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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ A man pulled a knife on a cashier at a Family Dollar store in Vineland, N.J., in December and demanded money from the open cash register, but the cashier slammed it shut and said "No." After several more demands and several more refusals, the man walked out. And a potential robber of the Iowa Savings Bank in Des Moines on May 3 suffered a similar fate, except that not only did he finally walk out empty-handed, but he also left behind his own \$20 bill he had initially laid on the counter to get the teller's attention.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face."

— Jack Handy

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Dancers from The American Academy for Dance and the Kindred Arts perform on the Santa Monica Pier Sunday as part of the For the Arts festival, which raised money for arts education in local schools. Festival organizers hoped to pull in \$100,000 during the weekend-long event, which was highlighted by a Jackson Browne concert on Friday.

Nick Rath: 30 kids and a new kidney give life perspective



Community profiles is a weekly series that appears each Monday and delves into the people who live, work and play in Santa Monica.

Healthcare on 15th Street in Santa Monica.

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Nick Rath has 30 kids and somebody else's kidney. The 59-year-old resident of Pacific Palisades has had three biological children, three stepchildren, six adopted children and 18 foster children. The oldest was born in 1966, the youngest in 1983.

Despite his dedication to others, in the summer of 2000 Rath was forced to focus on himself. His kidneys stopped working, and Rath spent some 1,700 hours over two and a half years hooked up to a dialysis machine at Gambro

Then a colleague of Rath's offered to donate a kidney, and the two successfully underwent surgery last December. Some 12,000 people receive kidney transplants each year. "It is absolutely a miracle," Rath said. "I never really believed that I would feel this good."

In an interview last week, Rath said he's gone from feeling sick all of the time to feeling almost completely normal. That's allowed him to focus more energy on his chosen profession, as a parenting teacher. It's also pushed Rath into a new field —

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Rent prices hit the roof

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Renters looking for an apartment in Santa Monica can expect to shell out more than \$500 more a month today than they did five years ago, a recent study by City Hall shows.

Nearly 11,000 units have been leased at market rates since 1999, and another 16,500 are still occupied at rent-controlled rates, which were first set in the late 1970s. Landlords have been allowed to charge whatever they want for vacant units since January of 1999.

Average market-rate rents are \$924 for studios, \$1,231 for one-bedroom apartments, \$1,641 for two-bedroom units and \$2,109 for apartments with three bedrooms or more. That's up, on average, between \$298 and \$952 over what was charged before 1999, according to the study.

Nearly half of all the apartments in Santa Monica are one-bedroom units. Another 10 percent are studios, 34 percent are two-bedroom apartments, and 8 percent have three bedrooms or more. For studio and one-bedroom apartments, about half are still being rented at original

rent-controlled rates, and the other half are being rented at market rates. Sixty-three percent of two-bedroom units are still being rented at rent-controlled rates, as are 75 percent of units with three or more bedrooms.

The study also shows that once a unit has been rented at market rates, the tenant has less incentive to stay put. Forty-two percent of the units that have been raised to market rates have turned over more than once, and many of those have been rented two or three more times.

A spike in rents has contributed to the decline in affordable housing. Housing officials consider a family "rent burdened" if it spends more than 30 percent of its income on rent. The median income for 2003 was set at \$55,100 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

With average rents up several hundred to a thousand dollars per unit, families need to earn considerably more to have their apartment considered affordable. For studios, families need to earn \$17,000 more each year, \$26,150 more for one-bedroom units,

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Genuflecting on the losses



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Diana Mitchell places flowers by one of 783 crosses on the beach in Santa Monica on Sunday. Each cross, located just north of the Santa Monica Pier, represents a soldier who has died in Iraq. Every Sunday, the organization Veterans for Peace sets up the crosses as a reminder of the troops who have been killed during the war.

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Given's get tossed to the wayside, at least for now. Take a good look at what is happening and what you have taken for granted. Remember, you don't have to take action; in fact, in a sense it would be preferable if you didn't. Tonight: Indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Though you are in one of your power days, your ruler, Venus, going retrograde today could make a big difference in how you feel. Through the end of June, hold back on making any major life decisions. Evaluate, analyze and think. Tonight: Do what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Think before you do anything today. People might act strangely or slightly off-kilter. Don't worry. Give others the space you need to move and handle what is going on. Avoid making decisions in this "hot" planetary climate. Tonight: Turn on the answering machine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be especially careful with friends, financial agreements and work. Hang in there and follow through. Your high energy could be directed toward investigating opportunities. Expect a blast from the past. Tonight: Find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others act in extraordinary ways, but not necessarily positive ones. You can try to clear out and not stumble into others' messes. You might see a partner in a different light in the next few months. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be careful with details around work. You might decide to take the high road rather than get caught up in a problem. Know that what occurs today could take a while to sort through. Your understanding is your greatest gift. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could easily feel out of sorts, and the main issue involves money and a partnership. Avoid high risks. In fact, if you can be a voyeur and watch what goes down, that might be the strongest position. Observe more in the next few days and weeks. Tonight: Play out a fantasy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Though you might not be directly involved with what goes on, you could find yourself affected by others — in particular, associates and family. In the next few weeks, a skeleton could come out of your closet. Tonight: Be easygoing — someone has to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You have to work with a lack of clarity. Perhaps you are hearing what people really mean to say and not their actual words. Friends and co-workers could be strange in the next few weeks. Accept what is happening, as you cannot change it. Tonight: Work late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Bosses and loved ones prove to be unpredictable, which just reminds you that you cannot put anyone in a box. People change. Use your creativity to solve problems, if possible. Be tight with money for the next few weeks. Tonight: Do something you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might do a total reversal in the next few months. Take your time making decisions right now. You could have a radical change of mind in the near future, be it about your home or a trip. Don't lock yourself into any position. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could feel less than up to snuff. If you want to take a day off, do just that. Communication could be off, and associates could act strangely in the next few weeks. Consider what your role in these situations might be. Tonight: Nibbles with a favorite person.

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Easing school budget woes

By Daily Press staff

Budget cuts have hit the John Muir Elementary School Library hard but the Santa Monica Republican Women Federated is helping to ease the pain.

The school used to have \$28 per student to spend on acquiring new books, but now has only \$1.41 per student. In March, members of the Federated, including Heather Peters, candidate for the 41st Assembly District, which includes Santa Monica, presented Principal Martha Duran-Contreras with 270 books and \$375 to buy even more.

Students from Ms. Carol Hinshaw's first and second grade class and from Mr. Joseph's third grade class thanked the women by singing "The World is a Rainbow," a song they learned to celebrate Black History Month, and Matthew Zarchen, a first grade student, read a poem he had written.

Some of the books will be placed in the main library, and others will go into classroom libraries and be given as gifts to students who might not be able to afford to buy them. John Muir is a federally funded school and about 180 students, or 50 percent, are living below the poverty line.

The monetary donation made by the Federated will be matched by John Muir's PTA, allowing the school to subscribe to all levels of the Junior Library Guild, a program that provides critically acclaimed children's books hot off the presses directly to schools in need. Those who would like to contribute can send donations to John Muir Elementary School or drop off books appropriate for grades kindergarten through eighth grade at 2526 Sixth St.

Power up

By Daily Press staff

For an imagination that has fallen by the wayside, power up at the Powerhouse Theater tonight.

Bold, brave, brazen, bawdy and bad tales will be spoken and played. The new works, produced by Stacie Chaiken, Kristi Marie Jones and Hank Rosenfeld, will take the stage at 8 p.m. The Powerhouse patio opens at 7 p.m.

The presentation tonight follows a matinee performance by the artists on Saturday.

Entrance to the Powerhouse Theater, located at 3118 2nd St. near Marine Street, is \$10, or pay what you can.

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The B-list

By Daily Press staff

A best-selling author and longtime Santa Monica resident is talking B-movies. Beverly Gray, the author of "Roger Corman: Blood-Sucking Vampires, Flesh-Eating Cockroaches, and Driller Killers," will reveal Wednesday what she learned while working for Roger Corman, the famed B-movie maker known for launching the film careers of Jack Nicholson, Peter Fonda, Francis Ford Coppola, Martin Scorsese and James Cameron.

Corman, also a Santa Monican, has been called "the Godfather of Independent Film."

During a 50-year period, he produced more than 500 movies on shoestring budgets, making a profit on nearly every one, officials said.

He first made a name for himself by directing the B-movies "Little Shop of Horrors," "The Pit and the Pendulum" and "The Wild Angels."

Gray, who was Corman's story editor for nearly a decade, interviewed 100 former friends and colleagues of Corman to create a portrait of the man behind the movies.

The free event will be held at the Fairview Branch Library Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

For more information, call the library at (310) 450-0443.



On Monday look for another day of fairly small surf as primary NW wind swell starts to lose some steam through the afternoon as a new SW swell slowly starts to build. Look for most spots to see waist high and below waves, while best wind swell breaks in the north half of the South Bay are a little more consistent on the waist high to occasional plus surf in the morning. Winds are light and variable to light S up to 5 knots in the morning, building 8-12 knots+ out of the SW to W for the afternoon.

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MONDAY	3:20	-0.3	2:36	1.5	9:30	3.8	8:52	5.8
TUESDAY	3:54	-0.5	3:00	1.8	10:11	3.6	9:16	5.8
WEDNESDAY	4:27	-0.5	3:23	2.1	10:53	3.5	9:41	5.7
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The QLine

Louisiana Rep. Derrick Shepherd has filed a bill that, if passed, would outlaw low-riding pants. He said he did it because he was tired of catching glimpses of boxer shorts and G-strings over the lowered belt lines of young adults.

The law would punish anyone caught wearing the pants with a fine of as much as \$500 or as many as six months in jail, or both.

The bill would be tacked onto the state's obscenity law, which restricts sexual activity in public places and the sale of sexually explicit items.

Los Angeles could arguably be considered the mecca of people who wear low-riding pants, commonly seen on just about every young person in Santa Monica.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is the government going too far in regulating us?"

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OPINION

LETTERS



Back off de la Torre

Editor:

I was appalled to see that the Santa Monica City Council has been encouraged to question the integrity of Oscar de la Torre (surfsantamonica.com, May 11). For as long as I can remember the middle corridor of our fine city has struggled for representation, leadership and inspiration. This generation is blessed to have Oscar de la Torre. He is an inspiration to all of our young people. I know he is a college graduate, and I believe he worked for a time with Tom Hayden in the lawful pursuit of political activism. I imagine that he saw the need for the Pico Youth and Family Center when he was a counselor at Samohi. I see Oscar de la Torre as a "man for others." He is working tirelessly within the system as an advocate for the disenfranchised of our community. Take a look at the Web site: www.picoyouth.org.

Let me suggest that the City Council would do well to question the motives and connections of those calling for de la Torre's review and supervision.

Be sure to uncover all agendas, motives and levels of influence. I would like to know who is behind this effort to minimize his influence and the good works of the Pico Center. This attack on Oscar smacks of the public relations effort currently underway at Olympic High School to keep things "as they are currently constituted." There is a culture in play that can be characterized as "get mad and then get even." Some individuals want to keep things as they have been for the last quarter of a century.

Oscar has dared to advocate for some of the students at Olympic. The Mothers for Justice have dared to suggest that there may be a double standard in play in our city and school district. The review of Olympic is supported by the school board, the Mothers for Justice, and other caring individuals who have struggled to find a voice. If the situation at Olympic is as wonderful as some say it is, then a review will prove that.

I think schools superintendent John Deasy had it right all along. I can appreciate how one might be tempted to shut Olympic down and start over. Deasy wasn't able to do that due to the considerable public relations effort mounted by some at Olympic.

Let's not shoot the messenger. Oscar is a local treasure. We should be careful that we don't run him off.

This is one more guy's opinion.

Jack Thornton
Santa Monica

City government or the Taliban?

Editor:

Who is this Tim McCormick? First he wants to go after bootleg apartments that the city has recognized as legal for 25 years, forcing those tenants out on the street. Next he persecutes small businesses for advertising their business with signs. Now McCormick is persecuting homeowners because of hedges that have existed for decades.

It's no wonder small business owners looking to open a business here in Santa Monica, or homeowners seeking to do a home remodeling project, complain about McCormick and his department taking years to approve plans and causing unnecessary delays which drive the businesses' and homeowners' costs through the roof.

Perhaps McCormick and the city should spend more time assisting local businesses and homeowners who live here rather than persecuting them. McCormick and the city act like they're the Taliban.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica

(Editor's note: City staff operate off the direction of the Santa Monica City Council. McCormick and his staff do not set policy).

College graduates burned by life's questions yearly



HIP TO BE SQUARE

By Caroline Bodkin

As the school year wraps up and finals loom, students scour the earth, the library, their friends, their overpriced textbooks, their professors and maybe even their memories for ... answers. And once they think they've found the answers, they'll hope to hold them in the front of their brains until they're asked to put them somewhere else — probably in writing or the easier-to-grade answer sheet bubbles, A-E. And then the answers will be given back to their original source, the professor, and they'll never be seen in the form of "answers" again. They'll be grades. And those grades will provide license to move on and never remember the answers again.

Once these answers have been moved from the brain and put into the appropriate bubble or into writing, the students will forget them.

And really, that's fine. They need the brain space. Because once they leave the cozy confines of college, they'll be looking for a whole set of new ones.

You think leaving the womb was traumatic? Not by comparison. Leaving college is cold. No blanket, no breast.

I once heard a very successful woman (president of one of the major motion picture studios) say that life immediately following college graduation was the cruelest of life's jokes. You're led to believe that four years of hard work and high tuitions will pay your toll on the road to success. And that might be true, she said, but that road is on no map, and no one can tell you where to find it.

In college there are two kinds of questions: Test questions and meaning of life questions. The answers to both of these don't really matter in the long run because

you have to be an idiot to not graduate and really dumb to think you can figure out the meaning of life. But after college, there's these million-plus questions. What makes me happy? Where should I live? What does my major have to do with any of the jobs I might get? Am I qualified to do anything? Why is the Peace Corps so hard core? What the hell's Americore? Should I choose a life partner? Am I too young? Are young couples really more likely to divorce? If I don't move to New York City now, will I ever? After all of those are added up, one question still looms: How do I survive?

And they have no professors to turn to, no textbooks or memory to reference. There is no library with the book with the answer. There is no single, reliable source for the solid, objective, correct answer like the one you put in writing on a test or put into the bubble on an answer sheet.

And I don't know much three years after graduating, but I think I know the cruel joke: There is no right answer.

Sigh.

For four years they found right answers and were rewarded for doing so, or they asked deep questions just for fun. Now their survival, let alone their happiness, depends on finding the answer of answers, and there's no right answer to be found.

So yes, leaving college is cold, and leaving college means making up their minds, day by day, one decision at a time, about the million-plus questions regarding surviving their life. But that's the thing — it's their life. They're your decisions. And after they make enough of them, after enough days pass, and once they get a second to look back at things, might they see that although they weren't shown the road to success, they've been on a road. Their own road. And it's getting them somewhere new every day.

And pretty soon, just like they'll forget all the answers to all the test questions they were ever asked, they'll forget that they ever thought life was a test. They'll forget that life's a cruel joke. Because they'll be too busy living.

(Caroline Bodkin lives in LA and hopes to make it out alive. You can e-mail her at hiptobesquarebybodkin@yahoo.com).

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OPINION



Too early to evaluate workman's comp plan



Guest Commentary

By Sheila Kuehl

(Editor's note: This the fifth article in a series written by state Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) focusing on the state budget. Today, she addresses the worker's comp legislation that passed under threat of the initiative and the problems that will still face workers and employers).

For both workers and their bosses, deciphering what's covered under the new workman's compensation law can be daunting.

Under the current law, an injured employee may switch to his or her own doctor after 30 days. Under the new law, employers, beginning in 2005, are authorized to create and use a network of doctors for their injured workers. "Standards" for these networks are to be set by the worker's comp administrative director and must include a sufficient number of physicians and adequate access. It also requires disclosure of so-called economic profiling policies, under which employers can toss a doctor out of the network for spending too much on their patients. Injured employees can go from one doctor to another up to three times. They can then ask for an independent review if they are still not happy.

But there are problems with this. There are no real standards for those health care providers who will be chosen for the networks and no standards for how the networks will be required to deal with their patients. Though standards were suggested throughout the negotiations with Governor Schwarzenegger, the final bill had none — not even as much as HMOs now have. There's no quality assurance process, no real review of the networks by the Department of Worker's Comp. There's no requirement that the network provide any patient assistance and no requirement that there be a grievance procedure — you can go to another doctor, that's it. The network can't be disapproved by the administrator just based on which doctors are in it. The composition of the network is entirely up to the employer or the insurance company. And, there's no real separation of medical and fiscal decision-making, such as what we've tried to ensure in other medical groups.

A worker who has gone through three doctors in the network may request an independent medical review. The person who asks for the review, whether it's the worker or the employer, may request a

face-to-face meeting with the reviewer. This is a cost driver, not a cost saver. And, it's not the way it's done in any of our group health plans, which provide more efficient medical reviews. Interestingly, the employer who was consulted by the administration about how to set this up recommended this construct because they said, "It's the way Florida does it, and they save money." But it's not the way Florida does it. All the quality and patient protection standards (fines, revoking licenses, audits, complaints) used in Florida were left out of this bill concerning networks.

When temporary disability payments, which may not exceed 104 weeks in the first two years except for a few disabilities, run out the employer must begin paying a reasonable estimate of permanent disability, if it hasn't been set yet. This is a good thing. Also, an employer is rewarded for offering alternative work to an injured worker.

However, as in the now-defunct initiative, only objective standards will be used to judge permanent disability — subjective issues such as pain will not, for the most part, be taken into account.

Like the initiative, injury will be "apportioned" in terms of causation. Workers will be required to reveal their prior medical history so any work injury can be attributed to all its causes and worker's comp will only compensate that percentage caused by the work injury. Think about your knees in contemplating this.

A good provision in the law is immediate medical care so that injured workers are treated sooner.

The savings are not passed back to employers in this legislation. Although the governor said this was the primary reason for pushing this strong reform, he refused to put any rate regulation in it. Instead, the administrative director is to contract with a "qualified organization" to study (yes, study) the worker's comp insurance market and the effect of both the 2003 and 2004 reform legislation on premium rates.

The report is due Jan. 1, 2006. If it's not saving employers money, they may submit proposals to the Legislature for regulating insurance rates.

This is modestly better than the initiative but worse for injured workers than current law. The jury is still way out on whether employers will realize any savings or whether insurers, as they did this year, will simply claim the identified savings did not come to pass. The governor's reason for emphasizing this issue in such an aggressive way was to reduce worker's comp premiums to businesses. Let's make sure he knows if it's working or not.

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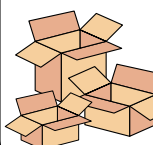
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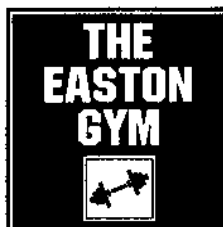
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LOCAL



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advocating organ donations.

Here, the Daily Press caught up with Rath and asked him "How?" and "Why?"

You've had 30 children in your life. Do you have a favorite?

"Of course."

Tell me about him or her.

"It's the one I'm standing in front of at any given moment."

What have you learned from having your 30 kids? What does it take to be a good parent?

"It begins with things like consistency. Communication is so key that it's probably at the top of the list of skills a good parent needs. And a parent needs to understand the job description of being a parent, because that job description will guide them in the decision-making process."

"So a parent needs clarity about what their goals and intentions are, and they need to as often as possible be acting from those intentions, those goals."

What's an example you see of parents steering away from that?

"If you want to teach your child to be honest, then you have to be honest — and not just about the big things, but about everything — because they are watching and they are paying attention."

"So when the phone rings and a child answers the phone, just as they're getting ready to pick it up, a parent can't say, 'If that's for me, tell them I'm not here.'"

You mentioned that communication skills are much more difficult for younger kids. Why?

"Two-year-old children, when they're told it's bedtime they don't go into a big thing about, 'Well, Bobby doesn't have to go to bed, but I have to go to bed' and 'I know the good TV is coming on now.'"

"Two-year-olds don't do that, but 6-year-olds, 9-year-olds and 14-year-olds do. So the communication skills that are necessary for a 2-year-old are vastly different."

How did you afford raising 30 kids?

"You get paid for foster children and, other than that, you get the money by working lots of jobs. During the time we were raising children I almost never had just one job."

Was that hard on your children?

"Yes."

How do you reconcile those two needs?

"You do the best you can. All parents realize that raising children is a forced set of compromises, every single day. You have to make decisions about how many hours am I gonna spend doing each of the things that need to be done today. And the priorities are pressing every single day, and every single day you make decisions."

"Twenty years later, you find out what the results were, and you realize that everybody makes compromises and the idea is that your communication with children is good enough that they learn from all the choices. So that they learn how to make good choices — because even when a parent is not home, that parent is still teaching their children about the choices they're making."

What's your success rate been?

"Well success is something that's measured in bits and pieces."

"So if the question is, 'How do you measure success?' and you measure suc-

cess by 'Have your children gone to jail?' I've done rather well. If you judge it by 'Have your children gotten pregnant out of wedlock?' I've done extremely well. If you judge it by, 'How many of your children have gone to college?' I've done pretty well ...

"Overall, I'm very proud of my children. Even for the things that they've done that were screw-ups or mistakes, they've learned from them."

How do you personally measure success?

"The one that's most important to me is 'Are they living a life that makes a difference to their family, to their community?' And if the answer's yes, I say they're great."

What were the holidays like at your home?

"Christmas morning, when the kids were little, looked a lot like a bomb went off at Toys 'R' Us — cause there was wrapping paper everywhere and toys everywhere, as well as clothes and books and all that other kind of stuff. Now it is much quieter. We usually go out to dinner."

Three of your children have passed away. How do you deal with that tragedy as a family?

"It teaches you the value of being together, being supportive and communicating. So that we get to express the emo-

tions — not try and bottle them in, but to express them in appropriate ways."

Does time really heal all wounds?

"It makes them easier to be with."

You've had diabetes for 30 years and had a successful kidney transplant last December. Do you know the person whose kidney is now yours?

"Yes. He's a very good friend of mine that I met in October of 1987 ...

"When he found out that I needed a kidney and that my wife was not a great candidate to give me a kidney — she had volunteered and had started the process of tissue matching and all that stuff, and they had said, 'We don't really want you to be the donor' — when he found out, he stepped up and said, and this is a quote, 'I have two. I really only need one. So you can have the other one.'"

Did your body have any trouble accepting his kidney?

"It began functioning before they had it fully hooked up."

How do you feel now — being done with dialysis?

"It's the difference from feeling sick every single day, having no real energy, to feeling almost totally normal."

"When my kidneys failed, I was physically ill at least one day a week. When I first started dialysis, I was sick almost all the time — not because of the dialysis, but because of how toxic my body had become — and it took months for the dialysis to clean me up enough that I felt good."

"But I still had to recognize that I wasn't well."

Having lived through that experience, do you have a renewed outlook on life — a philosophy you'd like to share?

"Yes, but I've had it for a long time. I'm here for a reason, and I decided that that reason that I'm here is to love people. What I've been given by getting a new kidney is a lot more years to do that."

"My philosophy is, life is to be enjoyed as fully as possible — that I am as able to enjoy life on the positive side as I was able to endure the negative — which means life can be really good."

Nick Rath

At 59, Nick Rath has a new kidney and a refreshed outlook on life.

Born: Denver, Colo., in 1944.

Raised: Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho. Moved to California for high school.

Family: Married to wife Barbara with 30 children. Father was a jeweler and watchmaker. Mother was a house mom who later became a school bus driver.

Residence: Home in Pacific Palisades.

Background: Six months later, Rath went into the Air Force. He spent eight years in the Far East gathering intelligence and said he couldn't provide any more details than that.

Occupation: Rath teaches parenting skills through the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Salary: Paid hourly. "Let's just put it this way, I'm not in it for the money," Rath said.

Other jobs: Statistician, electronic and security systems technician, inventor for Bank of America. Said Rath: "I invented a coin-wrapping machine. There are about seven of them that I know of throughout the world. I invented one of them. It is not in common use."

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\$30,800 for two-bedroom apartments and \$35,000 for apartments with three or more bedrooms, the study shows.

"Affordable units have been lost at every affordability level and every bedroom size as a result of market rent increases since Jan. 1, 1999," reads the report by the Rent Control Board. "Before the increases, 43 percent of the units had median rent levels affordable to very low income households. After the increases, less than 2 percent of the units remained affordable to these households."

"Before the increases, 79 percent of the units had median rent levels affordable to low-income households. After the increases, only 9 percent remained affordable at this income level."

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and ending in December of 2003 — went on to say that 45 percent of the apartments in Santa Monica rented at market rates are considered affordable only to households earning more than \$66,000.

Gay rights supporters rally in Los Angeles

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Days before the state of Massachusetts is set to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, about a hundred supporters of gay marriage rights rallied in Los Angeles to show their support.

Several states, including California, have passed legislation or referendums declaring that they will only recognize marriages between a man and a woman, but those gathered said they believed California will eventually reverse its stance on the issue.

"I think that in my lifetime I will be able to be married" in California, said Louise Moore, 51, who came to the rally in the upscale Silver Lake neighborhood with her partner.

"Eventually California will come

around," agreed Joe Altepeter, 40, of Los Angeles.

Seven Massachusetts couples who sued for the right to get married will be wed on Monday, months after that state's Supreme Court ruled that denying marriage rights to same-sex couples was unconstitutional.

Although the governor of Massachusetts has asked city clerks not to issue marriage licenses to out of state couples seeking to marry there, many at the rally predicted there would be an influx of same-sex couples seeking to wed.

"People are going to go there from out of state," said Los Angeles activist Robert Blackmon. "We'll know what happens with those when people go to their home states and file lawsuits."



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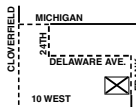


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STATE

Democrats secretly admire revised budget

BY TOM CHORNEAU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Democrats may protest the governor's revised budget in public, but behind closed doors most acknowledge there's much to love about the plan that avoids a number of painful spending cuts by relying on borrowing and one-time solutions.

Defenders of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's \$103 billion budget say it is a responsible approach to trimming the deficit without raising taxes. While acknowledging there's some smoke and mirrors, they say there are also real spending cuts.

It may also be a plan that may attract support of a two-thirds majority of the Legislature before the end of the fiscal year — if not before the June 15 constitutional deadline for adoption of the budget.

"If there is going to be a fight, it will be like a television wrestling match," said Jack Pitney, a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College. "The outcome is understood."

Schwarzenegger's budget, released Thursday, includes more than \$5 billion in borrowing and deferrals and several billion more in savings that must still be negotiated with labor unions and tribal gambling interests, among others. The governor has proposed deep spending cuts on welfare programs, corrections and higher education but he deferred his proposed overhaul of public health programs.

Some of the funding agreements have been already agreed to. Local government, for instance, has accepted a \$1.3 billion hit this year and next; trial court judges got a small increase in funding; public school officials have agreed to take only \$2 billion of what could be a \$4 billion increase in spending for next year.

Higher than expected tax income this spring allowed the governor to withdraw plans to impose big cuts to health care programs — cuts that Democrats were expected to fight.

Now, there would appear to be far less to fight about.

"In essence Arnold Schwarzenegger is being his own good cop," said GOP consultant Dan Schnur. "Normally it takes two people to play good cop, bad cop — but here Schwarzenegger's May revision is so much better for Democratic legislators that they seem to be confused about how to proceed."

John Ellwood, professor of public poli-

cy at the University of California, Berkeley, agreed but said the governor didn't really address the spending imbalance. "Politically, Democrats have got to be pleased — they got through another year. The Democrats are in conspiracy with the Republicans. The only ones who should be angry is anyone who believes there's real budget problems not being addressed."

Maybe so, said David Blair, a bond analyst with Nuveen Investments, but Wall Street will like seeing a budget done on time.

"It's a signal to the market," Blair said. "The problem we have had until recently is a political one, an inability of the Legislature and the governor to work together and produce a sound budget on time."

"Wall Street wants a demonstration that the two can work together on reforms," he said.

While some Democratic legislators have questioned the governor's proposals on transportation spending or possible welfare cuts, the real uncertainty over Schwarzenegger's plan surrounds his proposals to save about \$800 million from renegotiating union contracts and his desire to use a \$1.1 billion bond for pension payments.

Union officials have said they will not be giving up wages and benefits to the state without something in exchange. Schwarzenegger said he wants about \$300 million of the savings to come from the prison guards alone.

Lance Corcoran, vice president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, has already threatened job actions if the Legislature does not fully fund their contract negotiated by former Gov. Gray Davis.

The administration's plan to issue bonds to pay for upcoming pension obligations is also tied to getting reforms of workers' benefits. A similar Davis proposal was blocked last summer by a taxpayer group whose court challenge was upheld.

Schwarzenegger said he's close to settling that lawsuit, which will allow the bonds to be sold in a way that won't violate the law. But that settlement depends on the state creating a two-tiered pension system in the future, according to legislative aides familiar with the negotiations.

As proposed, that means giving new employees a far less generous retirement package than current union workers. So far, Democrats and union supporters say they don't like the idea and are unlikely to accept it.



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NATIONAL



Troubled Grand Canyon warnings going unheard

BY SETH HETTENA
Associated Press Writer

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz.— It's hard to get the sense anything is wrong in the Grand Canyon while floating through it. On a recent spring morning, the Colorado River was cool and calm. Trout leapt, splashing back into the river with a thick plop. Stands of salt cedar lined the banks, offering shade from desert heat.

But all is not well in this crown jewel of America's national park system. The salt cedar and trout are invaders, part of a wave of alien fish and plants that have moved in. Native species are disappearing, beaches are washing away, and once-buried Indian archeological sites are eroding into the river.

The landscape has been forever altered by Glen Canyon dam, built 40 years ago just upstream. Since then, nearly \$200 million has been spent assessing what the dam has done to Grand Canyon and exploring what can be done to heal it.

An ambitious experiment is under way to see whether Glen Canyon dam, the root cause of many of the problems, can also help fix them. Operators have unleashed floods, pulses of water and even a simulated summer drought to see whether the environment responds.

Now in its eighth year, the recovery program is in trouble. A team of government scientists say Grand Canyon's ecosystem is continuing to deteriorate, and the goal of restoring it may fail unless drastic actions are taken.

But a panel of river users and interest groups that directs the science doesn't seem to be listening. It's caught in an internal political struggle among competing interests for the canyon and the water that runs through it.

"The program is not willing to stand up and announce that the program's a failure," said John C. Schmidt, a veteran canyon researcher from Utah State University who has been involved in the effort to restore it. "They're not willing to say the irreversible price for Glen Canyon dam and its power and water storage is the deterioration of the Grand Canyon."

When the dam was completed in 1963 to generate power and store water, there was much hand-wringing over the loss of Glen Canyon, stretching upstream into

Utah. But no one anticipated the consequences to wildlife in the canyon below.

Forty years later, four of the canyon's eight native fish species have disappeared. Prospects for a fifth, the endangered humpback chub, are grim.

The Interior Department began studying the effects of the dam on Grand Canyon in the early 1980s and soon found that the beaches were washing away. By 1996, the department had spent more than \$100 million studying the canyon's environment.

Today, a U.S. Geological Survey team conducts \$7 million worth of science each year, paid by hydroelectric power sales. Lasers and sonars map the canyon's loss of sand. Implanted microchips allow scientists to monitor the few thousand humpback chub that remain and follow the movements of boulders downstream. Much of this work confirms what scientists say they already know. The sophisticated tests "measure the ever-fainter pulse of the patient," Schmidt says.

In an experiment of another sort, the Interior Department decided in 1996 that a group of civilians would direct the science in the canyon. The "adaptive management" program is designed to give managers flexibility to learn from the canyon's evolving science. A 25-member work group involves everyone with a stake in Grand Canyon: a river guide, a trout fisherman, tribes, environmentalists, water managers and power company officials. The group reports to Interior Secretary Gale Norton.

Putting civilians in charge of science has had some confusing results. The panel has set out "diametrically opposed" goals that scientists struggle to decipher, said Ted Melis, a Grand Canyon scientist with the Geological Survey. Anglers want to catch trout at the eastern edge of Grand Canyon; environmentalists want chub preserved 60 miles downstream. One problem: Trout eat young chub.

To save the chub, scientists are removing the trout by hand, after zapping them with a 300-volt burst of electricity during nighttime "electro-fishing" runs in the canyon. Jeff Lovich, chief of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, said there are preliminary indications that the electro-fishing may be helping the chub, but it will be years before researchers are sure.

Another major goal of the science is to

build up sandbars in the canyon with a flood that would push sand out of the Colorado River. Grand Canyon researchers said in a 2002 paper that there may not be enough sand in the river to do that. Sand may need to be pumped into the system to restore it.

"What do you do when the science tells you the problem is bigger than you want the problem to be?" Schmidt said.

The adaptive management work group finds itself pulled in different directions as each member looks after his or her own interests. Environmentalists see life or death for the canyon. The states see water that grows flowers and flushes millions of toilets. Power officials worry about lost revenue; it cost \$21 million to replace power lost during a three-month experiment with lower-than-normal flows in 2000, said Leslie James of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association.

"That's where the program has the hardest time: What are you willing to give up in return for improving something else?" James said.

The canyon researchers say the competing interests make the river system so inflexible that it interferes with the science. Dam maintenance and complex rules regulating releases, for example, have repeatedly delayed and canceled a series of experiments.

"We're not adapting with our adaptive management program," said Robert H. Webb, a hydrologist with the Geological Survey.

At some point, scientists say, the group will have to make a choice. Trout or chub.

Beach-building floods or healthy plants on the riverbanks. "There is no restoration or rehabilitation strategy that will improve the status of every riverine resource," reads a 1998 paper on Grand Canyon.

The group's two environmental members, Pam Hyde and Nikolai Ramsey, say the program has gotten "dangerously off-track" and the panel lacks the political will to take the bold steps needed to save the native Grand Canyon ecosystem.

"The best that we can do is keep slapping on as many Band-Aids as we can and hope the patient survives," Hyde says.

In a clear break with the collaborative process of the work group, Ramsey's group, Grand Canyon Trust, sued Norton to block a recovery plan that it says jeopardizes the humpback chub. "The resources are declining and we are in a sense doing less not more," Ramsey said.

A retreat is scheduled for June to get the program back on course. The alternative is lawsuits and the possibility that a judge could dictate the balance of interests in the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River — exactly what the Interior Department hoped to avoid by giving everyone a voice at the table.

During an eight-day rafting trip last month through Grand Canyon last month, Assistant Interior Secretary Bennett Raley, the Bush administration's top water official, said the canyon recovery effort was struggling and may need some "care and feeding" at the secretary's level.

"We want to make this work because we're terrified at the prospect of it not working," Raley said.

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Iraq commander limits interrogation techniques

BY MATT KELLEY AND JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — Amid the uproar over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, the senior U.S. commander in Iraq is moving to eliminate most coercive interrogation tactics.

The Pentagon says Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez is letting military intelligence chiefs know that their requests for such methods, which had been allowed with specific permission, will be turned down. Sanchez issued the order Thursday.

In its most comprehensive outline to date of methods that interrogators can use to question detained Iraqis, the Pentagon said Friday that Sanchez had approved 25 requests to isolate prisoners for interrogation since mid-October.

He had turned down three requests to put prisoners into uncomfortable positions to get them to talk, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Senior military officials also insisted that all interrogation techniques that have been approved have been allowable under international law.

Seven soldiers are facing military charges related to the abuse and humiliation of prisoners captured by the now-infamous photographs at Abu Ghraib, a prison in Baghdad. The soldiers and their lawyers have said military intelligence officials running the interrogations told military police assigned as guards to abuse the prisoners to make interrogations easier.

Direct questioning without any physical contact and other such techniques are still permitted without approval from high-level officers, said the officials, who help draft and approve such rules in Iraq.

Until Thursday, more stressful techniques were allowed with Sanchez's approval, such as depriving detainees of sleep for more than 72 hours or forcing them into "stress positions" — making them kneel or stand uncomfortably for more than 45 minutes.

Sanchez told military intelligence officers Thursday that he would not approve any stressful techniques other than putting prisoners alone in cells or in segregated units with only a small number of other detainees.

Critics say the interrogation rules, first laid out in September after a visit to Iraq by the then-commander of the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, amounted to a green light for abuse. Pentagon officials heatedly deny that, saying prisoners always are treated

under guidelines of the Geneva Conventions.

"That standard is being followed in Guantanamo and in Iraq," said Lawrence Di Rita, the chief spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Some members of Congress and legal experts say some of the techniques discussed Friday violate the conventions, which are the core of the international laws of war.

They cite a section of the Geneva Conventions that applies to all detainees in Iraq and which prohibits "physical or moral coercion" against prisoners, "in particular to obtain information from them or from third parties."

"It's obvious that some of the things we're talking about are coercion: putting people in stressful conditions, sleep deprivation for substantial periods of time, hooding," said lawyer and human rights expert Sidney S. Rosdeitcher. "Those things are plainly coercion."

The two military officials who briefed reporters anonymously included one who is a lawyer. Neither would answer questions about how the approved techniques comply with the Geneva Conventions.

They offered examples, contending that forcing a

detainee to stand at attention is permissible unless he is required to do so for so long it becomes painful.

"There's an enormous amount of subjectivity in the interpretation of the Geneva Conventions, and mostly what can not be done," Di Rita said.

Sanchez approved in September a modified set of interrogation rules after recommendations from Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who was then the commander of the Guantanamo Bay prison. He now runs the U.S. military's prisons in Iraq.

The military officials said Sanchez and other military officials scrubbed Miller's recommendations, changing them because Iraqi prisoners are subject to the Geneva Conventions while the Bush administration holds that Guantanamo detainees are not.

Civilian contract interrogators hired by the military must follow the rules, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. It's unclear whether CIA operatives, who interrogated some prisoners at Abu Ghraib, must abide by the rules, too.

Sacred Shiite shrine suffers bullet damage in fighting in holy city in Iraq

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press Writer

NAJAF, Iraq — American tanks firing shells and heavy machine guns made their deepest incursion yet Friday into this stronghold of a radical cleric. Apparent gunfire slightly damaged one of Shia Islam's holiest shrines, prompting calls for revenge and even suicide attacks.

In response, cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's militiamen attacked U.S.-led coalition headquarters in Nasiriyah, trapping international staff and some Italian journalists inside. Explosions and gunfire rocked Karbala, and al-Sadr's top aides threatened to unleash more attacks across the Shiite south and in Baghdad.

"We will fight and defend the holy shrines until our last breath," al-Sadr said in an interview broadcast late Friday by Al-Arabiya television, widely seen throughout the Middle East. "We are not controlling any holy shrine — we are defending these shrines."

Several large explosions and the roar of high-flying aircraft could be heard in Baghdad before dawn Saturday. The U.S. command issued no statement and the cause of the blasts was unknown.

The fighting around Najaf, the most important center of Shiite theology and scholarship, unnerved the country's Shiite majority, including members who have disavowed al-Sadr and worked with U.S. authorities.

Hamid al-Bayati, spokesman for a mainstream Shiite group represented on the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, called the fighting a "big mistake" that could inflame sectarian passions. He urged both sides to medi-

ate an end to the standoff.

At least four Iraqis were killed and 26 wounded Friday in Najaf, according to Haidar Raheem Naama, a hospital official. He said most were civilian. One coalition soldier was wounded, U.S. officials said.

At least three militiamen also were killed, and their coffins were brought to the Shrine of Imam Ali for family and friends to pray for their souls.

"America is the enemy of God," fighters shouted.

Explosions and heavy machine-gun fire rocked Najaf for hours, and bands of gunmen carrying assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar tubes roamed the city. After a lull, sporadic firing resumed as night fell.

Four holes, each approximately 12 inches long and 8 inches wide, could be seen on the golden dome of the Imam Ali mosque, burial place of Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib, the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law and the Shiites' most revered saint.

The mosque, in the middle of Najaf, is about 100 miles south of Baghdad on a high desert plateau overlooking the world's largest cemetery.

Militia members blamed the Americans for the damage to the mosque, but Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the chief U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, said al-Sadr's men were probably responsible: "I can just tell you by the looks of where we were firing and where Muqtada's militia was firing, I would put my money that Muqtada caused it."

During the crackdown on al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army, U.S. forces have been careful to avoid damaging shrines for fear of enraging Iraq's Shiite majority. They have attacked mosques where insurgents have set up fighting positions.

At a press conference in Baghdad, Kimmitt pointed to a map of Najaf and said a U.S. convoy might have been fired on from the cemetery as it moved near the shrine. If so, those rounds could have hit the shrine, he said.

Kimmitt accused the militia of using religious sites "much like human shields." He said American forces had not initiated the fighting but were responding to attacks by al-Sadr's gunmen.

That did little to assuage the anger of many Shiites in Najaf. By early evening, thousands gathered around the Imam Ali shrine to inspect the damage. Some shook their heads in disbelief. Others mumbled prayers.

"The Americans had better leave Iraq after this," said Jassim Mohammed. Another man, Abu Zahra al-Daraji, added: "The Americans have crossed a red line."

Al-Sadr's aides called on their followers to rise up against the coalition. His representative in Nasiriyah, Sheik Aws al-Khafaji, threatened attacks on coalition forces there, most of whom are Italians.

After his threat, armed men attacked coalition headquarters in Nasiriyah, about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad. They fired at least five rocket-propelled grenades within a half hour as Italian troops and Filipino security guards fought back.

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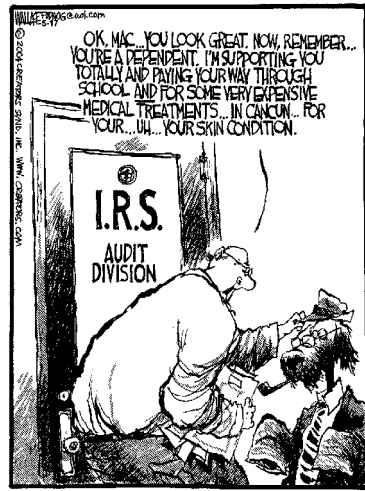
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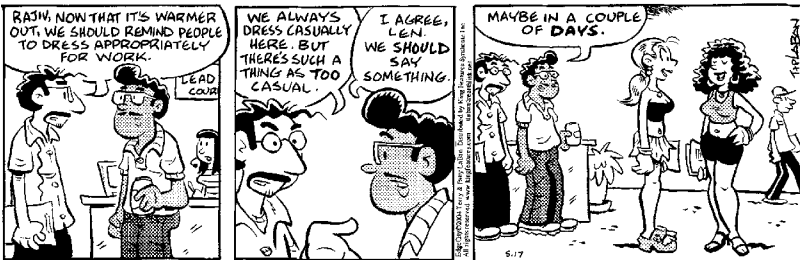
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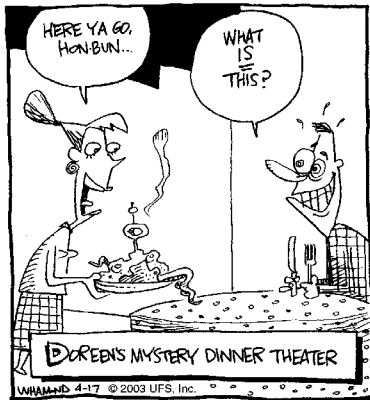
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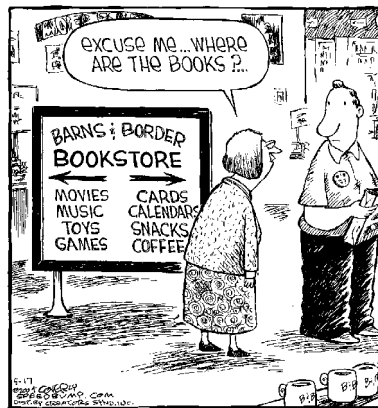
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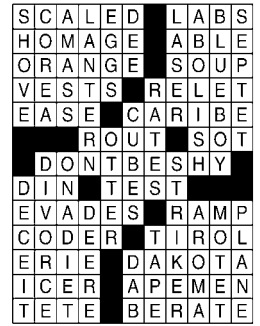
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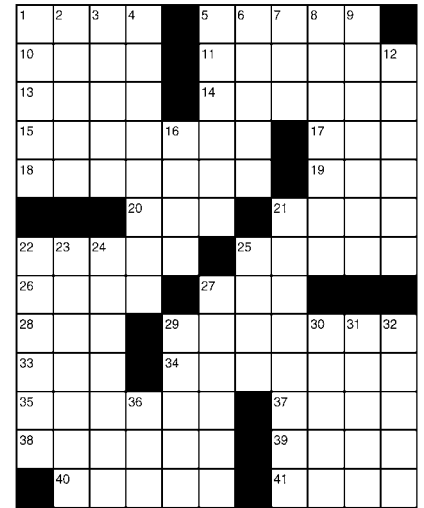
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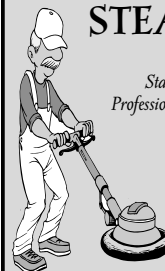
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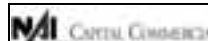
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trant(s) is/are : Those Tech Guys 708 Bay
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act business under the fictitious business
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATE-
MENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)
IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Rockin
Landscaping 43538 Ellsworth St, Free-
mont, CA 94539 The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : Rockin Landscaping, Free-
mont, CA 94539
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATE-
MENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)
IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Control-
led Havoc Innovations, 3632 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90034 The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : Controlled Havoc In-
novations, 3632 Kelton Ave. Los Angeles,
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This Business is being conducted, A Co-
Partnership. The registrant commenced to
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ness name/names listed above on: Regis-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATE-
MENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)
IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Europe-
an Festival Tours, 401 Yale St, Santa
Monica, CA 90405 The full name of regis-
trant(s) is/are : European Piano Festival
Tours (CALIFORNIA) 843 Yale St., Santa
Monica, CA 90405
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ual The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name/names listed above on: Registrant
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FILE NO. 04-117007
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATE-
MENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)
IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Starfire
Enterprises 2106 Glyndon Ave. Venice,
CA 90291 The full name of registrant(s)
is/are : Starfire Enterprises (CALIFORNIA)
2106 Glyndon Ave. Venice, CA 90291
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Partners. The registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious busi-
ness name/names listed above on: March
1, 2004.
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statement is true and correct. (A Regis-
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FILE NO. 04-112804
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATE-
MENTS THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)
IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: Ambassador
Rubber Stamps, 520 Washington Blvd. #133,
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 The full name of
registrant(s) is/are : Ambassador Rubber
Stamps, Marina Del Rey, CA
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ness under the fictitious business name/names
listed above on: The Registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious business
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BUSINESS AS: Salton Indigo, 201 Wilshire
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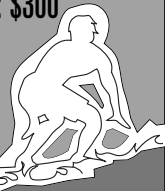
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Gwyneth's 'Apple' doesn't drop far from the tree

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow has given birth to her first child, a baby girl named Apple Blythe Alison Martin, People Magazine reported Saturday on its Web site.

The baby, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, was born in a London hospital Friday after what People described as "a long labor." Mother and daughter were said to be doing fine.

"We are 900 miles over the moon, and we'd like to thank everyone at the hospital who have looked after us amazingly," Paltrow's husband, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin, said in a statement released by spokesman Murray Chalmers.

Paltrow announced last December that she and Martin, 26, were expecting a baby. The couple, who have been scrupulous about maintaining their privacy, were wed in December during a private ceremony in Santa Barbara.

"The Jewish part of me is superstitious about talking about it, so when people say, 'Are you going to find out about the sex? Do you have weird food cravings? Or 'How does your mom feel?,' I don't want to answer those questions," the 31-year-old actress recently told "The Tonight Show's" Jay Leno.

Paltrow, who won an Oscar for "Shakespeare in Love," is the daughter of actress Blythe Danner and director Bruce Paltrow.

She hinted during an interview with W magazine earlier this year that she may do as her mother did and put her acting career on hold to raise her child.

"My mother turned down every fantastic movie there was," said Paltrow, who starred opposite her mother in last year's film "Sylvia." "She turned down these amazing things that would have made her a huge movie star."

■ **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Bill Murray, who won a Golden Globe earlier this year for his role in "Lost in

Translation," received a lifetime achievement award at the Jacksonville Film Festival.

Murray, 53, kissed the award — a glass-and-wood turtle — then made a face.

"It smells like the ocean," Murray said at the ceremony Saturday night. "It's the only award I have that does."

The Golden Globe was the first major acting prize for Murray, who gained fame in the 1970s as a goofball on TV's "Saturday Night Live" and continued that schtick in movies such as "Caddyshack" and "Meatballs."

"Lost in Translation," about two lonely Americans who find friendship in a Tokyo hotel, earned Murray an Oscar nomination.

He told a packed auditorium at the Florida Theatre that his latest honor proves "that I'm not in it just for the awards."

"It's just an accident I'm receiving this," Murray said. "I happen to know Patrick Swayze left unexpectedly, and I happened to be here."

Murray's latest film, "Coffee and Cigarettes," is a compilation of 11 vignettes featuring actors and musicians playing versions of themselves as they sit down for coffee, cigarettes and banter. The film opened Friday in select theaters.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — A grounded airplane made Broadway star Andre De Shields late for his trip to Madison, but he wasn't about to let that keep him from receiving an honorary doctoral degree.

De Shields, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1970 and five years later created the title role in "The Wiz" on Broadway, stood for the 150-mile bus ride from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to Madison.

He missed Friday's graduation ceremony, but a few hours later, he stood in cap and gown in Chancellor John Wiley's den before a small gathering of deans and fellow honorees.

After receiving his diploma, he spoke of his family's struggle to succeed and their "deferred dreams." He then broke into a sweet but forceful rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," bringing many in attendance to tears.

De Shields also has performed in "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Play On!" and "The Full Monty."

■ **LAS VEGAS** — Celine Dion canceled the weekend performances of her nightly show at Caesars Palace because the singer needed more time to recover from a sprained neck.

Dion had already canceled three performances of "A New Day ..." last week.

The singer been hampered by a sprained neck, which she aggravated while doing her show. The singer's doctor examined her Friday and advised Dion that her recovery was not complete, show spokeswoman Kris Lingle said.

Dion, 36, is expected to resume performances on Wednesday. She is in the second year of a three-year engagement at the Las Vegas Strip hotel-casino.

■ **NEW YORK** — Nicole Brown Simpson's older sister, Denise Brown, accused a former prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson trial of having "trashed" her family in a book.

Brown said the prosecutor, Marcia Clark, had been rude and arrogant to her from the outset of the trial.

"The very first time I went to Marcia Clark's office, she had a huge poster-board picture of my sister with her head almost cut off propped up right near her desk," Brown told The Daily News for Sunday editions. "I told Marcia I couldn't look at that and she told me it was like 'part of the furniture' to her. How insensitive can you be? That was my sister."

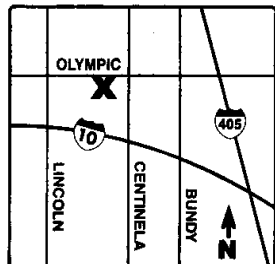
Clark also wrote a book about the trial that Brown said unfairly accused the family of not helping Nicole Brown Simpson leave her relationship with O.J. Simpson sooner.

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