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'Widows' trial may face delay

Golay case could be put off following motion to dismiss

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA Sleep deprivation might further postpone the case of a murderous Santa Monica landlord.

Alleging that his client was deprived of sufficient rest during the preliminary hearings in March, the defense attorney for Helen Golay — who stands accused of murdering two homeless men in an elaborate insurance scam — filed a motion to dismiss the case against the 76-year-old woman on April 3.

"She wasn't able to get much rest," said attorney Roger Jon Diamond on Tuesday.

Golay and codefendant Olga Rutterschmidt, 74, are expected to meet again in court this morning for their pre-trial.

The motion to dismiss states that Golay was denied her right to due process as outlined under the United States and California constitutions, and her right to a fair preliminary hearing under California Penal Code.

Golay, a former Ocean Park property owner, and her alleged accomplice Rutterschmidt are charged with the murders of Paul Vados and Kenneth McDavid, who were killed in separate yet similar hit-and-run incidents in 1999 and 2005, respectively.

Investigators believe the elderly duo befriended the two men when they were still homeless, setting them up in apartments and gaining their trust. The women then allegedly convinced Vados and McDavid to sign them onto their life insurance policies before they were killed.

Today's expected brief pre-trial will give all parties an opportunity to tie up any loose ends before the case goes to trial, including discussing possible court dates, determining whether any more motions will be filed and to iron out any discovery issues.

The trial is tentatively scheduled to commence on May 23, but the date could be postponed on Friday if Judge Curtis Rappe grants Diamond's motion to dismiss. The hearing will be held at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Another motion to dismiss could also be heard on Friday. Rutterschmidt's defense attorney, public defender Michael

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ALL FOR THE BIRDS

Local health officials scramble to discover cause of recent mass deaths

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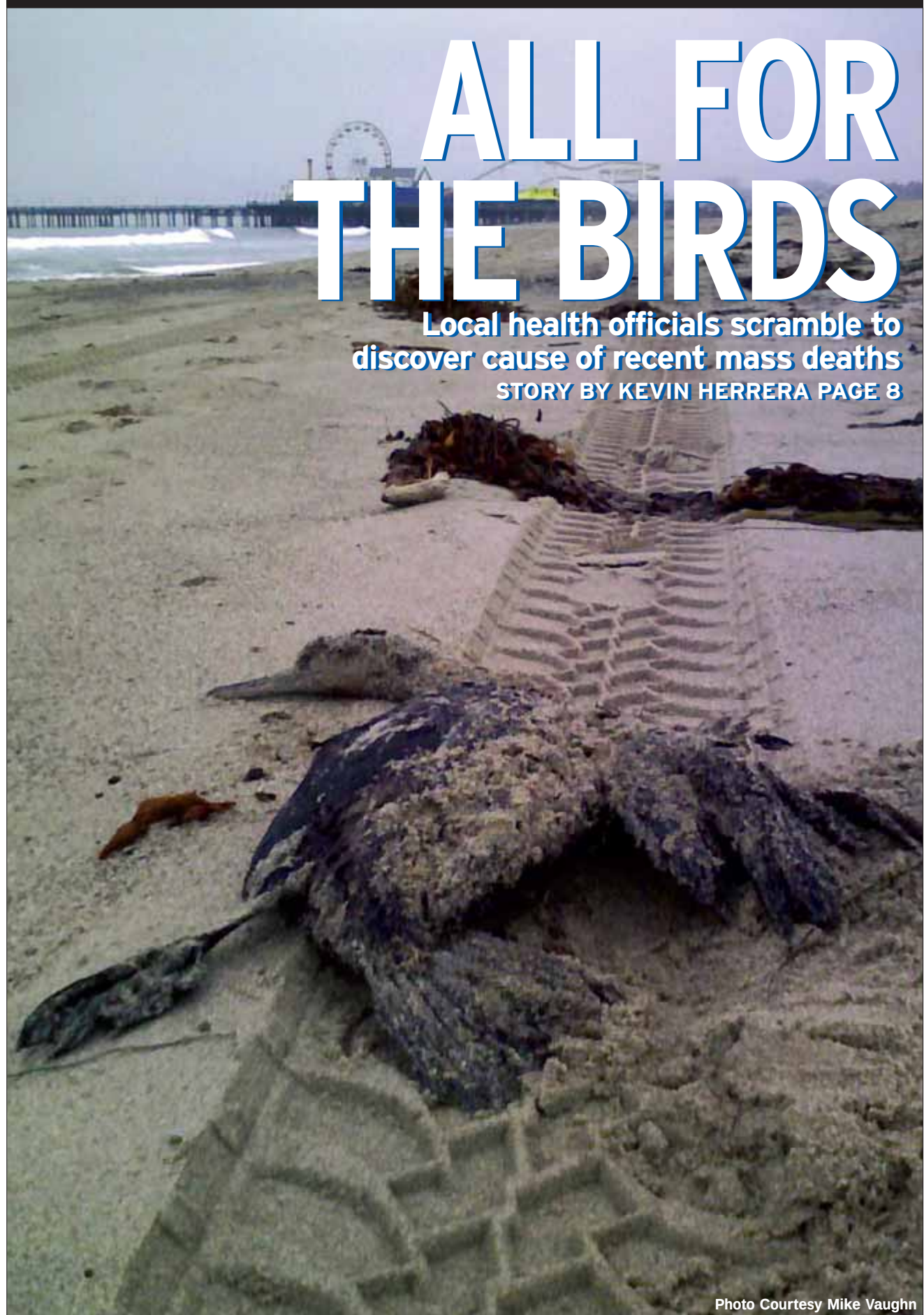


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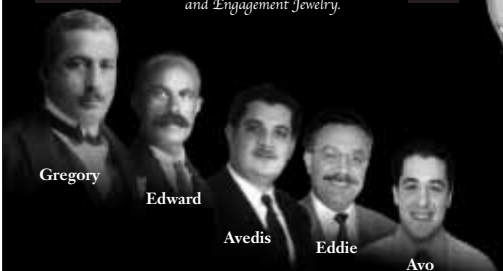
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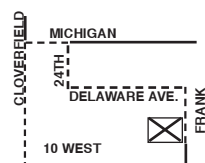


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Montana Avenue Branch presents an afternoon series of recently released DVDs.
The first film in the series is 'For Your Consideration,' a satire directed by
Christopher Guest about a low-budget indie film receiving Oscar buzz. The screening
is free and open to the public. Popcorn and beverages will be served.

Malibu Pier Sportfishing

23000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, 6 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Half-day Sportfishing boat excursions will depart from the Malibu Pier seven days
a week through May 31. Boats will depart at 6 a.m. and noon from Wednesday
through Monday; weather permitting. On Tuesdays one trip will depart at 6 a.m.
Ticket prices are \$37.50 for all ages. The excursions last approximately 5 1/2 hours.
A galley onboard will provide food and beverages for purchase. Fishing equipment is
available for rent. For more information and reservations, call (310) 456-8031.

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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turned away for lack of funds. To reserve your space today, call Anna Cummins
at (310) 458-8716, ext. 1 or e-mail her at Cumminsanna@smc.edu.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers
at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

Thursday, May 3, 2007

St. Monica High School's Spring Concert

1030 Lincoln Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

St. Monica's Performing Arts students will perform at Cantwell Auditorium.
Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$2 for senior or students.

Her Story Breast Cancer Program

530 W. Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Attend this educational program and learn from women who are living their lives
and partnering with their health care team to make proactive choices in the care
and management of their breast cancer. This event is free. Light refreshments pro-
vided. People who plan to attend are asked to register by calling (866) 631-6280.

'89.9 KCRW Presents ...'

23825 Stuart Ranch Rd., Malibu, 6:30 p.m. — midnight

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for Califone with Special Guest Eric Johnson of the Fruit
Bats and The One AM Radio. This is an all-ages show. Tickets are \$20. To purchase
tickets, call (310) 456-6722 or visit www.malibuperformingartscenter.com.

'America, Unite in Prayer'

1685 Main St., 6:30 a.m. — 8:30 a.m.

The 17th annual public observance of the National Day of Prayer in Santa Monica
will be held on the front lawn of Santa Monica City Hall. Prayers will be offered for
community and national leaders, the armed forces, the family, personal renewal,
and churches and ministry organizations. An optional light breakfast will begin at
6:30 a.m. on the City Hall lawn. The suggested donation is \$5. Free parking is
available at nearby Santa Monica Place mall. For further information, telephone
(310) 656-5221.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments,
dog snacks and play time. For more information call (310) 392-4300.

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.

CORRECTION

In the Stray Talk feature in the April 28-29 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press,
the quote "I regret this airport is called Santa Monica Airport," should have been attrib-
uted to City Councilman Kevin McKeown.



Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

OUT AND ABOUT: Cancer survivor Phyllis Siegel, captain of her Relay for Life team, and her service dog 'Poochie' help "Paint the Town Purple" on Tuesday at the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday. Team members were seeking sponsors and support for the annual benefit run.

The color purple joins cancer fight

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, SM About 15 miles west of the immigration protests in Downtown Los Angeles, a small group of people were busy fighting another battle in a different downtown.

On a warm and sunny May Day, volunteers with the Relay for Life of Santa Monica were canvassing the Third Street Promenade, going in and out of shops and restaurants to enlist businesses to hang a poster for their upcoming fundraiser.

Relay for Life is an annual 24-hour event to raise awareness about cancer and to raise money for cancer research. Participants split into teams and send different representatives to be present on the track at all times. Each round is dedicated to survivors, caregivers, family members and so forth.

This year's event will be held from July 28 to 29 at John Adams Middle School.

For about five hours on Tuesday, these volunteers conversed with business owners and managers, trying to raise awareness for their summer relay event, the largest fundraiser hosted by the American Cancer Society. In many cases, these volunteers were unsuccessful as many of the stores along the promenade are owned by corporations and requests to hang posters on the store walls will require permission from the corporate office.

The volunteer's efforts were part of a nationwide campaign on Tuesday to raise awareness about cancer and the different Relays for Life held in communities across the United States. Called "Paint Our Town Purple," the national campaign was observed in different ways, with some Relays for Life

organizations tying purple ribbons around their neighborhoods, while others, like Santa Monica, promoted the Relay for Life to businesses.

"We're going to hit as many [businesses] as we can," said Debora Wright, who launched Relay for Life in Santa Monica six years ago.

Two different sets of volunteers worked two different shifts. Wright and her crew of three volunteers kicked off their efforts at 1 p.m., starting at The Gap and heading north. The second group took over around 3 p.m.

Group one started off with little success, being turned away from The Gap, Sephora, Skechers and Shiva Imports before they had any luck.

Yangtze restaurant would be the first business to put a smile on these volunteers' faces. The restaurant manager placed a poster for Relay for Life next to the door.

Success would find them again a few doors down at Art One Gallery where owner Glenn Muramoto happily agreed to plaster the poster on the window.

Muramoto is no stranger to helping charitable organizations, having hung posters for Aids Walk L.A. in his window in the past.

"I usually help with anything that's community related," Muramoto said.

By the end of the day, both teams had enlisted the help of 11 businesses on Fourth Street and the promenade, including Trastevere, Curves, Crossroads Trading Company, Yankee Doodles, Johnnie's Pizzeria, and Western Spirit.

It's about the same number of businesses that helped promote Relay for Life last year by placing a poster on their windows, Wright said.

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Immigration rallies fail to draw numbers of last year's events

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Immigration rallies held across the country Tuesday produced only a fraction of the million-plus protesters who turned out last year, as fear about raids and frustration that the marches haven't pushed Congress to pass reform kept many at home.

In Los Angeles, where several hundred thousand turned out last year, about 25,000

attended the first of two scheduled rallies, said police Capt. Andrew Smith, an incident commander. In Chicago, where more than 400,000 swarmed the streets a year earlier, police officials put initial estimates at about 150,000.

Organizers said those who did march felt a sense of urgency to keep immigration reform from getting pushed to the back burner by the 2008 presidential elections.

"There's no reason a pro-immigration

bill can't be passed. That's one of the messages being sent today," said Chicago protester Shaun Harkin, 34, of Northern Ireland, who has lived in the United States as a legal resident for 15 years.

Melissa Woo, a 22-year-old American citizen who immigrated from South Korea, carried a Korean flag over her shoulder as she criticized politicians for "buckling at the knees."

"Us immigrants aren't pieces of trash,

we're human beings," she said. "To be treated as less than human is a travesty."

Organizers had long predicted lower turnouts for this year's marches, saying an increase in immigration raids in recent months have left many immigrants afraid to speak out in public. That's a change since rallies in 2006, when some illegal immigrants wore T-shirts saying "I'm illegal. So

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeing red over Pinky

Editor:

This letter is in response to the article titled “Poor Pinky needs a place to call her own” (April 28-29). I must say that it is great to see your publication taking interest in the misfortune that has plagued Pinky. I am a frequent visitor of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter (herein after “shelter”) since I adopted my pet back in early 2006. I have come to know Pinky’s story very well through conversations with the staff as well as observing Pinky’s loving personality first-hand.

The only thing I found disconcerting about the article is the fallacy it portrays in regards to the care that Pinky has received. The K9 connection program ... had no involvement with nursing Pinky “back to health.” It was the shelter staff who spent countless hours with Pinky, ensuring she was taken care of. They were the ones that nursed her, cared for her, socialized her with other dogs and made her adoptable.

It is very hard to see how the shelter and their staff worked so hard to rescue Pinky, only to have others take credit for their hard work. Once I read your article, I new that I couldn’t sit back quietly without trying to bring some recognition to the true heroes – the shelter staff.

Natali Herrador

Santa Monica

Pelosi doesn’t speak for everyone

Editor:

Take a closer look (at House Speaker Nancy Pelosi). Notice, for instance, her constant eye-blinking and lip-biting. This is a lightweight, nervous rich lady whose trip to the Mid-East wearing a designer scarf around her head was mere grandstanding. She is typical of wealthy women who use their funds and connections to climb the political ladder, despite a lack of intellect and substance.

Sunny Collins

Palm Desert

Anti-abortionists still lying in wait

Editor:

Let me add something to the April 25 letter “Stalkings tend to turn to violence” (page 4). We have within the borders of the United States the anti-abortionists, a religious cult who feel they have a divine mandate to stalk, harass and intimidate doctors and patients. I was going to write about the fundamentalist propensity to stalk their opponents, but anti-abortionists are up to their old tricks.

Last week, a bomb was found outside an Austin, TX, abortion clinic. Do these abortion foes also have a divine mandate to bomb clinics?

Remember in the '80s and '90s all the bombings and firebombings of clinics done by these homegrown terrorists? Did the police ever arrest the criminals responsible or are they still lurking in the shadows?

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica

Right on, Bill

Editor:

Bill Bauer hit the nail on the head with his commentary (“City showing bias against singles,” page 4, April 30) regarding our City Council's hypocritical reaction to the proposal to build over 1,000 new units that comply with the City's strict development standards. Santa Monica needs affordable housing and if a private developer is willing to build it, Santa Monica should embrace the proposal! Save our public funds for fixing the homeless problem! I encourage other residents who feel similarly to speak up.

Josh Epstein

Santa Monica

Guest Commentary

Joel D. Joseph

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

We don’t need any more enforcer thugs

AS WE ELECT ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN nearly every state, we should elect the United States Attorney General. The office of attorney general has been a political, not legal, position for far too long. The recent political firings of U.S. attorneys, while a bit unusual, is par for the course in the history of the office of the attorney general.

I have done battle with the Department of Justice for over 30 years in civil cases, from John Mitchell to Ed Meese to Alberto Gonzales. And I can report that the Justice Department does a horrendous job, representing government agencies no matter how illegal or outrageous the conduct that was committed in the name of the United States.

I was an attorney on the Hungarian Gold train case for six years. In this case, the Justice Department (or as I have always called it, “the Injustice Department”) defended (at first under Clinton’s attorney general, then under George W. Bush’s attorneys general) the U.S. Army’s failure to return property seized during World War II that belonged to Hungarian Jews. Although the property was originally stolen by the Nazis, the United States Army wrongfully and illegally refused to return the property to its rightful owners. Finally, after pressure from Congress and the New York Times, the government settled the case and issued a rare formal apology.

An elected attorney general would be independent of the White House — he or she could not be fired by the president. The elected attorney general would be responsible to the people who elected him or her.

Of the 50 state attorneys general, 43 are elected. In five states the attorney general is appointed by the governor (Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Wyoming). In Maine, the attorney general is selected by secret ballot of the legislature, and in Tennessee, the state Supreme Court appoints the attorney general.

Alberto Gonzales is not the only presidential crony to serve as attorney general. John N. Mitchell, the only United States attorney general to serve a prison sentence, was a friend, confidant and law partner of Richard M. Nixon. Mitchell, however, was indicted, stood trial and was convicted along with three other defendants in the Watergate cover-up trial. For his part in the cover-up conspiracy and his failure to tell the truth about it under oath, Mitchell was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years. U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica later reduced Mitchell’s sentence to one to four years. Mitchell actually served 19 months at the minimum-security institution at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Alberto Gonzales has caused more harm to the republic than John Mitchell. Mitchell’s crimes were petty crimes in com-

parison to Gonzales’. Gonzales approved the United States using torture in violation of the Geneva Convention, approved of warrantless wiretaps in violation of the Fourth Amendment and has institutionalized signing statements by the president, claiming legislation does not mean what it says. Gonzales also authorized the prosecution of two U.S. Border Patrol agents — Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean, who arrested a Mexican drug dealer. Near the Texas-Mexico border, the Border Patrol agents encountered Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila in a van carrying 743 pounds of marijuana. The drug dealer fled. The agents pursued him and shot him. The U.S. attorney gave the drug dealer immunity to testify against the two Border Patrol guards.

ALBERTO GONZALES IS NOT THE ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CRONY TO SERVE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

But like Mitchell, Gonzales was the president’s confidant and personal friend. We do not need attorneys general like Mitchell and Gonzales. Neither do we need attorneys general like Bobby Kennedy or Ed Meese, both of whom were too close to their president.

Ed Meese’s personal involvement in the Iran-Contra Affair as a counselor and “friend” to President Reagan, not as the nation’s chief law enforcement officer, attracted the most criticism. Meese also was criticized when he appointed the Meese Commission to investigate pornography in the United States. Meese Commission officials contacted convenience store chains and succeeded in demanding that widespread men’s magazines such as Playboy and Penthouse be removed from shelves, a ban which spread nationally until being quashed with a First Amendment admonishment against prior restraint by the D.C. Federal Court in Meese v. Playboy (639 F.Supp. 581, 1986).

Let the people decide who should enforce our laws. An independent attorney general would tell federal agencies who are sued that the agency must compensate individuals or entities that they harmed, when the agency violated the law. An independent elected attorney general would no longer be the president’s crony or brother.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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Dear EarthTalk:

Are we making progress in cleaning up America's rivers?

Maria B., via e-mail

WHEN THE CUYAHOGA RIVER CAUGHT fire in downtown Cleveland in June of 1969, a nation already becoming more aware of environmental problems took note. Across the country, people were fed up with bans on swimming and fishing due to growing pollution levels. And rampant logging was clogging many a remote river system with soil and debris, making them uninhabitable by the fish that had evolved there for eons.

In 1972, in response to such concerns, Congress passed the landmark Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge of pollution into America's waterways. This important law has worked well to curtail pollution and keep development in check, but it does little to restore already damaged river ecosystems.

Luckily, a large array of local governments, nonprofit organizations and ad hoc citizen groups has risen to the challenge, making the United States the world's nexus for river restoration work. The National River Restoration Science Synthesis Project, a 2005 survey conducted by leading river scientists, identified 37,000 different river restoration projects either completed or underway across the U.S.

According to the survey, American taxpayers and foundations have invested nearly \$15 billion in U.S. river restoration projects — or about \$1 billion yearly — since 1990. Projects include: reforesting riverbanks to curb erosion; recreating natural river channels to reduce downstream flooding; removing dams to allow fish to migrate more freely; and restoring wetlands to better do their jobs at naturally filtering pollution.

Some specific high profile examples include Native Americans and farmers working together to bring wild salmon back to Oregon's Umatilla River, and the creation of natural habitat and buffer zones along Texas' San Antonio River. And General Electric finally complied with state and federal mandates to begin removal of the PCBs they had dumped in New York's Hudson River for years.

"It's no mystery why river restoration is booming," says Andrew Fahlund of the non-profit American Rivers, a leading rivers



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ON THE RIVER: New York's Hudson River as seen from a tunnel under the Sawmill parkway.

advocacy group. "Rivers in good condition more readily meet the needs of the surrounding community than polluted and degraded rivers."

A new House budget resolution calls for increased spending on programs to reduce the amount of raw sewage going into American streams and to better manage the nation's 168 designated "wild and scenic" rivers. The resolution also calls for allocating funds for removing obsolete dams that could rupture and threaten nearby communities with potentially catastrophic flash floods.

Despite the positive trends, not all rivers are doing well. American Rivers' annual list of "America's Most Endangered Rivers" highlights river ecosystems across the U.S. that are still in disrepair or under threat. Those on the 2007 list include New Mexico's Santa Fe, New York's Upper Delaware, Washington's White Salmon, Texas's Neches, Wisconsin's Kinnickinnic, North Carolina's Neuse, Alaska's Chitna, Iowa's namesake Iowa River, Arkansas and Oklahoma's Lee Creek and California's San Mateo Creek.

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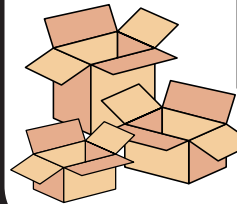
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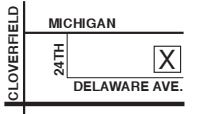
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The Q-Line

Grub on the cheap

The Daily Press recently scoured the area looking for inexpensive eats. We were surprised to find quite a few gems that offered a well-rounded meal for under \$10. While we know we did our best to uncover the best bargains in town, we know that you, our readers, have some favorites that are worth recommending.

This week's Q-Line question asks:
Is there anyplace in town other than chain restaurants that offer a hearty meal for a crisp Hamilton or less?

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Real Estate 101

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PMI insurance can cut down tax bill

MANY GROUPS LOBBY CONGRESS, BUT few succeed in their causes. One group that did succeed this last year was the mortgage insurance group. Through their efforts, they pushed a tax break through at the last minute. Over the course of the last few years, mortgage insurance companies have felt the pain of borrowers avoiding property mortgage insurance with the development of new loan products. In 2007, homeowners will be able to deduct property mortgage insurance.

Property mortgage insurance, or PMI, is required for borrowers who place less than a 20 percent down payment on a property. The lender has the homeowner purchase the insurance and pay for it monthly in case of default on the loan, in which case the PMI covers the lender. In recent years, borrowers have gotten away without getting PMI due to loan structures known as piggyback loans. A piggyback loan is where an 80 percent first loan and a 15 percent or 20 percent second equity line or line of credit is placed against the property. By having a second the homeowner can avoid PMI altogether. The downside is that the second is usually a variable rate.

Mortgage insurance can run anywhere from \$25 to \$500 a month, but usually runs \$50 to \$100. The cost of the insurance is based on many variables, however, the most important ones are down payment size and mortgage structure. Although \$50 a month seems like a nominal amount, most borrowers are stretching when purchasing a home

and another \$50 could be difficult to pay.

In December 2006, Congress passed — as part of a last minute tax bill — a mortgage insurance deduction. The downside is that the tax deduction has only been passed for one year, and it is unknown if Congress will extend the deduction into the future. To qualify, joint taxpayer's incomes must be less than \$110,000 or \$55,000, if filing separately. If refinancing, the new loan cannot be more than the original loan. All of these are reasonable requirements.

Although the tax break is nice, it does not help the affordability levels in Southern California. Most homeowners are still going to need to get a piggyback loan due to a lack of a down payment. It will be interesting to see if property insurance will be deducted in the future now that PMI is deductible.

The property mortgage insurance tax deduction is a deduction that each prospective homeowner will have to weigh themselves. Even with the deduction, it still may not make sense for a homeowner to get PMI. The one thing to remember about PMI is that it protects the lender and does not serve any real benefit to the homeowner paying it — aside from the new tax deduction. For those homeowners who do get mortgage insurance, we can only hope that Congress extends the deduction into the future.

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REAL ESTATE

Recovering a flooded basement

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY

Associated Press Writers

Flooded basement?

Keep your head, even if your feet are under water. If you act sensibly, your flooded basement can be cleaned up, dried out and be ready for occupancy sooner than you think.

But bear in mind that while there are things you need to do immediately, drying out a basement properly will take time and patience. If you rush the job, you risk much bigger headaches.

Here's your disaster repair plan:

■ First, call your insurance company. They will likely enlist the emergency services of a flood cleanup and restoration company. They have the specialized tools, skills and materials (pumps, dehumidifiers, disinfectants, etc.) to deal with a flood.

■ Keep in mind personal safety. Be certain that your family is aware that a potentially dangerous condition exists. Keep children out of the area. A flooded basement presents a drowning hazard for an unsuspecting little one.

Children aren't the only ones vulnerable. Flood water can shift the contents of a basement, scattering debris that can result in cuts. What's worse, if the flood water has mixed with sewage, an open wound can be exposed to infection.

A flood also can topple a poorly secured

water heater, furnace, or gas dryer, causing a potentially explosive broken gas line. If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. When in doubt, turn off the gas and water supplies at their respective mains. (If you turn off the gas, ask a professional or your utility company to turn it back on.)

■ Beware the threat of electrical shock and electrical fires. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell burning insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. The same holds true if you see any submerged power cords. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician or your power company for advice. Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service.

■ Keep in mind that when turning off the power to the basement, you may also be turning off the power to your sump pump, unless it has a battery backup. If you do not, consider using a portable generator. Caution: Do not operate a portable generator indoors. Doing so could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ Once you are certain that the basement is safe, enter the area using thick-soled, high-top rubber boots, thick rubber gloves and eye protection. Use a battery-powered lantern or flashlight when inspecting the area. Before touching anything, take several photos of the area.

BUSINESS

Google teams with states on public info

By The Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW Search engine giant Google Inc. said Monday it teamed with Arizona, California, Utah and Virginia to help make it easier to search for public information on state government Web sites.

Google, who has a Santa Monica satellite office, said the public is increasingly turning to search engines to access government services, but a significant amount of the information on state agency sites isn't included in Google's index of information sources on the Web.

As a result, many online government services can be difficult for the public to find.

"Connecting citizens with their government by offering the public better access to public sector information and services is

consistent with our broader vision — to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful," said Eric Schmidt, Google chairman and CEO. "These partnerships are among many that Google is pursuing with government agencies to better serve the public."

To improve access to state agency sites, technology managers in the four states increased the amount of state information that is accessible through a Google search. The states also upgraded the search tool offered on some of their agency sites to include the full range of government information a citizen may be seeking.

Google said it helped state officials implement these Web site improvements at no cost to the states. The custom search engine service is free to government and private sector Web site owners.

REAL ESTATE

Navigating the rental world with the proper road map

BY MAGGIE KOERTH-BAKER
Associated Press Writer

Overflowing toilets, gorgon-like room-mates, landlords from you-know-where: To many people, they're an inescapable part of the rental experience. But that doesn't have to be the case.

Every year, millions of young Americans leave the loving embrace of their parents' or student housing for an apartment of their own, and it takes only a little education to keep this rite-of-passage from turning into a hazing experience.

Here are 10 things that experts say you should know (and that experienced renters say they learned the hard way):

1. LOCATION MATTERS

Visit potential neighborhoods a few times, at different times of day, before settling down.

"It might look fine on a Wednesday afternoon, but factors like noise, parking and security can change at night or on weekends," says Peggy Luers, coordinator of off-campus housing services at California State University Sacramento.

Luers' office, and others like it at universities around the country, are great places for first-time renters to find legal information, advice, even apartment listings. These offices also have insider information you won't get from friends or family — for example, that neighborhoods near college campuses might not be the best places to rent.

"There are so many prospective renters here (near campus) and so many first-time renters that there's no real competitive atmosphere. That can put renters at a disadvantage," says Barbara Boyson, a legal assistant at University of Minnesota Student Legal Services.

2. THE LANDLORD IS NOT YOUR BUDDY

Your landlord might be perfectly nice, but your relationship is about business, not friendship.

"First-time renters tend to be somewhat naive," Boyson says. "You need a dose of cynicism."

That means checking into your potential landlord's reputation before you sign a lease. You can do that online through sites such as <http://www.apartmentratings.com>, or by simply crossing the hall and knocking on a neighbor's door.

Even if the landlord passes this test, Boyson cautions that you still don't want to let your guard down.

Get everything in writing, even something as simple as an assurance of when a problem will be fixed and keep copies of all documentation and correspondence between you and the landlord.

3. SKIMMING THE LEASE ISN'T ENOUGH

"First-time renters often forget that this is a binding legal document," Luers says, "while longtime renters might assume they're all the same, and they aren't."

If you have questions about something in your lease, make sure you get a good answer. If there are repairs needed before you move in, have that written into the contract. And never let anyone pressure you into signing with just a cursory once-over.

4. YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF YOUR OWN SAFETY

Stephanie Petersen thought she was moving into a quiet neighborhood in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

"But after I'd lived there for six months, the gas station at the end of the block was robbed and the robber lived in my complex," Petersen, a 25-year-old guest services supervisor from Crosby, Minn., says.

"A few months later, there was a murder about a mile north — same story." After a shooting two floors above her apartment, Petersen tried to get out of her lease early, but the landlord refused.

Luers recommends reviewing crime statistics before you sign a lease; many cities have Web sites with such information. But Luers cautions that crime shouldn't be the only safety concern.

New renters also need to know where smoke alarms and fire extinguishers are, how to maintain them, and what to do in case of a fire or other emergency.

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Deaths blamed on bloom

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH The lifeless bodies of seabirds that have been washing ashore over the past several weeks have public health officials scrambling to find the cause of the mysterious deaths.

Many experts are blaming domoic acid, a toxin found in certain algae blooms that has killed hundreds of birds and other assorted marine life up and down the coast. In the wake of the poisonings, state health officials have warned against eating certain types of seafood — including shellfish and sardines — caught by recreational fishermen off most of the Southern California coast.

Autopsies have been performed on the seabirds found just south of the Santa Monica Pier on Monday morning. Nothing out of the ordinary was found inside the birds' bodies, said Dr. Karen Ehnert, senior veterinarian with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

"There has been an ongoing outbreak of domoic acid poisoning all along the coast, with several marine mammals being stranded or dead, as well as sick birds," Ehnert said. "We are assuming the clusters of birds that are coming off the Santa Monica Beach are associated with that."

Mike Vaughan, a Santa Monica resident who surfs regularly when the water is clean enough, was jogging on the beach Monday morning when he first spotted rows of black seabirds lying dead in the sand.

Animal Control officers were on the scene picking up the bodies.

"I saw more today," Vaughan said Tuesday. "When we surf, sometimes we'll see maybe a dead duck in the water or a seagull, but this was jacked up. I've never seen this many seabirds dead at one time."

"The water is really filthy right now and I've noticed that the red tide hung around a



Photos courtesy Mike Vaughan

COMBING THE BEACH: Dead seabirds by the dozen (right) washed ashore on Santa Monica's beaches this week, prompting health officials (left) to issue a warning against eating locally caught seafood. Many experts are blaming domoic acid, a toxin found in certain algae blooms that has killed hundreds of birds and other assorted marine life up and down the coast.

lot longer last year. That's a sign of how dirty the water is."

"Red tide" is the name given to large algae blooms that can alter the appearance of the ocean's color, making it a dark, blood red. The blooms can cause many marine and coastal species of fish, birds, marine mammals and other organisms to become infected by a potent neurotoxin.

It is unclear what causes red tides, but the frequency and severity of algae blooms in many parts of the world have been linked to increased nutrient loading from humans. The growth of marine phytoplankton is generally limited by the availability of nitrates and phosphates, which can be abundant in agricultural run-off.

Coastal water pollution produced by humans and systematic increase in sea water

temperature have also been implicated as contributing factors in red tides.

Frequently, shellfish collected in areas affected by algae blooms can be potentially dangerous for human consumption, leading to closures of shellfish beds for harvesting. Initial signs of shellfish poisoning from red tide toxins such as domoic acid is tingling in the lips followed by a reduction of motor abilities and difficulty breathing. It can be fatal if consumed in sufficient amounts.

Ehnert said tests on the birds should be completed in the next three or four weeks.

Meanwhile, the county continues to test for the Avian Flu and West Nile virus. So far, officials have not found any signs that the deadly strain of Avian Flu has surfaced locally.

The general public is being warned against consuming the organs of commer-

cially sold lobster and crabs, as well as those caught by recreational anglers. The seafood warning also pertains to bivalve (two-shelled) shellfish such as oysters, clams and scallops, as well as anchovies taken off the coast of Los Angeles, Orange, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The warning does not apply to commercially caught bivalve shellfish, such as clams and oysters, which are sold by certified harvesters and dealers subject to frequent and mandatory testing, regulators said.

Officials advise those who eat crabs and lobsters to consume only the white meat, removing and discarding the dark-colored organs, or viscera, before cooking.

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Volunteers spend day seeking help

FROM PURPLE PAGE 3

The volunteers who help with Relay for Life have been affected by cancer in some way, whether they or someone dear to their hearts were diagnosed with cancer.

For Wright, helping to start the Santa Monica chapter of Relay for Life seemed only natural, given what she had gone through with her mother's death from lymphoma about 20 years ago. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer on her 50th birthday and succumbed to the illness about two years later, at the age of 52.

WHEN YOU SHARE A STORY OF A LOVED ONE OR A FRIEND WHO HAS SUCCUMBED TO CANCER, PEOPLE BECOME VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT CANCER ISSUES."

Arthur Spencer
Relay for Life volunteer

The president of the local American Cancer Society at the time, Wright started the Relay for Life with the help of former Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts and former SMPD Public Information Officer Lt. Frank Fabrega.

"We put out an event back then that looked like Disneyland," Wright said.

Today, the event has grown to attract about

500 participants and is one of 57 different Relays for Life hosted by the American Cancer Society in Los Angeles County alone. There are about 286 different relays in California.

Phyllis Segal of West L.A. vividly remembers the moment when she decided that Relay for Life would be an annual event for her.

Segal was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma about 10 years ago and the cancer was removed in 1997.

On the evening of the 2006 Relay for Life, Segal stepped onto the track to see the entire field lit by a Luminaria ceremony, honoring the victims who have died from cancer. It was such an inspiring ceremony that Segal decided she would never give up on helping to find a cure for cancer.

"I was hooked," Segal said, carrying pamphlets in one hand and holding a leash for her service dog in the other. Her dog, Pooch, was one of the volunteers on Tuesday, promoting the event by pulling several purple balloons that were tied to his collar.

The "Paint Our Town Purple" campaign was one of several outreach tools employed by the Relay for Life organization. Members of the organization spread its message by attending community events, non-profit fairs, and Chamber of Commerce mixers.

"The event touches home, brings awareness in the community," said Arthur Spencer, a volunteer. "When you share a story of a loved one or a friend who has succumbed to cancer, people become very much concerned about cancer issues."

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Pre-trial scheduled for today

FROM TRIAL PAGE 1

Sklar, filed a motion to dismiss a few weeks ago based on insufficient evidence against his client.

Sklar was not available for comment.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels has not determined a course of action if the judge does indeed grant the motions, said DA Spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

"We don't believe the case is going to be dismissed," Gibbons said. "We would make the decision on how to proceed after the ruling."

If the judge sides with the defendants, Samuels could either appeal the order or attempt to re-file the case. If the judge denies the motions, Diamond and Sklar would have 15 days to ask the court of appeals to review the case.

"It is therefore not realistic to expect the trial date (will begin on May 23)," Diamond said.

The reason for dismissing the case against Golay can be traced back to the preliminary hearings on March 12-15. Diamond complained throughout to Judge David Wesley that Golay, who is being held at the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood, was suffering from sleep deprivation.

"Golay was deprived of a substantial constitutional and statutory right at her preliminary hearing because she was physically exhausted and mentally exhausted from lack of sleep ... by her transportation to and from

the jail to the Criminal Court Building," Diamond states in the motion.

Included in the motion are transcripts of dialogue between Diamond and Wesley during the preliminary hearing as it pertains to Golay's fatigue. The transcript shows Diamond informed Wesley each morning of the preliminary hearing that Golay was not getting enough sleep, mainly because she was being awoken at 3 a.m., even though the hearings didn't begin until about 9 a.m.

The inmates in the LA County system are awoken at about 3 a.m., are placed in the buses and sorted out to the various court-houses, Diamond said.

On the final date of the preliminary hearing, Wesley states that if the matter does go to trial, special arrangements will be made for Golay and Rutterschmidt.

"I'm not as concerned about the preliminary hearing because it's a short period of time," Wesley said at the time. "But it's clear to me that for a trial, as to both of the defendants, special arrangements are going to have to be made."

Golay is not doing well at this time, Diamond said. She's locked up in a cell for 23 hours and is allowed outside for only a brief period of time.

"It's brutal and she hasn't been convicted of a crime," Diamond said. "I'm talking about punishment for innocent people."

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DOOR TO DOOR: Volunteers visited local businesses to drum up support on Tuesday.

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PROS AT CONS

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A group of "faux cons" (aka "The Condemned Chain Gang") make their way north along the popular Venice Boardwalk recently as part of a promotional campaign for the feature film "The Condemned," which stars Stone Cold Steve Austin and opened in theaters nationwide over the weekend.

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Immigration proponents fail to draw numbers to rallies

FROM RALLY PAGE 3

what?"

Others believe that the marches have not pushed Congress to pass immigration legislation, and many groups are now focusing on citizenship and voter registration drives instead of street demonstrations.

But smaller crowds does not mean the movement to win a path to citizenship for 12 million illegal immigrants has lost momentum, organizers said.

"People are saying we need to get together to demonstrate unity," said Joshua Hoyt, executive director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

"But with so much happening, and so many concrete victories, you couldn't say the movement is weakening."

In Los Angeles, home to the largest concentration of illegal immigrants at about 1 million, public school teacher David Cid said he came to support his students, many of whom are suffering because of recent raids that have impacted their families.

"They feel terrorized," he said.

No rallies were planned in Atlanta, where 50,000 marched last year, because many immigrants were afraid of the raids and of a new state law set to take effect in July.

The law requires verification that adults seeking non-emergency state-administered benefits are in the country legally, sanctions employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants, and requires police to check the immigration status of people they arrest.

"There's a lot of anxiety and fear in the immigrant community," said Jerry Gonzalez of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials.

While fear about raids kept some people at home, anger about the sweeps brought others out.

From Phoenix to Detroit to Miami, thousands of people carried American flags in the streets.

About 3,500 people marched in Phoenix and Tucson, waving signs reading "Stop the roundups" and "The sleeping giant woke up forever."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Lakers surprised by Sun's sudden defense

BY BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX Contrary to popular belief, the Phoenix Suns do play defense. No one will confuse them with the Pistons or Spurs, but they are getting better.

That improvement is a reason they believe they can win an NBA title, and a factor in their 3-1 first-round playoff series lead over the Los Angeles Lakers. The Suns can finish off Kobe Bryant & Co. at home on Wednesday night.

As proof that at least some members of the NBA's highest-scoring team can play at the other end of the court, the Suns' Raja Bell was voted to the NBA's all-defensive first team on Monday. Shawn Marion just missed the top two teams, finishing 12th in the balloting, with five first-team votes.

"I think it says that we actually do play defense," Bell said after the Suns practiced on Monday. "I've been saying all year our style just kind of lends itself to scoring points on us because we want to score, but we've got a lot of guys on this team that can play defense."

Bell was stunned by being named to the team, though.

"Of the things I thought I could hear this morning when I came to practice, that I was voted to the all-defense team was not even on the list," he said. "When they told me the coaches voted, it was even more of a surprise."

Bell figured his highly publicized matchups with Bryant had something to do with the honor. Though he added, "He scores 40 on me every night, so I don't know how that could really have won me any award."

Marion, so versatile that he can guard centers, power forwards and even point guards, had often mentioned his desire to make the first or second team, but he was voted fifth among forwards. The top four make the two teams.

"We've got a lot of great forwards in this league," said Marion, who finished behind Tim Duncan, Bruce Bowen, Tayshaun Prince and Kevin Garnett.

"It's definitely more motivation," Marion said, "but at the same time it's not unnoticed what I go out there and do."

While the attention went to the superb performances, either on offense or on the boards, of Steve Nash, Amare Stoudemire and Marion in Sunday's 113-100 victory over the Lakers in Los Angeles, Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said the team played strong defense.

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Shawn Marion
Suns forward

"You don't win 60-some games without playing defense, at least pretty good," D'Antoni said. "I didn't say we're the best, but we have very good defensive players on this team, and we're getting better."

Even Steve Nash, certainly not known as a great defender, can cause problems by drawing offensive fouls.

"We can't be a poor defensive team and still win a championship," Nash said. "That's for sure."

While the Suns practiced, Lakers coach Phil Jackson had his team watch some videotape, then sent them home.

Jackson hinted at a possible lineup change, but wouldn't elaborate except to say: "We'll see who comes out."

NFL DRAFT

Lynch is eager to get started

BY JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. Marshawn Lynch was so eager to get started, the Buffalo Bills' top draft pick was spotted peaking around the corner of the team's media room well before the press conference began Monday.

"I got caught in the act," the former star University of California running back said a few minutes later, flashing a wide gold-toothed grin. "Whew, I've been waiting for this since Day 1. This is what I woke up every morning from Pop Warner on for."

Lynch then held up the Bills jersey — No. 1 with "Lynch" printed on the back — presented to him by team owner Ralph Wilson.

"I was just telling someone, this is really my name on an NFL jersey," Lynch said. "I accomplished something. And it don't stop here."

Wilson, for one, hopes not.

Pointing to Lynch, drafted 12th overall on Saturday, and second-round pick, Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny, the owner immediately placed high expectations on the Bills top two prospects.

"We're introducing these chaps because

we feel they're going to come in and start right away for the team," Wilson said.

The Bills drafted Lynch to take over for Willis McGahee, who was traded to Baltimore in March after three inconsistent seasons. Buffalo then traded up nine spots in selecting Posluszny 34th overall to succeed middle linebacker London Fletcher, who signed with Washington as a free agent this offseason.

They're considerable holes to fill on a rebuilding team coming off a 7-9 finish, and missed the playoffs for a seventh straight year.

Lynch — a strong and elusive runner, who's also a capable receiver — hasn't had his first carry in a Bills uniform yet, but he already has a few steps on McGahee in the public relations department. Besides showing up in Buffalo in April, Lynch plans to live in town full time.

That's a big switch from McGahee, who rarely attended spring minicamps; spent most of his offseason in his native Miami; and raised Bills' fans ire when he suggested the franchise's relocation to Toronto and then, upon his departure, panned the community.



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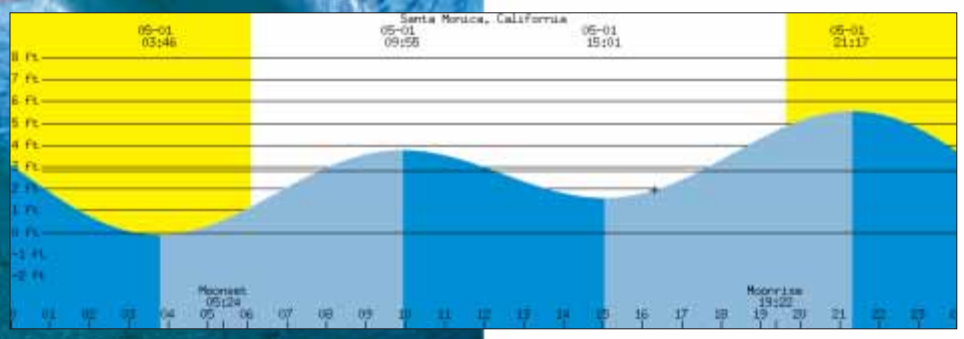
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Today looks small like today; however, a bit of SW is due to help south facing breaks get into waist high+ surf. Winds should be light in the morning, but afternoon onshores are expected to be brutal in most areas. Tide is not looking to be much of an issue, but negative a couple hours before dawn.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SW AND NW DURING SECOND HALF OF WEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 21

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 9

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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	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
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+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

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

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Head on home, Leo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ The Full Moon points to financial swings, if you aren't careful. Listen to feedback; rethink another's perspective. No one says that this person is right, but he or she also might not be wrong. Open up your mind. Tonight: Let someone else dominate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a seesaw, not knowing which way to fall or tumble. Understand that you might not have all the answers. Understand what makes your life tick and the role of a key individual. Tonight: Out – just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You just might feel that you have had enough. On some level, you keep pushing and pushing, without a break. Greet frustration, and let go of expectations. You will be happier that way. Go with the flow. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to present a different attitude or do something far differently. You'll see life from a renewed and more dynamic perspective if you try to be less controlling. With a more laissez-faire attitude, you'll go far. Tonight: Life presents an array of possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might feel you're between a rock and a hard place. You might not be able to instrument change by yourself, but with the help of others, perhaps. Listen to a partner, even if you feel that he or she is vested in his or her own interests. Tonight: Head on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others are prone to listen more than usual, but remember, they expect the same from you. Share opinions and head in a new direction. You see life from quite a different perspective than many. A partner can be temperamental. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Expenses could awe you and have you running fast and hard. Be sensitive to your options. Think in terms of possibilities. Funnel your high energy creatively, and you could turn a corner, at least with a bill or two. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign signals that you are hot stuff. You can make what you want happen. Do a better job of listening. Think positively about a loved one or friend who might be a touch challenging. Life proceeds in a new direction. Tonight: Beam in exactly what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You might not want to share what is on your mind. In fact, holding back might be the right move – for now. For various reasons, you might not be getting a clear read on a situation. Give yourself the opportunity to do just that. Tonight: Take a deep breath. Time is your ally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to discuss and evaluate a situation differently. Why not? You might not have the complete story. Listen to feedback and think positively. Investigate and think. Consider your options more thoroughly. Tonight: Try not to be impulsive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Do you feel as if you are in a pressure cooker? That might be a strong possibility. Consider your options by stopping and thinking. Remember, you are the sign that responds to a different drummer. Tonight: A must show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Your vision of what works could inspire many. Willingly detach and gain a better perspective by incorporating suggestions. Remember, your way isn't the only way. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

Born Today

Soccer player David Beckham (1975)

Celebrity Bianca Jagger (1945)

Fashion designer Donatella Versace (1955)

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Happy Birthday!

You often feel pulled between two opposite choices or emotional extremes this year. You also could debate a situation endlessly in your mind. Wondering if you will ever make a decision might be normal. What is sure is that once you decide which voice to listen to, you will be as strong as steel about keeping a commitment or a course of action. If you are single, as a result of this high charisma and drive, many would like to be yours. You can pick and choose. If you are attached, try not always having it your way. A partnership thrives on equality.

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Gisele Bundchen leaves Victoria's Secret behind

It's over for **GISELE BUNDCHEN** and Victoria's Secret. "The long and fruitful relationship between Gisele Bundchen and Victoria's Secret has reached a con-

clusion," the lingerie brand's CEO, Edward Razek, said Tuesday in a statement. "We wish her all the best and thank her for her extraordinary work. She

will continue to be a very visible part of the world's sexiest brand through the remainder of the year." No further details were provided. Bundchen, 26, is among

the most famous supermodels in the world, strutting international catwalks and appearing in print and TV ads for Victoria's Secret and other fashion labels.



DANNY'S DRINK

DANNY DEVITO is taking an embarrassing moment on ABC's "The View" and turning it into his own brand of limoncello, a lemon-flavored liqueur. The 62-year-old actor-director made a loopy appearance on the daytime talk show last November, saying he'd had a late night out with George Clooney. "I knew it was the last seven limoncellos that was going to get me," DeVito said on the show. DeVito - who was promoting his new comedy, "Deck the Halls" - slurred his speech and used some bad language when joking about President Bush, among other gaffes, during his appearance on "The View." When Clooney was later asked how much was consumed, he replied: "A lot. ... I got to the point where I was dumping the shots into, ah, you know, a plant next to me and, um, I don't think ... I don't think Danny saw me do that." DeVito is now launching Danny DeVito's Premium Limoncello, which was unveiled Monday at the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America Annual Convention in Orlando, Fla. His 60-proof liqueur, to be launched this year.

Kate Moss' new clothing line hits the stores amid extravagant hoopla

Hundreds of shoppers lined up in London for a sneak peek at **KATE MOSS'** new collection of jeans, shirts and dresses at British fashion retailer Topshop. The 33-year-old supermodel posed briefly in a store window in a flowing orange dress to promote the preview only moments before it began. Topshop

was to let groups of shoppers browse for 20 minutes at a time Monday to avoid a mad scramble. First in line outside the chain's Oxford Street store was 16-year-old Yasmin Kidd. "I want to get first pick," said Kidd, who was accompanied by her mother. "I'm a fan of Kate Moss and I usually shop at Topshop."

The collection was to be formally unveiled Tuesday. Customers could try on a maximum of eight garments and purchase five of them. The company said it hoped limiting the number of garments per person would discourage shoppers from selling items on the eBay online auction house. Shoppers can choose from 50 designs, including

a vest top for \$24 and a cropped leather jacket for \$300. Other items include skinny jeans, one-shoulder minidresses and T-shirts with the letter K woven into the designs. The collection will be available in the United States at Barneys stores beginning May 9 and on the Barneys.com Web site.

Mexican pop diva Paulina Rubio marries



Mexican pop diva **PAULINA RUBIO** married Spanish businessman Nicolas Vallejo Nagera in a ceremony at Xcaret, an eco-tourism park on Mexico's Caribbean coast. Wedding planner Becky Alazraki said the guests, including Spanish singer Alejandro Sanz and Puerto Rican soap opera actress Adamaris Lopez, weren't allowed to bring cell phones or any device that

records image or sound to Monday's ceremony. "We won't even allow watches," Alazraki said. At least 150 security guards were on hand at Xcaret while dozens of reporters waited, hoping to catch a glimpse of the couple. The religious ceremony was postponed for at least an hour until paparazzi in four helicopters flying overhead left the area. Earlier Monday, workers

placed white roses and orchids throughout the park and floating candles in an underground river that runs below the La Isla salon, where the reception was held. After beginning in the children's group Timbiriche, Rubio made her solo debut in 1992 with "The Golden Girl." Her albums also include "Pau-Latina" and "Ananda."

R. Kelly releases song about VT massacre

R. KELLY has written a new song, "Rise Up," about healing in the aftermath of the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech. A gunman killed 32 people and himself on the university's campus in Blacksburg, Va. "Rise Up" will be avail-

able digitally May 15, and 100 percent of the net proceeds from its sale will go to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund, said Jive Records, Kelly's record label. Kelly, 40, wrote the inspirational ballad after

watching the events unfold on television while he was on tour, Jive said. The lyrics include the lines: "Rise up, when you feel you can't go on, rise up, and all of your hope is gone, rise up, when you're weak and you can't be

strong." The Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund was created to provide assistance to the victims of the families, as well as grief counseling and other needs for those affected by the shootings.

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2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
Sing Now or Forever Hold Your Peace (NR)
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The Hoax (R)
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Meet the Robinsons in Disney Digital (G)
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Difficulty
GOLD

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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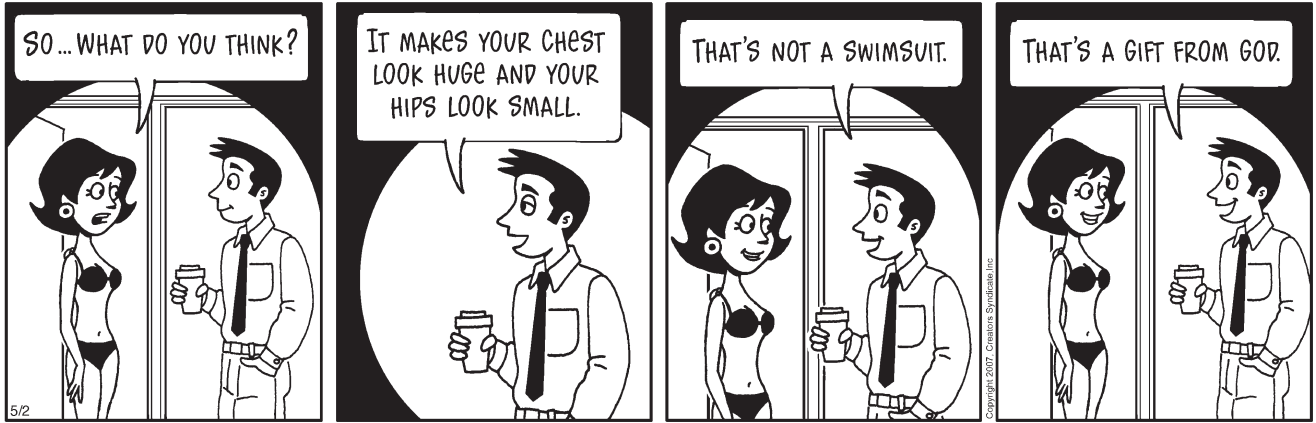
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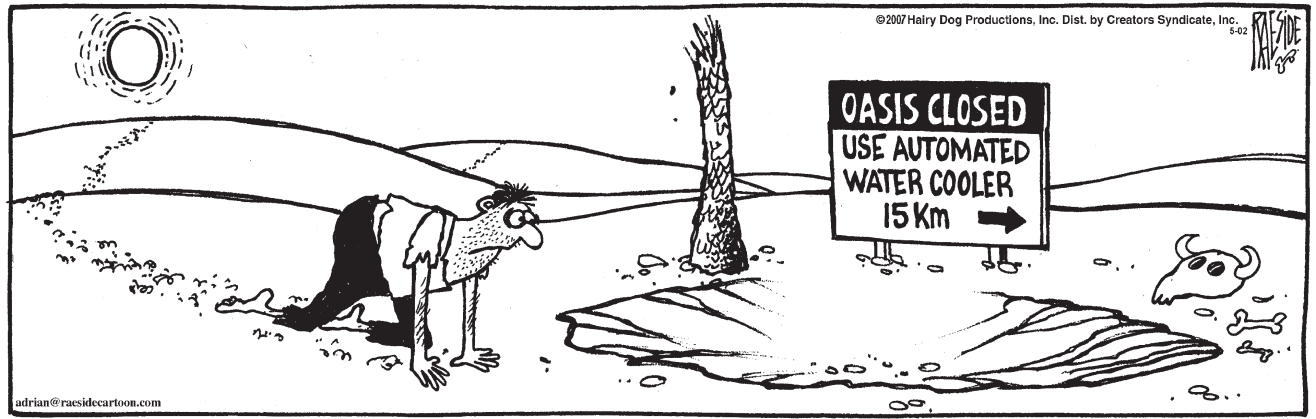
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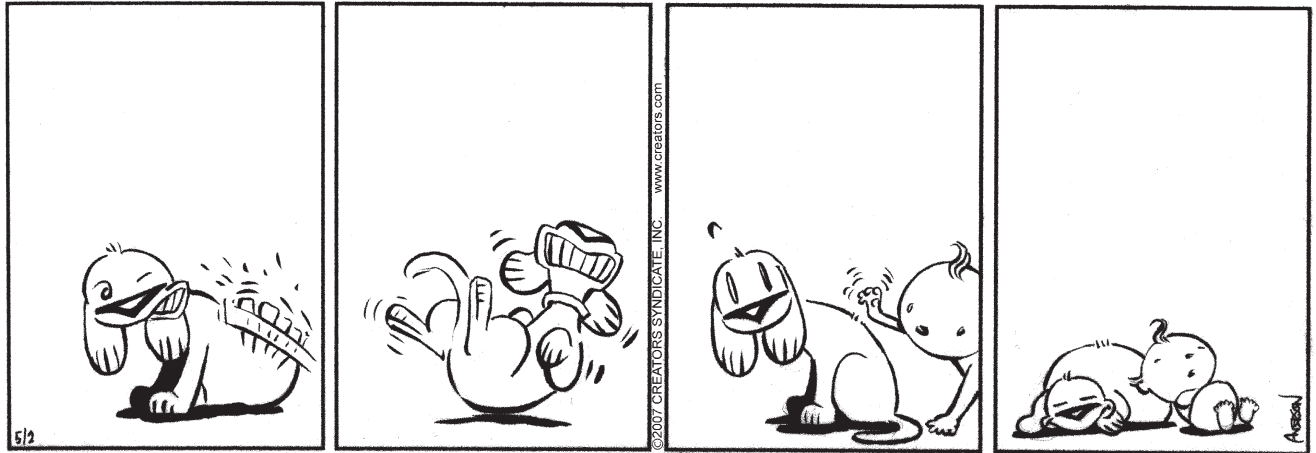
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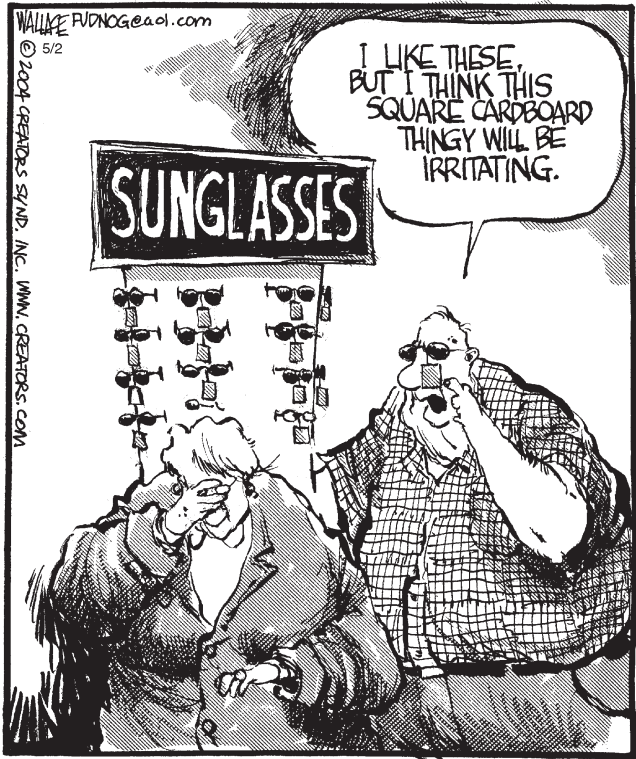
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Luminous rings
 - 7 Looking down from
 - 11 Exaggerate
 - 12 Take the bus
 - 13 Pam of "Mork and Mindy"
 - 14 Region
 - 15 Eventually
 - 17 Flat floater
 - 20 Small-scale
 - 23 "Evil Woman" group
 - 24 Place to get a cup
 - 26 Dove sound
 - 27 Crone
 - 28 Honest leader
 - 29 Record ad phrase
 - 31 Charged atom
 - 32 Texan tree
 - 33 Leaf carriers
 - 34 Superior
 - 37 Noggin
 - 39 Hand-some youth
 - 43 Wicked
 - 44 Cham-pagne/orange juice drink
 - 45 Disavow
- DOWN**
- 1 Brick bearer
 - 2 Gardner of "Mo-gambo"
 - 3 Writer Wallace
 - 4 Planet's path
 - 5 First place?
 - 6 Kind
 - 7 Friend of Porthos
 - 8 Winter driving aid
 - 9 Pindar work
 - 10 Soup bit
 - 16 Pol's concern

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Yesterday's answer

- 17 Sports summary
- 18 Singly
- 19 Natural order
- 21 Factory worker
- 22 Some tourneys
- 24 Minimal swimsuit
- 25 Musical ability
- 30 In general
- 33 Perfume
- 35 Spotlight grabbers
- 36 Fix a story
- 37 Nap site
- 38 Night before
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EVENING: 5 5 4

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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:49:50

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A professional burglar was arrested in the village of Klevan, Ukraine, in February (according to a report from the German news agency DPA) after he broke into a church to steal gold fixtures, fell asleep, got locked in the weekends-only facility for five days, and survived on the only liquid available: sacramental wine.

■ A senior Italian member of the Catholic organization Opus Dei, Ms. Paola Binetti, told a television interviewer in March that she often wraps a spiked chain around her upper thigh for two hours a day as punishment for her sins. Said a prominent Catholic writer (interviewed in London's Daily Telegraph), "The world is full of people who, thanks to God, freely choose their own type of suffering." Wrote the Opus Dei founder: "Blessed be pain. Loved be pain. Sanctified be pain ... glorified be pain!"

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1335 Otto the Merry, Duke of Austria, becomes Duke of Carinthia.
- 1568 Mary I of Scotland escapes from Loch Leven Castle, where she had been imprisoned by Sir William Douglas.
- 1863 American Civil War: Stonewall Jackson is wounded by friendly fire while returning to camp after reconnoitering for the Battle of Chancellorsville. He succumbs to pneumonia 8 days later.
- 1885 Cree and Assiniboin warriors won the Battle of Cut Knife, their largest victory over Canadian forces during the North-West Rebellion.
- 1918 General Motors acquires the Chevrolet Motor Company of Delaware.
- 1920 The first game of the Negro National League baseball is played in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 1932 Comedian Jack Benny's radio show airs for the first time.
- 1946 "Battle of Alcatraz" - Alcatraz Federal prison, San Francisco is taken over by six inmates following failed escape attempt
- 1953 Hussein is crowned King of Jordan.
- 1964 Vietnam War: An explosion sinks the USS Card while docked at Saigon. Viet Cong forces are suspected of placing a bomb on the ship.
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The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
Thai Fusion Concepts LLC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 119-121 Broadway, Santa Monica, Ca 90401

Type of License(s) Applied for: 41 — ON-SALE Beer and Wine EATING PLACE.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. L-024702-GK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and business address of the seller(s)/licensee(s) are: ADIL AHMED, 2116 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405

Doing business as: A & E LIQUOR

All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax numbers and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: MARCELLE ABDELMASSIH, 2116 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405

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The type and number of license to be transferred is/are: Type: OFF-SALE GENERAL, License Number: 21-353367 now issued for the premises located at: 2116 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TOWER ESCROW INC, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is MAY 29, 2007

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$250,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$40,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$5,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$245,000.00; TOTAL CONSIDERATION \$250,000.00

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Dated: APRIL 25, 2007

ADIL AHMED, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
MARCELLE ABDELMASSIH, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HERMAN G LOAIZA, JR

Case No. BP103739

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HERMAN G LOAIZA, JR

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sharon Gavin in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sharon Gavin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELLIOTT KEITH ANDREWS

Case No. BP104180

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Karen Green in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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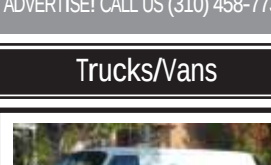
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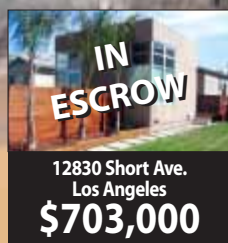


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