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Market hot for downtown commercial space

Deals being made; empty spaces will soon be filled

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

There has been a flurry of negotiations for storefront space in downtown Santa Monica in recent weeks.

Demand for commercial space along the Third Street Promenade has become so hot that big name retailers are seriously considering locations on Second and Fourth Street for the first time, a city business consultant said.

"There's a number of small independent stores

and some more recognizable names looking at the area," said Rob York, a Bayside District Corporation consultant. "It looks like we're getting back on track and there is going to be more investment in the area."

Santa Monica has been hit hard by a fall-off in tourism and sales tax revenue from the current recession, especially since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The city is facing an \$8.8 million shortfall in projected sales tax revenue.

Vacancy rates downtown and along the Promenade hit a record high last fall. While retail space slumped only slightly, office space sunk to a 20 percent vacancy rate compared to an average of 4 percent in previous years, according to Jim Keyes, a commercial broker with Muselli Commercial Realtors.

The Discovery Store announced late last month it would be pulling out of its prime Promenade location on the corner of Arizona and Third Street. The company would like to sublease part of the building to lower its rent.

York didn't know immediately what the Discovery Store is paying in rent per month, but he said it's below market rate. Prime commercial space on the Promenade is currently priced out between \$7 and \$10 a square foot.

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BP will replace MTBE gasoline additive a year ahead of deadline

Company target of lawsuit levied by Santa Monica

By staff and wire reports

LOS ANGELES — BP, California's largest petroleum provider, said Thursday it will phase out the gasoline additive MTBE by December, a year ahead of a state deadline.

The city of Santa Monica is suing BP, along with more than a dozen other oil companies for contaminating its water supply by using the colorless chemical as an additive in its gasoline. The city is seeking damages and clean-up costs.

The company, which sells gasoline under the ARCO brand, said it has taken the first step to phase out MTBE by the end of the year by signing contracts with several suppliers of ethanol, an alternative, corn-based additive that helps gasoline burn cleaner.

Although MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, helps cut air pollution, it contaminates water supplies and may cause cancer.

Two years ago Santa Monica sued 18 refiners, manufacturers and suppliers of MTBE and MTBE-laden gasoline for allowing the chemical to leak into its groundwater. The case is still pending and the clean-up is expected to cost several hundred million dollars.

The pollution closed seven of Santa Monica's 11 wells, forcing the city to import about 80 percent of the 12 million gallons of water it uses a day. Until the groundwater is cleaned up, the oil companies are paying \$3.5 million a year to import drinking water to the city.

Shortly after taking office three years ago, Gov. Gray Davis ordered MTBE banned by Dec. 31, 2002. But he pushed back the deadline in March, saying the phaseout could produce gasoline shortages and drive prices as high as \$3 a gallon because there are only seven ethanol suppliers in the country.

BP did not mention either of those scenarios in its announcement.

"We considered all of the factors within our control and determined that we could transition from

MTBE to ethanol early," said Bob Malone, BP's regional president.

The Renewable Energy Action Project, a coalition of environmental groups that began a public

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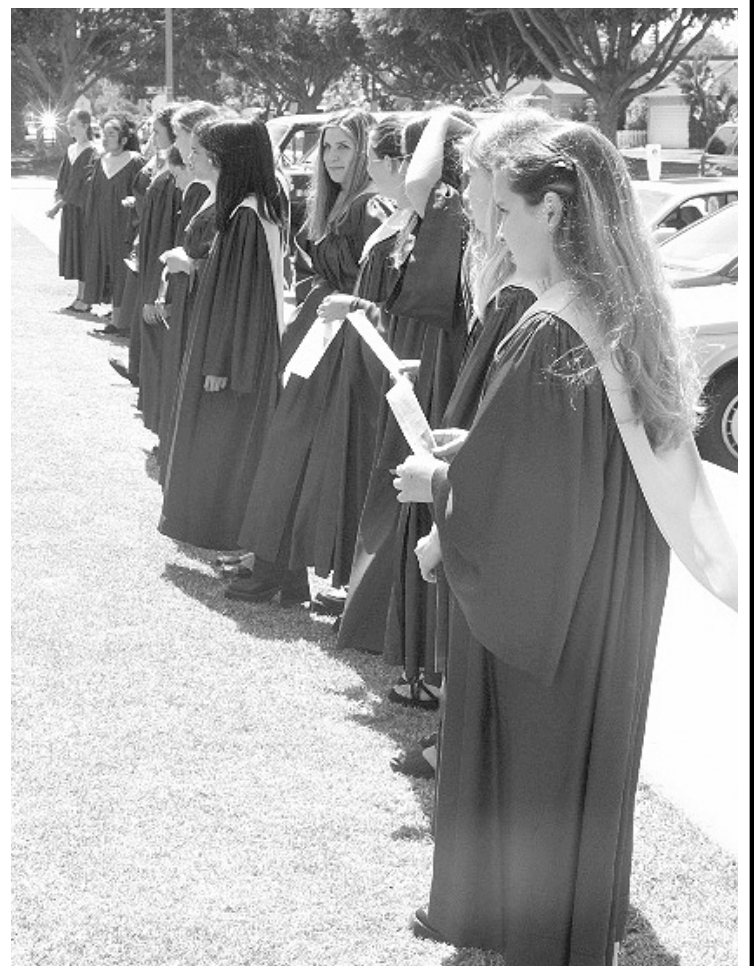
— BOB MALONE
BP's regional president

relations effort a month ago to convince BP to drop the additive, praised the decision.

"In a sense, the market was waiting to see what its biggest player was going to do," said Brooke Coleman, REAP's director. "Now that we know, we expect others to follow suit. ChevronTexaco and Shell have indicated a willingness to switch early. Now we'll see if they step up to the plate."

BP joins Phillips Petroleum Co. in early adoption of ethanol. Phillips, which sells gasoline under the Union 76 brand, began eliminating MTBE two years ago.

A chorus line



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

The all-girls choir of John Adams Middle School line up outside the school Friday to prepare for the annual group photo.

Woman caught by surprise pregnancy

By The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — When a Davenport woman discovered she was pregnant, she didn't waste time.

Tonya Matheny delivered her first child three days later. "It's mind-boggling," said Matheny, 29, who lives in Davenport with her husband of 4 1/2 years, L.T.

"I found out I was pregnant for sure on Friday, went into pre-term labor on Saturday, and I had my daughter on Monday," Matheny said.

Dr. Valerie Bonnett of Davenport told Tonya Matheny

she was pregnant on Thursday, April 25, after running tests for Matheny's kidney infection. The pregnancy was confirmed Friday with an ultrasound revealing Matheny was nearly seven months along.

Born about 4:30 p.m. Monday at University Hospitals, 2 pound, 3 ounce Ashleigh Marie Matheny came as a surprise to everyone.

"Especially to her mother," said Ashleigh's grandmother Deanna Matheny of Marion.

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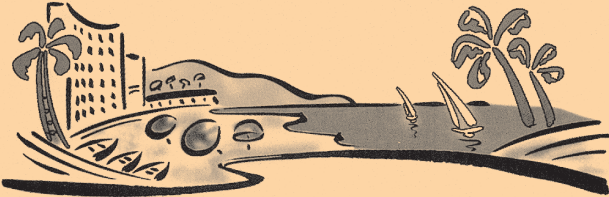
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want by making plans accordingly. Your friends become a source of ideas and fun. Get together for a care-free outing or visit with others at a pre-established spot. Celebrations seem to be the natural order. Tonight: The party could go till the wee hours of the night.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Others make choices. You can opt to go along for the ride or to do something you might prefer. Right now, you have a lot you would like to do. Why not indulge yourself and kiss away responsibility? Remember, this is your weekend, too. Tonight: In the limelight.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Your feelings come out when dealing with this person. He or she could be a relative or loved one. Don't let vagueness persist. How you view a changing situation also transforms rapidly. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your feelings easily overwhelm you. You might feel much better if you share them more often. Think in terms of opening up and clearing your mind. Once you have expressed yourself, someone would have to be cruel-hearted to hurt you. Then you wouldn't want this person anyway. Tonight: Accept an invitation.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Allow your creativity and happiness to spread. Someone might not think the same way you do, and is more than likely to differ with you. Word of your success precedes you. A partner or dear friend needs your encouragement. Become a cheerleader in his or her life. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Think in terms of gain. Your ability to visualize makes you a sure-bet winner. Don't allow another to discourage you. Know what you want. A gesture toward a parent or someone you put on a pedestal touches and delights him or her. Tonight: Don't push.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Infuse some of your creativity into your relationship or into establishing a better bond with a new person or a child. When you act kidlike, others find you to be extremely appealing. Share more of your feelings. Open up to others. Tonight: Off to the movies.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Express what you want and expect from another. Your ability to conceptualize with an eye to whom you're speaking adds to the bonding of a relationship. Come from a basic, grounded point of view. Don't kid yourself about certain facts. Tonight: Smile on.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your ability to communicate draws many friends and admirers. You actually might not be conscious of the impression you make on others. Respond to an invitation or gesture. Recognize how important this person could be. Tonight: Where you go needs to have music.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Reveal more of what is going on. Your imagination and creativity impact your finances. Share a favorite hobby or pastime. You relax in a different way. Breaking past your barriers brings positive results. Tonight: Treat someone. Share more.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your abilities draw another's affection. Friends play a significant role in your decisions. Your affection takes you in a new direction. Your ability to charm a loved one could create a most appealing experience. Let your feelings flow. Tonight: Be that wonderful free spirit.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Happiness surrounds your home and family. You might want to meet another's demands or change your schedule accordingly. Listen to your intuition about what could make someone's day and yours at the same time! Tonight: Take your time. Nothing has to happen immediately.



QUOTE of the DAY

**“Everyday people are straying away
from the church and going back to God.”**

— Lenny Bruce (1923-1966)

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Commercial changes may be brewing on Promenade

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Bayside officials say they would like to see a large retailer in the highly visible, two-story space which anchors the block.

"It's a large space and it's an important corner," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of Bayside. "We think there will be plenty of interest from large retailers in that space, so we're not too worried."

York agreed that the corner is of great significance to the health and overall environment of the Promenade. He said the only drawbacks to the space is the unusual shape of the store and its high rent.

"It's an important corner," York said. "It requires somebody that is going to be a good, strong active retailer, that will draw people up to the block."

"It's important to have the lights on and have a very active space," he added.

Despite the increase in leasing activity downtown, Keyes believes the Discovery Store's pull-out is a warning sign of worse things to come.

"There's all kinds of warning signs and the city better catch on," Keyes said. "This used to be the most attractive place for businesses to come, but now all these companies are pulling out because they don't want to do business in Santa Monica anymore."

Keyes pointed to a number of Promenade restaurants that have either closed their doors or

moved to other locations. He said many business owners shy away from Santa Monica because it is not friendly to businesses.

"Getting permits or anything through planning and zoning is a bear," he said. "(Business owners) just don't want to go through the hassle."

expensive rents along Third Street," York said. "The ability for restaurants and retail to do well on Second and Fourth has been proven now, and people are more comfortable now doing something there than say three or four years ago."

"Hopefully that will firm up

"Getting permits or anything through planning and zoning is a bear. (Business owners) just don't want to go through the hassle."

— JIM KEYES

Commercial real estate broker

Concerned by the turnover of restaurants, the city council has appointed a seven-member committee to devise ways to bring more restaurants onto the Promenade. Earlier this year, the city council enacted a moratorium that prevents any restaurant space from being converted into retail stores.

Complicating those goals are the high rents along the Promenade and the depth of the commercial spaces, which are not conducive layouts for small shops, York said. As a result, many retailers are seriously considering locations just off the Promenade — which may possibly lead to an expansion of the downtown commercial core.

"Despite the somewhat slower economy, you still have

even more once we get past this construction phase we're dealing with," he added.

Business leaders said Santa Monica remains in an excellent position to attract new stores because of its tourism market and a relatively strong local economy.

Brokers handling two empty spaces on the Promenade are close to finalizing deals, sources said. The center court location where Cool Planet is located reportedly will be replaced by another large restaurant. However, local real estate brokers and business officials declined to specify what new stores would be assuming those leases until the deals are final.

York said the city has succeeded recently in attracting smaller boutique firms to the area, which

make the Promenade and the downtown area more unique. He pointed to Hype, at 1325 Third Street near center court — a small store concentrating on clothing for

young women, as an example.

"The smaller unique operation has always been of interest," he said, "and we are always trying to bring those downtown."

Gettin' the boot



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

The owner of this Mercedes illegally parked in a street sweeping time zone last week. The car had racked up 22 tickets, which immediately brought in the dreaded traffic enforcement officers. Officers not only booted the car, but towed it away. When parking officers write a ticket, they punch the license plate number into a hand-held computer which tells them how many tickets the vehicle has. Five tickets will get you a boot, which costs \$92 to have removed. If police officers pull a vehicle over during a traffic stop and find that it has more than five tickets, it will immediately be impounded, which can run close to \$200 to retrieve. The lesson here is that you should feel fortunate if you only get the boot but better yet, pay your parking tickets.

Saint John's ranked best in state

By Daily Press staff

Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica has been named the No. 1 community hospital in the state. In a study published in the May/June 2002 issue of AARP Modern Maturity's Consumer's Checkbook listed Saint John's Health Care Center in the top 50 hospitals in the United States, and ranked it 12th overall.

The Consumer Checkbook is a nonprofit consumer education organization. It rated the quality of care for adults at acute care hospitals in metropolitan areas across the country. The two-year study surveyed more than 20,000 physicians and analyzed statistics from federal records and accreditation scores to rank 1,308 hospitals.

Saint John's was selected based on its quality of physicians, mortality rates, accreditation scores and training programs.

"Our ranking among the top hospitals in the nation and California is a testament to our commitment to treating the whole person — body, mind and spirit," said Bruce Lamoureux, CEO of Saint John's Health Care Center.

Santa Monica to throw Cinco de Mayo party

By Daily Press staff

Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated in true community fashion on Sunday at Virginia Avenue Park.

The festivities will begin at 1 p.m. and continue to 5 p.m. Activities include food, arts, crafts, a Mariachi band, dance competitions, a Jalapeno eating contest and plenty of other fun and games.

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Puppetolio! hosted by Santa Monica Puppet & Magic Center will be held Saturday & Sunday at 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Episode 2 plays at the 3:00 time. Shows are always followed by a demonstration, Q & A, and a tour of the Puppet Museum and workshop. The program is for all ages, 3 and up. All seats: \$6.50. The Center is located at 1255 2nd Street in Santa Monica, adjacent to the Third Street Promenade. Reservations/Information: (310) 656-0483 or www.puppetmagic.com.

Lila Downs (the Mexican singer) will perform a free concert at Santa Monica College, Saturday, May 4, in celebration of Cinco De Mayo! The concert will be held at 2 p.m., in the SMC Amphitheatre, 1900 Pico Blvd. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and parking is free. For more information, call (310) 434-3431.

The Santa College Music Department presents CubaFest 2002! Saturday, May 4. SMC Symphony Orchestra's "An Evening of Cuban Delights." First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St., Santa Monica. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 students and senior citizens. Note: There will be a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323.

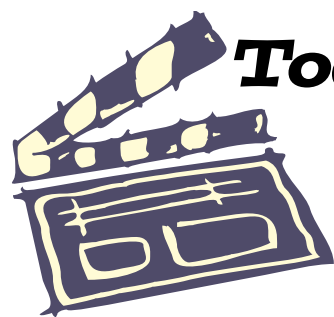
Best Friends Animal Sanctuary will have a Pet Adoption Festival - Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Palisades High School, Temescal Canyon Rd. & Sunset Blvd. Over 40 rescue groups will be on hand with 100's of dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, rabbits and parrots. Free parking, children's activities, and entertainment. For more information please call (310) 202-4336.

The City of Santa Monica's Thelma Terry Center will present its annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5, from 1 p.m. To 5 p.m. At the Virginia Avenue Park. Admission to the event is free as well as parking at the Cloverfield and Pico lot, adjacent to Virginia Park. The Thelma Terry Center is located in Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica.

Project Pride, an afternoon drop-in Social Center for ALL Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual and Transgender teens 13-18 years of age. Sundays from 4:30 p.m. To 6:30 p.m. 1424 4th Street between Broadway & Santa Monica Boulevard. The center is one block East of the 3rd Street Promenade, on second floor, room 220A. Free snacks! Sponsored by Jewish Family Service of Santa Monica. (310) 393-0723. Ask for "Project Pride Info."

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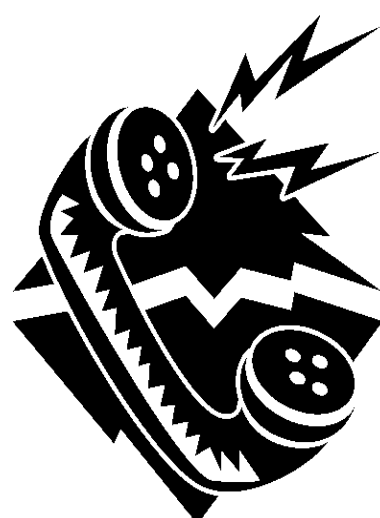
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STATE

Tall buildings may be more prepared with new law

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo has proposed a new law that would require emergency drills and response plans of every high-rise building here.

A study released Thursday by the Rand Corp. shows that skyscraper owners can't do much to prevent potential terrorist attacks, but they can take better steps to prepare themselves and their tenants to respond to a major crisis.

"All of us understand that more practice is a good thing and practicing evacuations has proven to be very successful," Delgadillo said. "It's certainly something we need to move forward on right away, rather than waiting for a lot of public discourse on it."

Los Angeles has more than 800 high-rise buildings — 18 that are more than 500 feet tall and one that tops 1,000 feet.

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast, the city attorney's office teamed up with public and private organizations to commission the Rand Corp. to study how to protect Los

Angeles' tallest buildings.

The study found that Los Angeles appears to be less at risk than some other areas across the nation, but the city still reThe report recommended that city officials require or provide more emergency training for high-rise occupants.

Delgadillo said he plans to introduce the new ordinance either Friday or early next week. Among his suggestions for owners of buildings over 75-feet tall are:

— File an emergency plan with the Fire Department every six months.

— Have a fire safety director and floor wardens who receive annual training.

— Have occupants certified as community emergency response team members, with one member for every 500 building occupants.

— Perform evacuation drills at least twice a year.

— Require certain fire and safety personnel to be on site from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If the City Council and Mayor James Hahn approved Delgadillo's ordinance, violations of the provisions would be misdemeanors.

California Senate passes bill to cut tailpipe exhaust

Move could force higher fuel efficiency standards

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The California Senate has passed the nation's first bill to limit carbon dioxide emissions from vehicle exhaust — a bow to fears of global warming, and a move automakers say might force them to sell more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Environmentalists and many senators, hoping to see the idea spread to other states, see the move as a way to get around the federal government's failure to impose tougher fuel mileage standards and reduce greenhouse gases.

"Our federal government has let us down by failing to sign the Kyoto Protocol," Democratic state Sen. Debra Bowen said. "California should take the lead when the federal government refused to do what most Californians support."

A coalition of 13 global carmakers calls that "enormously problematic."

"We view it as nothing more than a California CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standard," said Kris Kiser, vice president of state affairs for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers based in Washington, D.C. "It's a back-door attempt at mileage standards. That's should be handled in Washington."

Senate Democrats prevailed in a 22-13 vote Thursday, overriding fierce objections from carmakers and auto dealers. A similar bill already passed the Democrat-dominated Assembly. If the Assembly agrees to the Senate's changes, the bill would go to Gov. Gray Davis.

Davis spokesman Russ Lopez said the

governor has not indicated a position.

The bill, sponsored by various environmental groups, gives global automakers until 2009 to begin restricting their California output of carbon dioxide, a natural byproduct of fuel combustion. Backers say 40 percent of California's "greenhouse gases" that contribute to global warming come from the state's 22.8 million cars, trucks and buses.

"We think it is great news," said Elisa Lynch, campaign director for the San Francisco-based environmental group Bluewater Network. "If this bill passes it will finally force the auto industry to put money into hiring engineers to make better vehicles instead of hiring lawyers and lobbyists to fight good legislation."

But opponents — including the United Auto Workers Union, the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Chamber of Commerce — called the bill a backdoor attempt to make them sell smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"It's going to whiplash our California car market without any benefit for our consumers," said Peter Welch, representing the California Motor Car Dealers Association. "We just think it's a dumb idea."

Domestic and international automakers have maintained through a contentious series of committee hearings that restricting natural gases such as carbon dioxide, water vapor, nitrous oxide and methane is greatly different from past efforts to limit toxic emissions such as ozone and diesel soot. Industry representatives said no technology exists to restrict natural gases.

Republican senators called Thursday's vote a "rush to judgment" and questioned the scientific legitimacy of global warming itself.

"There's enough evidence to debunk that," Sen. Maurice Johannessen said.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Maguire talks about Spiderman experience

BYSEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

Tobey Maguire is a man of few words. Somewhat shy and soft-spoken, he is, in many ways, very much like Peter Parker, the nerdy high school loner who becomes transformed in to superhero, Spiderman.

But Maguire, 26, would have never noticed the connection until recently.

"I wasn't a big comic book fan when I was a kid," he admits over a cup of flavored tea at the posh Four Seasons Hotel. "I don't think I ever read a complete comic book until I was cast in the film. I've since read the first four years worth of Spiderman."

That's where Maguire admits he began to see a reflection of himself.

"I really identified with both Peter and Spiderman," he said. "It's the whole thing of the kid who is not the most social person in the world, but he gets in the suit and he can feel a different freedom. He can have this sense of confidence and humor and then go back to being like one of us and dealing with money problems, girl problems."

For Maguire, who remembers being "a bit of an outsider" as a youth, connecting to the character was the easy part. It was getting into physical shape for the role that presented the real challenge.

"I trained for five months, six days a week, anywhere from an hour and a half to four hours a day," he revealed. "I was doing a combination of gymnastics, yoga, martial arts, weight training and high end cardio."

Maguire also stuck to a rigid diet, agreed upon by his personal nutritionist.

In the end, the hard work paid off. When the 5'6" actor removed his shirt in one of the film's early scenes, audience members at a preview screening in Los Angeles could be heard gasping. "Are those muscles real?"

"Of course they are," he smiled.

What wasn't as authentic were some of Maguire's high-flying stunts.

"If it looks like it's impossible for a human being to do, then it's probably computer generated," the Santa Monica native admits. "And if it looks like it takes the skill of a gymnast, it is probably not me."

More than three years and \$130 million went into adapting comic scribe Stan Lee's legendary character to the big screen. About \$4 million of that went straight to Maguire. But when "Spider-Man" made its much-anticipated debut in theaters Friday, don't expect Maguire to be nervously keeping tabs on box office numbers.

"I'll be busy watching the (Los Angeles) Lakers take a third in a row in the NBA Playoffs," he said.

Maguire already is guaranteed a cool \$26 million to appear in two sequels, the first of which is already in development.

"I have knowledge (about the script), so I'm not allowed to talk about it," he teased.

Maguire, who began his career in TV commercials before landing a spot on the short-lived Fox comedy "Great Scott" reveals there was a time when "(my family) didn't have a hundred bucks in the bank, but I knew I would be just fine."

Such confidence helped Maguire, the only child born to Vincent, a cook, and Wendy, a secretary, cope with his parents' divorce (when he was 2 years old) and constant moving around.

"I've probably lived in 50 different



Tobey Maguire

homes," he said. "In ninth grade I was in West LA. Eighth grade was in Hollywood. Sixth and seventh was in Palm Springs. I really became truant and less interested in school. Prior to that, I was a great student and in all honors classes."

Maguire ended up dropping out altogether during his sophomore year and eventually earned a California high school equivalency degree.

"Actually, I cheated," he confessed. "I was in home study and it was the kind of home study where they send you all of the answers to every one of the questions. So I completed my whole year in just two days. I copied all the answers."

No worries — acting seems to suit Maguire just fine. In 2000, he earned rave reviews as a teenage prodigy in "Wonder Boys," but it was his appearance as orphan Homer Wells in "The Cider House Rules" that confirmed Maguire as Hollywood's next big thing. Not bad for a guy who originally wanted to be a chef, but turned to acting when his mother convinced him to take drama class instead of Home Economics.

A vegetarian, who enjoys both yoga and cooking, Maguire takes a giant step into romantic leading man status in "Spiderman." One of the film's most talked-about scenes features the actor hanging upside down in his red and blue superhero outfit, as he shares a passionate kiss with love-interest Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst).

"It was awful," Dunst remembers. "It was freezing cold and raining. The blood was rushing to his head and he could barely breathe, so kissing him was kind of like giving C.P.R."

Whether Maguire has been getting a more romantic version of that kiss off-screen remains something of a mystery. Both actors have spent the past year telling the world, "We're just friends." But photographs of a private moment at a recent Los Angeles Lakers basketball game and sightings of the couple shopping in a Sunset Boulevard bookshop and dining at the trendy Ivy Restaurant in Beverly Hills continue to fuel the rumor mill.

"He's had crushes on many women," Dunst revealed, coyly. "I'm just one of a dozen. They have linked him with other girls now, so he seems like a slut, in a way."

(Sean Daly is president of Showtime Entertainment.)

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STATE

John Dean says he knows identity of 'Deep Throat'

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Watergate figure John Dean says that after 30 years, he's figured out the identity of "Deep Throat," the mysterious leaker who helped bring down President Nixon, and he'll reveal it in a new book.

One hint: It's not Al Haig.

"I think you'll be surprised" by Deep Throat's identity, Dean said Friday in a telephone interview.

Dean reveals his guess in a 40,000-word e-book that will run in the online magazine Salon.com on June 17, the 30th anniversary of the infamous break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Hotel.

Dean, a former White House counsel, testified in 1973 before the Senate about Nixon's efforts to cover up the fact that top White House officials authorized the break-in.

"Deep Throat" was the name given the confidential informant who tipped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein about details of the scandal that led to Nixon's resignation in 1974.

The reporters have said they won't reveal his identity until he dies.

A call seeking comment from Woodward at the newspaper on Friday

was not immediately returned.

Dean has been musing about Deep Throat's identity for decades. In his 1982 book "Lost Honor," he said it had to be Haig, who became Nixon's chief of staff. Haig denied it.

In 1975, Dean suggested in a speech that it was Earl J. Silbert, one of the original Watergate prosecutors. Silbert laughed at the idea. Dean at one point also speculated that it might have been Nixon speechwriter David Gergen, according to Taylor Branch, who helped Dean write "Blind Ambition." Gergen also denied the claim.

Other names mentioned over the years: White House staffer-turned-television newswoman Diane Sawyer; Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen; Deputy White House Counsel Fred Fielding; FBI Director L. Patrick Gray; the late William Casey, a government official who later became CIA director; White House aide John Sears and Nixon confidant Leonard Garment.

Dean said he's sure he knows the truth now. He's relying on 20 years of documents and tapes, including memoirs of Watergate conspirators and material in national archives.

Dean said he is now sure that the mysterious leaker wasn't Haig because "he was out of the country at the key times that Throat was meeting with Woodward."

Female senior banned from running for prom king

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — A gay high school senior is not being allowed to run for prom king because she is female, leading the student to believe she is being discriminated against because of her sexual orientation.

Kristine Lester, 18, said Thursday that Encinas High School officials said her name would not be on the ballot because only males can run for prom king and only females can run for prom queen.

"I just wanted to do something different," said Lester, who plans to wear a tuxedo at Saturday's prom. "I'm not the feminine type to run for queen."

Lester said she believes the school is discriminating against her because she is gay. Officials with San Juan Unified School District said they are backing Encina High School Principal Myrtle Berry's decision and denied there was any discrimination involved.

"We don't discriminate," said district spokeswoman Deidra Powell.

San Francisco Int'l airport plummets in traffic ranking

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After taking a double hit from the technology bust and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, San Francisco International Airport has taken the world's biggest nosedive in traffic, a recent survey found.

The airport had a drop of 15.7 percent in traffic last year to fall from fifth to 10th nationwide, which means 6.4 million fewer passengers flew through SFO than in 2000, according to Geneva-based Airports Council International.

International travel fell 6.4 percent, despite the December 2000 opening of SFO's \$1 billion international terminal. Most of that overseas travel went to Los Angeles because airlines relied more on Southern California's larger population to fill seats, said Tom Parsons, CEO of online travel agency Bestfares.com.

Los Angeles maintained its third-place

ranking nationally in traffic, but still lost 8.3 percent of its passengers from 2000 to 2001.

SFO's domestic travel plummeted 18 percent in 2001. Part of that hinged on several low-cost carriers moving their operations. Southwest Airlines moved to Oakland last year to overcome flight delays for which SFO is notorious. Oakland International Airport saw a 7.5 percent increase in the number of passengers in 2001 from a year before.

Neighboring Mineta/San Jose International saw about the same number of passengers in 2001 as in the previous year. Rankings were not available for the Oakland and San Jose airports.

San Francisco was knocked out of its former fifth ranking of busy airports by Denver, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Houston. Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Dallas/Fort Worth remained the nation's busiest airports.

NATIONAL



Five injured by pipe bombs placed in rural mailboxes

BY MIKE WILSON

Associated Press Writer

URBANDALE, Iowa — Pipe bombs accompanied by anti-government propaganda exploded Friday in five mailboxes in rural parts of Illinois and Iowa, an attack authorities called domestic terrorism. Five people were injured, none seriously.

A note found with the bombs said more "attention getters" were on the way. It was signed "someone who cares."

Authorities did not immediately announce any suspects. The Postal Service suspended delivery service through Saturday in the agricultural region that straddles the Mississippi River, and urged residents not to remove any devices they might find in their mailboxes.

"We are reviewing this as a domestic terrorism incident," said James Bogner, an FBI spokesman. "We don't know if all the devices have been found or there are devices remaining ... We probably won't know for a while."

In all, eight devices were found and five exploded. The bombs were not sent by mail but were instead placed in the mailboxes and set to detonate when the boxes were opened, investigators said.

Postal Service Inspector Linda Jensen said consistencies in placement suggested the bombs were linked, but that did not mean just one person was involved.

Bombs were found in Morrison, Mount Carroll and Elizabeth in Illinois, and in Asbury, Farley, Tipton, Anamosa and a farm outside Davenport in Iowa. The communities all can be reached within a day's drive.

Three letter carriers and two customers were injured in the bombings. None of the injuries was considered life threatening, but Carroll County, Ill., Sheriff Rod Herrick warned residents against opening their mailboxes.

"I don't want kids getting off the bus and opening the mailbox, or people coming home from work and opening their mailbox," he said. "Don't touch your mailbox until further notice."

Marjorie Zuidema said she and her husband, Robert, heard something that sounded "like a bird hitting a window, but a lot louder," when her mailbox in rural Morrison, Ill., exploded Friday afternoon.

By the time she discovered what had happened, "the police and FBI, postal inspectors, just about everybody" was at the end of her driveway.

She said she feels fortunate that she did not have to go to the mailbox.

"It makes you wonder," she said. "You just don't think of things happening to you in a little town."

Postal Service vice president Azeezaly Jaffer said the bombs were accompanied by a typewritten note that began: "Mailboxes are exploding! Why, you ask?"

Then it said, in part:

"If the government controls what you want to do they control what you can do. ... I'm obtaining your attention in the only way I can. More info is on its way. More 'attention getters' are on the way."

The letter also said: "If I could, I would change only one person, unfortunately the resources are not accessible. It seems killing a single famous person would get the same media attention as killing numerous un-famous humans."

The bombs appeared to be triggered by being touched or moved. Jensen described the devices as three-quarter inch steel pipes with a 9-volt battery attached. Accompanying the bomb was a clear plastic bag containing the note.

Postal Service spokeswoman Joleen Baxa said mail delivery was suspended through Saturday in all areas east of Cedar Rapids and in northern Illinois.

One of the explosions happened just north of Dubuque. Witnesses said the bomb went off when a letter carrier opened a mailbox from the passenger side of a vehicle, leaving a small hole in the door and injuring the carrier's arm.

Donna Millwright, a letter carrier in Dubuque County for 22 years, stopped her deliveries when she heard news of the explosion.

"I don't want to get blown up," she said. "I've seen plenty of things in mailboxes, but never a bomb."

Titanic explorer will search for John F. Kennedy's PT-109

BY DIANE SCARPONI

Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The undersea explorer who found the Titanic will search the Pacific around the Solomon Islands for the remains of PT-109, John F. Kennedy's World War II boat.

Robert Ballard plans to use remote cameras to find for the 80-foot, wooden-hulled patrol torpedo boat that was commanded by Kennedy. National Geographic is working with Ballard on the search, set for this month.

It may prove a difficult task. PT-109

sank on Aug. 2, 1943, after it was cut in half by a Japanese destroyer. Two members of Kennedy's crew died in the collision. The young naval officer and 10 other survivors swam 15 hours to reach an island.

Kennedy pulled an injured crewmate to safety by swimming with a strap from the man's lifejacket in his teeth. They later swam to another island, where Kennedy carved a message into a coconut and gave it to a native islander to bring to rescuers.

In 1999, Ballard said PT-109 is "not lost, just misplaced, but it's like looking for a coffin from an airplane in a zone

where they've dumped a lot of unexploded ordnance. It's no fun."

A film and magazine article on the expedition are planned as part of a presentation on the 60th anniversary of World War II battles in the Pacific.

The late president's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and daughter, Caroline Kennedy, have given their blessing to the expedition after being assured that the site would not be disturbed, said family spokeswoman Melody Miller.

"It is, after all, a gravesite," Miller said.

Ballard's office said he was traveling

and unavailable for comment Friday.

PT boats were used to attack ships, lay mines and smoke screens, rescue downed aviators and carry out intelligence operations.

They had mahogany hulls, and plywood was used for the internal structures, chart houses and gun turrets.

Divers have been able to bring up artifacts from other sunken PT boats, said Donald Shannon, curator of the PT Boat exhibit at the Battleship Cove museum in Fall River, Mass. Any metal parts of PT-109 may still be visible, such as the engines, guns and torpedo tubes, he said.

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SPORTS

Kentucky Derby still wide open, Buddha out with injury

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Buddha hung his head. So did trainer Jim Bond.

The handsome gray colt, one of the favorites for Saturday's Kentucky Derby, was scratched with a bruised foot on the eve of the race and sadness replaced confidence and excitement at Barn 48.

"I always said if there was a bump we wouldn't do it, and there's a bump in the road," said a despondent Bond, who had hoped to saddle this first Derby starter. "It's very disappointing for my clients and myself, but Buddha will have another day."

The Wood Memorial winner was the 5-1 co-second choice with Came Home on the morning line. Bond decided to pull out of the race after arriving at the barn and seeing his colt favoring his left front foot.

Buddha's jockey Pat Day said it was almost as if the horse knew what it all meant.

"He sensed what was going on," said Day, who later picked up a Derby ride aboard George Steinbrenner's



Timothy D. Easley/Associated Press

Kentucky Derby entrant It'sallinthechase, with exercise rider Joe Higgins up, goes through a morning workout at Churchill Downs on Friday, in Louisville, Ky.

Blue Burner — the Hall of Famer's 19th straight Derby mount. "He had his head down like 'I'm really sorry.'"

The scratch reminded fans of the shock and surprise of Derby favorite A.P. Indy being removed from the field due to injury on race day, 1992.

Despite Buddha's departure, the Derby remains wide-open with 19 3-year-olds running for the roses.

The scratch slightly alters the gate order since Buddha was in the No. 10 post. Now, the first gate will be vacant, with Johannesburg moving to the No. 2 spot and posts 3-9 also moving one gate to the right.

Even though there were contenders shut out of a maximum 20-horse field, there are no additions once official entries are drawn.

Still, this Derby has a little something for everyone. Sheik Mohammed, minister of defense for the United Arab Emirates, is trying to win it with Essence of Dubai. So is a bush-track trainer from Oklahoma with It'sallinthechase.

The Irish are here, too, with Johannesburg, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, and stablemate Castle Gandolfo. Both galloped nearly a mile at Keeneland on Friday after coming out of quarantine. They'll be vanned 70 miles to Churchill Downs on Saturday morning.

"There's always a chance when you come all this way that they won't settle," said Michael Tabor, part of the Coolmore partnership that owns the horses. "But they seem delighted. So far, so good."

Only four foreign horses have won; the most recent was Sunny's Halo from Canada in 1983.

Harlan's Holiday, the 9-2 favorite, hopes to become only the second Ohio-bred to win; Private Emblem could be the first New York-bred to do it; and Easy Grades and Perfect Drift are trying to win one for fellow geldings — the last winner was Clyde Van Dusen in 1929.

Came Home, winner of the Santa Anita Derby and six of seven starts, may be overlooked because of questions about his ability to last the Derby distance of 1 1/4 miles. "I'm confident," says jockey Chris McCarron.

The co-third choices at 6-1 are Medaglia d'Oro and Johannesburg.

Idle Lakers anxious to begin Western Conference semi-finals on Sunday

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO — The Los Angeles Lakers' layoff is just about over.

Finally.

Although eager to resume playing, the two-time defending NBA champions say it's been a positive week and don't expect it to result in rustiness or a lethargic effort.

"I don't worry about it," Kobe Bryant said after practice Friday. "I think our experience will come through. Game rhythm is different, there's only so much you can do in practice. Our experience will help us work through that."

The Lakers will have had a full week off when they begin the Western Conference semifinals Sunday at Staples Center against Seattle or San Antonio, who played the fifth and deciding game of their first-round series Friday night.

Game 2 is Tuesday night before the best-of-seven series shifts to Seattle or San Antonio.

"It's going to be rough on them, with the travel, playing a long series, coming in and playing the world champions on their homecourt," Bryant said of the Seattle-San Antonio survivor.

The Lakers have been off since completing a three-game sweep of Portland last Sunday — a layoff similar to three they had last season, when they swept the Trail Blazers, Sacramento Kings and Spurs before beating Philadelphia 4-1 in the NBA Finals.

There was no evidence of anything negative following the first two series, when they had long layoffs, but the Lakers lost the first game of the finals after a 10-day break before winning four straight to wrap up a 15-1

postseason and their second straight title.

The Lakers watched film of both the Sonics and Spurs after Friday's practice.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson cited the advantage the Lakers will have since they'll be fresh to begin the series. They took Monday and Thursday off and practiced Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and will go one final time Saturday.

**"I don't worry about it. I think our
experience will come through."**

— **KOBY BRYANT**
L.A. Lakers

"There's not a whole lot you can do to prevent a lethargy that comes over a team when you're not playing," Jackson admitted. "Today they're anxious to play, their competitive juices are flowing."

Jackson said forward Samaki Walker, diagnosed Monday with a bone bruise on his left knee, is ready to go.

Walker may start, but Robert Horry generally finishes at power forward. It was Horry who hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in the Lakers' 92-91 victory over Portland last Sunday as the Lakers completed their first-round sweep.

The Lakers finished the regular season with a 58-24 record — the same as the Spurs, but earned homecourt advantage by winning three of the four games between the teams during the regular season.

INTERNATIONAL



Letters from prison are sole source of info on missing Taliban

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
Associated Press Writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — With a trembling hand, Mir Mohammad pulled a crumpled letter from his breast pocket and read over the faded lines he has committed to memory.

Received close to two months ago, it is Mohammad's only link to his nephew, who was recruited at gunpoint by the Taliban, then imprisoned in a faraway jail when the hardline Islamic militia was overthrown in a U.S.-led offensive late last year.

"Since he wrote this letter, I don't know whether he is alive or dead," said the elderly man in a white turban and long white beard, who turned up Wednesday at the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kandahar hoping for more news. He left disappointed.

For thousands of distraught families across Afghanistan, letters written from prison and delivered by the Red Cross are the only source of information about relatives who disappeared in the war against terrorism.

The interim administration headed by Prime Minister Hamid Karzai has little control outside the capital, Kabul, and must itself negotiate access to jails controlled by the country's myriad warlords.

The crumbling prisons have no administrative structures and can rarely confirm the number of inmates — let alone their names or addresses. The U.S. military also has no procedures for notifying families if it takes a suspect into custody in Afghanistan, officials said at U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

Several Afghans are being held by the United States in Guantanamo, Cuba, U.S. military officials in Kandahar previously said. Also in U.S. custody is the Taliban's foreign minister, Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, and the former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef.

Mohammad crisscrossed the country searching for information about his 26-year-old nephew, Ehsanullah, before receiving the Red Cross letter. Fighting back tears, he scrawled a brief reply Wednesday and handed it over to an official.

"When I go home, everyone's eyes are

red from crying," he said. "I will have to tell them lies ... that I met him in prison and that he is well. It is all I can do for them."

The Red Cross says it is visiting some 5,800 prisoners held at 46 facilities across the country and is still finding out about new detention centers.

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— MIR MOHAMMAD
Prisoner's uncle

On Wednesday, some 600 prisoners were released from a prison controlled by Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum in the northern Afghan city of Shibergan. Many of them arrived thin and bewildered in Kabul on Thursday, trying to reach their hometowns.

Some 15,000 messages were exchanged between inmates and their families last year, the Red Cross said. These are censored by prison authorities and may only contain information of a personal nature.

Families searching for missing relatives can also consult the organization's database, but Red Cross officials estimate that in about two-thirds of the cases, no information is available.

In neighboring Helmand province, the organization started delivering 345 letters over the weekend from a tiny office in the provincial capital, Lashkar Ghah. By Wednesday afternoon, 301 families had stopped by, but just 97 had collected letters or located their relatives in the Red Cross database.

One lucky visitor was Mohammad,

Tossing teargas



Muhammed Muheisen/Associated Press

A Palestinian youth throws a teargas cannister back at Israeli soldiers during a clash in Ramallah, in the West Bank on Friday. Israeli soldiers fired teargas and rubber bullets at demonstrators during the clash, a day after the Israeli military pulled out of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters, freeing him after 34 days of confinement there.

who like many Afghans uses only one name and is unrelated to Mir Mohammad. He collected two letters from his brother, Mullah Ahmed — the first news he had received since the 19-year-old was dragged into the Taliban army after the U.S. bombing started in October.

"He was missing so long it was as if he had already died," he said Monday. "It is

enough to know that is alive."

In Kandahar, Shah Gha Sai and Wah Mohammad sat anxiously on a sofa as an official searched through the database for two relatives they said were taken at gunpoint as they worked in their fields. No trace was found.

"Our hearts are crying blood," Gha Sai said.

Jailed golf-ball retriever freed on bail in Britain

By The Associated Press

LONDON — A man sentenced to six months in jail for recovering balls from a golf course lake and selling them was freed on bail Friday while he appeals his sentence.

The jailing of John Collinson last week for theft prompted a public outcry, with lawmakers, celebrities and newspaper editorialists speaking out in his defense. The case even spawned questions in the House of Commons.

Collinson, who made a living retrieving lost balls and selling them for 20 cents apiece, left prison on Friday after the Court of Appeal granted him bail.

"I am very pleased and so is he. He is delighted to be going home," said Collinson's lawyer, Lynne Fantham.

Fantham said Collinson's appeal of the sentence would be heard in the next few weeks. He has yet to decide whether he will appeal his conviction as well.

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— LYNNE FANTHAM
Collinson's lawyer

Police caught Collinson, 36, equipped with a rubber diving suit, in August at Whetstone Golf Course in

Leicester, central England. He and colleague Terry Rostron, 24, had fished 1,158 balls from a pond at the course.

Collinson, who made roughly \$21,450 a year collecting balls at courses throughout the country, claimed in his defense they didn't belong to anyone. He told a jury at Leicester Crown Court last week he even filled out tax returns on his earnings.

But Judge Richard Bray, jailing him for six months, said, "It is obvious you show no remorse and no intention of quitting."

Labor Party lawmaker Lindsay Hoyle, who represents Collinson's home town of Chorley in northwestern England, raised the case in the House of Commons on Wednesday and urged Prime Minister Tony Blair to look into it.



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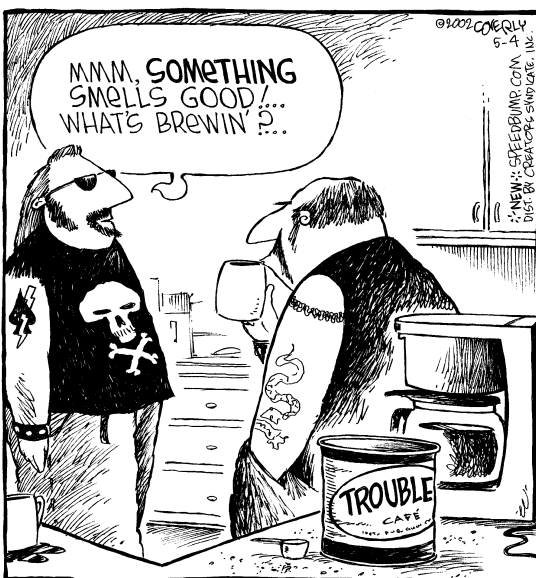
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14 Calm down

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21 Farm beasts

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31 Gain by force

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36 Wedding promise

38 Quick taste

40 Trig functions

41 Slugging great

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1 Uncovered

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

IRS pays \$30M in refunds to 'slavery reparation' claims

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BACK PAGE

Vegas prosecutors seek ban on private dancers in hotel rooms

BY ANGIE WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Prosecutors in Las Vegas — long known as the place where anything goes — want to take some of the sex out of Sin City and get rid of private dancers in hotel rooms.

"If you feel the need to express yourself through dance, do it at one of the clubs, join a ballet troupe," Clark County Assistant District Attorney Mike Davidson said Thursday.

Authorities have long considered the so-called outcall entertainment industry a front for prostitution. Police have used sting operations to arrest women for soliciting, but the industry flourishes.

Huge billboards of scantily clad women beckon tourists to call one of the 136 licensed outcall businesses. The yellow pages have dozens of pages of advertisements for "Mature Dolls," "College Cuties" and "Dream Girls of Las Vegas."

When tourists call, a dancer is sent to their hotel room. Prostitution is illegal in Las Vegas, but Davidson said many tourists don't know that.

"People come here with some expectation that they might not have one of these in Orlando," Davidson said.

District Attorney Stewart Bell, who is seeking a judgeship, and Davidson, who is running for district attorney, want a moratorium on any new outcall business licenses and current businesses regulated more tightly or banned altogether.

"We need to kill them off. There's an endless supply of hookers."

— **MIKE DAVIDSON**
Assistant district attorney

Davidson said he believes the outcall industry is responsible for an increase in sexually transmitted diseases and in vice-related thefts.

Since 1998, cases of gonorrhea climbed 51 percent and chlamydia cases increased 96 percent in the county, according to county health figures.

In 1998, 43 victims lost \$279,468 from prostitutes who stole from their customers, according to police. Last year, police figures show 93 people reported a loss of \$704,880.

And Davidson said those are just the people who reported the crimes.

Outcall service operator Vince Bartello agreed authorities should get rid of prostitution, but said his company, Hillsboro Enterprises, does not contribute to the problem.

"We're against prostitution. It's not happening. We're a legitimate business," he said.

"You can have a dancer, she can dance, she can strip," Bartello said of the outcall industry. "It's awesome, it's great. It's a wonderful thing that we have here in Vegas."

Clark County Commission Chairman Dario Herrera said the board should strongly consider the moratorium because it is obvious many of the businesses are offering prostitutes.

"We need to kill them off," Davidson said. "There's an endless supply of hookers."

Anna Nicole Smith rebuffed in bid for additional \$30 million

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — A federal judge refused to add \$30 million in interest to former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith's \$88 million award from her dead oil tycoon husband's estate.

Smith attorney Philip W. Boesch asked for the additional money on April 15, telling the court it represents the interest Smith would have earned on the \$88 million she was awarded in March from J. Howard Marshall's estate.

But U.S. District Court Judge David O.

Carter ruled Thursday that Smith will have to get along with the \$88 million, saying it was meant to compensate her for the gifts promised her by Marshall.

Carter also said he wanted to punish her stepson, E. Pierce Marshall, for interfering with his father's plan to give \$88 million to the model. The judge said Smith could return to bankruptcy court in Los Angeles, which originally heard the case, if she wants to pursue the \$30 million in interest.

E. Pierce Marshall has said he will

appeal Carter's \$88 million award.

Smith has fought court battles in California and Texas over the fortune of her late husband, who died at age 90 in August 1995, 14 months after they wed.

"When their client gets \$6 million for every month of marriage and then goes back and asks for more, it's unbelievable. There is no limit to their greed," David Margulies, a spokesman for the stepson, said when Smith made a bid for the \$30 million in interest.

The former Playboy Playmate, whose

real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, met her husband in 1991 when she was working as a stripper. The couple married three years later when she was 26 and he was 89.

Before his death, his estate went into a trust that divided his fortune among charities, a foundation, his son and other individuals, but gave nothing to Smith or his other son, J. Howard Marshall III.

Carter ruled Smith had a reasonable expectation that she would receive a portion of her husband's estate and that she would receive it without interference.



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