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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Easter egg hunt with Peter Rabbit

1155 Chelsea Ave., 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Peter Rabbit will be at Douglas Park, located at Wilshire and 25th, for some face painting, games, and egg hunting for kids of all ages. For more information, call Robert at (310) 927-2127 or visit www.smjaycees.org.

Monthly musical at the Library: 'Easter Parade'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Celebrate Easter a day early with Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, and the music of Irving Berlin, with this free screening of 'Easter Parade' at the Main Library's MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages welcome. Seating first come, first served.

Visit the Easter Bunny at the Brentwood Country Mart

225 26th St., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Brentwood Country Mart will be hosting an Easter event with face painting, balloon animals, Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny.

'The Longest Week'

1609 S. Barrington Ave., Los Angeles, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

"The Longest Week" is a musical depiction of the final days of Jesus Christ. This dramatic experience consists of original music composed by Los Angeles composer Christopher Wong and conducted by Ryan Rowles. First Baptist Church of West Los Angeles is located at the corners of Idaho and Barrington. The presentation runs just over an hour and admission is free.

The Three B's plus folk-pop concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Dorothy Spafard Hull and Meredith Chapman will perform a variety of music. All ages welcome to this free program. Seating in the MLK Jr. Auditorium is first come, first served.

Poets in person at Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

In celebration of National Poetry Month the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library will present poets Norm Levine and Peggy Aylsworth in a reading of their works. For more information, call (310) 392-3804 or visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.org.

'Life ... Death ... and Entertainment'

1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 9:45 p.m.

Susan Damante's autobiographical solo show where life, death and music collide. Three performances only. Tickets are \$16; proceeds benefit the Save the Santa Monica Playhouse Campaign. For reservations, call the Playhouse Box Office at (310) 394-9779, ext. 1 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

'The Scarlet Pimpernel'

1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 8, 2007

Fairmont Miramar Hotel Santa Monica Easter Brunch Event

101 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

In addition to brunch, the festivities will include a children's petting zoo, Easter egg hunt under the fig tree and the Easter Bunny. The Easter Brunch menu is available from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and costs \$58, plus tax and gratuity per person for adults, and \$29, plus tax and gratuity for children between the ages of six and 11 (children under the age of six are complimentary). Both valet and street parking are available. Call (310) 576-7777, ext. 3260 for dining reservations. For more information visit www.fairmont.com.

Sunday Concert Series at the pier

Santa Monica Pier, 2 p.m.

Sal Rodriguez & the Latin Kings - a Latin-Style rock band - will perform a free concert - weather permitting - on the Pier parking deck in the Central Plaza. Limited parking is available on the Pier and in beach lots. For more information, call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org.

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.





A GOOD FRIDAY

The St. Monica Liturgical Dancers drape the blood of Christ onto a replica of the cross during the Pascal Triduum Liturgy on Good Friday at St. Monica Church. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and falls just before Easter.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Locals mapping out future

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK The future of the developmental landscape of Santa Monica rests in the hands of its residents.

The city's Planning and Community Development department concluded its three-part series of community workshops Thursday night at Olympic High School to solicit resident's ideas on how they envision their neighborhoods to look in the next few decades.

It was part of phase two in the formation of an updated Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the city's general plan. The LUCE, which was last updated in 1984, would shape the city's developmental appearance in the future through changes in the city's Zoning Ordinance.

Community workshops have previously been held for the Pico Neighborhood

and Sunset Park region, and the Wilshire Boulevard/Montana Avenue and Mid-city areas.

"We want to come up with a set of principles for new development in the neighborhood as well as new development along the corridor and we want it to reflect the values of the community," said Eileen Fogarty, director of Planning and Community Development.

On Thursday, more than 50 residents from the Ocean Park and Sunset Park neighborhoods sat around tables, observing a large map focusing in on the Lincoln Boulevard and Ocean Park Boulevard intersection — the intersection where both communities meet. From a stack of colored paper, each labeled with words such as "multi-residential housing," "parking structure," "restaurant," and "retail," residents glued onto the map where such a develop-

ment would be ideal.

Holding a green marker, one woman began freely scribbling all over the map, writing "trees" all along the sides of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards. Behind her table, another group of residents argued over traffic, eventually reaching a consensus that the city should install mobile physical barriers to separate on and off peak traffic lanes.

At several tables, residents agreed that a parking structure or shared parking spaces would be ideal at the plaza on the southeast corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards. Another group of locals saw an opportunity to develop multi-family housing where Fukui Japanese restaurant is located in the Albertsons plaza.

Every table had different ideas, with some

PCH crash driver pleads not guilty

The native of Mexico may face deportation

By Daily Press staff

LOS ANGELES The 24-year-old man who crashed head-on into another vehicle early Wednesday morning — killing a Hollywood director and his son, a student at Santa Monica College — pleaded not guilty Friday to two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Hector Velazquez-Nava, a native of Mexico, was driving a GMC Yukon at approximately 2:20 a.m. Wednesday on PCH between Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road in the Pacific Palisades when it drifted into oncoming traffic, striking a 1997 Infiniti Q30 driven by director Robert Clark.

Clark, 67, of the Pacific Palisades, and his son, Ariel Hanrath-Clark, 22, of Santa Monica, were killed in the crash.

Clark is best known for directing the holiday classic "A Christmas Story," as well as writing, directing and producing the teen cult films "Porky's" and "Porky's II: The Next Day." His son was a musician at SMC who had written several compositions for the college's jazz ensemble.

Both Velazquez-Nava and his passenger, Lydia Mora, 20, of Azusa, were treated at a hospital for minor injuries following the crash, police said.

Velazquez-Nava's blood-alcohol level was allegedly three times the legal limit of 0.8 during the collision on the Pacific Coast Highway, according to reports.

Police also said the suspect had neither documentation of legal U.S. residency nor a California driver's license.

Velazquez-Nava could face at least 12 years in prison if convicted. He is scheduled to return to court May 7, according to reports.

His bail was set at \$200,000. Even if Velazquez-Nava were to make bail, reports said he would be ineligible to be released on bond because he is in the country illegally.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did Richards' fall from a tree?

Editor:

Keith (Richards), ol' boy, what have you been up to lately?

Having recently admitted to snorting his father's ashes mixed with cocaine ("Family lines," April 4), Mr. Richards has once again caught our attention. One has to wonder whether his recent disclosure is just another attempt at grabbing the spotlight, albeit a silly one. But what one really has to ask is: Was he snorting this concoction when he fell out of the coconut tree in Monserrat last year? The investigative journalist in me says, "well, maybe." Does snorting a dead person's ashes mixed with cocaine cause someone to lose their balance, or climb a coconut tree in the first place? Coconut trees are known to have few branches to grab hold of.

More importantly, does the actual person you are snorting have a direct influence on your behavior? For example, would snorting the ashes of Brian Jones have caused a different result? Does Keith have anything to do with the disappearance of Jim Morrison's urn?

Certainly, Mr. Richards has opened up new avenues of investigation related to many of the mysteries of the rock world. Keep it up Keith, we'll be watching.

Michael Glorieux
Santa Monica

Greenies shouldn't hate on drivers

Editor:

At times, it is almost amusing to listen to certain citizens and certain people at Santa Monica City Hall pontificate about riding bicycles and buses as we go about doing the necessary chores of our daily lives. I am retired and live south of Ocean Park Boulevard. Bus #8 suffices if I need to go to UCLA. The senior fare beats the parking fee at UCLA and time-wise it is about equal for driving. To go to the area of 14th (Street) and Wilshire (Boulevard) – which I consider the hub of the business districts – riding a bus is not so good. The cross-town bus is OK. To go back south, one must go north first. That is not OK. This is where the system fails. Most of us want to finish our errands and then return home.

Many areas of the city are not even accessible to bus stops. Many people have children that must be taken to appointments or elderly who need to be transported to schools or physicians appointments. Last Saturday, while at the hairdresser on Wilshire, at least three women came in with walking assist devices and a companion. These people will not be using buses as they are unsteady on their feet.

During the past two years, I have done a family genealogy and bringing home 2,500 sheets of paper on a bus is impossible. Going shopping for groceries for a family is not easily done by bus. Three or four bags of groceries are heavy and could easily end up on the street if one gets bad bags.

To all young males who advocate using bicycles for transportation, do so by all means. But keep in mind the variety of folks who live here and cannot do so. At some point, if you marry or get two dogs that need to go to the vet these things require auto transit. Or if your doctor is not in town, good luck in getting there. Be sure to patronize the businesses that the rest of us do if you wish to close the streets to auto traffic. We can go elsewhere.

I would say that most people in Santa Monica do not drive for amusement around Santa Monica. For those of us who are busy or work at home, time is of the essence.

Helen Porter
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A closer gander at April's reader mail

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR YOU TO hear from your fellow readers. Below, you'll find some of the comments on my columns in the past few months. I hope you'll feel free to send me your opinion of my opinions in the future.

Some of the responses to my column about the movie, "Borat" include:

ED: We laughed hard at the movie — then felt like we should be apologizing to someone, but didn't know who."

HERMIT: "I've only seen that man on TV and he is the most repulsive creature I've ever seen on TV, and you know TV has a lot of competition for 'repulsive.'"

GARY: "Enough Borat already!!... in reality, Mr. Cohen is not funny. Anyone who would do what he is doing for profit, needs some form of psychiatric intervention."

And here are some responses to my column about the new citizenship test:

CONSCIOUSNESS: "... if we as a common people, use our head and not be afraid of what we don't know but embrace the unknown to learn ... we could really show the rest of the world what America was founded on."

TIGER: "The number of people in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ha! I don't even know that one!!"

I received, among others, the following response to my column that was in praise of "wishy-washiness:"

RALPH: "Jimmy Buffett must be quoted in this regard: 'Indecision may or may not be my problem.'"

My New Year's column consisted of making resolutions for other people. Here's what a couple of readers thought about it:

MARIA: "It really hurts me to admit that I agree with your writing 100 percent. You are on target."

PHIL: "All public figures should resolve that if they get into trouble to not enter rehab immediately and refuse to take responsibility for anything except alcoholism."

I wrote about the probability of food from cloned animals being on our grocery shelves in the not-too-distant future. This is one reader's response:

CARMEN: "Everything will taste like chicken!!!"

I talked about the recent practice of presidential hopefuls announcing their candidacy on television entertainment shows. One person took exception to my opinion, threw in a little insult, and demonstrated that he's not the most careful reader in the world:

HUAN: "Obviously, you're really old and are stuck in another era ... P.S. Jay Leno is not funny at all ... you really are old."

Well, Huan, I never mentioned Jay Leno in my column. I did talk about David Letterman.

Don't feel bad, Huan. It's probably easy for someone who's getting old to confuse the two of them.

I wrote about the experiment in which my wife and I gave up credit cards for a few months, and one reader responded quite emotionally:

R919...: "In 1987, I made the decision to live debt-free for the rest of my life ... I refuse to sell myself into indentured servitude to the credit card industry ever again. It isn't worth it. I am a free man."

I WROTE ABOUT THE PROBABILITY OF FOOD FROM CLONED ANIMALS BEING ON OUR GROCERY SHELVES IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE. THIS IS ONE READER'S RESPONSE: 'EVERYTHING WILL TASTE LIKE CHICKEN!!!'

I wrote about all of the politicians who don't seem to have a good memory when it comes to crimes they may or may not have committed. The responses included:

DAVID: "Must be something in the water in Washington that is creating all these hazy memories. That would explain all those campaign promises that they just can't seem to recall."

CALL: "If only Clinton had said he couldn't recall Monica."

I talked about the new screening devices at airports that are capable of seeing what we look like under our clothes. One reader couldn't resist taking what I chose to believe was a playful swipe at me:

JIM: "Lloyd, unless you are some alien being, they already know what you look like naked, and they aren't looking forward to seeing it in person."

So, in the future, whether you agree or disagree with me, or even feel like insulting me, just send me an e-mail.

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STRA Y talk

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

"And I obviously think it's important for us, as a society, to be tolerant and respectful of whatever arrangements people enter into."

— Vice President Dick Cheney, during an ABC radio interview where he announced that his gay daughter, Mary Cheney, is having a baby

"This is not only a victory for Playboy, this is a victory for all of the press in Indonesia."

— Indonesian Playboy editor Erwin Arnada, on a court ruling that the magazine did not break indecency laws. The magazine has been persecuted by hard-line Muslims since launching in April 2006.

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

— Samohi freshman Arianwen Steele, on the extended spring break — two weeks — students in the Santa Monica Malibu-Unified District receive compared to other districts.

"I'm so fascinated by breasts because my mother didn't have them either. If I had them, I'd run up and down a flight of stairs!"

— Actress Kate Beckinsale, during a Glamour Magazine interview.

"He was just really starting to find his voice as a composer."

— Dr. David Goodman, a professor of music theory at Santa Monica College, who taught student Ariel Hanrath-Clark. Hanrath-Clark and his father, film director Robert Clark, were killed on PCH early Wednesday morning by a suspected drunk driver.

"We want everyone who comes to celebrate a special occasion at Disney to feel welcome and respected."

— Disney Parks and Resorts spokesman Donn Walker on the Walt Disney Company's decision to allow same-sex couples to participate in their Fairy Tale Wedding program. The service offers many optional Disney touches, such as having guests like Mickey and Minnie Mouse in formal wear. Packages can run as much as \$45,000.

"I think everyone has high hopes for this year."

— USC law student Adam Rock, on the 2007 Dodgers season

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COMMENTS
FROM PEOPLE
WHO ARE
HAPPY WE
ARE DOING
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— Eva Uren, acting revenue manager for the city of Santa Monica, on the city's decision to refund money to people who overpaid for parking tickets.

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The QLine

CHARITY IS A VIRTUE, BUT RESIDENTS GOTTA EAT

This week's Q-Line question – submitted by a Daily Press reader – asked:

Why do we [the City of Santa Monica] have a \$442.6 million budget? Why do we support all of these expensive and questionable city charities?

Here are your responses:

"WHY, INDEED. THIS WASTED LARGESS has left the citizens of this community wanting badly. I guess it is because it makes the city's administration look good in some eyes and generates grants of all kinds which keep the problems accelerating and brings more problematic people to this area for the handouts. It is a self-defeating system."

"ONE WOULD WONDER WHAT EXPENSIVE charities? The city budget renders down to a little over \$1.2 million a day to operate the city of Santa Monica and provide the services and equipment for the following branches of the government: The police department, the city's administrative staff, the city yard that includes trash collection, the Santa Monica Airport, the Blue Bus line, the pier and the schools, to name a few. This does not leave a heck of a lot of money for expensive charities. But, I think that those charities being referred to are those helping the less fortunate among us."

"ONCE AGAIN, A FOOLISH QUESTION. You are very right-wing and it's disgusting."

"THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SANTA Monica needs to get its priorities straight. They spend too much money on bums. They spend too much money messing up traffic, building those stupid little things in the middle of the street to slow up traffic. They should start using it on the police to allow people to use the parks. What's the point of having a park if you can't use it because it's full of bums and their garbage? As far as the amount of money the city budget has, they most likely waste it because everybody gets their cut. Each councilman has his own pet projects and probably gets a kickback or something like that. That's why so much money is wasted."

"WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL THAT money in the budget? I don't know why we do that. Santa Monica likes the guise of being a green city, but there is not an inch of land left anywhere. They need to do something about the airport traffic and the noise. There are too many jets coming out of there. It is very annoying. Santa Monica has turned the other way when it comes to its citizens."

"THE ANSWER IS BECAUSE SANTA Monica knows how to use the government's vouchers. It is not money from their pockets. It's free money from the feds as handouts."

"IN REGARDS TO ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS in Santa Monica that are supposed to be providing all these benefits to the homeless – it's a load of old hogwash. All these people who work for these organizations are making big bucks and they have CEOs. They run off to other countries like Israel to see about what they can do for the homeless. Why don't they take that money and do something with it. It just goes on and on and on. It has been 20 years now with this homeless situation. Most of

these people don't come from Santa Monica. Something like 95 percent of them come from all around the United States. If you ask these people where they came from, they would say that they only came out here to get these services. It is time for the people of Santa Monica to stop donating to these organizations."

"SANTA MONICA ENJOYS A HUGE budget, thanks to taxpayers and local business revenue. Our city leaders are spending "other people's money." Unlike most families and businesses, they feel no need to question to value for money spent or spend money wisely. The charities they lavishly support are the same ones that puts the city's leaders in office. One hand feeds the other."

"I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THE socialization and edification of Santa Monica, but how about fixing up these freakin' streets? I'm a disabled person and I was careening down Arizona Avenue today and I'll tell you that there are too many pot holes on that road."

"THERE IS A CIRCUS IN TOWN. I LOVE those high-wire acrobats. What, that's just the City Council balancing between taxing and spending the \$442.26 million? How do I tax thee? Let me count the ways. The council uses every way possible to tax the rubes in this town then gives it away to the lazy community corporation, Blue Bus, bicycle gangs, pier, squirrels, bay, hotel owners and movie corporations. Wow, how about those cute dancing bears? No that's just the Council tap dancing around every council-made issue: Traffic, parking, bums. Every problem in this town is a direct result of the almost psychotic desire to build everywhere. Well, how about the 27 clowns piling out of a little car? No, that's the highly paid patronage jobs coming out of City Hall. Santa Monica will be the first bankrupt city to have a solar panel on every rooftop, a bum on every corner and every special interest group in Southern California. Thank you, City Council, for taking a charming beach town and turning it into a hideous, bloated extension of Los Angeles. Send in the clowns."

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Paving the road

House Speaker Pelosi in Saudi Arabia after meeting with Syrians

BY DONNA ABU-NASR
Associated Press Writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi continued her Mideast tour Thursday, a day after coming under sharp attack from the Bush administration for meeting with Syria's leader.

Pelosi arrived in Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally, Wednesday night from Syria, where she defied the White House's Middle East policy by meeting with President Bashar Assad and insisting "the road to Damascus is a road to peace."

She met with Saudi King Abdullah when she first arrived in the kingdom Wednesday and was meeting Thursday with several members of the Shura Council, an unelected advisory assembly named by the king.

The Bush administration accuses Syria of backing Hamas and Hezbollah and has rejected direct talks with Damascus until its changes its ways.

"Unfortunately that road is lined with the victims of Hamas and Hezbollah, the victims of terrorists who cross from Syria into Iraq," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for President Bush's National Security Council. "It's unfortunate that she took this unilateral trip which we only see as counter-productive."

The Bush administration also says Syria is fueling Iraq's violence by allowing Sunni insurgents to operate from its territory and is destabilizing Lebanon's government. Syrian security officials have been implicated in the 2005 assassination of former

Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri in Beirut, though Damascus has denied a role.

Pelosi was the highest-ranking American politician to visit Syria since relations began to deteriorate in 2003.

Then-Secretary of State Colin Powell went to Damascus in May 2003.

She was accompanied by a delegation of five congressional Democrats and Ohio Republican Dave Hobson.

Their meeting with Assad included a lunch in Damascus' historic Old City.

In an interview with ABC News, Cheney said Assad has "been isolated and cut off because of his bad behavior and the unfortunate thing about the speaker's visit is it sort of breaks down that barrier."

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Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

"It means without him having done any of those things he should do in order to be acceptable, if you will, from an international standpoint, he gets a visit from a high-ranking American anyway," Cheney said.

Pelosi's spokesman Nadeam Elshami responded to Cheney by saying Pelosi pressed Assad on issues of concern.

"The administration has rejected the bipartisan recommendations of the Iraq Study Group to engage Syria and instead continues to engage in a war of words with Republicans and Democrats on this issue," he said from the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

Last year, the Iraq Study Group recommended Washington open talks with Iran and Syria to try to resolve the war.

British sailors happy to return home following abduction in Iran

BY TARIQ PANJA
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ROYAL MARINE BASE CHIVENOR, England Fifteen Royal Navy sailors and marines held captive by Iran returned home Thursday to a nation relieved at their freedom but outraged that they were used for propaganda by Tehran.

Prime Minister Tony Blair called for continued international pressure on Iran, blaming elements of the Iranian government for backing militants in Iraq, where four British soldiers and a translator were slain in an ambush hours before the freed crew touched down.

"On the one hand we are glad that our service personnel return safe and unharmed from their captivity, but on the other we return to the sober and ugly reality of what is happening through terrorism in Iraq," Blair said outside his Downing Street office.

The liberated crew broke open champagne and changed into fresh uniforms on the flight home. After landing at Heathrow airport, they smiled and stood at attention before being whisked by two Sea King helicopters to the Royal Marines base at Chivenor, southwest of London.

They joyfully embraced their tearful families at the base, where they also are expected

to be debriefed on their 13 days in captivity.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup met with the crew briefly and described them as being "happy and in good shape." He dismissed questions that the sailors and marines had behaved improperly because they took part in videos on Iranian state television in which they "admitted" trespassing into Tehran's territorial waters.

"They did exactly as they should have done from start to finish and we are proud of them," he said.

The tabloid Sun newspaper wrote, however, that "nobody emerges from this crisis with credit."

"The sight of the illegally detained British forces thanking Iranian tyrants for their freedom will sicken the nation," the Sun said in an editorial.

Wednesday's announcement by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that the Britons had been released was a breakthrough in a crisis that had raised oil prices and escalated fears of military conflict in the volatile region. The move to release the sailors suggested that Iran's hard-line leadership decided it had shown its strength but did not want to push the standoff too far.

Iran did not get the main thing it sought — a public apology for entering Iranian waters.

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Reaching out of the silence

On TV's margins, public access gives immigrants a voice

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE Anyone with something to say, in almost any language, can find a home on public access television, which is why immigrant communities are increasingly using it to educate, entertain — and stoke long-simmering feuds.

The most democratic space on the tube, public access channels are made available by cable companies legally mandated to offer space to amateur broadcasters who can do or say just about anything within the roomy boundaries of libel and obscenity laws.

In some cities, flipping through these channels can feel like traveling around the globe: Iranian film, Chinese news, Polynesian worship, even the ugly side of Afghan community politics.

"They reflect the mosaic that's out there," said Andrew Johnson, spokesman with the cable company Comcast Corp., the nation's largest, which airs immigrant-produced shows around the country on its public access channels.

Although they usually fall beneath the radar of mainstream viewers, the programs attract a niche — and often foreign — audience that can feel marginalized by main-

stream programming, said Vibert Cambridge, a professor at Ohio University who has researched immigrant use of broadcast media.

"It's about identity, authenticity, coming out of the margins, not being silent," she said. "They're able to articulate an agenda that is community-oriented, share their aspirations with the wider community, and enter into dialogue with the larger American society, giving texture to a new culture, while reaffirming their heritage."

Some programs, like San Jose's Arab TV, aim to show mainstream viewers a different side of an ethnic group by showing successful, civic-minded Arab-Americans engaged in local politics, arts and sciences.



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Others serve as a bullhorn for one person's opinions.

Take Monem Kabir, an accountant who came to the U.S. from Afghanistan in 1980. He uses his half-hour "Afghan American Voice TV" to denounce, in the Dari language, everything from welfare fraud to communism. But he dedicates his most vitriolic tirades to dissension in the San Francisco Bay area's Afghan community.

Kabir sees his on-air finger pointing as a public service, but many in the community say the show, filmed in Kabir's Tracy home,

only fuels divisions. "He's doing a lot of harm, planting a lot of suspicion," said Rona Popal, executive director of Fremont's Afghan Coalition, which helps Afghans access legal, social and medical services.

Popal is among the public figures Kabir criticizes by name on his show, calling her a supporter of Osama bin Laden and a mobster in the style of Tony Soprano. In a small community, she says, even unsubstantiated claims like these can damage reputations when broadcast on television.

"We're coming from a war-torn country," she said. "Our mind is already poisoned by thinking of, 'Who is the enemy? Who is against me?' How are we going to help people to forget about the past, forget about the

Crackdown on fugitive immigrants

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO More than one-third of 18,000 people arrested in a nearly yearlong federal crackdown on illegal immigrants were not the people authorities targeted, according to government figures.

The so-called "collateral arrests" involved people picked up by immigration agents while seeking fugitives such as drug smugglers, thieves, drunken drivers and others who flouted deportation orders.

When tracking down fugitives, authorities visit a suspect's last known address and often find other immigrants, who are then asked to prove they are legally entitled to live in the United States.

Supporters of such tactics say the government is just doing its job after years of neglect.

"God bless 'em," said Peter Nunez, a former U.S. attorney in San Diego who teaches immigration policy at the University of San Diego.

"They're trying to sell it as something where they target (criminals) but it's become part of a larger dragnet," said Pedro Rios, director of the American Friends Service Committee's office in San Diego.

Dubbed "Operation Return to Sender," the crackdown began last May in cities across the nation. As of Feb. 23, it has resulted in 18,149 arrests.

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Experts foresee major fire season in Arizona

BY CHRIS KAHN

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX The state forester said Thursday he expects an above normal wildfire season that could ignite as early as this month, with regular blazes charring the hinterlands until the first monsoon rains in mid-July.

State Forester Kirk Rowdabaugh told Gov. Janet Napolitano at the state Capitol in Phoenix that much of Arizona is dried to a crisp after years of drought. Disease and bark beetles also have prematurely killed off many trees, adding an extra layer of dead, dry fuel to potential fires, he said.

And, like much of the West, Rowdabaugh said Arizona is heating up due to global warming.

"Fire seasons are starting a lot earlier than they used to, and consistently a lot earlier," he said after the meeting.

"It's not just in Arizona, but all over. Snow melts come a lot earlier in Montana. Fire seasons come a lot earlier than they did 15 years ago."

Fighting fires likely will be a bigger challenge if this year goes as expected.

Arizona will have access to the same number of fire-quenching air tankers as before, but Rowdabaugh said the federal government has cut \$700 million from its budget for stopping wildfires. A proposal to add \$500 million is currently stalled in a controversial spending bill for Iraq, he said.

This shouldn't hamper firefighters early

in the wildfire season. But if lawmakers don't send additional money, Rowdabaugh said "it could have a profound impact on what happens late in the season."

Napolitano said she hasn't decided whether to press federal lawmakers to send more money.



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The governor said one of her concerns is that the National Guard has diverted its trove of firefighting equipment, sending trucks and bulldozers to support troops in the Middle East and the U.S.-Mexico border.

That equipment would have been used to help the state fight fires this summer, she said.

Last year's fire season also started well before the traditional June start. Forest authorities predicted one of the worst fire seasons on record.

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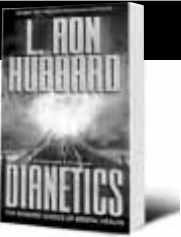
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Climate change threatens new dust bowl

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON Changing climate will mean increasing drought in the Southwest — a region where water already is in tight supply — according to a new study.

"The bottom line message for the average person and also for the states and federal government is that they'd better start planning for a Southwest region in which the water resources are increasingly stretched,"

said Richard Seager of Columbia University's Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory.

Seager is lead author of the study published online Thursday by the journal Science.

Researchers studied 19 computer models of the climate, using data dating back to 1860 and projecting into the future. The same models were used in preparing the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The consensus of the models was that climate in the southwestern United States and parts of northern Mexico began a transition to drier conditions late in the 20th century and is continuing the trend in this century, as climate change alters the movement of storms and moisture in the atmosphere.

The reduction in rainfall could reach levels of the 1930s Midwest dust bowl, Seager said in a telephone interview.

That doesn't mean there would be dust storms like those of the 1930s, Seager said,

because conditions at that time were also complicated by poor agricultural practices. But he said the reduction in rainfall could be equivalent to those times when thousands of farmers abandoned their parched land and moved away in search of jobs.

"So, in a case where there is a reduced water supply, there will have to be some reallocation between the users," Seager said.

He said feels that adjustments can be made to deal with the change.

Arctic sea ice narrowly missed record low point around Alaska

BY DAN JOLING
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska Arctic sea ice this winter just missed setting the record for fewest square miles covered since monitoring by satellite began, according to University of Colorado researchers.

The university's National Snow and Ice Data Center has measured ocean waters covered by at least 15 percent ice since 1979.

On March 31, the last day of the ice-growing season for 2007, ice covered 5.7 million square miles. That's slightly higher than the record low 5.6 million square miles measured last year.

"This year's wintertime low extent is another milestone in a strong downward trend," said researcher Walt Meier. "We're still seeing near-record lows (in sea ice) and higher-than-normal temperatures, and we expect this downward trend to continue in future years."

He also suggested that predictions of sea ice decline

expected Friday from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change may be conservative. Actual measurements are showing a steeper decline in the amount of sea ice that what models used by the panel predicted.

"It appears that the models are not capturing something that's going on," Meier said.

Declining sea ice has been blamed on higher winter temperatures in the Arctic, a result of rising greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and strong natural variability in the ice, Meier said.

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Heated fight

West Coast leaders pledge to fight climate change, together

BY AARON CLARK

Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. Pacific Coast states and British Columbia will work together to fight the effects of global warming that threaten the region's shared climate and coasts, Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski and British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell said Thursday.

The two leaders met just days after the Supreme Court rebuked the Bush administration for its inaction over climate change, vindicating states' efforts to combat greenhouse gases and other air pollutants that scientists say contribute to global warming.

California, Oregon and Washington state are spearheading efforts along the West Coast to reduce pollution through new car emissions standards, subsidies and mandates for renewable resources such as wind, solar and wave power and the aggressive development of a biofuels market.

"One of the real benefits of looking at the Pacific Coast and creating a collaboration among the states and the provinces is we create a market place of 50 million people," said Campbell. "I think the market will pay attention."

Campbell said British Columbia would like to join the five-state Western Regional Climate Change Initiative, launched earlier this year by Kulongoski and the governors of Washington, California, Arizona and New Mexico, with the goal of reducing greenhouse gases.

"There are an awful lot of common inter-

ests between Oregon and British Columbia," said Campbell. "I want to make sure we are working where we can to reinforce one another's objectives to deal with the issues of climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, learn from one another and create some continental leadership on these issues."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Campbell and Kulongoski said the Supreme Court decision was a critical step in protecting the region's climate.

The ruling clears a potential hurdle to the implementation of Oregon's Clean Cars program, a law that requires stricter tailpipe emissions on new cars sold in the state beginning next year.

California was the first to adopt the law, and Campbell said that his government was committed to following suit.

Campbell met the governors of Alaska and Washington state on Wednesday, and visited with California's Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to speak about climate issues in mid-March.

As a region, California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada emit as much greenhouse gas emissions as the seventh-largest producer of greenhouse gases, the United Kingdom, according to the World Resources Institute.

Although the auto industry continues to fight legal battles from California to Vermont with states that want to implement stricter emissions laws, the Supreme Court ruling is likely to boost the argument that states have the right to set standards. According to the decision, the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate emissions from new cars and trucks under the Clean Air Act.

The ruling could also give states more leverage as they look to curb emissions from power plants that account for 40 percent of carbon emissions in the United States.

Houston councilman says he's sorry about comment

BY JOE STINEBAKER

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON A Houston city councilman and conservative talk radio host apologized Wednesday for saying taxpayers were paying large amounts of welfare to American Indians because the Indians were "whining" about having been "whipped in a war."

Michael Berry, the city's mayor pro-tem and a three-term councilman, said on his talk show on March 27 that Indians don't deserve the "incredible" amount of federal assistance they receive.

"We conquered them," he said. "That's history."

Berry posted an apology on his radio station's Web site late Wednesday.

"The reason I issued that apology is not because I offended people, but because I was wrong," Berry told The Associated Press on Thursday. "My facts were wrong, and the basis of my facts was wrong."

Berry said that among the "several hundred" e-mails he had received about his remarks were several that pointed out "intellectually and politely" that American Indians did not receive a disproportionate share of federal assistance and were not singled out

for scholarships and other federal programs.

"It's not true," he said. "I've done my homework and learned that I was wrong. I'm big enough to admit when my facts are wrong."

Berry made his original remarks while speaking against a proposal in the Texas Legislature for the state to apologize for slavery.

"If we're not going to apologize for slavery," he said, "then we need to stop the continuous apology for what was done to the American Indians." He said the federal government in effect apologized to American Indians every day by expending "incredible resources from our treasury."

Jacquelyn Battise, a member of both the Coshatta and Alabama tribes and host of her own radio show on Indian culture, said Berry's apology "looks real, and it has the feel that he put a lot of real thought into it," but that she was surprised by it.

"It sure is quite a turnabout, an overnight transformation," she said. "The way he spoke about it on his radio show, he sure was very passionate and very strong in his statements. I guess I get tired of getting hit on the head by somebody and then they say 'I'm sorry' and the apology is supposed to make everything OK."

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Evolving hatchery plans

BY KEITH RIDLER

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Fishery biologists in the Pacific Northwest are in the midst of a high-stakes course change on how hatcheries operate, a move intended to boost flagging runs of wild salmon and steelhead.

But some are concerned expanding attempts to raise wild fish in hatcheries could push the runs nearer extinction by genetically weakening them, or diluting the runs to such an extent with hatchery influence that they are no longer wild.

"There's kind of a wave of change that's slowly permeating through the fishery community, and it goes by the phrase hatchery reform," said Don Campton, a senior scientist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He dates the push toward hatchery reform to the early 1990s, an era he describes as "hatchery bashing," and the beginning of a wave of Endangered Species Act listings of salmon and steelhead runs.



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Don Campton, senior scientist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Up to then more than 100 hatcheries in the Columbia River Basin had been built mainly to offset the declines in salmon runs caused by loss of habitat to dams, irrigation,

logging and urban development.

Now, the mission of many of those hatcheries has been at least partially changed with the goal of preserving wild runs.

"Run wrong and a hatchery can do a lot

of damage to natural stocks," said Bob Lohn, regional administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service.

Activists call for protection of wildflowers

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON Conservationists in Utah and Colorado are threatening to sue the federal government unless it protects a rare wildflower that grows in areas of oil and gas exploration.

Environmentalists and plant experts said Graham's penstemon, a relative of the snapdragon with brilliant lavender-pink flowers, was proposed for the endangered-species list in January 2006, but the Fish and Wildlife Service reversed course in December.

Critics believe the reversal was a result of politics, not science.

The flower lives only on oil shale outcrops in the energy-rich Uinta Basin between northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado, which is rapidly being developed by energy companies.

The proposed listing in 2006 said habitat loss was a serious threat to the flower.

The Endangered Species Act requires citizens to give the government 60 days notice before filing a lawsuit.

The Center for Native Ecosystems, Utah Native Plant Society, Colorado Native Plant Society and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Thursday said they filed a notice Thursday.

The Interior Department could avoid a lawsuit by reinstating and completing the proposal to protect the flower, the groups said.

Settlement agreement reached in polygamist suit

BY JENNIFER DOBNER

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Six young men who claim they were ousted from a polygamist church have reached a settlement agreement with a state-appointed accountant managing the church's assets, lawyers said Thursday.

A seventh man who filed a separate lawsuit accusing church leader Warren Jeffs of abuse is part of the settlement.

The agreement resolves the lawsuits filed against the United Effort Plan Trust, which holds \$110 million in property belonging to

members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Members live primarily in the twins towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz.

The agreement gives each man 3 acres in Hildale near the community park at the entrance to Maxwell Canyon, settlement papers show.

It also establishes the \$250,000 Lost Boys Assistance and Education Fund, which will allow other disenfranchised church members to get help.

The fund will be built in increments of \$10,000 with expenses approved by the UEP

Trust board, trust attorney Jeff Shields said Thursday.

"This is for housing, education, clothing and food to help people," Shields said.

"Not race cars and diamond rings."

Shields said the agreement is a good deal for the trust.

"We're not cash rich, so to be able to settle this by giving them deeds to land, that's a big deal for us," he said.

The UEP Trust has been in state control since 2005, in part because of these lawsuits, which must still be approved by a 3rd District Court judge.

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Lesbians are denied church communion

BY KATHLEEN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

GILLETTE, Wyo. Leah Vader and Lynne Huskinson, a lesbian couple who got married in Canada last August, sent a letter recently to their state legislator decrying a Wyoming bill that would deny recognition of same-sex marriages. The lawmaker read the letter on the floor of the Legislature.

Soon after, the local paper interviewed the couple on Ash Wednesday and ran a story and pictures of them with ash on their foreheads, a mark of their Roman Catholic faith.

It wasn't long after that that the couple received a notice from their parish church telling them they have been barred from receiving Communion.

"If all this stuff hadn't hit the newspaper, it wouldn't have been any different than before — nobody would have known about it," said the couple's parish priest at St. Matthew's, the Rev. Cliff Jacobson. "The sin is one thing. It's a very different thing to go public with that sin."

Catholics deemed sinners in the eyes of the church are sometimes taken aside and privately advised not to take Communion. But Cheyenne Bishop David Ricken, gay Catholic organizations and a national church spokeswoman said they could not recall any previous instance of a U.S. bish-

op denying the sacrament to a gay couple in writing.

Now Huskinson and Vader say they are struggling to reconcile their devotion to the church with their devotion to each other.

"You spend half your time defending your gayness to Catholics," Vader said, "and the other half of your time defending your Catholicism to gays."

The couple, who regularly attended Mass and took Communion, have not been back to St. Matthew's since they received the letter a month and a half ago. Vader said they did not want to make a scene.

The 46-year-old newlyweds — Vader is a supervisor at a recycling center, Huskinson a coal miner — ran afoul of a sort of don't-ask-don't-tell policy on the church's part.

"I told my wife in good conscience that if I had known those ladies, and we'd have been having a beer, I'd have just told them to keep everything to themselves," parish music director John Chick said. He added that once news like this hits the papers, "someone's forced to deal with it now, aren't they?"

After the Ash Wednesday story, the priest sent this letter: "It is with a heavy heart, in obedience to the instruction of Bishop David Ricken, that I must inform you that, because of your union and your public advocacy of same-sex unions, that you are unable to receive Communion."

The bishop said the couple's sex life constitutes a gay sin.

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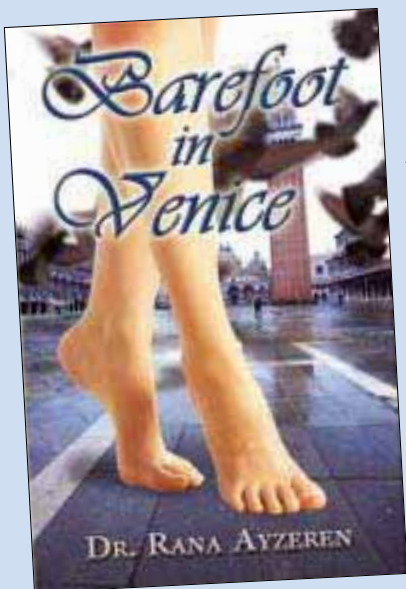


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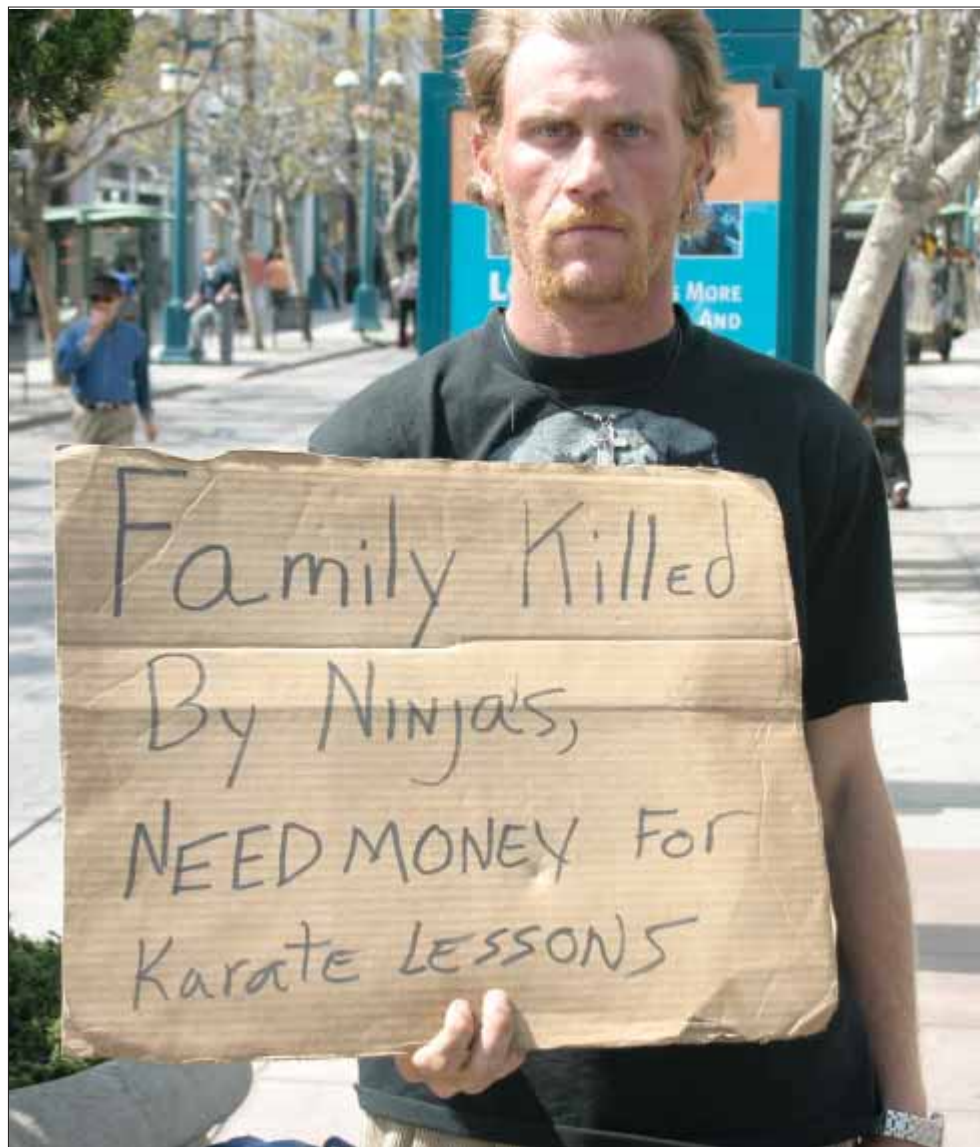
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POINTS FOR CREATIVITY: Panhandling on the Third Street Promenade can be a hard sell at times for local folks down on their luck. This unnamed man decided that humor could loosen some purse strings at the corner of Third Street and Santa Monica Boulevard Tuesday.

It's hard to be a saint in the city

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Walking through the Third Street Promenade, getting besieged by beggars and solicitors — each with a hand out — is enough to make even the most charitable amongst us exclaim, “Jesus Christ!”

But what would Jesus do if he were to take a stroll along the bustling shopping corridor today, being confronted at every turn by the throngs of panhandlers and those seeking donations for the environment, children with AIDS and the Democratic Party?

Would he say, “Get a job?”

Not likely. While Santa Monicans and tourists alike can find the daily barrage overwhelming, tuning out most of those calling for our attention, the native of Nazareth likely would have had more tact.

On Easter Weekend, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ, invoking his spirit of charity is brought to the fore. But times have changed since robes and sandals were de rigueur.

The popular phrase “What Would Jesus Do?” (or WWJD) is used by many Christians as a point of reference for modern day life, a quasi guide for dealing with everyday life's quandaries. In Santa Monica, the constant presence of the down-and-out and solicitors have left more than a few wondering about the moral course of action.

Maybe Jesus would spread out a blanket and invite the less fortunate to a meal and some pleasant conversation at McDonalds or La Salsa, possibly even Monsoon for a feast of sushi and miso soup.

However, for those who can't multiply fish and loaves, what are they supposed to do, especially in an urban setting like Santa Monica, where around nearly every corner, it seems, there is someone less fortunate?

“Greet them, say ‘hello,’ even if you don't give them anything,” said Brad Beeman, an associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. “They usually understand and are very kind ... I see people rob them of their dignity. They ignore them, sometimes pointing, laughing, scoffing and even spitting. That's where I get hurt and frustrated.”

For many people of faith, it can be morally challenging to simply walk down the street in Santa Monica because of their desire and sense of obligation to help those in need, and the sheer number of those asking for help. Surely, one cannot help everybody.

But many faiths mandate it, creating an internal conflict

“The Jewish tradition says that you have to give. We are not allowed to second guess for what purpose we think the recipient will use the money for,” said Rabbi Jeff Marx of the Santa Monica Synagogue, which often distributes food and bus fare to the down-and-out. “When you walk down the promenade, I tell congregates to carry small change in their pockets, so they can give a little bit to those they meet on the street.”

In Hebrew, the word for giving or charity is “Tzedakah,” the root of which is justice.

“We have to understand that everything we have is a gift from God and all we are really doing is redistributing these gifts,” Marx said. “Those of us who have more have to make the world more fair to those with less.”

Many worshipers choose not to give cash, but instead refer those who are homeless to centers like Step Up on Second, OPCC and the

St. Joseph Center. Others try to buy food or hand over their leftovers.

“If I can help, I give what I can, but often I direct them to places where they can get free food and other services,” said Veronica Gray, a member of St. Monica's Parish. “Jesus shared whatever he had and calls us to follow his example. He didn't carry money, but he would perform the miracle of sharing.”

“It's hard to say what would Jesus do in this day and age. He had very little materially.”

THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES

For those who are struggling to make ends meet themselves, they should look for other ways to help instead of giving money. One can volunteer their time at homeless shelters or food kitchens, they can also just spend time with someone in need, offering a compassionate ear, those in the faith-based community said.

“It is overwhelming for people because they have this sense of obligation and you see how many homeless we have in the city, so it can be very, very difficult,” said Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels of Beth Shir Sholom, who knows of followers who carry apples and oranges in their cars to hand out to those who are hungry.

“People do have to make some choices and balance things,” Comess-Daniels said. “Everyone tries, but it is hard to give for some and they shouldn't feel shamed or guilty because of that.”

“Just try to do the best you can.”

Zach Miller, who attends synagogue “only on major holidays,” is one of those who believes in the principles of his faith, but has a hard time opening his wallet when asked on the street for money. He has trust issues, he said.

“You don't know where they are going to spend the money,” Miller said. “They could be buying food or medicine, something they really need, but they could also be buying alcohol or drugs. You just don't know, and that's why I am hesitant.”

Instead of dishing out cash, Miller donates whatever time and money he has to charities, a safe and guaranteed way of helping those in need.

“We all want to do our part,” he said. “I think that we should try to do a little something every day, whether that's making meals or even just chatting with someone while sharing a sandwich or maybe even a piece of fruit or something — anything that can bring a smile to someone's face. I think that's the most important thing.”

Still, some do get frustrated.

Joanne Simons said she gets “annoyed” at times by panhandlers, especially those who are aggressive and rude when she refuses to give. This makes her more angry at City Hall for what she says is a failure to really deal with the root causes of homelessness and the way in which certain programs seem to enable, instead of push for results.

“You can only give so much before you have to question whether or not you are being effective,” Simons said. “We have to be smarter about how we help and not be so quick to give. There's that old saying, give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, but teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

“I think we need to look at that more closely.”

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Irene Manahan and Michael Tittinger also contributed to this report.



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This pin down girl can take on the boys

SAMOHl wrestler Jazzy Green isn't afraid to mix it up

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHl Wrestling is not just a man's sport. Especially not at Santa Monica High School, where senior Jazzy Green has been tackling and pinning down boys for the past four years.

A member of the boy's varsity wrestling team, Green placed third in the United States Girls' Wrestling Association's 10th Annual national championship in Michigan last weekend.

"It's a very emotional sport," Green said on Thursday. "It's hard to stay in the sport, but I love wrestling."

Next Sunday, Green will fly out to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to participate in the All-American Wrestling Camp before she competes in the Freestyle Nationals.

The two-time state champion for girl's wrestling has competed in numerous competitions, including the 2006 ASICS/Vaughan Junior & Cadet National Championship in Fargo, N.D., where she placed eighth.

The tournament is considered to be one of the largest in the world, Green said. But the recent competition in Michigan was by far her biggest achievement.

"It's a pretty cool thing, especially since the girls who are always placing at the top are the ones who have been doing it their whole lives," Green said.

The successful wrestling career started when Green was a freshman and was looking to join a sport similar to the Brazilian Jujitsu that she had studied during her middle school years.

Coach Brent Wright remembers when Green joined the wrestling team four years ago and how he was struck by what he calls "her amazing work ethic."

"That's honestly the only reason we stuck with her — her willingness to work harder than the boys every day," Wright said.

It was the first time that Wright had coached a girl on his wrestling team and believes that her entrance into the sport at Samohi opened doors for all girls at the high school.

Four years later, Green is among three girls on the varsity wrestling team.

"She's definitely recruited and she's tried to become friends with those girls and pushed them to stay in it," Wright said.

Neither the coach nor the boys ever resisted having a girl on the team, Wright said. The other team members embraced Green because of her hard-working nature.

But not everyone is as understanding.

While some competitors are humble and welcome the challenge of wrestling a girl, some "get huffy and cry," Green said.



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GO GIRL: SAMOHl's Jazzy Green, senior, has been on the boys wrestling team for four years.

I HAD ONE BOY WHO ACTUALLY SAID HE WOULDN'T WRESTLE ME AND I CHASED HIM DOWN AND WRESTLED HIM ANYWAY AND WON."

Jazzy Green
Samohi wrestler

"I had one boy who actually said he wouldn't wrestle me and I chased him down and wrestled him anyway ... and won," she added.

For a boy, wrestling a girl can be a lose-lose situation, Wright admitted.

On the one hand, if the male wrestler beats a girl, he will get heat from his teammates. On the other hand, getting beat by a girl could do some damage to a teenager's self-esteem.

"We're talking about adolescent kids," he said. "We told her that it should be a compliment. Someone refusing to wrestle you is not because they can beat you."

Offers to wrestle at the collegiate level have come piling in from Menlo College, Pacific University, Oklahoma City University and Portland State University. At this point, Green is still undecided.

For Green, whether she eventually competes in the Olympics will not determine if her wrestling career was a success.

"I want to do my best and if I do my best in college, that will be a big success in itself," she said.

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YOU'RE THROUGH: SAMOHl senior Jazzy Green takes third-place at the Girl's National Wrestling Championships recently. Green also placed third at USGWA's Girls Folkstyle Wrestling Championships in Livonia, Mich.

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Residents asked to plan development

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suggesting better defined bike lanes and expanded sidewalks. What everyone did agree on was that the traffic situation must be addressed along Lincoln Boulevard and that safety is key.

On the walls of the high school cafeteria stood displays illustrating options to beautify and change the traffic configurations of the two corridors. Examining one of the displays was Nancy Richler, an Ocean Park resident who also attended the previous two workshops in order to prepare herself for the final community meeting concerning her neighborhood. To this resident, one of the biggest question marks is how the city plans to address traffic and parking issues in Ocean Park and Sunset Park.

Along with the obvious concerns of traffic congestion, the staff at the Planning and Community Development office asked residents to ponder the scale of development along Lincoln Boulevard. Showing pictures of one-story buildings housing automobile repair shops, retail and restaurants, city consultant John Kaliski explained how Lincoln Boulevard is disproportionately wide compared to the height of the buildings. He showed images of what can be cleaned up, including old rusty newsstands and cracked sidewalks.

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John Kaliski
city consultant, city of Santa Monica

to what should be there in the long term," he said.

The LUCE was originally to be completed by now, but the change in city leadership over the past year delayed the process, said Planning Commission Chairman Gwynne Pugh. He expects to see the plan completed by the end of next year.

Standing over several tables, observing the exchange of ideas among residents, Pugh said he felt encouraged watching the residents finally have their chance to voice their opinions.

"People want to be heard," he said.

City staff will report back on May 7 with a community-wide meeting to review the three workshops and suggest short-term measures while the plan is being drafted.

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At right, Stephanie Libonati, 8, and Naomi Larsen, 7, put money into their toy cash register after selling a cup of homemade lemonade on Friday, at the corner of 16th and Georgina avenues.

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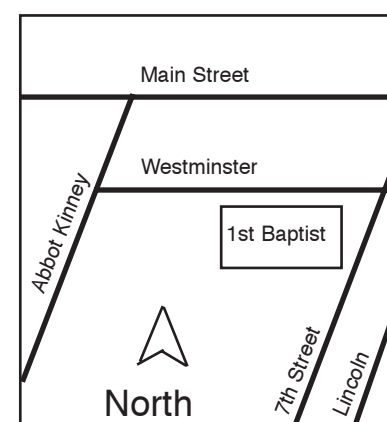
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Activists hope for big crowd

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES When 500,000 people marched the streets downtown a little over a year ago in support of illegal immigrants, many were angry over a proposal to build hundreds of miles of new fence along the U.S.-Mexico border and criminalize anyone who lent a hand to undocumented immigrants.

Immigrant advocates say similar discontent could push several thousand to come out for a rally Saturday.

This time the proposed reform is coming from someone immigrant communities had long considered an ally: President Bush.

The White House's draft plan, leaked last week, calls for a new "Z" visa that would allow undocumented workers to apply for three-year work permits. They would be renewable indefinitely, but would cost \$3,500 each time.

To get a so-called green card, making them legal permanent residents, illegal immigrants would have to return to their home country, apply at a U.S. embassy or consulate to re-enter legally and pay a \$10,000 fine.

"People are really upset," said Juan Jose Gutierrez, president of Los Angeles-based Latino Movement USA, one of several organizers of Saturday's rally.

"For years, the president spoke in no uncertain terms about supporting immigration reform ... then this kind of plan comes out and people are so frustrated."

The proposal has been sharply criticized by Hispanic advocacy groups, Democrats, the Roman Catholic Church and unions that have many immigrants in their ranks.

They argue the cost of work permits and the green card application—which could total more than \$20,000—are prohibitive for low-wage earners.

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It's never too late for camp

BY FRAN GOLDEN
Associated Press Writer

Summer is nearly six months away, but Steve Jermanok of Newton, Mass., realized it was time to talk overnight camp with his son Jake, 10.

"A lot of his friends went to camp last summer and had a great time," Jermanok said.

So Jermanok started asking around and drove up to Vermont to look at a camp some of Jake's pals had attended. "We liked it. It was a nice spot nestled on a lake backed by mountains. But it was too quiet for him."

Where to look next? Jermanok and Jake sought more suggestions from friends and went to the Internet, looking up camps and sending away for DVDs. "We listened to the spiels and they all sounded pretty much the same," Jermanok said.

Narrowing the list down with his son, Jermanok hit the phones, calling a few camps to ask more questions. He hit pay dirt when a director not only answered all his questions but did so in person -- the director happened to live in the Boston area too -- and also provided dozens of local families as references.

So Jake will head off next summer for 3 1/2 weeks to Camp Schodack, near Albany, N.Y. Activities will include day trips to the

National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs and more. "It's not your typical canoeing, hiking backpacking camp. It's catered more to the 21st-century child," Jermanok said.



IT'S NOT YOUR TYPICAL CANOEING, HIKING BACKPACKING CAMP. IT'S CATERED MORE TO THE 21ST-CENTURY CHILD."

Marc Katz

Executive Director of Long Lake Camp for the Arts

According to the experts, Jermanok's methods for finding a camp were right on target, and he was also right to start looking so early.

"The main crunch is the month of January," Marc Katz. Katz is executive director of Long Lake Camp for the Arts, located in New York's Adirondack Mountains. "Holy smoke, the phones are off the panel."

But Katz added that parents shouldn't panic. There's still plenty of time to get your kids into a camp, especially those with multiple sessions (at Long Lake, sessions are

three or six weeks). "My first session fills up first. But I may have space in March or even April for the last session," Katz said.

"Spots can open so never say to yourself, 'It's too late,'" Peg L. Smith, CEO of the American Camp Association, said.

"I think it's all about knowing who your kid is, and the matchup, and not insisting this is a rite of passage they need to go through to be a good kid or a well-rounded kid," Kendrick said.

And he warned that making sure your child is ready for camp (overnight is usually for those age 8 and up) is also key. "A child should never feel embarrassed or ashamed for not wanting to leave their family."

But is camp good for kids?

Benefits of a camp experience, according to Cathy Hirsh-Pasek, a child psychologist at Temple University in Philadelphia, include socialization, physical development, a chance to experience the outdoors "and time to let creativity and imagination rule where you don't have something programmed."

At the American Camp Association Web site, <http://www.campparents.org>, you'll find a list of questions parents can ask to determine if their child is ready for camp, and a free listing of ACA accredited camps.

Experts say there are many things to consider before you pack their bags and kiss your kids goodbye for a portion of the summer. Your check list should include the following.

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New way to plan trips to U.S. national park system

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON A new Web site makes it easier to plan trips to federal recreation sites, from monuments and historic attractions to forests, parks and scenic byways.

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns formally launched the <http://www.recreation.gov> Web site at a demonstration in Washington March 28.

The site allows the public to view photos and information on thousands of places and activities. You can also use Recreation.gov to make reservations and payments online for tours, camp sites and other accommodations.

"Recreation.gov not only simplifies reservations, it showcases the many opportunities to enjoy public lands," Johanns said in a statement. "This is a refreshing change for those who have searched multiple Web pages."

If you go to the Web site with something specific in mind - say a camp site at California's Yosemite National Park or a tour of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky — booking is fast and easy.

But it's also a lot of fun to just browse and

explore Recreation.gov. Take a look at the destinations featured on the home page, which, when the site was launched, included the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which runs through April 15 in Washington; the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northeastern Minnesota, and Stub Creek Cabin, which you can rent for a stay in a national forest near Fort Collins, Colo. Or click around and check out the options for various activities, including biking, horseback riding, water sports or hunting. You can also search by location.

Other links from the Web site allow you to learn about boating safety, sign up to volunteer at federal sites, or "share your story" about driving national scenic byways.

Recreation.gov is the result of an interagency partnership among the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Web site supports the National Recreation Reservation Service, which consolidates the capability to reserve sites managed by these agencies.

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A twist on curing homesickness

A new report urges parents and children's doctors to change their thinking about homesickness among children — see it as a nearly universal but highly preventable and treatable phenomenon rather than an unavoidable part of childhood.

The report, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, gives parents and physicians specific guidance to help anticipate and lessen the distress that homesickness can cause among kids and teens at summer camps, hospitals, boarding schools and colleges.

The paper's authors are old friends who first met at summer camp more than 25 years ago. Now they work as a clinical psychologist at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, one of the nation's leading boarding schools, and as a University of Michigan physician who specializes in camp health issues.

It's the first time the evidence about homesickness prevention and treatment, which has been gathered through years of psychological studies, has been presented for pediatricians and family doctors to use.

The authors and the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on School Health, which sponsored the report, hope those physicians will add homesickness counseling to children's camp and school physicals as

well as the care of hospitalized children.

They also point out special issues for children who have attention deficit disorder or developmental issues, such as the importance of continuing the use of medications for those conditions while at camp and not taking a "drug holiday."

"For over 100 years camps and schools have patted homesick kids on the back, tried to keep them busy and hoped it will go away," says lead author Christopher Thurber, Ph.D., the staff psychologist at Exeter, research consultant to the American Camp Association and author of a camp handbook for parents.

But research shows that it's healthier and more effective to think about prevention.

"This report aims to get the message to parents and those who are taking care of kids before they go to camp," Thurber said.

One of the basic tips for parents and doctors is to talk to kids ahead of any separation, whether it's for camp, college or a hospital stay of even a few days.

"What parents say—and what pediatricians say — beforehand matters, and is very important for the intensity of homesickness," said Edward Walton, M.D., a U-M Health System assistant professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics.

Walton serves on the board of the American Camp Association (ACA) and was lead author of a 2005 AAP guideline on summer camp health produced in conjunction with the ACA.

One of the most important things for parents and doctors to recognize and to say to kids before any separation is that it's normal, not strange, to feel homesick.

In fact, research has shown that 90 percent of children attending summer camp feel some levels of homesickness and that 20 percent face a serious level of distress that — if left untreated — worsens over time and interferes with their ability to benefit from a camp experience.

Thurber's recent research compared the effectiveness of key preparation tools to camps' standard preparation. The results showed that a combination of coaching parents and educating children about effective coping actually lowered the intensity of first-year campers' homesickness by an average of 50 percent.

ACA now publishes a DVD-CD set "The Secret Ingredients of Summer Camp Success" that makes these evidence-based homesickness prevention strategies publicly available for the first time.

It also makes information accessible to

parents online as part of its effort to preserve, promote and enhance the camp experience for children and adults.

ACA is also the only national organization that accredits camps, which must meet up to 300 health and safety standards to gain accreditation through the ACA.

In children whose separation from their parents is sudden and unplanned, such as hospitalization, as many as half experience moderate to severe levels of homesickness that can interfere with their functioning.

In fact, Thurber says, special care needs to be taken with children who are hospitalized for an indefinite amount of time because even a casual remark by a physician or nurse about when the child might be able to go home can cause severe distress and even interfere with care if that date arrives and the child is still in the hospital.

For more routine separations, such as the one million children who go away to school or the 12 million who attend residential (overnight) camp each year, homesickness can get in the way of the important character-building lessons these experiences bring.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Stanford's Harbaugh is ready to begin

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD More than three months after being hired to turn around Stanford's struggling football program, Jim Harbaugh is eager to take his coaching to the field.

Saying he has been dreaming about football the past few weeks, Harbaugh talked about Wednesday's first spring practice with the Cardinal with the same enthusiasm he had when he took over for Walt Harris in December.

"This will be the toughest spring ball in the history of spring ball," Harbaugh said. "Our team knows that going in. That's not by chance, that's by choice. We have a lot of ground to make up."

Stanford is coming off a 1-11 season that set a school record for losses and led to the firing of Harris. The Cardinal have won just 16 games in the past five seasons under Harris and Buddy Teevens, and have struggled to compete in the Pac-10 since Tyrone Willingham left for Notre Dame following the 2001 season.

Stanford will have 14 spring practices before holding its spring game April 28 in Stanford Stadium.

The first task this spring will be installing new systems on offense and defense. The Cardinal will switch from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 and also put in more quick-hitting passes in their West Coast offense. More importantly, Harbaugh will have to erase a culture of losing built up over the past few years.

"It hasn't been as difficult as one might have expected," Harbaugh said. "Our attitude has been extremely good. You'd think it would be tough. We only won one game last year. That is tough psychologically. Equally, it was a beat up football team. A third of the team was hurt coming into the offseason program. That rehabilitation has been taking place."

Stanford will be missing a few players this spring because of injuries, including defensive tackle Ekom Udofia (shoulder) and offensive tackle Chris Marinelli (shoulder). Receiver Evan Moore hopes to be back from a foot injury before the end of spring ball and running back Toby Gerhart may participate in some drills despite breaking his forearm playing baseball.

Harbaugh is also switching a few players to new positions, moving receiver Austin Yancy to free safety, linebacker Bo McNally to safety, defensive lineman Gustav Rydstedt to offensive line, and tight end Erik Lorig to defensive end. Receiver Richard Sherman could get time at defensive back and play both ways this season.

As to be expected on a team that won only one game last season and has a new coaching staff, the competition for jobs is wide open this spring. There are few spots completely set as Harbaugh searches for the right players to fit into his system.

"We're going to find out who the best players will be, find out the players who will win games for us, and also find out the players who will get us beat."

NFL

Gore has big goals to go along with big new contract

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.

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NFL

Paralyzed Patriot Stingley dies at 55

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Darryl Stingley spent more than half his life in a wheelchair, a symbol of the violence of the NFL, where large bodies collide at high speeds on every play.

He was only 26 when he clashed head-on with the Raiders' Jack Tatum during an exhibition at the Oakland Coliseum as they leaped for a pass.

That play has haunted the NFL for nearly three decades. On Thursday, the aftereffects of Stingley's grievous injury finally took his life at age 55.

He was pronounced dead at Northwestern Memorial Hospital after he was found unresponsive in his Chicago home, according to Tony Brucci, an investigator with the Cook County medical examiner's office.

An autopsy revealed contributing factors were bronchial pneumonia, quadriplegia, spinal cord injury and coronary atherosclerosis, the medical examiner's office said.

"I am deeply saddened by the death of Darryl Stingley," Tatum said in a statement released by the Raiders. "Darryl will be forever remembered for his strength and courage. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

Stingley was a star receiver with the New England Patriots when he collided with Tatum on Aug. 12, 1978. With one jolt, his life was forever changed. His neck was broken; he was left a quadriplegic. In time, he regained limited movement in his right arm and was able to operate his electric wheelchair on his own.

"I have relived that moment over and over again," he said in a 1988 interview with The Associated Press. "I was 26 years old at the time and I remember thinking, 'What's going to happen to me? If I live, what am I going to be like?' And then there were all those whys, whys, whys?"

"It was only after I stopped asking why, that I was able to regroup and go on with my life," he said.

His death instantly rekindled the debate over the circumstances of the accident.

"I've thought about that throw over and over the years. Could I have changed anything or done anything differently?" Steve Grogan, the Patriots quarterback who threw the pass, said Thursday. "That hit probably was not neces-

sary in a game with no meaning."

But Chuck Fairbanks, the Patriots' coach at the time, said he couldn't find anything illegal or dirty about it. Nor did the officials; no flag was thrown on Tatum.

"I saw replays many, many times, and many times Jack Tatum was criticized," Fairbanks said. "But there wasn't anything at the time that was illegal about that play. I do think probably that play was a forerunner for some of the changes in rules that exist today that are more protective of receivers, especially if there is head-to-head-type contact. I think that probably pre-empted some of the things that happened today."

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Jack Tatum
Raiders Quarterback

Gene Upshaw, who played for the Raiders in that game, got to know Stingley well after the injury. Now executive director of the NFL Players Association, he helped push owners to provide benefits for disabled players: \$48,000 in Stingley's time; \$225,000 now.

"It was one of those things that happens that everyone regrets," Upshaw said. "I know a lot of people in New England think differently, but Jack had no intention of hurting him. I saw him hit people like that a lot of times. That was the way he played."

That style made Tatum a symbol of a violent game and he never was able to shed that reputation. He eventually wrote a book titled: "Final Confessions of NFL Assassin Jack Tatum."

Stingley, who worked as a consultant for the Patriots, often visited paralyzed patients in hospitals and lived a full life despite his disability. He wrote a book about his experiences entitled "Happy to Be Alive," in 1983, and 10 years later started a nonprofit foundation to help inner-city youth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HORSE RACING
No stars, but maybe another sleeper in Santa Anita Derby

There are no stars like Brother Derek in the Santa Anita Derby this year. There might be another sleeper like Giacomo.

The 11-8-mile test for 3-year-olds, often a West Coast stepping stone toward the Triple Crown races, shapes up as one of the most unpredictable in years.

Liquidity, coming off a sixth-place finish in the Louisiana Derby and whose lone win was in his racing debut last September, is the 5-2 favorite for the 70th running of the Santa Anita Derby.

There are nine other challengers but many of the top 3-year-olds are running at other tracks or have been sidelined by injuries. Ravel, who posted an impressive 1:48.91 to beat Liquidity by a length in the 11-8-mile Sham Stakes, probably would have been the favorite at Santa Anita if not for an injured left front leg.

Corey Nakatani, Liquidity’s rider, believes the colt is improving.
“He’s young and starting to come into his own,” he said.

Liquidity is trained by Doug O’Neill, who has three other potential Kentucky Derby horses. Cobalt Blue will go Saturday in the Illinois Derby, and Great Hunter will run in the Bluegrass Stakes at Keeneland next weekend. Notional, runner-up to Scat Daddy in the Florida Derby, is set to run at Churchill Downs.

In last year’s Santa Anita Derby, Brother Derek went off as the 1-2 favorite and won by 3 lengths, setting him up to be one of the favorites leading to the Kentucky Derby. He ended up fourth.

The Santa Anita Derby-Kentucky Derby link was considerably different in 2005. Giacomo finished fourth -- as the fourth wagering choice -- as long-shot Buzzards Bay won at Santa Anita. Giacomo went on to win the Kentucky Derby as a 50-1 shot.

This year’s 10-horse field for the Santa Anita race includes a half brother of Giacomo’s, Tiago. Saddled by the same trainer, John Shirreffs, Tiago doesn’t even have the so-so resume that Giacomo had coming into the Santa Anita Derby.

Tiago has won one of his three races, and that was because of a disqualification. The colt ran seventh in his only previous stakes-level race and is a 20-1 shot at Santa Anita.

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NCAA BASKETBALL
Jackson becomes Washington’s third coach in 22 years

Washington has hired Duke assistant Tia Jackson to re-energize the women’s basketball program.

Jackson’s longtime mentor, Rutgers women’s coach C. Vivian Stringer, confirmed Friday that Jackson will become the Huskies’ third coach in 22 seasons.

The Huskies were to introduce the 34-year-old former Duke assistant Friday afternoon. She will receive a five-year contract, according to a person close to the hiring who requested anonymity because the school had yet to announce the deal.

AP

NCAA BASKETBALL
Huggins returns home to West Virginia

Bob Huggins came home Friday and promised to stay “as long as you people will have me.” The return came 30 years after he played his last game as a Mountaineer.

“Thanks for letting me come home,” Huggins told a crowd that included Gov. Joe Manchin at West Virginia University’s Coliseum. “I’ve had the greatest times of my life here, and I hope we can have a whole lot more them.”

Huggins replaces John Beilein, who left Tuesday to become Michigan’s coach. Huggins’ five-year contract guarantees him \$800,000 the first year, matching his Kansas State salary. Athletic director Ed Pastilong said Huggins will earn about \$5 million, plus incentives, over the five-year period.

Though Huggins had turned down West Virginia once before in 2002, he couldn’t refuse his alma mater this time around. He was the first choice to replace Gale Catlett in 2002, but negotiations broke down in the final hours and he wound up staying at Cincinnati.

“I wanted to be here since I was a little kid. Sometimes for whatever reasons it’s not the right time,” said Huggins, who was born in Morgantown.

“I want to stay here as long as I can do what I’m supposed to do and as long as you people will have me.”

Dave Minor, a 56-year-old fan from Shinnston who attended the news conference, said Huggins should stay as long as he remains competitive and enthusiastic.

“If you think you can stay here just because you are from here, it’s not going to work,” he said.

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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
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Go for adventure, Aries

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★	Dynamic	★★★★★	Positive
★★★	Average	★★	So-So
		★	Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might have a morning jolt, but are on full gallop for the remainder of the day. Your intuition helps direct you and find a way of drawing someone close. Be open to impulsiveness, as often that type of spontaneity is the core of creativity. Tonight: Go for adventure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be surprised by the reaction a smile gets. Though you might be pretty sure you are on the right path, events will confirm your decisions. Don't allow another person's negativity to blur what could be a good day. Tonight: Togetherness works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others. Recognize the implications of seriousness and a must-be-this-way attitude. Rather, opt to let someone else run with the ball. Friends prove to be essential to your plans. You enjoy their sense of fun. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Easy does it. Think carefully about your choices and directions. Examine what you have to offer. Decide how much you can and will take on. Remember the role of free will. Loosen up and honor strong feelings. Tonight: Don't make anything more complicated than need be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your playfulness needs to budady up with a tendency to be overly serious or sad. Do you know what you are doing or the impact of your actions? If you don't, slow down and check out the ramifications. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be most content at home. You might not realize the implications of what is heading down your path. A partner might be a source of information. Be sensitive to those in your immediate environment. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for those you haven't heard from in a while. If you understand what it is you want and what needs to happen, you can move in that direction! You might want to rethink your decisions involving a relative or neighbor. Tonight: Enjoya friendship or another relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Easy does it. You might want to rethink a decision with more care that involves your finances. You might want to handle a situation slightly differently. Budget restructuring might be the direct result of greeting the IRS! Tonight: Be a sensible spender.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are all smiles. You might want to think before you act. You might see a real distinction between what you enjoy and a family member's desires. Avoid making a judgment; just enjoy this person for what he or she offers. Tonight: Go for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Kick back, knowing when enough is enough. You have a strong instinct as to which way to go with a critical situation. You could feel very differently if you relax. Gather information rather than disseminate it. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Yes, going for it could cost a bit more than you originally anticipated. Open doors by starting up communication. You see life from a revised and more dynamic viewpoint. Tonight: With your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might jolt the status quo, or you could shock someone in charge. Are you aware of what is happening and the path you have chosen? You might be delighted and feel quite carefree and easygoing. Tonight: Certainly being noticed.

Born Today
Singer Billie Holiday (1915)
Actor Jackie Chan (1954)
Actor James Garner (1928)



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Happy Birthday!
You smile, and others beam. You have a way of receiving unexpected insights this year. Use this information to make stronger connections and gain a better understanding of those in your life. You have broader insight and a more adventurous approach than in the past. Many of you will choose to travel or go back to school. You will want to expand your knowledge. If you are single, go for someone quite different. You would like it to be an opening experience. If you are attached, schedule a special, exotic few days away together. SAGITTARIUS will open doors.

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Smith's personal diaries at auction

Two diaries penned by **ANNA NICOLE SMITH** in the early 1990s reveal a troubled young woman professing to be deeply in love with octogenarian oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II, and often depressed and concerned about her weight and eating habits. "I've been really stressed out lately and depressed and I can't quit eating. I feel like a pig," the former Playboy Playmate, who died Feb. 8 in a Florida hotel from a drug overdose, wrote in an entry dated

Aug. 16, 1992. The starlet's journals, made available exclusively to The Associated Press on Thursday, are among several pieces of Smith memorabilia going up for public auction in a few weeks by Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas. One diary is a purple and green Hallmark hardbound book that includes a handwritten message on the inside cover: "This diary belongs to Vickie Smith. Do Not Read!" Smith, whose real name

is Vickie Lynn Smith, noted in a very freeform style the beginning of her relationship with Paul Marciano, CEO of Guess Inc., where she eventually replaced Claudia Schiffer in the company's jeans advertisements. "O my Gosh!! Paul Marsiano called today to see if I got his books also I'm gonna go to San Antonio to do photo shoot," she wrote on June 23, 1992. "I'm so excited!! I can't believe this. This could be it." The entry ends

with five hand-drawn smiley faces. Two days later she details a trip to a Nieman Marcus store where she bought \$3,000 worth of clothing. "I'm so happy they look great," she wrote. "I hope it impresses Paul Marsiano. ... I'm starving!! I've been starving myself." By August, Smith revealed a disdain for eating and sex, and growing frustration with Marshall, who was 63 years older than Smith. The two mar-

ried in 1994. "I've been really stressed out lately and depressed and I can't quit eating. I feel like a pig. Howard has been buying me som jewelry but he call me 15 or 20 times a day it drives me crazy. I love him but he aggravates me som-times," she wrote. "I don't no what to do about Paul hes strange guy. I hate for men to want sex all the time." The entry ends with a large underlined "Chow!"

AP

HOUSTON GETS CUSTODY

WHITNEY HOUSTON'S 14-year marriage to Bobby Brown will officially end this month, and she will get custody of their teenage daughter, a judge ruled Wednesday. The singer dabbled her eyes with a tissue as Orange County Superior Court Judge Franz E. Miller ruled that the divorce will become final April 24.

Houston declined to comment to reporters after the hearing. Brown's attorney, Ram Cogan, said he will seek to overturn the judge's decision.

Houston filed for divorce in October, citing irreconcilable differences. She was granted a default judgment in December to speed up the divorce. Miller's ruling Wednesday upheld the terms of that judgment.

Houston and Brown wed in 1992, when she was at the height of her fame as a Grammy-winning superstar known for such hits as "I Will Always Love You." Their daughter, Bobbi Kristina, is 14.

During their tumultuous marriage, Brown was arrested on drug and alcohol charges, and Houston twice entered drug rehabilitation programs.

AP

Costner not singing a happy tune



KEVIN COSTNER has sued a music promoter, claiming the company reneged on a contract to back the actor's fledgling music career. Costner, 52, filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Superior Court. The suit accuses Mahee Worldwide Ventures Inc. of breach of contract and fraud. Costner is seeking damages in excess of \$8.5 million.

Costner is the lead singer in the Kevin Costner Band, for which he also writes songs. He also has a company, Kevin's Music LLC, that manages his musical activities. The lawsuit claims Costner's company and the promoter entered into a two-year agreement in January that would allow the actor's band to perform

in as many as five concerts each year. Mahee also would create and maintain a Web site marketing Costner's band, the lawsuit said. "Defendants made numerous promises regarding their capabilities to promote Mr. Costner's music and (their) willingness to pay for the right to do so," the lawsuit stated.

AP

Lennon piano to mark MLK anniversary

JOHN LENNON'S piano, on tour as a symbol of peace, was to arrive Friday to commemorate the anniversary of the death of civil-rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Lennon composed his 1971 song "Imagine" on the Steinway upright piano, which was purchased by pop star George Michael in

2000 for \$2.1 million. Memphis is the second stop on the tour that will include the World Trade Center in Manhattan, the bombed federal building in Oklahoma City and the Branch Davidian compound destroyed in a fiery siege in Waco, Texas. The first tour stop was Dallas, where President Kennedy was assassinated

on Nov. 22, 1963. "This is about hopes and dreams and the world condition," Michael's partner, Kenny Goss, said Tuesday. The Memphis stop coincides with the 39th anniversary of King's death on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, now the visual centerpiece of the National Civil Rights Museum. King was assassi-

nated April 4, 1968. Goss said neither he nor Michael planned to attend. "It would be completely distracting. What we're focusing on is the message John Lennon was trying to promote," he said. The piano is being photographed at each site for a possible book and documentary on world peace.

AP

James Brown's partner files custody suit

The woman who claims to be **JAMES BROWN'S** fourth wife has selected a special guardian she wants appointed for her son, the first step toward determining the child's paternity. A DNA test proving the paternity of Tomi Rae Hynie's son, James Brown II, cannot be done without

appointing a special guardian, her attorney, Robert Rosen, said Tuesday. Brown's trustees have already presented a list of attorneys to serve as the special guardian. Hynie's petition asks that Charleston attorney Stephen M. Slotchiver be

appointed. A message left for Slotchiver wasn't returned Tuesday. A court hearing to appoint the special guardian has been scheduled for later this month, Rosen said. Last month, Brown's trustees filed a motion asking a judge to order DNA

taken from Hynie's son. "Her public position has always been that she has no objection to a DNA test," Rosen said. Hynie, who was a backup singer for Brown, and the young son were not included in the singer's will. Brown died Dec. 25.

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The Hoax (R)
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4:15, 9:45
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1:15, 7:00

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9:45
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Leben der Anderen) (R)
1:10, 4:20, 8:00
The Namesake (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
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GETTING STARTED

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I THOUGHT YOU HIRED A BODY-GUARD TO MEET GIRLS, NOT FETCH YOU DRINKS

LOOK, HE COST \$100 FOR THE NIGHT, AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A SINGLE GIRL'S PHONE NUMBER YET

I NEED TO AMORTIZE THE COST SOMEHOW

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FEINSTEIN & BORUS

The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

HELLO, DEAR.

HI, MOM.

YOUR FATHER AND I WILL PICK YOU UP FOR THE EASTER VIGIL.

OKAY.

BUT YOU KNOW HOW YOUR FATHER HATES TO BE LATE FOR MASS.

SO STAND READY ON THE CURB, AND GRAB THE OPEN DOOR AS WE PASS BY.

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The Other Coast

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PARANOID EDDY, ARE YOU MOVING?

I'M TESTING THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE.

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD WITH YOU!

AND LEAVE EVERYTHING FOR THE LOOTERS?

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Dog eat Doug

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WHEN I CATCH THE MAILMAN, I'LL BE A LEGEND!

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SOPHIE, DOUG! LET'S GET INSIDE!

DAD IS DETERMINED TO RUIN MY LEGACY!

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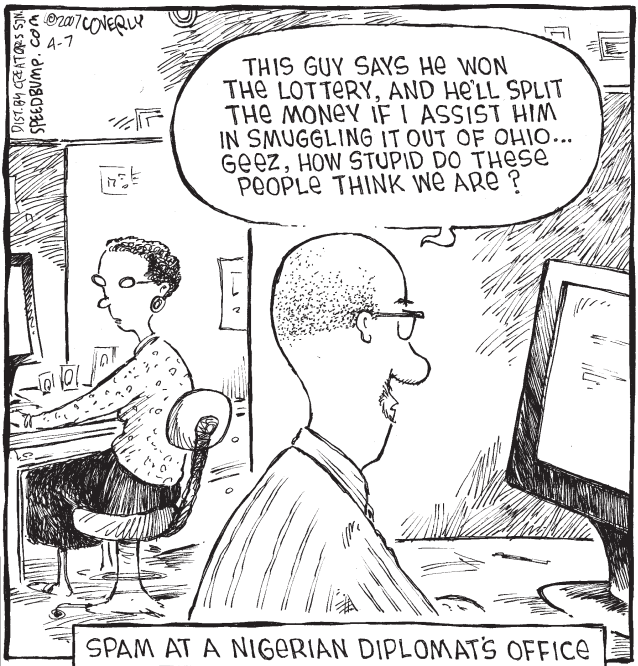
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12 Pocket beeper

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20 Glibly deceived

22 Banish

23 Tickle

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1 Russian tyrant

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Marshall Wolbers, 56, was arrested in Lake Bluff, Ill., in February after he had allegedly ripped off almost two dozen spas in the Chicago area over the last year by luxuriating in massage and pedicure services, etc., but skipping out on the bill. Said one specialist on nails, to an Associated Press reporter, "I just want to look at him (a 300-pound man), like 'You jerk, you didn't even tip me. You made me rub your gross feet and listen to you for an hour and a half.'"

■ Police Blotter: (1) A woman in Bozeman, Mont., complained in March of "strange noises" from "underneath her house," being made by "people from the 'Underworld.'" She told police that her house had been "replaced" "in the middle of the night" and that the original was being stored at an undisclosed location. (2) Brook Akins, 34, was arrested in January in a Salt Lake City suburb after calling 911 12 times in five hours to complain of a toothache and demand to speak to someone who could help him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1348 Charles University is founded in Prague.

1521 Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Cebu.

1541 Francis Xavier leaves Lisbon on a mission to the Portuguese East Indies.

1795 France adopts the metre as the basic measure of length.

1805 First public performance of Beethoven's Third Symphony (Eroica).

1829 Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commences translation of the Book of Mormon, with Oliver Cowdery as his scribe.

1906 Mount Vesuvius erupts and devastates Naples.

1927 First long distance public television broadcast (Washington, DC to New York City, displaying the image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover).

1983 During STS-6, astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson perform the first space shuttle spacewalk.

1999 The World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules in favour of the United States in its long-running trade dispute with the European Union over bananas.

WORD UP!

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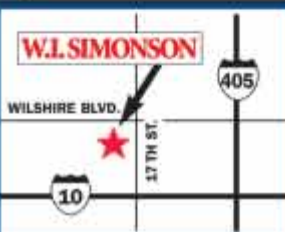
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