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## Up a tree



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press  
City worker Ramiro Rodriguez trims a tree on Idaho Avenue near 11th Street this week.

## Steve Bing files \$1billion-plus lawsuit against MGM mogul Kerkorian

By The Associated Press

Hollywood producer Steve Bing, who's fighting a paternity claim by model-actress Elizabeth Hurley, filed a \$1 billion-plus invasion of privacy and trespassing lawsuit against MGM studio mogul Kirk Kerkorian.

The lawsuit filed in Santa Monica Superior Court Thursday claims the 84-year-old Kerkorian was behind an effort to dig through Bing's trash for dental floss in an effort to prove that Bing fathered the 4-year-old daughter of Kerkorian's ex-wife.

Lisa Bonder Kerkorian, 37, has gone to court to get \$320,000 a month to support daughter Kira. Kerkorian wants the amount no higher than the \$50,000 a month he's paying now.

Although they had a 10-year relationship, Kerkorian was married to the former tennis pro for only a month in 1999. Lisa Kerkorian's attorneys originally claimed Kerkorian was Kira's father, but the billionaire's lawyers said in court that he is sterile.

Lisa Kerkorian recently admitted faking a DNA paternity test by

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## City joins film production battle against Canadians

*Santa Monica first city to endorse petition to lobby U.S. trade representatives*

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica has joined the fight to keep film production in the United States and out of Canada.

About 50 local and regional film industry workers in the American Film and Television Action Committee won the support of the Santa Monica City Council this week in their effort to have the United States government fight Canadian sub-

dies that they say are luring away much of Southern California's film production work.

The film and television industry is a vital aspect of Santa Monica's economy, generating \$1.5 billion in payroll and vendor expenditures annually, according to an industry study. Santa Monica also is home to thousands of industry employees who earn their living from entertainment production.

Many jobs in post-production studios are located in Santa Monica, and a large number of outdoor scenes take place in the area, generating millions of dollars in revenue for the city and local businesses.

But supporters of the resolution say that could

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## School board votes to end labor dispute at Doubletree

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Fearing a loss of revenue, Santa Monica's school board voted unanimously Thursday to urge a local hotel to end a perceived labor dispute with its workforce.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District leases the land to the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, which is located on Fourth Street just west of Santa Monica High School.

The school board is concerned that the hotel workforce's unrest with management could impact the amount of revenue flow coming to the district,

which would limit educational opportunities.

There has been a push in the past month to unionize the hotel workers in an effort to get health benefits and better working conditions.

The Doubletree's management say the union and community members are forcing issues that don't exist.

Doubletree general manager Francois Khoury said Friday that the school board's resolution is hard to respond to since the hotel's stance is that there is no labor dispute.

"It's such a vague request that we can't address

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## Lawsuit alleges SM courthouse not accessible to handicapped

By staff and wire reports

A federal equal-access lawsuit was filed against Los Angeles County for allegedly denying the disabled adequate access to courthouses, including the one in Santa Monica.

The U.S. District Court lawsuit filed Thursday alleged inadequate handicapped parking, dangerously steep ramps, heavy doors and inaccessible filing counters, jury boxes and witness stands. The suit seeks unspecified damages and declarative and injunctive relief.

The lawsuit identified seven offending courthouses: the downtown Civil Courts building and courthouses in Santa Monica, Long Beach, Norwalk, Pasadena, Compton and Van Nuys.

"We focused on them as representative to

demonstrate how the entire Los Angeles Superior Court system is not accessible," said attorney Paula Pearlman of the Western Law Center for Disability Rights, one of the legal advocacy groups working on the case.

Of the 58 county courthouses, only the Children's Court in Monterey Park is fully accessible to the disabled, she said.

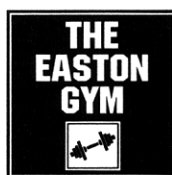
Deputy County Counsel David Michaelson would not comment on the lawsuit. But he said the county is not violating federal law as long as it provides viable options for people with disabilities.

Fred Bennett, legal counsel for the Los Angeles Superior Court, said Friday that he had not seen the lawsuit, but admitted that some courthouses are not up to standards. But it's a matter of the

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## Santa Monica's Daily Calendar

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**Santa Monica Playhouse presents Cinderella!** Every Saturday & Sunday through June. A delightfully romantic original classic. 1211 Fourth Street, Santa Monica. 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., \$9.00 for ages 2-92 (under 2 and over 92 get in free). (310) 394-9779 ext. 2

**Ballroom Dancing** is offered every Saturday in the auditorium of the Felicia Mahood Senior Center, W.L.A., \$2 per person, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., (310) 479-4119.

**Community Yoga Classes** offered to students of all levels. \$6, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m., Santa Monica Yoga, 1640 Ocean Park Blvd., (310) 396-4040.

**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.

**The Artists Gallery** located at 2903 Santa Monica Blvd., will have an Opening Reception for Deborah Kaplan Evans and Fielden Harper's

new exhibit. All are welcome and the artists will be present to answer any questions. Saturday, May 18, 5 p.m. To 8 p.m. For more information please call (310)829-9556.

**The Santa Monica College Music Department** presents the SMC Chamber Choir. Today, Sunday, May 19 @ 4 p.m. SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Admission is free! For more information please call (310) 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323.

**Cedars-Sinai IBD Grassroots Group** presents "Morning at the Market," a special Farmer's Market event to raise funds and awareness for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). 6:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19. Farmer's Market in Pacific Palisades. The market is located at Sunset Blvd. And Swarthmore. Cedars-Sinai Community Relations (310) 423-3664.

**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."

**Shiatsu Massage School of California** is offering Hatha Yoga FREE to the community! Increase your strength and flexibility, decrease stress and improve your posture. Sunday's from 6:45 p.m. To 8:15 p.m. 2309 Main Street, Santa Monica. (310) 396-4877

**The Santa Monica College Music Department** presents SMC Musical Theatre Workshop Highlights. Sunday, May 19 @ 7:30 p.m. SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets are \$5.00. For more information please call (310) 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323.

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#### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Listen well to someone who cares a lot about you. Sometimes you get confused by an artsy or vague pal, especially when making plans. Stay centered and mellow when dealing with others. Laughter surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Play away with loved ones.

#### ♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Stay close to home. Another's idea of what to do might not please you. Mellow out. Be careful with how much you invest in your home or a loved one. You easily could go overboard trying to please this person. Tonight: Relax with a favorite person.

#### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Speak your mind and share what is going on with you. Your sense of humor takes you in a new direction if you flow with the moment. Your ideas are valued, despite the confusion that surrounds you. Loosen up and know what you ultimately want and need. Tonight: Reach out for a friend.

#### ♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Flow with an opportunity, though it might mean investing some funds. Don't hesitate, even with a partner's confusion or distress. Trust your intuition right now, just don't go overboard. Don't let negativity seep in. Tonight: Your treat.

#### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Make an effort to listen to another more carefully. Consider options surrounding a friendship or loved one. Catch up on a friend's news. Your imagination delights a child or loved one. Choose a new direction. Tonight: Where the gang is.

#### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Slow down and examine what is happening behind the scenes. If you might be dragging your feet or are not sure about what to do, think twice. Make a study of being a couch potato and get some much-needed downtime. Remember, you don't always need to be on. Tonight: Do your thing.

#### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Find your friends, and you won't go wrong. Go with the flow and enjoy yourself more often. Sometimes your waffling can be more of a problem than you think. You could be wearing yourself down by your lack of certainty. Tonight: You are the party.

#### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Deal with a parent, boss or someone you look up to. You might not always feel like answering to this person, but right now you should. A family member could be distraught by the change in your attitude. Stay on top of options. Tonight: Have fun. Make it a late night.

#### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Accept an invitation to take off at the last minute. Use your imagination when making plans for the next few days or even when looking at an upcoming project. Innovative thinking becomes your trademark. Others enjoy your point of view. Tonight: Get a perspective.

#### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Plan on spending the day with a favorite person. Share more of yourself with this loved one. He or she will understand if you need to slow down and play the day low-key. Understand your limits as well as you understand others'. Tonight: Put your feet up.

#### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Let others lead. Work on being a good follower. A child or loved one might need more of your attention and time. This person might have an odd way of expressing his or her feelings. A friend helps you with your project. Let everything hang out. Tonight: Where the fun is.

#### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Schedule a relaxing day reading the paper and get plenty of R & R. You might be unduly tired. Your instincts lead you with a loved one who might want to do more than you. Allow yourselves to go different ways, if need be. Tonight: Put up your feet.

## QUOTE of the DAY

“I want to be the white man's brother,  
not his brother-in-law.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

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## LOCAL

# Drug shortage sparks fears about rattlesnake season

BY ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — Warm weather is luring rattlesnakes from their holes and tourists to the wilderness, creating potentially deadly confrontations at a time when the drug used to treat bites is in short supply.

Snake season in Western states generally runs from about April through October. The snakes are most active in early spring, when it is warm enough for them to bask without frying, and in late fall after breeding, when they are hunting and fattening up for winter hibernation.

California's dry spell — rainfall is a third of normal for the season — has drawn snakes to some foothill communities where they don't usually show up until early summer. The snakes head for water sources that attract rats, squirrels and other prey.

Kathy Jenks, director of the Ventura County Department of Animal Regulation, recently came across a baby rattler by the front door of her foothill home in Ojai.

"We've been getting calls for about a month, which is way early," Jenks said. "I think it's going to be an exceptionally frightening year, as far as rattlesnakes go."

Dozens of bites have been reported in Western states so far, none fatal. But a nationwide shortage of a new antivenin concerns hospitals in prime rattlesnake country.

"There's been a zero supply" of antivenin this spring, said Diana Bond, pharmacy director at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. "Let's hope we can make it to Memorial Day."

The hospital had enough serum on hand Wednesday to treat six patients, she said.

A normal snakebite can require five to 12 vials of antivenin but a serious one could take 50, experts said.

Because of a production delay, the drug CroFab won't be shipped until early June and "we have none in stock," said Russell LaMontagne, a spokesman for New York-based Savage Laboratories, the U.S. distributor.

The only other manufacturer of a rattlesnake antivenin stopped making the older drug last year.

Loma Linda University Medical Center had enough of the new antivenin to treat four or five normal bites, although a serious case or two "could wipe out our supply," said Dr. Sean Bush, an emergency physician and snakebite specialist.

The hospital gets snakebite cases from the arid, snake-rich deserts and mountains east of Los Angeles, handling as many as four dozen a season.

So far there have been about a dozen cases, including two "near-deaths" that required antivenin treatment, Bush said.

One woman's blood pressure plummeted after she was bitten by a hidden snake while turning an irrigation valve. She had "wormlike twitching of the muscles. She looked pale as a ghost," Bush said.

In Arizona, 20 people have been treated for snakebite this year at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, the Phoenix area's only poison control center. The hospital, which handles about 70 bites annually, currently has enough antivenin on hand to treat 10 to 15 cases.

A rattlesnake bite thins a person's blood, reduces blood pressure and causes swelling and tissue damage around the bite.

If you are bitten, experts warn, don't use a tourniquet or ice and never cut the wound or try to suck out the venom. Don't take aspirin, which thins the blood. Get to a doctor or a hospital immediately.

Even without antivenin treatment, few snakebites are fatal. Experts say there are five to 15 deaths among 6,000 to 8,000 cases in the U.S. each year. California and Arizona get about 300 reported snakebites each year, with rare fatalities.

But 10 percent to 25 percent result in long-term injuries and there is no instant way to gauge the seriousness of a bite. Untreated bites can lead to scars, loss of movement in a hand or foot or even an amputated finger, Bush said.

The best cure may be prevention. Experts note that most bites are caused by people trying to handle a snake.

"They're trying to catch 'em or kill 'em or make 'em strike or make 'em rattle. They just get too close," said Mike Cardwell, a deputy chief with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department who researched venomous Mojave green rattlesnakes.

Take the snake's point of view, Cardwell admonished.

"You're living your life an inch off the ground and having something 60 or 70 inches tall come along and bother you, that's a horror movie. ... All they can do is strike and bite."



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

**Union organizers rally in front of Santa Monica City Hall Thursday before the school board voted unanimously to urge the Doubletree hotel to make a compromise with its workers.**

## Hotel management argues there is no labor dispute

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anything," he said. "We have not one complaint from the inside, it's all from the outside ... It's all propaganda."

The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union local 814 filed charges earlier this week with the National Labor Relations Bureau accusing management at the Doubletree of threatening, interrogating and discriminating against employees for trying to organize workers into a union.

The hotel has 125 employees, but Khoury said the charges stem from only four workers.

He added that the hotel has plenty of ways within the company for employees to air their grievances, but no complaints have been taken to management.

Union organizers rallied Thursday in support of the school board resolution.

According to a report by the union, the 253-room hotel paid \$367,029 annual rent to the school district in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

## Courthouses are accessible, lawyer says

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county's financial resources, which are limited, to make the facilities completely accessible.

"We know there are deficiencies in our buildings. It's the county's responsibility, but we work with the county to try to make our court facilities as accessible as possible to our users and customers," he said. "If one department is not suited for handicapped access, we try to accommodate their needs in other courtrooms."

He added that similar suits have been filed in the past. In

some of those cases, the court found that the county courthouses had found reasonable alternatives for the handicapped when the buildings weren't up to standards.

One of the plaintiffs, Deborah Miles, a mental health caseworker who uses a wheelchair, said she must find a security guard to take her in a service elevator to certain floors that the public can reach only by stairs.

Another plaintiff, attorney David G. Geffen who was paralyzed in a diving accident, said he relies on homeless people to help him get to court from a parking lot across the street from the same courthouse.



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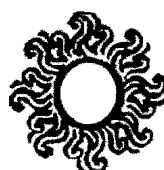


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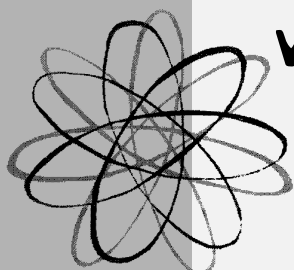
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**LOCAL**

## Activists: Blame Canada for local film workers' plight

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all come crashing to an end if Canada continues to provide large subsidies.

"We are losing roughly 10,000 jobs — worth about \$2 billion — a year to Canada," said Brent Swift, president of the American Film and Television Action Committee. "Mainly, because Canada offers a 20-40 percent subsidy on labor."

Santa Monica is the first city in the country to endorse the resolution being sponsored by the committee. The group hopes to gather more endorsed resolutions to present to U.S. Trade representatives when lawyers for the committee file a petition next month.

The petition would force trade representatives to investigate the claims of wrongdoing by Canada. The group hopes to use the resolutions to pressure lawmakers in Washington D.C. to follow through with action.

"I have witnessed the grief caused by Canadian subsidies on Santa Monica residents," said Santa Monica resident Michael Katz. "People are losing their jobs, their homes, their lives — everything because of these subsidies."

Before Tuesday night's council meeting, a host of film industry associations and unions lobbied council members to vote against the proposed resolution. They said repealing the sanctions would harm the studios and the workers they employ.

The Motion Picture Association of America, which represents all the major film and television studios, asked the council not to support the resolution because America's trading partners may retaliate.

"While those industry employees who support the petition are concerned for the health of the motion picture and television industry in California, the proposed petition will exacerbate the very problem it hopes to resolve," wrote Melissa Patrick, president and general manager of the MPAA.

"Since foreign markets represent 40 percent of the revenues for the entertainment industry, inviting new barriers to our experts is a risk we cannot afford," she added.

However, the Screen Actors Guild, one of the largest and most powerful international entertainment unions, has endorsed

the resolution.

The union's treasurer, Kent McCord, applauded the city's action and hoped more Southern California cities would follow its lead.

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— **MICHAEL KATZ**  
Santa Monica resident

"I think it's tremendous for Santa Monica to take the action they took," he said. "I don't think it's selfish like (the studios) would have us believe — it's being supportive of its residents, the citizens of California and of the United States."

Santa Monica resident Randy Feldman said she has gone seven months without getting a decent job on a film or television project.

"Suddenly, it has all stopped," she said. "Jobs are scarce and people with high skills are having to take any job they can get just to survive."

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown, who introduced the resolution and urged his colleagues to vote in favor of it, said local government had to act to protect the workers in their communities.

"Santa Monica is a thriving regional hub for production and post-production, home to both workers and small businesses," McKeown said. "We must protect our own against predatory foreign trade practices."

He added, "If their jobs go north, our economy goes south."

## Lawsuit centered around stolen dental floss for DNA

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using saliva she obtained from Kerkorian's adult daughter. But she said in a deposition that Kerkorian urged her to pretend he was Kira's father in order for him to appear virile.

Bing, who had dated Lisa Kerkorian, claims in his lawsuit that Kerkorian stole his dental floss in an effort to avoid child support payments.

"One of the richest men in the world ... schemed to steal someone's DNA from the garbage and to have that DNA tested without consent in a disgusting effort to publicly smear and disparage his ex-wife," Bing said in his lawsuit.

Bing claims Kerkorian sent private investigator Stephen H. Scholl, who's also a defendant, to steal from his trash.

There was no immediate reaction from Kerkorian attorney Terry Christensen,

who was out of the country Friday and hadn't seen the lawsuit, his secretary said.

After a conversation with Kerkorian last month, Bing said he "readily agreed to submit his DNA for genetic testing," as long as the results were kept confidential.

Bing said in his lawsuit that he "always agreed that if it turned out that he was in fact the child's biological father he would act appropriately, just in a private fashion."

Last month, he took legal action in London to determine whether he's the father of Hurley's infant son, Damian Charles. Details of the legal filing weren't made available, but the court could order DNA tests if he and Hurley can't reach an agreement.

Bing is a former writer for the sitcom "Married ... With Children" and producer of films including the 2000 remake of "Get Carter."

## STATE



# Cemetery tries to make every life remarkable

BY JEFF WILSON  
Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — In just four years, death business maverick Tyler Cassity has transformed a decaying graveyard with a who's-who cast of eternal celebrity residents into California's lush and hip final stop.

Part of Hollywood Forever's success can be attributed to modern technology: A mini film studio at the cemetery produces 15-minute video memorials that can be seen on graveyard kiosks or over the Internet — for eternity.

"We feel like our business is a business of remembrance. And we aren't doing a good job if it's just a date of birth and a date of death on a tombstone," said Cassity, a 32-year-old St. Louis native with movie star looks.

It was Cassity and his young crew who breathed life into 620-acre Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery, founded in 1899 and renamed Hollywood Forever when Cassity and investors bought it for \$375,000.

He presided over a refurbishing that showcases the graveyard where Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel and Douglas Fairbanks Sr. and Jr. are entombed. Rudolph Valentino, Peter Lorre, Tyrone Power, Harry Cohn, Cecil B. DeMille, John Huston, Nelson Eddy, Janet Gaynor and Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer are also permanent

residents of the cemetery next to Paramount Studios.

"It's a place to be proud of again," Cassity said.

It also attracted the attention of producers for the HBO series "Six Feet Under."

The cemetery's flamboyant owners sometimes act as informal technical advisers for the dark comedy about a widow and her two sons and daughter who run an independent Los Angeles funeral home called Fisher & Sons. The series also often uses Hollywood Forever graveyard shots.

The accomplishments of Cassity and his cohorts will be showcased Sunday in the HBO documentary "The Young and the Dead."

The graveyard is nothing less than a historic treasure, Cassity said. Tourists wander the grounds clutching free maps to celebrity graves.

The cemetery's heartbeat centers on the video and digital services for families. Families can now see a giant computer-activated television playing videotaped goodbyes and biographical epitaphs of the dead. About 17,000 video tributes are already produced, many of them also available on the Hollywood Forever Web site.

A no-frills biography is \$400, and the all-out production is about \$5,000. But the average is about \$1,100.

## Playboy Entertainment to move from Beverly Hills

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Playboy Entertainment will end a 10-year relationship with Beverly Hills in September when it moves its headquarters to an industrial area north of downtown Los Angeles, dominated by auto repair shops, railroad tracks and distribution centers.

The planned move involves the film and video unit only of the adult entertainment company, whose headquarters remain in Chicago.

About 200 employees will move to the 64,000-square-foot building in the Glassell Park area.

Spokesman Scott Barton said Playboy Entertainment is relocating to be next to a new sound stage it will lease.

The facility, undergoing a redesign for Playboy, is part of the company's strategy to boost original programming for Playboy TV, which has more than doubled production in the last two years, according to Barton.

Playboy will share a building in the Los Angeles Media Tech Center with several other tenants, including the city Bureau of Sanitation.

The value of the new 10-year lease is about \$14 million, according to unidentified sources quoted by the Los Angeles Times.

Playboy Entertainment will retain a small presence in Beverly Hills, maintaining an office on Wilshire Boulevard for Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and some other staff, the company said.

## DA won't request jail for man who registered dog to vote

By The Associated Press

**LAFAYETTE** — Jail time will not be requested for a Lafayette man charged with voter fraud after registering his dog to vote, a prosecutor said Friday.

By law, Donald Miller, 78, could face up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Contra Costa County Senior District Attorney Jim Sepulveda said he likely will seek only a \$250 fine and no jail time for Miller on the misdemeanor, but said he's forced to show that breaking the law doesn't come without consequence.

"He broke the law, and he flaunted it," Sepulveda said. "If we didn't charge him, and someone else registered a fictitious person or animal, how could we go after them?"

Miller said he registered Barnabas as a Republican two years ago to prove how lax the voter registration process is. When the dog got called for jury duty in March, Miller's story appeared in the local newspaper.

Sepulveda said he could have charged Miller with felony perjury and filing a false registration, but he opted for the misdemeanor charge since Barnabas didn't actually vote and Miller's stunt was meant to make a statement.

Miller's arraignment is set for June 10.

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## STATE

# A new century of growth promises to remake life

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

From morning to night, it's the chaotic running story line of California's dynamic existence, at once terrifying and thrilling, a relentless, pressing phenomenon called growth.

Like few places on earth, the world has constantly rushed into California: great unceasing waves of humanity seeking riches and gold, sunshine and land, always a better life. At the dawn of World War II, still absorbing its latest wave from the Dust Bowl, California easily held 7 million people on 156,000 square miles.

By 1960, that population doubled.

Then, by 2000, it more than doubled again. People came from Indiana and India, from Southeast Asia, South America and Mexico. They arrived, indeed, from every corner of earth where crops failed, where wars created refugees or smart young people struck out to write software.

Such unending growth is the background music of California living. It's the overarching theme of a fast-growing megastate, the view out every car window: the new highway shopping center, the sky-crane above downtown, the uprooted trees of a disappearing pear orchard.

For today's nearly 35 million Californians, the push and strain of accommodating 600,000 new residents a year already shows in a thousand ways: on the torturous stop-and-go freeways to work, in schoolyards overrun with portable classrooms, across vast tracts of new housing that most people still can't afford.

Yet experts say by 2040 California will add another 24 million people. That's equal to adding another city of Los Angeles every five years.

Unlike past decades when millions of migrants and immigrants drove most of California's growth, babies, babies and more babies are driving a larger share of today's and tomorrow's growth.

State officials say California could reach 52 million people by 2030, and by 2040, 58 million. That's roughly the population of today's Great Britain — the world's 20th most populous nation.

If such numbers sound alarming, even unbelievable, consider the Los Angeles region. Experts predict this landscape of 16 million people inhabiting an earthquake zone and relying on a distant water supply will grow to 21 million by 2020 — and nearly 28 million by 2040. Then, as today, reports the California Department of Finance, five counties — Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura — will house nearly half of California's population.

Meanwhile, rural northern California counties are stagnant and hungry for growth.

Welcome or not, another 24 million Californians will force new, stressful adjustments in how people live and work. It will complicate how Californians educate their children, how they go to the beach and their favorite mountain campgrounds.

Yet growth also promises interesting transformations in a state that revels in change.

Already, researchers are hatching visions of "intelligent" transportation to accommodate 8 million more vehicles on existing freeways. Californians are pioneering a mixed ethnic society with few parallels nationally. Growth is forcing the nation's most urbanized state to rethink

how it builds cities and suburbs.

Everywhere are choices to make today to make tomorrow livable.

In a state of growing cities, 85 percent of the developed water supply is used for farming. In a state with much of the nation's worst air, most people drive to work alone. There are trade-offs between demand for housing and love for natural open space. The world's fifth-largest economy faces endless reinvention to accommodate 6 million new residents every decade.

In short, California may still face its greatest challenges. The state that irrigated its deserts, built an immense highway system and planted major universities, enters a new century pressured as always by its rising population and growth.

## Predicting CA growth

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press Writer

When it comes to how many people will live in California two generations from now, the projections are as diverse as the state.

One scenario has the state growing to 46.8 million people by 2040. An extreme prediction pegs the population at 63.4 million.

The truth is probably somewhere in between.

But whatever the case, the consensus is clear — the number of people who will be born here or immigrate to the state will far outdistance the number of people who die or leave.

That may seem an academic abstraction, but the formula matters to everyday life.

Virtually every state agency and many public companies use the numbers for real-life problems such as expanding freeways and predicting what areas will flunk clean air rules or need more water.

The projections also inform market research.

Navy recruiters and a beer distributor have called the state's demographic research unit, asking where the young men will be. One orthodontist called Linda Gage, the unit's chief, to ask where there would be a bloom of children — within 10 miles of a beach.

State demographers now believe California's population will reach 58.7 million by 2040 — about 24 million more people than today.

It's like adding the populations of Florida, Connecticut and three Nevadas to California's current tangle of 34.7 million, the latest population estimate available.

No other state can compete with that kind of growth.

In 2000, 1 in 8 Americans lived in California. By 2025, 1 in 7 Americans will live here, according to the Census Bureau.

The wide range of projections reflects a necessarily speculative formula.

Three things determine the population: births, deaths and migration — immigrants from overseas and other states, as well as those who will leave the state for elsewhere.

These factors can be hard to predict.

# NATIONAL



## Vegas braces for possible citywide casino strike

BY ANGIE WAGNER  
Associated Press Writer

**LAS VEGAS** — Las Vegas is on the verge of the first citywide casino strike in 18 years as thousands of workers prepare to walk picket lines and deliver a blow to an economy struggling to recover from the post-Sept. 11 tourism dip.

Union members voted overwhelmingly Thursday to authorize a strike if contracts aren't reached with 35 casinos by May 31, when current pacts expire.

Union leaders called the vote — 18,654 for a strike, 877 against — the largest one in the city's history.

The last time there was a citywide strike at Las Vegas casinos — in 1984 — megaresorts hadn't become the destination of choice and the city had yet to transform into the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan area.

"A strike would not be good for this state, this industry, but workers will do whatever they have to do to get a fair contract," said Glen Armodo, Culinary Union political director.

The culinary and bartender's unions — with 47,000 members — and the casinos can't agree on how much casinos should pay for employee health care for maids, bellmen, cocktail waitresses and food service workers.

The union wants continued free coverage, but casinos say health-care costs have gone up and tourism is down, and they must adjust for that.

"We are not in agreement about how to get there," said Alan Feldman, spokesman for MGM Mirage, the city's largest hotel-casino owner. "A strike is always possible if you don't have an agreement. It does not in any way mean that it's inevitable."

Union members say the casino's stance is just an excuse, noting six top MGM Mirage executives recently were awarded bonuses totaling \$5.2 million.

"We are the ones making them money," said Antonio Torres, 41, a buffet

server at the Bellagio hotel. "We are the machine that runs the hotels."

Negotiations haven't been pleasant. The union sent mailings to 50,000 travel agents around the country warning that tourists might be inconvenienced by the labor dispute. Casino executives said the mailers threatened to sabotage the city's recovery from the tourism slump.

On Thursday, two casino companies — Mandalay Resort Group and MGM Mirage — proposed extending contract talks for a month, but the union dismissed the suggestion.

The union promises a strike if there's no deal by May 31.

"The downside is people that are making their vacation decisions are going to read 'strike in Las Vegas possible' so they're going to say, 'wait a minute, let's not go there,'" said Mike Sloan, senior vice president for Mandalay Resort Group.

Visitor volume this year is down 1.9 percent over last year. Occupancy levels are down 3 percent on weekends and 2.8 percent midweek. Gambling revenue on the Strip is down 9.8 percent.

"Las Vegas as a destination is still in the recovery mode as a result of September 11," said Rob Powers, spokesman for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the city's tourism agency. "People's spending habits are not what they were."

Debra Jeffries, a cocktail waitress at Bally's, remembers walking the picket line during the 67-day 1984 strike. She's worked at the property, then the MGM Grand, ever since.

"It was a difficult time, very emotional. We were very worried," she said.

The strike was marked by violence and hundreds of arrests. Revenue dropped about 10 percent.

The union was fighting the same issue then — health care. In the end, workers received most of the wage and benefit boosts they sought.

## Family shares second-biggest jackpot in American history

BY JIM PAUL  
Associated Press Writer

**CHICAGO** — A former medical technician with the third and final winning ticket to last month's \$331 million Big Game lottery jackpot choked back sobs of joy Friday as he stepped forward to claim his family's share of the prize.

Pedro Sotomil, 53, of suburban Bridgeview accepted the payment on behalf of his wife, Fran, and their teen-age daughter, Kayla. He won \$110.3 million but decided to take a lump-sum payment of \$59.2 million.

Sotomil quit his job at a Chicago hospital shortly after learning he had one of the three winning tickets for the second-biggest jackpot in U.S. lottery history. His wife plans to continue working as a nurse.

Sotomil said that when he checked his ticket, his reaction was: "Oh my God, we have everything here."

"We were shaking, excited, and I'm still recalling the emotions," he said as his voice broke. "We were shaking and hugging each

other. It's unbelievable, but it's true."

The holders of the other winning tickets — sold in Georgia and New Jersey — already have claimed their piece of the April 16 jackpot.

The Sotomils told only close relatives immediately and then contacted a Chicago law firm, which helped them form a partnership before they claimed the money.

"That was the beginning of a lot of sleepless nights for us," he said. "But it's OK now. We're happy, excited, overwhelmed and everybody is excited for us."

Sotomil, a native of the Philippines, said his wife plans to buy a new car. The family also plans to travel to China, Hawaii and Guam and is planning a "grand reunion for my family because we haven't seen each other for 25 years," he said.

The ticket was sold at a Speedway gas station in the Chicago suburb of Burbank.

The biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history was a Big Game prize of \$363 million, won in May 2000 by ticketholders in Michigan and Illinois.

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## SPORTS

# With finals looming, Webber admires Bryant's drive

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — While the Los Angeles Lakers were sweeping the Sacramento Kings out of last season's playoffs, Chris Webber limped on two sprained ankles.

Webber silently promised to learn from the experience, and the chance to use those lessons will come when the Kings meet the Lakers on Saturday in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

The series will be a defining moment for Webber, who has the skills, money and fame of an elite player — but none of the team success that separates Kobe Bryant from his peers.

"It's never good to take a beating like that, but we all saw what great players can do in big situations," Webber said. "Kobe's got that killer thing, that instinct. You've got to admire that thing when you see it."

Perhaps uninterested in the absence of a serious challenge, the Lakers didn't play spectacular basketball in the first two rounds — but Bryant carried them to victory down the stretch of several games.

Averaging 26.1 points, Bryant is the playoffs' leading scorer among players whose teams are still alive. But Bryant's numbers don't reveal his game-changing ability — and the fear felt by opponents who see him on the court with the game on the line.

"If we're down by 10, we have to fight to win the game," Bryant said Friday before the Lakers traveled north to Sacramento. "Hopefully, that won't happen, (but) when the fourth quarter comes, I turn it up a notch."

I read the defenses in the first 3 1/2 quarters. Then you take advantage of what you've read."

Last season, Bryant scored 36 points in Game 3 of the Lakers' conference semifinal against Sacramento. After rushing home to Los Angeles on the off day to be with his ailing wife, he returned to Arco Arena and had 48 points and 16 rebounds in the series-clinching victory.

"Kobe is the toughest player in the league down the stretch," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "He's got that striving in him that as a coach, you just can't teach. Everybody knows it, but you can't do anything about it. He's as close to Michael as you can get without all of Michael's experience."

Webber faced the Lakers just once during the regular season. Injuries kept him out of the other three games, including the Kings' lone victory over Los Angeles early in the season.

So far, the playoffs have been rewarding and frustrating for Webber. He averaged more than 25 points against Dallas in the conference semifinals, displaying a willingness to go inside for difficult baskets while also shooting

well from the perimeter.

But Webber also drew an alarming number of offensive fouls, and he fouled out twice against the Mavericks.

Though he's reluctant to admit it, Webber feels officials don't give him the respect afforded Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal — but he also readily admits he hasn't earned it with rings yet.

"You find yourself second-guessing and thinking about every move you make," Webber said. "I don't even want the ball in the post against a guard now, because you can just see them standing there, waiting to flop. As many offensive fouls as I've got in the playoffs, I expect Shaq to get four a game."

Perhaps because they feel a similar responsibility to carry their teams, Bryant and Webber share a fondness for playing on the road. Bryant will get all the animosity he can handle in Sacramento, where the Arco crowd is sure to be frenzied.

"I don't feel a burden," Bryant said. "The way that it can become a big deal is if we allow Sacramento to feed off that energy. ... There's no fear. It's just basketball."



## National Basketball Association playoff schedule

By The Associated Press

### CONFERENCE FINALS — EDT (Best-of-7)

#### Saturday, May 18

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 19

Boston at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 20

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 21

Boston at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.

#### Friday, May 24

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 25

New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 26

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, May 27

New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 28

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m., if necessary

#### Wednesday, May 29

Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m., if necessary

#### Friday, May 31

New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

#### Sunday, June 2

Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

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# 1999 Report warned of possible suicide hijackings

BY JOHN SOLOMON

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — Two years before the Sept. 11 attacks, an analysis prepared for U.S. intelligence warned that Osama bin Laden's terrorists could hijack an airliner and fly it into government buildings like the Pentagon.

"Suicide bomber(s) belonging to al-Qaida's Martyrdom Battalion could crash-land an aircraft packed with high explosives (C-4 and semtex) into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or the White House," the September 1999 report said.

The Bush administration has asserted that no one in government had envisioned a suicide hijacking before it happened.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the administration was aware of the report prepared by the Library of Congress for the National Intelligence Council, which advises the president and U.S. intelligence on emerging threats. He said the document did not contain direct intelligence pointing toward a specific plot but rather included assessments about how terrorists might strike.

"What it shows is that this information that was out there did not raise enough alarm with anybody," Fleischer acknowledged.

Also Friday, new information emerged about a memo from the FBI's Phoenix office last July warning headquarters that a large number of Arabs were training at a U.S. flight school. The memo urged that all flight schools nationwide be checked, but the FBI failed to act on the idea before Sept. 11.

Government officials said Friday that two of the more than half dozen names the FBI Phoenix office identified in the memo were determined by the CIA after Sept. 11 to have links to bin Laden's al-Qaida.

Officials said the CIA was not shown the memo before Sept. 11 and even if it had, it did not have the intelligence linking the two men to al-Qaida until after the attacks. The FBI checked the names before Sept. 11 but found no bin Laden ties, the officials added.

Former CIA Deputy Director John Gannon, who was chairman of the National Intelligence Council when the 1999 report was written, said officials long have known a suicide hijacking was a threat.

"If you ask anybody could terrorists convert a plane into a missile, nobody would have ruled that out," he said.

Democrats and some Republicans in Congress raised the volume of their calls to investigate what the govern-



Rick Bowmer/Associated Press

**President Bush makes remarks about pre-Sept. 11 attacks warning signs, while addressing the members of the U.S. Air Force Academy football team during the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy in the Rose Garden, at the White House on Friday.**

ment knew before Sept. 11.

"I think we're going to learn a lot about what the government knew," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said during an appearance in New York. She said she was unaware of the report created in 1999 during her husband's administration.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance committees, demanded the CIA inspector general investigate the report, which he called "one of the most alarming indicators and warning signs of the terrorist plot of Sept. 11."

Meanwhile, court transcripts reviewed by The Associated Press show the government had other warning signs between 1999 and 2001 that bin Laden was sending members of his network to be trained as pilots and was considering airlines as a possible target.

The court records show the FBI has known since at least 1999 that Ihab Mohammed Ali, who was arrested in Orlando, Fla., and later named as an unindicted coconspirator in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, had been sent for pilot training in Norman, Okla., before working as a pilot for bin Laden.

He eventually crashed a plane owned by bin Laden in Sudan that prosecutors alleged was used to transport al-Qaida members and weapons. Ali remains in custody in New York.

In February 2001, federal prosecutors told a court they gained information in September 2000 from an associate of Ali's, Moroccan citizen L'Houssaine Kherchtou, that Kherchtou was trained as an al-Qaida pilot in Kenya and attended a meeting in 1993 where an al-Qaida official was briefing Ali on Western air traffic control procedures.

"He (Kherchtou) observed an Egyptian person who was not a pilot debriefing a friend of his, Ihab Ali, about how air traffic control works and what people say over the air traffic control system," then-Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald told a New York court.

"And it was his belief that there might have been a plan to send a pilot to Saudi Arabia or someone familiar with that to monitor the air traffic communications so they could possibly attack an airplane perhaps belonging to an Egyptian president or something in Saudi Arabia."

That intelligence is in addition to information the FBI received in July 2001 from its Phoenix office that a large number of Arabs were training at U.S. flight schools and a briefing President Bush received in August of that year suggesting hijacking was one possible attack the al-Qaida might use against the United States.

The September 1999 report described suicide hijacking as one of several possible retribution attacks the al-Qaida might seek for a 1998 U.S. airstrike against bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan.

"Ramzi Yousef had planned to do this against the CIA headquarters," the report said.

Bush administration officials have repeatedly said no one in government had imagined such an attack.

The report was written by the Federal Research Division, an arm of the Library of Congress that provides research for federal agencies.

"This information was out there, certainly to those who study the in-depth subject of terrorism and al-Qaida," said Robert L. Worden, the agency's chief.

"We knew it was an insightful report," he said. "Then after Sept. 11 we said, 'My gosh, that was in there.'"

## Palestinians demand Israeli withdrawal before any elections

BY HADEEL WAHDAN

Associated Press Writer

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** — Palestinian officials said Friday that Israel must pull back its troops and lift sweeping travel restrictions before they would hold an election that would require Yasser Arafat to face voters for the first time in six years.

Israeli officials said the conditions meant Arafat, who is under growing pressure from abroad and at home to reform his corrupt government, is not serious about facing the voters.

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Israeli soldiers killed four people: an Israeli Arab woman who was shot dead when soldiers opened fire on her taxi, a 7-year-old boy who was killed during a stone throwing incident and two armed Palestinians who tried to infiltrate into Israeli settlements.

Israeli troops also raided the battle-scarred Jenin refugee camp and detained dozens of Palestinians. An Israeli soldier was wounded, the army said. A Palestinian man was killed in an explosion of a homemade bomb that was planted in the camp by fighters last month, sources in the camp said.

Israel wrapped up a six-week military offensive against Palestinian militias in the West Bank last week, but has contin-

ued to carry out arrest raids, such as the one in the Jenin camp.

The incursions into Palestinian-controlled areas illustrate the difficulties the Palestinians would face in preparing for elections.

"We are looking to run the election within six months," said Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, adding that work had begun on putting together the roster of 1.6 million eligible voters.

"But these elections need an Israeli withdrawal to the places before Sept. 28, 2000," Shaath added, referring to the date the current round of fighting erupted.

Such a withdrawal would require the Israelis to remove dozens of checkpoints and pull back forces outside of major Palestinian cities. The checkpoints restrict most Palestinians to their home towns, cities or villages.

Such a pullback is also part of a U.S.-backed truce plan, whose author, CIA chief George Tenet, is expected to meet in the coming weeks with security officials from both sides.

Arafat, when asked Friday whether elections could take place before an Israeli withdrawal, said: "Definitely not."

"It is very difficult to have elections with occupation," he added.

An Israeli official dismissed the Palestinian calls for a withdrawal. "On the one hand he talks about reforms, now he

has an excuse not to execute those reforms," said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Arafat is under pressure from the United States, the European Union and his own people to reform the corruption-ridden Palestinian Authority and to hold elections.

On Thursday, the Palestinian parliament demanded that the Cabinet be disbanded and a new one be formed within 45 days. It also called for elections by the beginning of 2003.

## India swelters in heat wave so intense that birds die in trees

BY OMER FAROOQ

Associated Press Writer

**HYDERABAD, India** — India baked in a heat wave Friday so intense that mud huts became as hot as ovens and birds in trees dropped dead, villagers said. This month's heat has killed 638 people nationwide.

Officials described the temperatures exceeding 115 degrees as "a natural calamity."

In Andhra Pradesh state, 622 people died. Temperatures there reached a record 124 degrees, said D.C. Roshai, an official in charge of relief work in the state.

Despite growing misgivings about Arafat's autocratic leadership style, Palestinians continue to see him as a symbol of their struggle for independence.

The only challenger so far is Abdel Sattar Qassem, a Palestinian political scientist and dissident jailed for 14 months by Arafat's security forces. Qassem, a 53-year-old professor at An Najah University in the West Bank city of Nablus, said Friday he would run on an anti-corruption platform.

Villagers said the heat was so intense that birds fell from the trees.

Similar heat waves struck Andhra Pradesh in 1996 and 1998, but this year has been the worst, state weather officials said. Andhra Pradesh is the fifth-largest state in India, with 76 million people.

It has been an abnormally hot May in southern India. Temperatures have been 7 percent above the monthly average.

The national capital New Delhi and other parts of northern India have also been sweltering. Sixteen people died in the desert state of Rajasthan as temperatures climbed to 117 on Friday.



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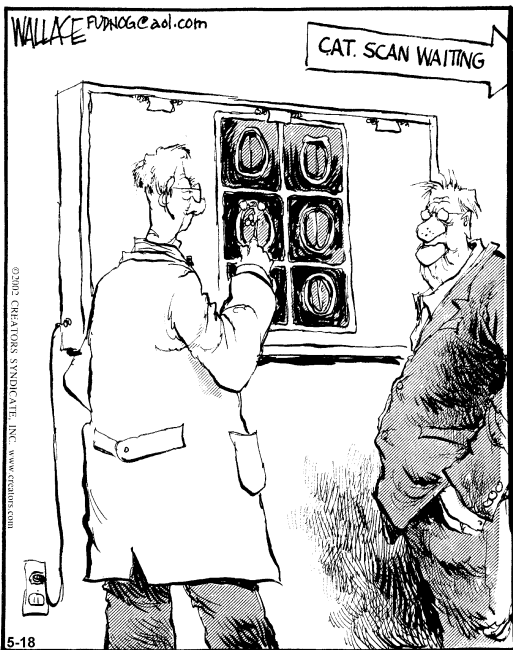


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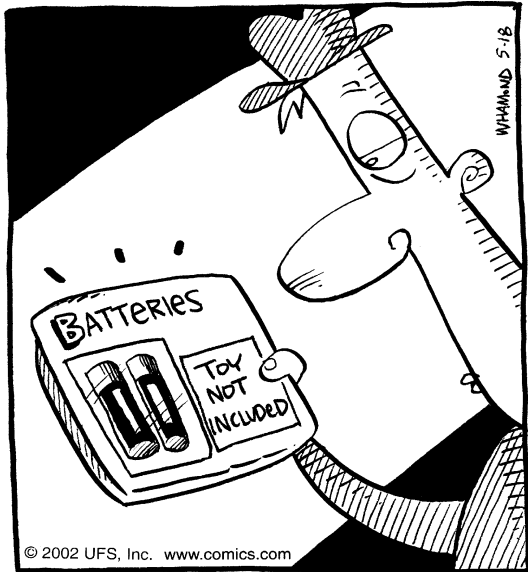
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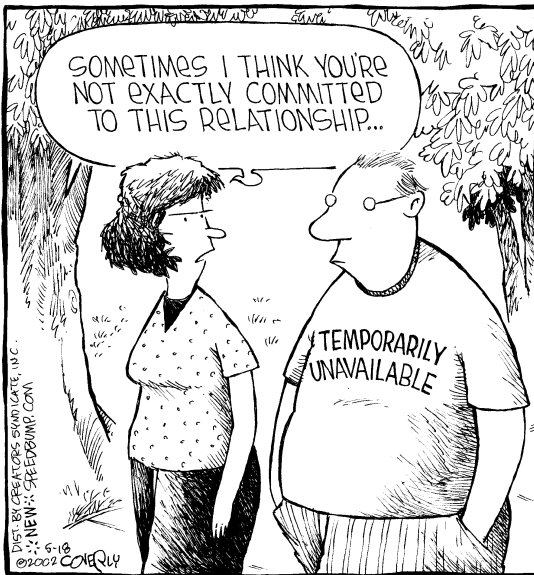
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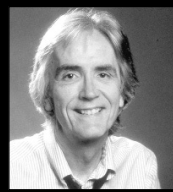
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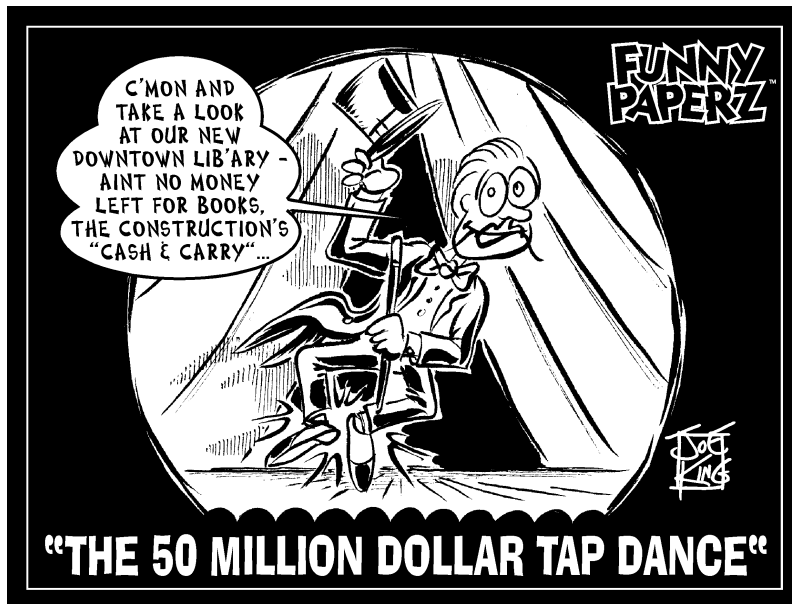


## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

### Nature calls for plastic bags and pots

Once again, in March, the annual South Korean justice ministry test (required of those vying for appointment as judges) was administered in Seoul in a three-hour session during which, to prevent cheating, restroom breaks were not permitted. As in previous years, for those who absolutely must answer nature's call, the justice ministry provided plastic bags for men and skirt-like covers with plastic pots for women, for use in the back of the exam room.



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# Business makes pure beef treats for spoiled pets

BY BECKY BOHRER

Associated Press Writer

**PRAY, Mont.** — This is a treat for the finicky ferret, the discriminating dog, the cat that cringes at canned cuisine.

Rosie's All Natural Rewards is Sandra Jackson's answer to what she considered a lack of nutritious snack options for pets — a line of pure beef treats made from cattle raised in Montana without hormones. She was inspired by her own frustrating journey to find a healthy reward for Rosie, her dog on a strict diet.

"Everything out there was either a cookie or loaded with preservatives," Jackson said. "There were no real choices as far as I was concerned."

In just three years, Rosie's All Natural Rewards has established itself as an alternative to dry biscuits. Made from select beef cuts — dried with no preservatives — the treats are marketed as a healthy choice for pet owners who consider their animals part of the family.

"Animals are becoming the center of so many homes," said Jackson, who researched pet-owning trends before she and her husband, Bo, opened the business. "More and more babies are four-legged."

It seems fitting, then, that the atmosphere at Rosebud Inc., located near Pray north of Yellowstone National Park, is more home than office.

Pets that accompany staff to work — an encouraged practice — eat with their owners in a commons area. Photos of

cats and dogs in cute or candid poses hang in a living room. Plush carpet provides padding for Rosie's mid-day nap in Jackson's office.

Rosie, the company's namesake, isn't bothered by the telephone ringing with pending orders or gushing comments. She rarely ventures downstairs to the "factory," where meat is sliced, dried and packaged in brown bags or tiny tubs bearing the Belgian Tervuren's picture.

At 15, Rosie is still healthy. Jackson credits her long life to the strict diet of no-preservatives that a homeopathic veterinarian first ordered for Rosie when she was a sick pup.

Jackson still won't feed Rosie dog-food. Instead, the dog gets meals that Jackson prepares with natural grains, meats and vegetables.

But Jackson never imagined that interest in the beef snacks she began making years ago in her kitchen for Rosie and for friends' pets would be so great.

The treats sell in more than 450 pet and health food stores and veterinarian offices across the United States and Canada and through a Web site, with new sales accounts being added regularly. This summer, for example, Rosie's Rewards will be offered at stores in Yellowstone National Park — providing a potentially huge new market for the well-traveled pets.

"The people who bring their dogs with them on vacation are pretty likely to spoil them," Bo Jackson said. "Otherwise, they would have kept them

at home at kennels."

One of the business' customers is Roger Trivett. He sells Rosie's Rewards at his store, The Health Hut, in Tucson, Ariz., uses them to teach his dog to speak, and gives him to his cats.

"There's nothing else on the market now like it," he said, noting the product has developed a following at his shop and demand has grown. "I find that it helps my picky animals eat their food better."

Many of the people buying the product at FoodWorks Natural Market in Livingston, Mont., are local residents and farmers or ranchers, manager Annie Conley said.

She said they see the snacks not only as a treat for their pets, but as a part of a healthy diet.

The treats cost about \$7 a bag for

large dogs and about \$4 a bag for cats, ferrets and small dogs. There are plans to launch a new product, Rosie's Rosedust, this summer. Rosedust, billed as a food enhancer, is a finely ground beef that can be sprinkled on the food of picky eaters to add nutrients to their diets, Sandra Jackson said.

The company, which uses about 20,000 pounds of beef a year, is having difficulty keeping up with demand and has started looking for an additional supplier of beef raised without hormones. Rosebud, which currently has seven employees, is planning to hire more workers this year.

"When we first started, I knew every customer and every cat and dog's name. They were like family," Jackson said. "Now, I can't keep up with who our customers are. It's just grown so fast."

## Money truck spills a million

By The Associated Press

**PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo.** — For a region in the middle of a drought the roadside in this Colorado town looked mighty green.

It was littered with more than \$1 million, spilled when an armored car making a delivery to banks overturned along U.S. 160, about seven miles west of Pagosa Springs in southwest Colorado.

The driver fell asleep and rolled the truck off the north side of the road Monday, said State Patrol Cpl. Randy Talbot.

"A lot of change was on the ground, and bills and sacks," he said. "There was a lot of money. It was in the millions. What took time was the \$100,000 in loose coin."

A front-end loader was brought in to scoop up dirt so it could be sifted for coins. Onlookers were kept away from the site, though one unidentified person was seen briefly looking for coins in the dirt with a cigarette lighter.

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