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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

A 2003 British documentary, "Fat Girls and Feeders," debuting on Australian TV in April 2004, profiled an Arizona couple, "Gina" (once one of the world's largest women) and her husband, "Mark" (who has a sensual or psychological desire that she be ever-larger). Because Gina is apparently comfortable with her role, Mark is merely an "enabler" in the "fat administration" subculture, but more dominant men are called "feeders," who may even "grow" their partners by pouring liquid fat down their throats. Gina once weighed 825 pounds (with a 92-inch waist), but had settled down at around 400. The filmmaker's point is said to be that objectifying fat women is only somewhat more offensive than objectifying thin ones.



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The newspaper is the natural enemy of the book, as the whore is of the decent woman."

— The Goncourt Brothers



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John Wood/Daily Press

Astroturf and bleachers transform a beach parking lot north of the Santa Monica Pier into a virtual football stadium. A handful of quarterbacks from the National Football League will go head-to-head in the 14th "Quarterback Challenge" this weekend, to be aired on television in July. Competitors include Jeff Garcia, Jeff Blake, Tom Brady, Mark Brunell, Marc Bulger, Matt Hasselbeck and Brad Johnson.

## Apartment rents rise in most Western markets

*Santa Monica is no exception*

By staff and wire reports

Apartment rents crept up throughout most of the western United States during the first quarter, despite lackluster demand overall tied to the economy's meager job growth, according to industry data released Thursday.

Average March rents were either higher or unchanged from the same time last year in 14 of the 19 major western markets surveyed by RealFacts, a Novato, Calif.-based real estate research firm. The only erosion occurred in the long-slumping San Francisco Bay area's three metropolitan markets, as well as Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City.

Southern Californian rents rose the most, led by a 6.2 percent increase in the rapidly growing inland market of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, where apartment landlords collected an average of \$960 a month in March.

Continuing an ascent that began a few years ago, rents also climbed in Southern California's biggest markets: Los Angeles County, up 3.9 percent to \$1,355; Orange County, up 3.2 percent to \$1,284; and San

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Diego County, up 4 percent to \$1,187. None of the West's other major markets posted rent increases of more than 3 percent.

In Santa Monica, market rate rents were up 4.9 percent in 2003 over 2002, according to a separate study conducted by City Hall. The rents averaged \$987 for studios, \$1,250 for one bedrooms, \$1,675 for two bedrooms and \$2,350 for units that had three or more bedrooms, the study said.

What's more, the median income required to have an apartment considered "affordable" went up considerably, said Tracy Condon, a spokeswoman for the rent control board. According to the study, people paying market rates on three-bedroom units or larger in Santa Monica need

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## Local judge facing heavier workloads

*Santa Monica will take on caseload from Culver City Courthouse*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SM COURTHOUSE** — The Santa Monica Courthouse is taking the brunt of more county-wide budget cuts.

Officials on Thursday announced they will close three county courthouses and as a result, the Santa Monica Courthouse will pick up the entire caseload from Culver City.

In addition to shutting down the courthouses in Culver City, Monrovia and South Gate, officials announced plans to close lock-up facilities at the Malibu and Huntington Park courthouses.

Combined with plans to move criminal cases out of Santa Monica this June, the closures are expected to net about \$3 million in security savings. Another \$1.1 million will be cut from the budget for perimeter security, which means longer waits getting in and out of some courthouses, officials said.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Linda Lefkowitz, the supervising judge who oversees six courthouses on the westside, said the Culver City Courthouse will stay open until the \$4.5 million renovation to the Santa Monica Courthouse is complete, which is expected at the end of the year. All three courtrooms in Culver City then will be moved to Santa Monica, she said.

Included is a traffic court and two limited jurisdiction

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## City Hall failing on customer service, users say

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — It's been said before, but a \$75,000 city-hired consultant wants to hear again just how bad it really is for developers who must navigate through City Hall's red tape.

Palo Alto-based Matrix Consulting Group is charged with fixing City Hall's notoriously slow and bureaucratic planning department. Gary Goelitz, Matrix's vice president, on Wednesday met with about a dozen people, ranging from architects, developers, business owners and contractors to hear their horror stories and

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fire takes you to the finish line, where others seem a bit off or sluggish. Deal with a changeable situation by breaking past any rigid thinking. Look for solutions, not problems. Readjust your plans if necessary. Be flexible. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Expenses make you say "ouch." Listen well to a loved one who just might have had enough of any frivolous activity on your part. You could find that you are dancing quite a tango. Consider a separation of money holdings, if possible. Tonight: Do your own thing.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your charisma certainly attracts others. If someone seems reactive, this behavior could be coming from jealousy. Be sensitive to a friend who wants to have a talk. Feelings and emotions could be running a lot higher than you think. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to cut your losses and move out of a problematic situation. Recognize that you could be overly tired or pushed too far, and nearly anything could irritate you. Listen to a wise person in your life who often gives you good suggestions. Tonight: Run home. Take a personal night.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Groups hold good news and good luck. Schedule a meeting if need be. Decide to have a party this weekend. A child or new flirtation could act up, as you are so busy and enjoying yourself. Be smart and don't react. Tonight: Opt for the unusual.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your take-charge attitude goes into action, helping you find answers to problems through your immediate circle. You might not be in the mood to deal with a strong, authoritative figure, but you'll need to anyway. Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Talk with someone you consider unusually wise.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Take an overview and use your imagination, especially if you hit a problem. Your job will be finding answers through brainstorming with others. You find that by actively changing your thought process, answers will come forth. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to revive your financial structure. You could be uncomfortable with someone's demands. Concentrate on work, where you can be successful. Flow with a co-worker's or associate's ideas. Tonight: Off to the gym. Work off some stress.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Let others think through a decision and act on it. You could be in such a tizzy or reactive mood that you cannot make a decision. The good news is that everything turns out fine. A child or loved one expresses deep caring. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Go for what you want within a professional context. Someone might not understand where you are coming from. Don't feel like you need to explain every decision or action. Just be yourself. Sometimes you overexplain things. Tonight: Get some physical exercise.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You cannot stop yourself. You are simply full of fun and joy, to such an extent that you are nearly childlike. Use some of this imaginative energy to charge and spice up your daily life. Others enjoy being around you. Tonight: If a friend cancels, simply make other plans.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your emphasis on home and family drives your actions. A boss could be a bit disappointed that you do not jump at his or her every command. Refuse to get cornered into doing something you don't want to do. Tonight: Home is your castle.

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# LOCAL



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Corsair wins 21 awards in state competition

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College's Corsair newspaper has won 21 awards, including top honors for general excellence for the online publication, in the statewide Journalism Association of Community Colleges' competition.

The general excellence award for Corsair online was given for its fall issues under editor Jesus "Z" Aguirre.

SMC students also captured first-place awards in the on-the-spot competition — Nicholas R. Chen and Margaret Molloy tied with Mark Sandstrom and Marie-Claude Hamel, the current Corsair editor, in the photo-illustration category.

The awards for the print edition of the paper reflect achievements of the staff under fall semester editor Nehemiah Slaughter as well as Hamel. The faculty advisor is Barbara Baird.

In the mail-in category, from the fall semester staff, a second-place award went to the Corsair staff for best overall use of photo and graphics, and third-place honors went to Danny Grace for column writing.

Several other students won fourth-place awards and honorable mentions in both the mail-in and live competitions. They are Slaughter, Hamel, Andrei Lucien, Jonathan Derby, Blair Clarkson, Marie A. King, Molloy, Sandstrom, Chen, Dan Sandoval, Morgan Genser, Raul Vasquez and Josh Hill.

### It's volunteers' turn to eat

By Daily Press staff

The tables will turn on hundreds of people who've given up their time to serve meals to those in need.

In the spirit of appreciation, Meals on Wheels West, is honoring their volunteers at a breakfast scheduled for April 26, hosted by Le Merigot Beach Hotel & Spa in Santa Monica.

The breakfast will recognize more than the 300 volunteers who deliver meals to the home-bound in the community. Speakers will include Sgt. David Thomas of the Santa Monica Police Department and Santa Monica City Councilman Ken Genser.

Meals on Wheels West is an independent, volunteer driven, non-profit organization providing home-delivered meals to those persons who cannot provide for themselves, regardless of age. Last year, Meals on Wheels West delivered 115,000 meals to more than 629 people in Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and Topanga.

Meals on Wheels West is celebrating its 30th anniversary. In 1974, the program started with meals delivered to eight home-bound people. The organization's mission is to nourish and enrich the lives of individuals of all ages through services that promote independent living and dignity.

For volunteer opportunities call (310) 394-7558 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday

### Get on the health kick

By Daily Press staff

Saturday could be one of the healthiest days in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual health festival on the Third Street Promenade, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. The chamber has been hosting this family-friendly event for more than 20 years. Hundreds will benefit from free screenings, consultations, exams, advice and products. Some of the services offered are blood pressure testing, body fat analysis, diabetes screening, skin analysis, eye screening, spinal alignment, chair massage, pain management, traditional Chinese medicine and herbs, asthma and allergy screening, healthy eating, and much more.



At least the water's warmer. Thursday's swell is fading through today, leaving us a mix of W and NW swells. Just watch out for the cheese breeze.

**OUTLOOK:** Saturday will likely be a small surf day as the mix of both Northern and Southern Hemi swells back down.

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## The Q Line

This past weekend marked the 25th anniversary of Santa Monica's Renters' Rights, the city's most powerful political party. Its membership is broad and its leaders have been regarded as the forefathers of Santa Monica politics.

The left-leaning SMRR has dominated the City Council for years and has largely shaped life here through local government policies. And while it was built on securing rent control for Santa Monica citizens, that effort was wiped away decades ago

through a state law that all but abolished how apartment prices are regulated here.

Some wonder what SMRR's current purpose is and in the future.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What should SMRR focus on now?"

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## OPINION

# LETTERS

### We must recognize our complex web

Editor:

I am sure I am not alone in finding the article by M.S. Berliner Ph.D. somewhat one-sided (SMDP, April 19, page 4). It is hard to believe that such reductionist attitudes still exists in the face of the advancements that science has made — particularly in the area of theoretical physics and ecology. Scientific reductionism has allowed us to separate ourselves from our environment and helped us to better understand the workings of the world around us.

However, any serious scientist is aware that a sustainable system is one that can regulate itself and maintain a state of homeostasis. Homeostasis or internal control requires that no single parameter within the system dominate or take control of the entire system. For example, if in a given system one organism, say a rabbit, were to multiply without any checks and balances, it would place an unsustainable stress on the entire system. As the rabbits multiply, the food supply and habitat diminish and the cycle leads to the mass destruction of the rabbits.

Now scientific advancements have afforded us the ability to counter many of these limitations by artificially increasing food supplies through agriculture, decreasing death rates through medical intervention and so on. But what these advancements fail to consider is that in a system that is finite, continuous growth and expansion is a fallacy.

The reason that we now find ourselves in this environmental predicament is in no small way related to the uncontrolled use of the advancements we have made in the area of science. We are able to feed millions more but we don't stop to consider whether this growth is sustainable, meaning that the 2 billion extra human beings that can now be supported place severe ecological, political and economical stress on the entire system — endangering the balance of the whole planet.

The days of looking at the world exclusively through the eyes of Sir Isaac Newton have come to an end.

Though his works were of incalculable value in bringing us to where we are, we must now embrace the finding of the new world of subatomic physics, which has shown us that there are no building blocks of nature and no isolated parts from which the world is assembled. There are only patterns of probability and that the entire sys-

tem is one inseparable whole, which cannot fundamentally be divided.

We find ourselves in a vicarious situation in the beginning of the 21st Century and that is that we have outgrown the tools we have been using to view the world around us. We have outgrown the billiard ball cause and effect scientific model and we must now embrace the systemic paradigm. As unpopular as the idea of the Earth revolving around the sun was to the medieval mind so it is today the idea that man is not above or superior to the environment but merely a fragment of it. We must strive to overcome this arrogant scientific illusion if we are to survive at all.

We must recognize that though our scientific zeal has been the source of the accumulation of tremendous knowledge, without the wisdom to use this knowledge we are placing not only ourselves but also the entire planet at risk. Man has a duty and that is to protect and maintain the fragile balance of nature.

What we need now is not more emphasis on science and technology but a shift in the way we perceive ourselves and our world — a shift in consciousness if you will. We must realize that we are not strangers in this world isolated and alone but integral parts of a fantastically complex web. This shift will at once empower us and make us aware of our responsibility to the entire system.

**Babak Samareh**  
Santa Monica

### Ban the blowers

Editor:

Regarding Susan Ann Connor's "Pistachio Perspective" (SMDP, April 18, page 5) all about the obnoxious leaf blowers, one solution might be to enforce the law banning leaf blowers that has been on the books in Santa Monica for years. It carries a hefty fine and possible time as well.

But instead of fining or jailing the workers who probably aren't aware the law exists, I am for fining the owners who fail to tell the workers they hire they cannot use leaf blowers in Santa Monica.

**Marilyn Brennan**  
Santa Monica

## City Hall doesn't want to hear it from pesky public



**MY  
WRITE**  
By Bill Bauer

There are three proposals from the Planning Department that, if approved by the City Council, will dramatically change the face of the community.

Two of the proposals would streamline the planning and approval process for developers. The third proposal greases the skids for quick, "one-stop" downtown restaurant alcohol licensing.

There's a common thread to these proposals. The new codes will allow permit approvals to be granted behind closed doors when applicants meet new, universal sets of standards. Under the proposals, more and larger projects and alcohol permits will be green-lighted without public review by either the Planning Commission or the Architectural Review Board.

For example, the proposed downtown standards would raise the temporary public review threshold from 7,500 square feet to 30,000 square feet, and allow increased height limits with less on-site parking, among other recommendations.

Depending on the project and circumstance, public input is usually confined to cosmetic or decorative elements. Although it has on occasion resulted in more attractive buildings, in many cases, impractical or inane suggestions have resulted in unreasonable cost and delay for developers, which is what staff is trying to eliminate.

For example, at a recent ARB meeting, the long awaited approval for a three-story, mixed-use project proposed for the McDonald's site at Colorado Avenue and Second Street was debated. Remember, the ARB's purview is a building's "cosmetics" or "decorative look," including signage, color, wall treatment, landscaping, awnings, window trim, etc.

According to a report on The Lookout Web site, April 8, 2004, ARB board member Rudolfo Alvarez said, "The architectural conversation did not engage the signature view of Santa Monica. It seems to ignore the idea of the pier. I would have enjoyed seeing a building by the ocean with a view of the pier as a flow of imagery toward the sea."

Fellow ARB board members voiced concern that the project was too "suburban" for such a prominent location and could be found anywhere in America.

I wonder if any ARB commissioner

viewed the site? It faces a 1950's era Holiday Inn and Santa Monica Place's parking garage. There's a multi-floor commercial building between the proposed project and the pier entrance. As for being "anywhere in America," maybe the project should have a big, neon, rooftop sign that says, "This is in Santa Monica."

Despite this, the answer is not cutting off public input. It's in creating codes in tune with the community. One frequent project critic told me, "We can't address issues such as height, massing and density on administratively approved buildings so we suggest changes in cosmetic details in the hopes that a 'sow's ear' might at least look more like a 'silk purse.'"

The city's own community surveys show that many Santa Monicans believe the city is crowded and they want strict limits on development. This translates to more on-site parking, as well as restrictions on height and density. So why isn't the planning staff writing codes to address these issues? Instead, they propose regulations, making it easier and quicker for developers to build even bigger, denser buildings with less parking — and eliminating public comment, to boot.

In addition to going in the wrong direction, the "take it all or leave it" attitude from planning staff management has

drawn a confrontational line in the sand.

But don't look for help from some City Council persons. Councilwoman Pam O'Connor complained about a citizen-initiated flyer distributed before the April 13 City Council meeting as dissemination of false information by "special interests." Citing "micromanagement," she said projects were "held hostage" by a few people on the ARB, the Planning Commission and the public. Councilmen Herb Katz and Michael Feinstein generally agreed.

It's exactly what I'd expect from some city councilmembers. This isn't the first time a hack politician has complained and concocted dark conspiracies when they've disagreed with citizens exercising their Constitutional right to free speech and to air grievances.

Shoving bigger development and alcohol friendly codes down the public's throat isn't cutting the mustard. City Hall better start listening to the people or some politicians and city managers will likely face uncertain futures.

The City Council will revisit a proposal for multi-family residential standards at its May 11 meeting, and address both downtown standards and alcohol permits at a later date.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime resident of Santa Monica and a freelance writer).

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## OPINION



# America's compassion in Iraq is self-destructive

## Guest Commentary

By Yaron Brook  
and Elan Journo

The bloody siege in Fallujah and the standoff against a religious warlord, Moktadr al-Sadr, and his militia indicate that the war in Iraq is worsening. Things are going badly not because — as some, like Sen. John Kerry, claim — the United States is arrogant and lacking in humility, but because it is self-effacing and compassionate.

The Bush Administration's war in Iraq embraces compassion instead of the rational goal of self-defense. Such an immoral approach to war wantonly sacrifices the lives of soldiers and emboldens our enemies throughout the Middle East to mount further attacks against us.

Morally, to fight a war in self-defense requires that one soundly defeat the enemy while safeguarding one's forces and citizens. But America's attention has been diverted to rebuilding Iraqi hospitals, schools, roads and sewers, and on currying favor with the locals (some U.S. soldiers were ordered to grow mustaches in token of their respect for Iraqi culture.) Since the war began, Islamic militants and Saddam loyalists have carried out random abductions, devastating ambushes, and catastrophic bombings throughout the country. That attacks on U.S. forces — including those engaged in reconstruction efforts — have gone unpunished has emboldened the enemy.

Stark evidence of the enemy's growing audacity came in March with the grisly murder and mutilation of four American contractors. America's response to the attack confirmed the militants' expectation that they can get away with murder. Following the attack, U.S. forces entered

the city of Fallujah, vowing to capture the murderers and punish the town that supports them. But such resolve was supplanted by compassion.

In the midst of the fighting, the U.S. called a unilateral ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid in and to enable the other side to collect and bury its dead. The so-called truce benefited only the enemy. The Iraqis, as one soldier told the Associated Press, were "absolutely taking advantage" of the situation, regrouping and mounting sporadic attacks. As another soldier aptly noted, "It is hard to have a ceasefire when they maneuver against us, they fire at us." As the siege wore on, the goal of capturing the murderers quietly faded — and the enemy's confidence swelled.

Not just in Fallujah, but throughout this war the military — under orders from Washington — has been purposely treading lightly. Soldiers have strict orders to avoid the risk of killing civilians — many of whom aid or are themselves militants — even at the cost of imperiling their own lives. Mosques, which have served as hideouts for terrorists, are kept off the list of allowed targets. Military operations have been timed to avoid alienating Muslim pilgrims on holy days. By confessing doubt about its moral right to defend itself, America has encouraged further aggression.

There is no shortage of aggressors lusting for American blood, and they grow bolder with each display of American compassion.

Consider the shameful tenderness shown toward the Islamic cleric Moktadr al-Sadr, who aspires to be the dictator of an Iranian-style theocracy in Iraq. An admirer of the 9/11 hijackers, Sadr has amassed an armed militia of 10,000 men right under the noses of our military, and demanded that coalition forces leave Iraq. On the run for the murder of another cleric, he took refuge with his militia in the holy city of Najaf, which has been sur-

rounded by U.S. troops. Rather than attacking, however, the U.S. agreed to negotiate. It is as absurd to negotiate with and trust the word of a villain such as Sadr as it would have been to negotiate with Nazis bent on wiping out allied forces in World War II. It is shockingly dangerous that the U.S. has allowed a mediator from Iran — part of the "Axis of Evil" and Sadr's ideological ally — to assist in the negotiations.

For the enemies of America, Iraq is like a laboratory where they are testing our mettle, with mounting ferocity. The negotiations with Sadr and now with the leaders of Fallujah, our timid response to the insurrections throughout Iraq, Americans' outrageously deferential treatment of its enemies — all of these instances of moral weakness reinforce the view of Osama bin Laden and his ilk that America will appease those who seek its destruction.

If we continue to wage a compassionate war, it will be a matter of time before

Islamic militants bring suicide-bombings and mass murder (again) to the streets of the U.S.

Though Washington may be blinded by the longing to buy the love of Iraqis, our service men know all too well that, as one put it, "When you go to fight, it's time to shoot — not to make friends with people." In its might and courage our military is unequalled. It is the moral responsibility of Washington to issue battle plans that will properly "shock and awe" the enemy. Eschewing self-interest in the name of compassion is immoral. The result is self-destruction.

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## LOCAL

# Average caseload for judge down to between 350, 400

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courtrooms for civil cases under \$25,000. One of those is run by a Santa Monica judge who was displaced by the construction at the local courthouse. The move is expected to save the county \$477,000 annually in security expenses.

At least for now, officials said no layoffs are planned anywhere in the Los Angeles County court system, the largest in the nation with 583 courtrooms in 57 courthouses and more than 5,200 staffers. But more cuts are expected to be handed down from officials in Sacramento soon, officials said.

"We're going to be real crowded here," Lefkowitz said. "How the further budget cuts are going to impact the courts, and maybe impact civil trials, I couldn't tell you. We don't know what the budget is ultimately going to be ... So we're really up in the air as to what's going to happen."

Through a lot of hard work and cooperation from lawyers, judges in the Santa Monica Courthouse recently whittled

**"We're going to be real crowded here ... So we're really up in the air as to what's going to happen."**

— JUDGE LINDA LEFKOWITZ  
Santa Monica Superior Court

down their average caseload from about 500 to between 350 and 400, Lefkowitz said. It takes about one year to get a civil case to trial in Santa Monica — two years if it's complicated.

Lefkowitz said she had met this week with city councilmembers and police from Culver City.

"I think they see this as a difficult thing as a community to see their courthouse leave," Lefkowitz said. "And that sort of tangible thing is hard to watch, frankly."

That sentiment was shared by workers in the Santa Monica Courthouse earlier this year when it was decided that all criminal cases would be moved to the Airport Courthouse to save the county an

estimated \$769,000 annually. The cost and inconvenience to Santa Monica police, residents and court officials is still unknown.

Under the plan announced Thursday, cases from the South Gate Courthouse, which operates two courtrooms, will be transferred to the Huntington Park Courthouse in June at a projected savings of \$622,000 a year. Cases from the Monrovia Courthouse, which operates one courtroom, will be transferred in June to the Alhambra Courthouse at a projected savings of \$299,000 a year. Two other courtrooms at Monrovia were shut down in 2002.

Custody cases from the Malibu Courthouse will be divided in June between the Airport Courthouse and the Van Nuys Courthouse at a projected annual savings of \$194,000. Criminal cases involving arrests made north of Mulholland Drive will be transferred to Van Nuys, while those south of Mulholland Drive will go to the Airport Courthouse. Malibu handles an average of six in-custody criminal cases each day, officials said.

Another \$534,000 will be saved annually by closing the lock-up facilities in the Huntington Park Courthouse. Misdemeanors will go to the East Los Angeles Courthouse and felonies will go to the Metropolitan Courthouse, which will free up space for the incoming South Gate civil caseload.

County officials also announced that the court system's perimeter security budget will be cut by \$1.1 million. That budget covers weapons screening and

other security activities throughout the county's courthouses. In total, projected annual security cost savings will amount to slightly more than \$4 million a year. Another \$283,000 will be saved in expenses for services and supplies at the soon-to-be closed facilities.

County officials said the courts next will post notices and solicit public comment on the closures. An executive committee will consider those comments and make a formal decision on May 19.

"It is most unfortunate that the results of the steady erosion in financial resources available to the judicial branch statewide, and the Los Angeles Superior Court in particular, made it necessary to shut down three facilities," said Los Angeles County Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert A. Dukes. "We had to make some very hard, and exceptionally difficult, decisions. At the same time, the actions we are taking today will ensure that our remaining courthouses are utilized as fully as possible."

Dukes noted that the Superior Court's 2002 budget reduction plan — 29 courtrooms were shut down — had held out the hope that courthouses wouldn't close. But reductions and threatened cuts in the 2004-2005 fiscal year state budget necessitated more decisive action now, Dukes added.

"Just as we did in 2002, we are trying to anticipate the long-term effect of current and projected budget reductions," Dukes said. "As then, it is our view that streamlining our operation in a well-planned manner now will help us avoid larger, wholesale courthouse closures over at least the next 12 to 15 months."

If any courthouses do fall, it's unlikely Santa Monica will be among them.

"This is a large courthouse," Lefkowitz said. "I don't, frankly, anticipate this courthouse will close. The question is — depending on the budget — what our staffing ability will be if we compress our calendars."

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## LOCAL



# Weak demand prevents landlords from charging more

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to be earning \$35,097 more each year than people living in units that have been rent-controlled since 1998. That figure drops to \$30,821 for two bedrooms, \$26,150 for one bedrooms and \$17,029 for studios.

"Either people are spending more on rent than (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) would consider affordable, or only people with higher incomes are able to move into Santa Monica now," Condon said.

Rents in the three-county San Francisco metropolitan market remained the West's most expensive at a monthly average of \$1,538, despite a 1.6 percent decrease in the past year. Fueled by the thousands of jobs created during the

Internet buildup, rents in the San Francisco metro market peaked at \$2,034 in late 2000.

Seattle apartment owners demanded the highest rents outside California, collecting an average of \$859, an uptick of less than 1 percent.

Weak demand has prevented landlords from imposing bigger rent increases, said Caroline Latham, RealFacts' chief executive. Occupancy rates declined or remained unchanged in 11 of the 19 western markets. In five other markets, occupancy rates improved by 1 percentage point or less.

Fewer renters can afford apartments because employers aren't adding jobs to their payrolls as quickly as in past economic expansions, Latham said.

She believes the financial squeeze has prompted more people to move in with relatives or friends — a trend that reduces rent demand.

Some analysts also believe many long-time renters have been taking advantage of the lowest mortgage rates in more than 40 years to buy their own homes for the

first time.

The home-buying push has caused housing prices to rise at a much faster clip than apartment rents in most markets. For instance, a mid-priced California home sold for \$353,000 in March, a 22 percent increase from the same time last year, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

## City Hall's planning dept. likely to be overhauled

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experiences using the system.

For the past several months, the planning department has been criticized for being inefficient by residents, developers and business owners. They complain that getting what should be simple approvals costs them thousands of dollars in time and delayed plans.

But officials within the department, who defend themselves by saying they are short-staffed and encumbered by City Hall's complex laws and policies, hadn't until recently been ready to take action on fixing their problems.

That's because the City Council directed staff to address the issue and approved the contract with Matrix. Now there's a willingness to look at the inefficiencies and figure out how to reallocate the department's resources so it can run as effectively as possible.

"We are focusing on not accepting things the way we are," Goelitz told the group, adding there is a long list of issues that need to be addressed, including a lack of customer service, and policies created by the City Council, as well as other decisions it makes. "There are issues that are beyond staff control."

But there are many problems that are in staff's control, say those who use the system regularly.

Barry Cappilly, of Maya Design, said residents will lodge complaints about developments and planning staff will spend an inordinate amount of time checking them out — whether they are valid or not.

"It's obvious there is an abuse in the system," he said. "There is nobody in the middle to exercise any common sense."

Mario Fonda-Bonardi, a local architect for 25 years, said there are multiple problems within the planning department, including the amount of corrections to applications staff requires from developers. The result is months of delays and the effort usually ends up being done in vain.

"You essentially end up chasing your tail," he said. "The result in the end after correction after correction is that you can't correct it ... You take your best shot and you get beat up."

Fonda-Bonardi also said there is a complete lack of quality control in the system because each staff member interprets the codes differently. "There are some novel and original ideas about the

code," he said.

He also said there is no relationship between permit and application fees and services. Fees in the planning department have doubled in the past year, yet the process takes twice as long as it should, Fonda-Bonardi said.

**"It's obvious there is an abuse in the system."**

— BARRY CAPPILLY  
Maya Design

Cappilly added that in an effort to protect their co-workers' jobs, planning staff will honor their colleagues' decisions whether or not they are correct.

"When you are stuck, there is no recourse," he said. "Everybody is protecting the last guy there. There is no accountability."

Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Merchants Association, said when issues come up in his business district like outdoor sidewalk sales, or the Farmers' Market, staffers appear uninformed about the area.

"We end up dealing with people in those departments that are unfamiliar with the street," he said. "You get this blank stare because they don't know Main Street. My hunch is that it's city-wide."

Gordon suggested that orientations be held in different districts of the city a few times a year so the staff is familiar with all areas of Santa Monica.

Kathy Dodson, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, said policies handed down by government make the process difficult to navigate through and creates delays.

"Santa Monica seems to have extremely limited over-the-counter approvals," she said. "Everything is a long, laborious process ... many developers just want to get their projects to the City Council."

Goelitz said that issue, as well as the workload for the governing bodies, must be addressed.

"It takes two months to get on the Planning Commission agenda," he said, adding that will be an issue for the leaders in City Hall to deal with. "But what I am hearing from the staff, the (Architectural Review Board), the Planning Commission and the mayor and City Council is an openness to find new ideas."

### Average apartment rents in major Western markets

By The Associated Press

Below are average apartment rents in major Western markets, showing average March 31 rent for each metropolitan area, and the percentage change from 2003.

**San Francisco:** \$1,538 -1.6  
**Los Angeles:** \$1,355 +3.9  
**Orange County:** \$1,284 +3.2  
**San Jose:** \$1,278 -5.4  
**San Diego:** \$1,187 +4.0  
**Riverside/San Bernardino counties:** \$960 +6.2  
**Oakland:** \$1,178 -2.4

**Sacramento:** \$899 +2.6  
**Seattle:** \$859 +0.7  
**Denver:** \$856 +0.9  
**Reno:** \$761 +2.7  
**Las Vegas:** \$752 +1.2  
**Portland:** \$730 -2.0  
**Colorado Springs:** \$716 +2.9  
**Phoenix:** \$715 +0.4  
**Boise, Idaho:** \$698  
**Salt Lake City:** \$657 -0.2  
**Albuquerque:** \$645 +2.5  
**Tucson:** \$617 +1.0

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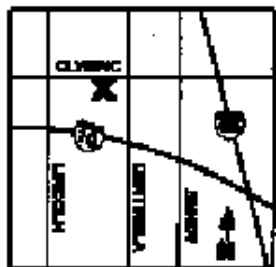
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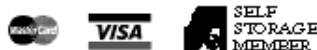
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## STATE

# Judge tells feds to back off from medical pot group

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A judge on Wednesday ordered the federal government to keep away from a California medical marijuana group that grows and distributes cannabis for its sick members.

The order by U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel in San Jose was the first interpretation of a federal appeals court decision here last year that ordered the federal government not to prosecute a sick Oakland woman who smoked marijuana with a doctor's recommendation under a 1996 California medical marijuana law.

Fogel ruled that the Justice Department cannot raid or prosecute the 250 members of the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, which sued the government after the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2002 raided its Santa Cruz County growing operation and seized 167 marijuana plants.

The group's director, Valerie Corral, said the group had been receiving and growing marijuana in secret since the raid out of fear of being prosecuted. But with Fogel's decision, the group intends on immediately planting hundreds of plants at Corral's one-acre property in the Santa Cruz hills.

"You better believe it we're gonna plant," Corral, who uses marijuana to alleviate epileptic seizures, said in a telephone interview. "I'm leaving now. It's amazing."

The Justice Department, which urged Fogel not to issue an injunction barring new raids or prosecutions, declined comment. Spokesman Charles Miller said the government was reviewing the decision.

The marijuana group asked Fogel to issue the injunction after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in December that a congressional act outlawing marijuana may not apply to sick people with a doctor's recommendation in states that have approved medical marijuana laws.

The San Francisco-based appellate court, ruling 2-1, wrote that prosecuting these medical marijuana users under a 1970 federal law is unconstitutional if the marijuana isn't sold, transported across state lines or used for nonmedical purposes.

"The intrastate, noncommercial cultivation, possession and use of marijuana for personal medical purposes on the advice of a physician is, in fact, different in kind from drug trafficking," Judge Harry Pregerson wrote for the 9th Circuit in December.

The court added that "this limited use is clearly distinct from the broader illicit drug market, as well as any broader commercial market for medical marijuana, insofar as the medical marijuana at issue in this case is not intended for, nor does it enter, the stream of commerce."

That decision was a blow to the Justice

Department, which argued that medical marijuana laws in nine states were trumped by the Controlled Substances Act, which outlawed marijuana, heroin and a host of other drugs nationwide. The Justice Department on Tuesday appealed that 9th Circuit decision to the Supreme Court.

The Controlled Substances Act, as applied to the Santa Cruz cooperative, Fogel wrote, "is an unconstitutional exercise" of federal intervention.

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— VALERIE CORRAL  
Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana

Fogel's decision, meanwhile, furthers the conflict between federal law and California's 1996 medical marijuana law, which allows people to grow, smoke or obtain marijuana for medical needs with a doctor's recommendation.

Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state have laws similar to California, which has been the focus of federal drug interdiction efforts. Agents have raided and shut down several medical marijuana growing clubs.

The 9th Circuit court, the nation's largest, does not have jurisdiction over Colorado and Maine.

Wednesday's decision, in addition to December's ruling, are outgrowths of a 2001 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. That year, the Supreme Court said that medical marijuana clubs could not dole out medical marijuana based on the so-called "medical necessity" of patients, even if they have a doctor's recommendation to use marijuana.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that an Oakland pot club could not defend its actions against federal drug laws by declaring it was dispensing marijuana to the medically needy.

But the justices said they addressed only the issue of a so-called "medical necessity defense" being at odds with the Controlled Substances Act that says marijuana, like heroin and LSD, has no medical benefits and cannot be dispensed or prescribed by doctors.

In the 2001 decision, Justice Thomas wrote that Supreme Court left several questions unresolved, including whether the government could interfere with the states to make their own medical marijuana laws.

"The Supreme Court had left this door open," said Gerald Uelmen, a scholar at the Santa Clara University School of Law who represented the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana.

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# Entertainment

## ‘13 Going On 30’ comes up short in a ‘big’ way

### Review

BY DAN DUNN  
Special to the Daily Press

Small screen siren Jennifer Garner stars in this comedy about a young girl who gets



Giuseppe Cristiano in "I'm Not Scared."

### Review

## ‘I’m Not Scared’ is nothing to be afraid of

BY DAN DUNN  
Special to the Daily Press

Academy Award-winning director Gabriele Salvatores ("Mediterraneo") makes powerful use of chiaroscuro, taut pacing and some damn fine performances to enchant and unhide us in this gorgeous, disturbing reflection on the loss of innocence. Though based on the novel by Niccolò Ammaniti, "I'm Not Scared" has the look and feel of something from the Stephen King oeuvre. Think "Stand by Me" meets "Pet Sematary," with subtitles. From the outset, director of photography Italo Petriccione uses the hypnotic beauty of Basilicata and Puglia, two of the southernmost regions of Italy, to lull us into reverie. But a shocking discovery by a young boy shatters all illusions of tranquility, and conjures childhood fears we only hoped we'd left behind.

It's the late 1970s and Michele (gifted newcomer Giuseppe Cristiano) is an inquisitive 10-year-old who enjoys reading comics and playing with his ragtag friends in the lush fields surrounding his tiny Sicilian village. One day while wandering alone near an abandoned house, he discovers a half-blind boy named Filippo (Mattia Di Piero) imprisoned in a hole in the ground beneath a piece of corrugated tin. At first Michele treats Filippo like a wounded animal he's charged with nursing back to health. But compassion soon leads to friendship, and Michele finds himself questioning how and why his secret companion is chained up in that hole. Tension mounts as he begins to draw a correlation between Filippo's plight and the increasingly peculiar behavior of his father and the other people of the village. When a television news report identifies Filippo as the kidnapped child of a wealthy Milanese woman, Michele realizes the awful truth about the adults he once trusted implicitly ... and must figure out a way to save Filippo and himself.

(Rated R for disturbing images and language. Running time: 108 minutes)

her wish to become an adult, only to discover that growing up fast — really, really fast — isn't all she'd hoped it would be. "13 Going on 30" has its moments, and will certainly appeal to its desired demographic (teenaged girls), but the movie is hampered by several conspicuous shortcomings, not the least of which is that it replaces one dubious lifestyle fantasy with another that is just as chancy. Plus, do we really need another film that reinforces the erroneous notion that career-minded single women are intrinsically contemptible? Director Gary Winick ("Tadpole") borrows a formula that Penny Marshall once used to help transform Tom Hanks from TV star to film icon, but despite an excellent performance by Garner, this film isn't good enough to be "Big" with boobs ... frankly, it's not even close.

Like most 13-year-old girls on the outside looking in, Jenna Rink (Christa B. Allen) just wants to be popular. She loves her best friend and neighbor Matt Flamhaff (Jack Salvatore, Jr.), but winds up shunning him because he's the sort of free-thinking lad who doesn't fit in with the "in" crowd. Jenna tries futilely to emulate. After a humiliating experience at her birthday party, Jenna whiffs a little pixie dust and — voila! — wakes up the next morning in a swanky Manhattan crib with the fully-developed body of Jennifer Garner. After the initial shock wears off, Jenna quickly realizes that her grown-up self — a successful, unscrupulous magazine editor — has her priorities way out of whack, and goes about setting things straight. The first order of



Jennifer Garner, center, in "13 Going on 30."

business is reconnecting with Matt (Mark Ruffalo), an easygoing photographer engaged to be married. Matt resists Jenna for about, oh, 30 seconds (Jennifer Garner, after all) and then it's just a matter of figuring out how to lose the fiancé without tarnishing his good-guy image. With Matt by her side, Jenna rediscovers what really matters in life — marriage, kids, a house in Jersey — and in the process melts the icy

hearts of her co-workers at Poise Magazine.

The soundtrack includes ditties by '80s staples Rick Springfield and the Go-Gos, with Michael Jackson's "Thriller" the hook upon which Winick hangs the movie's funniest scene.

(Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief drug references. Running time: 97 minutes)

## Jennifer Garner reflects on being young again

BY DAN DUNN  
Special to the Daily Press

Several thoughts occur while watching Jennifer Garner transform herself from TV star to bona fide big screen draw in the new motion picture "13 Going On 30," among them: Whatever happened to the other girl from "Dude, Where's My Car?" And just what is it that separates the Jennifer Garners from the Marla Sokoloffs of Hollywood? How in the world does stardom happen?

But the longer you sit watching Garner inhabit the screen with an effortlessness that suggests she was born up there, the more you come to realize that actors like her shine brighter than the rest because they can't help it. She is what she is, and what she is, is a star. As for the whereabouts of Ms. Sokoloff, who played Wilma to Garner's Wanda in "Dude," well, that's a question better left unasked at a press junket roundtable. The following queries, though, passed muster.

**QUESTION:** How did you go about getting in touch with your inner child for this film?

**JENNIFER GARNER:** I think we're all pretty much in touch with our inner 13-year-old, even if we're not willing to admit it to ourselves. She's probably closer to the surface for me than she is for most people. When I was deciding whether or not to take this role, the cast and crew of "Alias" were, like, don't be ridiculous. You're 30 while the camera rolls, and 13 as soon as they say "cut." So I might as well get a paycheck for being who I really am.



Jennifer Garner

**Q:** Who wouldn't want to get paid to act like a kid again, right?

**JG:** For me it was about riding the line between having fun with it, and finding truth in it. I hung out with a lot of 13-year-olds. I had a sleepover with a bunch of girls, and we stayed up, did the Ouija board, watched movies and did makeup and ate gross food. And they reminded me of how sophisticated your average 13-year-old is, and how capable and adept and smart they are.

**Q:** "13 Going on 30" employs a plot device that's been used again and again, most successfully in "Big." What do you think makes these types of movies so appealing?

**JG:** It's an element of fantasy we've all experienced — to switch places, to check out the other side, to see if the grass is really greener over there. Every (wish-fulfillment)

film brings up something different, and in this case, the wish is much more about what can I do over, how can I repair my life, and what can I do going forward. The wish to simply be older is really a very small part of the movie.

**Q:** Your character, Jenna, wakes up big one day and has everything she thinks she ever wanted — a glamorous job, fabulous friends, and a really cool apartment. What did you wish for when you were her age?

**JG:** I wasn't wishing at 13 to be famous, and I didn't have stars in my eyes about this world. Living in West Virginia, it seemed like "Happy Days" was made on another planet. Never once did I watch it and think, oh, I want to do that. Whereas, if a traveling show of "Annie" came to town, I was dying to be up on stage with those kids. That, if anything, seemed like more of a possibility to me.

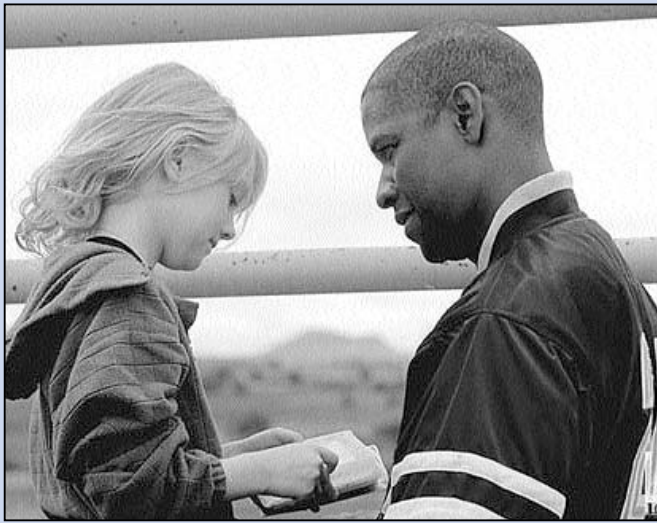
**Q:** But you did become famous. When your career first started breaking, were you concerned — being a small-town girl — about the trappings of celebrity?

**JG:** I always knew that the downside of wanting to do what I did would be the loss of privacy, but to me, every job has two sides to the coin. My little sister sometimes finds her job tedious. My older sister has to travel outside the country and leave her son. There's not a job in the world that does not have some sort of dirty diaper element.

**Q:** What soils your Pampers about this gig then?

**JG:** My job has a fantasy element to it, but it isn't a fantasy, it's a job. There's a very bizarre downside to this job, but it is what it is.

## ENTERTAINMENT



Dakota Fanning and Denzel Washington in "Man on Fire."

## Denzel is on fire in latest film

## Review

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

The only thing that gets hit harder than the Mexican bad guys in director Tony Scott's no-holds-barred revenge thriller is Mexican tourism. As portrayed in "Man on Fire," our neighbor to the south isn't the sort of place anyone, save perhaps the most twisted member of the Soprano crime family, would ever want to visit. Scott's Mexico City is a dreary, corrupt and fantastically violent place where the children of the upper crust are being snatched seemingly every hour by ruthless kidnappers in cahoots with dirty cops.

When we meet the titular character, John Creasy (Denzel Washington), he ain't burning, he's just burnt out. Creasy's ex-CIA, one of those old soldiers that richly populate this genre, whose murderous professional past has come back to haunt him one gulp of whiskey at a time (Jack Daniels scored the product placement deal here). His friend Rayburn, (the always entertaining Christopher Walken), throws the suicidal Creasy a lifeline in the form of a gig bodyguarding the daughter of a jittery Mexican industrialist played by singing sensation Marc Anthony. In little Pita (Dakota Fanning of "I Am Sam") Creasy predictably finds a *raison d'être*, so you can bet he's mighty perturbed when — after about an hour or so of adventures in babysitting — the girl gets snatched from

right under his nose by a band of abductors whose mysterious ringleader goes by the moniker, "The Voice." While Creasy recovers from gunshot wounds, Pita is purportedly executed by her captors in the wake of a botched rescue effort in which \$10 million in ransom goes missing.

Once he's healthy enough to get out of bed, we see that all Pita's tenderizing was for naught as Creasy methodically exacts vengeance on anyone and everyone involved in her kidnapping. With eerie dispassion, he shoots his way into the heart of the crime syndicate with his crosshairs always itching for "The Voice."

"He's an artist of death," Rayburn tells an investigator, "and he's about to paint his masterpiece." And, whew, is it ever messier than anything Jackson Pollock churned out. The sadistic nature of Creasy's handiwork — in one scene he slices off a villain's fingers one-by-one with a pen knife — would be flat-out satiric if it weren't for Washington's deadly-serious delivery. Unlike the brute Washington played in "Training Day," Creasy's is a controlled rage, yet there's never any mistaking our hero's composure for a lack of ferocity. Throughout the film Scott uses lots of stylistic camera work and jumpy edits to convey disquietude, but with the way Washington burns here, the assist isn't necessary. In "Man on Fire," the star kills.

(Rated R for language and strong violence. Running time: 142 minutes.)



## "Get A Life ... A Nightlife, That Is"

BY THOMAS YOUNG & MAUREEN TOBIN  
Special to the Daily Press

## Review

Here are two notable food quotes:

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■ Once upon a time, Finn McCool's in Santa Monica, was but a dream of Gerri Gilliland, the daughter of an Irish pub owner. In a lush green land rich in history, where myth and reality sometimes merge into one and music, dance, food and drink make the heart sing, you will find Ireland. Gilliland's father retired after a generation of owning a pub in Ireland. It's where Gilliland learned to pull pints of Guinness before she was 10. She answered her vision by shipping the whole kit and caboodle — timber by timber to Santa Monica, where Finn McCool's was born in February of 2002 and is Irish to the bone, right down to the teak bar, chairs and cushions. One of LA's most impressive personas, Gilliland is a chef, teacher, author, caterer and restaurateur, with many successful restaurant establishments under her belt. She is the co-author of "Grills & Greens," a cookbook nominated for the honorable James Beard Award.

Zagat rated, Finn McCool's is downright Irish charming and you'll find a clientele that calls Finn's their "local" hangout and for good reason. Grab a bite and a pint, socialize with friends, meet new ones and enjoy delightful Irish musicians performing traditional ballads.

Ninety-eight of the staff is genuine Irish. David Caughey, the general manager, was imported from Ireland not long ago and he has more than enough charisma and smarts to keep Finn McCool's hopping at all times. Get ready for a big menu. Besides traditional Irish faire, there is a large selection of other items to satisfy all food-palette tastes. The corned beef and cabbage is served with their own delicious cured corned beef and is served brimming over the plate. The "All Day Irish Breakfast," which overflows with Irish bacon, sausage, Irish potato cakes, sautéed mushrooms, eggs, and Irish soda bread is enough to make the real man in you happy. For dessert, we shared the bread pudding soaked in Irish whiskey. Wicked. There is a full selection of imported beers and an impressive selection of world drinks. A uni-

versal crowd of all ages consider this their special meeting place. On a Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. this place was packed, by 6 p.m. it was jammed. Irish music plays on Sunday at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 8 p.m. to about 11 p.m.. On Sunday, the musicians sit around a big booth playing, performing their favorites. Singer and songwriter Damian Joyce entertains Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. P.J. Smith and Simon & Sid perform for your pleasure on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Comedy happens on the second Monday of every month. Finn McCool's serves from noon every day.

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■ Westwood conjures up images of a hub-bub of shops and shopping, first-run movies, eats, bookstore browsing, people watching, UCLA, and the Gardens On Glendon. Here are instructions for dealing with Westwood. Get there. Park. Plan your time so that when you escape the crowds and duck into the Gardens On Glendon, it is the last thing you do that evening. This is a place you will want to linger and loiter. Life moves fast in Los Angeles, so you will desire to be in a place where time stops for a moment.

Superbly situated, luxurious yet unpretentious, the Gardens On Glendon beckon with its verdant backdrop and magical setting. Everyone loves it here from entertainment and business barons to students, voyeurs, celebrities, locals and travelers. It's no wonder. This is a Marilyn and Harry Lewis place. They are the founders/creators of the Hamburger Hamlets and consistently have the golden touch. Are you planning a party? Do it here, it's sure to impress. Many famous people have their soirees here. The menu at Gardens on Glendon is all American comfort and California cuisine with an excellent wine selection. Each and every dish has the masters' blessing. But part of the baton is being passed to the manager Adam Lewis who has the same demanding standards and incurable enthusiasm as his parents. For starters, try the sardines bruschetta. How many fine restaurants do you know that serve sardines? They are so fresh and delightful. You could easily make a meal on the tasty appetizers. You must try the guacamole, made tableside, of course. Baby-back pork ribs anyone? Look around to make sure that no one is watching, then lick every juicy morsel off the bones and your fingers. The grilled spicy salmon is an incurable treat, some of the best salmon we've ever had. Fish and chips anyone? Not in any way ordinary. A light, creamy ending to all this divinity is the silken-sweet rice pudding. The Gardens is sumptuous, yet very comfortable and therein lies its secret. You just won't want to leave. It's that good. Open every day for lunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch.

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## NATIONAL

# Western states prepares for return of killer virus

BY DAN D'AMBROSIO  
Associated Press Writer

**DELTA, Colo.** — Bouncing along in his truck, Keith Lucy turns down a rain-slickened dirt road and drives past several modest homes on the outskirts of this western Colorado town.

He stops next to a cattail marsh, where weathered, broken-down corrals and rusting farm equipment speak of better days. The environmental health officer for Delta County climbs out to peer at the marsh water, which is still, soupy and glistening with liquefied organic matter.

Perfect. No mosquito larvae. Yet.

But the insects are shaking off the winter cold in Colorado and other parts of the West. With them comes another season of the West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne killer that has infected thousands of people since the first domestic case turned up in New York in 1999.

For two-thirds of the country, the crisis has largely passed as the virus sweeps westward. But battle plans are being drawn up by health officials from the apple orchards of western Colorado to the California coast, all of them hoping to lessen the blow from a virus that has no cure.

Heading into this season, the virus is blamed for 564 U.S. deaths over the past five years. Incredibly, 546 of those deaths — 97 percent — have come in the last two years.

Carried afar by birds bitten by infected mosquitoes, the virus hasn't yet hit the West hard, except in Colorado. But few states are waiting.

Wyoming has earmarked \$1.7 million for mosquito-control programs, up sharply from \$387,000 last year. In Arizona, officials have doubled the budget for surveillance and testing.

In California, the most populous state, mosquito districts have begun work earlier than usual in expanded areas of the state. Sentinel flocks of chickens were tested through the winter, and the virus was found for the first time in Ventura County earlier this year.

On the western slopes of the Rockies, where orchards hug the river bottoms and cattle ranches are nestled against pastel mesas, there is fear that Colorado could again be ground zero after leading the nation with 2,947 of 9,858 overall cases last year — and 61 of 262 deaths.

Experts say the virus tends to be at its worst in its second year in a region. That could mean a long, deadly summer in places like Delta County, where scarce resources are being stretched thin to battle the bugs.

The marsh Lucy and mosquito control officer Jim Terrazas are looking at is directly behind a park popular with the locals for picnics and fishing.

"This is classic," Lucy said of the proximity of prime mosquito breeding ground to people.

Half the marsh is owned by a Denver man who doesn't want mosquito control officers on his land. The rest is owned by a local who has given his consent for the use of larvicide, which kills soon-to-be mosquitoes.

That leaves Terrazas with a quandary.

What good does it do to treat half the torpid water and not the other?

"It's a waste of taxpayer money," he said.

The difficulty of stopping the disease is hard to overstate. The tiniest amount of standing water can be breeding territory for a mosquito — sagging gutters, sewers and bird baths, abandoned tires, even an upturned bottle cap.

Lucy moves on to the Escalante State Wildlife Area along the Gunnison River, where there is plenty of stagnant water from irrigation runoff in ditches and bottomland depressions. Refuge officials would like to flood the banks of the river to help pike and chub, two endangered species of fish.

"Pike and chub need flooded grasslands," wildlife area manager Mike Zeman explains. "The fish have a short time to swim into backwaters and spawn. When the water recedes they get back into the river."

Zeman won't allow adulticide — a pesticide designed to kill adult mosquitoes that is often spread through machine-generated fog clouds — on the 7,500-acre refuge.

"Fogging is nonselective," he said. "You're hitting all kinds of insects and we have all kinds of birds who feed on those insects."

Lucy looks a little stunned, and a little concerned.

"Their primary focus is on wildlife habitat, but mosquitoes breed here and they don't stay here," Lucy said.

The Meecham Building is a dilapidated warehouse near downtown Grand Junction, the biggest city in western Colorado and just 50 miles northwest of Delta. Dim light illuminates a jumble of chairs, file cabinets, shelving and other flotsam.

"This is the war room, I guess," said Steve DeFeyer, director of environmental health for the Mesa County Health Department.

The room holds more than 10 tons of larviciding agents, poison meant to kill baby mosquitos. The county spent a little more than \$102,000 on larviciding agents this year. The total budget for mosquito control is pegged at about \$160,000, four times the amount spent last year.

The battle will be joined on many fronts, including the catch basins below more than 3,000 city storm drains — a favorite egg-laying site for the culex tarsalis mosquito, a primary transmitter of the virus.

City crews will soon begin dropping cork-shaped larvicide "briquettes" through storm drains. They'll have to revisit the drains every month through October.

Crews of backpack sprayer-wearing college students will fan out to spread larvicide in city detention ponds, DeFeyer said. They'll also hit practice fields and parks where watering leaves pools of

water, golf course ponds, and pastures and farmland.

"You try to target the major spots, the hot spots," DeFeyer said. "It comes down to a numbers game."

DeFeyer figures the United States was ripe for this type of viral outbreak. Scientists are unsure how the West Nile virus made the jump from Africa and the Middle East to New York, but it's no mystery how it spread from there.

"The bottom line is that these birds migrate, mix and fly back north in the spring," DeFeyer said. "As they do that eventually it works its way west. The birds follow the natural migratory pathways, which in the West are river corridors."

"Of course, people live along these rivers and there are mosquitoes along these irrigated river bottoms," he said.

Mesa County Health Department spokeswoman Kristy Westerman puts it this way: "It's kind of like a tidal wave."

By attacking larvae with primarily organic poisons, health officials are trying to avoid having to kill adult mosquitoes, which can mean fogging and aerial spraying with Malathion, a toxic chemical known to cause illness and genetic mutations.

Last year, residents in nearby Paonia protested a plan to spray the chemical because of health concerns. Someone bombed a warehouse where Malathion was being stored. The bomber was never identified and no one was hurt, but health officials took note.

"It was a not-so-subtle message that this is not the way you want to control mosquitos here," Lucy said. "If you're on the no-spray, no-pesticide side, you're not going to allow Malathion to be used. That's the dilemma we're in."

Lucy and his colleagues are also waging their battle on a budget of just \$25,000.

"You get as much public health as you want to buy," said Bonnie Koehler, the deputy director of the Delta County health department. "If you want to give me a hundred thousand dollars, I can give you the George Lucas mosquito control plan the likes of which you have never seen."

The public is being enlisted in the war against larvae, encouraged in a statewide campaign — "Fight the Bite" — to remove standing water wherever they find it and to treat water in ornamental ponds, fountains and livestock water tanks with larvicide.

Still, DeFeyer will begin trapping mosquitoes and sampling catch basins in Grand Junction for larvae next month to determine how well the war is going. He has also laid the groundwork for an adulticide campaign, if necessary.

"Nobody wants to get into that because it raises such controversy," DeFeyer said. "But if it gets to a public health emergency, then it's the only option you have left to protect the public health."

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## NATIONAL



# How states are preparing for the expected comeback of West Nile Virus

By The Associated Press

State by state preparations for the West Nile virus season in states across the West:

**ARIZONA:** Had 13 human cases and one death in 2003. A warm spring is jump-starting the population of mosquitoes. Health officials have doubled surveillance and testing budgets, and the state is spending about \$20,000 on radio warnings. Mosquito testing began earlier than last year.

**CALIFORNIA:** Had three human cases but no deaths in 2003. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned that California could be an epicenter of this year's virus season. The number of "sentinel flocks" of chickens has increased from 170 in 2000 to 226 today. Mosquito control districts began work early this year, adding employees and expanding to additional areas. Virus detected for first time in Ventura County.

**COLORADO:** Led the nation with 2,947 cases and 61 deaths in 2003, many of them on the eastern Front Range. Western half of the state is bracing for a spike in cases this year. Health officials have begun aggressive larviciding campaign in hopes of avoiding the necessity of killing adult mosquitoes with aerial fogging, a controversial measure.

**IDAHO:** Had one human case but no deaths in 2003. Independent mosquito control districts are working with health districts across the state.

**MONTANA:** Had 228 human cases and four deaths in 2003. Officials have stepped up efforts to monitor birds and mosquitoes because horses are no longer a reliable measure of where and when the disease will emerge, thanks to vaccine. Most counties have boosted larviciding campaigns. Virus expected to cross Continental Divide into western Montana this year.

**NEVADA:** No human cases reported ever. State is relying on chicken flocks to warn them of virus activity and officials are warning horse owners to vaccinate their animals. Churchill County is clearing vegetation along miles of canals and ditches and the Clark County Health District in Las Vegas is updating its health Web site with warnings about the virus.

**NEW MEXICO:** Had 209 human cases, including the state's first, and four deaths last year. State health officials

are planning educational campaigns for cities, counties and local groups, and a training course on various viruses for pest control experts.

**OREGON:** No human cases reported ever. Officials predict the virus will arrive in the state this year, probably in a mild form. Mosquito control districts covering about one-third of the state are larviciding. The districts will target adult mosquitoes if they get out of control, or if rain leaves a lot of standing water.

**UTAH:** Had at least one human case but no deaths in 2003. Health officials are asking for the public's help in reporting dead birds and keeping their yards free of standing water to prevent the spread of the virus. Agriculture officials have identified 10 counties with little or no mosquito control efforts that could qualify for \$500,000 in state aid.

**WASHINGTON:** No human cases reported ever, though state health officials expected infections last year after finding wildlife with the virus the year before. The Department of Ecology has developed management practices for mosquito control districts. State health officials will soon begin testing dead birds to monitor for the disease.

**WYOMING:** Had 392 human cases and nine deaths in 2003. Officials have earmarked \$1.7 million for mosquito-control programs throughout the state this year, concentrating on larviciding. So far, 28 local governments, agencies and districts have been granted \$1.2 million from the fund, up from \$387,000 awarded in all of last year. Some companies have pledged to help stop mosquitoes from breeding in ponds created by methane drilling.

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## NATIONAL

# Western attorney generals oppose push for exemptions

BY JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration hasn't demonstrated the need to further ease environmental laws in the name of military readiness, five Western attorneys general told Congress Wednesday.

Attorneys general of California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Washington state submitted a statement to two House subcommittees opposing any further relaxation of environmental standards for the military. Idaho's and Utah's attorneys general are Republicans; the other three are Democrats.

They said the Defense Department has not identified any conflicts between military readiness and three laws from which it wants exemptions "and we are not aware of any."

"We think that the likelihood of future conflicts is small," they said in their statement to the House Energy and Commerce air quality and hazardous materials subcommittees.

In the last two years, Congress has approved five of eight exemptions from environmental laws requested by the Pentagon. The Defense Department and the Environmental Protection Agency have been working together to develop ways of making the remaining three requests more palatable to lawmakers.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," Rep. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said during a hearing on the issue. "Is this really about readiness, or is it about another opportunity for environmental rollbacks by the Bush administration?"

The Pentagon wants the Clean Air Act amended so any extra air pollution from training exercises wouldn't count for three years in states' plans for meeting federal requirements. States also could require cuts from other sources, such as power plants, rather than make the military reduce its pollution.

Other changes sought by the military have to do with

toxic waste laws, and what defense officials describe as cleanups resulting only from munitions used for normal purposes during training exercises on 525 operational range complexes nationwide.

"They remain essential to military readiness and range sustainment and are as important this year as they were last year — maybe more so," Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, told the House panels.

Republicans generally backed the Pentagon's request. "Today's bureaucratic red tape does impede training," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif.

"If it's a close call," said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., "the military has to be able to make its case, and make it in a way that doesn't slow up its training."

The General Accounting Office said in a 2002 report that it found little evidence to support the Bush adminis-

tration's claims that environmental laws hamper military training. And last year, then-EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said she couldn't recall any training missions scrapped or delayed due to environmental regulations.

Among the military's previous requests granted by Congress were to lower the threshold for what is considered harassment of a marine mammal, and fewer requirements for setting aside areas to help recovery of species of plants and animals that could vanish.

Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., expressed concern about contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, the largest Marine base on the East Coast. It potentially affects Marines and their families who lived in base housing between 1968 and 1985, when the wells contaminated with solvents and other organic compounds and pollution were closed.

"Trust is absolutely essential when one asks for these exemptions," Burr said of the Pentagon's requests.

## NTSB says crack in wing support caused fatal 2002 air tanker crash

By The Associated Press

**LONGMONT, Colo.** — An 18-inch crack in a wing support caused the fatal crash of a World War II-era plane fighting a 2002 wildfire in northern Colorado, federal safety inspectors say.

The privately owned PB4Y-2 crashed July 18, 2002, while lining up for a retardant drop on the 4,413-acre fire near Pinewood Springs. The 47-year-old plane broke apart and burst into flames, killing pilots Rick Schwartz of Ulm, Mont., and Milton

Stollak of Cathedral City, Calif.

The National Transportation Safety Board report confirmed a similar conclusion reached last year by the Forest Service.

"There was an 18-inch crack in the wing spar that caused the wing to finally let go. Those are the facts," said David Bowling, the regional director of the NTSB and the lead crash investigator.

Wing spars are the structural skeleton that support the outer metal skin of the wing. The wings also

contained the plane's fuel tanks, which blocked the crack from view, investigators said.

Following the crash and the fatal crash a month earlier of a firefighting C-130A in California, the Forest Service grounded those types of planes. That grounding affected 11 planes, or 25 percent of the fleet.

Earlier, NTSB investigators said mechanical failure probably caused a helicopter crash during the same fire that killed pilot Gordon Knight, 52 of Boulder.



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## High Court considers future of Mexican trucks on U.S. roads

BY GINA HOLLAND  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — A Bush administration lawyer told the Supreme Court Wednesday that the president must be able to open America's roads to Mexican trucks without delays for an environmental study.

But a lawyer for labor and environmental organizations cautioned justices that "we're talking about tens of thousands of trucks" packing U.S. roads after a two-decade moratorium ends.

Some of those trucks are older and may be pollution-causing safety hazards, said the organizations' lawyer, Jonathan Weissglass.

The 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement signed by the United States, Mexico and Canada allowed Mexican trucks to eventually access U.S. roads. Trucks are limited now to commercial border zones, while details are sorted out.

President Bush ordered opening all roads to the trucks in 2002, but the dispute

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has been tied up in courts.

"It has frustrated the president's ability to comply with NAFTA," justices were told by government lawyer Edwin Kneedler.

He said presidents are "responsible for foreign relations and foreign trade" decisions and they should not be second-guessed.

It was the Supreme Court's second case in two days on the subject of presidential authority. Justices heard arguments Tuesday in an appeal dealing with presidential powers in wartime, in the indefinite detentions of more than 600 men from 44 countries at a military camp in Cuba.

The Mexican trucks case presents a

technical question about rules for agencies that are following a president's orders. The agency in question in this case is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

An appeals court ruled that the agency should have studied the potential short- and long-term effect of trucks on air quality, at a cost of \$1.8 million, and ordered the government to conduct the study.

Kneedler said the nationwide analysis was not relevant to the agency's limited role in the border opening.

The study has been underway while the Bush administration fights the decision at the Supreme Court.

Several justices said Wednesday that it is inevitable that the trucks will be

allowed — regardless of the findings of the environmental review.

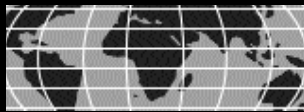
Weissglass said that the study could be used to restrict truck access and better control pollution.

He represents the Teamsters, consumer group Public Citizen and others in the case. They are supported by public health groups and the states of California, Arizona, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

The Bush administration told justices in a filing that the dispute affects millions of border crossings each year, at a potential cost of billions of dollars to U.S. ally Mexico.

Justice Antonin Scalia raised concerns Wednesday about routine agency actions being held up with requests for environmental studies.

Justice Stephen Breyer said that critics of the border opening do not have a problem with Mexico, but with the impact on the environment.



## WORLD BRIEFLY

### 'Most-wanted' drug smuggler nabbed

By The Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY** — A Guatemalan man described by U.S. authorities as Central America's most-wanted drug smuggler was captured by Mexican agents at the capital's airport in an arrest officials here hailed as important for the hemisphere.

Otto Herrera, a 39-year-old Guatemalan trucking company boss, did not resist when federal authorities seized him at Mexico City's Juarez International Airport on Wednesday as he met a woman identified as his girlfriend who had arrived on a flight from Guadalajara, Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said.

Mexico made the arrest at the request of U.S. authorities who had offered a \$5 million reward for his capture, Macedo de la Concha said. Herrera faces U.S. charges of drug trafficking and organized crime, as well as similar charges in Guatemala.

Authorities accuse Herrera of building a gang that used a small army of pilots, speedboat operators and truck drivers to move Colombian cocaine through Panama, Guatemala and Mexico en route to U.S. streets.

### CBS airs Diana's crash photos

By The Associated Press

**LONDON** — British media and associates of Princess Diana expressed anger Thursday after CBS broadcast photos of the dying princess taken moments after a car accident.

The Guardian newspaper said the U.S. network had decided to "plumb new depths of prurience in the Princess Diana industry."

CBS' "48 Hours" program showed two black-and-white pictures taken by paparazzi at the scene of the Aug. 31, 1997 accident in Paris. Diana died hours later. Her companion, Dodi Fayed, and chauffeur Henri Paul also were killed.

CBS said the pictures were included in a confidential French investigators' file on the accident. No major media outlet had previously run pictures of the injured princess, although several are believed to have been offered for sale.

Britain's tabloid newspapers gave the story prominent, outraged coverage on Thursday. "Fury at TV photo of dying Diana," said the Daily Mail.

"U.S. TV shows Diana dying," ran a front-page headline in The Daily Mirror. In an editorial, the newspaper said showing the "vile images" had been "horribly offensive."

### Michael Jackson indicted by grand jury

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Michael Jackson has been indicted by a grand jury investigating child molestation allegations against the pop star after three weeks of closed witness testimony, according to news reports.

The Santa Barbara News-Press cited county sources late Wednesday but had no details about the indictments, nor was there any official confirmation or announcement.

Three other newspapers and three television networks also cited unidentified sources saying the Santa Barbara County grand jury had indicted Jackson.

Grand jury indictments are usually secret until a defendant is arraigned. A judge has issued a gag order

that prohibits attorneys on both sides from discussing the case with the media.

Four months ago, county prosecutors charged Jackson with seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child under the age of 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent, reportedly wine. Jackson pleaded innocent in January and has been free on \$3 million bail.

Jackson's legal team issued a statement Wednesday saying the singer will plead innocent during his scheduled April 30 arraignment if the grand jury issues an indictment. The statement did not confirm that an indictment has been handed down.

### Twister kills eight

By The Associated Press

**UTICA, Ill.** — When a twister tore through this small town, people bolted for the safest places they could find — for some, it was the basement of a local tavern, housed in a century-old building.

But the foundation beneath the Milestone Tap was made of sandstone, and authorities say the rock crumbled under the tornado's power, killing eight people. Rescue workers found their bodies Wednesday among the ruins of the country-western-themed watering hole. Nine people were rescued alive.

Several people from a nearby trailer park were among those who sought shelter Tuesday night in the basement of the Milestone, Mayor Fred Esmond said.

The building's crumbling sandstone foundation had slowed rescuers' efforts as they gingerly dug through the sandy rubble. Rescue workers used listening devices as they combed through the building's remains.

Authorities were not aware of anyone else missing after the tornado, which turned other buildings into piles of brick and splintered wood in the town about 90 miles southwest of Chicago.



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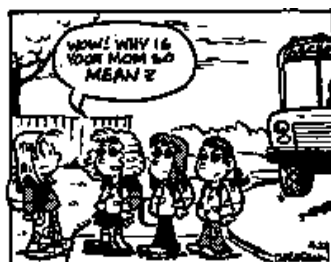
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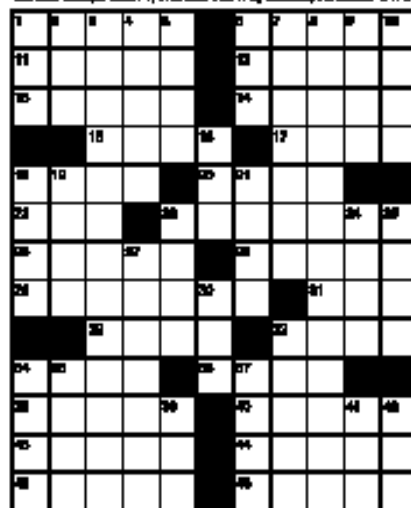
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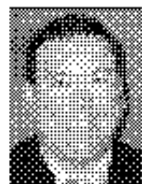
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