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THE LOCAL LAW ISSUE

City Hall challenges FAA's authority

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL The FAA's challenge of a local law banning faster, larger jet aircraft from using the Santa Monica Airport is a "legal assault" on public safety, and any decision on the merits of the ban should be made by a judge instead of federal administrators, City Hall said this week in a 40-page legal brief defending its actions.

The brief, which was filed Monday with the Federal Aviation Administration along with hundreds of pages of exhibits, was in direct response to the federal government's decision to reinstitute an administrative complaint against City Hall that was brought in 2002 to block attempts to enhance safety at the airport. The FAA issued the order to show cause on March 26, a day after the City Council approved the jet ban.

In the brief, attorneys for City Hall once again laid out their concerns with the lack of safety measures at the airport, citing the close proximity of homes to both ends of the runway and the dramatic increase in the number of faster planes using the airport in the last few years.

Some homes are located within 300 feet of the ends of the runway, and the number of Category C and D aircraft using

the airport has increased by nearly 30 percent. Combine that with the fact that the airport has no runway protection zones or safety areas to protect against a possible runway overrun and there are the makings of a disaster in which many lives could be lost, city officials said.

The brief also states that under an agreement reached between the FAA and City Hall in 1984, Santa Monica is only responsible for accommodating slower Category A and B aircraft, and as a partner in that contract, the FAA is "disqualified from adjudicating the validity of the ordinance because the FAA Airports Administrator Kirk Shaffer has already prejudged the matter, stating in a letter to the city that the ordinance is 'flatly illegal.'"

"There is no ground to proceed forward," said Deputy City Attorney Marti Tachiki, who helped prepare the brief. "They should allow us to go to a court and have a judge decide."

In addition, the FAA, City officials contend, is violating the Tenth Amendment prohibition against the federal government commandeering local resources and is placing the aviation industry's interests above public safety.

Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the FAA, said the agency is reviewing City Hall's response "to determine the appropriate next steps for us to take."

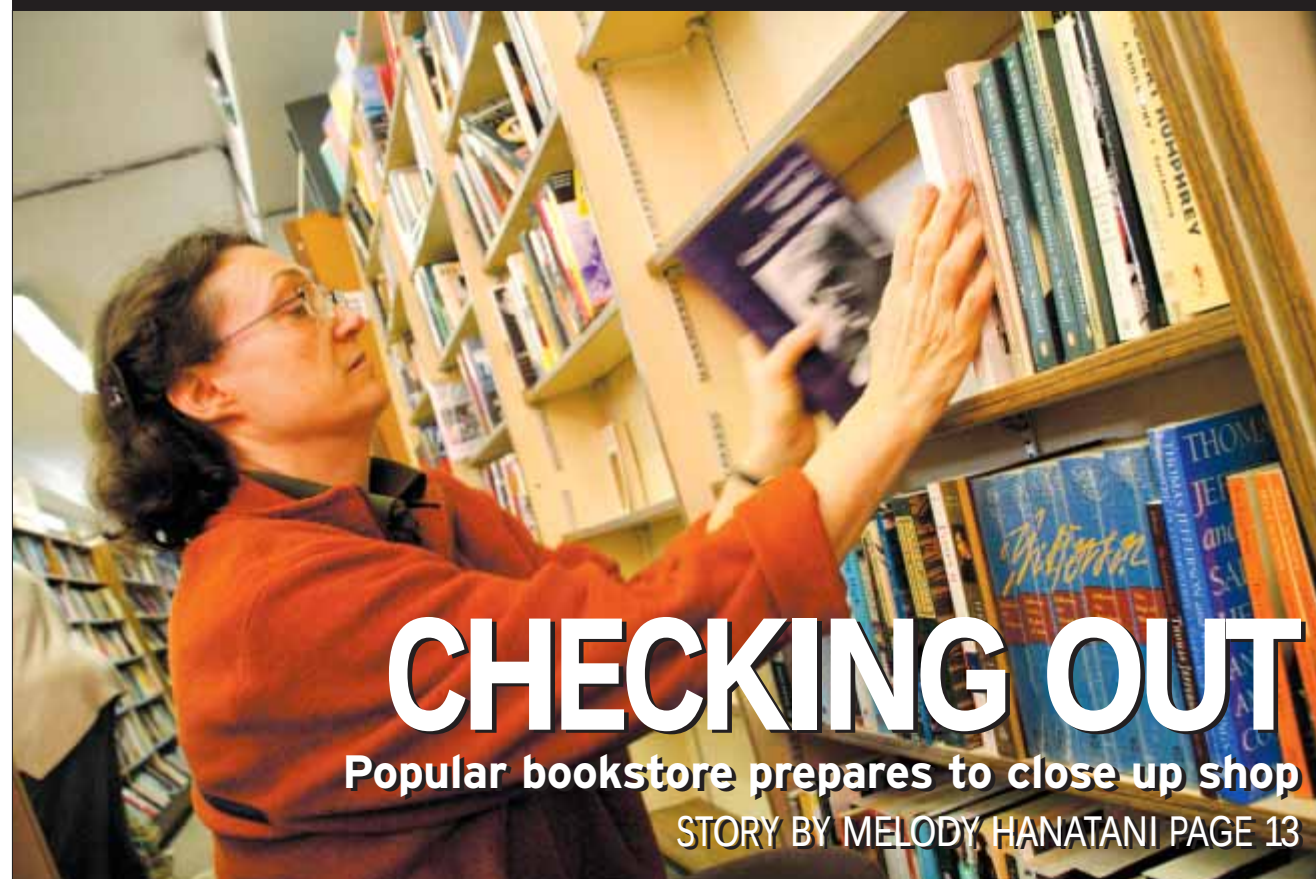
The FAA contends its offer to instal a series of concrete buffers at the west end of the runway will greatly improve runway safety. The buffers, called an Emergency Material Arresting System, are precautionary safety measures protecting against aircraft from overshooting the runway and into homes — the concrete blocks are designed to handle planes traveling at up to 70 knots.

The 70-knot EMAS would be designed to stop roughly 97 percent of operations at the airport and 90 percent of C and D classified jets. The enhanced safety measure would consume more runway than the 40-knot EMAS, which the FAA previously proposed and city officials turned down as being insufficient.

Along with the enhanced EMAS bed, the FAA also offered to reduce noise and pollution by changing the alignment of aircraft on Runway 21 where the majority of operations take place, adjusting the line of planes so that emissions go down the taxiway instead of toward homes. The FAA is also offering to add information about the noise abatement procedures and lack of runway safety areas through electronic notifications sent to pilots who file their flight plans into or out of Santa Monica.

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BUSINESS



CHECKING OUT
Popular bookstore prepares to close up shop
STORY BY MELODY HANATANI PAGE 13

Alexis Hawkins news@smdp.com

STOCKING THE SHELVES: Lise Friedman restocks discounted books for the final closing of Dutton's Brentwood Books on April 30. Dutton's was a popular place for avid readers looking for rare books and good service.

Murder trial nearing end

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN L.A. The murder trial of a former Santa Monica landlord accused of killing homeless men in an elaborate insurance scam wrapped up witness testimonies on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the case took a bizarre turn.

Closing arguments are expected to take place on Thursday for the criminal case tying 77-year-old Helen Golay and 75-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt in the hit-and-run murders of Paul Vados and Kenneth McDavid. Jurors are expected to begin deliberations on Friday.

After the prosecution spent nearly three weeks calling witnesses to testify, from a tow-truck driver who allegedly drove Golay back to her Santa Monica home after one of the hit-and-run incidents to a former homeless man believed to have been a target of the septuagenarians, the defense spent just a few hours calling witnesses. Public Defender Michael Sklar, who represents Rutterschmidt, did not call any witnesses.

A day after telling jurors that Golay was framed by her daughter, Kecia, defense attorney Roger Diamond spent part of Tuesday morning unsuccessfully trying to con-

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1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.

Come out to discuss Nicci French's chilling novel, "Secret Smile." This event takes place at the Montana Avenue Branch Library

In an effort to go green ...

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

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Hanging out with the Kiwanis Club

1332 Sixth St., Noon

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon features guest speakers. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

12 little steps

16370 Bollinger Dr., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

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Saint John's Health Center, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 10, 2008

Laugh your chakras off

717 Broadway, 11 a.m.

Led by Kim Selbert, a certified laughter yoga leader, this class utilizes simple and fun laughter exercises to promote better health. Bet you didn't know that you could change your life through the simple act of laughing. This class takes place at Shakti's Elements in Downtown.

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What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

What's really the story?

3116 Second St., 8 p.m.

The Powerhouse Theatre presents the "What's the Story Festival of New Solo Plays." The festival includes a workshop, founded and facilitated by Stacie Chaiken, for the development of personal stories for the stage, the screen, and the page. In their annual festival, 15 writer-performers perform an eclectic array of new work that is deeply moving, hilariously brave, bawdy, brazen and bold. For information, call (310) 396-3680.

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.



Saints come marching in to museum

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A museum exhibit in the city of angels is looking at the legends of saints.

"All the Saints of the City of the Angels," at the Autry National Center through Sept. 7, looks at L.A. streets named for various saints and how life on those streets relates to the saints' legends.

The artist, J. Michael Walker, researched the topic for eight years and created 50 paintings of saints, incorporating stylistic aspects of Spanish religious art but using for his models contemporary city-dwellers - workers, indigents and other ordinary people.

The exhibit looks at sacred space, neighborhood life, local history and religious traditions, with text panels in Spanish and English, video clips and an altar where visitors can reflect. The show also features 18th- and 19th-century devotional objects from the Autry collection, including artifacts from the Museum of the American West and the Southwest Museum of the American Indian.

According to Walker, a few of the streets featured in the exhibit date to the Spanish-Mexican era, like San Pedro Street in Little Tokyo, which was originally the road to San Pedro Bay; San Fernando Road, which starts in Lincoln Heights and runs northwest to the San Fernando Mission; and Santa Monica Boulevard, which starts in Silver Lake and goes to the ocean in Santa Monica.

But, Walker says, most saint-named streets in Los Angeles were actually named by Anglo Easterners in the late 19th century, such as San Julian Street in downtown L.A., San Ysidro Drive in Bel-Air and Santa Ana Boulevard in Watts.

The Autry National Center is located at 4700 Western Heritage Way. Details at <http://www.autrynational-center.org>.

✉ WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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STRIKING UP THE BAND: Santa Monica High School received a \$1,000 grant from the GRAMMY Foundation to help fund its music program, which includes the Santa Monica High School Orchestra. Samohi was named one of 14 Signature Schools by the GRAMMYS.

Music to their ears

GRAMMY Foundation names Samohi one of 14 Signature Schools

By Daily Press Staff

PICO BOULEVARD Santa Monica High School was named one of 14 Signatures Schools for 2008 by the GRAMMY Foundation for its dedication to arts education.

Created in 1998, the GRAMMY Signature Schools program recognizes high schools that are making an outstanding commitment to music education.

Samohi, one of only two Signature Schools in California, will receive \$1,000 from the foundation to help fund music programs.

"For the past 10 years, the GRAMMY Signature Schools program has recognized and rewarded excellence in music education at U.S. public high schools, said Neil Portnow, president/CEO of The Recording Academy

and president of the GRAMMY Foundation.

"These schools maintain high quality music programs that foster and demonstrate the significant role music can play in the lives of their students," Portnow said. "Many do so with serious economic challenges, so it is especially gratifying that we are able to award three Enterprise Awards this year. We are also grateful for the continued support of the Gibson Foundation for this program."

Each of the 14 GRAMMY Signature Schools will receive a custom award and a monetary grant to benefit its music program. The top three are designated Gold recipients. The best of the Gold recipients is designated the National GRAMMY Signature School. The National GRAMMY Signature School will receive \$10,000, and the two remaining Gold schools will each receive \$5,000. In the Enterprise Award category, which recognizes efforts made by schools that are economically under-served, three schools will receive a grant of \$5,000 each.

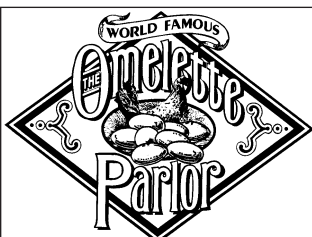
Additionally, through the Gibson Foundation, three schools will each be awarded grants of \$5,000 to benefit their guitar

and/or piano programs. Award presentations are made throughout the spring at the National GRAMMY Signature School, and schools that are Gold recipients, Enterprise Award winners and Gibson grantees.

The remaining five GRAMMY Signature Schools recipients will receive a grant award of \$1,000 to benefit their music programs. The recipients are determined by a panel of top music educators and professionals.

The selection process for GRAMMY Signature Schools begins each year in September when the GRAMMY Foundation mails notification to more than 20,000 public high schools from districts large and small, urban, suburban and rural, requesting information about each school's music program. Applications are completed and submitted online in October at www.GRAMMYInTheSchools.com. After the applications are scored, finalists are identified and asked to submit additional documentation, such as recordings of school concerts, sample concert programs and repertoire,

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Spanking isn't child abuse

Editor:

After observation of the advertisement in your newspaper (The Ad Council, Page 11, April 1), I decided to write this short note.

"Sparing the rod" does spoil the child. A psychologist created a theoretical position on that subject to expand parenting procedures. Yes, theoretical. It developed into a new method of achieving an 'end' result. My grandmother taught me that, "If something is not broke, do not fix it." Their 'label' is confusion. To chastise a child is forcing the child's attention to consequences. Today's system does not accomplish that particular end result. Take a look around the society today.

This subject would be very interesting during a debate, with or without an audience. Bottom line – normal, physical punishment is not abuse, when done properly. Spankings are not the same as using a burning iron is it? And, most times, when overheard, from my mouth by others, it becomes an interesting conversation.

Hja van Tobruk
Los Angeles

Making sense of the FAA

Editor:

The FAA proposed two solutions to the safety issue for Santa Monica Airport: (a) EMAS which is a is a bed of lightweight, crushable concrete built at the end of a runway to stop an overrun aircraft and (b) RPZ, runway protection zone that would require the airport to acquire a significant number of homes and property at each end of the runway.

In his presentation on March 25, 2008, to the Santa Monica City Council, Dr. Kirk Shaffer, the Associate Administrator of Airports for the FAA, stated: "EMAS protects air crews and air frames. RPZ protects people on the ground. You gotta, you gotta, combine these, in our view, in order to address all of the safety concerns that you have voiced."

Shaffer clearly stated that EMAS addresses only aircraft whose wheels are in contact with the runway and EMAS does not protect homeowners from an air craft under shooting the runway on landing or overshooting the runway on takeoff.

Therefore, unless Santa Monica and Los Angeles residents, in the RPZ areas are willing to sell their homes and relocate, the EMAS will not do a lot to protect "the people on the ground." Hundreds of residents must be relocated, at an outrageous cost to the taxpayers, in order for a few wealthy celebrities, politicians, attorneys and corporate executives to have the convenience of flying into Santa Monica. A simpler, safer and cheaper solution would be to route the private jets to airports that are safer and better equipped to handle jet traffic.

James Plowden
Los Angeles

Flying the not-so-friendly skies

Editor:

Compromise happens with an exchange of concessions.

What is to concede in the case of the City of Santa Monica compromising with the FAA on continuing to tolerate noxious air and noise pollution and increased risk of catastrophic accidents from jet aircraft operations over the densely-populated surrounding communities of Santa Monica Airport?

How about this: Jet aircraft dangers will be okay on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but not on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and every other Sunday?

When it comes to stopping pollution, compromise is procrastination and only forestalls the consequences. There is no compromise to putting a halt to eventually all jet aircraft at (the airport).

Unless and if the FAA can insure manufacturing jets that don't pollute, have no possibility of crashing into homes upon landing and take-off. Then the City of Santa Monica will welcome them with open skies, as will likely the rest of us.

Ken Marsh
Mar Vista



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen

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New and improved seven deadly sins

I AM PROUD TO BE A FAT, LAZY, GREEDY, curmudgeonly sex monkey and am envious of anybody who can do it better! Just ask any Republican ... we're just so good at this sin shindig.

Long, long ago, in an historical context, far, far away (the 6th century to be exact), Pope Gregory the Great promulgated the Original 7 Greatest Hits of Sin. Greg the Great was a monastic party killer who introduced celibacy into Catholic orthodoxy as a way to preclude the assignment of Papal largesse from passing from Church control to the wives, mistresses and their offspring of concupiscent clergyman.

Greg's critics included among his contemporaries, the Gaulish Gregory of Tours, Visigothic Spanish bishops, grouchy Lombardy dukes and the Jewish Exarchate of Ravenna. The scholarly culture of Celtic Christianity developed separately from Rome's control while the Germans became independently Christianized. (Sounds a lot like the DNC) Greg the Great's surviving writings show him to be superstitious, hostile to learning, a theological dullard and harboring firm beliefs in miracles and relics (Sounds a lot like Obama's pastor).

Fast forward to present day and the current reign of Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Alois Ratzinger), successor to the Papal Throne vacated by decedent John Paul II.

Recently the Church has decided to "modernize". This "modernization" is in keeping with swift Church tradition, which only recently as 2000, under John Paul II, held that the Church would finally recognize Galileo's position of Copernican heliocentric "theory" (that the earth actually revolves around the sun) 367 years after the astronomer was brought before the Inquisition for this inconvenient "heretical" truth. Strangely enough, it was Cardinal Ratzinger in a 1990 speech at La Sapienza University in Rome that clarified the Church's position on this "heresy" as a "...symptomatic case that permits us to see how deep the self-doubt of the modern age, of science and technology goes today." And that "...it would be foolish to construct an impulsive apologetic on the basis of such views" (emphasis added) Hmmm.

OK, then ... let's get back to sweaty, lazy, gluttonous sinning, shall we?

Now pay close attention because if you flub up, you'll go to Hell, go straight to Hell, you will not pass "Go" nor collect \$200. The Church has a monopoly on this, you see.

It is now a mortal sin as opposed to a venial sin to engage in:

1. Genetic Modification (Wearing an Armani suit thinking you're Jake Gyllenhall yet you deport yourself like Jack Black ... you look like Hell)

2. Human experimentations (slamming "two-for-one" Tequila Jell-o shooters while on spring break in Ensenada and then attempting to mud wrestle with the busty blonde twin sisters with club feet ... you're going to Hell)

3. Polluting the environment (ejecting some of the 32 Tequila Jell-o shooters outside the bar ... this must be Hell)

4. Social Injustice (ejecting the rest of the 32 Tequila Jell-o shooters onto the Jesse James custom chopper owned by the 325lb biker boyfriend of the blonde sisters who proceeds to stomp you into a mud puddle ... you'll think you're in Hell)

5. Causing Poverty (Not having enough money to make bail out of a Mexican jail following the fight with the biker boyfriend ... this is truly Hell)

6. Financial Gluttony (Mexican jailer TASERs you until you surrender your PIN number and empties your trust fund ... you hope he goes to Hell)

7. Taking drugs (So much for the aspirin for the hangover ... you think, "shoot me so I can go to Hell")

Sheesh! These bad boys are tough. I was still getting the hang of the "OG" sins and now the Big Kahuna in Rome throws one low and outside so I can't even swing for the fence and make it to Purgatory! After looking at this list, one would have thought that Al Gore dreamt these up.

Are the Pope and his crew going to stop polluting the environment and stop flying private jets all over the world and go "green" with the "Pope-mobile?" Is he going to ride a bike instead? Is he going to stop social injustice and causing poverty by exhorting Christendom to have more kids than the world has resources to accommodate? Is he going to divest himself of the conspicuous wealth in Church coffers and truly adhere to the vow of "poverty?" And stop the "human experimentation" with altar boys! This drug of choice should have been the first "Do Not Enter" sign posted on the Road to Perdition.

Maybe nobody will notice for 367 years or so.

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Word in Edgewise

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Making predictions can be easy work

READERS OF THIS COLUMN SHOULD know by now that I was the first person to go on record predicting Barack Obama would be our next President (I did it on April 18th of last year). It was my Official Groundbreaking Prediction of 2007 and once he's elected, I'll naturally assume the title of America's Smartest Pundit. The fact that anyone would doubt how this election is going to turn out literally makes me laugh out loud.

My Official Groundbreaking Prediction of 2008 is that the Obama inauguration next January will be the cultural, social, and political event of a generation; like Woodstock meets the March on Washington, with every minute of every day covered by talk radio and all three cable news networks. The part I'm really going to like is that Rush Limbaugh and Fox News won't know what to do with themselves.

Hillary Clinton knows it's over. She isn't going to drop out of the race until she absolutely has to, but she's basically just running out the clock. Don't cry for her, though, because she and Bill have made nine figures since they left Washington, so they'll be in a really nice car as they roll on down the Huckabee Highway to a place called irrelevance.

John McCain is a real American hero, but for a new generation of voters who grew up with the image of the Pimpin' President, he doesn't fit the part. People born in the '70s and '80s think of John McCain as that grandfather you never see because he has to stay in Arizona for the climate more than they think of him as a guy they want in the White House. Plus we don't need a man who may have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder with his finger on the button. It's dangerous. He'll be all right, though. He married the daughter of a really wealthy beer distributor and she's worth somewhere in the neighborhood of nine figures herself (maybe John McCain's game is stronger than I thought).

So there we'll all be on election night, face-to-face with the unthinkable: A black President. Parents will keep their kids up to watch the networks call it for Barack in a 30 point landslide, trying in vain to explain the historic significance of the moment to a child whose mind doesn't understand the concept of racism. It makes me think of the

first time Tiger Woods won the Masters. Golf fans of all descriptions would look at each other in amazement and say, "can you believe this guy?" The exact same thing is going to happen at bus stops and on bar stools all over the country. One stranger will look at another and ask, "can you believe this guy?" To which the other stranger will respond, "I voted for him."

After the numbers are pored over and analyzed in excruciating detail for about a week, the buzz around the inaugural address will begin. This will be the first time Fox News will call something "make or break" for the Obama presidency, but it won't be the last. The network will say the fact that he won the election by a two-to-one margin means he must be all things to all people or he's betraying his mandate; basically holding him to a standard of perfection. It won't matter, though, because Barack grew up black in America, so he's used to having to be far and away better than the next guy in order to be thought of as equal to him.

Plus, he will have beaten Hillary Clinton, who wouldn't accept her own defeat until he had won more states, more delegates, more votes, and the endorsement of every Democrat she and her husband pissed off on their way from Little Rock, Ark. to Westchester, N.Y. After driving a stake through the heart of the undead thing that was the Clinton campaign, Fox News will seem like cake and ice cream to President Obama.

By Thanksgiving, every airline will have sold every seat on every flight into Washington, D.C. By Christmas, all the trains will be sold out as well. By New Year's Day, every church group and suburban school district with the means will be renting any buses and vans they can find to get their people to our nation's capital. By early January, every hotel room in the D.C. area will be booked (at outrageous rates, I may add) and people will start camping out on the National Mall. And after the Obama inauguration, there will be only two kinds of people in this country: Those who were actually there to see it, and those who will lie and say they were.

Remember where you read it first.

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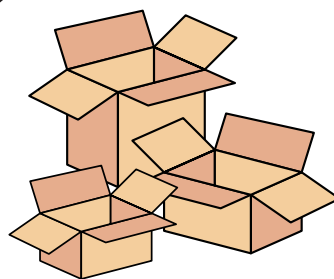
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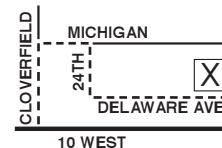
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Security high for torch's U.S. arrival

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Olympic torch arrived for its only North American stop amid heavy security Tuesday, a day after its visit to Paris descended into chaos and activists here scaled the Golden Gate Bridge to protest China's human rights record.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said the body's executive board would discuss Friday whether to end the international leg of the Beijing Olympic torch relay because of widespread protests.

The torch's global journey was supposed to highlight China's growing economic and political power. But activists opposing China's human rights policies and a recent crackdown on Tibet have been protesting along the torch's 85,000-mile route since the start of the flame's odyssey from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Rogge told The Associated Press he was "deeply saddened" by violent protests in London and Paris and concerned about Wednesday's six-mile relay in San Francisco, where activists expressed fears that the torch's planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

The flame arrived in San Francisco shortly before 4 a.m. and was immediately put in a vehicle to be whisked away to a secret location, San Francisco Olympic Torch Relay Committee spokesman David Perry said. Security was heightened because several

protests were planned before the relay.

"We treated it like a head of state visit," airport spokesman Mike McCarron said.

No protesters greeted the flame at the airport, but hours later hundreds gathered in United Nations Plaza, a pedestrian area near City Hall, to call on China to cease its heavy-handed rule of Tibet. They also expressed fears that the torch's planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials trying to stifle dissent.

"All the bloodshed in Tibet, they don't need the torch there to cause more bloodshed. We're here because we want George Bush and other world leaders to pay attention to what is going on inside Tibet," said Ngawang Norbu, a Tibetan from Boston.

The demonstrators planned to march to the Chinese Consulate as part of a daylong Tibetan Torch Relay that will end with a peace vigil. Actor Richard Gere and human rights activist Desmond Tutu are expected to be among the speakers.

Leaders of China's expatriate community in San Francisco held a news conference a few miles away in Chinatown, calling for a peaceful Olympic torch relay. They said they were proud China, a country with a long and vibrant culture, was selected to host the summer games and were saddened by the anger accompanying the torch.

"We are begging for five hours of peace," said Sam Ng, president of the Chinese Six Companies, a prominent benevolent association.

Hundreds of Chinese students from Stanford University also planned to board

buses for San Francisco early Wednesday to attend the torch relay to show their support.

Already, one runner who planned to carry the flame during the San Francisco relay dropped out because of safety concerns, Perry said. The person was not identified.

"The first and foremost concern is security," Perry said. "Security for those who will carry the torch and security for those who, of course, are also exercising their First Amendment right to protest."

There have been rallies, vigils and news conference related to the relay almost daily for the past several weeks.

Security was tightened on the Golden Gate Bridge on Tuesday, a day after three protesters scaled the famed span and tied the Tibetan flag and two banners to its cables. Pedestrians and bike riders now must have any large bags checked before they are allowed to cross the bridge.

Olympic organizers canceled the final leg of the Paris run Monday after demonstrators scaled the Eiffel Tower, grabbed for the flame and forced security officials to repeatedly snuff out the torch and transport it by bus. China condemned the protests as "despicable" but vowed to continue the relay to the end.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy told reporters Tuesday it was sad spectacle, but that protests are normal in a democratic country.

Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, a longtime human rights activist turned diplomat, said he understood the protesters, but said that France's goal of new talks between China and Tibetan leaders was dealt a setback.

"Yesterday, the answer moved farther away," Kouchner told reporters at a news conference. "Our answer — and we French do what we can — is a resumption of dialogue between the Chinese and the Dalai Lama."

San Francisco officials said they were developing a plan that strikes a balance between protesters' rights to express their views and the city's ability to host a safe torch ceremony.

U.S. Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth said in a statement the event was "an important moment for the city to show its character, hospitality and commitment to peace and tolerance."

"It must provide a proper forum for the peaceful expression of opinions and dissent. And it must safely and respectfully welcome the flame and honor the U.S. athletes and other participants who will carry the torch," Ueberroth said.

Mayor Gavin Newsom and the police department said they reserved the right to adjust the flame's route, slated to run along San Francisco Bay, if necessary, but a spokesman dismissed rumors the relay would be canceled. The air space above the city will be restricted during the relay, a federal aviation spokesman said.

David Lee, executive director of the Chinese American Voters Education Committee and a professor of political science at San Francisco State University, said while many Chinese agree with critics of China, on the whole, Chinese-Americans feel a tremendous sense of pride that the Beijing Olympics chose San Francisco.

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LONG BEACH

Not guilty pleas in gang-related family shooting

A gang member and a recruit pleaded not guilty to opening fire on a family in a sport utility vehicle, critically wounding a 6-year-old boy.

Ernesto Murillo and Ismael Torres each entered the pleas Monday to nine felony counts in connection with the March 4 attempted murder of Lavareya Elzy, who is still hospitalized with a bullet in his head.

The boy was in an SUV with his family in the Harbor Gateway area when the 25-year-old Murillo, a member of the Eastside Torrance gang, and 26-year-old Torres, believed to be a newer recruit, allegedly opened fire.

They are also charged with assault for shooting at Elzy's family members. Each charge carries allegations that the crimes were gang-related.

Deputy District Attorney John Loneragan says the defendants each face up to 60 years to life in prison and they remain in jail with bail set at \$2 million each.

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LOS ANGELES

Man gets nine years for cheating investors

A federal judge has sentenced an Oxnard man to nine years in prison for cheating mostly elderly victims out of more than \$1 million through bogus investment firms.

The Internal Revenue Service says William Richard Vorbuerger Jr. pleaded guilty last year to mail and business fraud charges related to the investor schemes.

U.S. District Judge Christina Snyder sentenced the 48-year-old defendant Monday to 108 months in federal prison and ordered him to pay more than \$1 million in restitution.

Vorbuerger promised investors big dividends, but the companies never existed. Prosecutors say Vorbuerger squandered more than half the money on car payments, drugs and vacations.

AP

SALINAS

Residents protest release of sexual predator

Residents are protesting release of a sexually violent predator into the rural Lockwood area of Monterey County.

An angry group of Lockwood residents carrying petitions signed by 500 people showed up in Salinas Superior Court on Monday to protest the release of James Lamb.

Judge Richard Curtis says he will consider their concerns at an April 17 hearing.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Mike Kanalakis warned them that "vigilantism will absolutely not be tolerated." It isn't known where Lamb will live, but school district superintendent Linda Irving indicated the site was near Lockwood.

AP

Online crooks use mainstream tactics

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Fierce competition among identity thieves has driven the prices for stolen data down to bargain-basement levels, which has forced crooks to adopt mainstream business tactics to lure customers, according to a new report on Internet security threats.

Credit card numbers were selling for as little as 40 cents each and access to a bank account was going for \$10 in the second half of 2007, according to the latest twice-yearly Internet Security Threat Report from Symantec Corp. released Tuesday.

Symantec detected 711,912 new threats last year, 468 percent more than in 2006, when it found 125,243 — and almost two-thirds of all 1,122,311 Symantec has cataloged since 2002.

The data is usually sold through instant-message groups or Web forums that exist for only a few days or even hours, according to Symantec, and the hacking community exacts harsh consequences when members try to pass along fraudulent information.

"If the seller says there's \$10,000 in a bank account, and there isn't \$10,000 in there, their ability to sell will drop through the floor," said Alfred Huger, vice president of Symantec Security Response. "It's a sort of honor among thieves, and

it's very strictly enforced."

Researchers said they found more evidence during the last six months of the year that Internet fraudsters are adopting mainstream tactics, including hiring teams of hackers to create new viruses and offering volume discounts on stolen data to encourage larger orders.

In some cases, stolen credit card numbers were sold in batches of 500 for a total of \$200. That's 40 cents each, less than half the price observed during the first half of 2007, when they were down to \$1 apiece in batches of 100, according to the report.

Full identities — including a functioning credit card number, Social Security number or equivalent and a person's name, address and date of birth — are going for as little as \$100 for 50, or \$2 apiece.

Certain identities are more alluring than others, according to the report. Stolen identities of citizens of the European Union sell on the high end — for \$30 — an average of 50 percent more than U.S. identities.

Researchers said the higher prices reflect the fact that the identities can be used in multiple countries, instead of just one. They added, however, that scarcity of a certain type of identity will drive up its price.

Also popular with attackers are Web site-specific vulnerabilities because few are fixed quickly.

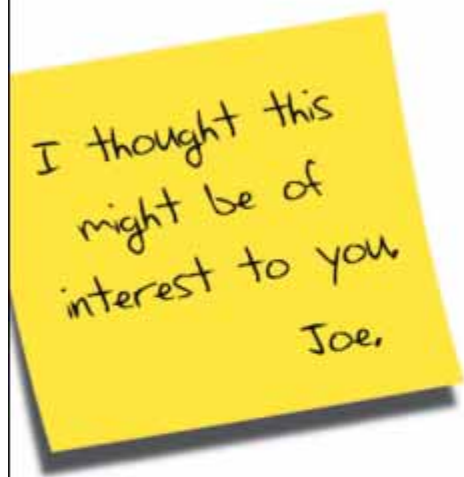
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BUSINESS

Yahoo rebuffs Microsoft's latest offer

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Brushing aside the threat of a disruptive takeover battle that could batter its shaky stock, Internet pioneer Yahoo Inc. on Monday reiterated its refusal to sell to Microsoft Corp. for less than \$45 billion.

Yahoo's defiance, spelled out in a letter to Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer, marked the latest twist in a tug-of-war pitting two high-tech icons trying to mount a more formidable challenge to online search and advertising leader Google Inc.

The increasingly tense struggle now appears to have reached a turning point after more than two months of mostly behind-the-scenes maneuvering.

Analysts believe the two rivals will either broker a friendly transaction before the end of the month or wrestle for the allegiance of Yahoo's shareholders in a prickly showdown that could drag into the summer.

Most people following the saga still seem to think Microsoft — the world's richest tech company — holds the upper hand over Yahoo, which has been mired in a two-year slump and unable so far to find an alternative deal that would trump Microsoft's original offer of \$44.6 billion, or \$31 per share.

"They both have some leverage, but the greatest leverage still appears to rest with Microsoft," said Morton Pierce, a Washington, D.C., lawyer who advises on corporate mergers and acquisitions.

Ballmer turned up the heat up on Yahoo over the weekend by setting an April 26

deadline for the Sunnyvale-based company to accept Microsoft's offer.

If Yahoo's board doesn't relent, Ballmer threatened to lower Microsoft bid's and ask Yahoo's shareholders to replace the 10 directors resisting a takeover in a "proxy" contest.

Yahoo Chairman Roy Bostock and Chief Executive Jerry Yang, also a member of the company's board, fired back Monday in a letter that criticized Ballmer for not doing more to advance the negotiations.

Ballmer attended at least two of the informal meetings held between Microsoft and Yahoo, according to Bostock and Yang.

The letter didn't rule out further discussions as long as Ballmer is prepared to sweeten the unsolicited offer, which Yahoo first demanded in early February after its board unanimously concluded the bid wasn't high enough.

"We are steadfast in our commitment to choosing a path that maximizes stockholder value and we will not allow you or anyone else to acquire the company for anything less than its full value," Bostock and Yang told Ballmer.

Microsoft had no immediate response to the Yahoo letter.

The letter didn't specify how much Yahoo believes it's worth, but some analysts have estimated that Microsoft could afford to pay as much as \$34 or \$35 per share — about \$50 billion — to end the impasse without further acrimony.

"Microsoft will raise the offer in the end," predicted Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co. analyst David Hilal. "This deal is too important to Microsoft for it to fail."

Other analysts doubt Microsoft will budge.

Microsoft's bid was 62 percent above Yahoo's market value when it was announced Feb. 1.

But the offer's value has declined since then because Microsoft wants to pay half the price with its own stock, which has declined by 11 percent since the Yahoo chase began.

Microsoft's stock price was unchanged Monday at \$29.16 Monday. That left the value of Microsoft's bid at \$29.36 per share, or about \$42 billion.

If not for Microsoft's bid, many analysts believe Yahoo shares would be trading around \$15 per share, based on the erosion of other high-tech stocks during the past two months. At \$15 per share, Yahoo would have market value of about \$21 billion.

Yahoo shares fell 66 cents to finish Monday at \$27.70.

In their Monday letter, Bostock and Yang asserted Yahoo stockholders with significant stakes in the company agree Microsoft's bid isn't high enough, especially since the offer has declined by more than \$2 billion.

Nevertheless, an analyst for an investment fund that owns Yahoo shares predicted it would be difficult to turn down Microsoft's offer if the bid goes to a stockholder vote. "Most shareholders are going to go with the bird in hand rather than risk losing money on the stock," said the analyst, who asked not to be named because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

If Microsoft takes its bid directly to shareholders, the vote would be held at Yahoo's annual meeting, which must be held by July 12.

The money manager of another investment fund that owns about 1 million Yahoo shares applauded the company for trying to fetch a higher bid, but wants a deal to be negotiated without further acrimony.

"Part of is a normal process, but I am also worried about too many egos getting in the way," said the manager, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Most of Yahoo's major shareholders also own significant stakes in Microsoft. The cross-pollination means some Yahoo shareholders might to lose more money than they could make from a higher Microsoft bid if raising the offer causes Microsoft's stock to decline.

To protect the value of its stock, Microsoft might revise its offer so it consists of more stock, Hilal said. Throwing more cash on the table wouldn't hurt Microsoft's market value as much because the company wouldn't be undermining its earnings per share by issuing more stock.

After a long stretch of declining profits, Yahoo says it is on the verge of a turnaround that will become more evident in 2009 and 2010 as its Internet ad revenue accelerates.

Yahoo's optimistic forecasts so far haven't swayed Wall Street.

Yankee Group analyst Daniel Taylor thinks Yang and Yahoo's other directors are digging in their heels in hopes that they will get the chance to prove the skeptics are wrong.

"They want to be able to show the breadth and depth of what they have been trying to do all these months," Taylor said. "This battle is going to go right down to the wire."

BUSINESS BRIEFS



Photo courtesy Activision

VIDEO GAMES

Activision releases expanded 'Call of Duty 4'

It's a new version of what has already become an old favorite among some video game players. Santa Monica-based Activision is out with an re-tooled version of its "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" title.

The "Game of the Year Edition" is the basic version of the original title, but also includes a token for the game's variety map pack. The set of new maps is available for now through the next three weeks exclusively on Xbox LIVE Marketplace. It includes charts for the battle areas Broadcast, Chinatown, Killhouse and Creek.

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MERGERS

Companies join forces

Santa Monica-based Campos Creative Works (CCW), which specializes in the marketing of events, has entered into a strategic relationship agreement with Hardcard Holdings, LLC.

Through the new agreement, Hardcard will consult on business development opportunities for CCW within the powersports and motorcycle industry and will also introduce CCW to a new client base.

"We are excited about partnering with Hardcard, as they instantly provide CCW with a strategic bridge to the powersports market and can help us further our connections within the automotive arena as well," said Jeff Salmon, CCW's president.

"Hardcard knows the histories and specific needs of these clients, and by accessing that knowledge, CCW can develop and present more proactive and targeted ideas. We are very happy to have this strategic relationship."

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COMMUNICATIONS

Entravision approves \$100M buyback

Entravision Communications Corp. plans to repurchase \$100 million in shares, the operator of Spanish-language radio and television stations said Monday.

The new authorization comes in addition to a \$100 million plan from 18 months ago, under which the company has spent \$93.3 million to buy back shares.

At the stock's closing price Friday of \$6.52, the new grant would buy about 15.3 million shares.

Companies usually repurchase shares when they feel their stock is undervalued.

Entravision shares rose 4 cents to \$6.56 in morning trading.

They hit a 52-week high of \$11.25 last July.

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Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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Shaking up the SM real estate market

THE OTHER DAY SOMEONE ASKED ME what I thought their home was worth. Honestly, this is not an easy question to answer. Sure, you can take the comparable sales of an area, see what similar properties are selling for and make a judgment call from there. However, at the end of the day, worth or value is dependent on a buyer and seller. If a milkshake maker is selling a milkshake for \$6, but I will only want to pay \$4, what is the value of the milkshake? You could argue it is worth the difference, or \$5, but if someone else comes along and pays the full price, the perceived value would be \$6 and I would be out of luck. The same principal applies to real estate values, but another variable is present for the majority of buyers — financing. Last column I wrote about types of financing. As a refresher, financing is borrowing money to purchase an item. Usually you borrow money for large items you do not have the total amount of money needed to purchase such as a car or home.

Going back to the milkshake example, let us say everyone agrees on the full price. At \$6, the milkshake maker or shakatier makes a profit of \$2 a shake. However, due to a rare cattle disease, which killed many cows and decreased the production of milk, the same number of buyers were left having to compete for less milk. Since there is less production or scarcity in the market place, the price of milk skyrockets. Now that increased cost of milk is passed onto the shakatier lowering his profit from \$2 to 10 cents. The shakatier has to increase the price of milkshakes to cover his expenses and make a profit. Once he increases the price of shakes from \$6 to \$7, people stop buying. The milkshake maker drops the price to \$5 to get business going again using his cash reserves to cover the loss he incurs from every milkshake he

sells and his expenses. After the cash reserves are gone, the shakatier has no choice but to go out of business.

If we take the milkshake example and apply it to the real estate market it will be easy to see how home prices decline. One of the most significant variables that affect home values is financing. Most homeowners go to a bank to get financing to cover the difference between the down payment and purchase price. If a bank decides that a specific area is declining in value, the bank may limit the amount of money they will lend, further lowering values, leading to a downward spiral in home values. Just like the shakatier, a homeowner can only sell their home for a specific price before they take a loss. Homeowners become hostages to their homes unable to move without incurring a loss. The problem is that the bank needs to be paid back first and if the bank is not paid back in full, they can go after the homeowner for the difference.

Just like an appreciating real estate market builds on itself, so does a depreciating real estate market. As financing becomes more difficult to attain, fewer buyers are out in the marketplace looking for homes. This cycle typically continues for several years until it bottoms out. At the current time, banks have to deal with the losses they incurred from the subprime “easy lending” days. Not until banks have dealt with the losses will buyers be able to return to the marketplace and homes begin to appreciate again. Nevertheless, with all downswings in real estate cycles come upswings.

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BUSINESS TREND

Kitchens for hire are hot

BY JOE BEL BRUNO

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK What pushed Priscilla Maddox was the relentless smell of vanilla.

Maddox was toying with launching a cookie line after retiring from her 36-year hospital care job, but was overwhelmed by the vanilla smell in her apartment. When she couldn't find a kitchen to rent, she started a rent-a-kitchen that has become a small-business incubator for everyone from a fudge maker to a twosome baking gourmet dog food.

“Now we call ourselves missionaries because we're helping people following their dreams,” Maddox said.

Kitchen For Hire, the Brooklyn-based business she opened in 2000 with partner Joan Reid put Maddox's cookie line dream on hold. The women set up in a cramped storefront that was previously home to a number of restaurants that never seemed able to stay in business. And for the past eight years, the 10-burner stove, refrigerators, freezers and mixers they inherited from the previous tenant are being put to good use.

Across the country, from Austin to Los Angeles to Chicago, renting commercial kitchens by the hour has become a cottage industry. And as the nation's economy has begun to weaken, many newly-unemployed home cooks are looking to those kitchens for a new line of work.

The kitchen rental companies are a for-profit spin on an already well tested idea. Food-business incubators, many affiliated with universities and non-profits, help farmers and entrepreneurs with business development plans, market research and in some cases manufacturing.

For those that come to Kitchen For Hire, be prepared to get a big serving of advice before you're allowed to turn on the oven. Maddox is not shy about telling potential customers that their business strategy isn't right, labels aren't catchy enough, or the food just isn't marketable.

At least that's what happened to Amanda Jones, who first approached

Kitchen For Hire about two years ago with the idea of starting a fudge company.

“They refused to rent to me at first because they thought I wasn't ready,” Jones said. “Turns out they were dead on. They gave me advice, and helped me develop the product.”

After about a year of perfecting everything from product packaging to a business plan, Jones now operates Brooklyn Fudge — which is sold in stores around New York City. The business is now enough to sustain her after spending what she calls “11 years in the corporate world.”

But, that doesn't mean running your own business is easy. Jones comes into the kitchen a few times a week during slower periods — and most every day around the holidays — spending about five hours putting together some 420 pieces of fudge with flavors like “Wasabi Pecan” and “Orange Almond.”

Jones is probably among the more successful of Maddox and Reid's customers — which have in the past covered everything from bottlers of Jamaican hot sauce to aspiring beef jerky makers.

“Priscilla and Joan didn't have it easy coming up the way they did, and they are really all about giving back,” she said.

Maddox and Reid spent \$60,000 of their own savings to open their business, which is also open to families who want to cook for events such as weddings or family reunions, along with fledgling entrepreneurs. They have a few dozen regular customers, and even more before holidays.

Customers at most kitchens spend about \$20 per hour to rent the space, and in many cases need to purchase insurance that could run a few hundred dollars per year. Jones spends about \$25 an hour for the kitchen rental, and product and kitchen insurance is about \$600 a year.

Another thing the shared-use kitchens have in common is their hours.

“It's a 24/7 operation,” said Alexis Leverenz, who opened Kitchen Chicago after leaving Wall Street investment bank Merrill Lynch with dreams of starting her own business.

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ENERGY

Coal-methane boom creates a few fears

BY JUDITH KOHLER

Associated Press Writer

WESTON, Colo. A hamlet near here of wooded gulches, rocky outcrops and views of the snowy tops of southern Colorado's Sangre de Cristo mountains is the perfect escape for retirees and commuters who've settled in.

But people who bought lots on the 4,000-acre North Fork Ranch, hoping to leave behind big-city hassles, worry when they flip on a switch or take a drink of water. They're afraid that volatile methane gas from drilling in the area's coal seams could seep into their water wells or migrate inside their homes.

That's no idle fear. A house under construction near the subdivision exploded last April when methane gas leaked from an abandoned well and into the building. Two water wells in the subdivision were damaged in 2006 during gas drilling.

Pioneer Natural Resources, a Dallas-based energy company, drilled new water wells, provided a filtration system and settled for an undisclosed amount with one family. It hasn't settled with the other.

"You don't know day to day when you turn on your faucet whether you're going to have good, clean water or whether there's going to be chemicals in there that you're unaware of," said Tracy Dahl, a design engineer who built a home atop a mountain on North Fork in 1995.

Most of the gas drilled in the Raton Basin, which includes the ranch, is from coal-bed methane — gas trapped in coal seams that once provided a thriving coal-mining industry. Roughly 2,600 coal-bed methane wells have been drilled.

Methane gas was a liability in coal mining because of its volatility, but then companies started tapping it as a fuel source. Pumping groundwater relieves the pressure that traps the gas.

The Raton Basin, 200 miles south of Denver, is one of the hot spots of an energy boom rippling throughout the Rockies. There are roughly 34,000 active wells across Colorado and tens of thousands more are expected over the next 20 years.

Drilling has created conflicts in part because of the split-estate: when one party owns the land and another owns the minerals underneath. The split occurred across the West when the federal government granted homesteads but retained mineral rights, or when people sold their land but kept mineral rights.

Federal and state laws give mineral owners or leaseholders the right to reasonable use of the surface to extract the minerals.

Warren McDonald, who ranches west of North Fork, has a good relationship with Pioneer Natural Resources.

"Typically, the people having the problems moved from cities and towns. They think they're going to go up to the wilderness and live in harmony with nature, but those days are kind of gone," said McDonald, whose family has ranched in the area since 1890.

McDonald said energy development is a big boost for ranchers and farmers like him who own some minerals because they get royalty payments. Jobs, business and tax revenue are all up.

"It's night and day from when the coal mines shut down in the '90s," McDonald said.

"I saw the downside when the coal mines

closed," said Glenn Moltzer, a businessman who heads the local chamber of commerce. "People actually put dummies in the windows of stores (in Trinidad) to make it look like something was there besides vacant store fronts."

On River Ridge Ranch, a rural subdivision near Walsenburg about 40 miles north, the state has halted gas production so the operator, Petroglyph Energy of Boise, Idaho, can figure out how methane is getting into water wells and how to stop it.

A small fire erupted when a spark from an electrical switch ignited built-up methane at a water well on the ranch last summer. Around the same time, an explosion raised the roof on a shed over a water well near the subdivision.

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ers devices to monitor whether their well-heads are venting methane. Petroglyph Chief Operating Officer Ken Smith said the company is monitoring groundwater and has seen nothing to indicate that people are in danger.

Bruce Hopke's home sports a view of hills covered in pinon pines rolling west for miles, slamming up against the snow-creased Spanish Peaks. Plans for about 50 wells have been approved on the 5,600-acre River Ranch site, but not all drilling permits have been issued.

"I would love to see them fix it, I really would," said Hopke, an Air Force veteran and Northrop Grumman retiree. "If they fix it, nothing has changed, everything's fine. You can have a cup of coffee and turn on a light switch — the small pleasures.

"If it doesn't fix it, then it's a heckuva problem," Hopke said.

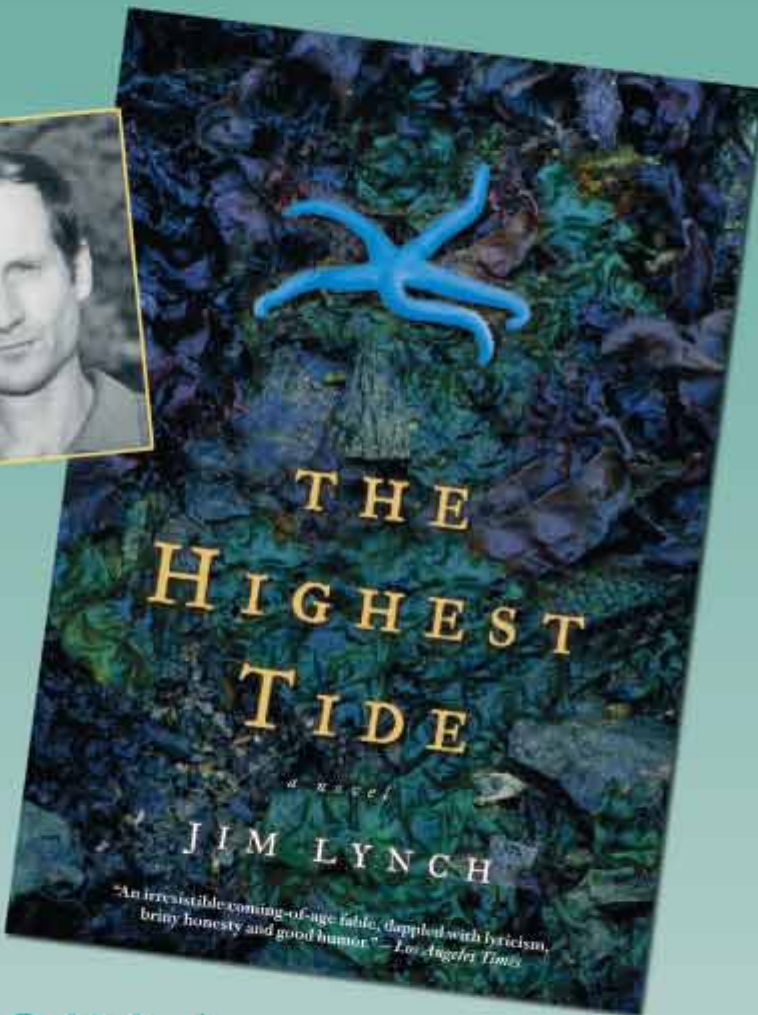
Interest in the area by another gas company prompted Huerfano County to consider a drilling moratorium so it can study its rights and responsibilities, said John Galusha, county administrator.

Dahl and Marcia Dasko, both members of the North Fork Ranch landowners' association, acknowledged the strong support for the industry because of jobs. They said a hearing in neighboring Trinidad on strengthening state oil and gas regulations drew hundreds of energy workers and officials, many of whom criticized the proposals.

"It doesn't have to be done with a gold-rush mentality," Dahl said.

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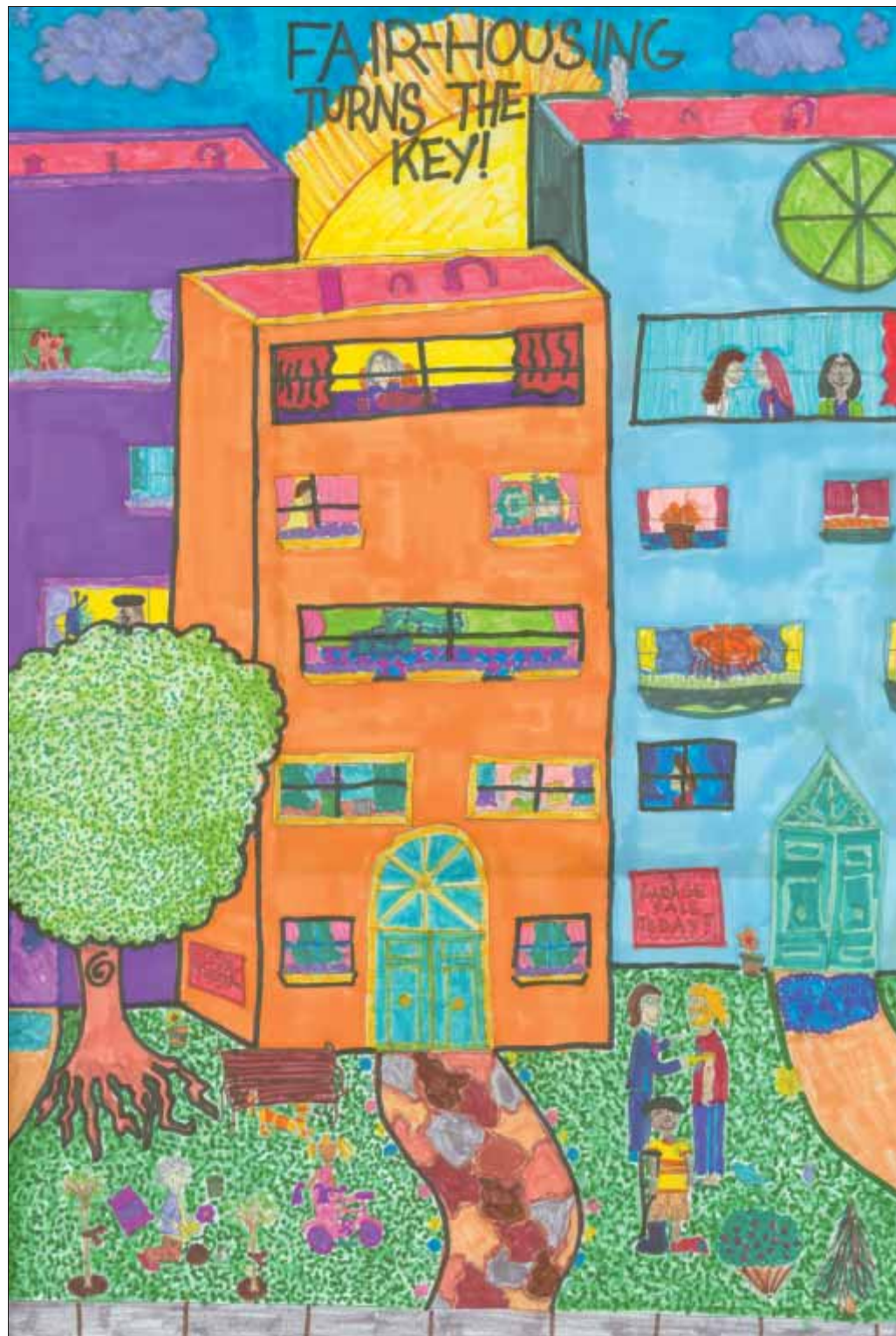




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Dutton's to close doors

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

BRENTWOOD When Doug Dutton first caught sight of a quaint book shop on San Vicente Boulevard, placed on the market after a chain competitor moved in two blocks away, he saw a glimmer of potential, something special in the literary boutique.

It was the little book shop that could and in the 24 years since Dutton purchased the business, it became the little book shop that did, weathering economic storms endured by independent booksellers in the face of competition from national powerhouses like Barnes & Noble and the Internet.

Like all stories, the tale of how Dutton's Brentwood Books captivated the affluent community with its unique collection will have an ending, and not a very happy one. The store is closing at the end of the month.

"It's very sad," Dutton said in an interview last week. "It's modest to say it will be a loss to the community as the closing of any bookstore is."

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Doug Dutton
Owner of Dutton's Brentwood Books

The uprooting of the business comes nearly a year after billionaire Charles Munger bought the Barry Building — which houses Dutton's — and proposed demolishing the 57-year-old courtyard-style complex to pave way for a condominium development. After the Brentwood community expressed outrage about the proposal, Munger withdrew the plans. Los Angeles City Council landmarked the building last fall.

Munger is believed to be planning another type of commercial redevelopment for the site.

But the uncertainties that came with the redevelopment proposal clearly had its toll on the bookstore, which had already been aching from the loss of its sister branch in Beverly Hills in 2006.

Reportedly enduring more than \$500,000 in debt, the bookstore's closure was announced in February, a result of problems caused by the loss from the Beverly Hills store, the uncertainties with Brentwood's future and the unpredictable book market. Munger has offered to cover the debt.

The clearance signs have gone up in the windows of Dutton's and long-time patrons have been stopping by in the weeks leading to the store's closure. The once packed shelves of South American literature and classical music are now empty as the three-wing bookstore slowly begins to vacate its inventory.

What is unique about Dutton's is that much of its collection is a result of referrals by customers, Dutton said.

"We've brought a philosophy of meeting the community's needs," Dutton said.

Among the shoppers last week was Jill Cervant, a mother of four children who has called Dutton's her favorite shop since moving to the neighborhood in 1990. During a trip to the store last Thursday, several books and gift wrapping paper made their way into her arms.

Cervant said she visits the shop at least once a month, often with her family.

"I was just nauseous when I heard the news," she said. "It's going to leave such a void."

GENERATIONS OF BOOK LOVERS

William and Thelma Dutton opened Dutton's Books in North Hollywood in 1961, a business that was eventually handed down to their two sons in the 1970s.

In 1984, the two Dutton sons set their sights on the Brentwood Book Shop that was about to go out of business because a Crown Books had just opened a few blocks away. A year after taking over the book store, Doug Dutton assumed full control of Dutton's Brentwood Books while his brother continued to manage the North Hollywood branch.

The West Los Angeles location quadrupled in size over the next 24 years, expanding from the west wing in which the original store was centered, to the north wing and later the east wing, which now houses the café and gift shop.

While the shop was famous for what it stored on the shelves, it was what was off the shelves that often served as the main attraction.

Dutton points to the center courtyard — where all the wings face — as having created most of the book shop's memorable occasions, from the John Kerry book signing last fall to when author Tom Wolfe gave a talk in the rain. Many of these author events would bring in a packed courtyard, spilling to the second floor, which houses an architect, dentist and lawyer's office.

The courtyard has created lifetime memories for the book shop's long-time patrons, also hosting a wedding ceremony for a couple who met while standing in line for a book signing.

"This courtyard defines the center and the heart of the store," Dutton said.

The courtyard was where Clare Elfman had her first book signing for "The Girls of the Huntington House," and later her final book signing in 1991.

"It's a tremendous loss and changing times for the worst," Elfman said on Thursday as she left the book store.

One of the distinctive features of Dutton's, and a quality that many patrons of independent bookstores say they appreciate, is the personable and knowledgeable staff, knowing customers by first name, fostering a small-town community feeling in a big-time city.

About 200 employees have worked at Dutton's Brentwood Books, some who are part of the same family but from different generations.

Lise Friedman, the events coordinator, has worked at Dutton's for 23 years and everyone from her parents to her daughter have helped out at a book event.

"It's been a fabulous experience," Friedman said. "It's a very family-friendly place."

Dutton said he isn't sure if his time is up in the book business and is currently considering his options and looking into possible



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CLEARING THE SHELVES: Bare shelves and discounted books line the walls of Dutton's Brentwood Books on San Vicente Boulevard. The popular store is scheduled to close later this month.

alternate locations.

"We've sold books to grandparents, parents and their children," Dutton said. "In a world that is in flux, we have to look with a certain

amount of pride of what we've been able to achieve, shy of a quarter of a century."

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It is the second time Samohi has been honored by the GRAMMY Foundation.

"We are so excited that the GRAMMY Foundation has once again recognized the outstanding accomplishments of our Santa Monica High School," said Joby Brooks, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to preserving, supporting and enhancing a comprehensive range of program within the school district, including the arts. "It is a privilege for The Education Foundation to help raise money and awareness in support of our visual and performing arts programs."

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LOOKING TO LAND: A jet flies over a local neighborhood off Bundy Drive in January. City Hall officials fired back at the FAA this week, calling the federal agency's challenge of a local law banning large, fast jets from Santa Monica Airport a 'legal assault' on public safety.

FAA looking at its options

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The FAA has also suggested City Hall look into purchasing homes at the west end of the runway to create protection zones, something elected officials are opposed to given the lack of housing in Santa Monica and the impact the plan would have on homeowners.

City officials have rejected all proposals, criticizing them as not going far enough, and instead enacted a ban on the fastest jets from the airport.

FAA officials have repeatedly said that they will not approve any runway safety enhancements that would severely impact pilots and their passengers. Santa Monica Airport is considered a reliever airport for LAX and plays an important role in the regional aviation network, federal officials and representatives from the aviation industry said.

A long legal battle between City Hall and

the FAA is expected.

The next step in the process is for FAA directors to make a determination on the merits of the ban and make a preliminary administrative decision. If City Hall is not satisfied, it can appeal to the associate administrator of airports. An appeal of that decision can be made to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Tachiki said.

"We would like to get someone impartial to look at the issue," Tachiki said. "Obviously, even if we go through the [administrative process] the place we would end up is in court. It's fair for both parties to have a judge make the decision."

City Hall has been negotiating with the FAA over runway safety enhancements since 2002 when the FAA blocked the council's attempt to approve the Airport Conformance Program, which was comprised of various safety measures.

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Jury to begin deliberations on Friday in Golay murder trial

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vince Judge David Wesley to allow him to admit a previous civil suit between the younger Golay and her ex-boyfriend as evidence. Kecia Golay served some time in jail last year on stalking charges.

Diamond argued that the lawsuit is an example of Kecia Golay exhibiting irrational and erratic behavior. The Santa Monica-based attorney also pointed to the fact that the mother and daughter had filed numerous lawsuits and restraining orders against one another, a love-hate relationship in which Diamond believes Kecia was trying to get back at her mother by framing her.

"Their relationship is hot and cold, sometimes they're close and sometimes they hate each other," Diamond said. "It's not normal for mother and daughter to sue each other a number of times."

Wesley did not admit the lawsuit, saying it was hearsay. Diamond stressed that Kecia had pleaded guilty to felony charges, men-

tioning that the daughter also destroyed her boyfriend's apartment as alleged in the suit.

"I would think it would be irrational behavior ... to vandalize (the apartment)," Diamond said.

The defense attorney alleged on Monday that Kecia Golay was behind the purchase of the station wagon that struck and killed McDavid in a Westwood alley in 2005 and that Helen Golay, at the old age of 77, would not be strong enough to lift McDavid to place him on the road to be hit. Diamond said that Kecia Golay, who has a membership at the Spectrum Club, would have the strength.

On Tuesday, Diamond called just four witnesses to the stand, including Michael Jones, who performed a forensic video analysis of surveillance footage from the Bristol Farms on the corner of Ohio Avenue and Westwood Boulevard. McDavid was struck in the alley just a few stores south of the grocery store.

Jones, who owns the firm Digital Evidence, presented a series of 11 different

video sequences —taken from pieces of surveillance footage and sewn together — showing cars going into and out of the alley from the late evening hours of June 21 to June 22, ending past midnight with an ambulance rolling through the parking lot and into the alley.

Before the video was presented to jurors, Jones commented that there was one car which wasn't a station wagon that showed up in multiple sequences, seemingly making circles through the alley. That comment was omitted before the jury at the request of Deputy District Attorney Truc Do, who asked that Jones defer from making any judgments on the video.

Do pointed out that while the video shows a number of cars going through the alley, only one, with the exception of the ambulance, heads south — a station wagon.

Just further south from Bristol Farms, at the end of the alley, is a Chevron gas station from where the AAA tow truck was called for service on a station wagon.

Prosecutors believe that Golay, who owned three apartment buildings in Ocean Park, and Rutterschmidt, a Hungarian immigrant who resided in Hollywood, befriended Vados and McDavid when they were homeless, fixing them up in rent-free apartments in exchange for naming the women on their life insurance policies. The two women pulled out multiple policies, naming themselves as beneficiaries — Golay always the fiancé and Rutterschmidt the cousin.

The women would wait two years after the policies were put into place before murdering the victims, Do said during her opening arguments last month, noting the state's two-year incontestability clause under which a claim cannot be contested two years after a life insurance policy is signed, except in cases of non-payment.

McDavid and Vados were killed in separate yet similar hit-and-run incidents.

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Study: Dyslexia differs by language

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON Dyslexia affects different parts of children's brains depending on whether they are raised reading English or Chinese. That finding, reported in Monday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, means that therapists may need to seek different methods of assisting dyslexic children from different cultures.

"This finding was very surprising to us. We had not ever thought that dyslexics' brains are different for children who read in English and Chinese," said lead author Li-Hai Tan, a professor of linguistics and brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Hong Kong. "Our finding yields neurobiological clues to the cause of dyslexia."

Millions of children worldwide are affected by dyslexia, a language-based learning disability that can include problems in reading, spelling, writing and pronouncing words. The International Dyslexia Association says there is no consensus on the exact number because not all children are screened, but estimates range from 8 percent to 15 percent of students.

Reading an alphabetic language like

English requires different skills than reading Chinese, which relies less on sound representation, instead using symbols to represent words.

Past studies have suggested that the brain may use different networks of neurons in different languages, but none has suggested a difference in the structural parts of the brain involved, Tan explained.

Tan's research group studied the brains of students raised reading Chinese, using functional magnetic resonance imaging. They then compared those findings with similar studies of the brains of students raised reading English.

Guinevere F. Eden, director of the Center for the Study of Learning at Georgetown University in Washington, said the process of becoming a skilled reader changes the brain.

"Becoming a reader is a fairly dramatic process for the brain," explained Eden, who was not part of Tan's research team on this paper.

For children, learning to read is culturally important but is not really natural, Eden said, so when the brain orients toward a different writing system it copes with it differently.

For example, English-speaking children learn the sounds of letters and how to combine them into words, while Chinese young-

sters memorize hundreds of symbols which represent words.

"The implication here is that when we see a reading disability, we see it in different parts of the brain depending on the writing system that the child is born into," Eden said.

That means, "we cannot just assume that any dyslexic child is going to be helped by the same kind of intervention," she said in a telephone interview.

Tan said the new findings suggest that treating Chinese speakers with dyslexia may use working memory tasks and tests relating to sensor-motor skills, while current treatments of English dyslexia focus on letter-sound conversions and sound awareness.

He said the underlying cause of brain structure abnormalities in dyslexia is currently unknown.

"Previous genetic studies suggest that malformations of brain development are associated with mutations of several genes and that developmental dyslexia has a genetic basis," he said in an interview via e-mail.

"We speculate that different genes may be involved in dyslexia in Chinese and English readers. In this respect, our brain-mapping findings can assist in the search for candidate genes that cause dyslexia," Tan said.

In their paper, the researchers noted that

imaging studies of the brains of dyslexic children using alphabetic languages like English have identified unusual function and structure in the left temporo-parietal areas, thought to be involved in letter-to-sound conversions in reading; left middle-superior temporal cortex, thought to be involved in speech sound analysis, and the left inferior temporo-occipital gyrus, which may function as a quick word-form recognition system.

When they performed similar imaging studies on dyslexic Chinese youngsters, on the other hand, they found disruption in a different area, the left middle frontal gyrus region.

The study was funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, the Hong Kong Research Grants Council and the University of Hong Kong.

In a separate paper, published two years ago, University of Michigan researchers reported that Asians and North Americans see the world differently.

Shown a photograph, North American students of European background paid more attention to the object in the foreground of a scene, while students from China spent more time studying the background and taking in the whole scene.

Pelosi impressed with 'green' efforts for DNC convention

BY GEORGE MERRITT
Associated Press Writer

DENVER House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was in Denver on Monday to tout the latest "greening" initiative in the run-up to the Democratic National Convention: a competition among state delegates to offset their carbon use as they travel here for the convention in August.

The California Democrat and convention chair complimented efforts in Denver and across Colorado to push environmentally sustainable energy use.

"Energy security is a national security issue," Pelosi told reporters at the Pepsi Center, site of the convention. "It is an environmental issue, a health issue ... and it is a moral responsibility. We believe that this planet is God's creation, and we have a moral responsibility to protect it and this initiative does just that."

The committee organizing the convention has pledged to hold the most environmentally sustainable party convention in history. The group has a "director of greening" who previously monitored sustainability for Al Gore's concert series Live Aid. The committee also was the driving force behind owners at the Pepsi Center deciding to offset the energy it uses in a year.

Recalling her own experience organizing

the 1984 Democratic convention, Pelosi said she was impressed the committee has found time to work on sustainability.

"It's a pretty exciting day," she said. "I have never seen a convention where the values of the American people have been the overarching concern" for the convention.

Mayor John Hickenlooper and Gov. Bill Ritter each stressed that the sustainability efforts were not just a publicity stunt.

"It's not about the PR," Hickenlooper said. "What we are doing is creating a legacy for the city of Denver that will bring benefit to our businesses and our citizens long after the convention has left."

Ritter said the initiative goes beyond politics.

"It's a statement of great substance that is about the future of this country," he said. "It's not a political statement when the Pepsi Center — when Kroenke Sports (owner of the Pepsi Center and owned by reliable Republican contributor Stan Kroenke) — when they look at this and say we want to be the first sports facility in the United States of America to be fully green. They understand that that is the way we must think about the future."

Convention committee CEO Leah Daughtry said Monday's announcement was one in a series of initiatives the committee plans to launch this month before Earth Day on April 22.

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Checking out

Federal employees charged millions in expenses on credit

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Federal employees charged millions of dollars for Internet dating, tailor-made suits, lingerie, lavish dinners and other questionable expenses to their government credit cards over a 15-month period, congressional auditors say.

A report by the Government Accountability Office, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, examined spending controls across the federal government following reports of credit-card abuse at departments including Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

The review of card spending at more than a dozen departments from 2005 to 2006 found that nearly 41 percent of roughly \$14 billion in credit-card purchases, whether legitimate or questionable, did not follow procedure — either because they were not properly authorized or they had not been signed for by an independent third party as called for in federal rules to deter fraud.

For purchases over \$2,500, nearly half — or 48 percent — were unauthorized or improperly received.

Out of a sample of purchases totaling \$2.7 million, the government could not account for hundreds of laptop computers, iPods and digital cameras worth more than \$1.8 million. In one case, the U.S. Army could not say what happened to computer items making up 16 server configurations, each of which cost nearly \$100,000.

Agencies often could not provide the required paperwork to justify questionable purchases. Investigators also found that federal employees sometimes double-billed or improperly expensed lavish meals and Internet dating for many months without question from supervisors; the charges were often noticed only after auditors or whistle-blowers raised questions.

"Breakdowns in internal controls over the use of purchase cards leave the government highly vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse," investigators wrote, calling the governmentwide failure rate in enforcing controls "unacceptably high."

"This audit demonstrates that continued vigilance over purchase card use is necessary," the 57-page report stated.

The report calls for the General Services Administration and Office of Management and Budget, both of which help administer the government's credit-card program, to set guidance to improve accounting for purchased items, particularly Palm Pilots, iPods and other electronic equipment that could be easily stolen.

OMB and GSA were also urged to tighten controls over convenience checks, which are a part of the credit-card program, and to remind federal employees that they will be held responsible for any items if the purchases are later deemed improper.

In response, both OMB and GSA agreed with portions of the report. But GSA administrator Lurita Doan noted the vast majority of federal employees use their cards properly and that many oversight measures already are in place. She acknowledged there is room for improvement but added that by using purchase cards the federal government saves

about \$1.8 billion in administrative costs each year.

"We agree that no level of abuse or misuse is acceptable," Doan wrote.

The GAO study comes amid increasing scrutiny of purchase cards, which are used by 300,000 federal employees and are directly payable by the U.S. government.

The AP reported Sunday that VA employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image. Government auditors have been investigating these and similar charges, citing past spending abuses.

In Tuesday's report, investigators did not seek to determine the extent of fraud or waste at each agency. They cited numerous cases of questionable spending, which they said represented what could be found government-wide, including the VA.

"The purchase card is a useful tool for the government, and in no way are we suggesting it shouldn't continue to be used widely," said Gregory D. Kutz, GAO's managing director of forensic audits and special investigations, in a telephone interview. "However, I would say these cases once again show that lack of internal controls cost taxpayers millions of dollars and thus continued focus is needed on improving these controls."

Among the expenditures cited in the report:

- An Agriculture Department employee fraudulently wrote 180 convenience checks for more than \$642,000 to a live-in boyfriend over a six-year period. The money was used for gambling, car and mortgage payments, dinners and retail purchases that went unnoticed until USDA's inspector general received a tip from a whistle-blower. The employee, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement and tax fraud charges, was sentenced last year to 21 months in prison and ordered to repay the money.

- U.S. Postal Service workers separately billed more than \$14,000 to government credit cards for Internet dating services and a dinner at a Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Orlando, Fla., for 81 people at a cost of \$160 each for steaks and crab. The dinner bill also included more than 200 appetizers and more than \$3,000 worth of wine and brand-name liquor such as Courvoisier, Belvedere and Johnny Walker Gold.

In the Internet dating case, a postmaster charged \$1,100 over 15 months for two online services, including the Ashley Madison Agency. The expenses went unnoticed for more than a year even though he was under internal investigation for viewing pornography on a government computer. The postmaster was eventually told to repay the Internet charges but faced no disciplinary action.

- At the Pentagon, four employees purchased \$77,700 in clothing and accessories at high-end clothing and sporting goods stores. The spending included more than \$45,000 at Brooks Brothers and similar stores for tailor-made suits — \$7,000 of which were purchased a week before Christmas. The credit-card holders said the items were for service members working at U.S. embassies with civilian attire. Pentagon rules allow purchases of civilian clothing when performing official duty, but generally only up to \$860 per person.

- Justice Department and FBI employees charged \$11,000 at a Ritz Carlton hotel for coffee and "light" refreshments for 50 to 70 attendees for four days.

Petraeus says Iraq too fragile to leave

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON The top U.S. commander in Iraq told Congress Tuesday that hard-won gains in the war zone are too fragile to promise any troop pullouts beyond this summer, holding his ground against impatient Democrats and refusing to commit to more withdrawals before President Bush leaves office in January.

Army Gen. David Petraeus painted a picture of a nation struggling to suppress violence among its own people and to move toward the political reconciliation that Bush said a year ago was the ultimate aim of his new Iraq strategy, which included sending more than 20,000 extra combat troops.

Security is getting better, and Iraq's own forces are becoming more able, Petraeus said. But he also ticked off a list of reasons for worry, including the threat of a resurgence of Sunni or Shiite extremist violence. He highlighted Iran as a special concern, for its training and equipping of extremists.

In back-to-back appearances before two

period of assessment before he would recommend any further pullouts.

The Petraeus plan, which Bush is expected to embrace, reflects a conservative approach that leaves open the possibility that roughly 140,000 U.S. troops could remain in Iraq when the president leaves office next year.

On Thursday Bush will make a speech about the war, now in its sixth year, and his decision about troop levels.

In exchanges with several senators, Petraeus refused to say when he thought it would be safe to resume troop reductions beyond July without risking "fragile and reversible" security gains.

Asked Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee: "Could that be a month, could that be two months?"

Petraeus began to respond: "Sir, it could be less than that. It could be ..."

Levin: "Could it be more than that?"

Petraeus: "It could be more than that. Again, it's when the conditions are met that we can make a recommendation for further reductions."

Levin: "Could it be three months?"

Petraeus: "Sir, again, at the end of the period of consolidation and evaluation. ..."

On they went in the same vein, even after a demonstrator — "Bring them home! Bring them home!" — interrupted the hearing and was escorted out.

When Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., started in again later, Petraeus said it would defy logic to establish a timetable before knowing what conditions will be like this summer.

"If you believe as I do — and the commanders on the ground believe — that the way forward on reductions should be conditions-based then it is just flat not responsible to try to put down a stake in the ground and say this is when it would be or that is when it would be," Petraeus said.

One of three senators who could be the new president by January, Hillary Rodham Clinton, said much earlier, not in a response to Petraeus, that she disagreed with those who criticized lawmakers who are calling for an orderly withdrawal.

"Rather, I think it could be fair to say that it might well be irresponsible to continue the policy that has not produced the results that have been promised time and time again at such tremendous cost to our national security and to the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States military," she said.

Sen. Barack Obama, her rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, told Petraeus that while he wants U.S. troops out of Iraq he would not initiate a precipitous withdrawal. And he said talking regularly to the Iranians is critical to getting to the point where it would be safe to end American involvement.

"I do not believe we are going to be able to stabilize the situation without them," Obama said.

War supporter John McCain, who will be the GOP nominee, said: "Our goal — my goal — is an Iraq that no longer needs American troops. And I believe we can achieve that goal, perhaps sooner than many imagine. But I also believe that to promise a withdrawal of our forces, regardless of the consequences, would constitute a failure of political and moral leadership."

Petraeus said his plan is supported by Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Army Gen. David Petraeus
Head of U.S. forces in Iraq

Senate committees, Petraeus was told by a parade of Democrats that, after five years of war, it was past time to turn over much more of the war burden to the Iraqis. Those senators said Iraq will not attain stability until the United States makes the decision to begin withdrawing in large numbers and forces the Iraqis to settle their differences.

Republican Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, a longtime critic of the administration's war strategy, told Petraeus: "The American people have had it up to here."

Petraeus responded, "I certainly share the frustration."

But when it came to promising or predicting a timetable for further withdrawals, Petraeus didn't budge. He said he had recommended to Bush that he complete, by the end of July, the withdrawal of the 20,000 extra troops. Beyond that, the general proposed a 45-day period of "consolidation and evaluation," to be followed by an indefinite

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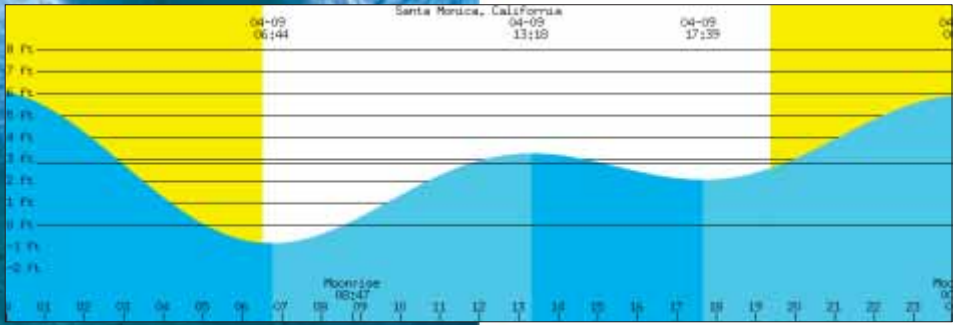


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WATER TEMP: 52-60°

SWELL FORECAST (7-10 FT)
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Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

LEGEND

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



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MLB

Buckner returns to Fenway Park

BY HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON Bill Buckner's eyes were red. He paused for 15 seconds to control his emotions. Then he spoke again.

The outstanding hitter known for a costly World Series error had just thrown out the ceremonial first pitch to a loud ovation before the Red Sox home opener Tuesday. It was a strike to former teammate Dwight Evans.

The experience, Buckner said, was "probably about as emotional as it could get."

But he nearly decided not to come. The Red Sox received their championship rings for winning the 2007 World Series before Tuesday's game against the Detroit Tigers. Buckner's legacy is tied to losing the series in 1986.

The former first baseman knew the same old questions would crop up about that play 22 years ago that has been replayed on television hundreds of times. At first, he turned down the team's request. A few days later he agreed to return to Fenway Park for the first time since 1997 when he was batting coach with the Chicago White Sox.

"I really had to forgive," he said after collecting himself, "not the fans of Boston per se, but I would have to say, in my heart, I had to forgive the media..."

Another pause, this one for 10 seconds, before he continued, "...for what they put me and my family through. So I've done that. I'm over that. And I'm just happy that I just try to think of the positive. The happy things."

And not about the night of Oct. 25 in Shea Stadium when Mookie Wilson's ground ball rolled through his legs in the 10th inning. It capped a three-run rally and drove in the winning run in the New York Mets 6-5 win that forced a seventh game.

The Mets won the final game 8-5 and Boston's streak of no championships since 1918 continued. That drought ended in 2004, and then the Red Sox made it two championships in four years.

Buckner, a .289 hitter in 22 years with more than 100 RBIs in two of his three full seasons with Boston, wasn't the only Red Sox player who failed in the last two games of the 1986 Series. To focus on just one play is "the ugly part of sports," he said.

"I don't think that in society in general that's the way we should operate. What are you teaching kids? Not to try because if you don't succeed then you're going to buried, so don't try?"

The Mets already had tied the game at 5 in the 10th against Calvin Schiraldi and Bob Stanley before Wilson hit the ball to Buckner. And the Red Sox led 3-0 after 5 1/2 innings of Game 7 before the Mets tied it against Bruce Hurst in the bottom of the sixth and nicked Schiraldi for three runs in the seventh.

"You can look at that series and point fingers in a whole bunch of different directions," Buckner said. "We did the best we

could to win there and it just didn't happen and I didn't feel like I deserved" so much blame.

"If I felt like it was my fault, I'd step up to the plate and say, 'hey, if I wasn't here the Red Sox would have won this thing,' but I really can't do that so I think some of it is unjustly directed my way," he said. "I'm pretty tough mentally, but the hardest part was with my family and my kids and I'm still dealing with it."

His son Bobby is a freshman infielder at the University of Texas. His daughter Christen played softball at Boise (Idaho) High School. She is now a reporter for the Fox television station in Boise and attended her father's news conference for a story to be broadcast Wednesday.

"There were times when they had to deal with it," Buckner said. "I don't think that's fair and that made me a little bitter. I'm over that."

He praised the Red Sox management in place in 1986 and the current ownership group. He thanked fans for their support. He said he'd like to come back some day.

Buckner was cheered continuously as he walked from the Green Monster in left field—draped with an American flag covering both the 2007 and 2004 World Series banners—to the mound, waving to the full house along the way.

Then he stood on the rubber, came to a stretch, threw the ball then made an umpire's strike sign before embracing Evans.

"I'm glad that he's here," Evans said. "Just seeing him walk out, I couldn't be happier for him."

The pregame ceremonies featured appearances from current former players of the Boston Celtics and Bruins and current New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi.

Then the Red Sox received their rings, which feature 42 diamonds of various sizes. The inside of the ring is engraved with: "Boston Red Sox" and "10-28-07."

David Ortiz received his ring last, with the Red Sox' victory song—"Dirty Water" by the Standells—blaring.

Bruschi was touched by the reception for Buckner.

"I thought the ovation was incredible," Bruschi said. "I think you can see the emotion on his face, the way he was taking it all in. I don't know if it was cleansing for him or not. ... I've only been here 13 years but I've heard about that (play) enough."

So has Buckner, who was traded to the Red Sox by the Chicago Cubs in May 1984 and released in July 1987. He rejoined them in 1990 then retired after 22 games.

"Two of my best moments in baseball were when I came back here in '90 and today," he said. "The Red Sox fans, they've been great."

They cheered him in 1986, when the team made it to the seventh game of the World Series.

"It was a great season," Buckner said. "There's a lot of good memories and I'm just happy that I can focus on those."

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Don't mess it up, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You are talkative. Trust the words that seem to spout from you. Abrasions and tests surround your daily life. Tonight: Discuss a problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You can be difficult to say no to, as usual. However, don't underestimate the power of the unexpected or a risk. Keep your eye on the money. Tonight: Act on a hobby.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Trust your instincts, and let yourself be generous. You glow, and everyone around you is drawn to you. Respond to others with your innate spontaneity. Tonight: Whirling around in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Responsibility calls, but love pulls. Lucky for you, if you just be yourself, all will come together, even if you withdraw into your shell. Just don't expect much activity for a few days. Use this free time well. Tonight: How about curling up with a good book?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your head is in line with your heart, and the world sees you as you are. Expect the unexpected and listen to your dreams, and you will be golden. You get what you want, even if you toss that lucky rabbit's foot. Tonight: Don't mess up the good times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ You might feel like you are king or queen for the day. All is flowing smoothly, for now. Romance is in the air. However, watch the rose-colored glasses or, rather, toss the rose-colored glasses. Tonight: To the wee hours – like it or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Think way outside the box. While others are running around in the midst of power plays, you will be smiling. If you don't detach, you could feel out of sorts. Listen to your dreams. Tonight: Isn't it time for you to take control of your destiny?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You are capable of more than you might think. Say yes and be ready to stand behind your words. You will be well rewarded. Tonight: Consider a suggestion or invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You might feel confused. Don't act now, but listen to your dreams. Don't be taken aback by heavy – and we do mean heavy – demands. Trust in your abilities and don't fight the building wave – for the moment. Tonight: Out with fun-loving people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ It is good that you are considered the workhorse of the zodiac, because you will have to act just like it too. Tonight: Choose a favorite hobby. Anyone for golf, volleyball or maybe snoozing?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Some wonder how you can be yourself so easily, your head and heart in tune. You don't need to be concerned at all. Demonstrate to a loved one that he or she is more than a friend. Tonight: Live, love and laugh.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are in a deep place. Open yourself to all possibilities, despite the friction. Use the friction to look inward and root out a problem. Remember, you are the giver of the zodiac. Tonight: Say yes.

Happy birthday

You are in a golden moment this year. Others often want to share, brainstorm and socialize with you. Observe what makes you glow, and you will know what to fill your life with. Your head and heart might be in tune, but your drive is erratic. Taking care of your body might be more important than you realize. Listen to what gets your goat, and let go of what doesn't work. If you are single, romance certainly will wing in your direction. If you are attached, keeping communication open means getting plenty of fuzzies. GEMINI sometimes asks too many questions.

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Difficulty
GOLD

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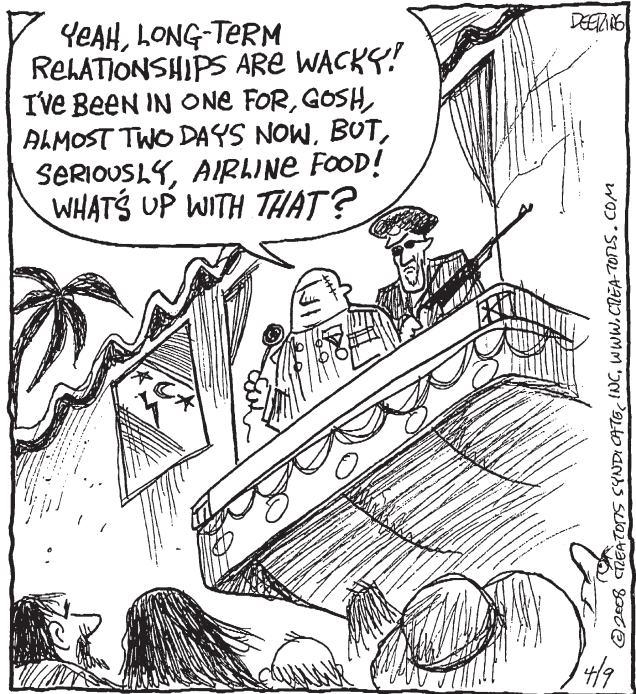
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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10 Wowed

11 Strong suit

12 Scatter

13 Desk item

14 Chest muscles, for short

15 "The Little Mermaid" villain

16 Conceit

17 Cart puller

18 Rep.'s colleague

19 Devote

22 Tenant's fee

23 Money dispensers

26 Fragile

29 Greek letter

32 Mom's mate

33 Veto

34 Scottish outlaw

36 All ears

37 Parting word

38 Supply the food for

39 Nasser's successor

41 Looked over

42 Hoe targets

DOWN

1 Had a speaking problem

2 Counting number

3 Product lines?

4 Lambs' dams

5 Detective Archer

6 Takes in

7 Photographer Diane

8 Boosted

9 Perot or Bush

11 Kind of kit setting

15 D.C.

17 Misbehaved

20 Not Rep. or Dem.

21 List abbr.

24 Aquatic mammal

25 Regular payment

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Petty Criminals: A 43-year-old alleged shoplifter was arrested in Newburgh, N.Y., in January with 42 items under his clothes as he left a store, but the items' total value was only \$132.07. And in December, Wesley Gregory, 52, who works on parking meters for the city of Greensboro, N.C., was arrested and charged with embezzling nickels, dimes and quarters for five years, with his "haul" averaging about \$10 a week.

■ People Different From Us: James Bowring, 45, told a court in Tauranga, New Zealand, in February that he wants to reconcile with his son, Jacob, 18, despite James' recent conviction for trying to run Jacob over in his car at 50 mph (after making a U-turn and jumping a curb to get at him). James admitted he was upset at Jacob for calling him a "pedophile," following James' having wooed and won over Jacob's 18-year-old girlfriend and gotten her pregnant. (James admitted that just before making that U-turn, he had dropped off a 14-year-old girl he was giving a ride to.) Subsequently, a judge sentenced James to five months' home detention in the bus he lives in with the pregnant girlfriend.

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1865 Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

1682 French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

1939 singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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1947 a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

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