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## Goin' clubbin'



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press  
Santa Monica College held club row Thursday, highlighting the school's numerous and varied clubs. The event featured much food and dancing.

## Cameras approved for L.A. beaches

By staff and wire reports

A surveillance camera will soon be peering down on some Santa Monica beachgoers.

Los Angeles Supervisors on Tuesday approved the installation of a network of 27 video cameras and meteorological instruments along the county's coastline — one of which may be at the end of the Santa Monica Pier.

Chief lifeguard Mike Frazer said cameras most likely will be installed at the end of the pier, Topanga, Venice and Marina del Ray, among other beaches along the 72-mile coastline.

The cameras will be strategically placed on public beaches, but also within range of private homes, boats and restrooms, as well as other places where the public has a reasonable expectation of privacy. When they are installed, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will identify those areas and mask them from the camera's view.

The \$800,000 system will be used by life-

guards to document crowds, weather conditions, rescues and pollution.

Still photos from the video images will be available online.

A federal grant and county funds will pay for the system. Most of the video cameras will be installed at secluded beaches where lifeguards patrol infrequently.

Signs posted on the beach will read: "For your protection, this area is under remote video surveillance."

The county fire department, which has jurisdiction over lifeguards, assured the supervisors concerned about privacy that none of the pictures distributed on the Web will be clear enough for viewers to make out faces, much less gender.

"The ability to zoom will pretty much be disabled," Frazer said. "You will be able to tell it's a person, but you won't be able to tell whether it's a male or female."

Cameras will be able to use wide angle, telephoto, pan, and tilting shots.

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## State Assembly passes \$2 billion housing bond

*Group joins initiative to organize tenants and support renter-friendly bills*

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — The state Assembly voted Thursday to put a \$2.1 billion housing bond on the Nov. 5 ballot, with the Senate expected to follow suit next week.

The bond steers nearly \$1 billion to build low-income apartments and \$200 million for farm-worker housing in a state desperately short on places to live. The Democrat-dominated Assembly voted 50-24, reaching a two-thirds majority needed to send the

question to voters.

Most Republicans voted against the bond, calling it too much debt during a budget crisis and economic slowdown.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, who trimmed millions of dollars from state housing programs to close the state's budget gap, is leaning toward support, said Davis spokesman Russell Lopez.

Meanwhile, renters also rallied across the state Thursday, supporting the bill and demanding more protection for 4.9 million rental households. Noon rallies in the state's largest cities demanded 60-day eviction notices and other protections for 14 million Californians who rent.

"Our goal is to level the playing field, to let tenants get their housing repaired without fear of being evicted," said John Eller, San Francisco-

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## Pier's Henna stand not okay with city hall

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite being banned throughout the city, a henna tattoo stand has been operating on the Santa Monica Pier for the past month.

But no more.

City officials shut down the Henna operation, which was being run by the amusement park on the pier, this week at the Wednesday meeting of the Pier Restoration Corporation.

Pacific Park's lease with the city specifies what the amusement park can and cannot do, a city official said.

"It's not specifically mentioned in the lease that they can do this," said Mark Richter, a city official in the Economic Development Department. "And the lease is structured to say what they can do and it says nothing about tattoos."

Officials at the amusement park said they have been running a Henna booth during the weekends and had set up a special stand during Spring Break. They hoped to also operate two temporary tattoo booths during the summer.

A spokesman for Pacific Park confirmed that city officials asked the amusement park to close its Henna booth.

Cameron Andrews said the amusement park would comply with the request, though he added that the park had not received any complaints about the service.

Henna itself is not illegal under the city ordinance, Richter said.

**"It's not specifically mentioned in the lease that they can do this."**

— MARK RICHTER  
City official

Artists who practice the form of body art can open a store or rent a cart on The Third Street Promenade or on the Santa Monica Pier, he said.

"It would be like any other service opening

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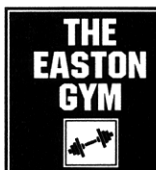
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The Youth Services Department of the Main Library invites you to celebrate spring on Friday, April 5th at 4:00 pm with stories, a craft and more. This program is free and recommended for children ages 4 and up. The Library is located at 1343 6th Street, (at Santa Monica Blvd). For more information call the Youth Services Department at (310) 458-8621.

Shiatsu Massage School of California presents "DOIN" Self-Healing Workshop every Friday from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. "DOIN" is effective in increasing one's natural healing power through fetal (Tanden) breathing, Microcosmic meditation, Chi Kong, Eight steps Brocade, and Ampuku (abdominal massage), according to healers. Taught by Dr. DoAnn T. Kaneko. 2309 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 396-4877.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Stay on top of issues rather than getting involved with a problem. Someone might challenge you to become involved in an issue. Say "no," and keep your focus. Be a good manager by maintaining an overview. Touch base with an older relative. Tonight: A business dinner or meeting.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be irritated by another's pettiness. Recognize what is going on with a child or loved one rather than becoming triggered. Understanding comes with detachment. Realize that you cannot push someone. Tonight: Burn a CD.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A key associate or loved one might buck present trends. Are you surprised? Steer clear, understanding more of what you want and expect. You might have to juggle feelings if you want to keep the peace. Think long term, and you'll know which way to go. Tonight: Follow a close friend or loved one's lead.

### ♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Let others express their ideas; you can't stop them anyway! Deal with work and someone you feel as if you must answer to. Don't push so hard to have something your way right now. Give everyone, including yourself, space and time. Tonight: Someone insists on your presence.

### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ How you see a matter could greatly change if you remain more in touch with your needs. A discussion is long overdue, but don't count on making peace immediately. Simply air out different points of view with less animosity. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for another with whom you need to have a talk. Don't postpone the discussion, even if you're a bit out of sorts. Initiate a conversation. Start airing your views; your strength comes from your creativity. Another needs to feel important. Tonight: Make nice.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Deal with family and the basics. Though many seek you out, you might have a lot of ground to cover with your immediate circle. If you can work from home, do so. Screen calls and get as much done as possible. Give up a lengthy lunch break. Tonight: Entertain at your place.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Discuss what is going on with an associate. Someone touches base with you, wanting to share more of what is going on. You might still feel jammed between what you must do and socializing. Screen calls. Call friends back later. Tonight: Off to the gym.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination might not conform to your budget. Know when you're running into the red zone. Carefully establish limits, especially with an eye to eliminating, rather than creating, problems. Your sense of humor comes through for you. Tonight: Use care with spending.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You make friends easily, especially outside of your immediate circle. Dealing with a roommate or family members could be touchy at the moment. Don't be surprised at how verbal another becomes. You're going to need to listen. Tonight: Do your thing.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You always have strong opinions. Expressing them in an appropriate manner could be another issue. You would be best off not blurt-ing out your feelings right now. Concentrate on areas where you can be effective. Don't become frustrated. Tonight: Get extra R & R.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Where your friends are could color some of your decisions right now. Though you certainly need money to enjoy your life, you're, perhaps, less concerned with funds than with socializing. Smart Fish will mix the two and network. Tonight: Where your friends are.



## QUOTE of the DAY

**"Start everyday with a  
smile and get it over with."**

— W.C. Fields (1880-1946)

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# LOCAL

## Pier amusement park forced to close Henna stand

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up shop in the city," he said. "It's just that it can't be done on the public right-of-way as an art form. It's a service, like hair-braiding."

The Santa Monica City Council voted 4-3 in October to ban henna artists from the Third Street Promenade and the pier because they posed a public safety risk.

Previously, Henna was considered by the city to be a form of performance art, which would be allowed legally on public streets because it is an art form.

However, a majority of council members disagreed with that classification, saying Henna tattoos are a cosmetology service and therefore could be regulated by the city.

The ban took affect Jan. 1.

Henna is a red, non-permanent dye that has been used for skin decorations and body art for thousands of years. However, council members cited public safety in establishing the ban because some artists use dangerous toxic chemicals.

Skin rashes and other complications are caused by "black Henna" or phenylenediamine, a hair dye. The black Henna is cheaper than traditional Henna dye.

Councilmen Kevin McKeown, Richard Bloom and Mayor Mike Feinstein, the three councilmen who voted to keep Henna in the city, think it's an art form and should be included under the city's street performer ordinance — just like a clown

who does face painting. Feinstein vowed to bring back the issue again when a new council is elected this fall.

Linda J. Sullivan, a member of the Pier Restoration Corp., board of directors, said she suggested at Wednesday's meeting that the PRC permanently designate one of its kiosks for Henna artists.

"My suggestion was met with a cone of silence," she said, adding that she thinks the "beautiful art form" should be available in Santa Monica.

At least one Henna artist alleged city officials banned the art form instead of trying to enforce performance laws already on the books that force artists to rotate every two hours and remain at least 50 feet apart from each other.

"Now we realize there are alternative motives," said Like Chanthadara, a Henna artist who is protesting the city's ban. "Basically, they said 'Let's see how we can get more out of these people and capitalize on their art form.'"

Chanthadara does not want to see Henna artists working out of permanently stationed carts. He has been fined numerous times for continuing to practice Henna publicly in Santa Monica and he said he faces serving time in the Los Angeles County Jail because he is being considered a repeat offender.

City officials deny they had any motive other than protecting the public from the dangerous "black Henna."



Photo courtesy Like Chanthadara

A customer receives a Henna tattoo on the Santa Monica Pier.

## Video from beaches will document pollution, crowds

CAMERA, from page 1

Live video will be viewed only by a few supervisors within the department who will monitor rescue activities and inspect the beach from lifeguard headquarters in Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica and Malibu.

"This is one more tool for lifeguards to better monitor our public beaches," Supervisor Don Knabe said.

Measures will be taken to ensure that only public areas are photographed. Areas where a member of the public has an expectation of privacy, such as a residence or public bathroom, will be blocked from the camera's view, using the camera's customizable "privacy zones."

Real time live feed images from public areas will only be viewed by special-

ly trained personnel for their official duties.

The public Web site will indicate all camera locations. The cameras are small and will only photograph the immediate area. They won't be able to pick up more than what the naked eye can, but will be sufficient to notice when a busload of children arrive at Mother's Beach in Marina del Rey.

Lifeguard captains will be able to more readily recognize when beach activity at secluded beaches warrants assigning resources to that area.

There are no mechanisms in place to video record. In the future, during large swells and heavy rescue activity, very limited recording may take place of rescues only for training purposes.

## Council to debate endorsing pro-renter bills on Tuesday

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based spokesman for Renters Together For Stronger Communities.

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights announced at a Tuesday afternoon press conference in front of Santa Monica City Hall to announce the local political organization will join Renters Together to help organize tenants and promote renter friendly legislation at the state level.

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown also announced that he will introduce a motion to the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting next Tuesday asking the municipal body to support three pro-renter bills, including the bond meas-

ure, in the state Assembly and Senate and to write letters to their legislators and Governor Gray Davis.

The statewide pro-renter rallies followed a February outcry over 30-day eviction notices mailed to 570 renter households in Sacramento and Santa Rosa. Japanese billionaire real estate investor Gensiro Kawamoto later relented during a storm of criticism and offered more time.

The \$2.1 billion housing bond approved Thursday will cost the state approximately \$3.5 billion with interest over 25 years - an estimated \$140 million a year in debt payments.

Democrats called it a small price for millions of

Californians caught up in the state's housing shortage. California housing officials say the state falls 80,000 units behind demand every year.

"Today in San Diego, people who are low income get in cars and travel as far as they have to go to find something affordable, like Riverside County," said Assemblyman Howard Wayne, D-San Diego.

The bond steers millions to build more rental housing, but also includes \$195 million each for emergency homeless shelters and supportive housing for the disabled. It also provides \$290 million to help first-time home buyers make down payments.



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# LOCAL LETTERS

## ‘Mayor Frankenstein’s’ experiment rewards homeless

Editor:

Congratulations on your April 1st issue, which was wonderful. I was only sorry that space did not permit your inclusion of one of the year’s most heartwarming stories, namely the result of Mayor Frankenstein’s latest experiment.

This experiment involved the creation of a combined main library and homeless shelter on 6th Street, and has been so successful that \$25 million has been earmarked for what is modestly referred to as an “extension” of the building. Architects have been retained to design a bigger and better homeless shelter, possibly on the same site, and present plans include a small facility for the general public to borrow books and A/V items.

“It’s a sad fact,” said Frankenstein, “that we are not doing enough to reward our homeless citizens for all they have done for Slanta Monica. We owe it to them to do more.”

**Jill Renton**  
Santa Monica

## Nothing but blunders

Editor:

Greetings.

It is gratifying to see Santa Monica politics, city Council wheelings and dealings and municipal blunders are subject to public scrutiny once again, thanks to the reporting of the Daily Press.

Nothing excites change like shared information. Having said that, I must share my disappointment with the paper.

On the 1st of April, after reading the litany of City Council miscues and botched solutions, (business as usual), and the unfortunate accident on the pier, I was disappointed that the Daily Press did not take the opportunity to publish a light hearted “joke” issue. Why did you have to stick to the usual news? What with parking fines going over the top, and “pay as you go” corporately owned beaches in our future ... we could have used a laugh or two.

Other than that yer doin’ great.

P.S. ... Were any city officials on the Ferris Wheel at the time of its malfunction?

**Mel Bloch**  
Santa Monica

## April Fool’s praise

Editor:

Thanks for a great issue! 12 pages of fun on my favorite day of the year! We had some fun on our Internet today, but it doesn’t begin to compare to your work.

Congratulations.

**Keith A. Kurtz**  
Santa Monica

## I fought the law...

Editor:

(This letter is in response to Wednesday’s story regarding the city suing itself and losing).

It just goes to show you, “You can’t fight City Hall.”

**Terry Keelan**  
Santa Monica

*Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to sack@smdp.com. All letters must include the author’s name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 200, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.*

# Defend yourself with intuition

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Police Department is offering free, self-defense classes to any adults who live, work or attend school in Santa Monica.

The SMPD Defensive Tactics Team will teach an abbreviated version of the Krav Maga system of self defense, which is taught to all officers and non-sworn personnel. Officials say Krav Maga is easy to learn regardless of age, gender or physical fitness.

Krav Maga is a system of self defense, which teaches you to use your personal body weapons and intuitive reactions rather than relying on strength. The four-hour class will be offered on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is open until April 15 or until the classes are full.

For more information or to register for a class, please call the SMPD’s community relations unit at (310) 458-8474.

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## STATE □ NATIONAL

# Dog lovers desire park on weekend mornings

By The Associated Press

**SEAL BEACH** — Dog lovers have found their field of canine dreams.

The Seal Beach Spoiled Dogs Society wants to rent the fenced Zoeter Field baseball park on weekend mornings for the exclusive use of its pets.

"We think our children should be allowed to play ball together just like any other Little League team. The only difference is that other people's children have two legs. Ours have four," said Ron Stevenson, one of 15 human members of the society.

Like others in the group, Stevenson and wife Joy lavish their love and attention on their golden retriever — 4-year-old San Maria Buena Ventura. The group petitioned the city recently for a six-month trial permit to allow their dogs to run freely at Zoeter Field.

The proposal is a private and inexpensive alternative to a full-time dog park, society members said, adding they don't want a public park open to all canines.

"We want to be able to screen the dogs that join to make sure they're compatible with the mix so that we don't have to deal with aggressive dogs," Stevenson said.

City officials expressed concerns about

dog feces in the same grass that youth groups and sports leagues use and they are wary of setting a precedent for groups wanting to reserve neighborhood park space for their "canine athletes."

**"We think our children (dogs) should be allowed to play ball together just like any other Little League team."**

— **RON STEVENSON**  
Dog enthusiast

Councilman Paul Yost said he was considering mandatory doggie diapers as a condition of the permit.

Still, others say it's worth a try. "They want to use an empty field early in the morning on weekends. Land is expensive, and this is a good way of making the most out of what we have," Councilman Shawn Boyd said.

The society said it will continue to lobby council members on the proposal.

# Drug smuggling tunnel near San Diego destroyed

By The Associated Press

**TIERRA DEL SOL** — Workers began destroying a tunnel under the U.S.-Mexico border that authorities believe was used to smuggle tons of marijuana and cocaine into California.

A construction crew on Thursday began pouring concrete into the portion of the 1,000-foot long tunnel on U.S. soil.

Authorities in Mexico are in charge of destroying the section on their side of the border.

An anonymous tip led authorities to the tunnel, which runs from the eastern outskirts of Tecate, Mexico to a private home in Tierra del Sol, a rural community 60 miles east of San Diego.

U.S. officials found 500 pounds of marijuana near the entrance of the tunnel when agents entered it through the empty home Feb. 27.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency originally planned to destroy the tunnel with explosives. Officials changed their minds out of environmental concerns and the U.S. landowner's fear it would reduce the value of his property. The owner was not aware of the tunnel and wasn't charged in the case.

Authorities believe the tunnel was in operation for two to three years and was used to smuggle drugs by associates of the Arellano Felix drug cartel, a violent gang based in the border city of Tijuana, Mexico.

The tunnel, about 4 feet wide and 4 feet high, was reinforced with wood and equipped with electric lights and six-inch plastic piping to bring in air. It had steel rails that would allow carts to be pushed within it.

# Sloppy penmanship dooms teen robber in New York

The Associated Press

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — An alleged bank robber in dire need of a lesson in handwriting stole a scene from a Woody Allen comedy, "Take the Money and Run."

Police said Brittany Bell, 16, bungled a robbery at an HSBC bank branch Tuesday by failing to write out her demands clearly in a holdup note.

The teller couldn't decipher the writing and had to pass the note to another teller. By the time the teen was handed a bag of money, it was almost closing time at the bank and other employees were locking the doors.

She wound up trapped in the foyer with the cash, where police captured her. She was charged with robbery and grand larceny.

In Allen's movie, a character's efforts to rob a bank are frustrated by his own sloppy handwriting on a holdup note.



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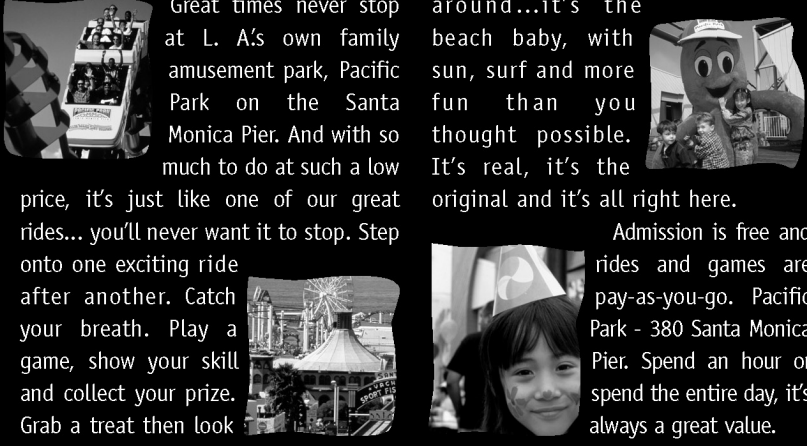
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# NATIONAL

## Peltier sues FBI, claims civil rights were violated

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — FBI agents and Director Louis Freeh denied imprisoned American Indian activist Leonard Peltier a fair chance at clemency and parole when they publicly protested against him in 2000, a lawsuit filed Thursday alleged.

The FBI has said the agents were off-duty at the time and had a constitutional right to protest the possibility of Peltier's gaining freedom after being convicted in the death of two agents.

The action, filed in federal court in Washington, charges Freeh and the agents "engaged in a systematic, and officially sanctioned campaign of misinformation and disinformation designed to prevent" Peltier's clemency request from receiving fair consideration. Freeh retired from the FBI last summer.

The FBI on Thursday dismissed the allegation, saying employees' comments are protected free speech.

"FBI employees, like other federal workers and citizens, have the right to express their views on issues they feel passionate about — in this case the brutal killing of two FBI agents," Assistant Director John Collingwood said.

"They were reminding the American public of the consistently upheld murder conviction of Leonard Peltier, and they were doing so on their own time," he said.

The suit requests the court to order the agents' silence on the issue and to pay \$1 million in damages.

"I have a problem with them speaking at all if they are active agents," Peltier's lawyer, Bernard V. Kleinman, said Thursday.

The agents should be ordered not to protest because "there may still be individuals that could still be affected by the case," Kleinman added. "If that's the case then I don't understand why they're able to speak at all."

Just before leaving office, President Clinton considered granting Peltier clemency for his convictions in the 1975 killings of the two FBI agents.

**"I have a problem with them speaking at all if they are active agents."**

— **BERNARD V. KLEINMAN**  
Peltier's lawyer

Ultimately, Clinton denied clemency. Kleinman says that's because the president may have been swayed by the march of more than 500 FBI agents and families outside the White House.

Peltier was convicted in the June 26, 1975, murders of agents Ron Williams and Jack Coler on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as they were searching for robbery suspects, according to FBI officials. Both were shot in the head at point-blank range after they were injured. The bodies were left on a dirt road.

Peltier was charged with taking part in the slayings, but whether he fired the fatal shots was never proved. After fleeing to Canada and being extradited to the United States, he was convicted and sentenced in 1977, despite defense claims that evidence against him had been falsified.

## Fuel leak delays space shuttle launch for 3 days

BY MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** — A leak of highly flammable hydrogen fuel at the launch pad forced NASA to postpone space shuttle Atlantis' liftoff Thursday for at least three days.

The fuel spewed from a broken pipe for a minute, but the white cloud dissipated and did not pose any danger, said launch director Mike Leinbach.

The pad had already had been evacuated for the hazardous fueling operation, and the shuttle was dozens of feet from the leak. The seven astronauts were hours away from boarding Atlantis and had not even begun to suit up.

"We didn't ever consider this a threat to the vehicle," Leinbach said.

Atlantis' liftoff on a space station construction mission was postponed until at least Sunday so that the leak 37 feet above the pad can be repaired. Atlantis had been scheduled to lift off in late afternoon with the newest piece of the space station, an elaborate 44-foot girder.

An engineer spotted the leak on a screen via camera, and the fueling immediately was halted about an hour after it had begun.

It appears a weld gave way because of the shock of the cold fuel on the 16-inch-diameter aluminum pipe, Leinbach said. The pipes and their welds date to at least

the 1980s, and age is believed to have contributed to the problem.

Technicians will put a clamshell-like clamp over the crack that formed in the weld. The crack is about one-fourth of an inch wide and covers almost the entire circumference of the pipe.

**"We didn't ever consider this a threat to the vehicle."**

— **MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN**  
U.S. attorney for Massachusetts

NASA does not intend to inspect other welds in the line, Leinbach said.

"This mobile launcher has gone through 80-some tankings and has performed perfectly fine, so we do not feel we have a generic problem with all of our welds out there," he said.

The leak was not in the plumbing that feeds liquid hydrogen into the shuttle's big external tank, but rather in a line that vents fuel vapors out of the tank to prevent a buildup of excess pressure.

The fact that the leak occurred outside the shuttle makes the repairs much easier — and quicker. Fuel leaks grounded the shuttle fleet for months in 1990, but those leaks happened inside the spaceships.

# NATIONAL



## Scam artists target seniors

BY RICK CALLAHAN

Associated Press Writer

Evelyn Barber walked into the Ocala, Fla., car dealership to claim the free gift she thought she'd won. An hour later, the 81-year-old drove away, dazed and near tears, in a car she didn't want or need.

Barber will always remember Jan. 19 as the day she fell prey to three fast-talking salesmen who, in a whirlwind of words, smiles and reassuring pats, sold her a 1998 Oldsmobile Regency — price tag \$26,000.

"They ganged up on me, just badgered me," recalls Barber, a retired medical secretary. "I really felt like a lamb in a slaughterhouse, because I was pushed into something I didn't want. They targeted me because I was an elderly woman alone, naive and alone."

Like millions of older Americans each year, Barber fell for a high-pressure pitch — a well-honed, intimidating act bordering on fraud that exploits some seniors' trust in others.

Fraud, in its many forms and degrees, is an age-old problem, but experts say older Americans are being increasingly targeted by predators who view them as easy marks.

Telemarketing fraud alone costs Americans an estimated \$40 billion annually — and about 37 percent, or \$15 billion, of that is bilked from people age 50 or older, according to the AARP.

Seniors lose untold billions more through mail fraud — deceptive mailings with carefully placed small print — home improvement scams and dozens of other swindles designed to deceive or mislead.

And with the nation's population of people 65 or older forecast to grow to 70 million by 2030 — twice their number in 1998 — the losses are expected to mount accordingly.

Scam artists' growing interest in older Americans arises largely from the fact that, unlike previous generations, seniors now have nest-eggs thanks to better retirement plans, said Monroe Friedman, a professor of psychology at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich.

"It used to be that to be old was to be poor, but older people now typically have greater resources than their own children and certainly more than the generation or two before them," said Friedman, who has studied fraud against seniors for more than a decade.

Aside from their money, there are a number of other factors that make seniors prime targets for swindlers.

For one, they are likely to be at home, where they can be reached by telephone or in person. And often, they are lonely and more than willing to talk at length to someone in person or on the phone. To them, the person pushing this or that scam is a form of "company," Friedman said.

But it's not just the naive or unsophisticated who fall prey to scams. Many schemes are so well laid-out and presented with such attention to detail that there is no reason to doubt them.

"Sometimes, the victims don't even know what happened to them until you explain it to them," said Jean Constantine-Davis, an attorney for AARP Foundation Litigation, which represents fraud victims.

For Barber, a widow, it started with a deceptive mailing informing her that she had won a prize and could collect it at the dealership. It ended in a deal, financed on the spot, in which she traded in her per-

fectly fine 1995 Buick Century for an overpriced used car she'll be paying \$312.23 a month on for five more years.

The deal drained Barber's finances so effectively she may have to sell her two-bedroom Ocala villa to pay off the car. Hoping to prevent that, her five children are pressing for legal action to nullify the sale.

And Barber has yet to see the free gift — five gold coins — she was promised. "I'm not holding my breath," she says.

In some cases, an older person's victimization can consume his life savings and tear the victim's family apart as relatives try to intervene.

That was the case for Gary A. Sandridge of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, whose late father fell victim to misleading mailings and phone calls from telemarketers who convinced him he had won up to three new cars.

Lorence Sandridge, a retired railroad telegraph operator, took out a second mortgage on his house to build a new garage for the cars he was repeatedly assured by letter and phone he had won.

Over a year's time, he lost more than \$40,000 pursuing those cars and virtually worthless prizes such as baseball caps and vitamins. He became increasingly isolated from his family, stubbornly refusing to believe their warnings that he was being bilked.

Gary Sandridge wasn't able to intervene to stop the fraud until his father, a widower who lived alone, suffered a health crisis that forced him to move to a nursing home.

Eventually, Sandridge was able to recover about \$13,000 of the \$40,000 his father had lost. He used that to settle another \$18,000 in credit card billings his father had run up in pursuit of his prizes.

Sandridge, whose father died at age 84 a few years after the scam in the mid-1990s, eventually learned his father had been suffering from the onset of dementia. Now, he harbors a deep hatred for the people who tricked his father.

"These people were just ruthless. They don't care about the individual or if you get thrown out onto the street as long as they got their money," Sandridge said.



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Evelyn Barber poses with her car at her Ocala, Fla. home, March 27, 2002. 81-year-old Barber went to a dealership to claim a free gift she thought she had won, instead was talked into buying the \$26,000 car.

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## NATIONAL

# Companies starting to add jobs as economy recovers

BY LEIGH STROPE  
AP Labor Writer

**WASHINGTON** — Ever so slowly, help-wanted signs are starting to replace the layoff notices.

Nurses and teachers are in short supply. Home furnishing stores are hiring, as are hotels, amusement companies and other recreation-type businesses. And temporary employment agencies are being asked to fill more jobs.

The increased business at the nation's temp firms is significant as the country begins to recover from recession. Businesses, hesitant to hire new full-time employees, turn to temporary hires.

"It's not the tidal wave that we're waiting for and that we'd like to see," John Boone, chief executive of the Portland, Ore., temporary staffing firm Employment Trends Inc., said recently. "But the tide is rising."

U.S. businesses started adding jobs in February for the first time in seven months, helping push down the unemployment rate to 5.5 percent. Economists declared the yearlong recession over.

Temp firms were hit especially hard during the recession as they lost almost 500,000 jobs. Demand for workers in health care, finance and manufacturing started picking up for Troy, Mich.-based Kelly Services in February. Boone's Oregon company saw activity last month in most fields.

"We started getting a broad base of orders from all different clients," he said.

The end of the recession and payroll increases do not mean jobseekers are in the driver's seat. Economists say companies will remain skittish about hiring back workers until a full economic recovery has appeared, possibly at year's end or next year.

That means the unemployment rate still could rise before leveling off, some analysts say to 6 percent or more.

Analysts are forecasting a 5.6 percent rate for March and 50,000 new jobs; the indicator is being released Friday.

New claims for unemployment insurance shot up last week by 64,000 to 460,000 — the highest level since the beginning of December, the Labor Department said Thursday. But the layoffs picture was distorted by a federal deadline for people to seek extended unemployment benefits.

Job seekers may want to avoid such fields as telecommunications, general manufacturing and high tech, which may take longer to recover, economists said.

Manufacturers were suffering long before the country fell into recession, and factories have cut 1.31 million jobs in the past year. Analysts say the sector is showing signs of recovery, but they doubt that the lost jobs will be replaced anytime soon.

In high-tech, economists predict a slow comeback, with computer services picking up in the fall and possibly computer hardware manufacturing by year's end. Telecommunications shows no sign of recovery, with 60,691 job cuts announced in the first two months of the year, or 42 percent more than a year ago.

As the economy strengthens, economists think jobs will be added in retail, services and government, areas that already showed growth in February.

Jobs in health care have survived the recession, and demand is expected to get stronger as the population ages. Demand also will grow at pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies, hospitals, doctors' offices and clinics.

Government, especially local, and defense and domestic security areas also should see growth. Education is another field that will be adding jobs at all levels. Amusement and recreation companies, hotels and airlines also are starting to rebound.

## Six areas in United States pilots must avoid

By The Associated Press

The Federal Aviation Administration currently designates six areas in the United States as prohibited flight zones that pilots must avoid:

- Capital zone in Washington that covers the White House, Capitol and Naval Observatory.
- President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.
- The Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine.
- The presidential retreat at Camp David in Maryland.
- Pantex nuclear assembly plant in Amarillo, Texas.
- The area around George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, Va., to prevent vibrations from engine noise from rattling the historic home.

## Pot bales fall from the sky

By The Associated Press

**WINCHESTER, Va.** — A couple found 116 pounds of marijuana worth more than \$250,000 near a wooded area by their home, the sheriff's office said.

Frederick County Sheriff Robert T. Williamson said his best guess is that the pot was dropped out of an airplane Friday.

The packages, neatly wrapped in plastic and labeled by weight in kilograms, were scattered over a 50-foot area, authorities said.

Williamson said the unexpected bundles are not as uncommon as one would imagine. He recalled at least two occasions in the past 10 years when marijuana literally showed up on someone's lawn.

"I don't think it was ever this much, but it was baled," he said.

## INTERNATIONAL



# U.S. mediator to meet Arafat as Bush sends Powell

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH  
Associated Press Writer

**NABLUS, West Bank** — Israeli tanks tightened their chokehold on the West Bank's biggest city, and battles raged Thursday at nearby Palestinian refugee camps. The United States intensified its involvement — sending a mediator to meet Yasser Arafat and ordering in the secretary of state.

President Bush demanded that Israel halt its weeklong military offensive and pull out of Palestinian territory. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon avoided a direct public response. "Operation Defensive Shield will continue," his office said in a statement, although officials said it was not a reaction to Bush's announcement.

Both the Israelis and Palestinians welcomed Bush's statement and decision to send Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region.

In a cabinet statement, the Palestinians said, "We are committed without conditions to the declaration of President Bush." But Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said Bush's harsh criticism of Arafat was "unjustified and unacceptable."

The cabinet statement also said Arafat and his leadership accept cease-fire proposals put together last year by CIA director George Tenet and a wider plan for restarting peace talks.

Powell called Arafat early Friday, said Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh. He said they discussed the Bush speech, and Arafat accepted Bush's proposals.

The Israeli foreign ministry said it would cooperate with the new Bush initiative.

"We heard positively the words of Bush about the need to stop the terror. We welcome Powell's mission to the region and we will do everything so that his mission will be successful," the statement said on behalf of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

A statement from the office of Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer suggested Israel had no plans for an immediate withdrawal.

It said the military chief "emphasizes

that Israel will cooperate in U.S. efforts to cease terror and fire. In the absence of a true willingness to do the same on the Palestinian side, Israel will continue in its actions to stop terror."

In New York, the U.N. Security Council unanimously passed a resolution demanding an Israeli withdrawal "without delay."

The fall of Nablus on Thursday put six major West Bank cities and towns under Israeli control, with only two left unoccupied: Hebron and Jericho. But Israeli tanks, helicopter gunships and soldiers struggled to wipe out pockets of resistance and flush out hundreds of militants holed up in one of Christianity's most sacred sites, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Five Palestinians were killed Thursday, including three gunmen and a man who worked as the church's caretaker and bell ringer: Samir Ibrahim Salman, a Palestinian Christian. The 45-year-old man was shot in the chest while walking to the church, said hospital director Peter Koumry. Four Israeli troops also died.

Palestinians also accused the Israelis of blowing open a metal back door leading to a courtyard in the ancient basilica, breaking a pledge not to damage the church, built over the traditional birthplace of Jesus. They said the troops fired inside, wounding three people.

The Israeli military denied the accusation but prevented reporters from reaching the church to assess the claims. Reporters have been ordered to leave all six West Bank towns seized by Israel.

Amid growing world concern that the tensions could spark a regional conflict, a European Union mission arrived and asked to meet with Arafat — a request the Israelis swiftly denied.

After Bush spoke, European Commission President Romano Prodi, who on Wednesday urged Washington to step aside to make room for a broader mediation effort, offered the EU's "full cooperation" to the United States and all other parties seeking to end the violence.

"I warmly welcome the statement of President Bush," Prodi said in a state-



Photo by The Associated Press

**Israeli policeman detain an Arab Israeli protesting Israel's military offensive in the West Bank outside the U.S. Embassy in the northern Israeli city of Tel Aviv, Thursday.**

ment. "It is an expression of determination and leadership."

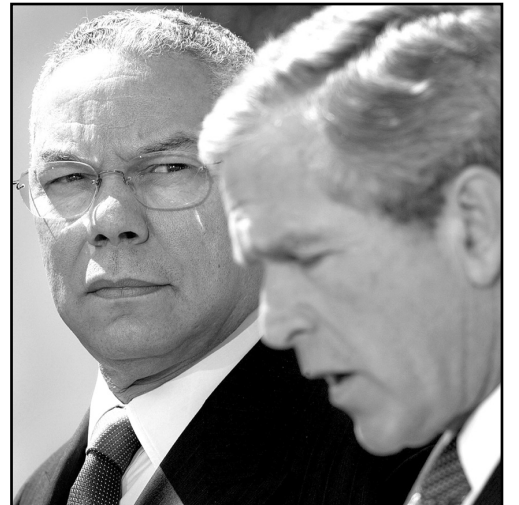
U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who met with Sharon on Thursday, was given permission to visit the Palestinian leader. Sharon had initially turned down such a request by Powell. Bush administration officials said Zinni would try to see Arafat on Friday; Powell is to leave for the Middle East next week.

For the past week, Arafat has been in what amounts to Israeli custody, trapped by soldiers surrounding his office compound in the West Bank's commercial capital, Ramallah.

Earlier Thursday, Israeli military chief of staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz came out publicly for the expulsion of Arafat from the West Bank. Declaring that Arafat supports terrorism, Mofaz told a news conference, "it's preferable that he would be outside."

Ben-Eliezer promptly rebuked Mofaz. He said the military commander has a right to his opinions but must keep them to himself, "certainly after the government has made a decision."

Israel launched "Operation Defensive



Doug Mills/Associated Press

**Secretary of State Colin Powell, who will travel to the Middle East next week, looks on as President Bush makes a statement in the Rose Garden of the White House Thursday.**

Shield" on March 29 to crush Palestinian militias that have carried out deadly attacks on Israeli civilians, including seven suicide bombings in the past week.

## Villagers kidnap American, nine others in Nigeria

BY GLENN MCKENZIE  
Associated Press Writer

**ABUJA, Nigeria** — Villagers stormed a boat servicing a drilling rig off Nigeria's southern coast, taking hostage the 10 international and Nigerian oil workers aboard, Shell Oil said Thursday.

The 10 workers — one American, four Ghanaians, one Filipino and four Nigerians — were captured Tuesday by 40 young men from the village of Amatu, Bayelsa state, Shell International spokesman James Herbert said in London.

The hostage-takers demanded employment, oil contracts and other help from Shell in return for the workers'

safe release, Herbert said.

The captives, whose identities were not disclosed, are employed by a company contracted to Shell, Tidend Marine, Herbert said. Telephone calls to a Tidend Marine representative in Nigeria were not answered.

The youths, ethnic Ijaws, were apparently angered by the destruction of several boats during an armed standoff in January between Nigerian security forces and Ijaw villagers who had briefly captured another Shell boat, local newspapers reported Thursday, citing an official with Shell's Nigeria subsidiary.

Herbert could not immediately confirm the account

and Nigerian officials were not available for comment.

On Wednesday evening, when Shell officials last heard about the captives, the hostages were all in good health and had not been harmed, he said.

State government officials visited Amatu on Wednesday and held talks with the village chief and youths aimed at ending the impasse. A follow-up meeting between the hostage-takers and officials was planned for next week in the state capital of Yenagoa.

Drilling was suspended at the rig, which was operating in what is known as the EA oil field. Other wells in the area continued to operate normally, Herbert said.

## Spanish zoologists delighted by a two-headed snake

BY DANIEL WOOLLS  
Associated Press Writer

**MADRID, Spain** — Scientists studying a two-headed snake found in Spain have two major questions: Does one head boss the other around? Will the creature ever find a mate?

The star attraction of the University of Valencia's zoology lab these days is a 10-inch ladder snake, a non-poisonous species native to Spain, Portugal and France.

A farmer in Spain's southeast Alicante province found the snake in February, and it was transferred to Valencia last week. It now lives in a terrarium with a video cam-

era filming every flicker of its two tongues and four eyes.

So far both heads seem to work fine, and move independently, said Vicente Roca, a University of Valencia zoologist taking part in the study.

The snake is about nine months old, and it's too early to say if it's male or female. It is pale gray, with dark lines running from head to tail and transversal lines connecting them. Hence the name ladder, although the rungs disappear with age and the snakes turn light brown.

When mature, the snakes can be up to 5 feet long.

Biologists hope to determine if the snake also has separate digestive tracts — both heads have been seen eating — and whether one head dominates the other.

Gordon Burghardt, a consultant from the University of Tennessee, says he has studied two two-headed snakes over the years and both times the heads were so autonomous they even fought over food.

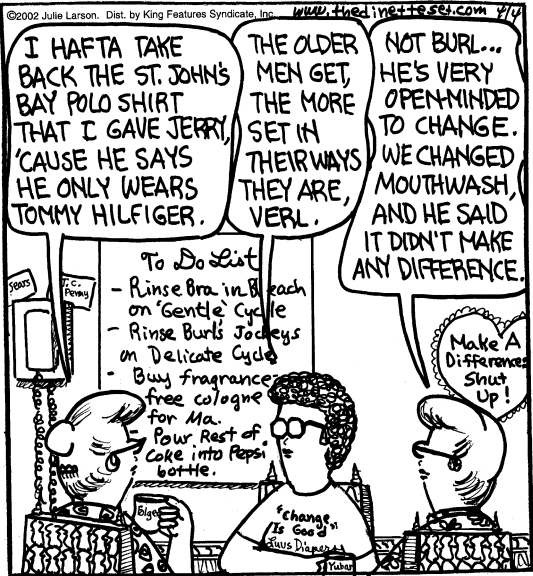
Then there's the issue of reproduction. Roca said once this snake gets settled and its sex is determined, scientists will present it with a normal species of the opposite sex, then watch for a spark.

Sprouting two heads results from flawed embryonic development, probably because of a genetic glitch. In the wild, such snakes are less mobile and thus more vulnerable to predators, so they often have shorter lives.

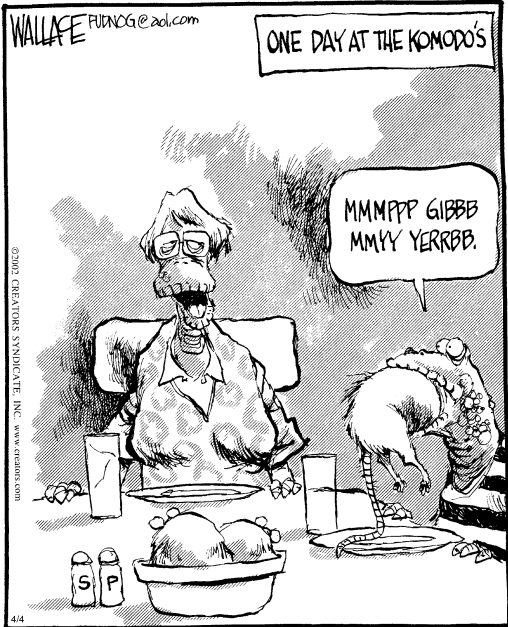


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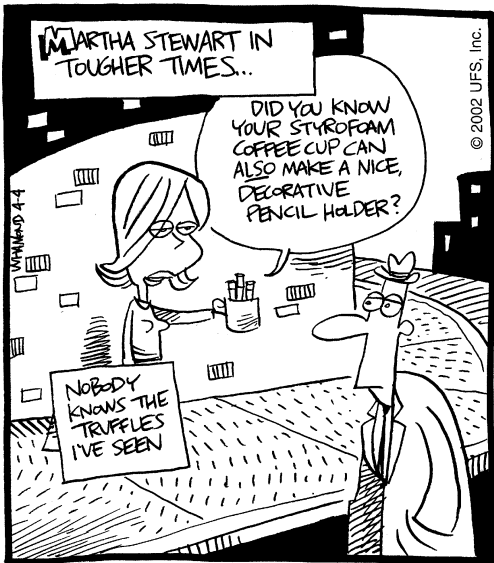
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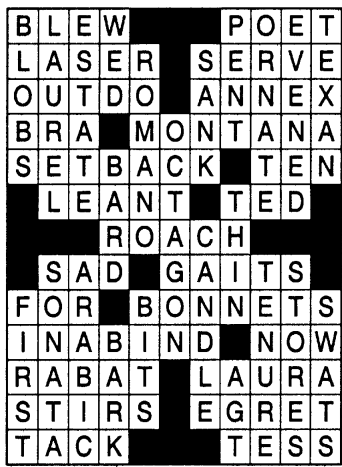


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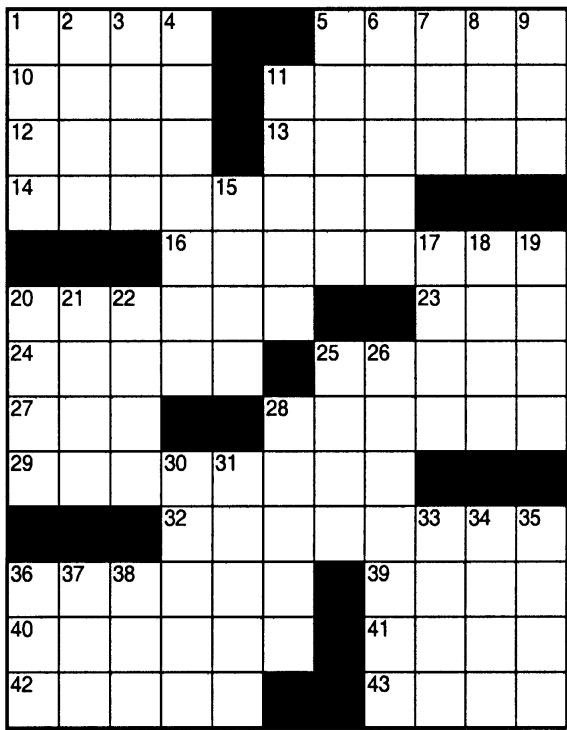


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  - 28 Cows
  - 29 Prison security measure
  - 32 Fastening items
  - 36 Debt symbol
  - 39 Coup target
  - 40 Saturn neighbor
  - 41 Track event
  - 42 "Heist" director
  - 43 Broad-way offering
- DOWN
- 1 Dinner signal
  - 2 Mixture
  - 3 Actor Baldwin
  - 4 Irritates
  - 5 Elementary particle
  - 6 Hand and foot
  - 7 Tavern
  - 8 Permit
  - 9 6-pt. scores
  - 11 Out of it
  - 15 Golf target
  - 17 Fed site
  - 18 Sunup
  - 19 Boston players
  - 20 Get better
  - 21 Approximation words
  - 22 Not fem.
  - 25 Rubber-neck
  - 26 Sled parts
  - 28 Port sights
  - 30 Kevin of "In & Out"
  - 31 Sweet ring
  - 33 Provo's place
  - 34 Mexican snack
  - 35 Worry
  - 36 Toddy ingredient
  - 37 History bit
  - 38 Flow stopper



Wednesday's answer



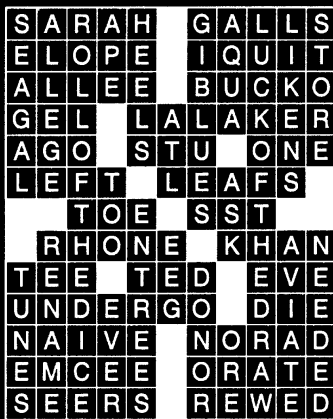
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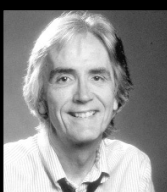
For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CORRECTION:

The crosswords for Thursday's and today's issues were inadvertently placed. The solution in today's crossword is for Wednesday's puzzle. The solution below is for yesterday's puzzle. Confused? So were we. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Yesterday's answer



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Man videotapes boss' wife showering

- Ted Hudson was arrested in Casper, Wyo., in January for allegedly setting up a secret video camera in his boss's bathroom and catching the boss' wife showering (which he tried to tell the boss was just a practical joke).
- Deputy sheriff Gabriel Bruno was arrested in January and charged with placing feces in the sinks of two Rhode Island Superior Court judges (which he told authorities was just a practical joke).
- In March, Idaho state Rep. Kent Higgins presented two colleagues who are early-childhood-education advocates with an "award": an old, swastika-adorned photograph of an Aryan child from the Nazi Germany breeding-scheme collection (which, he later told his stunned colleagues, was all a joke).

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*I would also like for my co-workers that are pro-union to respect my opinion and leave me alone to do my work.*

**I DO NOT WANT THE UNION TO REPRESENT ME**

*I would also like to request that the local Hotel union remove my name from any petition or listings, which I may have knowingly or unknowingly signed. Also if at anytime in the past 18 months, I may have filled out a union representation card, I do want it back.*

*This note/petition is being signed by my own free will with no pressure from anyone.”*

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**PLEASE RESPECT THEIR CHOICE.**



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