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ALL THE WORLD'S A CANVAS: The works created by a pair of Santa Monica students and budding chalk artists — JJ Jimenez and Lesley Perdomo — have netted the two some major attention both at home and in the chalk art subculture. Both students have designs on other artistic careers.

A temporary place in the world

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Chalk is no longer just for kids. While many sports fanatics eagerly awaited the beginning of the baseball season, a UCLA graduate-turned-art student at the Art Institute of California is counting the days until the beginning of the pavement chalking art season with the same anticipation.

The creator of 17 street chalk pieces over the past two years, 26-year-old Lesley Perdomo, an interactive Media Design student at the Art Institute of California, located on 31st Street, has spent the past six months waiting for the street painting season. The predominantly chalk medium has captured her heart since she was introduced to it through a friend and art partner in 2005.

The chalk art season runs from May until



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Father, son die on PCH

'A Christmas Story' director, SMC student killed in head-on crash

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PCH The director of "A Christmas Story" and his son, a gifted music student at Santa Monica College, were killed early Wednesday morning along a stretch of Pacific Coast Highway in the Pacific Palisades when their car collided with an SUV driven by a suspected drunk driver, authorities said.

Killed were Robert Clark, 67, of Pacific Palisades, and Ariel Hanrath-Clark, 22, of Santa Monica, according to police.

Clark directed a number of movies, including the holiday-season standard "A Christmas Story," in 1983, and the action-comedy "Loose Cannons," in 1990. The New Orleans native also directed, wrote and produced the teen cult films "Porky's" and "Porky's II: The Next Day."

The crash occurred around 2:30 a.m. in the 17300 block of PCH, just south of Bay Club Drive. Clark and his son were both pronounced dead at the scene.

LAPD investigators said Clark was driving a 1997 Infiniti Q-30 sedan southbound on PCH when the driver of a GMC Yukon — Hector Velazquez-Nava, 24, of Los Angeles — swerved across the center line and hit the Clarks head-on.

The road was closed until about 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday as authorities conducted their investigation, said LAPD Officer Jason Lee.

Velazquez-Nava and his passenger, Lydia Mora, 29, of Azusa, were transported to a local hospital where they were treated for minor injuries, Lee said.

Velazquez-Nava was found to be driving under the influence and operating a motor

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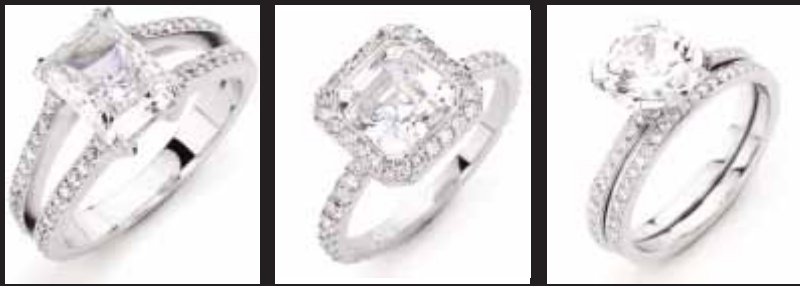


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16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing-meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness in their lives. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail info@12stepsforeverybody.org.

'What's new this week'

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

The Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Library presents a weekly review and discussion of the week's key news stories, at home and abroad; moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

Church Mice

1220 Second St., 3:15 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Music, art projects, Bible stories, games and snacks are offered every Thursday in the Christian Education Building of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Children 3 years of age through second grade are welcome.

For more information, call Rebecca Hall at (310) 451-1303, ext. 26.

Kundalini Yoga

2309 Main St., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

This class combines the science of movement, posture, breath, sound and meditation. Donations accepted. For more information, please visit www.shi-atsumassageschool.org.

Laughter Yoga Class

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing and laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, to decrease pain and everyday stress and to promote a more positive mental attitude. No prior experience of yoga is required. Teens and adults of all ages are welcome. This is also The Santa Monica Laughter Club. Donations are welcomed. Led by Kim Selbert, MFT and Certified Laughter Yoga Leader.

Friday, April 6, 2007

Santa Monica Critical Mass bike ride

Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a month. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Fridays at Santa Monica Bar and Grille

3321 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

Inebriatedinc.com is hosting Friday night at Santa Monica Bar and Grille. Live music until 10:30 p.m. and a DJ until closing time. For more information, visit www.inebriatedinc.com.

'Ester Goldberg's The Big Show'

8433 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 9 p.m. — 11 p.m.

The Comedy Store presents this musical-comedy event, starring Ester Goldberg and featuring her orchestra, The Archibald Leeches. Tickets are available by calling (323) 656-3225. Tickets are \$25, with a two-drink minimum.

Santa Monica Rotary

1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades, noon — 1:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome for lunch. For more information, contact June M. Doy at (310) 922-6274 or (310) 917-3313.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Getting a charge out of parking

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

FOURTH STREET A side-swipe in a parking garage may not be such a bad thing, that is, if you're paying for parking using a major credit card.

In an attempt to give visitors another payment option to keep traffic moving, city officials are looking into installing machines in the downtown parking structures that will accept credit card payments.

No longer will drivers have to fumble through their wallets and purses looking for exact change, or skimp on a snack out of fear of not having enough cash to get their cars out of the garage.

"That has happened to me a couple of times, when you think you have enough cash but you don't," said Mary Ann Hereford as she pulled a cart full of oranges from the Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue. "Once when I was in Beverly Hills, I only had a few dollars. I know I had to save cash for parking instead of the muffin I wanted."

The idea has been floating around City Hall for years, with downtown business interests actively pushing for installation as soon as possible to help with traffic flow and cut down on the number of robberies in the structures, where parking attendants have been assaulted and had their cash boxes stolen.

At a recent meeting of the Bayside District Corp., a public-private management company that helps City Hall run downtown, board members continued to express their desire for the technology as well as pay-on-foot machines that allow people to park, walk up to a machine and pay for their spot using a credit or debit card, or cash.

City transportation officials also believe it would be a "great idea" to incorporate credit

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Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

SPACE AND TIME A group of students explore the depths of Santa Monica Beach this week. District students are off two weeks for spring break.

A nice long break

District students get a two-week break, more than their peers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE For students in the Santa Monica Malibu-Unified School District, spring break is more than a week off from homework and school obligations.

In fact, it's two weeks off from homework and school obligations.

On day three of their 10-day reprieve from high school, Samohi freshman Arianwen Steele enjoyed a Hot Dog on a Stick lunch at the Santa Monica Place food court with her friend, sophomore Shaina Geller, and Justin Gutzwa, a freshman at Meadows School in Las Vegas who was in town visiting his buddies.

The teens have been on spring break since Monday.

Unlike many school districts in Southern California, where students are granted one week off every spring, the students in SMMUSD get two solid weeks without teachers, bells and rules. But the students here don't have any advantage in terms of total school days, with the extra

week of vacation in the spring being doctored off in summer vacation time.

The girls see the two weeks of vacation as a necessary distraction from school work and don't believe it takes Samohi students off their rhythm. Once vacation is over, the students at Samohi don't have any trouble getting back into the swing of things, she said.

"As you get more into high school, teachers give many projects to do over break," Geller said. "It keeps you thinking."

Parents seem to embrace the two weeks their children have off for spring break. SMMUSD PTA President Laura

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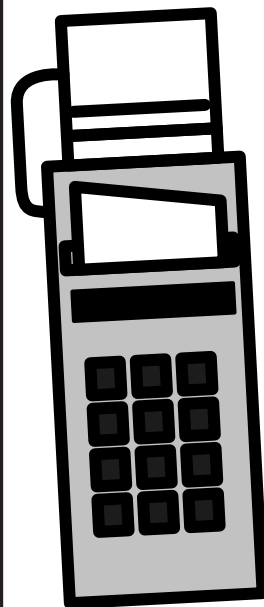
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Walking the line made difficult

Editor:

Mr. Adam B. Summers hit the nail not quite on the head, but close (“Government should protect, not baby us,” March 4, page 4), and his analogy with “the homeowners association from hell” is ironic when you consider that California is one of several states which neither regulates HOAs, nor their proxies from hell – Property Management Companies! To this end, condominium and townhouse lawyers have been very busy lobbying Sacramento against regulatory measures, to force and intimidate homeowners to hire attorneys even though CC&Rs are on their side!

Considering that most people use paper grocery bags to rid of refuse, the claim of those who favor them on the grounds that they are recyclable is absurd at best. Sadly enough, it is the trees from which these paper bags are made that are not recyclable fast enough!

Job justification on the part of legislators who suggest trivializing our legal system with such bills as mentioned by Mr. Summers is, I think, a factor to be considered, and could have been subtly written into this fine commentary.

Frank Muller
Santa Monica

A reader’s win-win situation

Editor:

Great article on traffic ideas (“One -way decisions,” April 2). As for Santa Monica’s daily woes, I think the middle lane on Broadway and Colorado (Boulevard) should be made transverse. That lane would travel westbound during morning rush, and eastbound during night rush. No left turns allowed from this lane during rush hours.

Presto! Problem solved. What do I win?

Kevin Waterbury
Santa Monica

Can’t bear to watch the Bruins

Editor:

Could hardly believe (Jack Neworth’s column) on the Bruins in the DP (“It ain’t called March Madness for nothing,” March 30, page 4). I didn’t know there was another one on Earth as bad as I am during the UCLA games. The best thing that ever happened to me was our new big screen TV, where my husband can record all the games for me to watch later – only if we win, of course. My boys always tell me I can be brave and watch the whole game live, but I never make it more than five minutes. No one really wants to watch with me anyway. I also run around from TV to TV when I can’t resist sneaking a peak, but I usually run out screaming in anguish. During the 1995 championship game against Arkansas, I was visiting San Antonio with my husband and I spent almost the whole game in a hotel bathroom praying to every saint I knew and promising to leave money at every old mission church in town the next day if the Bruins won.

And there are a lot of churches in San Antonio! Money well spent.

I also remember the old games mom and dad took me to in the Men’s Gym where the players were so close they spattered sweat all over you! My mom also was an early 1930s grad at UCLA, so I bled Bruin blue from early in life.

Anyway, I loved the article. My boys will be surprised to know I have a crazy kindred soul in Santa Monica. (Jack Neworth) made my day!

Mary Olivier
Santa Monica



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Women have come a long way ... maybe

I GREW UP IN AN UPPER MIDDLE CLASS liberal household. I read Betty Friedan, Simone de Beauvoir, Susan Faludi and listened to “Free To Be You and Me.” I know women have been treated unfairly for centuries at the hands of oppressive male-dominated societies.

However, nearly seven months into my marriage, I have a different take on the reason for one of the age-old feminist sore points — the disproportionate distribution of household labor. Studies over the past several decades suggest that women spend an average of 39 more hours per week than their husbands planning and executing household chores. A quick assessment of the labor division in our home support those findings, but there’s no underlying societal factor to blame — I perform more domestic tasks than my husband Rick by choice. (Gloria Steinem would be proud ... I think.)

I don’t really fit the classic stereotype nagging wife: the woman with the crazy look in her eye and curlers in her hair (I have to imagine those things cause wicked headaches) wildly waving around a rolling pin (we might have rolling papers somewhere, but there’s nary pin in sight) while wearing a housecoat (does anyone born after 1952 own one of those?) and yelling at her husband for not taking out the trash or hanging up his wet towel.

I probably get a crazy look in my eye from time to time, but I’ve come to learn that if I nag Rick, he, in fact, helps out more. Which, in turn, usually creates an additional 39 hours of work on the top of the first 39 undoing and then redoing everything that he’s done.

Rick washes the dishes once in a while, but he never puts them away afterwards. He used to leave them to dry on the counter for a day or five, saying that air drying is much more effective than using a dishtowel. Up until a few months ago, he said he didn’t realize he was supposed to put them away, which I took to mean that he believed in the dish fairy. You know, the pretty little nymph who magically appears when everyone’s asleep and puts away the pots and pans with just a wave of her wand and a little sprinkling of pixie dust, all the while with a big smile on her face.

Soon after I killed that myth (and with it Rick’s final bit of innocence), I discovered that the only thing worse than him not putting the dishes away is when he puts them away. Even though he finds what he wants in the kitchen when he needs it, he never puts things back where he found them. Which means I have to get into his brain to figure out where everything has gone. He once thought the knives belonged not in the knife block, but in the drawer with the cutting board. Which, I suppose, has its own twisted logic, since he always uses them together.

To be fair, Rick is happy to help out around

the house. (All right, “happy” may be a bit too strong. “Willing” is probably a touch more accurate.) But when his solution to helping keep the floor clean is taking off his muddy sneakers and placing them sole-side down on the dining room table or our off-white duvet cover, I’m not always so sure that his help is required or desired.

Rick offers to cook somewhat regularly, but unless I’m in the mood for tacos (which is rare) or red beans and rice (which is never), I usually choose to grab the reins in the kitchen. There was the time not long ago, however, when I arrived home, opened the front door and so much smoke came pouring out that I tried to determine if, (A) we had inherited a fog machine, (B) he was practicing making a Halloween punch with dry ice, or (C) wildfire season had arrived early.

As it turns out, Rick had been cooking hamburgers on the stove and didn’t think to spray a little Pam in the pan — he figured the burgers would be good if they cooked in their own grease. He also failed to notice that when they were done cooking, there was no grease left in the pan because it had splattered on every available surface within a 4-mile radius. When I asked if he planned on cleaning the grease, he said no; he thought a little grease might actually do some good. Because, apparently, the walls needed a good lubing.

Crumbs on the countertop, in his opinion, are best dealt with by brushing them discreetly onto the floor. He thinks gobs of toothpaste in the sink magically disintegrate, even if they’re out of reach of the water stream. He’d unpack the groceries, he says, but he knows that I’m just so good at it. Laundry on the floor is simply easier for him to get to than when it’s put away in drawers. In his mind, under the bed is a much more practical storage solution for old newspapers than the recycling bin.

It’ll take care of itself, he always says. To which I inevitably reply, “Nice to meet you. I’m It.”

The thing is that Rick is the very picture of organization, time management and resourcefulness outside the house. Which is why it makes no sense that at home every sock ceases being part of a pair — forever — the moment it comes off his foot, unless I’m there to stage a coupling intervention.

My third-grade teacher had a sign that hung behind her desk, “If you think there’s not enough time to do it right, think how much time it takes to do it over.”

In our case it should read, “If you think there’s not enough time to do everything yourself, think how much time it’ll take to undo and redo everything your husband has done.” And when you look at it that way, 39 hours a week doesn’t seem that bad.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Get paid to take an artful turn

Los Angeles County will fund 130 paid arts internships for college undergraduates this summer, Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky announced last week. College undergraduates attending school or residing in L.A. County are eligible for the internships which pay \$350 per week for 10 weeks.

Some 90 performing, literary, media and municipal arts organizations will participate, including the American Film Institute, American Youth Symphony, Jazz Tap Ensemble, L.A. Theatre Works, Skirball Cultural Center will participate. Interns will gain a deeper understanding of the work involved in nonprofit arts and learn the role of arts in the community.

Descriptions and contacts for the positions are available at the 2007 Internship Database: www.lacountyarts.org/internship_positions07.

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Los Angeles

County gets \$162 million to treat the uninsured

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services will receive a portion of a \$540 million pot of federal funds allotted to 10 state counties to develop a health care program for low income, uninsured adult patients, the governor's office has announced.

The county will receive the largest and maximum portion of the allocation, totaling \$162 million for its "Healthy Way L.A." program beginning in September. The program establishes a community based medical home for the patients in local health centers and public/private clinics providing access to primary care services and regular treatment for chronic diseases. Initially, "Healthy way L.A." will enroll 94,000 adult LA County resident patients with chronic illnesses and who live at the federal poverty level.

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Venice

Historic schoolhouse opens its doors to public

The public is invited to visit the Westminster Avenue Elementary School, a Venice landmark since 1905, for an Open House during the academic day on Thursday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Visitors can tour the tree-lined campus, the newly renovated auditorium and library, two computer labs (PC platform and Mac platform) and watch academic rigor in classrooms.

At 2:30 p.m., the Westminster kindergarten teachers will offer an informative presentation and question-and-answer session about the all-day kinder' program that feeds the community and magnet schools. Westminster's plans for new playground equipment will be unveiled, the grant-funded school garden will be open, and office staff will be available for guided tours.

Kindergarten teachers will be handing out free "Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten" packets, including expectation checklists and a handwriting guideline sheet. Packets will be available in both English and Spanish.

For more information, call (310) 392-3041.

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Los Angeles

Tax preparers advised to report Internet, out-of-state buys

The State Board of Equalization reminded California consumers to report and pay use tax on Internet and out-of-state purchases.

Sales tax applies to most in-state purchases, but the "use tax" generally applies to sales made outside the state or online when sales tax isn't applied. Individuals can report and pay use tax on their California income tax returns, which are due April 17 this year.

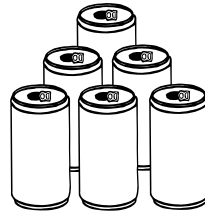
The use tax was established in 1935 to protect California retailers from untaxed out-of-state or mail-order competition.

Today, most of that competition comes in the form of out-of-state Internet sales. According to BOE estimates, over \$1.1 billion in use tax from Internet sales goes unreported each year. One-third of all sales and use tax billings include liabilities from out-of-state purchases.

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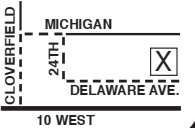


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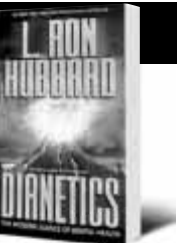
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Lawmaker sets a new land speed record

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO A California lawmaker got a firsthand look Tuesday at the potential of high-speed rail as a double-decker train raced through the French countryside at a record 356 mph.

Assemblywoman Fiona Ma said she was the only American on board when a train operated by the French high-speed rail system surpassed the previous mark for conventional rail of 320.2 mph, which was set in 1990 by another French train. A magnetically levitated Japanese train holds the ultimate speed record of 361 mph.

Ma said the approximately 15 minute-ride was "pretty amazing."

"It felt like we were ready to take off on

the runway in a plane," the San Francisco Democrat said in a telephone interview. "That steady acceleration ... feeling and force."



IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO GO DOWN IN MY HISTORY BOOK

Fiona Ma, Assemblywoman

Ma is part of a delegation of a half dozen lawmakers who are in France this week, in part to examine the French high-speed rail system as California considers building a 700-mile system of its own to carry passengers at speeds of more than 200 mph.

Ma said she ended up on the record-

setting run after the legislators met Monday with representatives of Alstom, a company that makes trains for the French high-speed rail system, TGV.

the other lawmakers — Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, and Assemblymen John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, Joe Coto, D-San Jose, Michael Duvall, R-Yorba Linda, and Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar — had a meeting with the French transportation minister, Ma said.

"It's something that is going to go down in my history book," she said. "How many times does one have an opportunity to do that, to be part of history?"

She said the ride made her even more convinced that California needs to develop high-speed rail, which has been in the planning stages for more than 10 years. A nearly \$10 billion bond measure that would help pay for a high-speed rail line between Los Angeles and the San Francisco area will be on California's 2008 November ballot.

Freelance journalist is freed after a record prison stint

BY DAVID KRAVETS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

DUBLIN, Calif. A freelance videographer was released Tuesday after spending more time behind bars than any other journalist for refusing to testify to a grand jury.

Joshua Wolf, 24, left the federal prison in Dublin, where he spent more than seven months after refusing to obey a subpoena to turn over his video from a chaotic 2005 San Francisco street protest during the G-8 summit.

In a deal with prosecutors, Wolf agreed to turn over the uncut video, which he also posted on his Web site earlier Tuesday. Prosecutors said they were not inclined to seek his grand jury testimony, although they left open the possibility

that he could be subpoenaed again later in the investigation.

"I will not under any circumstances testify before a grand jury," Wolf said as he left the prison. An unshaven Wolf, wearing a white T-shirt and sweat shorts, said he was looking forward to "pizza and a beer."

U.S. District Judge William Alsup, who had jailed Wolf for 226 days, approved his release.

The government is investigating how a San Francisco police officer's skull was fractured during the melee and who set a police car on fire.

The footage Wolf posted online does not capture the alleged crimes authorities are investigating, defense lawyer David Greene said. Wolf's incarceration surpassed that of Vanessa Leggett, a Houston-based freelancer who served a

record 168 days in 2001 and 2002 for declining to reveal unpublished material about a murder case.

Wolf's lawyers argued that the First Amendment gave him the right to refuse the subpoena to turn over the rest of his tape.

"Now that the fences of the law and the tradition that has protected the press are broken down, the people are the victims. The First Amendment, as I read it, was designed precisely to prevent that tragedy," Wolf said in prepared statement he read later Tuesday on the steps of San Francisco City Hall.

But agreeing with federal prosecutors, Alsup cited a 1972 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the U.S. Constitution does not entitle reporters, or anybody else, to withhold their confidential sources or unpublished material in a grand jury investigation or criminal trial.

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MECCA
LA-bound freight train derails, dumps blue cheese

Blue cheese dressing and concrete sealant spilled into a canal leading to the Salton Sea when 19 cars in a 52-car freight train derailed in the Southern California desert. It will take a few days to clean up the mess, Union Pacific officials said.

The Los Angeles-bound train derailed for unknown reasons at about 4 p.m. Tuesday along Highway 111 north of the Salton Sea, authorities said.

The three crewmembers aboard the train were uninjured, but a Riverside County Fire Department firefighter was taken to an Indio hospital for treatment of heat exposure, Battalion Chief Jorge Rodriguez said.

Spills of sealant, bulk containers of blue-cheese dressing and other food products made it into a canal about a mile from the north shore of the Salton Sea, hazardous materials specialist Robert Becker said.

The Coachella Canal was mostly smeared with salad dressing.

"There was blue cheese – a lot of it," Becker said.

The canal was dammed and there was no threat to the Salton Sea, Becker said.

Highway 111 was shut down temporarily and motorists were routed onto agriculture roads to get around the emergency. The highway was open Wednesday, the California Highway Patrol said.

Union Pacific spokesman Joe Arbona said the train carried a variety of cargo on a run from Dupo, Ill., to Los Angeles. The track was expected to reopen Wednesday afternoon, Arbona said.

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LOS ANGELES
Developer charged with dumping hazardous waste

A development firm was charged with illegal disposal of hazardous waste when it razed an asbestos-laden seven-structure industrial complex east of downtown.

Meruelo Maddux Properties was charged with 16 criminal counts, including illegal disposal of hazardous waste, improper handling and disposal of asbestos, failure to notify the South Coast Air Quality Management District of asbestos demolition and failure to provide documentation of removal.

The city attorney's office complaint also named company president John Charles Maddux and project managers John Durham and John Horrigan. Arraignment on the misdemeanor charges was set for May 3.

Prosecutors alleged the company bought a seven-structure industrial site on Vignes Street in September 2005 and all the structures were razed without proper notice to air quality officials about asbestos removal and abatement.

Meruelo Maddux Properties denied the allegations.

"While the city attorney's staff has not provided the company with any complaints, the allegations raised in the (city attorney's) press release are unwarranted," company spokesman Michael Bustamante said.

"We met with SCAQMD staff last April in connection with its investigation of demolition at the property and cooperated fully with staff. When SCAQMD made the company aware of possible surface contaminants in late April of last year, a report was prepared, and a fully permitted remediation of the surface soil was completed several months later in October 2006," Bustamante said.

AP

RIVERSIDE
Caltrans wants to cut into 3-hour freeway cleanups

State highway officials want to halve the average 3 hours, 6 minutes it takes to clear freeways after major accidents.

"We're setting the bar very high," Will Kempton, director of the California Department of Transportation, told first responders, traffic analysts, trucking firms and tow truck operators during a Riverside Convention Center conference on Tuesday.

"Last year our average clearing time per accident was 3.1 hours, and that's down from 5.6 hours in 2003. That's a 45 percent improvement," Kempton said.

The goal now is to clear all incidents in 90 minutes.

"We need a commitment from transportation and public safety agencies statewide in order to improve coordinated action between all these different responders," Kempton said.

"Ninety minutes is the least we can do for the public," California Highway Patrol Commissioner Mike Brown said.

About a quarter of the congestion on U.S. roadways is due to traffic incidents, and on California problem freeways – such as Interstate 880 in the San Francisco Bay Area – accidents can contribute up to a third of congestion.

Caltrans figures showed it took about 20 minutes longer than the state average to clear incidents in the Los Angeles-Ventura county region, and five to seven minutes longer in the Orange County and San Diego-Imperial county areas.

Some of the delays were caused by misunderstandings about which agency should call the coroner after fatal accidents, and officers giving inaccurate information to tow truck operators about what equipment was needed.

AP

DANA POINT
City officials target day laborers with trespass law

A new trespassing law limits where day laborers and others can gather.

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to become the third south Orange County city to pass an ordinance prohibiting day laborers, the homeless and teenagers from congregating on private property.

Lake Forest and Mission Viejo recently passed similar laws.

The manager of businesses on Doheny Park Road where day laborers gather was pleased.

"They go there to drink, play cards, gamble and urinate and defecate all over the place. It's horrible," Jean Silva said.

Business owners and residents can now contact police and make a citizen's arrest if someone refuses to leave their property. Police Chief Mark Levy said property owners seemed "more than willing" to cooperate with the new law.

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Biologists battle meddlesome moth

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. As the temperatures begin to heat up and nature gears up for spring, federal biologists in the United States and Mexico are rolling out this year's battle plan for keeping a menacing bug from making its way farther west.

The objective: seek out and destroy the cactus moth.

At stake: the flat-leafed prickly pear cactuses that have become synonymous with the Southwest and have grown into a \$100 million industry in Mexico that uses the tart fruits and tenders pads for food.

Just last month, biologists confirmed that moths caught in a trap in the resort town of Cancun, Mexico, belonged to the dreaded *Cactoblastis cactorum* variety. This is the first time the moths have been found on the mainland.

The moths, while in their caterpillar form, bore into the cactus pads and feed, turning the plant into a gooey, oozing mess.

"We're trying to raise awareness," said Joel Floyd, who works with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Protection and Quarantine division. "The best thing is really early detection. If you spot it early, you have a better chance of controlling it."

Part of the battle plan includes setting up survey traps in several southern states, including New Mexico; releasing sterile moths to slow down reproduction; and getting the word out to people like Albuquerque resident Penny Hoe.

Hoe and her husband, Gary, are members of the Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico and their passion for things prickly is evident by their yard — a prickly pear orchard that yields fruits and pads for everything from salsa and jelly to sherbet and

Christmas punch.

Even though the cactus moth is still far from New Mexico, Hoe can serve as an unofficial foot soldier for the USDA, keeping watch for any nonnative pests as she tends to her orchard.

"The one thing I'm worried about if those moths get here, other than not having juice to cook with, is the bees, the pollinators," she said.

Not to mention the ground squirrels, coyotes and rabbits that feed on the plants when Mother Nature is stingy, as she often is in the desert.

The cactus moth, a native of South America, was introduced in Australia in the 1920s as a way to get rid of non-native prickly pear. It did such a good job, its services were used in South Africa and it eventually spread to the Caribbean islands.

From there, it was a hop-skip to the Florida Keys, which gave way to Alabama,

Georgia and South Carolina.

The moth started out blazing a trail in the South. It was moving so fast that USDA officials initially predicted that it would find its way to Texas by this year.

But the moth has slowed down over the past two years, and Floyd said researchers have had more time to study its mating habits and what makes for desirable habit.

The USDA's Agriculture Research Service is close to perfecting methods that would allow scientists to raise about 50,000 sterile moths a day — much more than the 30,000 to 40,000 that were raised last year through a labor intensive, often messy process.

As part of the battle plan, the sterile moths have been released on Dauphin Island, Ala., which is the most western front of known populations of *Cactoblastis cactorum* in the United States. The idea is to flood the population with sterile moths, making reproduction difficult for the pest.

EPA revives California's request to set emission standards

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The Bush administration has reopened California's stalled petition seeking to control greenhouse gases after the Supreme Court's ruling this week that the government can regulate emissions from cars.

The action by the Environmental Protection Agency breathes life into California's effort to become the first state to cut tailpipe emissions from cars, light trucks and sport utility vehicles. It also could influence the outcome of an auto industry lawsuit in California to block the state regulations, contained in a 2002 state law.

"We've reviewed the issues within the waiver request," EPA spokeswoman Jennifer Wood said Tuesday. "We're moving forward to the next steps of the process."

The agency next will schedule a public comment period and public hearing.

At stake is California's 2005 petition to gain an exemption from the federal Clean Air Act. The state wants automakers to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks by 25 percent and from sport utility vehicles by 18

percent starting in 2009. Ten other states have since adopted California's standard, while Maryland is considering a bill that would enact it.



IT'S CLEAR EPA HAS TO CONSIDER CALIFORNIA'S WAIVER REQUEST NOW."

Sean Hecht

Executive Director of the Environmental Law Center at the University of California, Los Angeles

The EPA had argued that the agency could not regulate greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles because to do so would require an increase in fuel economy standards, something only the U.S. Department of Transportation can set.

But in its 5-4 decision Monday, the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA had such authority.

"It's clear EPA has to consider California's waiver request now," said Sean Hecht, executive director of the environmental law center at the University of California, Los Angeles. "That doesn't mean it's a foregone conclusion with respect to the waiver request."

California has special authority under the federal Clean Air Act to set its own vehicle pollution standards because it began regulating air pollution before the federal government did in the 1970s. Other states that want to adopt California's standard cannot implement it until the EPA grants California a waiver.

Monday's court ruling also prompted movement Tuesday in a separate lawsuit brought by the auto industry to prevent California from moving forward with its regulations if it receives the waiver.

The California Air Resources Board, along with several environmental groups, officially notified U.S. District Judge Anthony Ishii of the Supreme Court's decision. In January, he placed the lawsuit on hold pending a decision by the court.

It's unclear what the next step will be in the case, which is being heard in federal court in Fresno. But both sides said the Supreme Court's decision favors their argument.

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

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

WHAT: Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing to Review the Mid-Term Progress Report of the Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Downtown, Ocean Park 1A, Ocean Park 1B, and Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Projects

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24, 2007
6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)



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

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Immigrants' kids forced to choose

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

PALO ALTO Twelve-year-old Adrian Ramirez huddled with his two sisters on a bench Tuesday, trying to find words to talk about their mother's deportation to Mexico, scheduled for the end of the week.

As immigration officials step up efforts to seize illegal immigrants, the story that these children are struggling to tell is increasingly familiar. Many of the more than 18,000 men and women who have been deported under Operation Return to Sender since June were raising families — among them, children born in the United States.

"I want my family to be together," said Adrian, wiping away tears as Yadira, 10, and Adriana, 6, stared at their shoes. "I want them to stop these laws. I don't know what life would be like in Mexico. My home is in Palo Alto."

Their father, Pedro Ramirez, who worked at Albertson's supermarket, was deported in February. Their mother, Isabel Aguirre, was arrested and ordered deported at the same time, but given a monitoring ankle bracelet and some time to make arrangements for the children and to purchase a ticket home.

In cases like this, the children — all American citizens — can stay in the United States with friends or relatives, or move with their parents to their country of origin.

Immigration officials defended their actions. They said the parents had evaded deportation orders and notices to appear since 1997, ignoring the law until they were seized at their home.

"We've been working with these people for years," said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Lori Haley. "Now it's up to the parents what they want to do. They can take the children with them, or leave them with relatives or people they can entrust them to."

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Lori Haley
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman

But the predicament is tearing many families apart, said clergy and immigrant advocates familiar with such cases.

"Is it really a choice? Staying in foster care, or leaving with their parents?" asked Samina F. Sundas, the founder of American Muslim Voice who learned of the family's situation and is trying to help.

For the youngest Ramirez children, the choice was clear: they want to be with their parents. But they said they're sad about leaving their friends, and worried about joining a school in Mexico and having to write in Spanish, which they never learned.

Students aren't chill with Cheney

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press Writer

PROVO, Utah The signs were louder than the voices.

Three weeks before a commencement speech by Vice President Dick Cheney, more than 100 protesters held a quiet rally Wednesday at Brigham Young University under strict rules set by the school, which is owned by the Mormon church.

Stay in the designated area. No shouting. No bullhorns. No baiting the Cheney supporters.

So the critics, mostly students, held signs that said: "America One Nation Under Surveillance," "Faithful Mormons Against Cheney" and "Corruption Is Not A Partisan Issue."

They passed out leaflets that slammed Cheney's support for the Iraq war, the U.S. methods of prisoner interrogation and the vice president's ties to his former employer, Halliburton Co.

"These students have been very responsible," BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said. "This shows the civil dialogue that takes place on this campus."

Cheney will be the commencement speaker April 26 at BYU, a conservative school owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The invitation from Mormon church officials has drawn criticism from some students and faculty who claim the school is showing a partisan stripe despite church

insistence it has no allegiance to any political party.

Campus Democrats were granted space for a two-hour protest Wednesday. About 100 yards away, Cheney supporters in blue shirts passed out brownies and asked students to sign a letter thanking the vice president. They got 400 names in 40 minutes.

"He's not going to use it as a political forum," senior Bob Reese of Kaysville said of the commencement speech. "He's an example of success."

Campus security officers wearing business suits and earpieces watched both groups and confiscated signs that didn't meet the rules, including one that had pictures of Cheney, Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley and others.

"One of these things just doesn't belong," the sign said.

Macrae McDermott, a sophomore from Bountiful, was among 150 people inside the anti-Cheney zone. She distributed leaflets as students passed.

"We're hoping people will step in and say, 'Maybe these people have a point,'" McDermott said. "I think that political dialogue is essential. I may go against the norm, but I have my convictions."

A retired English professor, Paul Thomas, was among the protesters. His sign read, "Cheney, Tutor To Our Worst President Ever."

"I'm here to support the students. ... It's not just Republican," Thomas said of BYU.

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Rules loosened for special ed students

BY NANCY ZUCKERBROD
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON The Bush administration wants to loosen the rules so that many more disabled children can take tests that are simpler than those required by the president's signature No Child Left Behind law.

The changes would triple the number of those children who could take simplified tests.

Roughly 10 percent of special education students currently can take easier, alternative tests and have the results count toward a school's annual progress goals under the law. Under final rules the administration was to unveil Wednesday, about another 20 percent of children with disabilities would be allowed to take alternative tests.

The No Child Left Behind law is up for renewal in Congress this year and lawmakers,

educators and the public have pushed for many changes. The law imposes sanctions on schools that don't meet certain goals.

The new tests are for children who are not severely disabled but who have been unable to work on grade level because of disabilities, such as some forms of dyslexia.

The new tests won't be as easy as those given to the children already exempted from the regular tests, but they won't be as hard as those given to typical students.

Put together, the change means 3 percent of all children _ or roughly 30 percent of all children with disabilities _ will be allowed to be tested on standards geared for them.

"No Child left Behind has put the needs of students with disabilities front and center, and this regulation helps continue to drive the field forward in developing better tests for students with disabilities," Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said in a statement.

The department said \$21 million would be available to help states come up with the new tests.

The administration is responding to cries from states for more flexibility in how they test special education students.

The 2002 No Child Left Behind law requires that all students be tested in reading and math in grades three through eight and once in high school.

When enough students miss annual progress goals, schools can face consequences such as having to overhaul their staffs. Schools can face sanctions even when just one subgroup of children, such as those with disabilities, fails to meet the benchmarks.

That has focused more attention on the progress of children with disabilities, says Doug Fuchs, a professor of special education at Vanderbilt University.

"It includes them in the same accountability framework as kids without disabilities," Fuchs said. "Educators feel as compelled to work with kids with disabilities as they are compelled to work with kids without disabilities."

Several advocacy groups for children with disabilities have raised some concerns about the change, saying they worry it could weaken the promise to leave no child behind.

"Most of these kids surprise us in what they can do," said Katy Neas, a lobbyist for Easter Seals. "When we set the bar higher, more kids do better than we ever thought they could."

Near said she hoped the federal government would provide states and districts a lot of help in coming up with high-quality tests as well as help in implementing the new policy to ensure the right students are given the right tests.

Sugar daddy: Governor's dad donates \$1 million for research

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY When the Utah Legislature refused to spend money on a vaccine against cervical cancer, billionaire industrialist Jon M. Huntsman grabbed his checkbook.

Huntsman and his wife Karen made it known Wednesday that they were donating \$1 million for a public-awareness campaign and vaccines to fight the human papillomavirus in young women.

The parents of Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman "are all about prevention," Janet Bingham, president of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, said at a news conference. "I've never seen

someone so happy to write a \$1 million check."

The Huntsmans planned to announce the donation personally but were tending to a family member's illness, she said.

Huntsman is chief executive of the chemicals conglomerate Huntsman Corp. and founder of Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City.

He has been devoting much of his wealth to the eradication of cancer.

At first, he planned to keep the donation from his own bank account secret, firing off a "confidential-private" handwritten letter to the state's health chief during the general 2007 legislative session.

"My quest in life and my pledge in death ... is to assist in

the eradication of cancer in all its ugly mannerisms, irrespective of cause," Huntsman wrote Feb. 12 to Dr. David Sundwall, director of the Utah Department of Health.

Sundwall said the donation would provide vaccinations for about 20 percent of uninsured young women in Utah who are at risk of developing cervical cancer.

Huntsman decided to act after state lawmakers rejected a proposal from Rep. Karen Morgan, D-Cottonwood Heights, to vaccinate uninsured women of childbearing age with taxpayer money.

The Legislature reduced Morgan's \$1 million proposal to a \$25,000 information campaign without money for vaccinations.

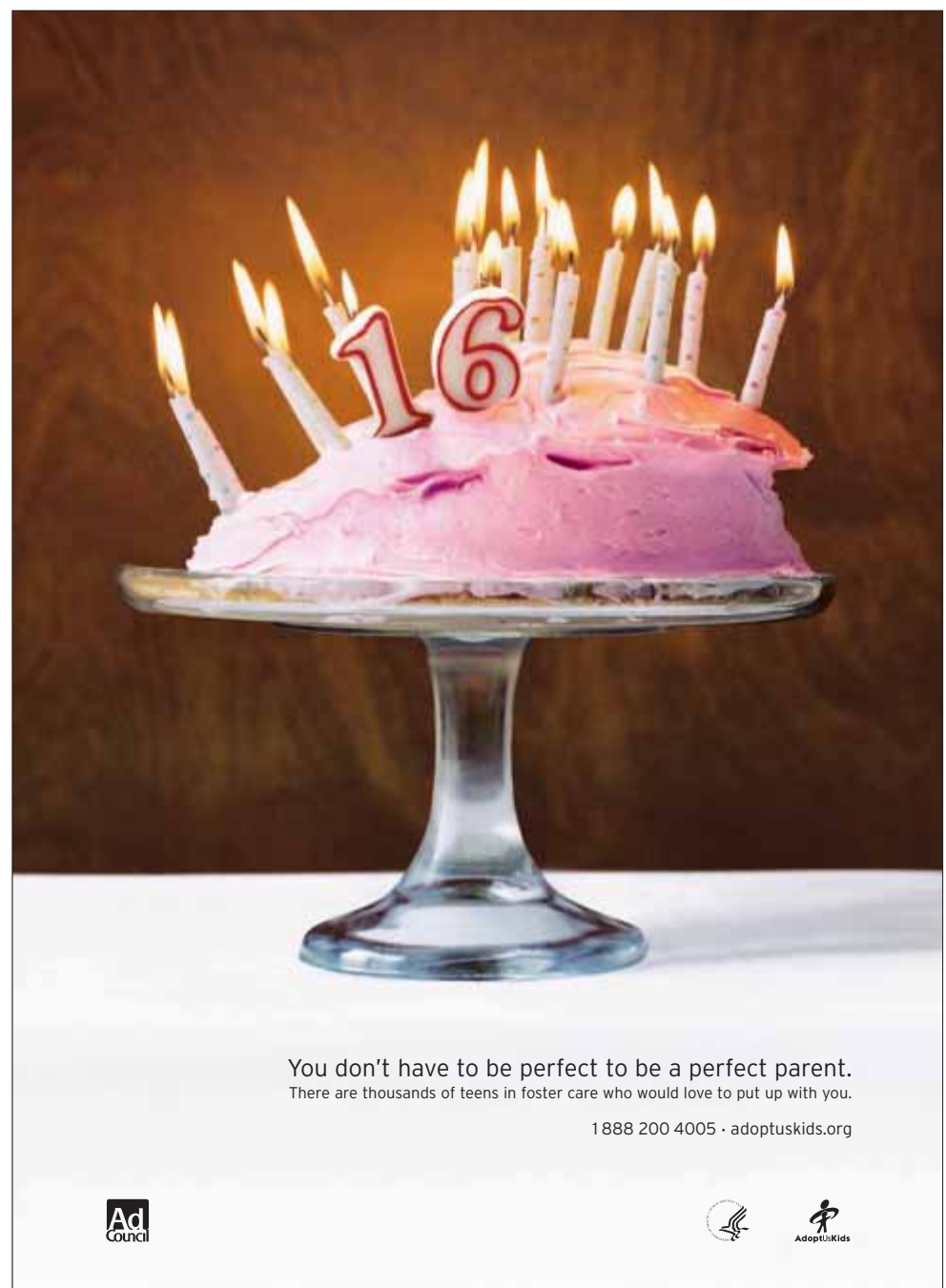


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Wolf control abruptly halted

Enough is enough in one area where aerial shooting was allowed

By The Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska State officials have halted a wolf-culling program in one of five areas allowing aerial shooting, saying enough of the animals have been killed to meet the goal set by the Alaska Board of Game. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game said Tuesday that hunters, trappers and aerial gunners have killed enough wolves in the Nelchina Basin to adequately cut the wolf population in Game Management Unit 13. Aerial gunners killed 33 wolves in the unit this winter, and another 62 wolves were

killed by hunters and trappers for a total harvest of 95 wolves. That number will likely climb higher as hunting and trapping for wolves remains open through April. Hunters and trappers typically take about a dozen wolves in April. As of Monday, wildlife biologists estimated the spring wolf population in the unit at 162 wolves. The population objective is 135 to 165 wolves. Biologists predict the population will grow to more than 250 next fall. If that happens, the aerial control program would resume in December. "We're pretty much into maintenance mode now, where we're basically taking the annual production," said Fish and Game spokesman Bruce Bartley. This is the second year in a row the estimated wolf population in the unit has been reduced to the state's objective. Last spring, the estimate was 157 after control efforts.

The wolf population there jumped in the 1990s and was estimated as high as 520 in 2001, a level that biologists say caused a more than 50 percent decline in the moose population.

gets of wolves and bears. Bull numbers in Unit 13 are up by 45 percent, biologists say, and last fall's harvest of 685 bulls was the highest since 2000. Moose hunting in the unit is limited to bulls only.



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Bruce Bartley, Fish and Game spokesman

Biologists say the moose population in Unit 13 is rebounding as a result of fewer wolves. The moose population in surveyed sections of the unit is up 14 percent since 2000, and the number of calves has doubled. The number of yearling bulls has more than doubled. Young moose are the primary tar-

In the other four areas that allow aerial shooting of wolves, 55 wolves have been reported killed, bringing to 88 the total number of wolves taken this winter in the predator control program. That total is far below the state's goal of 680 wolves this year.

Juneau wolf snatches woman's dog, takes off

By The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska A black wolf snatched a small dog near a Juneau lake and ran into the woods with it, U.S. Forest Service rangers said. A woman was walking three dogs Tuesday at Mendenhall Lake when the wolf grabbed the unleashed Pomeranian then dashed off with the dog in its jaws. The woman unsuccessfully searched for

the dog, which has not been seen since. An animal believed to be the same wolf, however, was seen alone at the lake Wednesday, said Dennis Chester, wildlife biologist at the Juneau Ranger District. The culprit is believed to be a wolf nicknamed Romeo and known for playing with larger dogs accompanying people on walks. Some people walking their dogs in the area may have become complacent because the wolf has not

been seen lately, officials said. "The bottom line is, right now it's out there," said Ryan Scott, a wildlife biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. "(The snatching) is a reminder to ourselves that a wolf is a wild animal." **✉ WHAT DO YOU THINK?** **■ Send letters to editor@smdp.com**

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Paving the way for chalk artists

FROM CHALK ART PAGE 1

November — when rainy days are less frequent. For many chalk artists in the Southland, the season will begin with The Fabulous Ninth Annual Street Painting Festival in Mission Viejo from May 19-20.

An Art Institute graduate in 2006, JJ Jimenez learned about chalk art when he visited an art store and ran into his friend, who then showed him his portfolio containing pictures of the chalk drawings he had done.

Encouraged, the San Fernando Valley resident called up his friend, Perdomo, and the two participated in their first chalk art event in 2005 — the seventh annual street painting festival in Mission Viejo.

It was one of the most physically exhausting experiences for both Perdomo and Jimenez, as neither artist had adequately prepared for two whole days of sitting and kneeling on the ground to create a work of art that took them more than 10 hours to complete.

Looking around, they saw other more seasoned chalk artists had brought with them a carpet to kneel on, and arm and knee pads.

"I was proud of it," Jimenez said of the final product. "It's my first piece and, of course, we all say that we wish we could've done better," he said. "I expected more out of myself because of (my background) in drawing. At that time, I had eight years of practice drawing."

For Perdomo, the best part about the chalk festivals is being part of the chalk art subculture, meeting new artists and catching up with the same artists she's already met at other festivals while working in her 12 feet-by-12 feet square.

The two say the skills they learned in the Santa Monica classroom has helped them succeed in chalk art, completing more than 30 works between the two of them over the past two years.

The school does not offer any courses specifically on chalk art.

"It's like writing poetry," said Vi Ly, dean of Academic Affairs at the Art Institute. "You take what you learned about grammar and apply it to a piece of paper."

Though the art form is slowly gaining popularity from the sidewalk art festivals in Southern California, the medium still maintains a bohemian cultural following. Part of the reason why chalk art does not have the same level of recognition as other forms is because of the perception that chalk is for child's play, Ly said.

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JJ Jimenez
chalk artist

Chalk art has a history dating back to the 16th Century, when so-called "Madonna painters" in Italy recreated Madonna in chalk for religious festivals.

Jimenez and Perdomo worked together on chalk pieces all throughout the 2005 season. By the time the 2006 season had started, both felt comfortable enough in their abilities to branch out on their own.

They each have participated in more than 10 festivals, taking about nine hours to complete a project. Both Jimenez and Perdomo have won awards for their chalk work.

As fun as chalk art is, Perdomo does not plan on making a career out of the medium. After she graduates in 2008, the Inglewood resident plans to either sell her own art or work in a gallery.

In order to avoid living the life of a starving artist,



Photo courtesy of The Art Institute of California — LA
DIVING IN: A JJ Jimenez and Lesley Perdomo work takes shape.

Jimenez has been selling clothing with images replicating chalk artwork he has completed.

The aspiring fashion designer wants to release his own clothing line and, eventually, plates and other everyday items.

"I've tried to sell paintings and original artwork and it's very hard to sell," he said. "This way, I can express my own art, sell it, and live off it."

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Public school kids leave books behind

FROM SPRING BREAK PAGE 3

Rosenbaum said the timing is perfect since it gives families the ability to celebrate all the holidays — Easter and Passover — without school on the back of their minds.

"I don't think two weeks disrupts the flow," Rosenbaum said. "It's a closure to things going on since winter break."

On the east coast, students typically get a week off around February and another week off in the spring, Rosenbaum said. In Northern California, Rosenbaum said she knows families whose children have a week off in February for skiing.

For the students who don't leave town, the city of Santa Monica offers a spring break camp program for students ages 8 to 14 who are interested in sports and performing arts.

The city is currently accommodating more than 80 kids, said Julie Kim, an administrator with the city's Youth Activities division.

Not all students can stay away from school during the two weeks. A member of the swim team, Steele still has to report for practice four days a week, including this week and next.

Approximately 55 percent of the students at Samohi will be going out of town for spring break, according to a sample survey conducted by The Samohi student newspaper.

But the two students who spent their afternoon at the food court on Wednesday plan to stay put, laying out on the beach, catching a movie, window shopping and just hanging out with friends.



AS YOU GET MORE INTO HIGH SCHOOL, TEACHERS GIVE MANY PROJECTS TO DO OVER BREAK."

Shaina Geller
High school Sophomore

Their out-of-towner friend said he isn't envious that he only gets a week off from school.

At Samohi, many students take tests before spring break, so it's the perfect time of year to unwind.

"By the time I get to spring break, I'm stressed out and need a break," Steele said.

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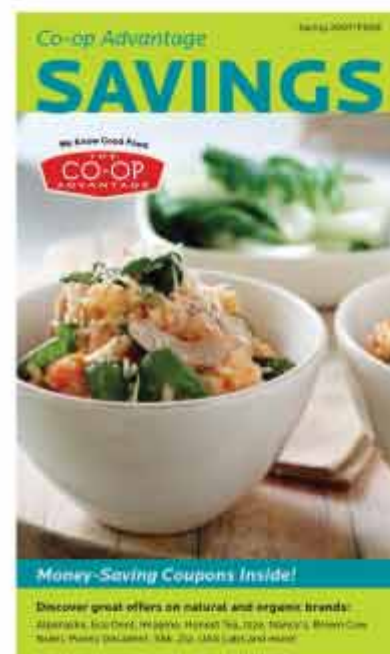
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SMC student 'gifted'

FROM DEADLY CRASH PAGE 1

vehicle without a driver's license. He has been charged with gross vehicular manslaughter and will be taken into custody once he is released from treatment, Lee said.

Clark had a prolific career that spanned four decades writing and directing for film and television. In addition to "Porky's," which was based on Clark's experiences during the 1950s with his high school buddies in Florida, Clark also directed "Rhinestone" with Dolly Parton and Sylvester Stallone, and "From the Hip," starring Judd Nelson.

Hanrath-Clark was embarking on a promising career of his own as a budding composer who had written several

pieces for the SMC jazz band and other ensembles, said Dr. David Goodman, a professor of music theory at SMC who taught the younger Clark.

"He was truly a gifted student, talented, very outgoing, effervescent, very upbeat and very positive," Goodman said. "He was one of the most gifted students I had ever had in my 10 years at SMC. He was unusually bright."

Goodman remembers watching Hanrath-Clark, who was also an amateur acrobat, stand on his head or do cartwheels in the quad, entertaining his friends.

"He had a lot of raw talent," Goodman added. "He was just really starting to find his voice as a composer."

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EGGING HIM ON

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Artist Lawrence Harris paints an Easter-themed work on a storefront window near the intersection of Second Street and Santa Monica Boulevard on Monday. Easter Sunday — the holiest day of the year in Christianity — is this weekend.

Parking on credit gets a look from city

FROM PARKING PAGE 3

card payments because they would help alleviate congestion in the structures and surrounding streets that are affected.

The big hold-up has been cost, said Lucy Dyke, transportation manager for City Hall.

"We have a pretty decent estimate that this could cost the city as much as \$150,000 a year in processing fees and that's a significant amount of money that could be used for something else," Dyke said. "I think when finance and (the information services division) get through a competitive bidding process, it could be substantially less than that. We are in the process of finding that out."

In addition to getting the right price, City Hall would have to choose which credit card company to go with and which form of transaction to choose — live authorization or batch processing. Live authorization clears the transaction immediately, cutting down on fraud, while batch transactions are cleared after a certain amount of time, like at the end of the business day, said Bill Bortfeld, parking operations manager for City Hall.

City Hall already accepts credit cards for certain transactions, and there is the question of whether credit card processing at the parking structures would be handled by the same company that works now works with City Hall, Bortfeld said.

Reactions to the possibility of paying with plastic were mixed. Some drivers felt it is a good idea and would speed up the time it takes to exit the structures on weekends and evenings when use is high.

Those who are skeptical feel technology could backfire, creating longer lines in the event of a short-circuit.

Keki Gandhi, a Santa Monica resident of 38 years, believes credit card processing is a good thing for those like him who do not like to carry much cash on them. Still, he wondered how customers would sign a receipt without a parking attendant present.

"Would the machine just spit out a receipt for you to sign?" Gandhi asked. "A prepaid parking card would be easier."

City Hall already offers motorists a prepaid option. Those interested can pick up debit cards from the city's parking office and put money on it and use it just like a credit card at the parking gates at most structures, Bortfeld said.

As for parking meters, City Hall offers a debit card as well.

Jessica Garcia, who was in Santa Monica on Wednesday having lunch with friends, said she thought City Hall should spend the public's money elsewhere because credit card machines would just be too complicated.

"It's really something insignificant they shouldn't waste their money on," Garcia said. "Usually, it's pretty fast (getting out of the structures.) It's just finding a parking spot that's the problem."

Bonds having fun dropping ‘Hammer’

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds sat down in the dugout to address the media swarm for opening day, then realized he’d forgotten his own tape recorder and ran back to the clubhouse to retrieve it.

“Can you all wait?” he said with a smile Tuesday before the San Francisco Giants hosted the San Diego Padres. “You all got some patience? I’ll be baaack!”

He needed the device in case he decided later to post anything from the interview on his Web site, www.barrybonds.com.

Bonds was light and breezy before the game on a glorious Bay Area day that perfectly matched the slugger’s mood. Bonds had a single, stolen base, walk, groundout and fly ball to the warning track during a 1-for-3 showing in the Giants’ 7-0 loss.

If his pursuit of the home run record is weighing on his mind, Bonds sure isn’t showing it.

The 42-year-old star — cheered loudly during pregame introductions, when he waved and tipped his cap in every direction — begins the season with 734 homers and needing only 22 to pass Hammerin’ Hank’s career mark of 755. Bonds mentioned his kids and how they know about Aaron and what could happen, saying “Oh, yeah, my kids know.”

“I’m going to have fun this year,” Bonds said. “Enjoy each day — or try to at least.”

For Bonds, holding an impromptu news conference before an opener was quite a change. He insists that being healthy to start a season gave him more to talk about from the get go in 2007. He was limited to 14 games all in September during the 2005 season following three operations on his troublesome right knee — and even last year

wasn’t at full strength to start the year. “I wasn’t playing the year before,” Bonds said. “Last year I was still coming off injury. Not a lot to talk about aside from injuries. ... I was hurt. It wasn’t fun, not the best of times. I thought I could do more.”

New Giants manager Bruce Bochy plans to communicate regularly with Bonds about when the slugger might need a day off to rest, but Bochy has said there will be times Bonds plays in day games following night games — not always Bonds’ practice in previous years when he was ailing.

“I’M GOING TO HAVE FUN THIS YEAR. ENJOY EACH DAY – OR TRY TO AT LEAST.”

Barry Bonds
San Francisco Giants outfielder

Bonds appeared in 130 games in 2006 and isn’t ready to say whether he will be on the field more often this year.

“I don’t know if I have to,” he said. “Do I have to? Let the year dictate that. ... I’m 42, not 22. I will get out there if my body allows me.”

Bochy has no plans to limit Bonds now, especially considering the way the seven-time NL MVP was running the bases and chasing down balls in left field all spring without problems. He had a productive winter of workouts at UCLA.

As far as the nasty treatment Bonds is sure to receive on the road all season, he says he doesn’t care a bit. It’s been happening for years and even more so now as he faces accusations about his alleged steroids use.

A lighter Gore has big goals

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Frank Gore has some big goals to go along with his big new contract with the San Francisco 49ers. The Pro Bowl running back hopes to improve on his breakout campaign last season and top 2,000 yards in 2007.

Gore finished 2006 as the NFC’s leading rusher with a franchise-record 1,695 yards. Now he’s looking at an even bigger goal, possibly even surpassing Eric Dickerson’s NFL record of 2,105 yards set in 1984.

“That’s my goal,” Gore said Tuesday. “I always want to do better than what I did last year. I know that’s a big number. I’m going to try to get it. I will work hard this offseason. If it happens, it happens. If it doesn’t, it doesn’t.”

Gore was due to earn \$435,000 in his third season before agreeing to the four-year contract extension last week. He will be under contract to the 49ers through 2011 with a deal containing more than \$14 million in guaranteed money, including a signing bonus worth a reported \$6.5 million.

The 49ers didn’t have to rework Gore’s contract, but he appreciates the confidence coach Mike Nolan showed in him by doing it early.

“I know Coach Nolan and what type of guy he likes,” Gore said. “I knew as long as I

kept doing the right things on and off the field that it would be taken care of.”

Gore hasn’t made any expensive purchases for himself with his newfound wealth, saying he was more focused on preparing for next season. He did buy his mother a truck.

Gore was the heart of the 49ers’ offense last season, setting franchise records for yards rushing; for his 2,180 total yards from scrimmage; and for single-game rushing with his 212-yard performance against Seattle.

After a career dotted by injuries, Gore started all 16 games for the 49ers last season and was selected to start in his first Pro Bowl.

The former University of Miami star underwent reconstructive surgery on both knees in college, followed by major surgery on both shoulders after his rookie season with the Niners.

But Gore was remarkably durable while averaging 5.4 yards per carry last year. His low-to-the-ground running style delighted fans and frustrated defenses as he surpassed the best seasons by former San Francisco stars Roger Craig, Ricky Watters and Garrison Hearst.

Gore is trying to lose about five pounds this offseason, dropping to about 210 after talking to San Diego star LaDanian Tomlinson at the Pro Bowl. Tomlinson told Gore that losing a few pounds helped him stay fresher late in the season.



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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers’ Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

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★★★	Average	★★	So-So
		★	Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your perspective changes and grows. Confusion could be the first step in the process. Sorting out what might be realistic from fiction could make a big difference. Investigate possibilities without locking yourself into any decision. Tonight: Talk to a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others get information, though they might not realize what is happening. You have a better sense of direction. Listen to others carefully. A parent or someone you need to answer to could be touchy. A partner might do better with this situation. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to choose a different path if you want different end results. Others will become more easygoing if you simply work with them rather than against them. Think before you take an emotional leap. Tonight: Do you understand the strong feelings?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges in an unprecedented manner. Listen to news that might be critical to your well-being, and don't spin off in a new direction. You'll revive your thinking after a brainstorming session. Let ideas flow. Tonight: Be naughty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Security earmarks your decisions. You might need and want to rethink your decisions. How you deal with family, of course, might not change. Still, give some thought to being more creative and open with those who are the closest. Tonight: Hang close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind. Investigate opportunities that suddenly land on your doorstep because of unexpected and unusual actions. Think in terms of gains and growth. Your ability to understand others could be the key to success. Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You will be able to make a substantial difference if you handle your funds carefully. Think about your impact professionally if you accept new technology. Stop fighting the inevitable. A friend might rain on your parade. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You know what you are doing and where you are heading. You might want to recheck some financial matters. Demands and responsibilities take their toll. Tonight: Happy as can be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time thinking and decide on a key question with care. Evaluate and get feedback. You don't need to have everything tumble in a fashion that would please you. Examine alternatives rather than jump on the bandwagon. Tonight: Easy does it.

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Snort retort

Stones guitarist said sniffing his dad was off-the-cuff joke

Off the cuff or up the nose? That was the question Wednesday as **KEITH RICHARDS** said he was joking when he described snorting his father's ashes along with a hit of cocaine.

"It was an off-the-cuff remark, a joke, and it is not true. File under April Fool's joke," said Bernard Doherty, a Rolling Stones spokesman,

about Richards' quote in NME magazine.

But the magazine said on its Web site that the remark was "no quip, but came about after much thinking" by the 63-year-old guitarist.

"He didn't offer the information, I had to ask him a couple of questions to get the information out

of him," said interviewer Mark Beaumont. "He didn't come straight out with that."

In the interview, Richards was quoted as saying: "The strangest thing I've tried to snort? My father. I snorted my father."

"He was cremated and I couldn't resist grinding him up with a

little bit of blow. My dad wouldn't have cared ... It went down pretty well, and I'm still alive."

Richards' father, Bert, died in 2002, at 84.

In a statement posted on the Rolling Stones Web site, Richards said:

"The complete story is lost in the usual slanting! The truth of the matter is

that I planted a sturdy English Oak. I took the lid off the box of ashes and he is now growing oak trees and would love me for it!!! I was trying to say how tight Bert and I were. That tight!!! I wouldn't take cocaine at this point in my life."

AP



Country singer Parton a songwriting legend

DOLLY PARTON has been selected by the Songwriters Hall of Fame as this year's recipient of the Johnny Mercer Award.

The award is presented to a songwriter "whose body of work is of such high

quality and impact, that it upholds the gold standard set by the legendary Johnny Mercer," the organization said Tuesday in a statement.

Parton will be honored June 7 at the annual awards dinner in New York.

Previous honorees include Kris Kristofferson, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Carole King,

Billy Joel, Paul Simon, Hal David and Burt Bacharach.

Hits by Parton, 61, include "I Will Always Love You," "Here You Come Again" and "Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That."

She was inducted into the hall of fame in 2001.

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HE'S A JOLLY GOODFELLA



MARTIN SCORSESE will be busy at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

The Oscar-winning director ("The Departed") will give a master class on moviemaking to students and film buffs May 24, the festival said Wednesday.

Scorsese will present a prize for the festival's best film by a first-time director at the May 27 closing ceremony. Also at Cannes, he is to announce the creation of a new foundation "devoted to the preservation and restoration of the masterpieces of world cinema," the festival said.

Scorsese, 64, won Cannes' top prize with "Taxi Driver" in 1976.

The festival, which runs May 16-27, celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

AP

'Scary Movie' actress cuts own path

"Scary Movie" actress **ANNA FARIS** has filed for divorce from her husband of nearly three years.

Faris cited "irreconcilable

differences" in Tuesday's court filing in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Faris, 30, and actor Ben Indra married in June 2004.

They have no children.

Faris got her big break in the 2000 horror spoof "Scary Movie," and has appeared in all three sequels.

AP

Goodman sued for ditching 'Pope' role

JOHN GOODMAN has been sued by a German production company that claims the actor backed out of an agreement to star in one of its films.

Constantin Film Produktion alleges that Goodman agreed to receive \$500,000 to appear in "Pope Joan," which was scheduled to

begin filming in May, according to papers filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court. On March 14, Goodman's representatives informed Constantin via e-mail that the actor would not be appearing in the film, the papers claimed.

The lawsuit seeks damages of about \$3

million.

A message left with Goodman's agent wasn't immediately returned Tuesday.

In a statement to celebrity news Web site TMZ, Goodman's publicist, Stan Rosenfield, said: "There were talks about Mr. Goodman participating in the 'Pope Joan' project,

although no agreement was ever reached. This is a frivolous lawsuit."

Goodman, 54, is best known for playing Dan Conner on the hit sitcom "Roseanne" in the 1980s and '90s. He appears alongside Steve Carell in the upcoming comedy "Evan Almighty."

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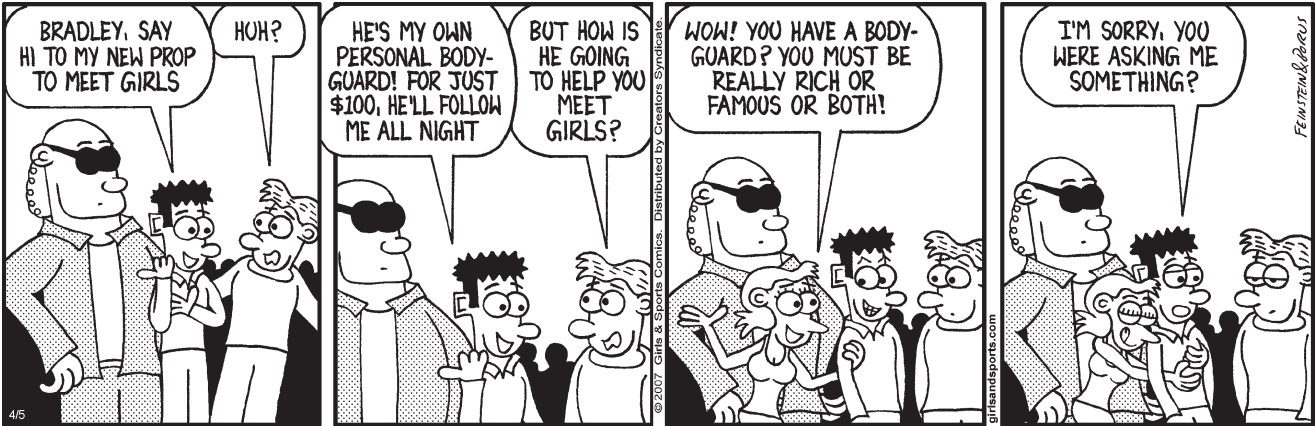
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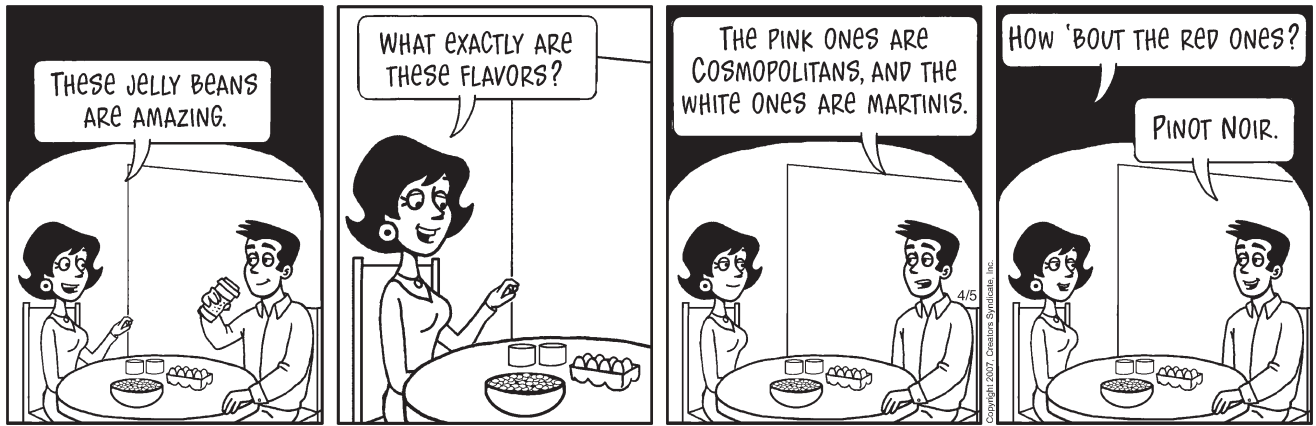
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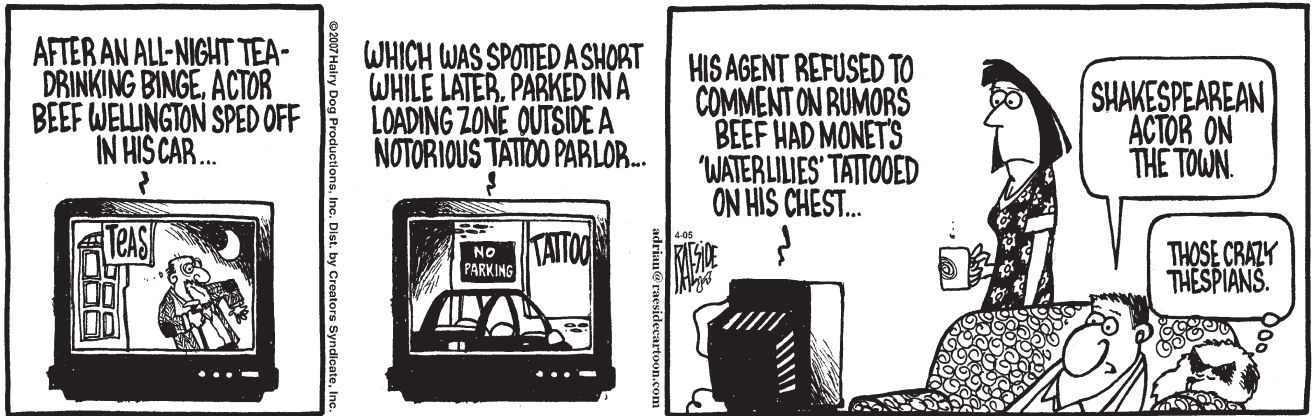
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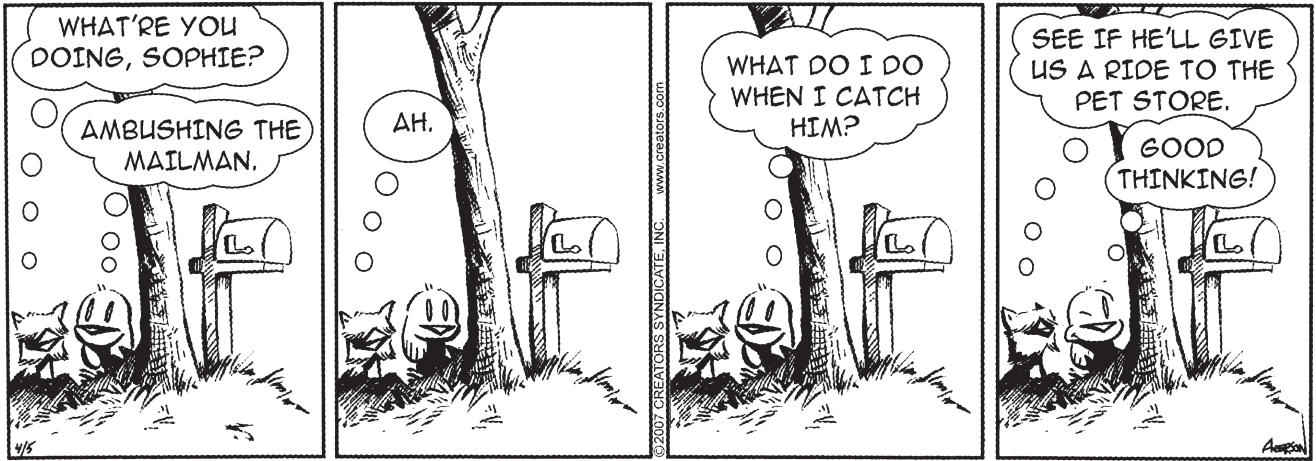
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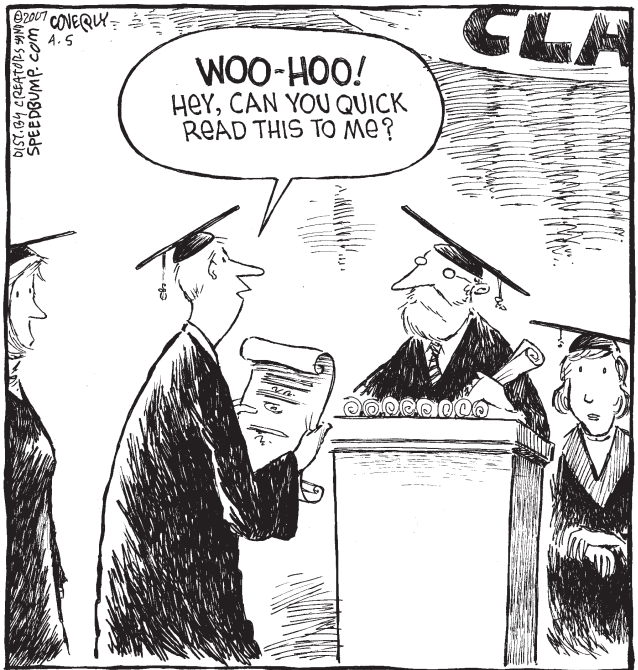
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In March, a jury in Los Angeles listened to nine psychiatrists testify, along with other witnesses who openly described their sex lives, before finally deciding that neither party in the shrink-vs.-shrink contest was all that emotionally healthy. Dr. David Martorano had sued the UCLA psychiatry department, blaming a loss of promotion on a failed affair with his supervisor, Dr. Heather Krell, who denied the affair, especially Martorano's claim of oral sex in a parked car. Krell's witnesses "diagnosed" Martorano with narcissistic personality disorder and being "addicted" to having women fall in love with him. The jury concluded that Krell did have the affair, but did not sexually harass Martorano or sabotage his promotion.

■ In February, when housing officials in Loebau, Germany, ran out of small apartments for low-income residents, they decided to put them in quarters that were larger than regulations allowed. However, the officials made the residents close off some rooms to stay within the allotted space and said inspectors would make regular visits to see that no one cheated.

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1621 The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth on a return trip to Great Britain.

1792 U.S. President George Washington vetoes a bill designed to apportion representatives among U.S. states. This was the first time the presidential veto had been used in the United States.

1804 The first recorded meteorite falls in Possil, Scotland (High Possil Meteorite).

1862 American Civil War: Battle of Yorktown. The battle begins when Union forces under General George McClellan close in on the Confederate capital Richmond, Virginia.

1992 Several hundred-thousand abortion rights demonstrators march in Washington, D.C.

1993 The Child Support Act 1991, administered by the Child Support Agency, comes into effect in the United Kingdom.

2005 ABC News anchor Peter Jennings informs his viewers that he has lung cancer. This was his final broadcast.

2006 The first case of H5N1 avian flu was confirmed in the UK after tests on a dead swan found in Cellardyke, Fife.

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THE PETITION requests
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ac-tions, however, the personal re-
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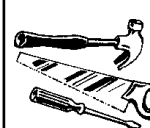
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