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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In July 2005, News of the Weird reported that former Florida judge Gary Graham had been charged with child molesting, based on statements by a former girlfriend, and as an added touch, the woman had described Graham's insistence that she present herself for sex in pigtails and with paint-on freckles, to give the effect of a young girl. In February 2006, a judge in Inverness, Fla., dropped all the charges after the ex-girlfriend admitted that she made everything up because she was angry.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 88th day of 2006.
There are 277 days left in the year

On **March 29, 1973**, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.
In **1638**, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.
In **1790**, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The fate of love is that it always seems too little or too much."

AMELIA EDITH BARR
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST

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Security increased at local libraries

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK LIBRARY — The city's top librarian said Tuesday he has increased security at all branches after the manager here was attacked by a homeless man who had been ordered to leave after vandalizing a men's restroom.

"In response to this incident, we have assigned our library inspectors to patrol the branches and create a presence there and help support security," said city librarian Greg Mullen. "Maintaining security is paramount. If we don't, then our librarians don't feel safe, and the public doesn't feel safe. If that happens, then what's the point?"

People are going to stay away."

Meanwhile, the man charged with the assault, Melvin Winston Hardy, pleaded no contest on Tuesday and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles Superior Court said.

The attack has raised concern that security at branch libraries is severely lacking, putting both library staff and the public in danger. This is especially of concern at the Ocean Park branch, which is near the beach where many transients congregate, including those who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol or are mentally unstable.

The assault occurred on

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A homeless man drinks his morning coffee after waking up in front of the new main library entrance off of Santa Monica Boulevard. City officials plan to increase patrols around the library branches.

Adventure assault is launched in Los Angeles

By Daily Press staff

More than 100 people went on the assault in the urban jungle known as Los Angeles this past weekend during an adventure race that tested their skills on Big Wheels as well as their knowledge of local landmarks.

The Urban Assault Race is a combination of an adventure race, scavenger hunt and bike race. For the past two years, the event has been the biggest adventure race in the country. And this past weekend's Westside race was the first of the series.

Competitors biked through Santa Monica, Venice and Marina del Rey as they completed challenges along the way. Teams of two raced through the city to reach checkpoints where they performed physical and mental challenges.

Checkpoints were listed on www.urbanassaulttrace.com before the race. Racers picked their own course to the checkpoints, which can be reached in any order. The first team to complete all the checkpoint challenges and return

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

During the 2006 Urban Assault Race in Los Angeles, Annie Maron, 41, glides through the water tunnel in Venice.

Illegal immigrants spreading out; debate comes to boil

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — They are more likely than American citizens to hold jobs but less likely to have high school diplomas. They tend to be younger, and many have children who were born in the U.S., making the kids citizens.

They are illegal immigrants, their numbers estimated at 12 million as the question of what to do about them reaches a boiling point on Capitol Hill.

Less than half fit the profile of young men sneaking across the border to find jobs and send money back home to their families. Today, most bring their fami-

lies with them, according to an analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center, a research organization in Washington.

"There's about 6.5 million adults who are in families, either couples or couples with children, and there's another 2 million chil-

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your energy could be more depleted than you realize. Still, if you focus, you will experience extraordinary success. Think carefully and decide what you want to do in order to gain professionally. If you are single, open up to new thought processes. Tonight: A friend proves inspirational and resourceful.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Right now, your perspective could be off and trigger a sense of negativity. No one knows better than you what is necessary to make your life work. You might feel like a partnership is changing in front of your eyes. Tonight: Easy does it.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by your perspective, as well as by how someone is acting or behaving. You could be a bit uptight, as others are reacting strongly. Give yourself and those around you space. Tonight: Easy does it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Everything that is occurring could be telling you to slow down. Though you might be sure you are on the right path, today's happening could indicate otherwise. Be a cynic, and ultimately you will be better off. Tonight: A must appearance.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might sense changes in the offing. Your ability to grasp what might be coming down the path could be defined by your imagination. Don't worry -- just be ready to get off your pedestal and prepare to flex. Tonight: Relax to a movie or an exotic meal.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Work with others, but don't decide that anything is written in stone. In the next few weeks, you might find that what you thought was a given no longer is. Togetherness might not be the same as what you visualized. Tonight: Easy does it.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Listen to feedback regarding a partner. A relationship could be revised. Consider your options with care in the next few weeks. What you can count on is change. Tonight: Others need to have their say.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Don't push yourself to do anything that seems contrary or out of whack. Listen well to someone you care about. He or she has a different sense of what works than you do. Consider a new health regime. Tonight: Put your feet up.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Pluto, the planet of transformation, is in your sign, drawing an array of happenings and adventures. Today it does a backward jig. For some of you, this event might be difficult. You can be sure that something better is on the way. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Somehow you might feel as if you are cut off from others. However, if you go within and hold up a mirror, you will see otherwise. You might be seeing a situation a lot differently as a result. You could be happier, too. Tonight: At home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might discover much more about a situation or friendship that you hold close to your heart. Pushing and tugging right now will be futile. Let information seep through rather than judge. Tonight: Visit with a pal.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Refuse to commit to anything financially, or you could regret the decision in the not so distant future. You can have a far bigger say in your financial development than you have had in the past. Decide so now. Tonight: Look at your bills.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monican to be featured on Today Show

By Daily Press staff

The notoriety of one Santa Monica resident who has spent the majority of his career behind the scenes and the lens of his camera will be brought to the national spotlight this week. And he is bringing dozens of local musical students with him.

Friday morning, March 31, NBC's Today Show will air a feature piece on Santa Monica-based Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, David Hume Kennerly.

Kennerly won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for feature photography for his photos of the Vietnam War, and was chief White House photographer for President Gerald R. Ford. He recently ended a 10-year association with Newsweek Magazine as contributing editor and, effective immediately, Kennerly was named NBC News contributing editor by NBC News president Steve Capus.

The Today Show's national correspondent Jamie Gangel's interviews Kennerly about his four decades of shooting on the front lines of history. Interviews took place at Nathans restaurant in Washington, D.C., which has redecorated its main dining room exclusively in Kennerly-limited edition fine art prints of classic political images. Taping also took place at Kennerly's Los Angeles studio and a rehearsal of the Santa Monica youth string ensemble, Elemental Strings, which Kennerly was photographing.

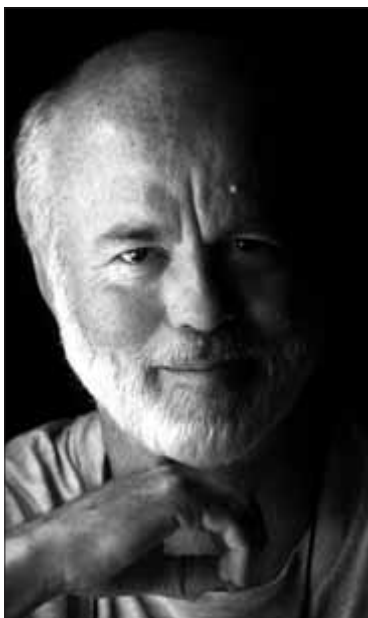
Elemental Strings is an elementary string orchestra program for fourth and fifth graders in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School district, solely sponsored by the Santa Monica-based Maestro Foundation. Thirty students, chosen by audition, receive instruction in orchestral and chamber music works on a weekly basis from a team of specialized educators. The opportunity to learn the fundamentals of ensemble performance is otherwise unavailable to elementary school students in the area. The Elemental Strings Orchestra showcases its work in two performances each year. Maestro hosts the year-end chamber concert and presents awards to the most industrious students.

The Maestro Foundation's long-term goal is to improve the quality of the middle and high school level music programs in the school district and to engage more young people on a deeper level in music and the arts. The Maestro Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, devoted to projects in music since 1984. Chaired by Aaron Mendelsohn, with Julia Cser as the executive/artistic director, the Maestro Foundation is committed to its love for and support of music and musicians. In addition to its sponsorship of Elemental Strings, the foundation also sponsors the Maestro Chamber Music Series, the Robert E. Turner Annual Piano Recital, the



David Hume Kennerly/Special to the Daily Press

An NBC cameraman shoots the Santa Monica youth ensemble Elemental Strings for the Today Show, which will air a feature about Santa Monica resident David Hume Kennerly, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer.



Karen Ballard/Special to the Daily Press
DAVID HUME KENNERLY

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SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 12/12
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring, Wet				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 192"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 30"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 25/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 23	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Powder, Wet				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 3"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 30"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 1"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Wet				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 22	LIFTS OPEN 7/11
CONDITIONS: Hard Packed, Loose Granular				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

DATA PROVIDED BY WETSAND.COM

SWELL FORECAST (2-6 FT)

Today the NW wind swell will kick in. As of today's model run, this will be delayed until around mid to late morning. Once it does arrive though, some 270-280 degree 10-12 second period swell can be expected with sets running chest to head high with a few peaky pluses now and again.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Storm-driven NW wind swell picks up tomorrow...

Minor SW 4/2, builds 4/3...

Better SW due 4/4, but wind swell possible too...

Smaller SW for 7th...

Tracking impressive SW for 9th-10th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:19AM	0.8FT	1:57PM	0.9FT
HIGH TIDE	7:23AM	5.8FT	8:12PM	5.2FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:06AM	0.2FT	2:29PM	-0.6FT
HIGH TIDE	8:12AM	5.7FT	8:42PM	5.6FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:40AM	-0.7FT	3:32PM	0.4FT
HIGH TIDE	9:49AM	4.8FT	9:46PM	6.1FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:46AM	0.6FT	3:49PM	0.6FT
HIGH TIDE	9:47AM	4.5FT	9:57PM	4.9FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	12:08PM	-0.57FT	11:35PM	2.3FT
HIGH TIDE	4:28AM	5.0FT	7:00PM	3.7FT

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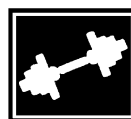
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bill Bauer’s world must be dreamy

Editor:

I have a feeling that Bill Bauer is living in his own absent-minded dream world (SMDP, March 27, page 4). It isn’t a new feeling, but this time I am compelled to say “wake up.”

How nice it would be if race didn’t matter, but wake up, Bill, it does. So do ethnicity, religion and, while we’re at it, class and, duh, politics.

Now perhaps they matter far less to those who happen to have secure (read dominant) places in all or most of the above-mentioned categories, but even white middle-to-upper class Christian (well, let’s just say, non-Jew, non-Muslim, non-Sikh, etc.) men have to come to their senses and smell the coffee sometime.

The reason why your Jewish friend is so sensitive about his and other’s Jewishness is exactly the point, which you make, but still seem to be missing. If you are in a position of current or historical oppression (or discrimination, misunderstanding, racism, poverty, genocide or whatever fits the bill) you are naturally going to have your defenses up. It is human nature and self-preserving to be that way. You are going to often come across as “hyper” vigilant and “overly” sensitive, especially to those like yourself, Bill, who are among the dominant group and who, for the life of them, just don’t get it.

Your failure to grasp this susceptibility is precisely what gets folks like professor Cerna worked up (SMDP, March 18-19, page 5). It is the same failure of understanding or empathy that has created “us vs. them” divides throughout history. It’s old hat, Sleepy Bill, and kind of boring, honestly. But here you go again, full of strong, manly indignation, circling your wagon, because the “natives” are getting uppity again. The problem couldn’t possibly have anything to do with social injustice or inequities or (oh the horror, not in our fair city) racism. No, no, to you the problem lies squarely on the shoulders of those who point their fingers at the situation and say, “Uh, we seem to have a problem here.”

Oh, and while you’re sanctimoniously pointing back with absolutely zero compassion and mea culpa-bility, why not take some sorry potshots at people who are homeless too. You left out the bleeding-heart Santa Monicans For Renters’ Rights (SMRR) crackpots this time, who have put up with such madness and are the cause of every other malady for the past 25 years, but I guess that would be too much unpleasantness to cover in one sleepy-time column. So, we’ll look for a ripping SMRR smear in your next harangue. Meanwhile, you just go on living in your dream world, Bill. It must be nice in there. All peaceful and cozy, all so ... blissful. It’s just like floating on denial.

Alan Toy
Santa Monica

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When diversity starts to become too diverse



THE
WITNESS
STAND
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

What do our children’s schools mean to accomplish when they set a day aside to celebrate “diversity?” More importantly, why is it that I need to ask? Because it has come to my attention recently that to some, diversity may not mean what you and I think it means. And if that’s true, I think it’s important we know it now, don’t you? Otherwise, we may not understand things like why our children are called to attend or participate in their school’s “Diversity Day” only to have it canceled.

Recently, at the Viroqua High School in Wisconsin such a cancellation just occurred that left many of the children there confused. Apparently the high school schedules a “Diversity Day” to occur twice each school year. For their next event they had enlisted a number of “diverse” speakers. The La Crosse Tribune reported that to be included were a Hmong human, a Jewish human, a Muslim human, an American Indian human, an African American human, a Latino human, a Buddhist human, a physically impaired human, an impoverished human and two gay humans — who we are informed live together as a couple. According to one teacher on the Diversity Day planning committee, these people were chosen to introduce students to minorities and people with alternative lifestyles. “Our students are going to come into contact with people of different backgrounds. And we feel it would be real helpful for them in a nice safe place, like a high school, to have contact and be able to dispel some of the stereotypes.” What could be wrong with that? I mean, how much more tolerant of diversity sounding can you get than that? So far, so good, right? Well, if you think so, you’re wrong, Bungi Brain. Here’s what happened next.

Someone took exception with the fact that the speaker’s roster did not include anyone who would be willing to present a Christian ex-gay point of view, and requested that the committee remedy this “oversight.” Then came what I think is the funny part. When the committee took up the suggestion for consideration, the gay couple informed them that if a Christian ex-gay was allowed to speak it would make them feel “uncomfortable.” So uncomfortable, in fact, that they would refuse to participate in the event. How intolerant of diversity, not to mention blatantly hypocritical, is that? What happened to “dispelling stereotypes?” But hold on. It gets better. In response to their anticipated discomfort, the committee decided to cancel the entire Diversity Day program. In a masterstroke of understatement, one committee member described the confusion this caused by saying, “It’s ironic, because we’re trying to be tolerant and at the same time we might be accused of being intolerant.” No kidding.

Decades ago, our nation enacted civil rights laws that implicitly defined diversity when they prohibited discrimination on the basis of four protected categories: race, color, religion and national origin.

Then later, the gay rights movement came along and lobbied heavily to obtain the same legal protections for their “lifestyle.” To accomplish this they leaned heavily on a theory — that only they seem to endorse — that their lifestyle was the product of a genetic predisposition over which they had no more choice than was the case with a person’s race or color. And, notwithstanding the absence of any scientific proof to validate that theory, they prevailed politically.

Just protecting their lifestyle from discrimination alone was not enough, though. They also wanted to silence those who opposed their lifestyle. The thorn in their side was the existence of ex-gays, who theoretically should not exist if, in fact, being gay is genetic — an argument they know is often taken up by the Christian community. So, working on the philosophy that the best defense is an offense, some gay activists took up a plan to shut Christians and ex-gays up, in part, by enacting hate speech laws, making it a crime to speak ill of anyone who was of the gay lifestyle. Interestingly, however, they did not want those same limitations they were busy imposing upon the free speech of others to apply to themselves. They wanted an exemption that would enable them to remain free to criticize and condemn those who, because of their religious beliefs or otherwise, are offended by the gay lifestyle: e.g. Christians and/or ex-gays.

That appears to have been the case at Viroqua High School. Advocating their gay form of lifestyle to teenage students is cool both for the gay couple and the high school committee, so long as no opposing views by a Christian ex-gay are to be presented. But, when a person with such views merely asks to be considered, the gay couple, feeling “uncomfortable,” not only refuses to participate, but ultimately causes the entire program to be canceled. Thus, they effectively silence, not only who they perceive to be their enemy, but everybody else who would have spoken that day as well — even the poor Hmong guy who probably had to travel some distance to get to Wisconsin. All of this to silence a Christian with an opposing point of view. How sad is that?

So much for exposing students to a truly unbiased view of diversity in order to “dispel stereotypes.” If we are to hear from the goose, don’t you think we should also hear from the gander? You never know, one might be surprised to hear a view that expresses a love for all people. A message that even though we are all flawed in one way or another, rather than sitting in judgment of the flaws of others, we are summoned to higher calling: to love and forgive each other as we each hope to be loved and forgiven by the one above. If lifestyle is really to be a protected category alongside race, color, religion and national origin, doesn’t true diversity suggest we be willing to allow such ideas to be presented? To me, that’s diversity.

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COMMENTARY



Ocean Park Association: New kid on the old block



(Editor's note: "In the Hood" is a regular column written by residents who represent organized neighborhood groups throughout Santa Monica. Published each Wednesday in the Daily Press, residents will cover the pressing issues facing their neighborhoods and call upon their neighbors to get involved. They'll sometimes scrutinize policies and actions of local government, or bring to light a subject that needs attention in their respective environs.)

BY TED WINTERER
Special to the Daily Press

Compared to our more venerable compatriots from other neighborhoods in Santa Monica, the Ocean Park Association is the new kid on the block.

And that's perhaps appropriate, for our neighborhood is also the newcomer to Santa Monica. While the rest of the city was founded in 1886, Ocean Park was separately incorporated in 1904 and only subsequently annexed into the rest of Santa Monica.

Ocean Park, Abbot Kinney's first real estate project in our area, is the neighborhood between Pico Boulevard and the Venice border, bounded by Lincoln Boulevard and the Pacific Ocean. Kinney then went on to found Venice, and Ocean Park has always had more in common with the rough-and-tumble traits of its sibling to the south than with the more manicured and tony sectors of northern Santa Monica. These days the diverse, funky flavor of Ocean Park is threatened by rapid gentrification, as home prices per square foot now rival those north of Montana Avenue.

That history brought the birth of OPA. Locals were concerned City Hall had long treated its latest addition as an afterthought and thus not provided Ocean Park with its fair share of services. And they worried that growth and the city's land use policies threatened the character of our neighborhood, in particular its socioeconomic multiplicity and its relationship to light, air and water made famous by the late Richard Diebenkorn in his masterful "Ocean Park" paintings.

In addition, the Ocean Park Community Organization (OPCO), the first of the city's neighborhood organizations, had fallen inactive and disappeared from the local political scene. So in the summer of 2004, 20 or so neighbors began

to brainstorm about forming a new group to serve as the voice of Ocean Park, and in October of that year OPA held its first public meeting.

Thanks to the hard work of many, particularly OPA's first president, Joel Brand, the drudgery of writing bylaws, forming a corporation, setting up a Web site and obtaining tax-exempt status are behind us, and we now have a healthy bank account and a substantial and growing membership. Thus, we can devote our efforts to our primary mission: preserving the essence of the unique community we cherish and further improving its quality of life.

How has OPA pursued these goals? We've hosted meetings with the police and the city's planning and transportation departments to provide a forum for residents' concerns, and we'll soon welcome new City Manager Lamont Ewell for a similar dialogue. We've met with city officials to mitigate the impact of Santa Monica College's shuttle parking at our beach lots. We've had graffiti removed from the murals on Ocean Park Boulevard and elsewhere, and arranged for traffic officers to curtail hazardous driving on our meaner streets. And we aspire to persuade City Hall to lessen the traffic and parking impacts of our Sunday farmers' market.

OPA also has been an active participant in the citywide dialogue over the future revisions to what's known as the "General Plan," which will shape land use and transportation in Santa Monica for the next 20 years. We're lobbying to protect our older, affordable rental units from being redeveloped into market rate housing. We'd like our neighborhood to become even more friendly to walking, biking and other alternate modes of transportation, and to reduce auto congestion and speeding, especially on our residential streets. We're concerned about the large, new developments on the north and south ends of Main Street, and seek to preserve the historic scale and ambiance of our village center. And we hope that Lincoln Boulevard can evolve into a genuine neighborhood center, providing a diversity of modestly sized retail and service establishments in a walkable environment. Finally, we're urging City Hall to narrow the traffic lanes on Ocean Park Boulevard from Lincoln to the beach and to add dedicated bike paths, larger sidewalks and green space, rendering it into the recreational pathway called for by the city's own open space element.

If you live in Ocean Park, share our vision for our neighborhood and wish to add your voice to ours, please join our ranks at www.opa-sm.org. Or attend one of our monthly meetings. The next one is Sunday, April 9, at the community center in Joslyn Park at 4 p.m.

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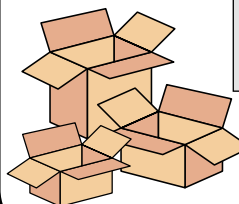
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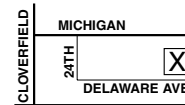
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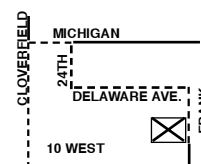


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Man charged is sentenced to 60 days in jail

SECURITY, from page 1

Thursday, March 16, when head librarian Celia Carroll tried to confront Hardy about complaints from patrons that he had "pulled all the paper" out of the bathroom stalls. Carroll said that while her back was turned, Hardy snuck up behind her and punched her in the back, causing her to fall forward, hitting the sidewalk face first. She sustained a cut to her face, police said.

"I've learned a valuable lesson from this: Always have someone watching your back," said Carroll in an interview Tuesday, her second day back at work after the attack.

Several bystanders who saw the attack, including Carroll's husband, restrained Hardy until police arrived. He was booked for assault and battery. His bail was set at \$20,000, but was later reduced to \$5,000, police said.

Carroll, who also was the head librarian at Fairview Library in the Sunset Park neighborhood, said she has seen her fair share of violent patrons over the years, many of them mentally ill. But in the last decade or so, the problem has worsened, she said.

Branch libraries are bearing most of the burden as vagrants have flocked to branches because the Main Library has enhanced security, Carroll said.

"The Main Library has a lot of resources that we lack, and that disparity,

I feel ... could be alleviated with the harmonizing of security," Carroll said. "More uniformed security personnel would be best."

Library inspectors are not sworn officers, but simply library staff with uniforms and walkie-talkies who, among other duties, enforce the library's rules. Those rules include required shirt and shoes, limitations on bag sizes, not having an odor that distracts other people and a prohibition against panhandling, to name a few.

There are four full-time inspectors at the new Main Library and six part-time inspectors who rotate among branches, making deliveries or assisting librarians with other tasks, Mullen said.

"We are lucky to have these positions," Mullen said. "Most libraries don't have security staff."

The permanent employees are paid anywhere from \$3,084 to \$3,714 a month, while the part-time employees are paid \$17.80 an hour, Mullen said.

Inspectors are only one layer of security.

"We do a variety of different things, from how we arrange our buildings to create a good line of sight, to ensuring proper staffing levels so that buildings aren't opened when only one person is there," Mullen said. "For the most part, our libraries are very safe. We don't have a lot of incidents or any significant security issues."

Mullen said staff has received training

to deal with difficult people and violence in the work place. He said that whenever something does occur, librarians should automatically call the police.

Carroll said she is not afraid to be at work and continues to walk to the library every morning as part of her routine. She said Mullen and his staff quickly responded to her needs, and she said is grateful for all of the support she has received from the community.

Many residents sent Carroll e-mails wishing her well and praised her dedication to community, as she has served on several commissions as well as the PTA at John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School.

Carroll is disappointed with the length of the jail sentence for Hardy.

"Sixty days is a travesty," she said. "I thought it would be at least for a year."

When police officers or fire fighters are attacked while on the job, the penalty

is automatically increased. Librarians are not included, something that Carroll is seeking to change.

"Frankly, that is really important," she said. "It is important in our society for people to educate themselves, get knowledge, use the Internet to communicate and find pleasure reading in a safe, secure setting. I have asked for security at Ocean Park, and I think it's obvious we need it now, but also a provision in the legal code protecting librarians."

Carroll said she will lobby the City Council to include such a measure. She also will ask for more funding for security and request a "stay away" order from the City Attorney's office that would prohibit Hardy from entering the Ocean Park Library.

"You do the best that you can with what you have," she said. "But I will not let this keep me from coming to work. I'm happy here."

Race challenges body and mind

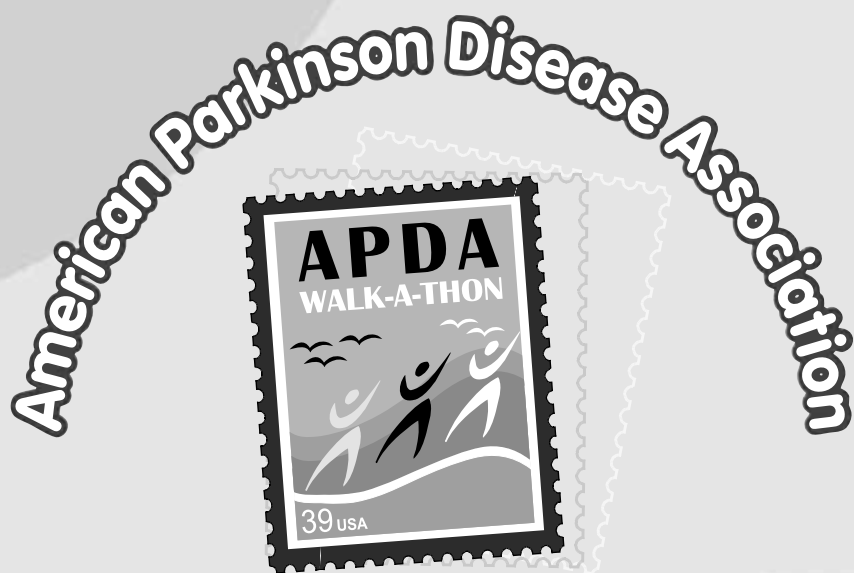
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Medical marijuana case targets right to life

BY DAVID KRAVETS

AP Legal Affairs Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — A lawyer for an ill California woman whose doctor says marijuana is the only medicine keeping her alive asked an appeals court Monday to prevent federal drug agents from ever arresting her.

The case, focusing on whether the gravely ill have a right to marijuana to keep them alive when legal drugs fail, is likely to reach the U.S. Supreme Court soon. Yet each time the high court has ruled on medical marijuana it has come down against allowing the sick and dying to use the drug to ease their symptoms and possibly prolong life.

The latest legal wrangling once again highlights the tension between the federal government, which declares marijuana an illegal controlled substance with no medical value, and the 11 states allowing medical marijuana for patients with a doctor's recommendation.

"Medical cannabis is necessary for the preservation of Angel Raich's life," said Randy Barnett, the Oakland woman's lawyer. He later told the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that, "If she obeys the law, she will die."

Raich, a 40-year-old mother of two, suffers from scoliosis, a brain tumor, chronic nausea and other ailments. On her doctor's advice, she uses marijuana every couple of hours to ease her pain and bol-

ster a nonexistent appetite.

Last year, the Supreme Court came down against Raich, in what was the court's second ruling against medical marijuana since 2001. Because Congress decided marijuana was illegal under the 1970 Controlled Substances Act, the justices ruled, medical marijuana users and their suppliers could be prosecuted for breaching federal drug laws, even if they lived in a state where medical marijuana was legal.

Because of that ruling, the legal issue has narrowed to the so-called right to life theory: that marijuana should be allowed if it is the only viable option to keep a patient alive.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Quinlivan could not guarantee to the court that Raich or other serious ill patients using medical marijuana would not be prosecuted. Over the years, the government has raided dozens of medical marijuana dispensaries, mostly in California.

Quinlivan told the judges that nobody has a right to use marijuana, and said a ruling in Raich's favor would open the floodgates to "people who want to use other substances" that are not approved for medical purposes.

Judge Harry Pregerson asked Quinlivan whether it was OK for Raich to die or succumb to "unbearable suffering."

"So go ahead and die. That would be all right?" he asked.

"Congress has made that value judg-

Following medical marijuana through the courts

By The Associated Press

Key developments in medical marijuana litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court:

■ May 14, 2001: Supreme Court said it was illegal to distribute medical marijuana to sick and dying patients.

■ Oct. 14, 2003: Supreme Court let stand a lower court decision saying doctors have a First Amendment right to discuss or recommend marijuana to their patients without the threat or fear of federal sanctions.

■ June 6, 2005: Supreme Court ruled that patients in states that permit medical cannabis use are not immune from federal prosecution because marijuana is an illegal narcotic under federal law.

States that permit the medical use of marijuana: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

ment," Quinlivan responded.

Another judge, Arlen Beam, suggested that Raich could only make a defense that marijuana is medically necessary if she's prosecuted. He said she would likely prevail by stating she was only breaking the law to stay alive.

"It seems to me, if this was a criminal prosecution," Beam told the government's lawyer, "you would lose your argument."

After the hearing, Raich said, "I think I'm gonna win."

During the 70-minute hearing, Barnett likened Raich's plight to women being allowed to have an abortion even after the fetus has become viable, if the abortion was necessary to save the woman's life.

"This is a new argument which they have

come up with," Quinlivan told the judges.

Pregerson responded, "There was nothing wrong with that." Pregerson added that "You got to go back to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That takes care of it all."

Voters in 1996 made California the first state to authorize patients to use marijuana with a doctor's recommendation. Ten other states have since followed suit.

In 2001, the Supreme Court ruled that Raich's supplier, the Oakland Cannabis Buyer's Cooperative, could not lawfully dispense marijuana despite California voters approving its medical use.

The court did not indicate when it would rule on a case that both sides expect would be appealed to the Supreme Court.

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Church eviction rescinded

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Worshippers at a 90-member Filipino church will continue to pray on sacred ground. The Filipino Baptist Fellowship had been threatened with eviction from the Atlantic Avenue property under city eminent domain powers. The Redevelopment Agency board voted Monday night to rescind its decision two weeks ago to take the property for an affordable housing project. There was no other comment. Agency board chairman Thomas Fields said the board merely decided to “let the church stay where they are” and there was nothing else to say. Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood said the board’s decision to cut off negotiations for the property means the condemnation process has come to a halt. “They have terminated the condemnation,” she said. The agency had offered the church 13 alternative sites since 2002 and the city offered to pay the \$855,000 appraised value for the property. The church paid \$255,000 for the land in 2002. The church called the property “holy ground.” The city wanted the property for a 58-unit affordable housing development. It’s the fourth phase of development along the Atlantic Avenue corridor that includes Renaissance Walk and Renaissance Square. Community Development Director Pat West said the housing project will now stop south of the church or continue north.

Murder plot case goes to trial

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE, Calif. — Trial was ordered for a woman who allegedly tried to hire a man to kill her 89-year-old husband. At the conclusion of Monday’s preliminary hearing, Superior Court Judge Laura Ellison said there was enough evidence to order trial for Linda Evans, 56, on charges of solicitation of murder and solicitation of arson charges. Evans allegedly tried to hire Cristobal Rodriguez, 24, to kill her husband Lester Evans, who had discovered she was pilfering money from his business. She also allegedly tried to hire someone to burn down a business where two former employees were working. Deputy District Attorney Jodi Link told the judge that Mrs. Evans, who served prison time for three 1982 robbery convictions, rejected a plea deal in the murder-for-hire case of 18 years in state prison. Facing her third strike, she could receive up to 50 years to life in prison if convicted at trial, the prosecutor said. Lester Evans testified he met his future wife during his usual breakfast visits to the coffee shop about a dozen years ago. She told him she was having trouble finding a job because she didn’t have teeth and couldn’t afford the dentist bill. After paying about \$800 so she could get teeth, Evans said the two began a romantic relationship and he put her up in an apartment. For a couple of years she stayed in Sacramento to care for her sick mother, but then she moved back to Torrance and into Evans’ home and they married in 2001, he testified. She later took over payroll and accounting duties for his Evans Upholstery business.

Whistleblower gets \$250K

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — An educator who claimed the school district retaliated when he exposed asbestos problems on campus will get a \$258,664 settlement from the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District. Albert Kelley, 55, will receive about nine months of health benefits as part of the settlement obtained by The Press-Enterprise through a Freedom of Information Act request. Kelley, who retired Feb. 24, sued the district and four administrators in September 2004. Besides retaliation, Kelley claimed a back injury, infliction of emotional distress and asbestosis for exposure to asbestos fibers. Kelley and Sherry Kendrick, the district’s assistant superintendent for human resources, said they couldn’t comment on the case or the settlement. A small amount of asbestos was dislodged in 1999 when a Yucaipa High School building was wired for Internet access. The building was closed for about three weeks and later tests revealed no airborne asbestos. Kelley filed a complaint with the state about the asbestos removal in June 2000, and the district was cited for workplace violations and fined \$1,400 by the California Occupational Health and Safety Administration.

School expansions scrapped

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Two school expansion projects will be scrubbed by the Anaheim City School District because of declining enrollment that cost the district \$50 million in state money. Two more new schools and a reconstruction project also may not be completed because of a lack of state funding. The 20,690-student district was once one of the most overcrowded in California, but it has lost more than 1,700 students in the past five years. But north central and southern pockets of the city don’t have neighborhood schools and hundreds of students take buses to other campuses, several of them overcrowded. All district schools run on multitrack, year-round schedules. “When you look at the number of seats in the district and the number of kids, we’re very close to being able to go to a single track,” said Gordon Itow, the district’s senior director of facilities and planning. Because of the district enrollment drop, Edison and Palm Lane elementary schools are no longer eligible for state money to expand. “We don’t have schools where we need them,” parent Maureen Christensen said. Voters approved a \$111 million bond in 2002 to help modernize 21 schools, expand or reconstruct five schools and build three new schools. One new school in the dense north central area was abandoned early on because there was no available land.

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Card resigns as White House chief of staff; budget director Joshua Bolten to succeed him

BY TERENCE HUNT

AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — White House chief of staff Andy Card has resigned and will be replaced by budget director Joshua Bolten, President Bush announced Tuesday amid growing calls for a White House shakeup and Republican concern about Bush's tumbling poll ratings.

Bush announced the changes in an nationally broadcast appearance in the Oval Office.

"I have relied on Andy's wise counsel, his calm in crisis, his absolute integrity and his tireless commitment to public service," Bush said. "The next three years will demand much of those who serve our country. We have a global war to fight and win."

Card stood stoically with his hands by his sides as Bush lauded his years of service through the Sept. 11 attacks, war and legislative and economic challenges. Gripping the podium, Card said in his farewell: "You're a good man, Mr. President." Card's eyes were watery. Card said he looks forward to just being Bush's friend. Bush then gave him five quick slaps on the back and the two walked out of the Oval Office together.

The president called Bolten a man with broad experience, both on Wall Street and in Washington, including the last three years as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"Josh is a creative policy thinker," Bush said. "He is an expert on the budget and our economy. He is a man of candor and humor and directness. No person is better prepared for this important position."

"I'm deeply honored now by the opportunity to succeed Andy Card as White House chief of staff," Bolten responded. "I said, 'Succeed Andy Card, not replace him,' because he cannot be replaced."

The move comes as Bush is buffeted by increasing criticism of the drawn-out war in Iraq and as fellow Republicans have suggested pointedly that the president bring in new aides with fresh ideas and new energy.

Card came to Bush recently and suggested that he should step down from the job that he has held from the first day of Bush's presidency, said an administration official earlier.

Bush decided during a weekend stay at Camp David, Md., to accept Card's resignation and to name Bolten as

his replacement, said the source who spoke on condition of anonymity because he did not want to pre-empt the president.

Bolten is widely experienced in Washington, both on Capitol Hill as well as at the White House, where he was deputy chief of staff before becoming director of the Office of Management and Budget.

At a White House news conference last week, Bush was asked about rumors that a shake up in the White House staff was in the works. Bush said he was "satisfied with the people I've surrounded myself with."

"I've got a staff of people that have, first of all, placed their country above their self-interests," he said at the time. "These are good, hard-working, decent people. And we've dealt with a lot. We've dealt with a lot. We've dealt with war. We've dealt with recession. We've dealt with scandal. We've dealt with Katrina."

"I mean, they've had a lot on their plate. And I appreciate their performance and their hard work and they've got my confidence," he said.

Bush said, "I'm satisfied with the people I've surrounded myself with. We've been a remarkably stable administration, and I think that's good for the country."

A veteran of the administrations of both President Ronald Reagan and the first President Bush, Card was widely respected by his colleagues in the Bush White House. They fondly called him "chief."

He usually arrived at work in the West Wing by around 5:30 a.m. and frequently did not leave until 9 or 10 p.m.

Card plans to stay on the job until April 14, when the switch with Bolten takes place.

Associates said that Card, who was secretary of Transportation and deputy chief of staff, had wanted to establish himself as the longest serving White House chief of staff. James Steelman, who was President Harry S. Truman's chief of staff, had served for six years and Card's tenure will have gone not much longer than five years.

A recent AP-Ipsos Poll found that Bush's job approval has dipped to 37 percent, his lowest rating in that poll. Nearly 70 percent of people say the U.S. is on the wrong track, a six-point jump since February. Bush's job approval among Republicans plummeted from 82 percent in February to 74 percent, a troubling sign for the White House in an election year.

Las Vegas water agency to use church's water rights

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Southern Nevada Water Authority has struck a \$7.2 million deal with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to use church water rights to help slake the thirst of the Las Vegas area, an official said.

A 20-year lease lets the Las Vegas-based water agency draw 2,001 acre-feet of water a year, or enough to serve some 4,000 homes, with an option for two 10-year extensions.

Kay Brothers, deputy Southern Nevada Water Authority general manager, called the agreement the first the water agency has reached to procure water from the Mormon church.

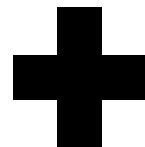
Because the Muddy River empties into Lake Mead and the authority intends to draw the water using existing

intakes at the reservoir, it will require federal approval, which officials said they hope to have by the end of 2007. The Colorado River reservoir behind Hoover Dam currently provides about 90 percent of southern Nevada's drinking water.

The Moapa Valley Water District will get a similar amount of Muddy River water under the lease agreement. Some of that water would be used to supply 1,600 homes in a residential development proposed in the Moapa Valley, about 45 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Church officials declined comment on land holdings and water rights in the region. Church spokeswoman Kim Farah told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that church farms and ranches supply food to the church's welfare program for needy members and for humanitarian outreach worldwide.

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How legislation lowered California home ownership



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

Nationwide, 70 percent of Americans own a home. Statewide, 58 percent of Californians own a home. A report recently released by the California Building Industry Association noted that the state's home-ownership rate is 49th of the 50 states, with New York coming in last. Thank the bureaucracy for those stats — the study shows that the disparity in home ownership dates back to the increase in builder liability.

The push for home ownership in the U.S. has been a national objective since the 1860s, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, granting families 160 acres of federal land so long as they built a home and farmed the land for at least five years. Locally,

Rancho San Vicente was approximately 48,000 acres between the ocean and Sepulveda Boulevard. Originally known as el Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica, the parcel was a Spanish land grant made by Juan Alvarado, Governor of the Californias, to Francisco Sepulveda in 1839.

Another federal push to expand home-ownership came with the passage of the National Housing Act of 1934, which promoted the construction of new houses, the repair and modernization of existing houses and the improvement of living conditions.

"Having a home gives you a feeling of security, of belonging, of community," notes an Ocean Park homeowner.

To get from California's 58 percent home ownership to the national average of 70 percent, an additional 1.6 million California families would own their primary residence. Wouldn't that make the state a better place? Kind of like it used to be in the days of the orange groves, when California was part of the norm.

Back in the peaceful times of 1950, California was in parity with the national homeownership rate. The Golden State held close to the national median well into the 1960s. Even as late as 1970, California was at parity with the nation on single-family home prices. Then came laws, rules and regulations. An increasing number of restraints were placed on development within the state, decreasing anyone's interest in building and constraining new home development. Growing demand, coupled with a non-increasing supply, eliminated California's pricing parity. That has grown into a difference of more than \$300,000 between California home pricing as compared with the rest of the nation. A lack of supply has pushed up pricing and created a homeownership rate more than 10 percent below the national average.

Key legislative decisions that affected California home prices include:

- Enactment of the California Environmental Quality Act (1970): Encouraged litigation against homebuilders and developers in both urban infill and suburban projects. Housing delegates note that as the result of CEQA lawsuits, and the threat of litigation, housing proposals were scaled back or abandoned, resulting in fewer new homes being built and higher costs for the ones that were built.

- The Friends of Mammoth decision (1972): Mandated environmental review of private projects. This decision compels state and local agencies to consider the possible adverse consequences to the environment, thus propelling major litigation activity for many major housing projects. Think about the recent Playa Vista Wetland litigation. The decision does not consider the benefits of housing.

- Passage of the federal Endangered Species Act (1973): With one set of signatures, this act removed millions of acres nationwide from the land development inventory of growing metropolitan areas.

- The California Coastal Act (1976) gives state jurisdiction to lands up to five miles inland and mandates development approval.

- The Petaluma decision (1975) upheld the state's first growth control measure and affirmed that local governments can limit new housing construction to a specified number each year.

From 1995, through our most recent housing boom, homeownership rates have increased from 65.1 percent to 70.3 per-

cent nationally, excluding California. In the Golden State for that same time period, the ownership rate has increased from 55.4 percent to 57 percent.

California Building Industry Association 2006 chairman Layne Marceau promotes reforms to allow more Californians to own their own homes. In addition to benefiting the building industry, he notes that reforms would benefit the state in several ways, noting that home ownership "helps individual families prosper, strengthens communities and improves our overall standard of living."

"The study found that if home-ownership rates were increased to just the national average, state and local tax revenues would increase by more than \$4 billion a year," notes CBIA chief economist Alan Nevin, who masterminded the report. "Getting California to the national average could help fund much needed transportation, flood protection, education and public safety improvements."

The current agenda of CBIA proposes a number of reforms to bring the housing supply and demand back into balance, stabilize prices, protect equity for homeowners and increase affordability. CBIA's reform objectives include:

- Reforming the land use process to ensure that a sufficient supply of land is zoned locally to meet a community's long-term housing needs.

- Change policies that act as barriers to "downtown" development.

- Creating infrastructure financing programs and enacting long-term bonds to pay for new roads, water supply improvements and flood protection. This is said to help control rapidly growing "developer fees" that currently pay for what infrastructure is built.

A key components of CBIA's 2006 legislative agenda is Senate Bill 1800, sponsored by State Sen. Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego, which would ensure that a sufficient supply of land is zoned to meet a community's long-term housing needs. Additional CBIA legislative measures include construction litigation reform, infrastructure financing, flood protection, fee accountability and reform of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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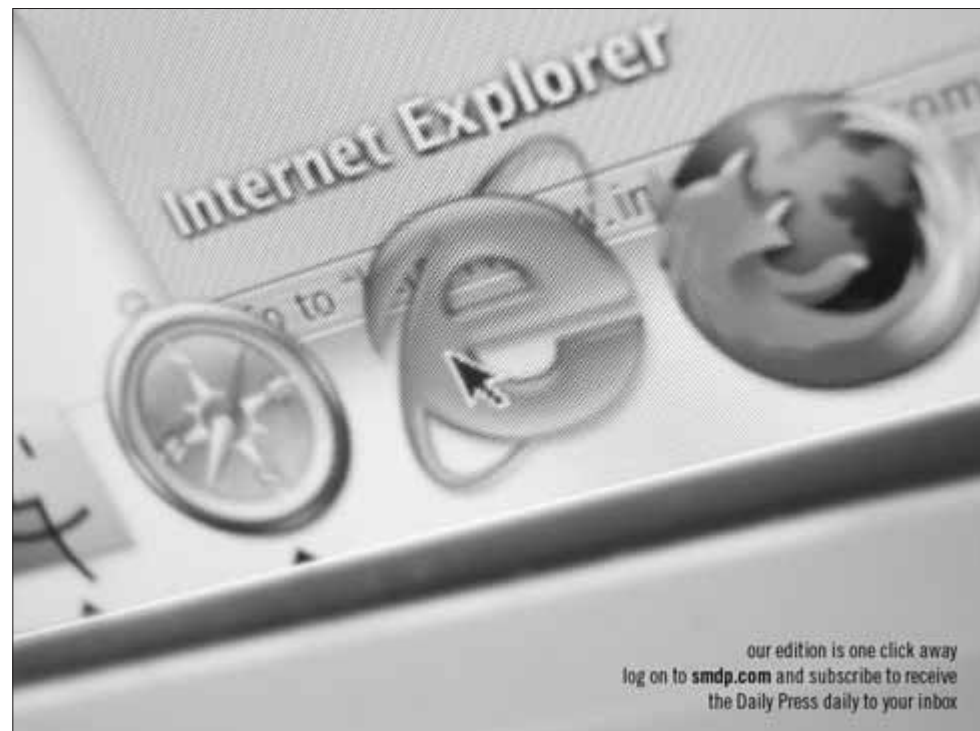


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Involuntary conversion carries special rules

IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER



In a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme Court in January of 2005 gave city governments the broad power to seize private property in order to generate tax revenue. That means property owners will have more limited rights when facing the threat of their property being condemned via eminent domain, which is defined as "the power of a government to take private property for public use, usually with compensation paid to the owner."

The tax treatment of capital gains associated with a property that is appropriated by the government via eminent domain is a subject investment property owners ought to be aware of. Section 1033 of the IRS Procedural Code, also known as a 1033 rollover, addresses how an investor/business owner can defer payment of capital gain taxes when "involuntarily converting" investment/business property:

- Destruction of the property that is beyond the control of the taxpayer
- Theft of the property
- Seizure or requisition of property

■ Taking of the property through condemnation or eminent domain

■ Disposition of the property upon the threat or imminence of condemnation or eminent domain

The rule provides that a taxpayer must make a "valid" or "timely" election by not reporting a recognized gain on a tax return for the year that the conversion took place.

THE REPLACEMENT PROPERTY

The rules for choosing a replacement property set forth in a 1033 rollover are very specific. The kind of replacement property you can select is narrower than under a 1031 exchange. To further complicate matters, the types of replacement properties are a function of if you were an owner user or an owner investor. Make sure to tax to your tax advisor or real estate attorney before selecting your replacement property.

COMPARING SECTIONS 1033 AND 1031

There are certain instances when a property owner will have the choice to take advantage of either one of these sections. When considering which one to employ, please take note of the following:

Section 1031 provides a much larger amount of flexibility when it comes to choosing a replacement property (like kind).

Section 1033 allows two to three years

SAMPLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Sample Investment Properties

Retail Name	State	Price	Sq Ft	Cap Rate
Food Lion Grocery In Retail Center	NC	\$1,800,000.00"	29,000	9.60%
14 Tenant Shopping Center	VA	\$4,675,000.00"	30,372	8.00%
Retail	CA	\$6,718,000.00"	17,272	6.75%
Tech Ridge Plaza	TX	\$6,900,000.00"	26,310	7.40%
Twin Peaks Square	CO	\$9,200,000.00"	77,010	7.02%

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Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year One Cash On Cash	Year Five Cash On Cash
Ralph Lauren Retail Outlet Center	NH	\$100,000.00"	8.00%	8.00%
Multi Family	FL	\$100,000.00"	8.00%	8.00%
Medical Office	AL	\$100,000.00"	7.00%	8.00%
Flex/Office/Warehouse Complex	CA	\$100,000.00"	6.00%	17.00%
Single Tenant NL Retail	GA	\$200,000.000	6.00%	7.10%
Garden Apartments	OR	\$450,000.00"	6.70%	8.88%

The above is a sample of the types of properties that are selling across the country. The cash on cash amounts quoted are estimated and not guaranteed.

to choose your replacement property — section 1031 gives 45 days to identify and 180 days to complete the sale. But be careful because this can get away from you.

Section 1033 does not require a qualified intermediary. You can take the proceeds of the sale as long as you reinvest them according to the rules within two to three years.

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na@tm1031exchange.com to discuss your specific needs. TM 1031 Exchange assists investors in planning and executing successful real estate investment strategies. Visit www.tm1031exchange.com for a complete list of investment properties and to download the TM 1031 Tool Kit.)

Real estate agents, owners must know their rights

THE HOA ADVISOR

BY MICHAEL CHULAK



QUESTION: I am a licensed real estate agent working for a large franchised brokerage firm. I was recently seriously injured in connection with my work, which I reported to my broker. I was advised that the company does not carry workers' compensation insurance because it considers its agents to be independent contractors. Do I have any recourse?

ANSWER: Yes. Although independent contractors are generally excluded from coverage under workers' compensation laws, the State Department of Industrial Relations and Employment Development Department have taken the position that real estate agents are to be treated as employees for workers' compensation insurance purposes. You should immedi-

ately contact an employment lawyer to secure your rights. Your employer can still be held liable.

QUESTION: I work for a title insurance company as a title agent. I am aware that my employer is not permitted by law to compensate real estate agents for referring business to us. Can I, as an individual, provide compensation to real estate agents in order to obtain business?

ANSWER: No. An employee of a title insurance company who pays compensation or other consideration — directly or indirectly — to a real estate licensee, or a real estate licensee who receives such compensation or other consideration from an employee of a title insurance company, as an inducement to receive business, is guilty of commercial bribery pursuant to section 641.4 of the California Penal Code.

Commercial bribery is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of \$10,000 for each unlawful transaction, or by both.

QUESTION: Our homeowner association

is holding several unpaid small claims court judgments resulting from the non-payment of assessments. How can we collect the amounts owing?

ANSWER: There is insufficient space available to describe all of the collection alternatives available to you.

Assuming you have a management company, it should be able to assist you by holding a debtor's examination and then selecting one or more courses of collection action. This is a service that high level management companies generally offer their clients. Some alternatives include:

- Garnishing wages
- Seizing accounts receivable
- Seizing rental income
- Seizing bank and/or savings accounts
- Seizing securities

Regardless of the course(s) of collection action taken, an abstract of judgment should always be recorded in the county or counties where the debtor is most likely to own or acquire real property. The recordation of an abstract of judgment will cause the judgment to "attach itself" to any real property

owned or later acquired by the debtor. It is effective for 10 years and can be renewed.

QUESTION: I intend to sue my homeowner association for failing to enforce rules against another member who has created a serious nuisance. Can I get reimbursed for legal fees?

ANSWER: Probably. Section 1354(f) of the California Civil Code states that in any action to enforce the governing documents, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Be certain to comply with the Civil Code's alternative dispute resolution requirements before filing suit.

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Immigrants spread to Midwest, South

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dren,” said Jeffrey Passel, a senior research associate at the center. “The vast majority of this population is families.”

Immigration has become a national issue as the Senate debates legislation that would tighten border security while enabling illegal immigrants to eventually become citizens.

One reason for the sudden broader interest: These immigrants now live in more cities and states than ever.

In 1990, almost half lived in California, the Pew analysis said. By 2004, California’s share had dropped to about a quarter, even though the state’s illegal population had grown from 1.6 million to about 2.4 million.

They are moving to states like North Carolina, Iowa, Ohio and Georgia, as they

seek jobs and establish communities. North Carolina has nearly 16 times the number of illegal immigrants it had in 1990, the Pew analysis said. The state had 390,000 in 2004, the most recent state numbers available.

“It’s not a regional issue anymore,” said Randy Capps, a senior research associate at the Urban Institute, a Washington think tank. “It’s a national issue.”

The Pew center estimates there are as many as 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, though researchers acknowledge that they are difficult to count. Other organizations have put the number at 11 million, but all agree the total is rising quickly.

About a quarter of them arrive in the United States legally and simply overstay their visas, Passel said.

“We have about 30 million people per year come here on temporary visas, either

tourists or visitors for business,” he said. “With 30 million folks coming here a year, a very small percent who stay adds up over the years.”

Adult men make up the largest share of illegal immigrants, followed by adult women and then children.

Many families include relatives of differing immigration status. Nearly two-thirds of the children were born in the United States, making them U.S. citizens.

Illegal workers make up about 5 percent of the U.S. labor force. More than nine in 10 males illegally here are in that labor force, compared with 83 percent of men born in the United States.

Illegal immigrants tend to be younger than American workers, which helps explain why they are more likely to hold jobs, researchers said.

Female illegal immigrants, however,

were less likely to work than their American counterparts, perhaps because most have young children, the Pew analysis said.

Illegal immigrants are concentrated in construction, agriculture and cleaning jobs. They make up 36 percent of all insulation workers, 29 percent of agricultural workers and 29 percent of roofers.

The Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates restricting immigration, recently issued a report saying that immigrants compete for jobs with less-educated Americans, especially high-school dropouts.

About half of adult illegal immigrants have not graduated high school, the Pew analysis found. About a third have less than a ninth-grade education.

About a quarter of illegal immigrants have at least some college, with 15 percent holding at least a bachelor’s degree.

Poll: Majority of immigrants say anti-immigrant sentiment growing

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A majority of immigrants believe anti-immigration sentiment is growing in this country and are alarmed by the tone of the debate over reform, according to a poll released Tuesday.

Just under one-third of those surveyed, all of whom described themselves as legal immigrants, said Congress and President Bush are doing a good job on the issue.

The findings come as the Senate considers immigration reform proposals, including legislation approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday that would clear the way for 11 million illegal aliens to seek U.S. citizenship.

Lawmakers are also considering legislation that would make it a felony to be in the U.S. illegally, impose new penalties on employers who hire illegals and build more fences along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The poll was conducted by the firm Bendixen & Associates between Feb. 24 and March 21. Researchers said they interviewed 800 legal immigrants in 47 states who were reached by random digit dialing in communities with large numbers of immigrants. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

When told about reform proposals in Congress, 68 percent of poll respondents said they supported temporary work permits for illegal immigrants and a way for them to apply for residency after learning English and paying a fine.

That seems to conflict with arguments by some lawmakers who argue that a legalization program would be unfair to legal residents who played by the rules.

“Nobody comes here to get on welfare,” said Perias Pillay, 43, who was 18 when he immigrated legally from Malaysia and joined a massive immigration rally in Los Angeles. “They come here to work, and as long as we need workers we should let them come.”

The immigration debate has sparked rallies around the nation by immigrant rights supporters, including the weekend rally in Los Angeles that drew an estimated 500,000 people.

The poll was commissioned by New America Media, a nonprofit San Francisco-based umbrella organization for more than 700 ethnic media outlets.

More than 60 percent of those interviewed said they were alarmed by the tone of the immigration reform debate. Sixty-seven percent said they believed anti-immigration sentiment was growing.

Asked about lawmakers’ handling of immigration issues, 32 percent of those surveyed said Congress and President Bush were doing a good job. Democrats received the highest approval with 38 percent; Republicans garnered 22 percent.

On jobs, 81 percent of those surveyed said illegal immigrants accept low-end jobs that Americans don’t want, and 73 percent said illegal immigrants aided the economy by supplying low-cost labor.

Delia Adene, 48, who immigrated legally from Mexico and joined the Los Angeles rally, said she was worried about the rhetoric.

“I feel like people see us as criminals now because we want to help our families,” Adene said. “We do need more control of the border, but politicians need to talk about this with human justice in mind.”



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Media play key role in immigrant rallies

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The marching orders were clear: Carry American flags and pack the kids, pick up your trash and wear white for peace and for effect.

Many of the 500,000 people who crammed downtown Los Angeles on Saturday to protest legislation that would make criminals out of illegal immigrants learned where, when and even how to demonstrate from the Spanish-language media.

For English-speaking America, the mass protests in Los Angeles and other U.S. cities over the past few days have been surprising for their size and seeming spontaneity.

But they were organized, promoted or publicized for weeks by Spanish-language radio hosts and TV anchors as a demonstration of Hispanic pride and power.

In Milwaukee, where at least 10,000 people rallied last week, one radio station manager called some employers to ask

that they not fire protesters for skipping work. In Chicago, a demonstration that drew 100,000 people received coverage on local television more than a week in advance.

"This was a much bigger story for the Latino media," said Felix Gutierrez, a professor at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication. "If the mainstream media had been paying better attention, there would not have been the surprise about the turnout."

Adrian Velasco first learned of House legislation to overhaul immigration policy on Los Angeles' Que Buena 105.5 FM. Over two weeks, the 30-year-old illegal immigrant soaked up details about the planned march against the bill from Hispanic TV and radio. On Saturday, he and three friends headed downtown.

"They told all the Hispanic people to go and support these things," Velasco said. "They explained a lot. They said, 'Here's what we're going to do.'"

One of those doing the most talking was El Piolin, a syndicated morning show radio host who is broadcast in 20 cities.

El Piolin, whose real name is Eduardo Sotelo and whose nickname means "Tweety Bird," persuaded colleagues from 11 Spanish-language radio stations in Los Angeles to talk up the rally on air.

He said he devised the idea of telling protesters to wear white and carry flags to symbolize their peaceful intent and love of the United States. He also urged parents to bring their children to minimize chances of violence and reminded everyone to bring plenty of water and trash bags.

"I was talking about how we need to be united to demonstrate that we're not bad guys and we're not criminals," said Sotelo, 35, who crossed into the United States as a teenager and became legal in 1996.

In Milwaukee, the Spanish-language station WDDW 104.7 made a point of publicizing the House legislation and the protest against it on its morning and drive-time shows two weeks ahead of time.

Operations manager Armando Ulloa said his goal was at least 10,000 people — and police estimated that was what the rally attracted. After the march, Ulloa said, he called some employers and asked them to be lenient on protesters who missed their shifts.

In Los Angeles, 10 prime-time Spanish-language news anchors filmed a promotion urging demonstrators to show respect, said Julio Cesar Ortiz, a television reporter who covers immigration.

"The Spanish media said, 'Do it in a proper way. Do it in a way where's there's pride behind it when you're done,'" Ortiz said.

Telemundo Chicago, a Spanish-language TV station, began its coverage blitz 1 1/2 weeks before a recent rally, though there was no urging that viewers attend, said news director Esteban Creste.

"We just told them what was going on," Creste said. "While we were not trying to mobilize people, it might have prompted people to decide to go there."

Authorities tighten control of student immigration protests

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Thousands of students took to the streets again Tuesday to protest proposed toughening of immigration laws, but authorities tightened control by thwarting efforts to block freeway traffic, rounding up some youngsters and issuing truancy citations.

Youths waving Mexican flags and wearing white T-shirts marched for a second day in Los Angeles County, and school walkouts were reported in San Diego, Riverside and Fresno counties, Las Vegas and Texas.

"It's not right," said Eddie Rodriguez, 15, of Carson High School, wearing a Mexican flag bandanna on his head. "The United States is nothing without immigrants. The United States is nothing without Mexicans."

Los Angeles County teens rallied despite rain and campus lockdowns, but their numbers were far smaller than the tens of thousands who marched Monday. Some swarmed onto a freeway in the San Pedro harbor area, forcing officers to briefly close down lanes at rush hour and herd them away.

Police issued 100 truancy citations to students in San Pedro.

Freshman Mercedes Estrada, 15, got a \$250 truancy citation after gathering outside San Pedro High with several hundred others to march, only to be picked up by police and returned to the school auditorium to await their parents.

"I thought it was wrong. I was just trying to support my friends," she said.

He father, Rolando Ochoa, 35, a legal immigrant from Mexico, had mixed feelings about his daughter skipping school. Education is important but "I always told her to do what she feels," he said.

In one instance, about 200 students were rounded up, put on buses and taken to four schools, Los Angeles School Police Officer Clark Fujiwara said outside Wilmington Middle School, where some were returned.

The huge Hispanic and immigrant population of Southern California mobilized last week in response to immigration

reform proposals, culminating in a week-end Los Angeles City Hall rally by more than 500,000 people who demanded amnesty and civil rights for illegal immigrants.

The Senate Tuesday was to consider legislation approved by its Judiciary Committee on Monday that would clear the way for millions of illegal immigrants to seek U.S. citizenship.

Lawmakers are also considering legislation that would make it a felony to be in the U.S. illegally, impose new penalties on employers who hire illegals and build more fences along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Tuesday's protesters in Los Angeles ignored officials' pleas to stay in school and discuss the issues in special forums, as well as warnings of unspecified consequences for walkouts.

More than 6,000 students skipped classes at 38 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District, district spokeswoman Susan Cox said. More than four times that number protested on Monday, costing the district more than \$500,000 in state funding based on student attendance.

Some students were unhappy with the marchers, complaining they didn't know what they were protesting about.

"I don't think any of them actually read the 40-page proposed bill. They were just jumping the gates to get out of school," said Amanda Ellis, 15, of San Pedro High School.

She spent the first three hours of school in lockdown in her French class.

"They wouldn't let us go to the bathroom or anything," she said.

In the Central Valley, 1,000 students rallied at Fresno City Hall, waving Mexican, Salvadoran and U.S. flags, and carrying signs reading "Who will pick your fruits?" and "The economy would collapse without us."

"We're not kids, we're the future. We're the ones that are going to be sitting inside this building one day," said Carlos Zelaya, 18, pointing to City Hall.

Elsewhere, 800 students skipped class in San Diego County and there were reports of several hundred students marching in other areas, including Riverside County.

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Mexican town still bustles with migrants despite razed buildings

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

LAS CHEPAS, Mexico — Migrant smuggling is booming in this village on the New Mexico border, even though officials recently bulldozed a third of its houses in an effort to shut down Mexico's latest staging ground for illegal crossers.

At the request of U.S. officials, authorities last September flattened 31 abandoned houses often used by migrants in tiny Las Chapas, a haven for migrant and drug traffickers just across the border from U.S. onion and pumpkin farms.

But not only did the demolitions not stop migrants from coming, the widespread media attention they drew appears to have lured ever more border-crossers to this town of 100 people. Its four grocery stores are well-stocked with water jugs and canned food for would-be crossers.

"They made us famous and the migrant flow got worse," said Ramon Guzman, who owns one of the stores and lets migrants sit on his patio until nightfall, when they start walking toward the border.

"They knocked the houses down and now the migrants don't have a place to rest, so they come to us and we have to help them," he said.

At least 2,270 migrants passed through Las Chapas in February, compared to 1,180 in January, according to Grupo Beta, a Mexican government-sponsored group that tries to discourage migrants from crossing and aids those stranded in the desert.

Officials in Las Chapas, whose official name is Josefa Ortiz De Dominguez, knocked down some of the abandoned homes at the request of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who last August declared a state of emergency on the U.S. side of the border from Las Chapas.

Richardson said Tuesday he was skeptical that the demolition has brought more people to the area to cross the border.

"I believe that the demolition of Las Chapas has helped deter both illegal drugs and violence and possibly immigration because Las Chapas was a staging area for all those illegal activities," Richardson said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

But he noted that Congress has authorized 256 more border agents for New Mexico, and speculated that any increase in border traffic could be an attempt to get across before the agents arrive.

About 60 adobe and cinderblock houses remain on the gravel streets of Las Chapas, where dogs and chickens roam among piles of empty water bottles and tuna cans discarded by passing migrants.

The town has no public schools, no local government, no police station — and no children.

But that doesn't mean it's not bustling.

Busloads of men and women carrying backpacks with a change of clothing and a few personal items arrive here daily from the better-connected town of Palomas, across from Columbus, New Mexico. In Palomas, migrants meet their smugglers and buy comfortable shoes and warm clothing at street stands to prepare for the trek from Las Chapas.

David Carvajal earns his living from the transient visitors, employing at least five men to drive migrants and their smugglers from Palomas to an area just passed Las Chapas. He charges \$10 for the trip.

The groups wait until darkness falls to cross the border. Once over the line, they must walk about 40 miles through the desert to reach Interstate 10, where they can hitch a ride to major U.S. cities such as Los Angeles, Phoenix or San Antonio.

Carvajal has put up as many as 300 migrants in bunk beds and old mattresses scattered in a large room.

He says migrants can stay for free but he sells hamburgers and french fries for \$3.50 and instant noodle soups for about \$1 in a makeshift restaurant.

"Here things have not slowed down," Carvajal said. "They can raze the whole village, but as long as we're on the border, they will keep coming."

Bush: Don't underestimate me on getting an immigration bill

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush says no one should discount his ability to get a new immigration law from Congress, despite his struggles with lawmakers in the past year.

"Don't underestimate me," Bush said as the Senate readied for a showdown over the issue.

Bush is insisting that Congress send him a bill that not only strengthens U.S. borders, but also allows foreigners to have a guest permit that lets them work temporarily in the United States in low-paying jobs. "It's a humane way to deal with people who are making a contribution to our economy," he said.

"I am disgusted by a system in which people are snuck across the border in the bottom of an 18-wheeler," Bush said Monday in an interview with Canadian and Mexican reporters. "This is inhumane. There's a more humane way to deal with our neighborhood."

The Senate is debating legislation on immigration this week. A get-tough version that passed the House would add more fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border and increase penalties for those who sneak across, but it did not include the guest worker program that Bush wants.

A Senate committee approved a measure Monday that would permit illegal aliens currently in the country to apply for citizenship without first having to return home, a process that would take at least six years.

There was no immediate White House reaction to specifics of the Senate panel version, but it was more in line with what Bush has proposed than was the House bill.

Congress already has failed to give Bush several other priorities that he asked for during his second term. Despite spending months last year pitching an overhaul of Social Security, lawmakers never even took up a bill for debate. And this year lawmakers turned back one of Bush's three nominees to the Supreme Court before Harriet Miers's name even came to a vote and made clear they would block the administration's plan to let a company based in the United Arab Emirates run some U.S. ports.

Bush said in a news conference last week that he's been using up his political capital on Iraq at a time when many Americans are losing confidence in his leadership on the war.

When asked whether Congress is underestimating him on immigration, Bush responded, "We'll see. But I will keep speaking out on it."

Bush sat for the interview Monday to preview a summit with leaders of the two countries later this week in Cancun, Mexico. The summit host, Mexican President Vicente Fox, will leave office this year after July's election. He's not eligible to run again.

Leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is leading in most opinion polls over Felipe Calderon, a conservative candidate from Fox's National Action Party.

"I'm obviously aware that there is a political season coming up, but until someone is sworn in office, my relationship will be with Vicente Fox as the leader of our important friend to the south," Bush said. "And I'm sure there's going to be all kinds of speculation about whether or not the United States will be involved in the election, and we won't be, pure and simple."

Illegal immigrants, state by state

By The Associated Press

The latest state estimates for illegal immigrants for 1990 and 2004, in thousands. The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that the national number has since grown to as high as 12 million. An asterisk (*) indicates too few immigrants for a valid estimate.

State	2004	1990
Ala.	40	5
Alaska	5	*
Ariz.	450	90
Ark.	40	5
Calif.	2,450	1,480
Colo.	230	30
Conn.	80	20
Del.	15	5
D.C.	20	15
Fla.	885	240
Ga.	350	35
Hawaii	30	5
Idaho	40	10
Ill.	405	195
Ind.	65	10
Iowa	65	5
Kan.	50	15
Ky.	35	5
La.	25	15
Maine	1	*
Md.	245	35
Mass.	200	55
Mich.	105	25
Minn.	85	15
Miss.	25	5
Mo.	45	10
Mont.	1	*
Neb.	40	5
Nev.	170	25
N.H.	20	*
N.J.	355	95
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N.C.	395	25
N.D.	1	*
Ohio	110	10
Okla.	60	15
Ore.	175	25
Pa.	125	25
R.I.	35	10
S.C.	55	5
S.D.	2	*
Tenn.	95	10
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Utah	90	15
Vt.	5	*
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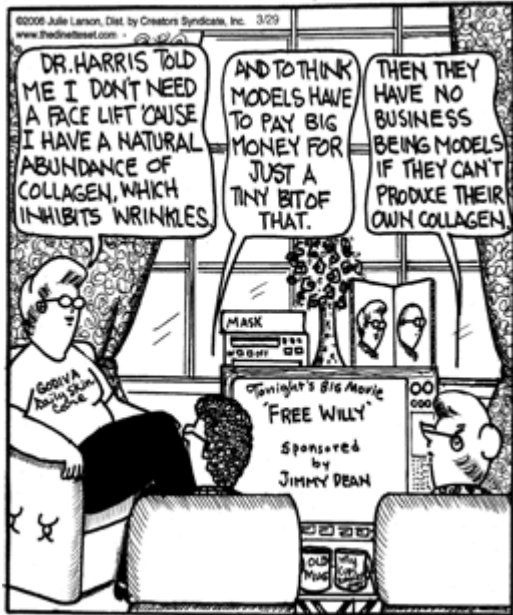
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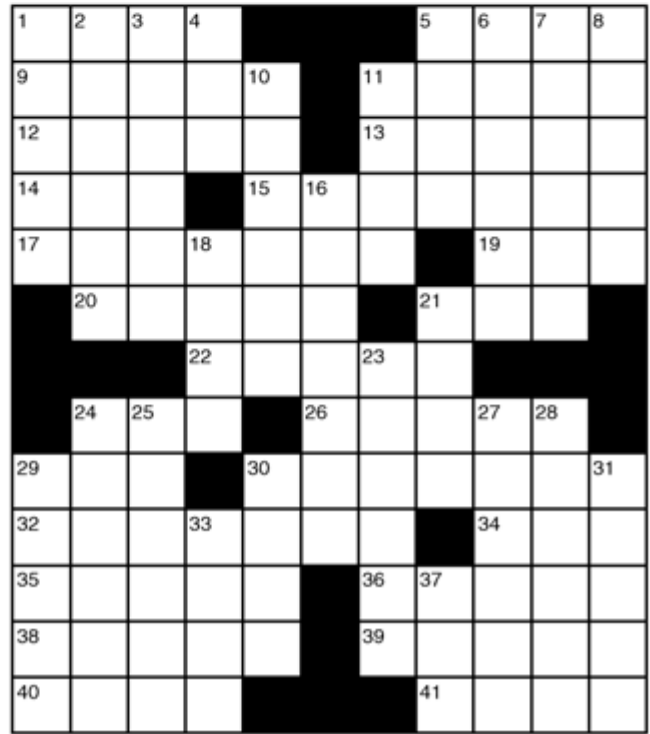
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