hours of the ground war.

Several miles away, Kurdish militiamen and villagers celebrated the fall during the day of a hilltop position where Iraqi forces had menaced civilians for years.

U.S. forces had pounded the northern hills around Chamchamal over the past several days, and it appeared that the Iraqis abandoned their checkpoint and bunkers and retreated to the west.

In central Iraq, the first resupply plane landed on a restored runway at Tallil Airfield — hastily renamed "Bush International Airport" by American forces who had secured it.

Still, Iraqi resistance continued to slow the drive on the capital and kept American and British forces out of key cities such as Basra and An Nasiriyah. Its mines kept ships with humanitarian assistance from unloading their cargo at the southern port city of Umm Qasr.

After eight days of fighting, Pentagon officials said close to 90,000 U.S. troops were in Iraq, and that an additional 100,000 to 120,000 were on the way. All were part of a military blueprint made up long ago, officials said, sensitive to criticism that commanders had underestimated the need for troops to quell stronger-than-expected resistance or protect long supply lines.

Bush and Blair met as anti-war protests flared anew in the United States. In New York, hundreds of demonstrators lined three blocks of Fifth Avenue and dozens more lay down in the street in a "die-in." At the United Nations, the U.S. ambassador walked out of a debate on the war after Iraq's ambassador accused the United States of trying to exterminate the Iraqi people.

One day after Iraq claimed more than a dozen civilians were injured in a missile strike in Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said it was possible that an Iraqi missile was responsible. "It may have been a deliberate attack inside of town," he added.

More than 25 Marines were wounded in fighting near An Nasiriyah, one of the southern Iraq cities where irregular forces have put up far more resistance than American military planners expected. U.S. officials said some or all of them were hurt when one Marine unit mistakenly fired on another. No deaths were reported and no Marines were missing from that incident, officials said. Brooks said the battle lasted 90 minutes, and WTVD-TV of Durham, N.C., which has a reporter with the Marines in An Nasiriyah, reported the Marines had been wounded during fierce house-to-house fighting.

To the south, British forces continued efforts to gain control over Basra, but die-hard defenders of Saddam's regime have held positions inside the city amid reports of clashes with the local population.

Adm. Michael Boyce, chief of the British defense staff, told reporters that British forces destroyed 14 Iraqi tanks that tried to leave the city during the morning. Historians said it was Britain's biggest such battle since World War II.

SPORTS



Harrick resigns as Georgia basketball coach

By The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia coach Jim Harrick resigned Thursday amid a scandal in the basketball program that also cost his son a job as an assistant.

Harrick was suspended with pay March 10 pending a joint investigation by the university, the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference into alleged academic fraud.

The scandal prompted the school to ban the No. 25 Bulldogs (19-8) from playing in the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

The decision came after it was discovered that at least one player received an A in a class taught by assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr. despite never attending.

University officials said that under a resignation agreement, the elder Harrick

will receive his remaining base pay, broadcast payments and a Nike payment, which total \$254,166.

“This entire situation has been, and is, regrettable for the athletic program and the university,” athletic director Vince Dooley said in a statement.

“Coach Harrick is an accomplished coach of the game of basketball; however, I believe his resignation and retirement at this time to be in the best interests of the athletic association and the university, and coach Harrick obviously believes it is in his best interests, as well.”

This wasn’t the first time Harrick had gotten in trouble.

Harrick was fired by UCLA in 1996 — a season after winning the national title — for lying about an expense report.

Harrick then went to Rhode Island and took that school to the regional finals of the 1998 NCAA tournament. He was accused of improprieties during his two years there.

A former secretary at Rhode Island said Harrick had grades changed for players, had student managers write papers for players and arranged for players to receive lodging, cars and money from boosters. In addition, Harrick Jr. was accused of falsifying hotel and meal reports for recruits when he worked for his father at Rhode Island.

The Georgia investigation began after Tony Cole, kicked off the team last year, accused the younger Harrick of paying his bills, doing schoolwork and teaching a sham class on coaching. Cole also said he used the elder Harrick’s credit card to buy a television and got money from a booster.

Cole said he never attended the coaching class, but received an A. Two other players — starters Chris Daniels and Rashad Wright — were also in the class and got A’s. They were declared ineligible March 10 for academic fraud and unethical conduct.

Harrick had three years left on a contract that pays him \$600,000 a year. He was

scheduled to get a \$400,000 longevity bonus when the contract expires in June 2006.

Without a finding that Harrick was directly involved in alleged NCAA rules violations, he would be owed \$2.1 million. Under the contract, deliberate violations of NCAA rules would have allowed the university to fire him without further pay.

Dooley said the investigation into the basketball program will continue.

“We will also now begin the search for a new coach,” he said.

University president Michael Adams, who worked with Harrick at Pepperdine and was one of the greatest advocates of hiring him at Georgia, said he and Dooley had placed a lot of confidence in Harrick, “a man of considerable coaching talent.”

“We were greatly disappointed to lose that confidence due to Coach Harrick’s failure to appropriately manage the basketball program. Based upon the facts discovered in the investigation to date, his resignation is appropriate and we accept it,” Adams said.

He said Georgia would continue to work with the NCAA and SEC “to right any wrongs and get the men’s basketball program back as it should be among the very best in the nation both on and off the court.”

Master blaster



Hillery Smith Shay/Associated Press

Serena Williams returns the serve of Kim Clijsters of Belgium during their match at the Nasdaq 100 Open on Thursday. Williams won in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

Annika on top again in Kraft Nabisco major championship

BY TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Writer

RANCHO MIRAGE — Annika Sorenstam began the day thinking even par would be a very good score. Then the wind died down, the birdies started coming and she found herself in a familiar place at the Kraft Nabisco.

Sorenstam shot a 4-under 68 Thursday to take a two-shot lead over Karrie Webb and three others after one round in the first LPGA Tour major championship of the year.

Trying to become the first woman to win the same major championship three years in a row in 64 years, Sorenstam birdied the final two holes in a round that was efficient even by the standards of the most dominant player in women’s golf.

“Now I feel comfortable,” Sorenstam said. “Getting off to a good start is important. I know you can’t win tournaments like this on the first day, but you can lose them.”

Sorenstam’s only real mistakes came at the 16th hole when she nearly pulled an 8-iron out of bounds and then mangled a flop shot. But she came right back to knock it to 12 feet on the par-3 17th for birdie and followed that with a scrambling birdie four on the 18th hole.

For playing partner Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, it was fun just to be in the same group.

“She’s going to play well so it’s motivating,” Meunier-Lebouc said. “She seems so relaxed on the course, yet at the same time so aggressive. She’s really balanced.”

Meunier-Lebouc, who played with Sorenstam over the weekend at Phoenix, was one of those two shots back with a 2-under 70. Also grouped there were Laura Davies, Michele Redman and Webb.

Another shot back was a group of players including Se Ri Pak, who beat Sorenstam last week in Phoenix.

But the day belonged to Sorenstam, who hasn’t had a lot of success in majors but has won this tournament the last two years. She got an early start when the wind was still whipping around the Dinah Shore tournament course at Mission Hills Country Club, then took advantage when the winds died down.

“When we teed off this morning it was very, very windy,” Sorenstam said. “I read the weather forecast, and I thought it was going to get worse. I was really looking at par as a great score today.”

Sorenstam had already posted her score by the time the late groups teed off.

Kentucky barely edges Badgers

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — With Keith Bogans watching helplessly from the bench in the second half, Kentucky turned to the power of Marquis Estill to ward off Wisconsin.

Estill scored a career-high 28 points and the Wildcats ran their winning streak to 26 games, holding off the scrappy Badgers to advance to the regional final.

Bogans, the Wildcats’ top scorer and floor leader, sprained his left ankle with 3:32 left in the first half when Wisconsin’s Kirk Penney committed a turnover, turned around to run back down the floor and fell over the Kentucky star.

Mike Wilkinson had a layup and Devin Harris made two spectacular driving baskets to pull the Badgers within 52-50 with just under seven minutes to go.

The Wildcats went inside to the 6-foot-9, 240-pound Estill, who made 12-of-18 shots. He muscled in for another basket and then hit two free throws as the Wildcats regained a six-point lead.

Wisconsin rallied to within one when Harris hit a 3-pointer and Wilkinson drove for a basket with 1:33 remaining.

But Erik Daniels tipped in a miss by Estill with 1:03 left to give Kentucky a 58-55 lead. And after a traveling call on Wilkinson with 49 seconds remaining, Estill made one of two foul shots with 32 seconds left, pushing the lead back to four.

After Wilkinson missed twice from the line with 23 seconds remaining, Kentucky hit four free throws in the closing seconds.

She lost to Pak after holding a lead going into the final round last week, but her fellow competitors didn’t doubt she would be among the leaders this week.

“You expect Annika to do that,” Davies said. “It would be a little more worrying if she wasn’t on the leaderboard. You’d wonder if something was wrong.”

The wind affected play early, then

■ West

ARIZONA 88, NOTRE DAME, 71

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM — Arizona took all the drama out of this one early.

After beating Gonzaga by one point in a double-overtime classic, the top-seeded Wildcats rolled right over Notre Dame 88-71 Thursday night to advance to the West Regional final.

Luke Walton, last seen sprawled in exhaustion on the floor in Salt Lake City after grabbing the final rebound in the second round, had 16 points, seven boards and eight assists for Arizona.

Fellow senior Jason Gardner added 19 points in his school-record 134th career start. Channing Frye had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Hassan Adams added 14 points.

The Wildcats (28-3) are in the round of eight for the first time since 2001, when they lost to Duke in the national championship game.

Torin Francis had 25 points on 10-of-11 shooting — more than double his average — and 10 rebounds to lead the Irish (24-10). Chris Thomas added 20 points.

Neither team led by more than five points before Arizona took command with a 22-3 run that gave the Wildcats a 47-29 lead with 5:56 remaining in the first half. There were eight lead changes and seven ties by halftime, which ended with Arizona ahead 53-40.

calmed on a warm day in the desert. Players found the 6,520-yard course playing shorter than usual because the ball was running and the greens were firm.

Davies, who could complete a career grand slam by winning here, was a little disappointed the rough wasn’t deeper but said the firmness of the greens more than made up for it.



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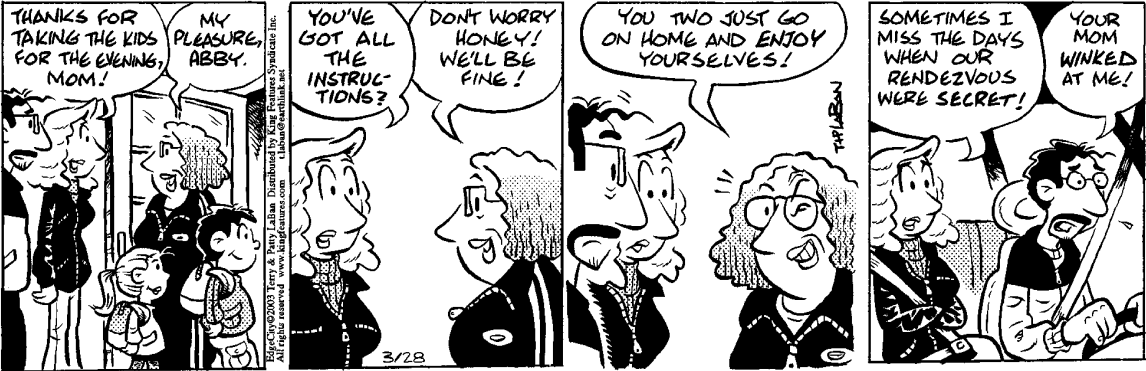
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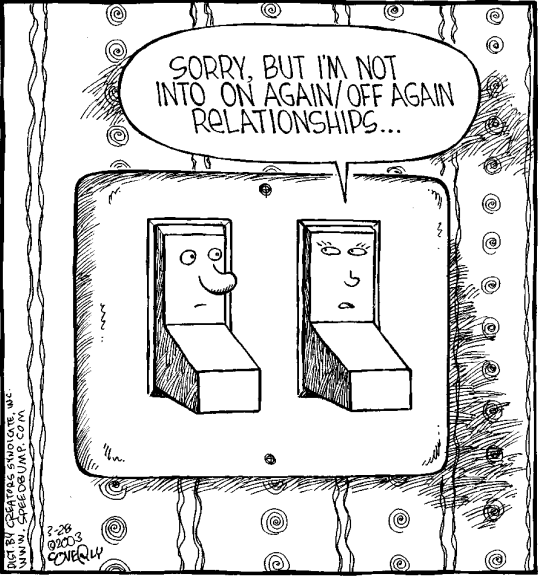
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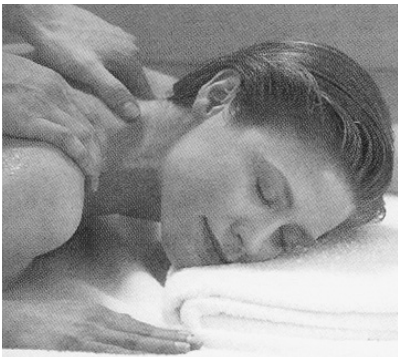
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About Schmidt (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30. **View From the Top (PG-13)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. **The Hours (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. **Willard (PG-13)** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

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1313 Third St.
Bringing down the House (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20. **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13)** 12:45, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15. **Tears of the Sun (R)** 1:00, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00. **Old School (R)** 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. **Dreamcatcher (R)** 12:30, 1:30, 3:40, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00.

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1310 3rd Street
Piglet's Big Movie (G) 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:45. **Agent Cody Banks (PG)** 1:35, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15. **Chicago (PG-13)** 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05. **Daredevil (PG-13)** 1:50, 7:25. **The Hunted (2003) (R)** 1:40, 4:10, 9:50. **The Life of David Gale (R)** 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15. **Boat Trip (R)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:25. **Gangs of New York (R)** 4:05, 9:45.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Pianist (R) 3:45, 7:00, 10:15.

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1332 2nd St.
Irreversible (NR) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. **The Quiet American (R)** 1:45, 4:20, 9:55. **Bend it Like Beckham (PG-13)** 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20. **Talk to Her (R)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55.

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