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THE HARD PILL TO SWALLOW ISSUE

FAA puts City Hall on standby

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT Residents looking to increase safety and reduce the number of jets flying in and out of the Santa Monica Airport received some bad news this week with federal aviation officials surprisingly dismissing safety enhancements vetted by city staff in protracted negotiations with the FAA.

During a meeting of the Airport Commission, a representative with the Federal Aviation Administration said city staff's recommendations — including installing a 600-foot runway safety area and collapsible concrete to stop aircraft from over-running the landing strip — go too far and would prohibit jets from using the airport in the same manner they do now.

The demand was unexpected and seemed to signal further delays in implementing safety enhancements that city staff feels are necessary given the increase in the number of faster, jet aircraft using the airport, as well as the close proximity of homes near the runways.

"What troubles me is the FAA has now restricted even more than we anticipated," City Manager Lamont Ewell said. "It just took me by complete surprise. I'm really dumbfounded by the fact that the FAA themselves stressed the need for safety and the city of Santa Monica has really been wanting to provide safety elements at the airport.

"Now we have the FAA saying something I believe is contrary to their own principals."

Officials with the FAA believe the airport is as safe as it can be without further limiting the types of aircraft that can use it. Pilots and other operators gave their input on city staff's recommendations and they said it would inconvenience them greatly, forcing them to refuel more frequently and carry less passengers and baggage.

Under the FAA's proposal, the collapsible concrete at the western runway, also known as EMAS (Engineered Materials Arresting System), would be 165 feet instead of 300 feet, and a 600-foot runway safety area would be scrapped and

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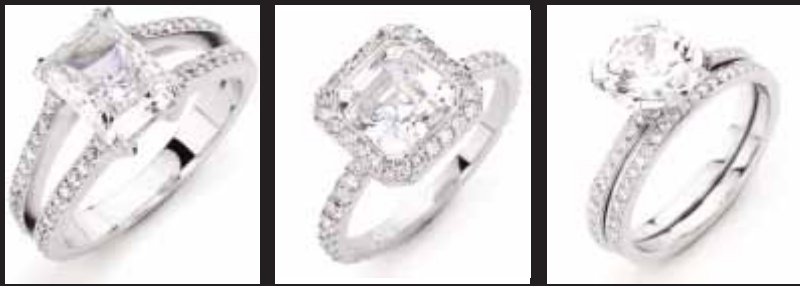


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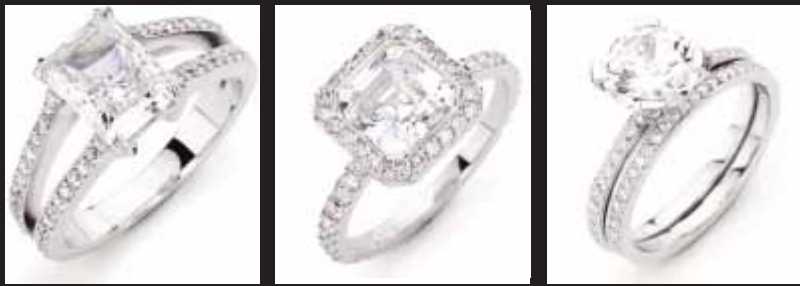
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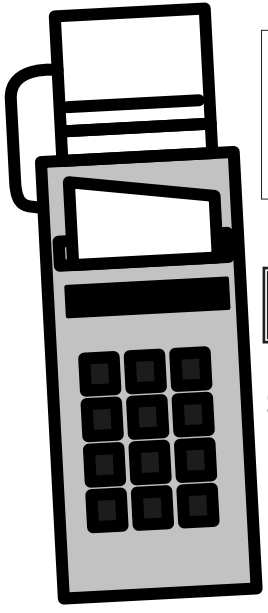
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Get your kicks where you can

Editor:

Thank you for the article “Get a tick trying to find Route 66” (March 24-25, page 1). At the pier, we have followed this debate with great interest for several reasons. First, based on the several history books and endless online searches we have come to the same conclusion that is relayed by Route 66 Federation Executive Director David Knudson, that the geographically accurate end of Route 66 is at the intersection of Olympic and Lincoln (boulevards). And second, because we host a great number of groups arriving at the end of their journey on Route 66.

It is this second point that prompted me to give Mr. Knudson a call, as I had a feeling that his quote about the “emotional” end of Route 66 may have been taken out of context.

On an almost weekly basis, we met groups of “Route 66’ers” celebrating the beginning or end of their journey at the Santa Monica Pier. (Included with this letter you will find a picture of just a such a group who started their journey here last week.)

History, myth and geography aside, ultimately the most important thing is enjoying the journey and all of the people and places one encounters on the way.

On the Santa Monica Pier, we will continue to strive to make the pier an easily accessible and memorable part of everyone’s journey, whether they have traveled a block, traveled Route 66 or traveled the world.

Ben Franz-Knight
Executive Director, Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation

Drinking in the city’s ‘art’ projects

Editor:

I found the letter (“Ditch creepy mural,” March 26) complaining about the mural on the city’s new affordable housing project at 26th (Street) and Santa Monica (Boulevard) interesting.

I too feel compelled to complain about the “art” at a new, city-funded affordable housing project, this one located at 15th Street and Broadway.

I’m not sure what the city and its boards and commissions were thinking when they approved this project, but the scrap metal “sculpture” protruding out from the front of the building is just plain ugly.

But forgetting for the moment that one component of the “art” for this public housing project, what on earth was the city thinking when it approved another component of the project’s public “art” – the walls made out of beer cans on the lower floor of the building.

Walls made out of beer cans? Forgetting that it looks hideous, because this building is intended to be affordable to low- and moderate-income families, what kind of message does this send to the families and their children that will live there? To me, the message is that it’s all right to consume alcohol and possibly develop alcohol dependency.

For goodness sakes, the city could have used soda pop cans instead of beer cans.

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Eco-alimony takes guilt out of excess

WE STAND AT THE CUSP OF A GLOBAL environmental crisis. If the most hysterical and demonstrative among us are to be believed, there are major climate changes just around the corner that will have an awe-striking impact on our everyday lives — the polar ice caps are disintegrating, average global temperatures are spiking, and Al Gore is trying to become heftier than a sumo wrestler before the snows of Kilimanjaro fully evaporate.

It’s a race against time and we don’t know who’s going to win.

As all this ramps up, some of our more notable and wealthy citizens in politics, entertainment and business have taken public positions as conservationists and green thumbs. I don’t need to name names or go into specifics here, you know who I’m talking about: the slick Hollywood actor who zips around in a Prius, the Congressman who spends his weekend planting indigenous fauna, the billionaire who mugs for the camera in front of a recently donated wind farm. Standing up for the environment isn’t just cool, it’s a prerequisite to acceptance in high-rolling circles. Never mind the actual impact these celebrities and people of power have on our earth, it’s their noble stance and the general awareness they create that’s important. Their eco-friendly attitudes supposedly trickle down to us, the teeming masses, who are too busy drooling in front of “Fear Factor” to understand that we’re about to be incinerated by the ever-warming atmosphere around us.

But, as has been said so many times in so many ways, the rich aren’t like you and me. As they live their fabulous lives and spread their fabulous message of renewable energy and conservation, there are costs. Like the emission of a massive amount of polluting carbon that would surpass the total output of entire extended families or an entire village in any Third World nation. You see, the average person of prominence has so many material items (automobiles, planes, mansions, etc.) and has to travel so often to maintain their fabulous profile, that the very mouthpieces telling us to cut down on our energy consumption are among the biggest polluters in the known world.

Naturally, something had to be done about this without disrupting the flow of day-to-day life for these people. The genius solution is called “carbon offsetting” whereby the polluter continues to pollute like a drunken brute, but gets to feel good about themselves by “offsetting” their carbon output with the purchase of credits (often newly planted trees) that neutralize carbon in the environment. The net effect of this is that the offsetter is carbon neutral: they spewed a bunch of hurtful crap into the atmosphere, but then cut a big check to some obscure farm in Ecuador so a few saplings could be planted in their honor. Essentially, it’s eco-alimony. You pay a wad of cash to some far off place that you’d rather not think about in an effort to feel better about your shameful past.

There are so many ways in which this is wrongheaded and moronic that it’s hard to

know where to start. Since the entire environmental movement depends on getting billions of people to leap into action, the idea is that the prominent, recognizable people are supposed to set an example. After all, the actions of one, solitary person recycling and living an eco-friendly existence really isn’t going to do jack in the long run. We need massive change on a massive scale. So when a senator or rock star activist is among the biggest polluters on the planet and does nothing about it other than plant a row of shrubs half a continent away, the overall message is losing some of its impact.

STANDING UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ISN’T JUST COOL, IT’S A PREREQUISITE TO ACCEPTANCE IN HIGH-ROLLING CIRCLES. NEVER MIND THE ACTUAL IMPACT THESE CELEBRITIES AND PEOPLE OF POWER HAVE ON OUR EARTH, IT’S THEIR NOBLE STANCE AND THE GENERAL AWARENESS THEY CREATE THAT’S IMPORTANT.

Essentially, these people are saying, “I’m too important to change the way I live my life.” OK, fine. If you can’t give up the cross-country Gulfstream jet flights, I probably can’t give up my normal lightbulbs for eco-friendly florescent bulbs that cost \$5 a pop and have a hideous glare that makes me feel like I’ve been abducted onto an alien operating table.

The environmental movement is about action. And when some of the biggest proponents of change for the sake of our climate default on their pledge to act, it really makes it hard for the rest of us to get on board. Imagine telling your kid they can beat up anyone they’d like at recess, as long as they send a check to South American Fund for Recess Violence Prevention. Or if your boss sexually harassed you, but was absolved of wrongdoing as a “harassment neutral” individual supporting sexually harassed Eskimos in Alaska.

Do you think you can eat all the chocolate cake you want if you pay some poor sucker in Russia to eat nothing but fruits and vegetables? Can you have your cake and eat it too?

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Guest Commentary

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C'mon and settle this Mid-East thing already

THE KEY TO FINDING AND KEEPING A lasting peace in the Middle East is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The two groups have been at each other's throats since Israel became a nation in 1948. Most Islamic terrorism originates from this dispute.

Israel, the United States and Saudi Arabia have been in contact recently as they prepared for peace talks in Riyadh. The sessions are to find a means to peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. In addition, many of the Arab nations are concerned about the rise of Iran.

A good sign is coming from Syria — Iran's partner in exporting terrorism. Damascus has communicated a willingness to hold talks with the U.S. concerning the Middle East. Also, Israel and the Palestinians could sit down and talk, but Israel won't as it does not accept the newly formed Palestinian government.

What could one nation offer another in the talks? Let's start with Syria. Israel should request that Syria recognize Israel as a sovereign nation. It should insist that Damascus stop funding terrorism and cease funneling arms and supplies to Hezbollah. Jerusalem should also require that Damascus keep its nose out of Lebanon's business. And the U.S. should demand that Syria keep its insurgents out of Iraq.

In exchange, Israel would give back the Golan Heights to Syria. This is land that Israel took from Syria during the 1967 six-day war. Israel should give Shaba'a Farms, which is in the Golan Heights, back to Lebanon. And the U.S. could up the pot by offering financial aid to Syria.

This would accomplish a couple of things. First, it would encourage Saudi

Arabia to legitimize Israel's sovereignty as a nation as Arabia has the most influence of any Arab nation. The Golan Heights has been an Arab point of contention for decades. Second, by drawing Syria into the fold, it would isolate and marginalize Iran. Iran may be easier to deal with after this.

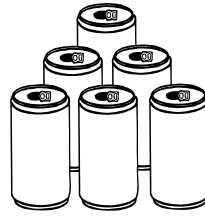
The talks between Israel and the Palestinians are a little more complicated. Israel must sit down with the Palestinians and deal with them now. They must not wait until the Palestinians renounce violence or recognize Israel's sovereignty. Time is critical. The Middle East is otherwise headed for civil war and chaos.

In talks, Israel could insist that the Palestinians recognize them as a sovereign nation and renounce all violence toward it. In exchange, Palestine would become its own sovereign nation, recognized by the United Nations and the rest of the world. Also, financial aid could be given to Palestine to start them off right. Help could come from America, the European Union and the Arab states. The division of land for the two nations and the status of the border walls and fence must be discussed and mutually agreed on by the two sides. Two separate and distinct nations is an idea whose time has come and it is the only choice open that will lead to a lasting peace between the two factions.

These two steps should become part of the overall goal and plan for peace in the Middle East. The region is a hotbed of discontent, corruption, insurgencies, civil wars and poverty. Peace between the essential nations in the region is merely a beginning.

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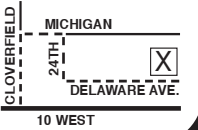


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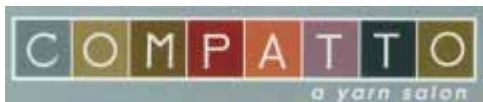
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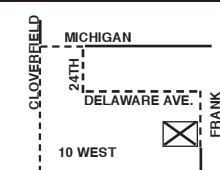

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Pursuant to Section 33490(c) of the California Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq. ("Law"), the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") will conduct a public hearing to review the mid-term progress report of the Agency's FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09 Five-Year Implementation Plan ("Implementation Plan") for the Downtown, Ocean Park 1A, Ocean Park 1B, and Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Projects ("Projects").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

WHAT: Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing to Review the Mid-Term Progress Report of the Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Downtown, Ocean Park 1A, Ocean Park 1B, and Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Projects**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 24, 2007
6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

A copy of the mid-term progress report will be available for inspection at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday (and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For more information please contact the Redevelopment Agency at (310) 458-2232.

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Not so fast: School critics are skeptical

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California schools are making academic gains even though two-thirds failed to meet the state's basic achievement benchmark, state schools Superintendent Jack O'Connell said Tuesday.

He made the comments as he released the annual statewide Academic Performance Index scores and improvement targets for California schools. The API is the state's method of tracking schools' progress in boosting student achievement.

O'Connell said educators must focus on improving the performance of black, Hispanic and poor students. Those groups generally lag white and Asian students by as much as 40 percentage points on some measures.

"While our schools are showing steady overall progress, I am deeply concerned that significant gaps exist between the API results for different subgroups of students," O'Connell said.

The Department of Education gives each school a base score between 200 and 1,000, based on the results of statewide testing and a growth target they are expected to meet for the following year. Schools also are ranked on a scale of 1 to 10 in a system that compares the school by demographics with 100 others around the state.

The state wants all schools to score at least 800 out of a possible 1,000. For 2006, the department said about 35 percent of elementary schools scored at or above 800, while about 24 percent of middle schools and 14 percent of high schools did.

All were increases over the 2005 results, and O'Connell said he is optimistic.

Critics complain that the API is too complicated and allows failing schools to hide poor performance because their growth target changes each year. It also expects just 5 percent annual growth toward the 800 goal, regardless of a school's previous score.

The API also is not aligned with the fed-

eral No Child Left Behind Act, which measures students based on grade-level proficiency and aims to have all students proficient by 2014. O'Connell said the federal target may be expecting too much.

"I think that's a great goal, but we need to at the same time be realistic and not set a system up for failure," he said.

O'Connell said California faces challenges other states don't. That includes having nearly half its 6.3 million students as English-learners and a highly transient student population that is hard to track.

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Federal officials have repeatedly rejected the state's so-called growth model as a method for complying with No Child Left Behind, which punishes schools that receive federal poverty money when they fail to meet achievement benchmarks. A school needs to score 875 on the state Academic Performance Index to be considered as grade-level proficient.

Jim Lanich, president of California Business for Education Excellence, said his group identified more than 2,500 schools where the achievement targets actually decreased compared with last year.

Union members approve strike against Albertsons if talks stall

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Thousands of Southern California grocery workers are prepared to go on strike against a major supermarket chain if contract talks reach an impasse, union officials said Monday.

Employees at the region's Albertsons chain voted overwhelmingly to give union leaders the authority to call a strike, said Mike Shimpock, a spokesman for the seven Southern California chapters of the United Food and Commercial Workers.

The vote, which was tallied late Sunday, did not set a definite date for a strike.

Still, it suggests grocery workers may be willing to undergo the hardships of a walk-out and possible lockout, despite the heavy toll the strategy took on them during a labor dispute in 2003.

"We don't want a strike," Shimpock said. "We know how traumatic it was for our members, but unfortunately we have been forced to take this step in order to bring the employers to the negotiating table to bargain seriously with us on this."

Three major supermarket chains are now in talks with the union — Supervalu Inc.'s Albertsons, Kroger Co.'s Ralphs and Safeway Inc.'s Vons. All criticized union leadership for its decision to ask members for permission to order a strike against Albertsons.

"For the unions to take a strike authorization vote at this stage is really disturbing," said Adena Tessler, a spokeswoman for the grocery chains.

"It is frightening to the employees, it's alarming to the customers, and it certainly is not beneficial to the negotiation process."

The union locals decided to seek a strike authorization vote against Albertsons because it has been engaged in talks with the union since Jan. 17 — the longest of any of the chains, Shimpock said.

Three-year contracts covering 65,000 workers at 785 stores from San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield south to San Diego are now set to expire on April 9, but the pact has already been extended twice.

The current contract was reached in 2004 through collective bargaining between the chains and the union.

STATE BRIEFS

RIVERSIDE
Naked intruder arrested after attack on couple

A naked intruder startled an elderly couple in their home early Wednesday and broke a vase over the head of the homeowner, who used a baseball bat to fend off the attack, authorities said.

Kenneth and Kathleen Collier managed to flee the home about 4:30 a.m. but the intruder barricaded himself inside until a SWAT team got him out three hours later.

"The police thought he was probably on angel dust," Kathleen Collier said. Her 77-year-old husband needed stitches to close a wound on his head.

"I feel fortunate to be alive," he told KCAL-TV.

Officers were called to the Picker Avenue home in response to a call that a "naked and agitated" man had attacked a homeowner, police spokesman Steven Frasher said.

The man broke a rear window to get inside the house and was quickly confronted by the baseball bat-wielding homeowner, Frasher said. The naked man struck the homeowner with a vase.

The Colliers then fled the house.

A police SWAT team surrounded the house, but the intruder couldn't be contacted, Frasher said. While inside, the intruder began fiddling with a stove, turning on the gas, so police shut off the gas supply.

The man surrendered about 7:30 a.m.

"He looked outside and probably realized he was outnumbered," Frasher said. "He got down on all fours and officers took him into custody."

The naked intruder, who wasn't carrying identification, was arrested for investigation of burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandalism, Frasher said. He was taken to Riverside Community Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises.

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VENTURA
Army vet arrested following explosives find

A former soldier arrested after police discovered a cache of weapons and explosives in his home has pleaded not guilty to possession of a destructive device and other charges.

Allan Toney, 28, Ventura entered his plea Tuesday, a day after his arrest by police investigating pipe bomb incidents, officials said

Police began investigating after receiving a call about a pipe bomb that was found smoldering but unexploded, police Lt. Ray Vance said.

Officers waiting for a county bomb squad to arrive heard a second pipe bomb explode about a block away near Toney's apartment, officials said.

Authorities said tips from witnesses linked Toney to the bombs. Officers searching his home found five completed pipe bombs and enough supplies to make several more, along with illegal fireworks, a set of metal knuckles, an AK 47, and other rifles and military uniforms.

AP

PLACENTIA
A spate of train track suicides

Two women apparently committed suicide by throwing themselves in front of trains within hours and yards of each other, police said.

Tuesday's apparent suicides came less than a week after another man apparently killed himself on the same stretch of track, police spokeswoman Corrinne Loomis said.

"They seem all to be unrelated, but it's certainly odd that we would have that many so close together," Loomis said.

The first incident, on March 21, involved a 19-year-old Placentia man, she said.

Early Tuesday, a 33-year-old Yorba Linda woman apparently killed herself nearby, Loomis said. That evening, a 54-year-old Placentia woman is believed to have jumped in front of a train in the same immediate area.

Loomis said the last suicide she remembered on the city's railroad tracks occurred some seven years ago.

AP

SANTA ANA
Inmate found dead after apparent suicide in jail

An inmate arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and robbery charges apparently choked himself to death with his T-shirt inside an Orange County jail cell, sheriff's officials said.

Staff conducting an hourly safety check Monday night found David Thomas Malcolm, 42, of Los Altos sitting upright and not breathing with his shirt wrapped tightly around his neck, sheriff's spokesman Ryan Burris said.

Malcolm was arrested on Friday minutes after he tried to rob a Rite-Aid in Garden Grove, Garden Grove police Lt. Robert Fowler said.

District attorney's investigators said the death was under review, a standard procedure when an inmate dies in a county jail, Burris said.

Ten inmates have committed suicide in the county's jails since 1999, Orange County Healthcare Agency spokesman Howard Sutter said.

AP

THOUSAND OAKS
Former pastor sentenced for molesting girl

A former pastor who pleaded guilty to molesting a student at a church-run school in the 1980s has been sentenced to six years and four months in prison.

Shortly after being sentenced Tuesday, William Alan Malgren, 52, collapsed in a holding cell and had to be revived.

Malgren was arrested in March for sexually abusing the girl at church events and on church school grounds in 1988 and 1989.

At the time, Malgren was a pastor at the Thousand Oaks Baptist Church school and the girl was a student there. She is now a woman in her 30s.

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Jury picked for defense theft trial

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. A jury of eight women and four men was selected Tuesday for the federal trial of a Chinese-American engineer accused of stealing military secrets and conspiring to send them to China.

The panel and four alternates, who will hear opening statements on Wednesday, were chosen after the judge and attorneys quizzed prospective jurors on a range of issues including views on Chinese immigrants, China's role in the world, the U.S. Navy, protection of military technology and occupations.

Among jurors were a woman whose husband works with the Navy and government agencies, a man who loads trucks for a container company, an immigrant who works in special education, workers for a media company with 25 publications and a mortgage company, and a computer programmer.

U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney asked an elderly Asian woman if she would have difficulty being impartial.

"I'm from Taiwan so China is ... against us," said the woman, who also referred to China as "my enemy."



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rejected juror

The judge dismissed her.

"Do you have a sense about the immigration of Chinese people into Southern California?" defense attorney Ronald Kaye asked a woman who was among about 75 prospects brought to court for questioning.

"I work with Asians so I feel that they are

hardworking people," said the woman, who appeared to be of Southeast Asian descent. She was kept on the jury.

The Chinese-born defendant, Chi Mak, 66, a U.S. citizen since 1985, is accused of conspiracy to export U.S. defense secrets to

"They're going to be stronger and stronger as time goes by. ... Obviously that could be a problem in the future," said man who identified himself as a supermarket employee. He was dismissed.

The defense also excused a woman whose father served in the Korean War, a woman who remarked about China's "huge market" for goods, an infrastructure technology construction worker who expressed concern about China's use of resources, and an insurance underwriter who said he believed in a strong defense.

Among those excused by the prosecution were a Los Angeles port engineer who reads Janes Defense Weekly and journals related to the Navy, and a retired systems engineer who worked with defense contractors.

Mak was an engineer at Power Paragon, an Anaheim-based subsidiary of L-3 Communications, the nation's sixth-largest defense company. The government says he took documents from Power Paragon.

Report: Customers unjustly being connected to terrorist list

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Businesses checking customers' names against a Treasury Department terrorist watch list are sometimes denying services to innocent people, according to a report released Tuesday by civil rights lawyers.

The 250-page list, posted publicly on a

Treasury Department Web site, is being used by credit bureaus, health insurers and car dealerships, as well as employers and landlords, according to the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The list includes some of the world's most common names, such as Gonzalez, Lopez, Ali, Hussein, Abdul, Lucas and Gibson, and companies are often unsure how to root out mismatches. Some turn consumers away

rather than risk penalties of up to \$10 million and 30 years in prison for doing business with someone on the list, the group said.

"We have found that an increasing number of everyday consumers are being flagged as potential terrorists by private businesses merely because they have a name that's similar to someone on this government watch list," said the report's author, Shirin Sinar, an attorney with the Asian Law Caucus.

Many companies who encounter even a partial match are unsure how to root out mistakes, and prefer to turn away someone trying to get a loan or rent an apartment rather than risk penalties of up to \$10 million and 30 years in prison, the lawyers said.

The Treasury Department is doing what it can to clarify the rules, Treasury Department spokeswoman Molly Millerwise said in a statement.



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Sniffing out options for hog waste ponds

BY MARGARET LILLARD
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. It's been a decade since North Carolina banned pork farmers from building new hog waste lagoons.

In that time, environmentalists have tallied the ponds' damage to rivers and land, and neighbors have complained about their overpowering stench. Scientists have proposed new ways to deal with the sewage, but none are revolutionary and swine producers have swooned at the cost and complexity.

With the lagoon moratorium set to expire in September, there are several proposals at the statehouse on what to do next. While one would simply extend the moratorium for another few years, most are aimed at resolving the debate once and for all.

"People are interested in helping us find solutions now," said Lamont Futrell, who leads a grass roots group of small swine farmers. "We're seeing the most interest ever in helping us solve this problem, and even helping turn it into something profitable."

North Carolina is second only to Iowa in hog farming, with \$6.7 billion in annual sales, 46,000 jobs, and 10 million animals that produce 13 million pounds of manure and urine each day.

The waste is typically flushed from barns into open-air lagoons, and later sprayed on fields as fertilizer. It's an easy, relatively inexpensive way to deal with the material, but the sewage has polluted waterways during

floods. Neighbors are both angered by the smell and worried about potential health hazards.

The state began adopting stricter lagoon regulations in the early '90s. But a chain of spills — starting in 1995, when 25 million gallons of sewage leaked into the New River near Richlands — led lawmakers to ban construction of new lagoons in 1997, a "temporary" solution that has already been extended four times. The moratorium also has some loopholes, enough for the state's hog industry to expand by 500,000 swine in the past 10 years.

Last year, researchers at North Carolina State University offered five alternatives to handling the waste that — while reducing ammonia and pathogen emissions — are up to five times more expensive as a lagoon system.

"Some people felt that we might hit on a silver bullet," Futrell said. "We didn't find one."

But that research also provided a starting point for compromise. Rep. Carolyn Justice, a Republican, plans to introduce legislation soon that would effectively block most new lagoons, but also help swine farmers willing to experiment with other ways to treat hog waste pay for the new technology. Her bill would include \$10 million in grants for between 50 to 100 farmers.

Justice said she deliberately avoided an outright ban, recognizing that lagoons are used in some of the new technologies — most notably a proposal backed by the North Carolina Pork Council.

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Senate OKs timber tally extension

BY MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Senate on Wednesday approved a plan to extend payments to rural counties hurt by cutbacks in federal logging.

The Senate plan would authorize about \$2.8 billion to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act through 2011.

Another \$1.9 billion would be directed to rural states through a proposal to fully fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program, which reimburses state and local governments for federally owned property.

The plan, approved 77-22, faces an uncertain fate because it is attached to an emergency spending bill for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even so, Western lawmakers were ecstatic.

"Thanks to the wise action of the U.S. Senate today, rural communities across the country can rest a little easier tonight," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a leading sponsor of the plan.

"After two years of federal inaction, the U.S. Senate today took the first important step toward honoring its 100-year obligation to rural counties and schools," Wyden said. He urged the House to work with senators in a conference committee to ensure that funding for rural counties continues.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who directs U.S. forest policy, was pleased that the Senate endorsed an extension of the timber program, but said the Bush administration had significant concerns about the bills details.

Junk food for thought

Children's ads provide extra helpings of unhealthy habits

BY KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON In a child's buffet of food commercials, more than 40 percent of the dishes are candy, snacks and fast food. Nowhere to be found: fresh fruit, vegetables, poultry or seafood.

For years, health officials have warned that kids were being inundated with commercials about not-so-healthy foods. Now, researchers have put numbers to those warnings in the largest-ever study of commercials aimed at children.

"The vast majority of the foods that kids see advertised on television today are for products that nutritionists would tell us they need to be eating less of, not more of, if we're going to get a handle on childhood obesity," said Vicky Rideout of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which conducts health research.

Overall, the foundation's researchers monitored 13 television networks. The viewing took place primarily between late May and early September 2005. They saw 2,613 ads featuring food and drinks that targeted children and teens.

Children ages 8-12 see the most food ads on TV — an average of 21 a day, or 7,600 a year. Teenagers see slightly fewer — 17 a day, or about 6,000 a year; and children ages 2-7 see the fewest — 12 a day or 4,400 a year.

"Since (preteens) are at an age where they're just becoming independent consumers, understanding what type of advertising they are exposed to is especially important," Rideout said.

Of food ads that targeted children, 34 percent were for candy and snacks, 29 percent for cereal, 10 percent for beverages, 10 percent for fast food, 4 percent for dairy products, 4 percent for prepared food and the rest for breads and pastries and dine-in restaurants.

In December 2005, the Institute of Medicine concluded that marketing practices from the food and beverage industry are

out of balance with recommended diets for children and contribute to an environment that puts children's health at risk.

The institute recommended that companies shift their advertising to emphasize food and drink that are substantially lower in calories, fats, salt and sugars.

In November, 11 major food and drink makers, including companies such as McDonald's, The Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc., agreed to adopt new voluntary rules for advertising.

The companies said they would devote at least half their advertising directed to children to promote healthier diets and lifestyles.

The rules have not gone into effect yet. However, researchers believe that the study released Wednesday will serve as an important benchmark that will help determine whether the voluntary guidelines lead to any significant changes in advertising content.

Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said the federal government should take a more active role in regulating the content of television ads aimed at children.

"The industry is not as serious about self-regulation as they say they are," Wootan said.

But business leaders asked for patience.

"Give us a chance to see what we can do," said C. Lee Peeler, president and CEO of the National Advertising Review Council, an organization that promotes truth in advertising through voluntary regulation.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said he would prefer self-regulation by the advertisers. He said that intervention by the federal government would actually delay the changes in ad content that so many seek. That's because legislation would lead to opposition from various interest groups as well as potential court challenges.

Advertisers also stressed that the content of food ads has already begun to change, with more ads promoting healthy foods and exercise than during 2005.

Sen. Tom. Harkin, D-Iowa, said he hoped the study would also prove helpful to a new Federal Communications Commission task force examining the impact of the media on childhood obesity rates.



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FREEDOM OF CHOICE: Some SMC students would oppose a school policy to banish soft drinks from campus altogether.

A Coke and a frown

SMC is just latest school to grapple with sugary selections

BY IRENE MANAHAN

Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE Students here might be hard pressed to buy a Coke and keep it company, as administrators are mulling whether to renew their deal with a leading soft drink manufacturer.

The SMC Board of Trustees is looking into the appropriateness of selling Coca-Cola products on its campuses in light of some unhealthy factors. Further complicating the decision is the company's profit-sharing of all school grounds sales, which amounts to between \$60,000 and \$70,000 per year for the school.

While making healthy food and drink options available to its students has been a running concern for the college's administration, the Coca-Cola motion surfaced just recently.

"It was entirely serendipitous that the contract came up for renewal at this time," said the board's vice chair, Rob Rader.

In the overall campaign to promote good health on campus, the Coke debate is just the beginning of a much larger debate, Rader said. While it could spell the end for Coca-Cola at SMC, it could very well also mark the start of a healthy transformation at the college.

"Student health is really a larger conversation, and we have to start somewhere," said Rader. "The Coca-Cola contract is a baby step."

Naturally, there is disagreement among students, most of whom expressed appreciation for having options open to them. While good health is important issue, so is the freedom of choice.

"We're supposed to be maturing into adults at this college, and so we need to make our own choices," said Ivette Herrador, a 22-year-old SMC student. "I have the choice to drink Coke on or off campus, but I just don't want to. We should have the choice of whether to drink soda or not. Why ban those who do choose to have it?"

life span than its parents because of obesity."

The Center for Science and Public Interest calls such carbonated sodas "liquid candy," according to the center's 1998 and 2005 updated report.

Still, the college is not looking to ban every Coca-Cola product. Dasani, a purified bottled water, and even Diet

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IN THE LONG RUN THOSE NUMBERS AREN'T NECESSARILY SIGNIFICANT. IT'S NOT WORTH MORTGAGING OUR STUDENTS' HEALTH."

Rob Rader, SMC Board of Trustees

However, those in favor of removing Coke from the school argue their decision is not about taking away freedom from the students, but about providing them with more beneficial alternatives.

Numerous K-12 institutions in school districts across the nation have already adapted policies to provide healthier foods on their respective campus, as well as sever ties with fast food and soft drink sponsors.

Each soda can typically contains about 250 calories.

"Even if someone drinks just one less Coke a day, it's a start," Rader said. "It creeps up on you. People could gain as much as an extra pound a week by drinking two additional bottles of Coke per day."

"Obesity is the number-one health crisis in America. This is the first generation predicted to have a shorter

Coke, for example, are still healthier replacements.

Rather than just delegating what the companies can place in their machines, Rader suggests providing a diet or water choice for every regular soda.

Since 1998, the sale of non-diet sodas has decreased by 12 percent, according to the Center for Science and Public Interest.

"I hate to say it," Rader said of the soft drink manufacturer's sponsorship deal with the school, "but in the long run those numbers aren't necessarily significant."

"It's not worth mortgaging our students' health."

School officials are expected to come back to the board with suggestions in April.

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Former Golay tenant feared for neighbor

FROM GOLAY PAGE 3

Then came the day after Thanksgiving in 2001, when Golay presented Cowan with an eviction notice and ordered him to vacate the premises by the end of the year.

Since the apartment building was owner-occupied with less than three units, it was exempt from the city's rent control laws, giving Golay the freedom to evict Cowan, he said.

"She told me she needed my apartment to move a family member in, which I think is the only reason other than gross destruction of the place that she could've gotten rid of

me," he said.

In reading the articles about Golay and Rutterschmidt and how they are accused of befriending homeless men in order to cash in on their deaths, Cowan had a flashback about Fred Downie.

The 97-year-old man from Massachusetts moved into the second upstairs unit in 2000 and Cowan remembers chatting with him on occasion and how, despite his old age, Downie would often take walks down to the Albertsons at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards.

"I was told that he was a relative," Cowan said.

Then one day, he noticed that Downie was gone and was told by Golay that her relative was hit by a car in November 2000 and later died from his injuries.

The LA Times reported last year that investigators were exploring whether Golay was also connected in the murder, and believed that Golay and her daughter had moved the man from Massachusetts, acquired his home for \$1, and sold it for \$200,000.

The driver who struck Downie was found not to be at fault. Downie was not walking in a crosswalk when he was hit.

Today, Cowan wonders if Golay was

indeed responsible.

Since Golay was arrested last May, Cowan has been closely following the trial.

"I just couldn't conceive that she would do this," he said.

This morning, the saga will continue as the so-called "Black Widows" meet up for the first time since the preliminary trial wrapped on March 15.

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ON THE SCENE

Photo courtesy of the SMFD

Local firefighters on Wednesday use the 'Jaws of Life' to cut through the mangled remains of a BMW driven by a 74-year-old who lost control and hit a tree after colliding with a Toyota 4Runner at the intersection of Montana Avenue and Euclid Street. The accident occurred around 6:30 a.m. The elderly driver was taken to a local hospital where he was scheduled to have surgery for internal bleeding in the brain. The driver of the Toyota was transported to another local hospital with minor injuries, police said.

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FRANKLY 'SCARLET'

The cast from 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' runs through a dress rehearsal of the play on Tuesday at Santa Monica College's Main Stage. The show begins its run today and will be presented by the student troupe through April 8.

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Banished 'Top Model' spot still seen on Big Blue Bus

FROM BIG BLUE PAGE 3

THE BUSES ARE SOMETIMES IN THE FIELD WHEN THE CONTRACTOR WHO SWAPPED THE ADS WAS AVAILABLE."

Linda Gamberg
Spokeswoman, Big Blue Bus

"The buses are sometimes in the field when the contractor who swapped the ads was available," Gamberg said. "We are actually submitting that number now for them to double check."

She was not aware of any other bus that might still have the advertisement.

The CW paid at least \$30,000 for the placement of about 70 ads, Gamberg said. The television company was reimbursed for the entire amount it spent and was basically given two free weeks of advertising from the time the ads were placed to the time they were removed.

The network launched this year, canceling out UPN and the WB, and merging select programs into one network. Shows like "One Tree Hill" and "Gilmore Girls" from WB and "Everybody Hates Chris" from UPN survived.

The city has pulled advertisements from buses in the past, including those for the FX show "Nip/Tuck" and 1999 teen comedy "10 Things I Hate About You."

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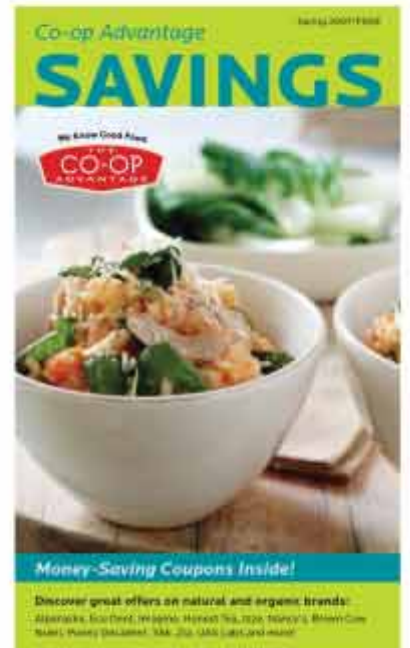
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Jet setters settle on status quo

FROM JET-SET LIFESTYLE PAGE 1

replaced with another alternative yet to be determined.

The less runway available for landing, the harder it is for larger aircraft to access the airport.

"The FAA basically announced that (city staff's proposal) was not acceptable to them," said Mark Young, chair of the commission. "Airport staff has been working hard on this for five years now, trying through a series of compromises to create a situation that makes it a safer airport, and to have the FAA come back at the last minute and say they are changing their minds again, that is very frustrating."

Several residents have expressed their concern about the increased jet traffic at the airport and the potential for a deadly accident to occur given the close proximity of homes to the ends of the airport's runways. They claim the FAA is putting profit ahead of public safety.

"It appears, their decision was based completely on the aviation community's commentary," said Cathy Larson of Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee. "I think the city entered into negotiations in good faith ... It's very disappointing that FAA is putting the convenience of a few users over they safety of a neighborhood and its residents."

Homeowners have gone before the council demanding jets be restricted, but under a 1984 agreement with the FAA, City Hall has

been unable to regulate which planes can access the airport.

Commissioners held off on making a recommendation to Ewell on the FAA's latest counter offer, waiting until next month's meeting to give members a chance to digest it.



WHAT TROUBLES ME IS THE FAA HAS NOW RESTRICTED EVEN MORE THAN WE ANTICIPATED. IT JUST TOOK ME BY COMPLETE SURPRISE."

Lamont Ewell, City Manager

Commissioners did, however, vote in favor of Ewell granting a commercial operations permit to Atlantic Aviation FBO, Inc., to take over Supermarine, one of three "fixed base operators" at the airport who service jets and other aircraft.

The owners of Supermarine are seeking to sell.

Fixed Based Operators provide pilots, passengers and crew with valuable products and services essential to flight. Commonly called "FBOs," these companies are often responsible for the fueling of aircraft, delivery of oil, oxygen, catering, ground transportation, aircraft washing/detailing, aircraft maintenance, flight training, pilot supplies and more. FBOs often help make arrangements for overnight stays, transportation to

and from local businesses and generally provide 24-hour service.

Residents have expressed concern about Aviation taking over operations given the size of the company, fearing executives will try to attract more jets to Santa Monica for

dents and members of the Airport Commission that the company was interested in operating in a manner consistent with the terms of the existing lease agreement.

The lease agreement defines certain permitted aviation uses, but does not place limitations on activity levels associated with those uses.

While Ewell has the final say on whether to grant the permit to Aviation, the city manager said he will bring the matter before the City Council so that it can be debated in public.

"When I first got here, I made a commitment to that community (Sunset Park) that we would not do things where it was felt we were doing them behind closed doors, that we would be transparent, and that we clearly wanted to protect the integrity and safety of the neighborhood," Ewell said. "It may be a protracted process (going before the council), but I will not retreat from that commitment."

Ewell said he is researching Aviation's references and said he has heard good things about the company and its relationships with communities surrounding their operations.

"We are committed to finding the right balance between protecting neighborhoods," Ewell said, "and respecting the fact that the FAA currently has authority over the aviation network. We've got to find the right balance."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be torn between two different interests and really not know which way to go. If you stop and think about it, if you don't honor who you are and your inner needs, nothing will work. If you follow that idea, you'll head out into clear waters. Tonight: Home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a way with words that draws many to you. Right now, mixed messages might cause a problem. Stay centered and question what you want more often if heading into murky, uncomfortable waters. Tonight: As you like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to revise your thinking because of a developing personal matter. You might not visualize what is going on as clearly as you'd like. Ask for feedback, even if you might be uncomfortable and need to make changes. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Though you believe you are on the right course, you'll discover otherwise. Pull back and relax. Others' reactions could change dramatically. You know far more than you are willing to share. Tonight: New information heads your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You speak your mind, and others hear you – at least in the afternoon. Up until that point, you could feel a bit crazy and silly. Know when to say "enough" and head in a new direction. Be responsive to a special person. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to get past an issue yet understand what needs to happen within your immediate core of friends emerges. You simply might not buy someone's story anymore. How you let this person know that the jig is up can have many different results. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your willingness to head in a different direction could earmark your dealings and decisions. You might want to revamp your thinking. Listen to a friend at a distance. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: You gain new insight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Work with others and deal with a situation head-on. You might be uncomfortable with information that heads your way. Your intuition helps with a partnership and perhaps a money venture. Tonight: Togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You make a difference. You could, however, challenge others, forcing them to retreat, at least this morning. Dig in and understand what is ailing a friend. You might be able to make everyone happy and not even mind. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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The Donald puts his criticized locks on line

Imagine The Donald – with-out the hair. It could become reality, thanks to World Wrestling Entertainment owner Vince McMahon. On April 1, he and **DONALD TRUMP** will have a wrestler compete on each's behalf in the "Battle of the Billionaires" at WrestleMania 23 in Detroit – the WWE's biggest annual pay-per-view event. If Umaga beats Bobby Lashley, McMahon will give Trump what some might call a long-overdue buzz. If Lashley, Trump's rep, wins, McMahon will sport a new look. Trump, the real estate mogul and star of NBC's "The Apprentice," knows his 'do isn't popular with some fans. "A lot of people want to see it shaved," he told the Associated Press in a phone interview from his New York office. "I do get criticized, there's no question about it, although I've never had any problem with it. It certainly has seemed to work." Trump deserves to be

humiliated, McMahon said during an interview before an edition of "WWE Monday Night Raw" in Indianapolis. "Hopefully, I have really dull scissors so I can yank the rest of it out that I can't cut," McMahon said. "But I may be surprised how much Mother Nature has already beaten me to the punch. I won't know that until I start cutting." McMahon credited Bonnie Hammer, president of the USA and Sci-Fi networks, with the idea to get Trump involved in WrestleMania. "Donald Trump, to a certain extent, represents a great deal of Americana," McMahon said. "He's larger than life, which really fits into what the WWE is." Trump, 60, was hesitant to participate. He said the 61-year-old McMahon persuaded him by making a "sizable" donation to charity. Both Trump and McMahon will donate their checks, an amount McMahon said should exceed \$5 million. "When he wanted me to be on, I thought about it," Trump said. "Actually, it was hard because I prefer not having my head shaved." If the 6-foot-3 273-pound Lashley loses to Umaga, a 6-foot-4 348-pound "Samoan Bulldozer," before an expected 70,000 fans, he'll likely hear these words: You're fired. That's sure to annoy his real boss, McMahon, who takes exception to Trump using that phrase. AP

TABOO TROUBLES



TABOO of the Black Eyed Peas was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after a collision, police said. The 31-year-old hip-hop singer, whose real name is Jaime Luis Gomez, was taken into custody Tuesday morning after a collision in Industry, about 20 miles east of Los Angeles, said Los Angeles sheriff's Lt. Mark Relyea. Gomez was released that evening with a citation for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of a prescribed medication without a prescription and driving under the influence, Relyea said. No court date was disclosed. AP

CNN talk-show host King adding True Grit Award to trophy chest

LARRY KING will receive the True Grit Award next month from the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center. The 73-year-old host of CNN's "Larry King Live" will receive the honor at the annual Odyssey Ball, to be held April 14 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Jamie Lee Curtis will host the event. "How fitting that in 2007, as we commemorate the centennial of my dad's birth, we also pay tribute to another great American, Larry King, with this award," board chairman Patrick Wayne said in a statement. Since the Odyssey Ball

began 22 years ago, the gala has helped raise more than \$14 million to support the institute's cancer research and treatment programs. "Larry King epitomizes the strengths and qualities that characterized my father, and for which the True Grit Award was creat-

Former 'Laguna Beach' star can't steer clear of the law

JESSICA SMITH, a former cast member of MTV's "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County," was arrested for investigation of felony driving under the influence of alcohol after a freeway crash, the California Highway Patrol said. Smith, 19, crashed a 1999 Volkswagen Beetle into another car late Monday night on north-bound Interstate 5 near Oso Parkway, a CHP report said. The driver of the other car had minor injuries as did a passenger in the car driven by Smith, the report said. Smith's level of intoxication, unsafe speeds and a wet roadway all contributed to the collision,

the CHP said. She remained in custody in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Her arraignment was scheduled Wednesday at the Harbor Justice Center. The CHP doesn't release blood alcohol levels, according to spokesman Chris Goodwin. AP



That's a Croc: Bindi Irwin's nature series to air

Bubbly 8-year-old **BINDI IRWIN**, daughter of the late "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, will make her debut this summer as a nature-loving TV host. "Bindi: The Jungle Girl," designed to help get more children interested in wildlife conservation, premieres June 9 on the Discovery Kids Channel. Bindi will interact with a variety of animals, from koalas to elephants and snakes, while explaining how

all animals – both cute and not-so-cute – need to be given respect and protection, the network said Tuesday. She began filming with her father in early 2006. Steve Irwin died last September after a stingray's poisonous barb pierced his chest while he was diving in the Great Barrier Reef. His wife, Terri, and Bindi, decided to finish filming the weekly series, the network said. Steve Irwin will appear

in scenes shot before his death and in other archival footage. Bindi will also host "My Daddy the Croc Hunter," a one-hour special that will air June 8 on the Animal Planet. AP

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TMNT (PG)
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Wild Hogs (PG-13)
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Zodiac (R)
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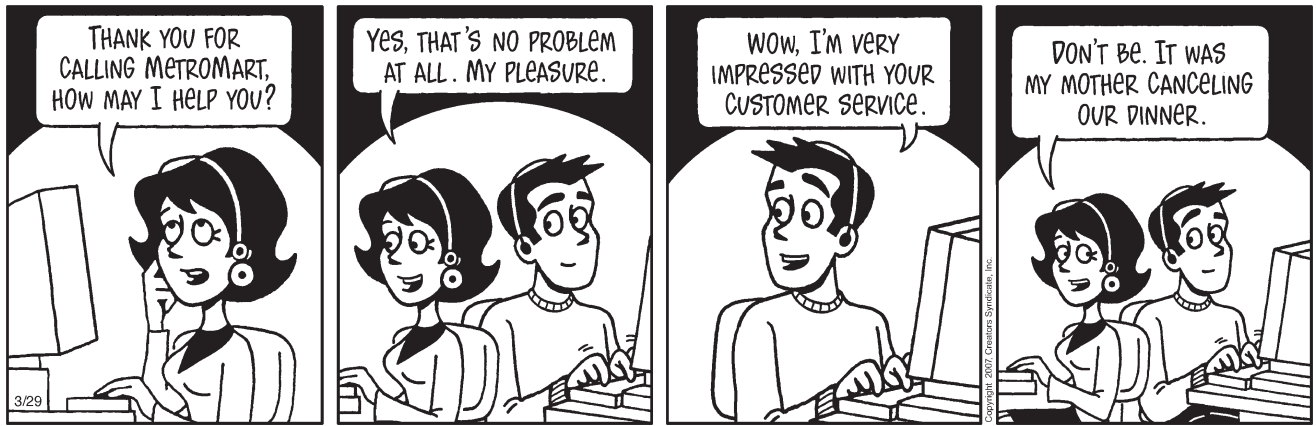
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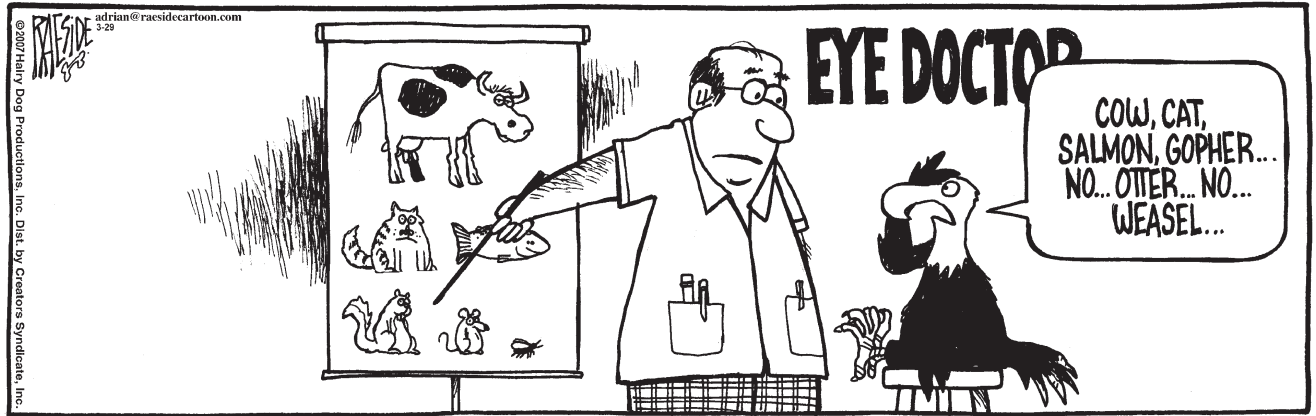
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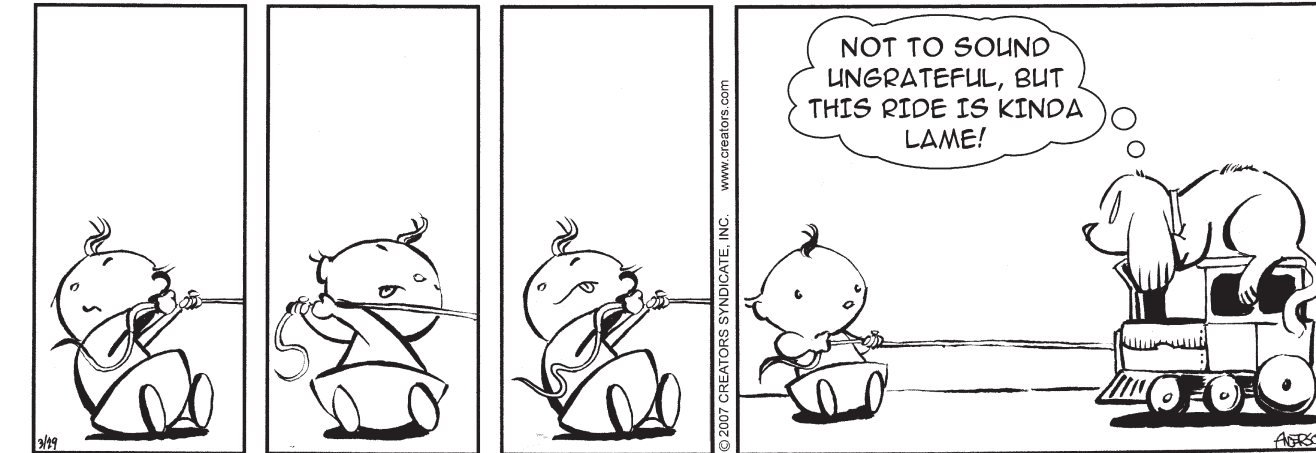
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- 20 Impair
- 23 Slangy denial
- 24 Maine college town
- 25 Classic tongue
- 27 Needle source
- 28 Book checks
- 29 Animated dance
- 32 Hyde, to Jekyll
- 36 Singer Raitt
- 39 Press
- 40 Speechifies
- 41 Inverted six
- 42 Saudi Arabia neighbor
- 43 Turns a horse

DOWN

- 1 Busy folks in Apr.
- 2 Bart's sister
- 3 Related
- 4 Expressionless
- 5 "Help!" drummer
- 6 Successful
- 7 In the past
- 8 Got together
- 9 Hit show letters
- 11 Long attack
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- 18 Pace
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- 20 Remove
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■ The New York City children's services agency took away former "breatharian" David Jubb's 20-month-old son in February after Jubb refused to let physicians treat the boy's fractured ankle. As mentioned previously in News of the Weird, breatharians believe that humans can subsist primarily on air and sunlight. Jubb said he has evolved since those days and now eats, but extremely few calories' worth, and he drinks his own urine. He acknowledged that his child's diet is absent the generally recommended nutritional building blocks for infants, according to a New York Post report.

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1632 Treaty of Saint-Germain signed, returning Quebec to French control after the English had seized it in 1629.

1799 New York passes a law aimed at gradually abolishing slavery in the state.

1807 The asteroid Vesta is discovered.

1831 Great Bosnian uprising: Bosniak rebel against Turkey.

1871 The Royal Albert Hall is opened by Queen Victoria.

1882 The Knights of Columbus are established.

1945 World War II: Last day of V-1 flying bomb attacks on England.

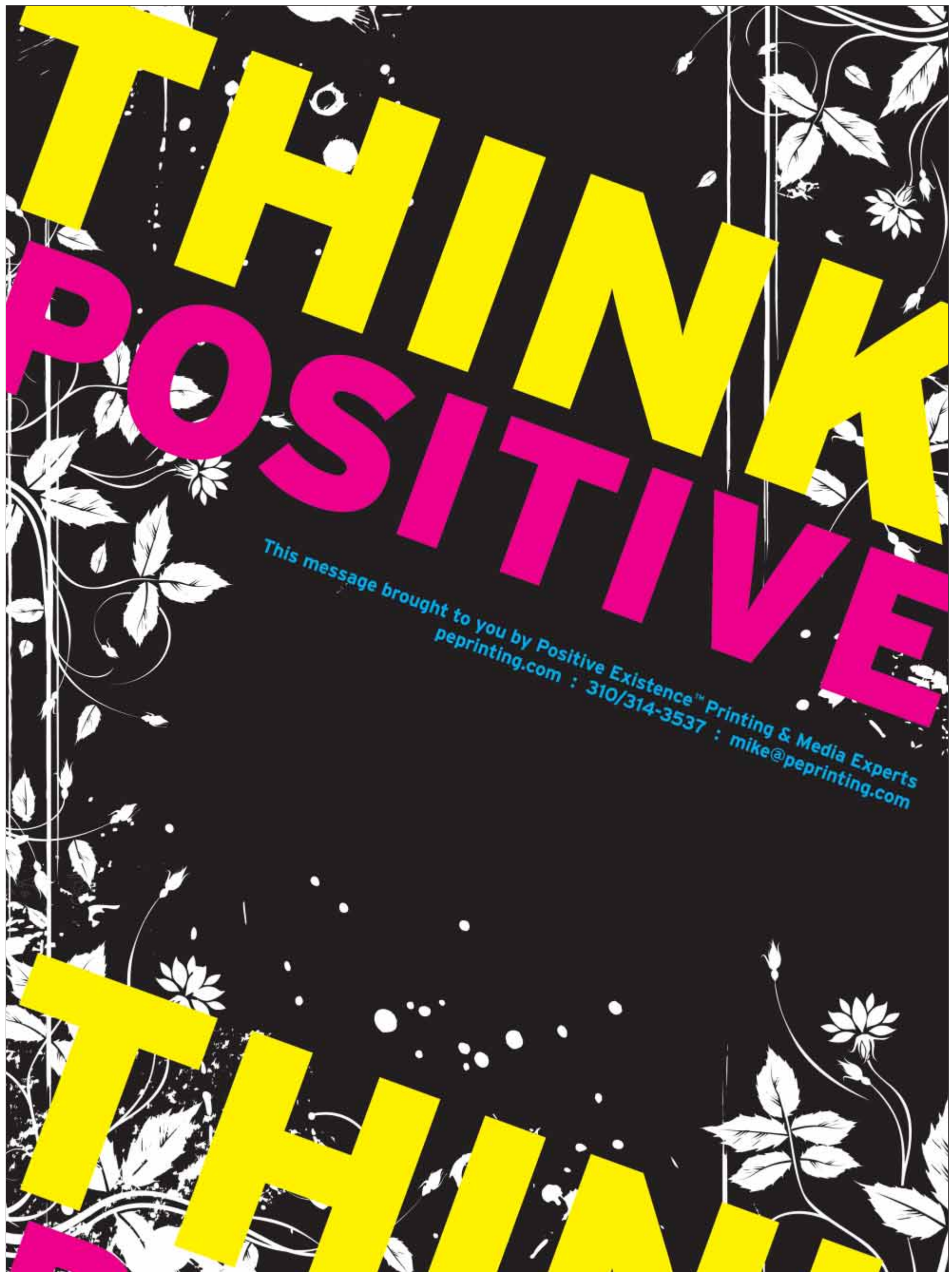
1951 Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage.

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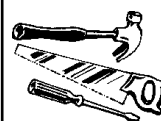
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