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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
by Chuck Shepard

■ According to a January Los Angeles Times profile, biologist Gerry Kuzyk recently came upon, in a remote area of the Yukon, an 8-foot-high, half-mile swath of what he learned was caribou droppings; since no caribou had been sighted in the area for over 100 years, Kuzyk concluded that it was a massive, centuries-old accumulation that had been frozen but recently melted. And the Reuters news service reported in February that Antarctica's oldest building has become largely unrecognizable because it is being blocked in by droppings from the area's 100,000 Adelie penguins.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

If you want an audience, start a fight.

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Johnson murder investigation remains idle

Police await results on evidence from crime lab

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Charges have yet to be filed against the man suspected of killing a Santa Monica woman in February.

Santa Monica Police are awaiting the results of forensic and DNA evidence that the Los Angeles County Crime Lab has been analyzing for more than a month.

Authorities believe the evidence recovered from several locations searched by police shortly after Kristine Johnson disappeared Feb. 15 will make the case against her suspected killer.

Johnson, a 21-year-old Santa Monica College student, was found dead on March 3, her body partially clothed, wrists bound and covered in a sleeping bag on a steep hillside in the Hollywood Hills. The body had been there for about two weeks, authorities said.

Police have identified a suspect, who is currently in custody in the Los Angeles County Jail on an unrelated felony charge. He was arrested Feb. 17 — two days after Johnson disappeared — in Beverly Hills for grand theft auto

and violating parole.

SMPD detectives and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office aren't rushing the case so they can gather enough evidence to

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Almost time to set the clocks ahead one hour

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's almost time again for most Americans to return to daylight-saving time.

Clocks move ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, local time, moving an hour of daylight to the evening for warm-weather outdoor activities.

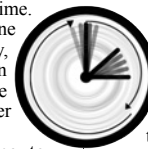
It's also a good time to change the batteries in smoke detectors, suggests Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. His

department is the government agency in charge of coordinating daylight-saving time.

Standard time returns Oct. 26.

Federal law does not require any area to observe daylight-saving time, and a few parts of the country have opted not to do so.

They are Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana located in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas islands.



Iraqis flee as convoys press in from the south

BY DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

Army tanks and infantry, joined by elements of the 101st Airborne Division, fought off attacks Friday at Baghdad's international airport, newly seized as a U.S. base just outside Saddam Hussein's capital. Thousands of Iraqis fled the city, fearing urban warfare.

With U.S. commandos already inside Baghdad, columns of Army and Marine armored vehicles advanced on the city from the south. They met occasionally stiff resistance, battling Iraqi tanks as well as army, Republican Guard and Fedayeen forces.

American forces closed in as Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf threatened "very new, creative" martyrdom operations — often a euphemism for suicide attacks — but denied weapons of mass destruction would be involved.

Saddam appeared on television — seemingly debunking American-fed speculation that he

was dead — and urged his country to "strike them (advancing troops) forcefully."

More than two weeks into Operation Iraqi Freedom, there were fresh setbacks for the Americans, and no shortage of scares.

But the Marines reported the surrender of 2,500 members of the Republican Guard, American and British warplanes bombed targets virtually at will for the 16th straight day, and the administration projected increasing confidence.

"We are almost in control of their country, and we'll be incom-

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Postcard lost in the mail for 46 years



Pictured are both sides of the nearly 50-year old postcard that ended up in Fred Fink's mailbox last week.

Postcard finishes nearly half-century, cross-country trek

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Maurice and Josephine Molloy won't get to read the postcard their grandson sent them in June of 1957 from Dobbs Ferry, New York.

They've since moved on. Instead, that job went to Santa Monica resident Fred Fink, who now lives at the Molloy's old address. Fink spotted the yellowed postcard with its three-cent "International Navy Review" stamp mixed in amid his usual junk mail offerings and magazines on March 31.

"Dear Grandpa and Grandma," the postcard begins. "We're both having a wonderful time. Marry and Bob are being very sweet. We'll give you all the details when

we come home Wed. We went to the Empire State Bld. yesterday. It's tremendous. Lots of love."

The signature is unintelligible. On the front was a skyline picture of a Manhattan of a different era.

"I just about fell over," said Fink, a 28-year resident of the 1970s-era building.

Fink asked neighbors if anyone knew the Molloy's, but no one did, not even the oldest residents. The Daily Press searched unsuccessfully for relatives of the Molloy's still living in the Los Angeles area. Efforts to identify the grandchild were unsuccessful.

The first names of Grandpa and Grandma Molloy were retrieved with the help of Robert

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 ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 5, 2003:

Make the most of the many opportunities that come down your path. You might not always be sure of yourself, especially in the face of public opinion. Know that you are fairly anchored. Trust in yourself and don't always internalize all feedback. Think in terms of gains. If you are single, you will discover a lot more of what you want in a relationship. This person easily could become quite special. If you are attached, your bond will benefit from more active communication and better understanding. GEMINI understands your humor.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Being stubborn could just be the beginning of your problems. What is the purpose of getting stuck on having things your way? You might want to loosen up some. A discussion is way overdue. Enjoy yourself on a deeper, more profound level. Tonight: At a favorite spot, doing something you love.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You might drive a hard bargain without intending to. In any case, your self-expression might be a lot different from what you intended. Lighten up a discussion with a child or loved one, if you want results. Being insistent gets you nowhere. Tonight: Go with the flow.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Evaluate changes that have occurred recently. You might want to take a deep breath and think before you leap into a discussion later in the day. You might be making mountains out of mole hills. Claim your power in the afternoon, when everything goes a little haywire. Tonight: You're in your element.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Realize when enough is enough. Be willing to put a halt to a problem when a partner heads your way. Take a deep breath and listen to your inner dialogue. Important information comes your way. Listen to your instincts with a partner. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be overextended. By the nature of someone's reaction, you get that distinct impression. Take your time and slow down. Re-focus on friendship and the quality of what you want. Bring others together in a more joyful manner. Tonight: Where the action is.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Make a long-distance call. You find those at a distance particularly intriguing. Someone wants to offer you a lot more. Are you willing to go for it? Your nerves could be a bit fried by recent events. Check in with a relative or boss in the p.m. Tonight: A must show.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Do more for others right now, especially as you might not have the control you desire. Examine what might be going on with a child or loved one. Allow more humor into your life. Lighten up. Detach with caring. Gain a new perspective. Tonight: Accept an invitation to a concert or an exotic restaurant.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You find a partner determined and ready to create an uproar if he or she must. Discuss more carefully what might be ailing this person. A discussion over a meal draws the two of you together. Being right doesn't support making peace. Tonight: Be a duo.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Emphasize a project and not the uproar around it. Once you complete what you have to do, you'll feel like a brand-new person. A partner or dear friend gets plain old excited by the options you present. Go with the moment. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ A risk certainly does not pay off today or in the near future. Be more in touch with your feelings. You don't have to do much to communicate your bottom line. Pitch in and make that extra effort. You do count. Tonight: Take it easy.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You cause more upset than you anticipate. Loosen up and make what you want possible. Your laughter helps others see the humor in what otherwise might be considered a disaster. Add that extra sparkle. Others do appreciate what you're about. Tonight: Dance the night away.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You don't need to explain, especially as your checked look says it all. The feeling that everything can and will work is quickly tested. Establish boundaries in your immediate environment. You like what happens around you. Tonight: Invite others over.

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LOCAL



Musically inclined



Del Pastrana/Daily Press
Robert Nichols conducts the Santa Monica Chamber Orchestra on Friday during a day-long school district music program.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica Citywide Reads announces April-May events

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Citywide Reads is an open invitation to everyone who lives, works, visits, or attends high school or college in Santa Monica to read and discuss the same book.

The program will be launched during National Library Week (April 6-12) and concludes during the Santa Monica Festival on May 17. Modeled after "one book, one city" initiatives held across the country, the program is designed to encourage an appreciation for reading and talking about books by launching an "all Santa Monica" book club.

The book selected for Santa Monica's inaugural Citywide Reads is "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. This international best seller resonates with the themes of friendship and the transforming power of storytelling. As the characters in this novel discover, sharing ideas about books with friends adds insight and richness to the experience of reading.

Sponsored by the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Public Library, the Friends of the Library, the California Center for the Book, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and other community and educational partners, Citywide Reads invites participation in the following public book discussion groups:

Tuesday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. — Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Room 100.
Thursday, April 10, 2 p.m. — Senior Recreation Center, 1450 Ocean Ave.
Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m. — Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
Monday, April 21, 10 a.m. — Joslyn Park Auditorium, 633 Kensington Rd.
Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. — Marine Park Auditorium, 1406 Marine St.
Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. — Douglas Park Clubhouse, 25th St., and Wilshire Blvd.



Saturday, SW fades more dramatically, but a string of short-period northwest swell is forecast through the weekend. Surf shouldn't drop off too drastically, a couple feet at south facing breaks.

South Bay spots should average waist- to shoulder-high Saturday and Sunday. It looks like waist- to chest-high and inconsistent in the north.

Today's Tides:		
	Low- 4:29 a.m.	0.27'
	High- 10:37 a.m.	3.72'
	Low- 3:57 p.m.	1.49'
	High- 10:12 p.m.	4.97'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	D
Topanga	1-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	C
Breakwater	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
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Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 1426 Montana Ave. #5.
Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 2901 Main St.
Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. — Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.
Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 3150 Ocean Park Blvd.
Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 200 Santa Monica Blvd.
Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 1312 Third Street Promenade.
Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. — Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.
Friday, May 16, 12:30 p.m. — Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 829 Wilshire Blvd.

Teen Book Discussions:

Saturday, April 26, 3 p.m. — 18th Street Coffeehouse, 1725 Broadway.
Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. — YMCA Teen Center, 1332 Sixth St.

These moderator-led book discussions are free and open to the public. Participation is also encouraged for those who already belong to a book club by contacting Santa Monica Citywide Reads for a discussion Resource Guide at www.smpl.org/cwr.

Related events include a free family concert, "Mozart in Mao's China: Music Suggested by Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" performed by The String Family Players on Sunday, April 13, 1-2:30 p.m. at Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd.

Author Aimee Lu presents her new book, "Flash House," a historical thriller novel set during the Communist Revolution in China in the late 1940s and during interesting context to Dai Sijie's novel whose storyline takes place later during Mao's Cultural Revolution. Lu appears at Tuesdays with Books on April 22 at 1:30 p.m., at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Farmer's market-inspired vitriol

Editor:

In direct response to Beverly Abrams' editorial (SMDP, April 3). Beverly, you are lacking in a sense of humor and you were clueless to the ads' content. Yes, omelets are French too! What is fair in competition? The owner of Acadie Creperie directly competes with my business at the only city-sponsored farmer's market that allows for such grand casual food service.

Is it fair that the department of economic development and resource management (which controls the farmer's market organization) will not let the same occur on Second St., (Acadies' front yard) on Wednesday morning?

Is it fair that Main Street businesses are the sacrificial lambs of that food court/carnival disguised as a farmer's market?

No Beverly, I am not upset with the French. If I have offended any members of the international community or my friends, I am deeply sorry. All nations involved appear to be protecting their own interests.

No, I am upset with the city and the city-invited casual, ALL CASH, businesses sucking the lifeblood out of a once prosperous business district. It is my opinion that I am being denied process by the city and Main Street merchants have no genuine representation.

Think about it — the department of economic development sponsoring a retail and food court of outside vendors that don't even have storefronts on Main Street in one of the cities' own business districts. Who is paying the assessments here? Their carnival (AKA farmer's market) sucks up every parking space in the business district on Sunday — once the most prosperous day for ALL the businesses on the block.

Time for that basic economics course. My advice to your friend at Acadie Creperie is to get a storefront on Main Street! There are plenty! But they are more than \$75 a day. Acadie won't be angry, enjoy the CASH!

Beverly, see you at the carnival. Pray for peace.

Bob Hausenbauer

Proprietor, Ocean Park Omelette Parlor

'The good times are over'

Editor:

Boo hoo hoo! The "poor" residents of the beachfront apartments are afraid that they might not be able to keep their "summer homes."

Well, tuff! The good times are over. You've all had 30 years to make a fortune (in part by not paying market rate rent) — a fortune that has allowed you to have not one but TWO homes. And, at the beach no less! How dare you complain that you may have to pay fair market value for a "second residency" apartment.

And, you're damn right the owners are going to crawl up your respective asses to see what other property you hold, where your car is registered, where you file your

taxes and when your bottle of milk expires! And they have every right to.

Good for Douglas Emmett and all other property owners! It's about time that this bogus notion that only "truly deserving," "truly low-moderate income" people live in rent-controlled apartments. Anybody who has lived here for more than 10 years knows that it's a scam.

And your fear of an income cap — well isn't what this is all about? Isn't that what you all want — a diversity of incomes in Santa Monica? Isn't this what all you rent control advocates have always wanted?

Surely you never meant for a renter who accumulates a large net-worth to remain in a rent-controlled unit? Obviously someone like that would "do the right thing" and move out as soon as he moved into the "middle-upper" income bracket so a properly deserving person could move in. Right?

Or maybe it's simply human nature (and yes this even includes those of you who "really care") to take advantage of every opportunity to "get over" whenever possible. I challenge — no, I dare — every person lucky enough to be living in a rent-con-

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A kibosh on complaining until the war is over



**MODERN
TIMES**

By Lloyd Garver

It pains me to say this, but I think we're going to have to declare a moratorium on complaining until the war in Iraq is over.

It's not going to be easy for us. We live in a culture of complaining. You might think that as our society has become more successful and comfortable, we would've given up on complaining. On the contrary, we've elevated it to new heights.

It's possible today to hear people say things like, "I'm tired of sunny, blue skies every day," or "The air conditioning in my new car is so powerful, sometimes I can't hear my free CDs," or "The doctor never finds anything wrong with me."

Complaining has become an art form or an extreme sport. Expert complainers find ways to even complain about good things. They'll say things like, "That big bonus I got messed up my tax situation," and, "The food and service were great, but

why do they have to serve such big portions?" and "My house has never caught on fire, so why am I paying all that money for insurance?" And of course, there's, "Just my luck. I finally lost all that weight. Now I have to buy new clothes."

You could easily imagine someone saying things like, "My kids are doing so well that I feel unneeded as a parent," or "What was the point of going to Hawaii if my tan was going to fade in a few weeks?"

I wouldn't be shocked if I heard someone say, "I got a stiff neck from looking up at that building I inherited." That's how good complainers have gotten.

However, lately, I haven't been as comfortable complaining as usual and you may have felt the same way. When the Santa Ana winds blew last week in Southern California, I found it hard to complain about a headache and itchy eyes knowing that some people had to endure sandstorms in Iraq while trying to avoid getting killed.

And how can you complain about a traffic jam today when others have had to drive to Baghdad and they haven't complained? How can you get mad at noisy

neighbors when people have to somehow live through the sounds of bombings every day?

Now is one of those times when it's hard to avoid the fact that most of us are very fortunate. It's a time for being grateful, not for complaining. It's not a time for throwing a tantrum if they accidentally give you a tall mocha instead of the latte grande you ordered.

Being at that job you don't particularly like isn't really "Hell" — being over there is "Hell."

Before you say something like, "I just can't stand this old house of ours," maybe you should think of those whose homes have been destroyed.

That's why we should have a moratorium on complaining until the war is over. Personally, I don't know how long I'll be able to hold out. After all, right now I'm complaining about there being too much complaining!

But I'm going to try and I think we can all at least try to refrain from whining about everyday, minor things like soggy newspapers, stupid TV commercials, or squeaky brakes. (Complaining about columns you don't like is still fair game.)

When this war is over, we'll probably slip out of this mood of being thankful, lose perspective and return to complaining about trivial things. I have a feeling that none of us will have forgotten how to complain. It's human nature, and it's not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, I'm looking forward to when our soldiers come home and resume participating in the American custom of complaining.

I want to hear those veterans grumbling about things like getting bad reception on Channel 4 or the telemarketer who always calls during dinner or people who pronounce the "t" in "often."

Then we'll all be able to be thankful that these silly little things have once again become the biggest things that most of us have to complain about.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's Opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com.)

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OPINION



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trolled apartment to look at his/her total annual income and net worth, then look in the mirror and ask yourself if you fit the ideal demographic intended by the rent control policies of Santa Monica.

For those who are about to be booted out of their "summer homes" — Nah nah nah nah, nah nah nah nah, hey hey hey, good-bye. Keep in touch — tonsy90403@yahoo.com.

Tony Street
Santa Monica

A response and a chicken joke

Editor:

May I respond to the letter printed in the Daily Press sent by a colonel (who apparently lives in "U.S. Army Ret.," because his address is not listed — unlike every other normal letter-to-the-editor writer because, in fact, I thought it was required of all submissions) last Thursday ("Correcting weapon statements" March 27)?

First off, you don't have to be a "former adjutant at Redstone" or a "retired artillery officer" who "served 30 years defending this place" (or even a secretary of defense) to know that any kind of rocket carrying an unconventional payload can be a weapon of mass destruction.

He says I confuse the message with the messenger. Well, let's just ask the messenger what he meant by his message (cartoon) and I'll stand by that. In fact, I appreciate the colonel's informing the Daily Press readership of the dangers inherent when the kind of payload he spoke of — chem/bio/nuclear — is added to a SCUD. But before he labels me "naive" and "a pundit" and "the expert" and "piffle" and "only in Santa Rosenfeld" (referring to a column I write in the monthly Santa Monica Sun newspaper) and before he goes on to harangue the "accuracy" or "integrity of what is spoken," perhaps he can speak to an Israeli who had her home hit by such a SCUD missile in 1991.

I did and the massive destruction to her apartment off Diezengoff in Tel Aviv covered two rooms. So forgive me Colonel Sanders (sic), I was indeed technically referring to that kind of SCUD, the plainly unadorned one drawn by Daily Press Opinion Page artist Joe King. Nothing added to the tip, no enhancements, similar to the ones that landed on Israel (the only ones we've witnessed so far), sans teeth, sans soul, sans everything.

Hank Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Impressions of peace, L.A.-style

Editor:

Impression from my very first peace march: It seemed like a long, Sherman-like march, all the way from the southern tip of Pershing Square in downtown L.A. to the downtown Federal Building. And it began after standing around Sunday in the square, listening to speeches for 45 minutes to an hour. Although I am familiar with Westwood's Federal Building, I was not acquainted with the downtown structure and for that reason I asked myself at every gleaming, well maintained high-rise we passed, "Is this the Federal Building?" Finally we had arrived at Los Angeles and Main streets, I sunk down in exhaustion in the 88-degree heat. "Do you need water?" asked a kind stranger.

Other impressions of the march: There is a small peace movement in conservative Orange County. For proof, turn to www.ocpeace.org <<http://www.ocpeace.org>>. There is also an impression that peace marchers are against U.S. troops. Yet there were numerous signs declaring, "Support our troops; bring them home."

Still most marchers are against the war. Other signs carried a picture of an 6 to 8-year-old girl, obviously injured, with the stinging comment: "Collateral damage." For all that the march was peaceful and there were no arrest.

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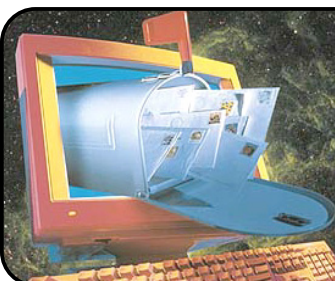
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LOCAL

Body found in spot that was not accessible to public

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ensure a conviction. And because he's already in custody on \$1.5 million bail, there is no risk of the suspect fleeing, police said.

"We are not going to rush the crime lab," said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega, adding that local detectives meet regularly with the DA's office regarding the case.

Police won't release the name of the suspect because he hasn't been charged with a crime. However, it's known that he has a long criminal history of luring and victimizing young, attractive women by claiming to be a photographer in the entertainment industry.

The Daily Press' policy is not to name suspects until they have been formally charged.

He was reportedly released from state prison on Jan. 20, just days before he allegedly tried to lure a woman into his clutches in West Hollywood by posing as a publicity photographer for a specific film title that he's used as a ruse multiple times. The woman in the West Hollywood incident, suspicious of his behavior and aggressiveness, was able to escape with the help of her boyfriend.

Johnson didn't return to her 29th Street apartment in Santa Monica after she told her roommates she was going to Beverly Hills to audition for a photographer she met while shopping at the Century City Mall earlier.

Police learned more than a week later that Johnson's white 1996 Mazda Miata had been valet-parked Feb. 16 — the day after she disappeared — at the St. Regis Hotel in Century City. The suspect was identified as the person who dropped off the vehicle, based on a composite sketch released by police.

About the same time, police served 10

search warrants at various locations throughout Los Angeles. Authorities have only confirmed searches of the suspect's West Hollywood residence and a home on Skyline Drive, which is two properties away from where Johnson's body was found.

Police reportedly searched several vacant homes in the Hollywood Hills that the suspect may have toured with a realtor shortly before Johnson disappeared, said a source familiar with the properties.

The crime lab is analyzing evidence recovered from those properties, as well as evidence recovered from Johnson's car.

The two-story Spanish style home on Skyline Drive, most recently occupied by actor Laurence Fishburne, could be of interest because it is so close to where Johnson's body was found.

The neighborhood is remote and the location of her body can't be accessed without entering private property. An access road at the top of the canyon is blocked by a 10-foot-tall fence and private homes are at the bottom of the ravine. Her body was found in the brush abutting people's backyards.

How Johnson died has yet to be determined by the Los Angeles County Coroner, which has deferred Johnson's autopsy for toxicology testing. Results are expected in the next month.

Police remain in contact with Johnson's parents, Terry Wark, who lives in northern California, and Kirk Johnson, who lives in Michigan, where Johnson grew up.

Police are confident that the case will be solved, it just might take longer than expected for charges to be filed.

"We will use every lawful means available to assemble the strongest case possible and bring justice to Kristi Johnson and her family," said SMPD Chief James T. Butts Jr.

Postcard mailed in '57 arrives last week in SM

POSTCARD, from page 1

Knowles, a spokesman for the L.A. County Assessor, who found them on the deed of the Molloy's 18th Street bungalow.

Fink's apartment complex now sits on the lot where the little bungalow Maurice and Josephine Molloy bought in 1928 once stood. They sold the house in 1957, the same year the postcard was mailed.

Thirteen years later, the little house was plowed down.

A spokesman from the United States Postal Service said this type of thing happens often.

"This postcard was probably delivered to that address in 1957," said spokesman George Marsh. "And somehow it got back into the mail stream."

Marsh said that people often hold onto old postcards for sentimental reasons. After a person dies their descendants will often go through the old boxes of correspondence. And sometimes someone else finds an old card and mails it, not knowing it had already been delivered.

But not everyone is so sure.

Ninfa Llamas, a mail carrier of 17-years who delivered the card this millennium, said that before Monday she'd never seen anything like it.

"I don't know why or how I got this card," said Llamas, pointing out that she

was two-years old when it was sent. "I turned it over and said, 'Wow. This is incredible.'"

Back in 1957 mail came by train. After the card was dropped into the postal stream on June 24, it could have taken as long as two weeks to make it to Los Angeles and, finally, into a Santa Monica mail carrier's bag.

Faster than the Pony Express, to be sure, but certainly no air mail. And no FedEx, either.

As the little card made its 46-year trip across the country the nation stayed busy.

Eisenhower wrapped up his second term and Kennedy came into office. Eight other presidents followed, leading our nation into a total of five wars. America went to the moon. Mohammed Ali fought his way to the top and a Polish person was elected pope. The Berlin wall came down. The two World Trade Center towers went up and came tumbling down.

With sliced bread a mere 29 years old, eager inventors embarked on a series of technological creations. Others include the zip code, Pacemakers, artificial hearts, contact lenses and Viagra, eight tracks, cassettes, CDs and mini discs, hand-held calculators, personal computers, cell phones, the Internet and the hackey sack

STATE



Study provides details about a new L.A. fault

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — A recently mapped, still-active fault line that snakes beneath downtown Los Angeles is capable of generating major earthquakes, but only about once every 2,000 years, according to a new study.

At least four earthquakes of estimated magnitudes 7.2 to 7.5 have struck over the last 11,000 years on the Puente Hills fault, which was first mapped just four years ago. A segment of the fault last ruptured in 1987 with a magnitude-6 earthquake.

The study is the first to show how often and with how much punch large quakes have struck on the fault in the past, said lead author James Dolan, an earthquake geologist at the University of Southern California.

The findings firmly place the fault among the largest of the 100 or more that crisscross the Los Angeles region. Details appear Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Dolan called the findings a good news-bad news proposition: The major quakes the fault has generated in the past would ravage modern-day Los Angeles, but apparently only strike every 2,000 years or so.

"What we didn't know was how fast this fault is storing up energy ... and whether it releases this energy in the form of numerous, small-sized earthquakes or in less frequent, but much larger events," Dolan said. "Our results suggest the latter is the case."

Lucy Jones, who runs the Pasadena office of the U.S. Geological Survey, which partly funded the study, called the findings "disturbing, disturbing information."

"The conclusion that there have to be pretty big earthquakes underneath Los Angeles is not without consequence," said Jones, who was not connected with the study.

Many of the buildings in downtown Los Angeles were built to withstand a quake no larger than magnitude 5 directly underneath them. A magnitude-7 earth-

quake, by comparison, releases about 1,000 times more energy.

"If you had to design the worst place to put a fault in Los Angeles, Puente Hills is it," Dolan said

"The conclusion that there have to be pretty big earthquakes underneath Los Angeles is not without consequence."

— LUCY JONES
U.S. Geological Survey

But seismologists also caution that the new findings do little to raise the overall risk Los Angeles faces, given the number of faults within the region.

Geologists say the Puente Hills fault will probably rupture again in the future, yet the likelihood of it happening in the next 50 or so years is slim.

The Puente Hills fault snakes for about 30 miles, formed by the collision of the Pacific and North American plates, which catches the Los Angeles basin in a vise-like squeeze. That stress is released in earthquakes.

Dolan and his co-authors used oil industry data and cores extracted from more than a dozen boreholes to gather evidence of the Puente Hills fault's past.

There is little sign of the fault visible at the surface today and past earthquakes have folded the buried layers of sediments draped over it. When sampled, the layers can be carbon-dated, allowing scientists to build a quake chronology.

Retriever dies after spending time under dryer at groomer

By The Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD — A golden retriever died after spending 20 minutes under a dryer at a dog grooming salon.

The owners of golden retrievers Sam and Harry left them at U Wash Doggie earlier this week for what was supposed to have been a routine wash and dry.

But two hours later, the owners were called by groomers because Harry had died. His body temperature had risen above 109 by the time salon workers rushed him to a veterinarian, his owners said. A dog's normal temperature is about 101.

"We dropped him off, and the next thing we know we got a phone call that he was dead," Victor Kaminoff said.

U Wash Doggie salon owner Francisco Ganero said he hopes "the owner understands we didn't do this thing on purpose. It was a fluke."

Ganero said the dogs weren't left unattended, and they weren't under the box-shaped dryers too long. He theorized that 4-year-old Harry died of dehydration.

The cause of death is unknown pend-

ing a necropsy, but pet experts agreed that dehydration was the likely cause. Sheriff's Department officials said no laws had been broken.

Dogs cool themselves by panting, which becomes more difficult in a cage under hot air flow for extended amounts of time, said Dr. Dick Schumacher, executive director of the California Veterinary Medical Association.

Most manufacturers recommend running grooming dryers no higher than about 80 degrees and providing the animals with regular water breaks.

"You have to remember most people keep their homes at 70 degrees," said Denise Stoops, president of the Southern California Professional Groomers Association.

Seven-year-old Sam, the surviving golden retriever, has been wandering through the house looking for his buddy, the owners said, noting Harry was bouncy and bubbly — "the life of the party."

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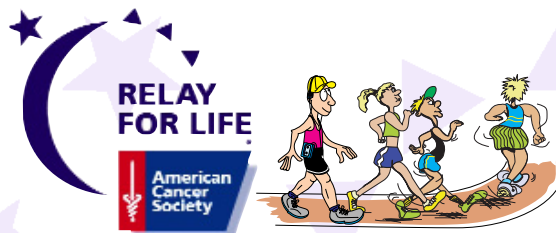
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NATIONAL

AIDS pamphlet with Bible references recalled

BY DAVID ROYSE
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — State health officials pulled a Christian-themed AIDS brochure from circulation Friday after a civil liberties group complained that tax money was used for pamphlets with Biblical passages.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida asked the Health Department on Thursday to recall the pamphlets, titled "A Christian Response to AIDS." Director Howard Simon said the brochures may have a worthwhile goal, but contain a message that shouldn't be delivered by state government.

The department's lawyers reviewed the pamphlet and immediately decided to remove it from the agency's list of approved educational materials, according to letter sent by the agency to county health departments and local health

groups.

The agency requested that officials remove the brochures from offices and waiting rooms and return them to the department.

The pamphlets use passages from the Bible to urge compassion toward people with AIDS and the HIV virus. Each bears the logo and name of the Florida Department of Health. The brochure asks: "How would Jesus respond to a person with HIV or AIDS?" and promises that "Jesus is our Hope."

The department acknowledged approving the brochure's use and distributing them to local groups involved in AIDS education.

The pamphlet has been in circulation for about a decade and has been used in several states. Last month, Pennsylvania officials took it off a state Web site after the ACLU complained.

Husband in Texas accused of keeping wife on chain

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A man was arrested after his wife was found with a 25-foot chain similar to those used for dogs padlocked around her neck, police said.

Jerry Wayne Thomason, 41, was arrested Thursday. A witness had contacted police, saying she noticed the chain around Patricia Thomason's neck as the couple dropped off their two sons, ages 11 and 14, at school.

Police said the witness asked Jerry Thomason about the chain, and he jerked it and said that he used it so that his wife couldn't run off.

Officer Kenny Hagen said police went to the Thomason home and found the 45-year-old woman in her driveway, her face bruised and the chain still around her neck. Her husband was asleep in a car in the driveway, he said.

"She had a really tough time talking," Hagen said. "She was distraught, kind of like beat down, almost like you had accepted your fate in life."

The chain was wrapped around her neck twice and held in place with a padlock, and she was holding the rest of it in her arms, police said. Firefighters used bolt cutters to get it off, and the woman was treated at a hospital and released.

Thomason was charged with aggravated assault and unlawful restraint.

Thomason, who had told police he loved his wife and wanted to take care of her, was in Bexar County Jail on Friday morning. Bond was set at \$53,000.

Police said it was unclear how long the woman had been wearing the chain or whether it was ever used to tie her to something. The couple's two children were with their maternal grandmother, police said.

Philip Morris asks court to lower bond in cigarette case

By The Associated Press

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. — Saying it cannot come up with \$12 billion, Philip Morris USA asked an Illinois court Friday to lower the bond it must post before appealing its loss in a lawsuit over "light" cigarettes.

The company asked Judge Nicholas Byron to reduce the bond to at most \$1.5 billion.

Philip Morris has warned that the full bond amount might keep it from making payments required under a landmark 1998 tobacco settlement with 46 states — including Illinois. The company has also raised the possibility of bankruptcy.

William Ohlemeyer, Philip Morris vice president and general counsel, said Illinois gave up its right to further damage awards when it agreed to the 1998 settlement.

He also said the company's net worth is less than \$12 billion and that it would go bankrupt if forced to put up the entire amount.

For 2002, Altria Group — the new name for the holding company Philip Morris Cos. Inc. — reported net income of \$11.1 billion.

On Friday, Washington state Attorney General Christine Gregoire and 45 other state attorneys general notified Philip Morris that they will bring legal action if the next payment is late. Gregoire also said she plans to file a brief in Illinois supporting Philip Morris's request for a lower appeal bond.

Byron ordered Philip Morris last month to pay \$10.1 billion in damages and \$2 billion in legal fees for tricking smokers into believing two of its "light" brand cigarettes are less toxic than regular ones.

Illinois Supreme Court rules require litigants to post the full amount of a settlement before appealing. But Philip Morris says judges also have the discretion to order lower bonds.

NATIONAL



A husband at sea, a wife on shore and a 'strong will to live'

BY KRISTEN GELINEAU
Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Rain pelting down into the surrounding 12-foot waves, Jens Eventyr curled up on his surfboard and allowed himself to think the unthinkable: He was going to die.

Hours earlier, the 32-year old surfer felt the shoreline — and hope — slip away as strong currents swept him out to sea.

"I am going to die a slow, torturous death and be in misery until I fade away..." he thought. "Maybe it would be better if I could just have a quick death."

His ordeal started March 19 after about an hour and a half of surfing off the rugged Pacific Coast. With the sun sinking in the west, Eventyr was ready to call it a day and headed for shore. But the strong ocean currents weren't cooperating.

"It was like I was falling and there was this hand reaching out to me and I was just almost there," but he never could reach the beach he was heading for, he said.

Instead, three monstrous waves pulled him out to sea, away from the jetty as the sun disappeared and the sky turned inky black.

Eventyr had been looking for solitude: time to think about what had been a tense period for him and his wife, time to reflect. A surfer for five years, he had headed out alone to Westhaven State Park near Westport to surf off some stress.

His wife, Kirstin, stayed home in Olympia. As darkness set in and Jens didn't come home, she began to worry. Had he checked into a hotel?

At 2 a.m., she called the Washington State Patrol to see if any accidents had been reported. At 4 a.m., she called The

Evergreen State College, where Eventyr works as a breakfast cook, to see if he'd shown up to work. He hadn't.

"That was when I started to get really, really scared," said Kirstin, a mental health counselor. "Because up until that moment I really thought he'd gotten a hotel room or he'd fallen asleep in his van. ... I was maintaining a denial fantasy."

In the water, Jens Eventyr could no longer see lights from the shore, and the massive waves were making him seasick.

And he thought about Kirstin. "I was going to die and we weren't going to get a chance to resolve our issues."

Between attempts at paddling toward shore, he conserved energy by resting with his chest on top of the 7 1/2-foot board and his legs tucked below. His gloves, boots and hooded wetsuit — a recent birthday gift from his family — helped preserve body heat in the 50-degree water.

He was losing hope, and yet he also felt a knot in his stomach, a sense that his body was resisting surrender. His eyes closed, but he tried to fight off sleep.

At one point, as he opened his eyes he caught a glimpse of dawn and felt the warmth of the sun.

"There was this moment where the clouds broke open and it looked like two hands," he said. "And the sun was beaming through in golden beams..."

The light of day found Kirstin in a panic. Authorities had found Eventyr's van parked at the Westport beach. His wetsuit and surfboard were missing. They called the Coast Guard.

Shortly before 8 a.m. on March 20, the Coast Guard dispatched two helicopters

and a boat to look for him.

Kirstin drove to Westport with a friend and Jens' mother while her father stayed at home to monitor the phone. Seeing the turbulent surf, Kirstin felt "helpless and small" and collapsed to her knees, sobbing.

"There's just no way he could survive that," she thought.

As his wife wept in the sand, Jens Eventyr kept up his struggle against the sea just 18 miles to the north.

He was off the shoreline of the Quinalt Indian Reservation when he wondered if his eyes were playing tricks on him. He made out what appeared to be a little house. The closest land was a cliff jutting into the water. He headed toward it.

For hours, he paddled in short bursts. He seemed to be making progress.

"That was my first moment of hope," he said.

Finally, with a firm grip on his board, he caught a wave and, in one last 10-second ride, was hurled onto the shore.

He lay on the sand a while, gathering his strength before making the trek up the cliff toward the house. Weary, thirsty and famished after struggling with the sea for 18 hours, he stopped to rest, to drink a trickle of water, and to scrounge for edible plants, including fiddlehead ferns.

The house turned out to be a shuttered Coast Guard station. But he was in luck: A young couple there gave him a ride to a store in the Indian reservation town. Clerk Lois Hetland said she didn't know what to think when the obviously exhausted man in a wetsuit walked into her store. She guessed he might be suffering from hypothermia, and she called paramedics.

"You're lucky you're alive," she told him.

Coast Guard officials say Eventyr's protective gear, made of heat-trapping Neoprene, helped keep him alive in a stretch of the coast that is notorious for very strong currents.

"He had a strong will to live," said Petty Officer Clint Strayhorn.

Kirstin had spent hours searching when she got the news her husband had been found.

"They found him!" she shouted in joyous relief. Then for an instant she wasn't sure and asked her father on the phone: "They found him, right? Him — him, him, him, not just the body, right?"

Soon, Jens' own voice on the phone confirmed it.

The couple declared their love for each other.

"We're usually good at resolving things with each other," Kirstin said. "And to come back to each other — to have that option was just a miracle. That was part of what was going to kill me, was that he could go under and not know how much I love him."

Back at home last week, Jens had returned to work and was thinking about surfing again, though not alone. He and Kirstin have taken lots of walks together.

"It's been really sweet," Kirstin said. "There's definitely an increased awareness of how precious we are to each other."

Jens said he has a new appreciation for his wife of nearly seven years.

"I have a wonderful life and I really started to realize the value of people," he said. "It shuffles the deck — your priorities change and it's like a whole new start."

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INTERNATIONAL

Setbacks and multitude of scares hamper forces

WAR, from page 1

plete control soon," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in Washington, as President Bush met with Iraqi exiles to discuss a postwar governing entity.

The White House also announced that Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair would meet next week in Northern Ireland, the second face-to-face talk for the war allies since the fighting began.

More than two weeks into Operation Iraqi Freedom, there were fresh setbacks for the Americans, and no shortage of scares.

A car bomb killed three uniformed personnel at a checkpoint when a pregnant woman jumped from the vehicle screaming for help. Iraqi television reported two women had carried out a suicide attack, apparently the same incident.

Troops south of Baghdad found thousands of boxes of sus-

picious white powder, nerve agent antidote and Arabic documents detailing procedures for chemical warfare. Initial reports showed the powder to be explosives rather than weapons of mass destruction, according to one senior U.S. official, although additional investigation was planned.

A defense official also said Marines fired on a truck that refused to stop at a checkpoint south of Baghdad, killing an undisclosed number of civilians. ABC said seven died, three children among them, adding they were in a vehicle behind a military truck that tried to crash through the roadblock.

There was continued fighting in several areas of the country.

In the north, air attacks cleared the way for Kurdish forces to seize a key bridge at Khazer, near the major city of Mosul.

In the southern city of Basra, where Iraqis have held out

for days, Saddam's forces shelled British troops.

But increasingly, the focus was on the combat around Baghdad.

Hours after U.S. forces entered the airport, fighting continued. Lt. Cmdr Mark Johnson said he could see battles near the airport and in several other places around the city as he flew overhead on a bombing run. "There was lots of smoke and fire all along the roads leading into Baghdad, around the airport in particular," he said.

In Washington, a senior administration official said the airport was under U.S. control but not considered secured, in part because it was within range of artillery inside the capital city.

Inside the facility after Thursday's all-night tank and infantry battle, American troops swiftly renamed it. Saddam International Airport no longer, it is now Baghdad International Airport.

American troops moved through its underground tunnels to clear them of danger.

One brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, helicopters included, arrived to use the grounds as a base of operation close to the capital. The 101st is highly trained in urban warfare.

"We are fighting in urban terrain now, and to be effective, in this terrain you need light infantry forces. This is their forte," said Col. John Peabody of the 3rd Infantry Division.

A few miles to the east, in a city largely blacked out since Thursday, Iraqis fled northward, away from advancing Americans. Vehicles of every description loaded with men, women, children and their possessions clogged exit routes in backups that stretched for miles.

At the same time, thousands of army troops and militiamen dug more trenches and foxholes.

American commanders were close-mouthed about the next part of the battle plan for Baghdad, although Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters that American commandos were "in key locations" in the capital.

Marines advanced from the southeast, rolling through villages and towns past now familiar sites of discarded Iraqi military uniforms. Crowds sometimes lined the roads, and some Iraqis voiced their hopes in a blend of English and Arabic.

"Thank you. Thank you.



Associated Press photo

A man who was identified as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by Iraqi television, is seen in this image from video that was shown on Iraqi television Friday.



Jerome Delay/Associated Press

A nurse rushes a man wounded in the vicinity of Baghdad airport through Baghdad's Yarmouk hospital Friday.

Baghdad, Baghdad. Yallah (Go). Yallah," they said.

Army troops advanced on Baghdad, as well, and tank units intercepted a battalion of Republican Guard armor about 25 miles outside the city. The Americans called in air cover, and reported the destruction of 10 Iraqi tanks.

Despite American battlefield successes, the war claimed the life of an American journalist for the first time. Michael Kelly, editor-at-large for The Atlantic Monthly, died Thursday along with a U.S. soldier when their Humvee went into a canal.

Flag-draped coffins carrying Americans killed in action were received at Dover Air Force Base

in Delaware, along with nine sets of remains found buried outside an Iraqi hospital where a U.S. prisoner of war was rescued earlier in the week. Military officials said the unidentified remains were believed to be those of U.S. soldiers.

Iraqi television provided the strongest indication to date that Saddam survived an attack on an Iraqi leadership compound on March 19. His broadcast contained a reference to a U.S. helicopter that went down four days after the missile attack.

Later, state-run television also showed scenes of a man said to be Saddam walking among adoring Iraqis.



John Moore/Associated Press

U.S. Army soldiers search buildings at an Iraqi military compound south of Baghdad on Friday. Troops from A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment searched the compound, destroying abandoned Iraqi military vehicles and helicopter parts.

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Xavier's West, Kentucky's Smith win AP awards

BY HAL BOCK

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — David West thought about leaving Xavier last year for the NBA draft. When he changed his mind and stayed, coach Thad Matta knew he needed to provide inspiration for his star player.

"I had to create a challenge," Matta said. "So I would whisper to him at practice, 'player of the year, player of the year.'"

On Friday, West won that award, sharing honors with Kentucky's Tubby Smith, who was voted The Associated Press coach of the year.

West received 30 votes from the 72-member national panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25. Texas sophomore guard T.J. Ford was second with 19 votes, followed by senior forward Josh Howard of Wake Forest (10).

Smith was a runaway winner with 58 votes, and Skip Prosser of Wake Forest was second with seven. Smith's 32-4 record this season included a 26-game winning

streak that ended Sunday in a 83-69 loss to Marquette in the Midwest Regional final.

"This team played as a great group," he said. "They functioned as one. They did that as well as any team I've ever been around."

West, also the leading vote-getter on the AP All-America team, is the first Xavier player to receive the Adolph Rupp Trophy. He led the Musketeers with 20.3 points, 12 rebounds, 1.6 blocks and 1.3 steals a game this season.

West's most remarkable performance came against Dayton on Feb. 8, when he scored 47 points and had 18 rebounds, just missing a double-double in each half. By returning to college, he also was able to get his degree in communication arts.

"The No. 1 reason I came back was to get my degree," West said. "I'm grateful to my coach for pushing me."

Smith won the national championship with Kentucky in 1998, his first season in Lexington, following stints with Tulsa and Georgia. Smith is the second Kentucky coach to win the AP award, joining Eddie Sutton (1986).



Michael Conroy/Associated Press

Xavier's David West, left, and Kentucky coach Tubby Smith stand with the Adolph F. Rupp trophy following a news conference Friday.

Lakers comeback and barely edge Memphis Grizzlies

By The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant hit a 21-footer as time expired Friday night, completing the Lakers' comeback from a 23-point fourth-quarter deficit as Los Angeles defeated the Memphis Grizzlies 102-101 Friday night.

Bryant's basket from the top of the key came off Robert Horry's inbounds pass with 3.3 seconds remaining. It gave Bryant 21 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 33 points and 19 rebounds, hitting 13 of

his 20 shots from the floor. Los Angeles won for the sixth time in seven games.

Memphis, which has lost six straight, was led by 18 points each from Jason Williams and Pau Gasol. Williams added 12 assists, while Gasol grabbed 11 rebounds. Wesley Person scored 17 for Memphis.

The Grizzlies led 89-66 entering the fourth after a steal and halfcourt shot by Brevin Knight at the end of the third quarter.

Memphis was still holding a 100-98 edge when O'Neal tied the game on a pair of free throws with 26.1 seconds left. Gasol hit one of two free throws with 3.3 seconds left, setting the stage for Bryant's game-winner.

Los Angeles erased the deficit with the help of a 21-7 run midway through the quarter.

The Grizzlies held a 56-48 lead at the half thanks to a stretch of the second period in which they scored on eight of nine possessions. The run was capped with a 3-pointer by Williams, giving Memphis a 48-35 lead, its biggest of the half.

Meanwhile, O'Neal was dominating the middle, hitting nine of 13 shots from the field for 22 points and adding 12 rebounds — almost single-handedly outrebounding Memphis, which had 15 in the half.

But there was little support. Bryant was

limited to five points on only five shots, Derek Fisher was 1-of-5 and Horry missed all six of his shots.

Memphis built its lead in the third. An 11-0 run that included a pair of Williams' steals that led to baskets put Memphis ahead 76-59.

Notes: Memphis F Mike Miller's back spasms limited his playing time again. Miller left the game with 7:40 left in the first period and didn't return. ...O'Neal said before the game he was not concerned about entering the playoffs on the road and playing from the underdog role.



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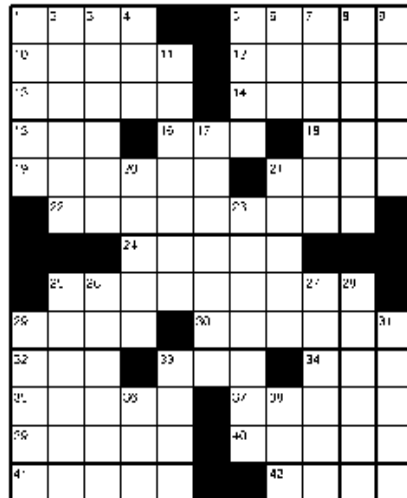
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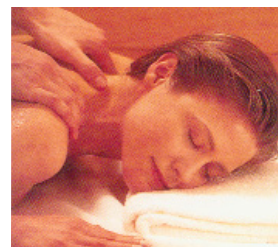
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BACK PAGE



Art lovers fear French bias

By The Associated Press

GREENWICH, Conn. — Organizers of an upcoming lecture series on French impressionism debated not serving croissants at the event, fearing anti-France sentiment would keep people away.

Grady Turner, curator of the Greenwich Historical Society, said he wasn't worried people would boycott the exhibit based on the art. But croissants were a different story.

After debating the croissant issue, organizers decided to take a chance on the baked goods.

"There was a general feeling that we could take that risk, that there will be croissants," Turner said.

Despite the debate, Turner said ticket sales for Thursday's lecture have been brisk.

But to be on the safe side, he said, "There will also be scones for those who want to show their loyalty to the Brits."

Man receives shocking electric bill

By The Associated Press

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — Randy Carroll got quite a shock when his electric bill arrived this week.

For 33 days of service, he was charged \$12,344.16.

"It was April Fool's Day, and I thought someone was playing a joke on me," said Carroll, who lives in a small, two-bedroom house.

It turned out it was a real bill. But the amount was wrong.

A glitch in Municipal Light and Water's new billing software caused Carroll's bill to show he used 310,421 kilowatts. Usually, he uses about 300.

Carroll's bill has now been straightened out.

The real amount due: \$26.26.

"That," he said, "I can handle."

Madison down with Dixie Chicks

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The Dixie Chicks might not be welcome in some parts of the country, but a Wisconsin politician wants the country music trio to know they have a home in Madison.

Alderman Ken Golden this week proposed a resolution that calls for the City Council to play a Dixie Chicks CD during meeting breaks and directs the mayor to present the Chicks with keys to the city, French wine and a suitable welcome should they ever visit.

The Dixie Chicks became the target of boycotts and bans after lead singer Natalie Maines made critical comments about President Bush last month in London, including a remark that "we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

Maines later apologized, but some radio stations have banned the Texas group's music and some people have destroyed the band's CDs.

Golden's resolution is co-sponsored by 10 of 20 council members.

The resolution also says the Chicks can become the city's adopted country music group and encourages the

band to change their name to the "Heartland Chicks" or "Dairyland Chicks."

The council will consider the resolution next week.

Children help burned dog

By The Associated Press

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — Students at a southwestern Michigan elementary school sold their own toys to raise money that will be used to help provide medical care for a badly burned and homeless dog.

Shelby, a 5-year-old Rottweiler mix, was found March 15 wandering on a street in Ottawa County's Georgetown Township.

The dog suffered second- and third-degree burns to her face, head, chest and front legs, and had neck wounds.

After hearing of Shelby's plight, students at Ferry Elementary School received permission to hold a week-long toy sale. They raised \$160 by selling items for as little as a penny and for no more than \$2.

On Tuesday, the children presented a \$160 check to Heidi Yates, the development director of the Harbor Humane Society, where Shelby is recuperating.

"I really want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Yates told the students. "I'm overwhelmed. It means a lot to the shelter, and I know it does to Shelby, too."

After receiving the check, Yates delivered thank-you notes from Shelby to each of the children and answered their questions about the dog's condition.

She said there are some long-term concerns regarding Shelby's tear ducts and her ability to taste and smell. But the animal is recovering and starting to wag her tail and trust people.

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