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THE QUICK AND DIRTY ISSUE

## High alert North of Montana

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**NORTH OF MONTANA** A recent string of burglaries here has residents on edge.

While police comb the area for suspects, they are reminding homeowners to protect themselves and their property by keeping doors and windows locked, even if stepping out for just a few minutes.

The majority of the burglaries — at least

nine since January — have occurred during the day when people are typically not at home. The suspects enter through open windows or unlocked back doors and usually target the master bedroom or home office looking for jewelry, money, keys, and in some cases, safes containing highly-personal items like family heirlooms.

One homeowner living on 10th Street said crooks took a letter belonging to her adopted daughter that was written by the girl's birth-

mother with the intention of having the daughter read it on her 18th birthday.

"These are things that you can never get back," said the homeowner, who declined to give their name out of fear of being targeted again by burglars. "I couldn't go back into my closet for weeks. It was just the thought that someone else had been in my home. It's very unsettling."

Some of the burglaries have included homes under construction or going through

a significant renovation. Burglars, in at least three incidents, have entered these homes and stolen tools.

Neighbors north of Montana Avenue have been circulating a newsletter warning residents to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to police. The flier also urges residents to get to know one another and create contact lists with fellow neighbors' phone

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Santa Monica Pier, 9 — 11:30 a.m.

Santa Monica residents may be eligible to receive a free 'smart' controller for their landscape irrigation systems. City residents wishing to exchange their old controller for a free state-of-the-art model must reserve a space to be eligible. The controller swap will take at the Santa Monica Pier (across from Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.). Only 150 controllers will be distributed to pre-qualified, registered participants. Residents without a reservation, without their old controller or without a copy of their water bill will be turned away. The exchange event will include a half-hour training workshop.

Reservations may be made by calling (866) 728-3229. For more information visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

### 'Charlotte's Web'

2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

This production of the E.B. White children's classic is now playing at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. To make reservations call (310) 828-7519. For more information visit [www.morgan-wixson.org](http://www.morgan-wixson.org).

### Reed Park community workshop

1133 Seventh St., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Locals are invited to a community workshop on improving Reed Park through landscaping and a larger playground. For accessibility-related questions, call (310) 458-8310.

### Santa Monica Relay For Life kick-off party

Santa Monica Place Mall, 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

An informative meeting on the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held in the Eddie Bauer store. RSVP by calling (310) 628-4191 or by e-mailing [santamonicarelay@yahoo.com](mailto:santamonicarelay@yahoo.com).

### Pacific Park Spring Break 2007

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### 'The Scarlet Pimpernel'

1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Baroness Orczy's 20th century novel about the French Revolution is playing on the Santa Monica College Concert Hall's main stage. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for students and senior citizens, \$15 for SMC students and employees (w/ID). For more information, call (310) 434-4393.

### Chamber Music Santa Monica concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.

Chamber Music Santa Monica presents a concert of classical, romantic and original works for violin, piano and voice, featuring violinist Mika Krstic, pianist Cody Gillette, soprano Joy Weiser. This event is free to the public and will be held at the Main Branch of the Santa Monica Library.

## Sunday, April 1, 2007

### Sunday Concert Series at the pier

Santa Monica Pier, 2 p.m.

The Homemade Jam Band — an oldies, but goodies band — will perform a free concert — weather permitting — on the Pier parking deck in the Central Plaza. Limited parking is available on the Pier and in beach lots. For more information, call (310) 458-8901 or visit [www.santamonicipier.org](http://www.santamonicipier.org).

### St. John Passion Cantori Domino

1008 11th St., 7 p.m. — midnight

Cantori Domino, Los Angeles' premiere performer of baroque choral music, will be at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica to perform its annual Palm Sunday presentation of one of Bach's choral masterworks, the 'St. John Passion.' Maurita Phillips-Thornburgh, founder and artistic director, conducts the fifty-voice choir and full chamber orchestra. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students and seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.cantoridomino.org](http://www.cantoridomino.org).

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to [smdp.com](http://smdp.com) and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



# 'Ho' hum: Hip hop's roots feted

**BY MELODY HANATANI**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SAMOH** Hip hop just hasn't been the same. Today, the genre is being mischaracterized as a music of sex, violence and drugs with rap artists rhyming about shooting their enemies and sleeping with "hos."

Vowing to bring hip hop back to the people, the Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC) will host the first Hip Hop Unity Summit at Samohi today to raise funds for the non-profit organization while paying homage to the nonviolent roots of the popular musical genre.

"The idea is to present the positive aspects of hip hop culture and to really resurrect hip hop culture," said Pico Youth & Family Center Founder Oscar de la Torre. "It has been commercialized and corrupted by money interests who found that promoting violence sells records."

The Pico Youth & Family Center claims to be one of the few youth organizations in the county that has been able to effectively integrate hip hop into its programming, focusing on the culture's four dominant elements — DJ'ing, emceeing, break dancing and graffiti art. The center recently produced its first compilation CD of 20 songs by artists from the around the Westside. The songs helped spread the center's philosophy of promoting peace, unity and social justice, de la Torre said.

There is a misconception that everything heard on urban radio stations like Power 106 is hip hop when in fact, it's not, said Alex Aldana, one of the coordinators for the event and an outreach specialist at the PYFC. What is heard on those radio stations that claim to play hip hop is actually a commercialized version of the genre, he said.

Hip hop started as an empowerment tool for youth in the community and as an alternative to violence, he said.

"There was friendly competition through break dancing," he said. "It was able to quell violence."

The summit will start at 10 a.m. with a conference featuring a presentation by Leila Steinberg who was the first manager for the late Tupac Shakur. She will talk about her experiences working with some-

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# Don't be (April) fooled

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT** This weekend, watch your back and stay on your toes because the pranksters, they're out there.

For those who love to place plastic wrap on toilet seats, Vaseline on door handles or dog poop in paper bags and light them on fire, this is the time to strike — Sunday is April Fool's Day.

While it's origin remains clouded in obscurity, April Fools, also known as All Fools Day, has become a tradition here and abroad, attracting a countless number of mischievous individuals looking to prey on the gullible and unsuspecting.

"My friends took one of my two cars ... I called the police and went through all the riff raff down at the police station," said Ian Kelly, a tourist visiting from Perth, Australia. "That night there was a knock on the door. I looked out the window and saw my car in the driveway."

"I've never really been one to do an April Fool's joke on someone, but they always do it to me," Kelly added. "I'll get them back one of these years. I'll think of something to do."

Eating pizza on the Third Street Promenade with his wife Kate and their son Tyler, Jason Mu said he has played a few pranks in his day.

"My brother asked me to make him a doctor's appointment, so I did," Mu said. "I ended up calling the gynecologist and made

him an appointment there. He just walked right out."

No one is quite sure how April Fools evolved. Many believe is started with Mother Nature and the beginning of spring, when she is said to fool the human race with sudden and fickle changes in the weather — showers one minute and sunshine the next.

The playing of practical jokes, however, dates back to ancient Rome, where such activities were an integral part of the Hilaria celebrations held on March 25, a celebration which would again appear to be associated with the coming of Spring and the Vernal Equinox, held to honor the resurrection of Attis, Roman God of Vegetation who was

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## HOLD THAT THOUGHT

A group of Santa Monica Police officers place a belligerent man into a '5150 Hold' on Friday at the corner of Bay and Main streets. The angry man was reportedly challenging passersby to fight. A 5150 is imposed on a person believed to be in need of involuntary psychiatric treatment.

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EDITORIAL

# Flipping off readers is in our blood

**ON THE FLIPSIDE** Aw, c'mon, we had you going there for a moment.

In deciding to present our readers with an April Fool's inspired news story – or 20 – as we have in this weekend's issue, the Daily Press not only extends what has become a tradition here in our newsroom, but a long-running prank the press has been pulling on readers for more than half a century.

In 1957, it was famously announced on a BBC show that mild winter temperatures had eradicated the spaghetti weevil – arch-enemy to spaghetti farmers everywhere. Footage of delighted farmers pulling pasta from trees had viewers yearning to harvest their own.

Since that time, media outlets have pulled the proverbial rug out from under their viewers, listeners and readers whenever they had the chance. Some examples include: A national newspaper ad announcing fast-food chain Taco Bell's sponsorship of a national landmark, the Taco Liberty Bell; A radio broadcast urging amateur astronomers to jump in the air at precisely 9:47 a.m. to experience a floating sensation; A Swedish television station prompting viewers to stretch a stocking over their screens to enjoy broadcasts in color.

All this satire and joke's-on-you stuff, it's just our duty as journalists, our responsibility to carry the torch and bridge the gap between the old school and the new age ... well, that and it's really, really fun.

As for the "flip" cover, it's a first for the Daily Press, a new wrinkle in the April Fool's gambit that not only served – in our estimation – as a clever bit of trickery, but also a means to produce both a straight weekend edition and a supplemental Sunday satire issue.

We hope it proved to be a "gotcha" moment for each of our readers.

So if you were duped, we hope you enjoyed the ride. If you were lampooned, we hope you take it all in stride. And if you were left just feeling bitter and in a bad state, there's always the real news to cheer you up.



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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# Early primaries: What's the rush?

**OUR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SYSTEM** has been getting criticism lately, some of it deserved. But even with its flaws, at least the binding primary system is a lot more democratic than the old days when political bosses in dark, smoke-filled rooms decided who the candidates would be. And it's about to become even more democratic.

We're all used to seeing candidates in places like Iowa and New Hampshire pretending to enjoy the sub-zero weather as they kick off the "primary season." But now somewhere between ten and twenty states will have their primaries on February 5, 2008. And Nevada recently announced that it plans on having its primary even earlier — On January 19, wedged between the January 14 Iowa caucuses and the January 21 New Hampshire primary. Why are all these states rushing to have their primaries so early?

More and more, the early caucuses and primaries have become very important. Probably too important. Campaigning is so expensive and so dependent on contributions that one's showing in these early contests often determines whether a candidate continues or drops out of the campaign.

So it's possible that in the recent past, the best candidates haven't even gotten a chance to run for president just because people in Iowa and New Hampshire didn't like them. Maybe these unfortunate candidates just didn't know enough about Iowa wrestling, or that the state insect of New Hampshire is the ladybug. Sorry, you can't be President.

Because of this "undue influence" of a few states with early caucuses and primaries, this time around, more and more states want to get in on the action. So instead of voters from a few states determining which candidate has momentum and which candidate is through, voters from all over the country will help decide who their party's nominee for President will be. That's the good news.

The bad news is that it's going to happen so early. We could know who the Republican and Democratic nominees for President will be on February 5 — a full nine months before the election. All of the mystery, the wonder, and the "what ifs" of the campaign could be over. In February! I don't want to know who the presidential nominees are before some people in my neighborhood take down their Christmas decorations.

This rush to have the primaries earlier than necessary reminds me of the people who buy their Sunday newspaper on Saturday. I always wonder, what do they do all Sunday morning?

But more importantly, is it the best thing for the country to hurry the primary season? Won't some voters feel rushed into making a decision? And candidates are going to be traveling so fast in their private jets from state to state that their heads will

be spinning. We'll hear things like, "It's great to be here in my favorite state, South... I mean, North Carolina." They'll be whisked away by their handlers in the middle of a speech: "My position on the war is quite simple. I believe we should... sorry, gotta go."

Instead of all the states rushing to have early primaries, I think all the states should have a "later primary." A National Primary would be a good idea, with all the states voting on the same day. But not in February.

**GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW THESE CANDIDATES, AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO MESS UP OR SURPRISE US WITH SOME GREAT IDEA. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE HAVE A NATIONAL PRIMARY IN JUNE. JUNE WOULD BE PERFECT.**

Give us a chance to get to know these candidates, and give them a chance to mess up or surprise us with some great idea. My recommendation is that we have a National Primary in June. June would be perfect. Candidates and voters won't feel rushed, and it would be a nice break for me from watching the Cubs' pitching fall apart.

However we tweak the primary system, there will be problems. But again, it's certainly more democratic than having those cigar-chomping, deal-making bosses of yore deciding who should be the candidates, election after election.

And yet, that brings up a troublesome question. It's true that years ago, because of the binding primaries, we changed things so that the voters get to determine who the party nominees are instead of just the party insiders deciding. But since reforming the system, do we always come up with better candidates and better Presidents than those guys in the smoke-filled rooms did for all those years? I'm just not sure.

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# STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

**"The weekend's difficulties were brought on by a reaction to an imbalance in medications used to treat my bipolar disorder."**

— Mary Weiland, wife of rock musician Scott Weiland, on a heated argument between the pair that culminated in the latter's arrest and Mary Weiland burning \$10,000 worth of her husband's clothes

**"Several recovered bodies showed signs of severe mutilation."**

— U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, remarking on dead Somali and Ethiopian refugees fished out of Yemeni coastal waters. Hundreds of refugees were forced off the boats when smugglers spotted Yemeni security forces.

**"It wasn't until my editorial that things were moving quickly."**

— Former Santa Monica Mayor Ruth Y. Goldway on the New York Times commentary she wrote in November of 2005 advocating for a forever stamp to protect postal service customers from rising stamp prices

**"I think there are a lot of people that would like it very much."**

— Donald Trump on the possibility of having to shave his head if his wrestler loses to Vince McMahon's wrestler during this week's Wrestlemania 23

**"He changes his cell phone every three days, it seems. He's one leg away from being a transient himself."**

— Detective Troy Brown on Gerald Chamberlain, the stabbing victim of a case Brown's been following from Florida to Santa Monica

**"When Paris called me [after she was pulled over], she asked if her license was suspended."**

— Elliot Mintz, spokesman for Paris Hilton, regarding the socialite's latest run-in with the law. Hilton was pulled over for speeding down Sunset Boulevard without headlights.

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Here are your responses:

**"I WOULD HONESTLY LIKE TO KNOW** why the citizens of this community keep voting into office incompetent, near-sighted, self-seeking individuals year after year? We have lots of window dressing projects going on, but the core problems that affect our everyday living like homelessness, traffic congestion, parking problems and polluted oceans and beaches go on and on."

**"I DO NOT WISH TO POSE A QUESTION,** but I predict my fellow readers of the excellent Santa Monica Daily Press will pose the following questions regarding: The homeless situation, rent control, tenant harassment, under-building of reasonable housing, over-building of reasonable housing, traffic congestion, vehicle parking woes, horrible elected officials and horrible city service employees ... and the beat goes on."

**"WHY DO YOU KEEP COMPLAINING** about the bum problem? You keep electing the same people on the City Council that don't do anything about the bum problem. That is pretty much self-explanatory."

**"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE LOCKED,** secure trash bins we were promised a year or so ago? They are still inadequate and are easy prey for the vagrant bums. The alleys are a mess."

**"WHY DO WE HAVE A \$442.6 MILLION** budget? Why do we support all these expensive and questionable city charities? The pier; low-income housing, where 80 percent of the residents are from outside the city; hundreds of millions of dollars for a fumbling school district that continues to have 20 percent non-resident students; gang intervention, where the police department does the best at that job; bum support, and again hardly any of the homeless are from Santa Monica; stupid green structures that cost several times the average cost; millions for the Big Blue Bus; and that idiotic light rail.

We need a Mike Wallace to investigate those Johnny Appleseeds on the council. Get a real job, preferably away from Santa Monica."

**"DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGE IN** either direction, a suggestion taken or a plan not followed ever resulting from a

neighborhood Big Blue Bus meeting? In my opinion, those meetings are merely window dressings and they will continue to do or not do exactly as they planned."

**"I BELIEVE THAT THE CITY'S CITIZENS** should be asked if they think one or more "catch-all" shelters (in the form of empty rooms with 24-hour supervision) should be opened year round to provide eight hours of safe rest every night for all homeless in the Santa Monica area?"

**"BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE** who live in ordinary cars are yet considered to be homeless, I think the city's citizens should be asked if they think automobile manufacturers should produce a majority of campers and RVs in all sizes at the prices now asked for standard cars so that most people who have cars would automatically always have a home in the form of a camper or RV to live in as a young adult and possibly raise a small family if suited for that purpose and to possibly retire in when an older adult? That makes sense."

**"WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OR** pick up information regarding social services available in Santa Monica? I'd like that question asked because I am a commissioner on the commission for the senior community. In a survey conducted last year, many respondents said they were unaware of services available. And the other question you might want to ask is: What do you think is the function of the commissions in the city of Santa Monica? And do you care?"

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# Gay youth groups storm state houses

BY LISA LEFF  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** The half-dozen lobbyists who crowded into a lawmaker's office here didn't come bearing slick pitches, campaign cash or votes to swap, just tales of high school torment as fresh as their faces.

Maria Ramos, 18, discussed the academic toll daily doses of name-calling took on her gay and lesbian friends. Andrew Konke, 21, drew parallels between gay rights and earlier civil rights struggles. Ignacio Pitalua, 19, talked about having a trash can dumped on him by other boys who suspected he was gay.

"It's a big obstacle to learning," Pitalua said, pressing Assemblyman Curren Price to co-sponsor a bill that sets specific requirements for schools to protect students from anti-gay discrimination.

Young people, some barely in their teens, are becoming the gay rights movement's newest ambassadors at statehouses from Olympia, Wash. to Montpelier, Vt. Their advocacy, unheard of as recently as a decade ago, reflects the slowly growing acceptance that is emboldening gays and lesbians to come out of the closet while they are coming of age.

"The biggest change that has happened from 10 years or 20 years ago is there are more out people now, from openly gay teachers to openly gay classmates," said Candace Gingrich, youth outreach coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights advocacy group. "That awareness and getting that kind of support from your peers makes you stronger, as an individual and as a group, being willing to fight for things and to stand up against harassment."

Veteran activists credit the political participation of gay youth, their straight friends

and children of same-sex parents with a string of recent legislative victories, including last month's passage of an anti-bullying bill that provides specific protections gay and lesbian students in Iowa.

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Candace Gingrich  
Youth outreach coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign

The law's adoption came after the Iowa Pride Network issued a report saying more than 83 percent of the state's gay, lesbian and transgender students said they had been verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation.

"We kept getting comments from legislators of 'There aren't gay kids in Iowa, this is an east and west coast problem,'" said Ryan Roerman, the network's director.

The group also arranged a news conference attended by Iowa's lieutenant governor and three students who provided firsthand accounts of discrimination.

# Angels get ready to party

BY KIM CURTIS  
Associated Press Writer

**OAKLAND** Even with members old enough to collect retirement pay, a party at Hells Angels headquarters is no party for the police.

As the club planned to mark its 50th birthday this weekend, police were putting extra officers on duty Thursday even as they downplayed the chance of trouble from a club with a long history of run-ins with the law.

The motorcycle club's Oakland chapter, which is best known for providing security at the 1969 Altamont Free Concert during which a fan was killed by a Hells Angel, is expected to have 600 to 800 bikers at the event that kicks off Friday with a concert, police said.

The group has secured the necessary permits, but police will patrol the events to make sure nothing gets out of hand.

The Hells Angels were originally formed in Fontana in 1948, while the Oakland chapter was created in 1957. By the 1960s, the club had become synonymous with the outlaw biker counterculture.

The group also organizes motorcycle runs all over the world and takes part in charitable events such as Christmas toy drives, but still has a long history linking it to methamphetamine distribution, prostitution and violence.

The Oakland chapter was founded by Ralph "Sonny" Barger, 68, of Phoenix who

served time in federal prison for conspiring to blow up the clubhouse of a rival biker gang, the Outlaws.

He has since become a best-selling author, but his lawyer said he was unavailable to comment and refused to give details of the weekend's events, describing it as a "private party."

George Christie, the group's Ventura chapter president, said the event is drawing members to Oakland from all over the world.

"I anticipate it's going to be one of the biggest events the club has had," he said. "I just think everybody's in a festive mood."

Even so, the Altamont "stigma" still follows the group, he said. The Hells Angels, including Barger, were given free beer to help keep fans from rushing the stage. When a shouting match erupted as The Rolling Stones played, fan Meredith Hunter pulled a gun and was stabbed by Hells Angel Alan Passaro. The killing was captured in the 1970 documentary "Gimme Shelter."

Passaro, who died in 1985, was acquitted after claiming self-defense.

"I wasn't there. I don't want to talk about something I don't know firsthand," Christie said.

In addition to the chapter's gold anniversary, one reason for celebration was the resolution earlier this month of a lengthy criminal trial involving the group.

Eleven members were sentenced to prison in connection with a deadly brawl with rival Mongols biker gang members.

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# Letters link indicted engineer to Chinese official

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ

Associated Press Writer

**SANTA ANA** A Chinese-American engineer accused of conspiring to send information on U.S. naval technology to China had repeated contact with a Chinese government official who was seeking information about the space shuttle from a Boeing engineer, according to FBI testimony Thursday.

Special Agent James Gaylord read translated letters that he said were written by a Chinese aviation official and were discovered

during the investigation of Chi Mak, a naturalized U.S. citizen who worked for a California defense contractor and who is now on trial in U.S. District Court.

One letter dated, May 2, 1987, was addressed to a Boeing engineer named Greg Chung, who worked on the space shuttle program. In it, the official wrote: "China is in the process of discussing and approving for the trunk-line airplanes and planning and arranging the space shuttle issues. I hope these products will be flying sky high soon. There are some difficult technical

issues that need your assistance."

The official then asked: "I was wondering if it is possible to collect some information on airplane design for the trunk line and the development of the space shuttle. In the past I have asked you to collect some quality control information at your convenience."

The official, identified as Gu Wei Hao, then stated he would find a way to pay Chung cash in person for any expenses he may have incurred while collecting or purchasing information, and said he can convey any suggestions or information through Chi Mak.

"This channel is much safer than others," the official wrote.

A business card included with the letter identified the official as being with China's ministry of aviation and civil aircraft bureau. The official also identified Mak as a relative and the letter stated that it was meant to be hand-delivered by Mak to Chung. Trunk line typically refers to certain types of commercial aircraft. In a letter that investigators recovered at Chung's home in Orange, Calif., the official noted the Chinese are forming a ministry of aeronautics.

# San Diego diocese offers \$95 million for sex abuse claims

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

**SAN DIEGO** The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego is offering \$95 million to settle more than 140 claims of sexual abuse by priests.

According to documents filed Wednesday in the church's bankruptcy proceedings, the diocese would offer 83 victims who say they were forced to have sex as much as \$800,000. Forty-four people who were only touched or forced to masturbate would receive between \$176,000 and \$575,000.

An additional 16 victims who say they were exposed to

lesser types of abuse — being asked to pose for photographs or look at sexual material, for example — would receive between \$10,000 and \$175,000.

Under the proposed bankruptcy reorganization plan, a \$3 million fund would also be created to settle any additional abuse claims that have not yet been formally made.

Final payouts would be based on the age of the victim when the abuse took place, as well as the frequency and duration of the abuse. The diocese said in its filing that it may consider the criminal history of the claimants and any history that the abused children themselves became abusers in setting compensation.

The proposed \$95 million settlement is a significant

chunk of the \$156 million in assets disclosed by the diocese in its initial filings. The diocese said in its latest filing that it expects half the total payout amount will be covered by insurance, though it reserved the right to reduce its settlement offer if its insurers balk at the proposed sum.

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs said they thought the offer was too low. They have estimated a fair settlement to be in the range of \$200 million — a record amount for such a case — based on payouts made in other dioceses, including the \$100 million paid out by the Diocese of Orange County, Calif., to 87 claimants in 2005.

"This is outrageous — it's five steps backward," said Ray Boucher, the lead plaintiffs' attorney.

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Long Beach  
Landlord convicted of assault in hate crime trial

Jurors convicted a 66-year-old landlord of assault and battery on a tenant in a hate-crime trial.

Mary Zulfacar, a native of Afghanistan, could face 2 1/2 years in jail after Thursday's verdict, prosecutors said.

Zulfacar was convicted of harassing, threatening and assaulting Kenneth Jackson, who is black, and his 17-year-old daughter, Jerlean, over a rent dispute in May.

She was convicted of simple battery and assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the beating of Jerlean, who was 5 months pregnant at the time.

The jury also upheld one of two hate-crime charges against Zulfacar connected to her alleged use of racial slurs.

Zulfacar was also charged with vandalism, brandishing a weapon and violating a court order, but jurors found her not guilty on those counts.

"We think that justice was done for the victims in this case," Deputy City Prosecutor Sayge Castillo said. "They really suffered a pretty traumatic thing."

Zulfacar's attorney, Jerry Kaplan, described the case as an overblown landlord-tenant dispute.

He said his client may be "eccentric, a bit crusty and probably didn't come across that well on the witness stand," but she's not a racist.

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Washington  
Pelosi addressing Knesset as part of trip

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will address the Israeli Knesset on Sunday evening as part of a congressional trip to the Middle East.

The San Francisco Democrat is traveling with Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., the first Muslim member of Congress. They arrived in Israel on Friday.

The lawmakers plan to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and to travel to the West Bank to meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, said Ellison's spokesman, Rick Jauert.

Also on the trip are Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman and Tom Lantos of California, as well as West Virginia Rep. Nick Rahall, a Democrat, and Ohio Rep. David Hobson, a Republican. They plan to visit Syria and Saudi Arabia as well.

Pelosi's speech to the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, will be her first speech to a foreign government and she plans to discuss the U.S. commitment to Israel, as well as challenges the two nations face in the Middle East.

AP

Garden Grove  
As bunnies multiply, rabbit rescuers hop into action

A group of local bunny lovers are hopping into action to rescue the rabbits that have overrun the city's three-acre flood plain.

Members of the Bunny Bunch will spend their second weekend in a row luring rabbits into puppy pens with food and gathering them up for adoption before they are trapped and euthanized, group president Caroline Charland said.

The runaway rabbit growth at the West Street Basin, a known dumping ground for unwanted pet bunnies, became an issue when neighboring Walton Intermediate School was invaded, school district spokesman Alan Trudell said.

"There was rabbit feces all over the campus and burrows in our baseball fields," he said. "When you're trying to do sit-ups out on the field, it's not the best situation to be in."

The county hired a trapping company but put off catching the critters to give the Bunny Bunch time to capture as many as they can, public works operations manager Bill Hisey said.

"I hope they get them all," he said.

Charland said having Easter around the corner is a mixed blessing for finding the rabbits homes.

"People like to have bunnies at home during Easter," she said. "But two weeks later, they get bored. And they're back in some park once again, alone and abandoned."

AP

Hinkley  
Town made famous by Brockovich in compost plant suit

Environmentalists and residents of the town made famous by the movie "Erin Brockovich" have filed a lawsuit to stop an open-air sewage sludge composting plant from being built nearby.

The lawsuit filed Thursday against San Bernardino County alleges that supervisors approved the plant without fully analyzing its potential impact on air quality and public health.

The suit also contends that the project, to be built by Apple Valley-based Nursery Products LLC, doesn't adequately protect the threatened desert tortoise and the Mojave ground squirrel.

Representatives with the groups filing the suit – helphinkley.org, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment – said they are not trying to stop the plant, but that they want to force the county to enclose it and filter its odors. Christopher Seney, operations manager for Nursery Products, said enclosure would be too expensive and contended the county did a thorough job in evaluating the open-air project when it cleared its construction. San Bernardino County spokeswoman Lynne Fischer said Friday that county officials had not yet received the lawsuit and could not comment.

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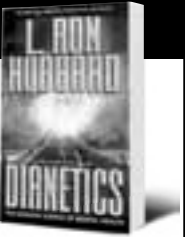
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The transformation happens in underwater pens that are  
 150 feet wide and 45 feet deep, where wild-caught bluefin are  
 fattened on fresh sardines to develop the buttery texture  
 prized in Japan.

Bluefin "ranches," which offer a reliable source of toro  
 sushi that is higher in oil than lean fish straight off the boat,  
 have popped up in waters from Spain to Australia. In the last  
 decade, Mexico's Baja California and Southern California  
 emerged as a chief source to the lucrative Japanese market.

"It's basically an underwater feed lot," said Philippe  
 Charat, who runs a Mexican bluefin operation from his  
 home in chi-chi Rancho Santa Fe, north of San Diego. "We  
 take something that has very little value when it's in a can  
 and turn it into a very high-quality product."

Bluefin, or toro, is richer than the yellowfin, or ahi, tuna  
 typically scarfed in American sushi bars. Top-grade cultivat-  
 ed bluefin regularly wholesales for more than \$10 a pound at  
 Tokyo's famed Tsukiji fish market. One wild specimen once  
 fetched \$395 a pound.

Pacific bluefin spawn in Japan's warm coastal waters and  
 journey east a few years later, arriving off Big Sur and run-  
 ning 1,500 miles south to the tip of Baja California.

The fish are caught several hundred miles offshore and  
 then towed to pens that dot the sapphire bays around the  
 Coronado Islands in Mexican waters near San Diego and  
 Ensenada, Mexico, 70 miles south of the border. The pens  
 are tended by crews who guard against poachers, sharks  
 and sea lions.

Months later, the bluefin are harvested. Divers wrestle the  
 flailing silver-blue tuna onto the tarp-covered deck of an  
 outfitted boat. They are rapidly brained, gutted and bled  
 before being suspended in near-freezing saline water to pre-  
 vent "burn," or the buildup of stress-triggered lactic acid that  
 can ruin the fish's firm, translucent flesh.

Wholesale buyers in Japan, who get the bluefin as little as  
 72 hours after it's pulled from the sea, call the Mexican ship-  
 ments "laxfish" after the initials "LAX" stamped on the man-  
 ifests from Los Angeles International Airport.

"The Mexican fish has a very good reputation in Japan,"  
 said James Joseph, a tuna fisheries consultant and former  
 head of the San Diego-based Inter-American Tropical Tuna  
 Commission, an international body that regulates tuna fish-  
 ing in the eastern Pacific. "The water is cool, and they're  
 feeding them fresh sardines all the time, which gives the fish  
 a sweet taste."

The key to Mexico's success lies in the abundant supply of  
 sardines, which has long lured a variety of tuna species to the

Pacific coastline, from the relatively rare dark-meat bluefin  
 to the more common white-meat albacore and yellowfin  
 that end up in tins.

San Diego and Baja California became hubs for tuna fish-  
 ing and canning in the early 1900s, when white-fleshed tuna  
 was marketed as an alternative to chicken. Rising labor costs  
 and the development of tuna-industry dolphin-safe stan-  
 dards in the 1980s decimated the region's commercial fleet,  
 sending boats to the far western Pacific waters of American  
 Samoa and Guam.



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**James Joseph**  
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 based Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

Enter Charat, 67, a French-born Mexican citizen who left  
 a shrimp business on Mexico's Gulf Coast and began fish-  
 ing tuna out of Ensenada in 1983.

Unlike the more common yellowfin species, bluefin don't  
 run with dolphins, exempting them from catch restrictions.  
 In 1997, after a tour of Australian ranches, Charat went into  
 the bluefin business in the San Diego area, facing a lone  
 competitor who soon bailed out.

In its first year, Charat's privately held, Ensenada-based  
 company, Maricultura del Norte, netted 30 tons of bluefin.  
 The following season, they took in 60 tons. This winter,  
 Maricultura fattened more than 1,500 tons of fish in two  
 dozen pens anchored in a hidden cove tucked around a point  
 of land south of Ensenada harbor.

The ranches are a lifeblood for the \$350-million-a-year  
 bluefin market in Japan, generating waterfront jobs in  
 Ensenada and San Diego. Charat thinks growing worldwide  
 demand for bluefin can help San Diego and northern Baja  
 California regain luster as a tuna capital.

Bluefin stocks in the Atlantic have fallen 80 percent in  
 the past 30 years, prompting the chief European Union  
 fisheries official earlier this year to press for cuts in world-  
 wide catch quotas. Australian authorities imposed new  
 limits on bluefin catches last October amid concern about  
 dwindling supplies.

A handful of Japanese-owned operators have followed  
 Charat into Ensenada, anchoring pens just north of the har-  
 bor. Baja Aqua Farms, which is managed by Australians,  
 keeps pens off the Coronado Islands and brings harvested  
 tuna by boat to a packing facility in San Diego.

# General Growth gets green light to re-inter remains of ancients

By the Associated Press

**HONOLULU** The state has approved a developer's plans to  
 relocate 11 sets of ancient burial remains unearthed at  
 the construction site of Ward Village Shops a year ago.

General Growth Properties Inc. over the next two to  
 three weeks will move the remains to a secure trailer for  
 a year or two during most of its construction.

The remains, which were blessed Wednesday, will be  
 re-interred at two sites where they were discovered, as  
 agreed to in a burial treatment plan approved by the  
 State Historic Preservation Division.

The remains will be placed outside the walls of the  
 complex in the area of the original burial sites in what is  
 now the center of a Honolulu commercial and residen-  
 tial district. It will include buffer zones to protect the  
 areas from pedestrian traffic.

Re-internment was opposed by most of the 30 indi-  
 viduals from four families recognized by the state as cul-  
 tural descendants of the area. But the Oahu Island Burial  
 Council in September voted to relocate the remains.

Paulette Kaleikini, a member of the Keawemahi fami-  
 ly whose ancestors came from the area, said relocation  
 amounts to desecration. But she prefers the site agreed  
 upon for re-interment over a site originally proposed by  
 General Growth.

The discovery of the remains halted construction  
 in the area. The \$100 million Ward Village Shops  
 includes a Whole Foods Market, 17-story rental  
 apartment building, retail shops and parking  
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The area is a few blocks from a big Wal-mart  
 store where similar issues arose when remains were  
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# Health officials warn of salmonella

BY MIKE STOBBE  
AP Medical Writer

**ATLANTA** Easter is right around the corner and so is the threat of salmonella carried by baby chicks often given to children as springtime gifts, health officials warned Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 81 people in 22 states fell ill last spring after contracting salmonella from chicks. The record three outbreaks occurred around Easter, and at least some of the cases were believed to stem from birds given as gifts.

"This time of year, when everyone's want-

ing to give their kid a baby chick or baby duckling, that's when we start to see these outbreaks in people not accustomed to handling farm animals," said Charles Hofacre, a University of Georgia professor of veterinary medicine.

Salmonella is an infection that causes diarrhea, fever and vomiting. The bacteria live in the intestines of chickens and spread through their feces, which can cling to a bird's feet or feathers, even if it looks clean.

Children get sick by touching the birds and then putting their hands in their mouths. Young children are more susceptible than most adults, and those under 5 should not handle baby birds, officials said.

With Easter little more than a week away, many feed stores will be selling chicks in a prominently positioned cage or box with a heat lamp, Hofacre said.

Chicks cost as little as \$1 or \$2 each, according to the Web sites of some hatcheries and feed stores. Some stores give chicks away with the purchase of a large bag of fertilizer.

The 2006 illnesses were traced to three hatcheries in Michigan, New Mexico and Washington state. Sixteen people were hospitalized.

A few cases in Oregon were reported before Easter, and it was unclear how many of the 81 illnesses were tied to Easter birds.

"The sale of chicks is a springtime phenomenon," and not just Easter, said Dr. Nicholas Gaffga, a CDC epidemiologist.

The Michigan hatchery was also the source of salmonella outbreaks in that state in 1999 and 2000. The Washington hatchery was the source of outbreaks in 1995, 1996, 2003, 2004 and 2005, CDC officials said.

None of the hatcheries have been accused of any criminal wrongdoing.

Some states have passed laws to discourage giving small birds as Easter gifts. Four states set a minimum on how many birds an individual can buy. Twelve states limit the youngest age at which live poultry can be sold.

# Replacing missile defense electronics to cost \$38 million

BY MARY PEMBERTON  
Associated Press Writer

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** The Missile Defense Agency is looking at a \$38 million repair bill to replace electronics at seven missile silos under construction at Fort Greely after the components were ruined by unprecedented flooding.

The electrical components were damaged when underground rooms next to the missile silos flooded last summer during record-setting rains.

The Greely area — considered just about perfect for missile silos because of its low water table of over 200 feet deep and porous glacial gravel — normally receives an average of 11 inches of rain a year. Over a 10-day period last June, it received more than half that amount.

The situation was made worse when "a whole bunch of circumstances" occurred at the same time, including North Korea threatening and then eventually launching a long-range missile that failed, said Lt. Cmdr. Sean Kelly, a

spokesman for the United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

The flooding problem had no impact on Greely's ability to respond to the crisis because the flooded silos were under construction and did not contain missiles, Kelly said.

Rick Lehner, spokesman for the Missile Defense Agency, also said the flooding problem did not affect Greely's readiness to respond to the threat from North Korea. Greeley's other silos were equipped with missiles and on alert, he said. Also, missiles could be fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, if needed.

Fort Greely has 26 silos, of which seven were under construction at the time.

"The silos were still being built and there were no interceptors inside," Lehner said.

Their water detection alarms had been turned off because the rooms were under construction at the time, Kelly said.

Lehner said civilian construction crews could not be held responsible for not detecting the flooding because they

weren't being allowed onto Greely because of the tense situation with North Korea.

According to the Missile Defense Agency, from June 16-27, the Missile Defense Complex at Greely received over 6 inches of rain. The rains flooded the 85-foot silos and seven prefabricated underground rooms adjoining them that contained the electronics.

The rooms were under construction at the time and their underground drainage system was not complete. Between no water and 63 feet of water flooded the silos. The underground rooms were flooded with between 1 1/2 and 15 feet of water.

The MDA said there was no mechanical or structural damage to the silos, but the electronics were damaged by water, water vapor and condensation.

"When you flood a building, the electronics get ruined," Kelly said.

Between 40 percent and 70 percent of the electronic modules are being replaced.



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# Nevada lawmakers debate tax breaks

**BY JOE MULLIN**  
Associated Press Writer

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** Nevadans who buy energy-efficient homes would get big tax breaks under a bill lawmakers debated Thursday — but those who produce their own power would see their energy credits limited.

Senate Commerce and Labor Chairman Randolph Townsend, R-Reno, asked his committee to pass SB437, which would have a variety of effects on energy regulation. The overall thrust is to encourage energy conservation in a fast-growing state that must import energy, he said.

"We send over \$3 billion of Nevada's hard-earned money out of state to buy energy," said Townsend. "It's getting to the point where Las Vegas may in fact drive the entire western market because of the intensity with which we grow."

The bill would offer property tax breaks of up to 50 percent for home buyers who purchase houses that meet national "green building" standards.

Certain facilities that produce renewable energy also would get those tax cuts, which last for 10 years.

Pete Coates of Gardnerville, construction manager for Kit Carson Development, said those tax breaks, which could add up to \$30,000 over a 10-year period, would make it easier to compete with non-energy efficient home builders.

Coates, whose company specializes in

building energy efficient homes, also said building such homes can cost 25 percent more than building a standard homes.

Home sellers would be required to do an energy audit on a building before they sell it. The bill also mandates that real estate brokers and salespeople be trained in the bill's proposed standards for energy efficiency.

The proposal also instructs state regulators to change the way they regulate natural gas.

If SB437 becomes law, gas rates would be set at a level allowing companies to pay their fixed costs without taking into account the amount of gas they actually sell.

The current pricing system should change because it gives natural gas companies an incentive to encourage high consumption, since they make most of their money from delivery charges, said Townsend.

In the long run, he said the new "de-coupled" gas pricing could lower prices for consumers and reduce risk for the companies.

The bill also allows for utilities to adjust electric rates quarterly rather than annually. State Consumer Advocate Eric Witkoski said that would allow power companies to save money on interest payments, and pass that savings on to consumers.

Some "customer generators" who actually produce power with solar panels or other means expressed dismay about sections of the bill that would limit the credits they get from putting energy back on the grid. Those credit would expire each September.

# Washington congressmen aim bill at salmon-munching

**BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER**  
Associated Press Writer

**PORTLAND, Ore.** Remember C404? a new bill before Congress doesn't mention the wily, salmon-swiping California sea lion by name. With his reputation, it doesn't need to.

But it may shorten his days.

Two Washington congressmen proposed the bill Thursday to allow wildlife managers to kill the more aggressive sea lions who prey on Columbia River salmon, just now heading upriver to spawn.

"Unfortunately, the news this year isn't any better than last; California sea lions are already setting their sights on this year's salmon run," said Democratic Rep. Brian Baird.

C404, named for the brand he was given for identification, shows up each year and, alone among his buddies, has gotten into the fish ladders the migrating salmon use to get over Bonneville Dam.

He stays well-fed, and his chutzpah has earned him a fan club of sorts that does not include fish officialdom or fishermen.

He has yet to show up this season. But it's early and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it is watching for him.

As of now there isn't much the corps can do.

The sea lions, protected by the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act, gather at the base of the dam to wait for and feed on the migrating salmon.

Wildlife officials have tried harassing the

sea lions with large firecrackers and rubber bullets, but with little effect.

"After trying every trick in the book, this is the only option left to stop the sea lions," said Republican Rep. Doc Hastings.

The districts of both Baird and Hastings border the Columbia. Democratic Rep. Norm Dicks of Washington and Republican Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon are co-sponsors.

Hastings said taxpayers pay millions of dollars a year to protect salmon while the sea lions gorge themselves on the fish.

The bill would create a temporary fast-track process for Oregon, Washington and the four Columbia River treaty tribes to get permits to kill a limited number of the sea lions when nonlethal harassment has failed.

In recent years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says, the sea lions have killed thousands of returning salmon, mostly at Bonneville Dam. The fish and the sea lions began entering the river in large numbers in the 1990s, and many sea lions return year after year.

About a dozen salmon and steelhead runs that enter the Columbia River are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The sea lions are protected but are not listed as threatened or endangered.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho applied last year for federal permission to kill some troublesome California sea lions. That approval process could take five years.

In 1995, NOAA Fisheries gave Washington state permission to kill sea lions eating endangered steelhead.

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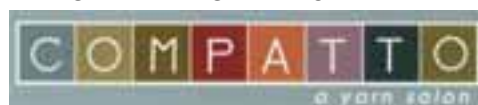
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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

## Utah settles lawsuit over 2002 fire

BY DEBBIE HUMMEL  
Associated Press Writer

**SALT LAKE CITY** The Boy Scouts of America organization has agreed to pay \$330,000 and plant 9,000 tree seedlings to settle a lawsuit with the state over a wildfire that burned 14,200 acres, officials said Tuesday.

"With the cash component and these other elements we think that's a substantial recovery for the taxpayers," Utah Assistant Attorney General Mike Johnson said.

Seventeen Scouts, ages 12 to 14, were

working on a wilderness-survival badge at Camp Tomahawk in the Uinta Mountains in eastern Utah. There were two 15-year-old counselors but no adults present.

At that time, in June 2002, there was a state ban on fires because of dry conditions. The Great Salt Lake Council also had its own restrictions.

Utah law requires people who start fires to pay for fighting them and reclaiming the land. When the lawsuit was filed, the state was seeking \$606,000 to cover its costs.

Besides the money and seedlings, the

Scouts agreed to add education programs to teach boys about wildfires, according to the Utah Attorney General's Office.

Although the cash portion of the settlement falls short of what Utah spent, Johnson said the education programs will prevent future fires and save money.

Utah's forestry agency will be involved in developing programs for the Scouts, he said.

Great Salt Lake Council spokesman Kay Godfrey did not immediately return a message seeking comment. In a written statement, he said Scouts "are looking forward

to partnering with the state on these important matters."

Separately, the Scouts are being sued by the federal government, which spent more than \$12 million to fight the fire. A trial that was scheduled to begin Monday was postponed with no new date set.

In depositions in that case, Scouts said they extinguished a fire with water, urine and dirt and slept next to the site.

But in ordering a trial, a federal judge recently said there was no evidence that Scouts conducted a "cold-out test."

## Summer camp helps curb summer weight gain for kids

By Daily Press Staff

**MARTINSVILLE, IN** A recent study by Indiana University and Ohio State researchers found that children gain more weight over the summer than during the school year. A child's summer camp experience can provide the structure and activity needed to keep kids healthy year-round.

"Our general finding—that kids do better in a structured environment with scheduled exercise and limited opportunities to eat—is

consistent with the idea that camp can help restrain summer weight gain," said Paul von Hippel, Ohio State University sociology professor and lead author of the study.

American Camp Association (ACA) president Ann Sheets agreed, stating that it is more important than ever for our youth to stay physically active when not in school.

"The camp environment is supportive of healthy lifestyles," Sheets said. "Camp includes lots of physical activity, good nutritional choices and a set sleep schedule, all of

which play a role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and preventing childhood obesity."

For the study, researchers studied the growth rates of the body-mass indexes of 5,380 kindergartners and first-graders.

University sociologists discovered that the children's BMIs increased on average more than twice as much during summer break than during the school year.

Once kids returned to school, the monthly growth rate of their BMIs fell, the researchers found.

According to research conducted by ACA, 63 percent of children who learn new activities at camp tend to continue engaging in these activities after they return home.

"These findings suggest that camp could actually help children become more active and, therefore, healthier," Sheets said.

Because they are rooted in experiential learning, camps provide opportunities for children to exercise and stay physically fit that are not available in school — and are certainly not available watching TV.

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## Mentoring benefits kids and counselors

By Daily Press Staff

**MARTINSVILLE, IN** The relationship between camp counselors and campers has long been a strong example of positive mentoring, according to the American Camp Association (ACA) and research released by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

The ACA reports that the benefits of mentoring reach 1.2 million camp staff and 10 million children nationwide who attend camp every year.

"The camp experience has always encouraged children and young people to adopt healthy lifestyles and to take positive risks in a safe and nurturing environment," said Peg L. Smith, CEO of ACA. "It is no surprise to us that camp counselors and campers positively benefit from the mentor relationship fostered at camp."

Middle and high school students reporting a high level of mentoring are significantly more likely than those reporting a low level of mentoring to avoid risky behaviors, according to Teens Today.

Young people who attend a day or overnight summer camp are less likely to drink (26 percent vs. 36 percent); use mari-

juana (8 percent vs. 18 percent); or engage in sexual behavior, such as intercourse (29 percent vs. 40 percent) or oral sex (29 percent vs. 39 percent) than are their noncamper peers.

Youths with a mentor are more likely to report having a high sense of self (46 percent vs. 25 percent) and to say they take positive risks (38 percent vs. 28 percent), such as performing charitable work, starting a business, taking advanced placement courses or trying out for a sports team.

Sense of self and positive risk-taking are each linked to lower incidences of destructive or potentially destructive behaviors and to overall mental health.

"This new research demonstrates that there are a whole host of opportunities for adults to influence teenagers outside of formal or planned mentoring programs," said Stephen Wallace, school psychologist, adolescent counselor, and the chairman and chief executive officer of the national SADD organization.

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# Students spend spring with farmers

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

**LAMONT** On a sunny day when her fellow college students were grabbing beach towels and beer, Nathalie Sanchez was knocking on the doors of farmworkers left jobless after a recent freeze killed much of the state's citrus crop.

It's not the first spring break she's spent doing service instead of shots.

The senior art major was among 10 students from Loyola Marymount University who lived and worked with San Joaquin Valley farmworkers for a week in March, learning about the history of the rural labor movement and organizing a food and clothing drive for out-of-work field hands.

The program, a partnership between Loyola Marymount and the Dolores Huerta Foundation, a Bakersfield nonprofit named for the co-founder of the United Farm Workers union, is among a growing number of "alternative" spring breaks in which students skip the boozy revelry in favor of volunteer work around the world.

In past years, Sanchez traveled to the Dominican Republic for a fair trade coffee effort and to Guatemala to help with community development in a Mayan village. This spring break, the art major from Cudahy stayed closer to home. Lamont, the farm community she visited, is about 110 miles north of her school's Los Angeles campus.

"We understand there are issues that affect communities that are in our own country," Sanchez said, "and here, in our own state."

In this city of about 13,000, the everyday concerns

include pesticide drift and organizing to fight for better wages. But these days the main topic of conversation is the cold snap.

Several days of subfreezing temperatures in January ruined more than \$1 billion worth of citrus and other crops, according to the state, making it the most devastating blow to the industry in more than a decade. As many as 28,000 farmworkers lost their jobs.

Sanchez and her fellow students sorted donated clothes and went door to door assessing needs and telling workers about the food and clothing giveaway. At a local community center, they filled boxes with bread and canned food for displaced workers.

"It's nice to see people from outside of our city come here to help," said Guadalupe Flores, 59, a Mexican immigrant who stood in the clothes line after getting a box of food.

Flores had just finished the grape harvest and was getting ready to pick citrus when the cold snap hit. Now his family is getting by on his daughter's income from a grocery store cashier job.

This was the second year of the Loyola Marymount/Dolores Huerta program. The students live in the farm laborers' modest homes and apartments for a week and learn about current issues confronting agricultural workers and community organizing.

"Last year they actually worked in the fields and saw how hard that is," said Pablo Rodriguez, an organizer for the foundation. "But this year they're seeing what it's like when there's no work, which is a different kind of challenge."

Break Away, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that trains stu-

dents for service-based trips, estimates that more than 35,000 college students spend part of their vacation each year doing volunteer work.

Service-oriented breaks began as the flip-side option to the traditional week of spring debauchery, but many schools now offer programs during winter break, summer vacation and even over a weekend.

Students from the University of Wyoming went to New Orleans to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina; University of Kansas students worked at homeless shelters in Washington; and volunteers from the University of Northern Florida helped a rain forest conservation program in Ecuador.

Loyola Marymount's alternative breaks have become so popular the application process is now competitive. Applicants go through an interview and pay for the trip themselves; the Lamont trip was \$250 but expeditions abroad can cost as much as \$1,200.

"There's a real desire to understand our world abroad, but there's also an interest in understanding communities in our own country," said Maria Alderete, director of the university's Center for Service and Action.

The students said their service didn't end with the resumption of classes.

They have arranged for teens from a valley high school to visit Loyola's campus after talking to the students about going to college.

"A lot of people speak about service," said Juliana Xochimil, 20. She felt a personal connection to this trip because her parents are Mexican immigrants.

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**NATIONAL BRIEFS**

**Author kept away from Utah reading program**

A book club run by a public library rescinded an invitation to the acclaimed author of "An Unfinished Life" and dropped his novel.

"I decided that another book would be more appropriate for our audience," said Jim Cooper, director of Salt Lake County Library Services.

Mark Spragg, whose book was turned into a 2005 movie starring Robert Redford and Jennifer Lopez, was to speak to the club in October.

Spragg, of Cody, Wyo., said he was notified in January that his book had been chosen for Salt Lake County's "One County, One Book" program, which encourages people to read and discuss books.

Two weeks later, he received an e-mail from library employee Susan Hamada saying the invitation to speak had been rescinded.

"An Unfinished Life" is about a woman who tries to make amends with a bitter Wyoming rancher after causing a car accident that killed his son and her husband.

Spragg theorized that his book was considered an affront to conservative Mormons.

"You don't ask someone to dance, then say 'You're too unsightly,' when they stand up from the table," he said.

Cooper said he overturned a decision by the committee that chose the book.

"It is not a censorship issue," said Cooper, who instead wanted a book that would be a "little fresher."

"The Life of Pi" will be the club's next selection.

"An Unfinished Life" still is available to county library patrons. The county branches are separate from the Salt Lake City system.

"This is such a black mark on our city," said Betsy Burton, owner of The King's English bookstore in Salt Lake City.

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**Former sheriff under cloud quits**

A former Beaver County sheriff hired to supervise jail inmates on community projects because he needed health insurance has resigned.

Ken Yardley, who didn't seek re-election in 2006, is being investigated by the FBI for using inmates to work on his house in 2000.

Looking for a new job, Yardley was hired by new Sheriff Cameron Noel at \$13 an hour to accompany inmates while they pick up litter, build baseball fields and maintain parks. The job was reported this week by news media.

"He was down and I tried to help him out," Noel said. "Unfortunately, it didn't work out."

Yardley did not immediately return a phone message Friday.

AP

**Bomb-sniffing robots going to serve in Iraq**

**United States Armed Forces to deploy high-tech equipment**

**BY JAMES HANNAH**  
Associated Press Writer

**DAYTON, Ohio** As it increases its use of robots in war zones, the military will begin using an explosive-sniffing version that will allow soldiers to better detect roadside bombs, which account for more than 70 percent of U.S. casualties in Iraq.

Fido is the first robot with an integrated explosives sensor. Burlington, Mass.-based iRobot Corp. is filling the military's first order of 100 in this southwest Ohio city and will ship the robots over the next few months.

There are nearly 5,000 robots in Iraq and Afghanistan, up from about 150 in 2004. Soldiers use them to search caves and buildings for insurgents, detect mines and ferret out roadside and car bombs.

As the war in Iraq enters its fifth year, the federal government is spending more money on military robots and the two major U.S. robot makers have increased production.

Foster-Miller Inc., of Waltham, Mass., recently delivered 1,000 new robots to the military. IRobot cranked out 385 robots last year, up from 252 in 2005.

The government will spend about \$1.7 billion on ground-based military robots between fiscal 2006 and 2012, said Bill Thomasmeyer, head of the National Center for Defense Robotics, a congressionally funded consortium of 160 companies, universities and government labs. That's up from \$100 million in fiscal 2004.

Fido, produced at a GEM City Manufacturing and Engineering plant, represents an improvement in bomb-detecting military robots, said Col. Terry Griffin, project manager of the Army/Marine Corps Robotic Systems Joint Project Office at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

The bomb-sniffing sensor is part of the robot, with its readings displayed on the controller along with camera images. Otherwise, a soldier would have to approach the suspect object with a sensor or try to attach it to a robot.

The new robot has a 7-foot manipulator arm so it can use the sensor to scan the inside and undercarriage of vehicles for bombs.

Officials would not release details of how the sensors work because of security concerns.

"The sniffer robot is a very good idea because we need some way of understanding ambiguous situations like abandoned cars or suspicious trash piles without putting soldiers' lives on the line," said Loren Thompson, defense analyst with the Washington-based Lexington Institute.



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## DP INVESTIGATION

# Scoring a 6-pack six months early takes persistence

**BY IRENE MANAHAN**

Special to the Daily Press

**SANTA MONICA** — I traveled far and wide to score this 6-pack of Pyramid Hefeweizen that my colleagues are enjoying. Unfortunately, I'm too young to drink it.

Down Montana Avenue, up Pico Boulevard, back toward Main Street, twice up Lincoln Boulevard ... liquor stores dot the city. At 20, I'm just six months shy of a life of gambling, booze and whatever else you 21-and-over folk are into.

But on Thursday, I was on a mission to score some hooch, as well as put the stores to the test — and oh baby, I was all over this assignment.

It was a nice, warm day, and I was feeling risky. "There has got to be at least one liquor store in Santa Monica that will sell me alcohol," I thought.

I decided I'd try for a six-pack of beer. Hard liquor? Too obvious. Wine? They'd never believe me. I'll wear my old cap with oversized sunglasses. "Yeah, that's cool," I thought. And I was off.

Some of my first stops were on Montana Avenue. I knew I'd seen a few liquor stores in these parts.

Eureka!

I stepped out my car, ever so smoothly, walked in and browsed the shelves. I must have looked like a liquor connoisseur. I grabbed a six-pack of White Stripe.

The man at the counter was probably 45 years old. I suddenly got nervous. Before walking up, I stopped at the magazine rack.

Nice, I thought. Like that wasn't totally obvious! Ugh, this was going to be harder than I thought.

"May I please see your I.D.?" he asked as he rang up the lager.

I reached into my purse. I pulled out my wallet and rummaged through credit cards and receipts.

"I can't seem to find it," I told him, still trying to play it cool.

He waited. He already had it bagged. The line behind me began to grow.

"I'm so sorry, I must have left it somewhere," I said. "I don't have it."

I stared at him sweetly. He looked upset and canceled the order.

"No license, no liquor."

Next.

## SKIP THE MAGAZINE RACK

What was the problem? I sat in my car contemplating. Next time: Don't obviously freak out before getting to the counter!

Next up, Pico Boulevard. It was right by

Santa Monica College, so I didn't know if this would fly. After all, it was only noon.

I walked in and greeted the cashier upon entering. To the beers!

This clerk was maybe 50-years-young.

"Take your time," he offered as he watched me frantically scramble through my purse.

I confidently tried to persuade him that I could just tell him my birthdate: "September 19, 1985 - 5 -5!" I repeated in my head. I'm 21 now and turning 22 this year.

**WE 21-AND-UNDER'S ALL  
HAVE GIMMICKS, AND MY  
GUESS IS THAT ONE OF  
THEM JUST MIGHT WORK.**

Denied again.

Head low, I walked back to my car. Then it hit me — I look like a baby! I grabbed my make-up bag — foundation, blush, bronzer, mascara and, finally, a lick of gloss.

I thought about the hot pink T-shirt I was wearing, a little too cute. I took it off revealing an almost see-through white long-sleeved blouse. I felt like now I was on to something. A final mirror check.

"Oh yeah, that's a 21-year-old!" I thought. I blew myself kiss.

I drove to Main Street. They say sex sells. So maybe if I play sexy, this guy will sell me a sixer, I thought.

I strolled in confidently.

"Need help?" asked a young stock boy.

"No thanks. I know what I'm looking for," I replied with a wink.

I approached the counter, puckering my lips and pulling my shirt down.

A woman.

This was almost hopeless.

My adventures were long and often embarrassing. I spent three hours lying to 10 liquor stores without giving up, but the story doesn't end there. At some point amid my quest, er investigation, I happened to score.

I hit up Lincoln Boulevard.

Sheer white long-sleeves, same dark jeans, the old hat and brown sunglasses. I inconspicuously placed an icy six-pack of Pyramid Hefeweizen on the counter and waited for the inevitable rejection.

"\$8.49," said the 20-something man behind the counter.

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**A QUEST TO QUENCH:** As one intrepid underage reporter discovered, persistence pays off in the pursuit of purchasing alcohol. Still, most Santa Monica liquor stores weren't having it.

Ka-ching!

I forced a smile and reached into my purse. He's young, I thought.

"I.D.?" he asked.

"Of course," I replied as flirtatiously as possible for uttering but two words.

He was kind. He made small talk as I pretended to forage through my purse.

He waited.

I batted my eyelashes.

"I know it's here somewhere. I'm so sorry for holding up your line," I said.

Could this actually work? I wondered when I heard those beautiful words of approval.

"No problem, sweetheart," the clerk said as he bagged my beers. "I trust you."

I tried not to look too excited, but I wanted to scream!

I took the bag and practically danced out to my car. I popped the trunk and sat down. Yes!!

One out of 10, I thought. One out of 10!

It wasn't as easy as it seemed. Asking "I.D.?" is probably innate for these cashiers by now. Doesn't matter what you have on or how hard you flirt. As it turns out, most liquor stores in the city will turn you down without proper identification.

But don't be too discouraged. We 21-and-under's all have gimmicks, and my guess is that one of them just might work.

If you opted to have a lazy Thursday, you may have seen me: Hot pink T-shirt over a sheer whiteblouse and a pair of dark wash jeans cruising around in a baby blue Beetle, a six-pack of Hefeweizen in the trunk.

You may have considered the inconspicuous retro Edy's hat and superstar sunglasses to be overkill, but call it what you want. It worked, and my three-hour beer run was well worth the hard-earned, cold bottles of suds — at least to these guys in the newsroom.

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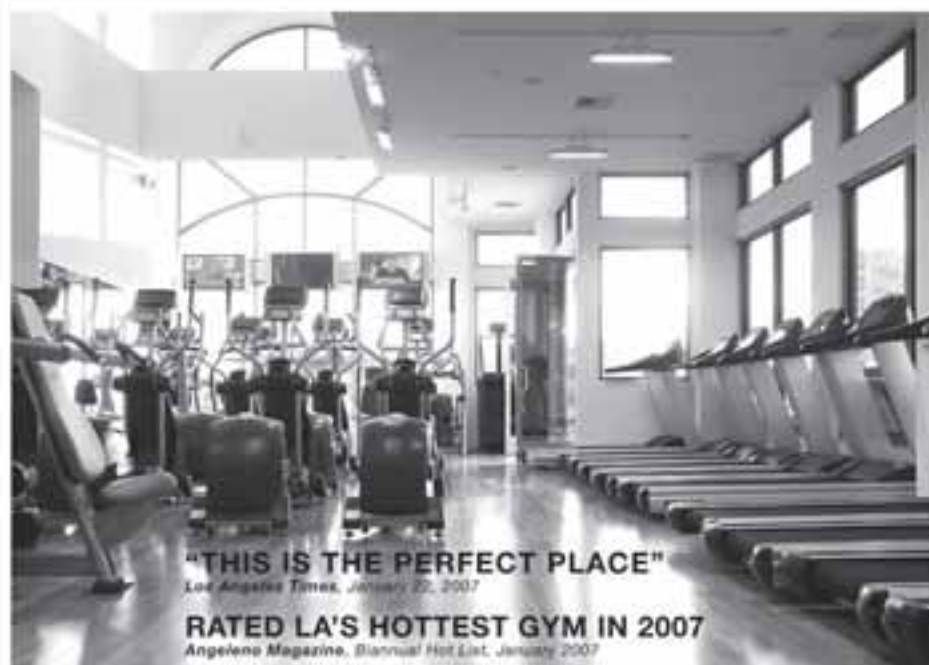
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# First day of April is typically Fool's gold

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linked to the seasonal cycle.

In England, an ancient legend states that April Fool's commemorates the fruitless mission of the Rook (or European Crow) which was sent out in search of land from Noah's flood-encircled ark, according to the Museum of Hoaxes, which lists the top 100 April Fool's jokes of all time. The number one prank on their list is the Swiss Spaghetti harvest of 1957, in which the BBC said Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop, and showed footage of peasants pulling down strings of pasta from trees.

It is generally accepted that the All Fool's Day tradition began in France during the

Sixteenth Century, when the beginning of the New Year was observed on April 1 and was celebrated in much the same way as New Year is today with parties and dancing late into the night.

At that time, the festivities ran for a week, beginning on March 25, and included the exchanging of gifts. In 1582, however, during the reign of King Charles IX, Pope Gregory introduced a revised calendar for the Christian world wherein the New Year fell on January 1. Since it took some time, possibly even years, for many people to even hear word of the change (communications being what they were in the Sixteenth Century) and since others refused to accept such reform or simply forgot, New Year's Day continued to be cele-

brated on the first day of April in many areas.

Individuals who had accepted the dates of the new calendar played tricks on those who had not and referred to the unfortunate victims of such pranks as "April Fools," sending them on a "fool's errand," such as sending an invitation to a non-existent party, or attempting to make them believe that something which was true was actually false. Over time, this practice evolved into an annual tradition of April 1.

Not everyone enjoys the pranks, particularly those who are targeted.

"[My friend] put some kind of strawberry syrup on me. I hated that," said John Cunningham, who dislikes April Fools and said as a kid he was the victim of many

pranks but refused to retaliate.

Mathew Sheets is the complete opposite. He loves to catch people off guard, especially his parents.

"He put clear tape on the faucet so when you turned it on, water goes everywhere, and my son's in the other room cracking up," said Mathew's mother, Nicole Sheets.

Sheets said he stays prepared just in case people try to retaliate, but so far, they haven't.

"I do the same stuff back to him, but it doesn't work," said Mathew's sister, Elene Sheets. "It ends up getting us."

Perhaps certain people are just meant to be fools.

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# Pico Youth & Family Center officials hope to raise \$35,000

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one who began as an up and coming rapper. She will also touch on a new program she started to help prisoners at San Quentin State Prison heal various emotional wounds through a hip hop heavy curriculum.

The early portion of the event will feature workshops and panel discussions covering topics including women's role in hip hop, using hip hop as a means to teach non-violence, and hip hop as a form of expression for low-income communities.

Musical acts take over from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. with performances by Aceyalone, Medusa and the legendary KRS-One.

Deejays, break dancers and spray can muralists will also be featured during the show.

The summit is expected to draw between 1,500 to 2,000 people during the course of the 10-hour event. The goal is to raise \$35,000 for the PYFC to make up for an expected deficit during the coming fiscal year due to anticipated cuts in funding.

The Hip Hop Unity Summit is a collaborative effort of the PYFC and several local organizations and individuals including SPA 5, a local public health agency.

"The idea of the unity summit is to bring everyone together to the table... to create peace," said Ileana Abreau, community organizer for SPA 5.

The past few years in Santa Monica have

seen at least two youths fall prey to gang violence. There has also been considerable racial tensions between Latino and African-American students at Santa Monica High School recently.

There is a desire among city officials to keep the problems of violence and inequality "hush hush" and under the radar, Abreau said. That is why events like the Hip Hop Unity Summit are so important.

"The city has a great image and a lot of beauty. There's no denying that," she said. "But there is inequality and there is poverty and there is prejudice and that is difficult for any city to address and in keeping with the good image that Santa Monica has, and rightfully so, they don't always look for this dialogue."

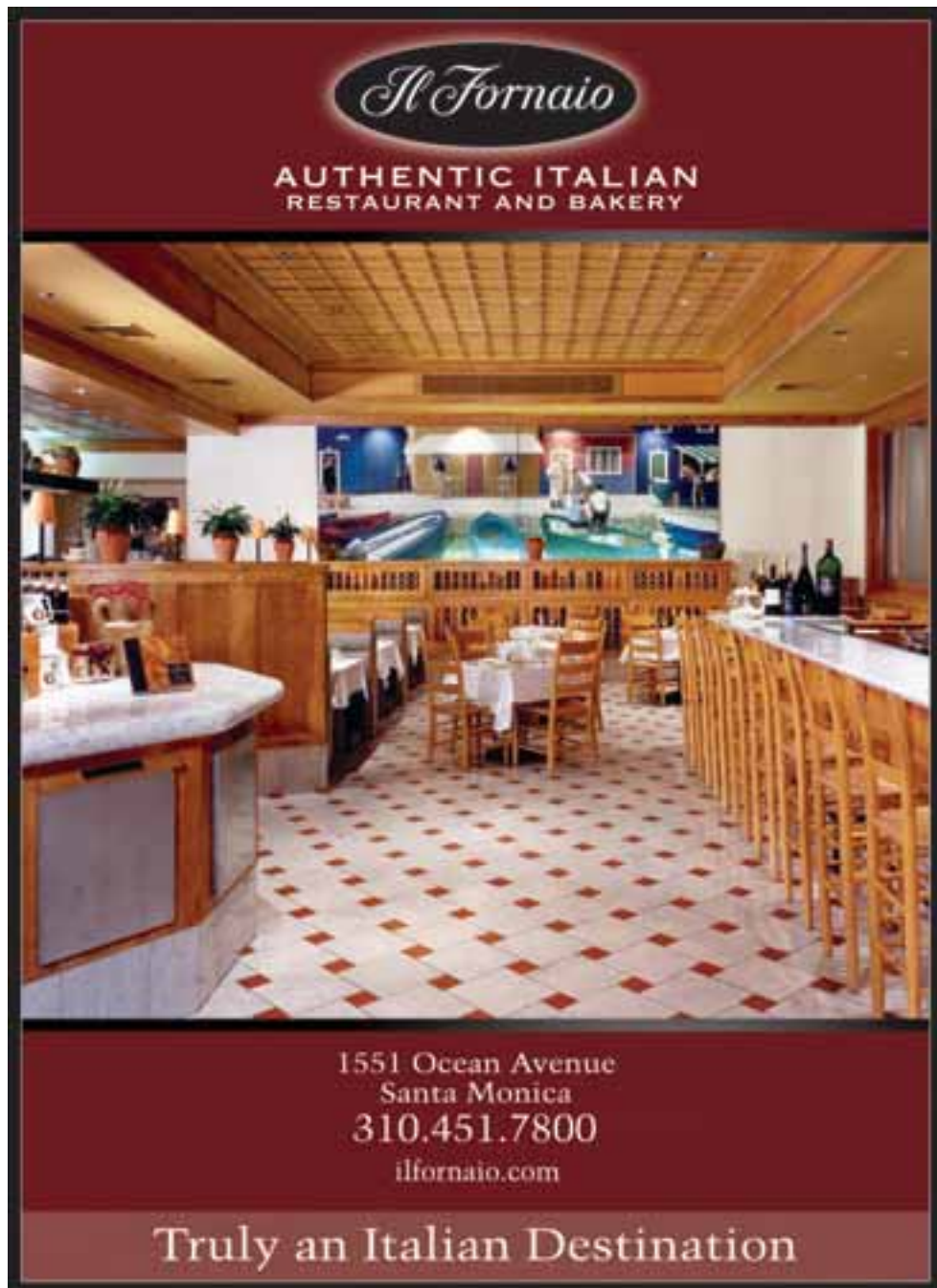
As a youth growing up in Santa Monica, de la Torre remembers when hip hop first emerged in the late 1970s and early 1980s when he saw kids break dancing in New York City. Hip hop fever quickly spread among the youth in Santa Monica.

"We got caught with that," he said. "All of a sudden there was an alternative to gangs. You can be cool being a B-Boy instead of being a cholo or a gangster."

"That positive alternative is what has been lost," he said.

For more information, visit the event's MySpace page at [myspace.com/onenation-hiphopsommit](http://myspace.com/onenation-hiphopsommit).

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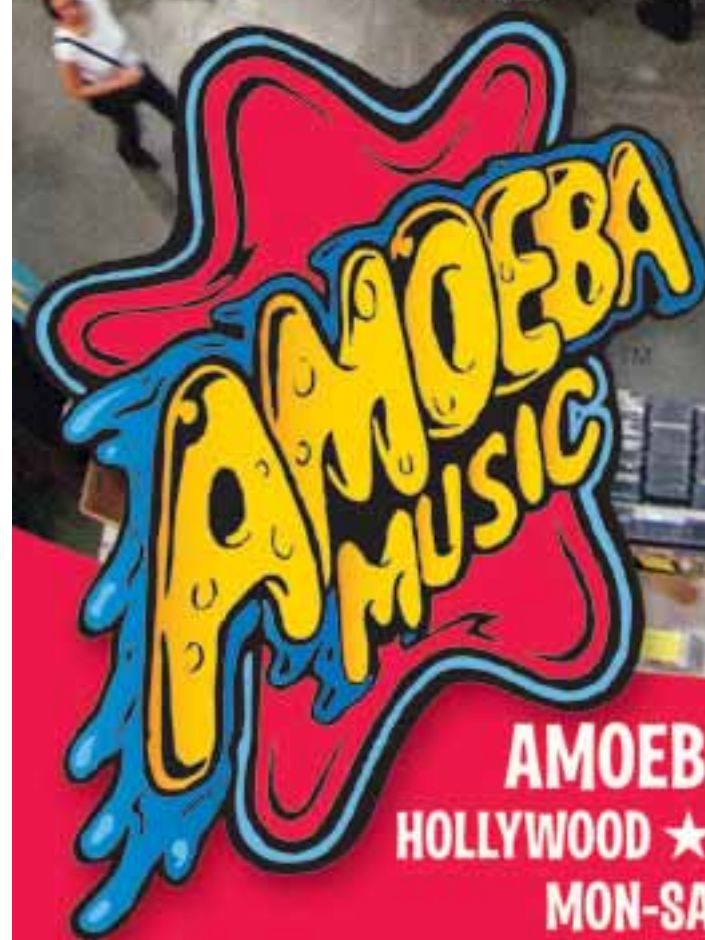


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# Runners with a cause get set

## Relay for Life kick-off to be staged today at Santa Monica Place

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN SM** Everyone has a cancer story.

It was four years ago when Summer Lee Smith was working in the auditing department for accounting firm KPMG when she learned about an opportunity to join a relay team competing in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life charity event in Santa Monica. It was in that first year as a team member that the former Santa Monican lost her mother to cancer.

It was one of the reasons she became more involved.

Today, Smith still works at KPMG, and even though she has moved to Pasadena, she is still involved with the Santa Monica Relay for Life event, co-chairing the planning committee and helping raise awareness for the biggest fundraising event that the American Cancer Society engages in.

This afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Santa Monica Relay for Life will kick off its 2007 event, inviting the public to visit an informational party at the former Eddie Bauer space on the first floor of Santa Monica Place. The purpose of the event is to get the word out about the fundraising event, which will take place over a 24-hour period at John Adams Middle School from July 28 to 29.

The American Cancer Society hosts 57 different Relays for Life in Los Angeles County alone and 286 in California. There are events going on every weekend, year round.

More than 500 people participated in the Santa Monica event last year. The relay takes place throughout the day, starting at 9 a.m., with at least one person from each team on the track at all times during the 24 hours the event takes place.

"There is one person on each team on the track because cancer never sleeps and so it's representative of what a cancer patient goes through," said Anita Dominguez, community development manager for the American Cancer Society.

Each lap is dedicated, with the first lap dedicated to the survivors, the second lap to the caregivers and so on.

All proceeds will go towards services and educational programs sponsored by the

American Cancer Society.

For the past two years, Venice-based artist Kathy Leonardo has been singing her heart out with her trusty guitar during the event, trying to raise the spirits of participants. Her mother had breast cancer and her aunt died from skin cancer.

"It's a great cause and I think people need to get involved to generate funds to find a cure," she said.

This year, Leonardo will be more involved with the event, volunteering to do publicity and participating on a team with her actor and performer friends.

"I can give a lot more than I did before, which is just showing up and singing a song," she said.

Many volunteers and participants learn about the event through word of mouth from their friends and family members, which was the case for Tina Lynch who found out about Relay for Life recently through her good friend, Leonardo.

The native New Yorker had precancer in the cervix and had it removed twice — in 2000 and again about six weeks ago. Luckily, the cancer did not advance in either instances.

Unfortunately, her aunt died from Lymphoma.

As a volunteer, Lynch is involved in outreach, encouraging cancer survivors to participate in the Relay for Life.

Working in the Mobile Mammography unit in Santa Monica, Claudia Soto Miller sees first hand just how many people cancer affects.

"We have such a high volume of people with cancer," she said.

The Bell Gardens resident experienced her own scare after a doctor discovered a tumor on top of her salivary gland. She was told that she could be paralyzed in the face, but luckily she survived a surgery last year unscathed.

Entering her second year as a volunteer for the Relay for Life, Miller remembers the story of how Relay for Life was started after a doctor walked in memory of his family members for 24 hours straight. It's an event that is successful not just because of its participants, but because of the dedication of volunteers, she said.

"If one person can make a difference, then a whole bunch of can make a bigger difference," she said.

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## CHANCES OF SNOW WERE UNLIKELY

A Santa Monica firefighter sprays foam into a palm tree at the northwest corner of the city on Friday. The tree ignited after a Yellow Cab's mini-van combusted into flames at the intersection of Adelaide Drive and Ocean Avenue.

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**UNWELCOME VISITORS:** Police are reminding residents north of Montana Avenue to keep vigilant and keep their windows and doors locked, as most of the recent rash of burglaries occurred thanks to unlocked homes.

# Burglars striking amid the daylight

FROM BURGLAR PAGE 1

numbers so that they can better communicate with one another.

The newsletter says there have been burglaries on 22nd Street, 21st Place, 21st Street and 12th Street. The dates of the burglaries were not listed.

**SOME RESIDENTS DON'T WANT TO CALL BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BOTHER THE POLICE, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR."**

SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla  
Santa Monica

"Let's remain good neighbors and look out for each other," the flier states. "Please report suspicious behavior and keep in touch with your neighbors ... Let us all do our part for each other and stop these creeps before they strike again. Get involved."

Police Chief Timothy Jackman met with

the North of Montana Neighborhood Association in early March to discuss the burglaries. Police reminded residents to keep doors and windows locked, as the burglars are very efficient. Residents were also told to set alarms if they have them and report anything out of the ordinary, no matter how small, to the police.

"Some residents don't want to call because they don't want to bother the police, but that's what we're here for," SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla said.

While one burglary is one too many, Padilla said nine in a three-month stretch is not a considerable amount. He did say the close proximity of some of the burglaries did however raise some eyebrows.

Sunset Park has also had its fair share of burglaries in the last few months. According to the SMPD, there have been at least 10 break-ins there in 2007. Many were done in the same manner as the burglaries north of Montana Avenue.

Officers have little to go on other than a few descriptions provided by residents. The suspects are said to be two black males in their 20s driving a late model, dark green Pontiac Grand Am. Residents have also talked about the high number of construction works in the area.

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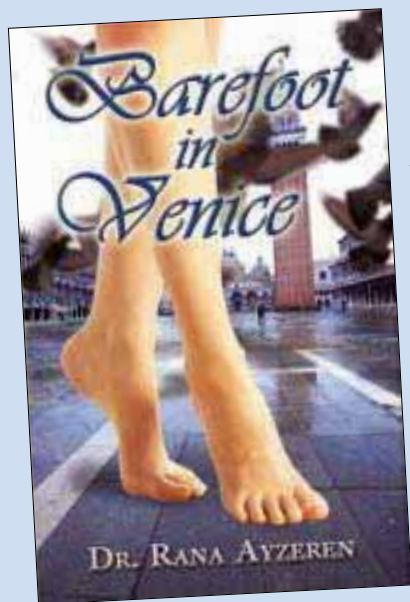
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**SOME WALK IN THE PARK:** This shot of the brush fire in the Hollywood Hills was captured Friday by a Daily Press reader as he was hiking the Backbone Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains.

# Brush fire erupts in Hollywood Hills

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** Firefighters were working to contain a fast-moving brush fire Friday that sent smoke seeping into the Warner Bros. studios and towering high in the sky behind the famous Hollywood sign.

The 24-acre blaze started near a corporate housing complex east of Universal City, south of the Warner Bros. studios complex in Burbank.

"The studio is fairly filled with smoke at the moment," said Scott Rowe, vice president of corporate communications for Warner Bros. Entertainment. "It's at our back door. I think a couple of our entrances have been closed at this point

and we're operating normally but that could change any minute."

Some 150 firefighters with five helicopters battled the flames, which covered less than a square mile, Fire Department spokesman Ron Myers said. There were no reports of structural damage, he said.

The region had an extremely dry winter with little rainfall, leaving much of the area parched.

"I don't know the exact last date we've seen a fire in this particular area but the hills are prone to fires throughout the year," Myers said. "This is just a little bit earlier than what we normally see."

The Hollywood Hills bisect Los Angeles, forming the southern side of the San Fernando Valley.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

# Collison steps it up

BY JOHN NADEL  
AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES** UCLA fans were in mourning last June when Jordan Farmar, the Bruins' outstanding point guard, passed up his final two years of eligibility to turn professional.

With the emergence of Darren Collison, memories of Farmar, who's mostly sitting and watching as a rookie with the Los Angeles Lakers, have faded.

"Jordan was very good. Darren has some natural athleticism, some natural quickness, that allows him to do some things for our team that we couldn't do last year," said UCLA coach Ben Howland. "Because of that, our team has really flourished."

Collison has been especially effective in UCLA's march to the Final Four, averaging 13.8 points and doing an exceptional job of hawking the opposition's backcourt players in four NCAA tournament games.

UCLA leads with its defense — one of the nation's best — and Collison is an extremely important ingredient in that regard.

"Darren's probably a better on-ball defender than Jordan," Howland said.

Collison played in all 39 games for the

Bruins last year, averaging 5.5 points, 2.3 assists and 0.9 steals. The 6-foot-1 sophomore from Rancho Cucamonga averaged 12.8 points, 5.7 assists and 2.3 steals this season.

"Last year, I was providing energy off the bench, and I did absolutely what it took to help the team win, in whatever aspect," Collison said. "This year, I have a much bigger responsibility and a much bigger role."

"I've got to be more mature in how to approach situations. I am an extension of the coach. That's a big leadership role. I've got to make sure everybody's doing their job."

Collison and the Bruins reached the NCAA championship game last spring, losing 73-57 to Florida. The teams meet again Saturday in the national semifinals.

"They came in for a reason. We came there just to be there," Collison recalled of last year's title game. "This year's a whole new ballgame, and the good thing about it is that we can learn from our mistakes and hopefully be successful."

Unlike the Gators (33-5), who return their entire starting lineup, UCLA (30-5) lost three starters from last year's team.

FOOTBALL

# Kiffin stresses new beginning

BY JOSH DUBOW  
AP Sports Writer

**ALAMEDA** When Lane Kiffin took over as Oakland Raiders' head coach, one of the first things he told his new players was that he didn't want to dwell on what went wrong last season.

For the players who suffered through a 2-14 campaign that led to the Raiders being the butt of jokes on late-night comedy shows and coach Art Shell being fired, that was a welcome tact.

"That's exactly what I wanted to hear," offensive tackle Robert Gallery said. "He said it before I even had to. I didn't want to have to talk about it. It's over, we're on to new things."

That was especially true for Gallery and the offense, which had one of the worst seasons in league history. The Raiders scored just 168 points — fifth fewest in a 16-game season — had 12 offensive touchdowns, allowed a league-worst 72 sacks and failed to score a TD in their final three games.

Gallery, the No. 2 overall pick in 2004, looked lost at times as he moved from right to left tackle. He said he feels much more comfortable under new assistant Tom Cable's direction than he did under the inexperienced Jackie Slater.

"The system didn't fit the offensive linemen that you had," said new fullback Justin Griffith, who played for the Falcons last season when Cable was the offensive line coach. "I think it was more the system than it was the players."

There is plenty of excitement in Oakland about the regime and a new start as the team tries to rebound from four straight losing seasons.

But this is the time of year for optimism for all teams with new coaches, when everyone hopes the change will lead to success and no one has lost a game yet.

"Right now everybody is happy, the sun is out, everything is good," cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha said. "But when adversity hits you never know what you are going to get. Like always, I can't predict the future."

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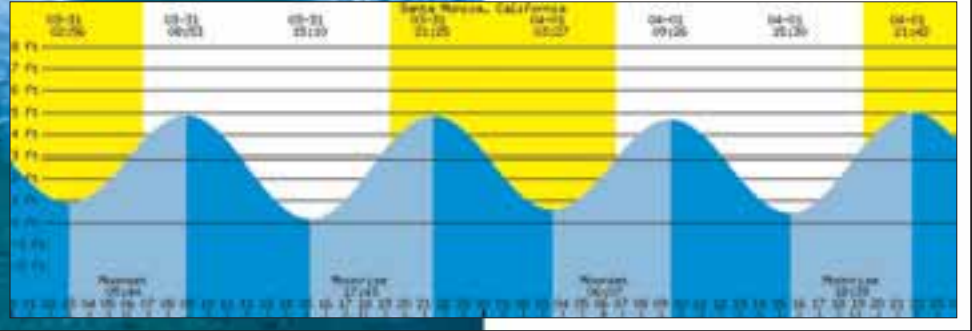
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**QUICK STATS**  
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3  
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0  
Number of wet days -- 0  
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / ns  
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / ns

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| LOCATION                                                             | DRY | WET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth                     | A+  | ns  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A   | ns  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks        | A+  | ns  |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach                             | A+  | ns  |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth                                   | A   | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | ns  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)                   | A   | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | D   | ns  |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach                  | A+  | ns  |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A   | ns  |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach                          | B   | ns  |
| Puero State Beach at creek mouth                                     | A+  | ns  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.         | F   | ns  |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence                               | A+  | ns  |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily                             | F   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | F   | ns  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | F   | ns  |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | A   | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs                                   | C   | ns  |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach                                 | A   | ns  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                          | A+  | ns  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | A   | ns  |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+  | ns  |

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

**ns** -- no sample taken

| LOCATION                                                          | DRY | WET |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence      | A   | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain               | A   | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain                  | B   | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua) | F   | ns  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain                          | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain                        | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier                                       | F   | ns  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain                     | A   | ns  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)      | A+  | ns  |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain                            | A   | ns  |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain                   | A   | ns  |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A+  | ns  |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | A   | ns  |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A+  | ns  |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.                           | A+  | ns  |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower                   | A   | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | A   | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain                      | A+  | ns  |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach           | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)          | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant               | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain                        | A+  | ns  |

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# Entertain at home, Gemini

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 easy pace will be challenged, though you don't have to change what you are doing. Remember, this is your Saturday too. Someone might inspire you with a different idea or way of handling a personal matter. Tonight: Easy does it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★★ Express your playfulness. Be direct in how you deal with those you love. Add that personal touch. A close associate or friend might do something very different. You might need to do some reevaluating. Tonight: Let your hair down.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ You come from a basic, centered place. Others often take a different path. You need to understand what is happening among family and friends, like it or not. Visualize more of what you want and then go to it. Tonight: Entertain at home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You might be tempted to tell it like it is. Your ability to choose the right words could make a big difference in the outcome. Emphasize the importance of a friendship. Get together for lunch or a meal. Tonight: Catch up on news.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Intensity is the name of the game. You might want to try something different or head in a new direction. You might be delighted by what heads down your path. Be open to possibilities, though they might cost you a bit. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★★ You are all smiles as you change your direction and choices. How you live your life and the decisions you make could transform as the result of a discussion. Let your imagination loose, even if an adjustment might be necessary. Tonight: Act spontaneously.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★ Take your time listening and creating more of what you want. Assume a low profile and be willing to take a stand or do something very different. Carefully consider your options involving a special person. Tonight: Ever so happy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★★ Focus on your friends. Certainly decide not to forge a path alone, but with others. Someone in your immediate environment wants your time and attention. Make it your pleasure. You will love the interaction and fun. Tonight: Where the party is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ Others look to you for answers. Your creativity and high energy draw many different results. Take charge and help someone through a problem. Perhaps you feel too many responsibilities are dropping on you. Tonight: A must show.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★★ Read between events and actions. You'll take off before you know it and go in a new direction. You pave a new path and do something very different. Tonight: Try exotic. Try different.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★★ Work with one person. You might see life with renewed vigor because of a special person. If you take this attitude or information into your home life, you will see a big difference. You will have more to smile about. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★★ Others come to the rescue. How you feel about a situation could change radically. Opportunities earmark your daily travels. Go on – go with one or two of the invitations. You deserve to have a good time. Tonight: Say “yes.”

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# Divorce is final

## Britney and K-Fed reach settlement, says lawyer

**BRITNEY SPEARS AND KEVIN FEDERLINE** reached a settlement in their divorce Thursday, a spokesman for Federline's attorney said.

After a five-hour meeting with their attorneys present, Spears and Federline signed "a global settlement on all issues of their marriage," said Michael

Sands, a spokesman for Federline's attorney Mark Vincent Kaplan.

Sands declined to elaborate on terms of the settlement, saying only that it covers child custody and financial matters.

Spears' attorney, Laura Wasser, declined to comment.

The settlement came more than a week after Spears checked out of a luxurious rehab center. During her nearly one-month stay at Promises Malibu Alcohol and Drug Rehab Treatment Facility, Spears and Federline were under a temporary agree-

ment that gave them joint custody of their two young sons.

When Spears filed for divorce on Nov. 7, the pop star cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for ending her two-year marriage to Federline. She sought custody of the

children, with visitation rights for Federline.

Federline counter-filed court papers the following day seeking sole custody of their boys - 6-month-old Jayden James and 18-month-old Sean Preston - and for spousal support.

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### CLOONEY DENIES RUMORS

**GEORGE CLOONEY** personally responded Thursday to rumors circulated by two gossip Web sites.

The Oscar winner sent a note to Radaronline.com and Defamer.com. Both sites hinted this week that Clooney was responsible for releasing outtakes from the movie "I (Heart) Huckabees" that show director David O. Russell yelling at actress Lily Tomlin.

The sites noted that Clooney, who had a well-publicized fight with Russell on the set of the film "Three Kings," is currently working with sound mixer Ed Tise, who also worked on "Huckabees."

"Contrary to popular opinion, neither the sound man, Ed Tise, nor yours truly sent in the David O. Russell tape," Clooney wrote in the note released by his publicist, Stan Rosenfield.

"I saw it when we were working on 'Ocean's 12,' and there have been quite a few copies traveling around town for the last couple of years. Any rumor that either of us put it on the Internet is simply false. And I'd offer a million bucks to anyone who can prove otherwise."

AP

## Mosley's ex-wife sues for her share

**WALTER MOSLEY**, author of "Devil in a Blue Dress," is being sued by his ex-wife for money she says he agreed to pay out of income from several of his books.

Joy Kellman says in court papers that Mosley owes her at least \$500,000, plus interest, from earnings on 11 books as provided by their divorce agreement. Some

of the books were published after their divorce.

The two were married from Sept. 5, 1987, until June 19, 2001, and had no children.

Mosley, whose "Devil in a Blue Dress" was made into a movie starring Denzel Washington in 1995, is author of a crime series featuring private detective Easy Rawlins and sidekick Mouse. These and a few

other books are the subject of Kellman's lawsuit.

Mosley's attorney, Kenneth Burrows, said he had no comment on the lawsuit.

Kellman's court papers, filed Wednesday in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, say Mosley failed to pay her 25 percent share of income from new editions or movie and TV versions of the books and from new for-

mats such as audio books.

Mosley also did not provide tax returns, royalty statements and other documentation about his income from 2001 through 2004, as required in the divorce agreement, until 2006, her court papers say, and much of the required information is still missing.

Kellman's lawyer, Karen Shatzkin, declined to comment.

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## Jessica Simpson makes surprise visit

**JESSICA SIMPSON** has donated a new minivan to an orphanage in this border city.

Dozens of cheering children greeted the singer and actress Sunday as she arrived at the Elim orphanage in Nuevo Laredo, just across the border from Laredo, Texas, in a white 2007 Chrysler minivan that she had won at the MTV

Video Music Awards.

Simpson, accompanied by her mother and father, who is also her manager, gave the keys to Guadalupe Carmona, the orphanage's founder and director. She stayed for about 40 minutes, posing for photos with the children and signing autographs.

"We're really happy," said Carmona, known as Mama

Lupita. "This is the second time she has visited us."

Last fall, Simpson won a Chrysler Crossfire sports car at the MTV awards, but exchanged the \$50,000 luxury car for a minivan so she could help the orphanage, Carmona said.

Simpson first visited the orphanage in 1996 and last month announced she would donate a car,

Carmona said. But few expected Simpson to deliver it in person.

Simpson, whose songs include "I Wanna Love You Forever" and "Irresistible," also has appeared in the MTV reality show "Newlyweds" with now-ex husband Nick Lachey and in the movie "The Dukes of Hazzard."

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## Song bird Rihanna releasing new single

Some singers take two-year breaks between albums. **RIHANNA** is working on her third disc, just two years after releasing her first. "It's a nonstop pace, very speedily, and Def Jam does not play, that's all I can tell you," she joked of her record label in an interview with

The Associated Press. "We just keep going and going it's fun, we make sure that we have fun while we do it."

The hits are likely to keep coming and coming for the 19-year-old Barbados beauty, who has had success with "S.O.S.," "Unfaithful" and "Break It

Off." Her new single, "Umbrella," was due out Thursday, the first song from her upcoming, not-yet-titled album, set for release June 5.

"It shows such growth for her as an artist," Def Jam President Shawn Carter, better known as Jay-Z, told the AP. "If you

listen to the lyrics to that song, you know the depth and how far she's come."

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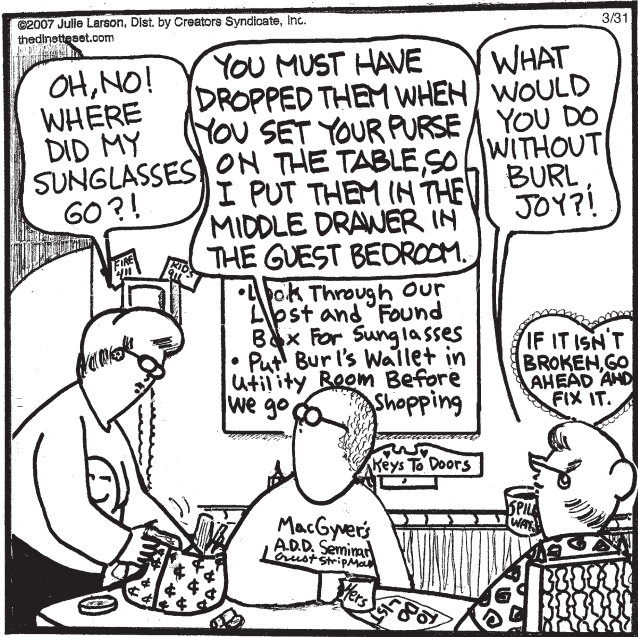
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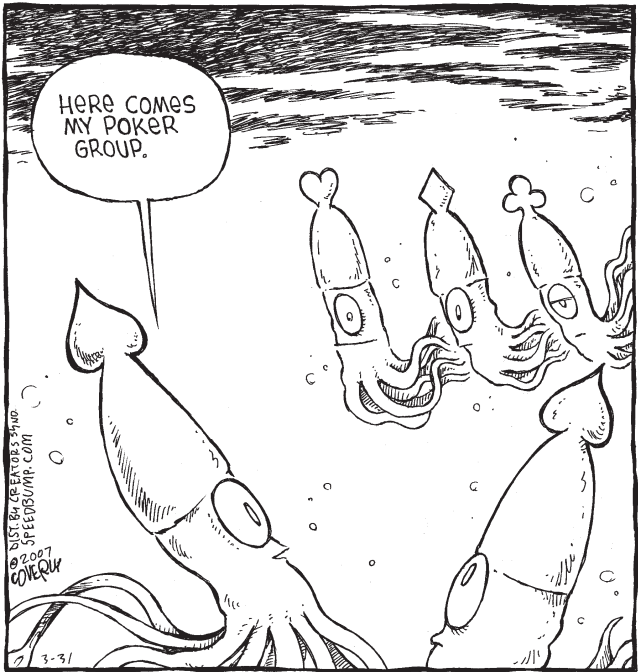
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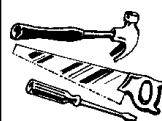
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