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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard



My Bad: St. Louis, Mo., judge Julian Bush admitted in March that a burglary suspect had been locked up for three months because Bush mistakenly signed a conviction order instead of an order for a hearing. And in February, Pratap Nayak was released from prison by India's High Court, nine years after he had officially been freed; Pratap and his five co-defendants had been found not guilty of assault in 1994, but since the other five were already out by that time for other reasons, court officials had assumed all were out.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If sex is so personal, why do we have to share it with someone?"

— Unknown

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Fireworks show — canceled because of budget cuts — may happen after all

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

More than half of the \$50,000 needed to stage an Independence Day celebration in Santa Monica has been raised, officials said Friday.

And with an overwhelmingly supportive response from the community so far, the other half is sure

"The response was so wonderful, so swiftly, and the city was so cooperative that we just know this will go forward."

- DON GIRARD

Marketing manager at SMC

to follow, they said.

"We're going to get it done and we're going to have fireworks," said City Councilman Herb Katz, who has pooled more than \$3,500 from friends and colleagues. "Businesses that I talked with real-

ized this is important and they care for the community.

"The people that go to (the event) should start putting some money into this now. It doesn't have to be much, just send it in."

Less than \$25,000 is needed to

save "Celebrate America," a fireworks event hosted by Santa Monica College for the last 20 years that was canceled earlier this month because of the school's budget crisis.

Besides the contributions Katz has rounded up, the city donated \$10,000, while \$8,000 has come in through private donations. The rest has funneled in through various sponsorships, said Don Girard, marketing manager at SMC.

"The response so far has just been terrific," Girard said. "The

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Downtown group to address city's homeless problem

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Frustrated by homelessness in Santa Monica, local officials will hold a work session this summer to address the situation.

Officials from the Bayside District Corp., voted last month to put safety, cleanliness and vagrancy at the top of their "to-do" list and agreed on Thursday that the matter is so important it demands its own workshop.

"It's such a huge issue that we have to be meticulous in organizing it in order to be productive," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director for Bayside, a non-profit that oversees downtown in conjunction with the city. "The board has been chipping away at some of these issues for a very long time.

"What they're doing now is taking focus and jumping in with both feet."

Rawson said all ideas will be on the table during the work session, which will take place some time in the next two months.

She added that the board hopes to address specific issues, such as the homeless that congregate in center

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Charmer



John Wood/Daily Press

A dancer with a snake performs recently on the Venice Boardwalk.

Van Sant wins top prize at Cannes Film Festival

BY ANGELA DOLAND

Associated Press Writer

CANNES, France— Director Gus Van Sant's "Elephant," a disturbing film loosely based on the Columbine shooting, won top prize at the Cannes Film Festival on Sunday.

Van Sant, who also won for best director, looked stunned when he accepted the Palme d'Or. "Thank you very much, from the bottom of

my heart. For years, I tried to bring one of my films to the Cannes festival," Van Sant said. "Vive la France!"

Van Sant cast real high school students, not professional actors, in the film, and asked them to improvise their lines. The movie starts out showing an ordinary day at school, with students gossiping in the cafeteria, playing football or working in the photography lab. At the end, two

students go on a shooting spree in the hallways.

Van Sant was the first American to win the Palme d'Or since Quentin Tarantino did for "Pulp Fiction" in 1994. He has never had a film compete at Cannes before, though "To Die For," starring Nicole Kidman, showed here out of competition in 1995.

The awards capped a 12-day Cannes lineup

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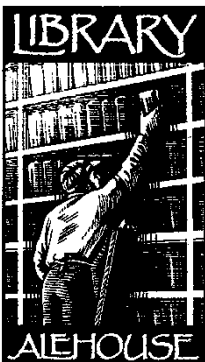
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You make a difference this year. Your actions force others to step back and think. You have a way of seeking out answers and looking for suggestions. You break past any restrictions. Many of you will do extensive traveling this year, while others might opt to go back to school or find other ways of expanding their mind. Often you have much going on in your mind, but you might not always choose to share it. Remain goal-directed. Working with groups adds to your success, both personally and professionally. If single, you could meet someone quite exotic this year. Check out this person carefully. This adventure might be a once-in-a-lifetime treat. If attached, your relationship will open up if you choose to be vulnerable. Plan a special trip together. ARIES is your friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Many of you extend your weekend, continuing the celebration. Others simply want to indulge you. Friends direct activities. Your sense of fun extends to even those at a distance. Tonight: Make that special call. Share your feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Though you might be quite content, maintaining a low profile might be just what the doctor ordered. A call to a parent or older relative still might be important. A partner or associate triggers a change in a process or at least in plans. Tonight: Go with the flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ If you have something important you want to accomplish, zoom right in. Socializing takes an even higher priority in your dealings, though others have different ideas than you. Join in the celebration, making the very most of an opportunity. Tonight: Express your feelings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Recognize how important a parent is and what he or she means to you. State when you've had enough of another's antics. Others prove highly responsive, even if you want to revise your plans. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. You seem to have the ability to be all over the map. Others appreciate your calls and well wishes. Clearly, a loved one cares a lot about you. Express your feelings so that someone else understands you better. Don't hold back. Tonight: Check in with someone at a distance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Understand that while you're on top of a change, you also need to be more sensitive to a partner who might be feeling a bit off. Make that extra effort. Stabilize through discussions. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others run with the ball. You might not be sure about information. A brother or sister could be acting up out of the blue. Your dynamic perspective opens doors. Someone lays his or her cards on the table. You have a lot to think through. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Keep a slow and easy pace, as you could easily become tired or withdrawn. Your instincts carry you over a bump. Feelings come out. Take a walk by water, or make plans to be with a special, relaxing friend or associate. Tonight: Slow down. Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your imagination sometimes gets you into trouble. This time, as you stumble into problems, you are quick to pull back and think. Nurturing others assumes a greater role in your life. You take action, and others gather behind you. Tonight: Indulge a child or loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Family and security score high in your priorities. Revise your thinking and head in a new direction. Be careful with spending, as you might be trying in some way to make someone happy or work through some frustration. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your fiery side takes over. You want what you want. Others make high demands, causing you to adjust your plans. Speak with a close friend or attachment. Play it low key. Get into a home project. Tonight: Invite some friends over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be throwing a party or treating the gang to lunch. Don't be angry with yourself if everything, including costs, gets out of control. You might not have much say-so when dealing with others, especially a family member. Tonight: Your treat.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fundraising event to benefit homeless organization

By Daily Press staff

Individuals, groups and businesses will be honored for their support of Turning Point Transitional Housing at Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on June 1.

This year's Brilliant Star Award, which recognizes contributions by a corporation, goes to Sketchers. The Generous Spirit Award for generosity goes to Becky and Michael Neidorf and the Open Heart Award, which recognizes services, goes to Irene Romero, Kyre Carsey, Shannon Wilcox and Sophie Kidian.

Tickets for the event, titled "Blues by the Sea," are \$25 per person and 100 percent of the proceeds go to Turning Point.

Turning Point provides homeless adults with housing, food and clothing assistance. The organization also helps with legal counseling, job readiness programs, permanent housing and medical referrals.

The fundraiser will feature a silent auction and entertainment by the James Mitchell Band. Food will be provided by The Lobster, Michael's Restaurant, Locanda del Lago and the Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

KOST 103.5 and Pleasant Holidays are also sponsoring a \$50 per ticket raffle.

For admission, raffle tickets and/or additional information on the event, contact Donna Miller at (310) 264 6646 ext. 235.

Conference offers lectures on real estate industry

By Daily Press staff

A June 5 conference at Skirball Cultural Center will address the impact that international, national, state and local economic and political forces have on California's real estate industry.

The conference is titled "From Global Crisis to Fragile Real Estate Markets" and will include discussions from leading real experts such as "Global Crisis — Threats to the U.S. & California Economics" and "Industry Perspectives on California's Commercial Real Estate Economy."

Economists with the UCLA Anderson Business School Forecast will present their outlook for the local, state and national economy at the conference.

The conference will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and members of the public can register on-line at <http://uclaforecast.com> or by calling (310) 825-1623.

Samohi choirs visit Boston, win awards

By Daily Press staff

A total of 118 students from four choirs representing Santa Monica High School recently returned from performing at a music festival in the Boston area, competing with 6 other schools from New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Texas.

Led by Christopher Rhodes, choral director at Samohi, and Cindy Bourquin, director of the Jazz choir, all four choirs (Samohi Chorale, Jazz Singers, Madrigals Ensemble and Chamber Singers) received Gold Medals for superior achievement at competition, held April 23-28.

Chamber Singers and Madrigals each received first place awards, chorale and Jazz ensembles received second place in their respective divisions. Sophomore Philene Lemmon received the Outstanding Jazz

Soloist Award. Awards were presented on the Provincetown II, a ship that cruised Boston Harbor, providing nighttime views of Boston along with music provided by a D.J. as participants danced the evening away.

The trip was made possible exclusively through fundraising by parents and students. Group fundraising activities included gift wrap and candy sales, a silent auction and raffle, choir concerts, Cafe Samo (an annual evening cabaret run solely by students).

For more information, or to make donations to the choral program, contact Rhodes at 395-3204, ext. 173.

surf report

Get some waves in before the wind returns.

There's a little bump in the water that is sending us waves from the NW at about the waist-high level, at best. There are also some minor SW pulses, but it's too weak to notice at most breaks.

Bad news: The winds will start howling again by this weekend.

Good news: NW swell is building.

Outlook: Expect a steady SW swell this weekend and a better SW early next week.

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The Q-Line

Last week, one Santa Monica neighborhood experienced three separate, gang-related shootings. No one was injured. The violence was nothing new to residents of the Pico neighborhood, who have struggled for decades with gang, gun and drug-activity.

Santa Monica Police arrested four people late last week in connection with the shootings. More suspects are being sought.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "What can be done, if anything, to end the cycle of violence and bring peace to the Pico neighborhood."

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A novel solution to city's budget woes

Editor:

I have the solution to Santa Monica's budget "crisis." (I believe it stands at \$16 million under the City Council's most recent budget.)

You won't need to piss-off the property owners by adding yet another tax (Prop. S). You won't need to piss-off the "regular" people with yet another tax (city sales tax). You won't have to piss-off anybody!

It's simple — just ask all the liberal-minded, NOMOs that consistently vote for this type of City Council to pony up the money. Surely \$16 million is a drop in the bucket for these monster-mansion-owning, two SUV-driving, kids-in-private-school rich folk?

There must be, what, 500 houses north of Montana? Let's see, that's \$16 million divided by 500 — that's only 32K per household.

What's that to a "rich" person? A new mini-van for their brown-skinned nannies to drive their perfect little angels to play-dates and Third Street?

Come on NOMOs — step up to the plate and fix all of Santa Monica's budget woes with your bleeding-heart checkbooks!

Tony Street
Santa Monica

Education budget crisis is serious

Editor:

We need Measure S to pass June 3! The crisis is real.

Without Measure S:

- We will lose 91 excellent teachers;
- Class-size will increase dramatically from elementary school to high school by as much as 50 percent in third grade classes and up to 42 students per class at the high school level;

- Elementary school music programs will be gone;
- Pre-school programs for low- and moderate-income children will be eliminated;

- Advanced placement courses will be cut back, hampering our high school students' ability to compete for college admission;

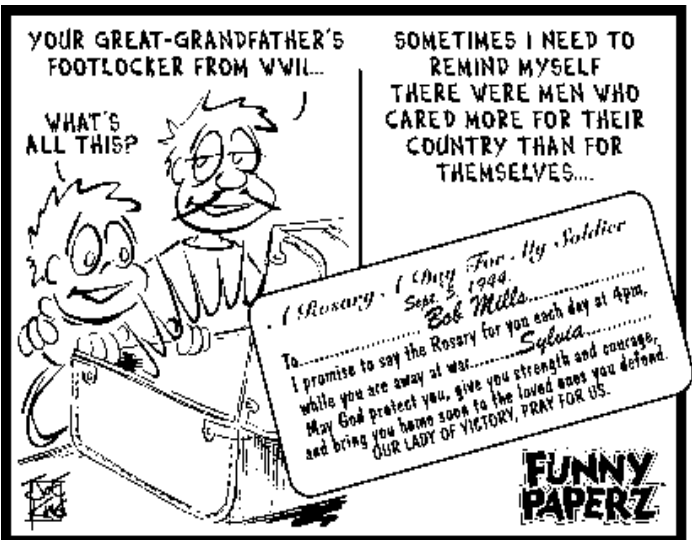
- We will lose custodians, librarians and school nurses — the critical support that ensures our kids a healthy and enriching learning environment.

We bought our north of Montana home because Santa Monica-Malibu schools are among the best in the state, but that could change overnight if Measure S does not pass. It is up to us to solve this crisis at the local level. Measure S will restore a large portion of money we're losing from the state and save our schools from drastic budget cuts.

Thanks in advance for voting yes on Measure S and for urging others to do the same!

Jennifer Happillon
Santa Monica

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Uneducated children will have negative effect on society



More shooting in the Pico neighborhood!!

How many of our youth have to be shot, killed or imprisoned until we get it? Where is the logic in cutting education and the programs that help build our nation's youth into a positive force in this country for tax cuts for corporations and the rich?

How is a youth from a low-income area any different from a youth who has the means to go to private schools?

When a quality education is denied from the K-12 level, our children suffer immeasurably. Their fragile hearts and

minds erode into confusion and disarray. Couple that with the cuts in the junior colleges across the board and you have just the type of thing that has been happening in the Pico neighborhood across the county.

These cuts are creating an atmosphere for kids of seeing no way out of the low-income cycle this regime has created. These children, who some think of as stupid, are far more intelligent than they are given credit for. They learn through observation and osmosis from the people they see as "cool" in their neighborhoods.

Most of the time, if they have no positive authority figures or role models around, they go to the gangs, drugs or worse, winding up homeless on the streets as runaways.

While this is a well known fact of life in these areas of the city that are most affected, in the upper echelons of the political and corporate arenas it is given the blind eye. This is blatantly obvious with the cuts in the education spending on the state and federal levels.

I strongly feel our leaders are too out of touch with those they are supposed to represent and the ones who keep their eyes on their constituents are too few and far between to make a major difference. The youth of this nation are the future of this nation and if they are not given the positive guidance and encouragement through quality education to achieve more in life than their parents, then we all lose in the long run.

When I was growing up my father used to push me to make good on my education. I went to a private grammar school and a private college prep high school on the southside of Chicago. I was fortunate to have this higher form of education as my father went to a public high school, also on the southside.

He wanted me to achieve higher than he did and gave me an incentive by going to college himself and earning a B.A. and a double master's degree. He was a leader who did not ask me to do anything he was not willing to do himself.

This is also the way I learned to be a

leader in the Marines — never ask subordinates to do anything you are not willing to do yourself and do not expect to lead if you have never learned to follow.

I really do not think any but a few of our elected leaders have met any of these criteria for leadership. They seem to be conducting their own agenda despite the fact that we have shown them through protests, letters, petitions, threats of recall and impeachment how "We the People" feel about their backroom politics, blatant corporate glad-handing and their bald-faced lies about no child being left behind.

Well not only are children being left behind, they are being outright denied the well-rounded quality education they deserve. They are being denied the opportunity to achieve to their highest potential and shown they are not worth the time of day by the present regime.

(Charles Springer, is homeless and lives in Santa Monica)

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OPINION



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Willing to proudly support schools

Editor:

Santa Monica voters will face a critical issue on June 3. Do we want to live in a community where the only children who receive first-rate educations are those from wealthy families who send their children to private schools?

I know I don't and I hope my fellow residents agree. I'm proud to live in a city with public schools among the best in our state. Sure, I know the great schools help keep my property values high, crime low and their local support is a huge contributor to the overall wonderful quality of life in our city. But those are not the key reasons I support Measure S.

I support Measure S because all children deserve things like low teacher/student ratios, music instruction, staffed libraries and clean campuses. Our schools stand to lose these and other essentials if Measure S fails. The state may have abandoned our public schools, but I won't and I hope you won't either.

Stacey Ravel Abarbanel
Santa Monica

'No on S' signs are 'short-sighted'

Editor:

I cannot imagine one plausible reason to oppose Measure S and yet I have seen a scattered number of "NO on S" signs on apartment buildings, displayed (one supposes) by the landlord.

This is short-sighted thinking on the part of the landlord. One of the big reasons renters are willing to pay the amazing rents we see in Santa Monica is that we boast a superior school system. In fact, I know people who are renting in Santa Monica rather than buying houses elsewhere for that very reason. Lower the quality of education here, and the motivation to pay the inflated rental rates will diminish significantly. I hope landlords will consider this when they cast their ballots.

Catherine Butterfield
Santa Monica

Education and poverty are related

Editor:

There are several signs up around Santa Monica claiming that Measure S hurts the poor. But have the people who put up those signs ever wondered why those poor people are poor? It's because they didn't get a good education!

If Measure S doesn't pass, the children of Santa Monica will be crammed into classrooms with over 40 children in them. The principal of Santa Monica High School says they may not even be able to offer a six-period day to their students.

Under conditions like these, the children of Santa Monica will not be able to get a good education. Without a good education, they will not be able to get good jobs. Without good jobs, they will become poor. A no vote on Measure S will create generations of poor people!

Please. The situation is desperate. We must band together to help save our community's children. Vote yes on S!

Sonya Sones
Santa Monica

District facing 'catastrophic' funding loss

Editor:

As north of Montana parents of both private and public elementary school children, we enthusiastically support Measure S.

SMMUSD is facing a catastrophic loss of funding from Sacramento. There is truly nowhere else to turn other than the residents of our two communities. Every great society has recognized the need to fund education for all and, in times of need, to come forward to make sure programs are not decimated, as will be the case with the Sacramento slashes.

For those with the fraudulently misleading signs saying Measure S hurts the poor, pray-tell where will the poor go to educate their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews?

What will the cost be to society for those children left behind because of much larger class sizes, less intervention, no preschool access for the poor, etc.?

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OPINION

District's plan to deal with shortfall is sound

On May 8, I gave a report to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board on the work of the district's Financial Oversight Committee, which I chair.

The report included our independent assessment of the district's financial situation, an evaluation of both the district's on-going efforts to strengthen its financial management practices and its recent efforts to grapple with the immediate financial crisis, as well as an appraisal on Measure S, the school funding measure now pending before district voters.

The committee consists of citizens from Santa Monica and Malibu with a wide array of financial management expertise in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Since our establishment three years ago, we have had complete access to the district's plans, budgets, expenditure reports, projections and external audits.

We have made dozens of recommendations beginning in 2001 and have tracked the district's response to each and every one.

There should be no mistake: Our public schools face a serious financial crisis. Most of the roots of the crisis are external to our district, which is why every school district in California faces major challenges right now.

This is because K-12 education is heavily dependent on state revenues and, thus, it is exceedingly sensitive to state-wide business cycles. With the state facing a deficit of more than \$35 billion, the effects on K-12 funding are substantial: \$2.4 billion in mid-year cuts this year and \$2.5 billion or more looming for next year.

Our district is especially vulnerable because it has developed and maintained an unusually wide array of educational programs and a highly qualified and experienced teaching staff. The state reductions translate into cuts of at least \$12 million for the 2003-2004 school year and an additional \$3 million more in cuts the following year.

The district will have to eliminate nearly 103 full-time certificated positions and 25 more teachers in specialized positions. These necessary steps will mean curtailment or elimination of the district's nationally-acclaimed elementary music program, pre-school programs for low and moderate income children and the availability of advanced-placement courses, among other things.

Based on our work, I made five major points to the board.

First, and most important from the standpoint of the oversight committee's charter and mandate, the school district

has made and is making significant progress on strengthening its financial planning and management practices, even as it deals with the prospects of enormous additional cuts in state funding.

Second, the district's initial steps to address the major challenges of the next few years are well thought-out. The district has developed a systematic framework to guide its tough decisions about required programmatic cutbacks and eliminations, together with a detailed plan of prioritized "put-backs" should new sources of revenue become available. These priorities emphasize the quality and breadth of the district's academic programs, just as they should.

Third, successful passage of Measure S — the school funding proposal — is essential for several reasons: It will reduce the magnitude of required cuts, assist the district in continuing to improve its business practices and it will increase the district's ability to build its reserves when the state economy improves.

It is the surest and most direct way of providing the schools with a stable flow of funds within the restrictive legal constraints the school districts must operate.

But passage of Measure S will not be sufficient, which leads me to my fourth point: The district must continue its progress on

both financial management improvements and revenue enhancements. Fortunately, it has plans to do just that.

Finally, I expressed the unanimous sentiment of the committee that we are willing to continue to help the district's management and the board, especially with carrying out the strict accountability provisions of Measure S.

There are no easy or simple solutions to the problems of school finance in California.

It's tempting to believe that no additional revenue is needed if only the schools would get their financial practices in order, just as it is tempting for others to believe that all the educational programs our children deserve could be sustained if only the schools had more money.

While both are tempting, neither view, in isolation, is correct.

That is why the Financial Oversight Committee has consistently emphasized that improved financial management and new, stable streams of revenue go hand-in-hand. The district has made great strides toward strengthening its financial management. Passage of Measure S is best option available for strengthening its stable stream of revenue.

(Michael Rich is chairman of the SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee.)

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COMMENTARY



Expert advice on opening a restaurant: Don't do it



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

I have worked in the restaurant industry in various capacities since 1986. The best advice I can give to someone who wants to open a restaurant is DON'T.

Opening a restaurant is a recipe for the loss of your savings, long hours, a divorce, probably a bankruptcy, personal and emotional turmoil, drug and alcohol abuse, embezzlement by your best friend, long-term tax problems and a quick way to work yourself into a coronary.

And yet every year, hundreds of restaurants open and close in L.A.

That said, in the next few columns I will cover the basics, pitfalls and some of the tricks of the trade for those hardy souls who are determined to be a successful restaurateur.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The age-old truism of location has been so repeated to the new buyer or builder of a restaurant that it does not need to be stressed here.

What does is that because everyone in the world knows that location is so important, the new restaurateur who is in the middle of a high fever of excitement and expectation, will do what all humans do: Justify the location as, "the perfect place for my type of food."

This level of justification will convince the guy who just bought a greasy spoon between a hospital and a mortuary that this is a good location to sell chili-cheese dogs because the doctors get hungry and the mourners will want to eat to ease their sorrow.

Alternatively, the owner of a fine din-

ing establishment will claim that opening in the middle of the desert is a good place because there is no competition from other restaurants. The fact that there is no foot traffic to expose this fine establishment will not deter him.

So, the moral is that the new owner needs to look at the new location with as hard an eye as possible, then take three steps back, ask the most negative person they know to find all the flaws with the property, then weigh whether it is still a good idea.

Because the new owner will invariably ignore all the negatives, the next area of review is being seen.

SIGNAGE

A good sign will certainly help, but here you run into problems with the landlord. Unless your lease specifies that you have certain signage rights, you might not be able to put that 24-foot, neon cow that moos on the roof.

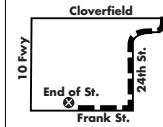
Also in a place such as Santa Monica, the city will have something to say about your signage. Depending on the location, you might or might be able to put up a sign, awning or other attraction. And they will likely have maximum height allowances, extension maximums from the building and rules as to whether or not it can be lit or electrified.

There will be zoning rules that you must comply with. Even if the landlord will let you do anything you want, the city council can overrule it. Remember that if you are in a commercial/residential area your neighbors may have some say in what you can and cannot do. Find out what the rules are on their ability to interfere with your signage.

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LOCAL

Fireworks fund halfway to \$50,000 goal, city says

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response was so wonderful, so swiftly, and the city was so cooperative that we just know this will go forward."

Girard said the school will stay true to its tradition of holding the event on the Saturday before the Fourth of July, which this year falls on June 29.

A letter to 300 college supporters was dropped in the mail Friday, urging them to open their checkbooks and pitch in to save the party.

"The City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College are making this combined appeal for your assistance in preserving this wonderful patriotic festival and summertime celebration despite unprecedented funding cutbacks," said the letter, which was signed by Mayor Richard Bloom and Herb Roney, chairman of the SMC board of directors.

The letter details the scope of the cutbacks facing SMC, where state funding for next year may be down by as much as \$10 million. SMC officials are considering canceling hundreds of classes and laying off dozens of teachers and employees because of the shortfall.

Six academic programs have already been dropped by the cash-strapped school.

Santa Monica College canceled "Celebrate America" on May 1, saying it didn't seem right to host a party while teachers are being laid off and entire departments are being eliminated.

But Bloom and Katz spearheaded an effort to bring back the fireworks, countering that celebrations are even more important because of the dire fiscal situation facing local schools and government.

The event, which is held at Corsair stadium, attracted 20,000 people last year. It has been the only Independence Day fireworks event in Santa Monica since the city canceled its popular celebration in 1991, citing liability concerns. Controlling the hundreds of thousands of revelers that converged on Palisades Park and the beaches below became too difficult, officials said.

Donations to the fireworks fund should be made out to "Santa Monica College Celebrate America" and mailed to Celebrate America, c/o Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Bayside to hold meeting to address homelessness

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court on the Third Street Promenade and the overall city and business philosophies on addressing vagrancy.

Bayside boardmembers on Thursday said that cleaning up downtown is critical to its success, noting that visitors form a perception of Santa Monica over time that is difficult to unlearn.

John Warfel, chair of the Bayside board, said he hears the same complaint from all corners of the community.

"It smells, you trip over people and you can't park," he said, adding that residents on the westside are easily lured to other retail areas without the same problems.

"It's a left turn or a right turn, and which freeway has more traffic," he said.

Henry Lichtman, a Bayside boardmember and property manager for the company that owns Santa Monica Place, took aim at the city attorney, who he characterized as slow to take up the cause of local merchants.

The City Council in October passed two laws aimed at curbing the homeless population downtown, but board members said neither law has yet had much effect.

The first law bans sleeping in business doorways downtown. It requires merchants to post signs saying homeless are not allowed to camp in their entryways and has recently begun being enforced by police officers.

The other law, which prohibits charity

**"If people don't come,
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- JOHN WARFEL
Bayside District Corp.
Board chairman

groups from handing out food in public parks without obtaining health permits, has not been enforced. Officials said they are instructing the groups that conduct the feedings on how to comply with the ordinance and will begin issuing citations as early as next month.

Bayside members said the bottom line is that issues pertaining to vagrancy, safety and cleanliness need attention. Left as they are, the overall health of the Promenade and its visitors are in jeopardy.

"The whole reason for this is to improve the overall experience of visiting downtown and the Promenade," said John Warfel, chair of the Bayside board. "If people don't come, we have a problem. And if too many people come we have a different problem."

DID YOU KNOW?: Hair on the head grows for between two and six years before being replaced. In the case of baldness, the dormant hair was not replaced with new hair.



STATE □ NATIONAL



Mahony dedicates L.A. chapel to sex abuse victims

BY AMANDA RIDDLE
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Cardinal Roger M. Mahony dedicated a chapel Sunday in remembrance of victims of sexual abuse by Catholic priests, believed to be the first such sanctuary of its kind, church officials said.

The chapel, located on the southern side of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, contains a book

where parishioners can inscribe a victim's name.

Mahony, head of the nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese with an estimated 5 million Catholics, told parishioners during Mass at the downtown cathedral that it's important to reach out with love to those "who have any way been affected by that terrible scourge."

"Let this chapel be a symbol of our responsibility to continue to reach out to all those who have been affected

by abuse," Mahony said after leading a procession to the newly dedicated worship area.

"We ask you time to time to stop at that chapel to offer a prayer of healing and reconciliation for all who have suffered abuse," he said.

Mahony dedicated the new shrine to victim's even as his archdiocese is embroiled in a legal battle over priest personnel files wanted by prosecutors and victims' lawyers as evidence in civil and criminal cases against former priests.

Church lawyers have said releasing the personnel files would violate the priests' rights to privacy. The Los Angeles County district attorney's office went to court to demand the records. A judge's decision is pending in the case.

"We've left it up to the courts to decide," Mahony told reporters after blessing the chapel.

George Bolanos, 51, of Los Angeles, was among the first to inscribe the chapel's book. He wrote the name of a close friend who told him he was sexually abused by a priest in the Los Angeles Archdiocese in the 1970s. Bolanos said his friend was considering suing under a new law that temporarily lifts the statute of limitations for civil sexual abuse cases in which an institution knowingly employed a molester.

"I think it's the start of a healing process," Bolanos said of the chapel. "Obviously there is a great deal of sadness and depression about this issue."

Joseph Melton, 68, of Fresno, said other Catholic church leaders should create similar chapels to help victims and their alleged abusers.

"This chapel is just a symbol of what needs to happen throughout the whole church," he said. "What I wrote was a prayer for each priest who has violated a child, that they be forgiven and healed."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'The Simpsons' creator wins award

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Groening, creator of America's favorite animated family, "The Simpsons," was named Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year at the 2003 Reuben Awards.

Darby Conley won best newspaper comic for his strip, "Get Fuzzy," which details the adventures of Rob Wilco, a single ad executive, and his temperamental cat Buckeye and gentle dog Satchel.

The 57th annual award ceremony was held Saturday at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. It featured presenters and past Reuben winners such as "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams, "Doonesbury" creator Gary Trudeau, and Cathy Guisewite, creator of "Cathy."

The National Cartoonists Society was founded in 1946 and is headquartered in New York City. Today it includes more than 600 members.

'A Mighty Wind' cast plays concert

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The faux folkies from the film "A Mighty Wind" came to life off-screen for a free concert at the Getty Center museum.

The fictional groups — the divorced romantic duo of Mitch & Mickey, the corny traditionalist Folksmen and the ultra-perky New Main Street Singers — were created by director Christopher Guest and co-writer Eugene Levy.

The actors had such fun singing and playing the music in the movie they wanted to do it again at a live show, said Guest, whose other parody films include "Waiting For Guffman" and "Best In Show."

Guest, Harry Shearer and Michael McKean make up the Folksmen, whose songs include "Blood on the

Coal," which combines the folk-music clichés of a train wreck and a coal mine disaster. The three have also appeared on film and in concert as the metal-rock parody group Spinal Tap from the 1984 film "This Is Spinal Tap."

Other performers at Friday's Getty concert included Levy and Catherine O'Hara as Mitch & Mickey, and John Michael Higgins, Jane Lynch and Parker Posey as young members of the nine-person New Main Street Singers.

Streep challenges graduates

By The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.H. — As usual, Academy Award-winning actress Meryl Streep played her role flawlessly.

Speaking to graduates Saturday at the University of New Hampshire, Streep made them laugh, offered inspiration, even sang a bit and challenged them to change the world.

To the female graduates, she presented her own example of helping break the gender barriers in education — Streep attended a drama class at Dartmouth College after graduating from Vassar College.

"We were 60 intrepid girls on a campus of approximately 6,000 men. We tried to lead them, gently, toward a difficult idea, the idea that women are valuable to a university," she said. Both schools have since become co-ed.

She then urged male graduates, who included her nephew, to help shatter the glass ceiling that holds many women back from top positions in business and politics, and urged all the graduates to maintain optimism as they forge ahead.

"Put blinders on to those things that conspire to hold you back, especially the ones in your own head," she said. "Guard your good mood. Listen to music every day, joke and love and read more for fun, especially poetry."

Film about teen violence wins festival

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that was widely regarded as the weakest in recent memory, and "Elephant," though well received, was something of a surprise for the top prize.

Many critics had favored Lars von Trier's "Dogville," a challenging, dark, three-hour drama starring Kidman and set in Depression-era America. The movie did not win any prizes. Also overlooked was Clint Eastwood's "Mystic River," a crime drama about three childhood friends brought together again by a murder.

Last year, Roman Polanski's "The Pianist" won the Palme d'Or. Polanski went on to win an Oscar for best director and Adrien Brody, the main character, won the best actor Oscar.

The Turkish film "Uzak," (Distant) won the Grand Prize, or second place this year. The slow-moving film by Nuri Bilge Ceylan is about a jobless man from the countryside who irritates his sophisticated city cousin by moving into his apartment.

Uzak's two stars, Muzaffer Ozdemir and the late Mehmet Emin Toprak, shared the award for best actor. They played the two cousins — both lonely and alienated, but unable to become friends.

Toprak died in a car crash shortly after learning that the film was selected to show in Cannes; Ozdemir is an architect by profession, not an actor.

The screenwriting prize went to Denys Arcand for the critically acclaimed French-Canadian film "The Barbarian Invasions," about a womanizing university professor who confronts death with humor and sharp intelligence. The movie, which Arcand also directed, seemed to touch the most hearts in Cannes, and had many viewers wiping away tears.

Marie-Josée Croze, who plays a young drug addict recruited to supply the dying professor with heroin to ease his pain, won the award for best actress.

The Jury Prize went to "At Five in the Afternoon," by 23-year-old directing prodigy Samira Makhmalbaf of Iran. The movie — her third at Cannes — is about a spirited young Afghan who dreams of becoming her country's first woman president. Many of its scenes have a haunting beauty, showing the country's ruined palaces and rocky deserts.

"Reconstruction," by Denmark's Christoffer Boe, won the Camera d'Or for the best film by a first-time director. The prize for best short film went to Australia's Glendyn Ivin for "Cracker Bag," about a girl who saves her pocket change to buy firecrackers.

It was the second year in a row that the Columbine shootings got lots of attention at Cannes, but "Elephant" offered a different take on school violence than last year's "Bowling for Columbine" from Michael Moore, which was also well received.

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Israeli cabinet approves peace plan with conditions

BY KARIN LAUB
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — In a historic vote cast under intense U.S. pressure, Israel's government narrowly approved an internationally backed "road map" to peace Sunday and for the first time recognized the Palestinians' right to statehood. But it left itself an escape hatch from unwelcome parts of the plan.

The Cabinet vote cleared the way for a possible three-way meeting — as early as next week — between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas and President Bush.

"The decision ... was as difficult as crossing the Red Sea," Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said of the vote. Those opposed, including ministers from Sharon's own Likud party, said they feared the plan endangered Israel's existence.

The vote was seen as a watershed because Sharon's government, one of the most hawkish in Israel's history, formally recognized the Palestinians' right to a state. That has been anathema to Israel's right-wing parties, including Sharon's Likud, for decades.

The Cabinet voted 12-7, with four abstentions. The vote came after six hours of passionate debate and injected new momentum into the often-delayed "road map" to Mideast peace, a three-stage plan that envisions a full Palestinian state by 2005.

It was a success for the United States, which had pressured Israel to sign on to the plan, and was expected to help counter the U.S. image in the Arab world as being one-sided in the conflict.

"This was not a simple day," Sharon said after the vote. "This was not a happy decision."

Israeli hard-liners, including most in Sharon's Likud party, believe a Palestinian state would pose a mortal danger to Israel because it would create the constant threat of terrorism and open the way to an invasion of Israel through Palestinian territory. If the plan goes into effect, Israel would also be forced to take the painful step of dismantling Jewish settlements that Likud encouraged.

However, Israel did dilute its acceptance. The vote was held on "steps defined by the road map," and not the entire document. And many disagreements remain, including who should make the first move, because of the deep distrust from 2 1/2 years of fighting that has claimed more than 3,000 lives, two-thirds on the Palestinian side.

The Palestinians, who accepted the plan a month ago, expressed disappointment at what they said was

Israel's muddled response but indicated they were ready to move ahead.

Sharon was to meet with Abbas on Tuesday — their second summit in 10 days — to work out the next steps. The Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik was seen as the likely venue for a subsequent three-way summit with Bush.

Some said Sharon's support for the plan after weeks of resistance was a tactical move aimed at deflecting U.S. pressure. He may be counting on the road map to fail because of the Palestinians' trouble getting militias to stop attacking Israelis.

However, there were some signs that Sharon, Israel's most prominent hawk and the key architect of Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, might have had a change of heart on solving the conflict.

"The time has come to say yes to the Americans, the time has come to divide this land between us and the Palestinians," he told the Yediot Ahronot daily.

Shimon Shiffer, the newspaper's senior political analyst known for his close contacts with Sharon, said Sunday that the prime minister told him he has changed. "He has internalized the fact that Israel cannot continue to control 3.5 million Palestinians," Shiffer said.

Former Justice Minister Yossi Beilin, who helped negotiate interim peace accords with the Palestinians in the 1990s, said that even if Sharon is not serious about the plan, the vote broke new ground in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Even if it is only a tactical decision, the historical price is a very expensive one," Beilin told The Associated Press.

Despite stiff opposition from nearly half the Cabinet ministers, Sharon's four-party coalition remains intact for now. Two pro-settler factions, the National Religious Party and the National Union, said they would not quit, even though their four Cabinet ministers voted against the road map.

Among those abstaining were four Likud ministers, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sharon's rival for Likud leadership and an outspoken opponent of Palestinian statehood. Three Likud ministers opposed the plan, while five ministers of the moderate Shinui party voted yes.

The wording of the Cabinet announcement on the vote created a few loopholes. By approving the "steps defined" by the plan but not the entire document, Israel can avoid problematic requirements in the future.

For example, the road map is based, in part, on an Arab peace proposal that calls on Israel to withdraw from the lands it occupied in the 1967 Mideast war — the West Bank, Gaza Strip, east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Israel has said it will never withdraw to the 1967 lines. By not accepting the entire road map, Israel can argue it has not approved the Arab plan.

Israel also attached more than a dozen demands for changes in the plan and said it would insist they be met in the future. Abbas said before the vote that he would not accept any alterations, a position backed by the United States — even though U.S. officials said last week the Israeli reservations would be taken into account.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said he feared the vote was just a ploy. "The vague acceptance of the road map, including the Israeli reservations ... proves once again that the Israeli government will place obstacles and conditions in the way of implementation," he said.

In the first stage of the plan, the Palestinians are to rein in militants and get them to halt shooting and bombing attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis.

Abbas is trying to do it by persuasion, while Israel wants him to disarm and arrest the militants. Israel says it will not meet its first obligations, including a withdrawal from Palestinian towns, until he does.

"Now the ball is in the court of the Palestinians," said Tzipi Livni, a Likud Cabinet minister. "If they succeed in eliminating terror, maybe there is a chance for the Palestinians to live in a state."

Cruise ship explosion



Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press
Passengers from the Norwegian Cruise Line's ship Norway walk near the ship, rear Sunday at the Port of Miami. An explosion in the boiler room of the docked cruise ship killed at least two crew members Sunday and injured 20 others.

Phillipine ferry crash



Bullit Marquez/Associated Press
Survivors are escorted out of a Philippine Coast Guard rescue ship after being rescued following a sea collision between a passenger vessel and a larger ferry in choppy waters off Manila Bay south of Manila on Sunday. The coast guard said at least 25 people were killed and 203 had been rescued.

Former Russian capital throws 10-day party for 300th birthday

BY SARAH KARUSH
Associated Press Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — For three centuries, St. Petersburg has shone like a jewel in the bleak Russian north, inspiring poets and revolutionaries, surviving communism and a world war. Now it's aglitter with 10 days of festivities for its 300th birthday.

Huge expenditures and years of reconstruction went into the preparations. Fresh paint has restored the majesty of age-worn palaces, and golden church spires gleam. A last-minute rush to plant flower beds and paint fences covered up some remaining blemishes.

Russia's former imperial capital hopes to dazzle her guests, including President Bush and leaders of 44 other nations invited to join President Vladimir Putin, a St. Petersburg native, for events Friday and Saturday.

Yet not everyone is happy. Some residents feel the celebration is aimed too much at outsiders, and others grum-

ble that the money would have been better spent on new housing, hospitals and other needs.

Founded by Czar Peter the Great on swampland bordering the Gulf of Finland, the city was conceived as Russia's "window to Europe" — a modern capital incorporating the best of European architecture.

It gave birth to classics of Russian literature and much of the country's best art and music. During World War II, residents endured a harrowing 900-day Nazi siege in which more than 600,000 people died.

Such a city deserves to be feted, but according to Russian tradition, it's the birthday girl who treats.

So St. Petersburg's residents have sacrificed for their guests, living with the hassle of extensive construction projects. And many will miss the peak of the celebrations at week's end, since much of downtown will be closed off for the high-ranking guests. Officials even advised people to leave town if possible.

SPORTS



Goodbye Indy



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Michael Andretti leads teammate Tony Kanaan of Brazil through a turn during the final Indianapolis 500 on Sunday in Indianapolis. Gil de Ferran took this year's checkered flag.

Appier allows Angels to dispatch Devil Rays 6-1

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM — Kevin Appier extended his dominance of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays with six strong innings, and Jeff DaVanon scored on the front end of a double steal in the Anaheim Angels' 6-1 victory Sunday.

Appier (3-2) improved to 7-0 with a 1.82 ERA in seven career starts against the Devil Rays. The right-hander allowed four hits, including a sixth-inning home run by Ben Grieve, struck out four and walked two.

The Angels opened the scoring with a pair of unearned runs in the third, the result of Julio Lugo's fielding error on a sharp grounder by Tim Salmon. It was the first error in eight starts this season for Lugo, filling in at shortstop while three-time Gold Glove winner Rey Ordonez is on the disabled list with a sprained left knee.

Salmon doubled home a run in the seventh against Travis Harper. Scot Shields and Francisco Rodriguez finished with scoreless relief for the Angels.

Singles by David Eckstein and Troy Glaus put runners at the corners with none out, and Eckstein scored on Lugo's miscue. Glaus made it to third on the play and came home on Garret Anderson's double-play grounder. Umpire Marvin Hudson was so emphatic with his call on the bang-bang play at first, he nearly punched Anderson in the face.

DaVanon led off Anaheim's three-run fifth with a double and advanced on Eckstein's sacrifice bunt. Dewon Brazelton

(0-4) intentionally walked Glaus, who broke for second as Salmon struck out. Lugo took Toby Hall's short-hop throw in front of the bag and threw home, but DaVanon's hard slide prevented Hall from blocking the plate with his left foot.

Center fielder Rocco Baldelli then made a diving catch on Anderson's drive to the warning track in right-center, but the ball popped loose as Baldelli hit the ground. Glaus scored on Anderson's triple, and Anderson scored on Brazelton's wild pitch to increase Anaheim's lead to 5-0.

Brazelton, who was checked on the mound by manager Lou Piniella and trainer Ken Crenshaw because of an apparent neck problem following the double steal, was removed after five innings. The rookie right-hander was charged with five runs — three earned — and five hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

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Notes: Grieve played in his fourth game after missing about six weeks because of an infection in his left thumb. ... As promised, new Angels owner Arturo Moreno has given fans a 75-cent decrease on beer prices. ... LHP Jim Parque, who still hasn't regained the velocity on his fastball after undergoing shoulder surgery two years ago, has decided to accept his demotion to the Devil Rays' Triple-A Durham club, rather than retire. ... Damion Easley started at 3B for the Devil Rays instead of Jared Sandberg, who was hit on the left wrist by a pitch from Anaheim's John Lackey on Saturday. ... Ordonez, who was eligible to come off the DL on Saturday, is expected to be sidelined at least another three weeks. ... Tampa Bay RF Damian Rolls, who fractured his thumb while diving for a ground-rule double hit by Toronto's Josh Phelps on April 22, is expected to be activated Tuesday. ... Lugo beat out an infield single in the seventh, the Devil Rays' major league-leading 54th infield hit.

Dodgers beat Brewers for tenth win in row

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Kevin Brown's splendid sinker made life miserable for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Brown took a two-hit shutout into the ninth inning, and Fred McGriff and Paul Lo Duca homered as the Los Angeles Dodgers extended their winning streak to 10 games Sunday with a 5-1 victory.

"It was not a nice day to be a Milwaukee Brewer hitter," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said. "It's no fun to be a hitter against that guy."

Brown (6-1) struck out eight and walked one in winning his fifth consecutive decision over seven starts since April 18.

"He was basically unhittable for eight innings," Lo Duca said. "He got a little tired in the ninth, but he had a nasty, nasty sinker today."

The pitch was so dominant that the Brewers hit only three balls out of the infield against Brown.

"He was on top of his game and just overmatched us," said Milwaukee manager Ned Yost, who described Brown's sinker as "devastating."

John Vander Wal singled in the fifth for the first hit off Brown, who was lifted after giving up singles to pinch-hitter Brooks Kieschnick and Eric Young to start the ninth. Tom Martin finished the four-hitter, allowing a sacrifice fly to Geoff Jenkins.

McGriff hit his 486th homer in the sixth, a two-run shot off Ben Sheets (4-4). Lo Duca added a three-run drive in the eighth.

McGriff hit a grand slam Saturday night, when Hideo Nomo pitched a two-hit shutout to beat the Brewers 6-0.

The Dodgers' winning streak is tied for their fifth-longest since they moved to Los Angeles in 1958. The franchise record is 15 consecutive wins from Aug. 29 to Sept. 6, 1924, when the team was in Brooklyn.

Starting pitching has keyed the run. The starters are 10-0 with a 1.62 ERA during the streak, and the Dodgers held Milwaukee scoreless for 24 innings before Jenkins' sacrifice fly in the ninth.

"It's a matter of pressure — when everybody is pitching well the pressure is less," Brown said. "Even if I have an off day, you know the next guy is pitching

well. It's not do-or-die."

Sheets matched Brown for the first five innings, but gave up a homer to McGriff in the sixth after Jolbert Cabrera hit a bloop double earlier in the inning. It was McGriff's eighth home run this season.

The Dodgers made it 5-0 in the eighth when Cabrera was hit by a pitch, McGriff reached on an error by second baseman Young and Lo Duca hit his third homer of the year.

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— JIM TRACY
Los Angeles manager

Sheets went eight innings, giving up five runs, four earned, on six hits. He struck out three.

Notes: The Brewers optioned LHP John Foster to Triple-A Indianapolis after the game. They made no corresponding move, but LHP Valerio De Los Santos will rejoin the team Tuesday night in San Diego. De Los Santos has been on the disabled list since April 27 with tendinitis in his pitching shoulder. ... The Brewers went 5-8 on their season-long 13-game homestand. ... Milwaukee RHP Jayson Durocher pitched one inning for Triple-A Indianapolis in a rehabilitation assignment, giving up one hit with two strikeouts. ... The Brewers are 4-16 in day games. ... Brown is 13-5 in his career against the Brewers, his most wins against any team. ... Brewers SS Royce Clayton is hitting .126 (15-for-119) since April 15. ... The Dodgers' streak started May 14 with a win against Atlanta, and has included three-game sweeps of Florida, Colorado and Milwaukee. ... Two of the hits off Brown were infield singles. ... In the fifth year of a \$105 million, seven-year contract, Brown is 50-24 with Los Angeles.

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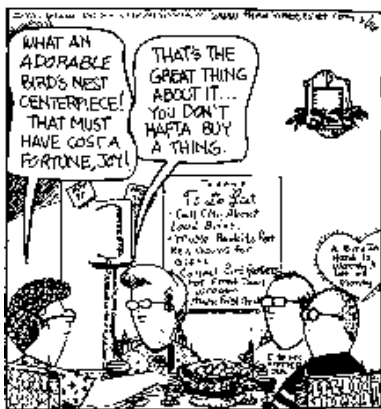


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Kenny Perry tees off on the second hole during the final round of the Colonial on Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas. Perry, who started the final round with an eight-stroke lead, won the tournament by six strokes.

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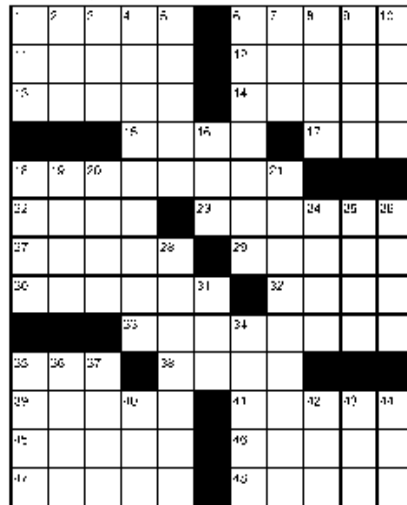
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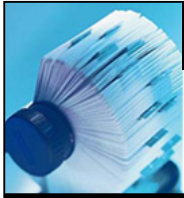


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Top Silicon Valley execs made \$1 billion in 2002

By The Associated Press

SAN JOSE — The highest-paid executives of Silicon Valley's largest companies took home \$1 billion last year, according to the San Jose Mercury News' annual executive pay study.

That total, which included salary, bonus and estimated stock options gains for 754 executives, was only about one-fourth of the \$3.8 billion in 2001 and one-fifth of the record \$4.7 billion in 2000.

2002's biggest paycheck — \$34.6 million — went to Siebel Systems' Chief Executive Officer Thomas M. Siebel. Siebel, who pocketed only a ceremonial \$1 in salary, came in first in the survey because he exercised \$34.6 million in options he had acquired since he founded his e-business software company.

Scott McNealy of Sun Microsystems placed second on the list, pulling in about \$25.8 million last year after cashing in \$25.2 million in options. Craig Barrett, CEO of Intel, came in third with a payout of \$19.4 million in 2002.

Peter Calpine of Calpine Energy and John Gifford of Maxim Integrated Products rounded out the top five.

Shrinking stock option gains kept some prominent names out of the Top 10, like Oracle founder and CEO Lawrence J. Ellison, and Cisco Systems CEO John Chambers. None ranked higher than 94th — and Chambers ranked dead on the list.

In 2002, executive compensation shrank as the stock market continued to

founder. In just two years, the Valley's top executives have seen the value of their vested, unexercised options drop from \$16 billion to \$2.2 billion.

The highest ranking woman on the list — Christine B. Hoberg, Chief Financial Officer of chip making company Nvidia — bolstered her \$200,000 salary by exercising options. Her boss, CEO Jen-Hsun Huang, exercised options worth \$12.2 million. Nvidia's stock has since sunk as low as \$11.51, and last week the chip maker reported that Huang received no bonus for fiscal 2003 because he failed to

meet performance goals.

Christos M. Cotsakos, former chairman and chief executive of ETrade, pulled down the 11th biggest paycheck in the survey despite his controversial exit from the company last year. Cotsakos left amid shareholder backlash over his \$88 million pay package the previous year. That revolt forced Cotsakos to give back \$37 million in compensation.

Many top-paid bosses slipped down the list because they didn't exercise options. Among those who let their options ride were Hewlett-Packard CEO

Carleton S. Fiorina (No. 49, \$4.1 million in pay), Apple Computer CEO Steven Jobs (No. 64, \$3.6 million), Intel Chairman Andrew Grove (No. 180, \$1.3 million) and eBay CEO Margaret Whitman (No. 274, \$800,000).

And then there's billionaire Oracle founder Lawrence Ellison, whose \$706 million paycheck in 2001 is likely to stand as a Valley record for some time. His pay in 2002 comprised \$38,622 related to corporate benefits and the use of his Gulfstream V jet -- but no salary, bonus or option gains.

Sailor presumed dead after fall into Atlantic

By The Associated Press

NORFOLK, VA. — A sailor returning from the war in Iraq fell from his ship into the Atlantic Ocean about 900 miles off the Virginia coast and was presumed dead, military officials said.

A search was under way Sunday for a second sailor reported missing in a separate incident.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Dwayne Williams, 23, of Philadelphia, fell from the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau on Friday.

Cmdr. Ernest Duplessis, a spokesman for the Navy's Second Fleet, confirmed Sunday that the Navy had ended its search and that Williams' body had not

been recovered.

The second sailor did not report for the 6:30 a.m. Sunday roll call, CNN and Fox News reported.

Capt. Terry O'Brian said it was possible he had been injured or incapacitated and was still on the ship.

The Nassau reversed its heading and searched for him, as did several aircraft.

Williams was chasing a football when he tripped and fell overboard.

Capt. Russell Tjepkema said Williams was wearing coveralls and boots, which would have weighed him down, and did not have a lifejacket. He told CNN the crew threw Williams a float and sent a rescue boat within 5 minutes. Rescuers found the float and searched for Williams

until it became too dark to continue trying, he said.

"My mind tells me this is the right thing to do, but my heart tells me to go back and look for the guy," Tjepkema told a CNN crew that was aboard the ship to cover its return to Norfolk. Williams had been in the Navy for nearly four years.

Duplessis said there were 8- to 10-foot seas, and the water temperature was approximately 64 degrees. He estimated that a person could survive for about 3 hours in those waters.

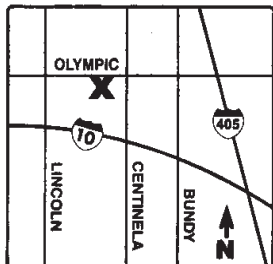
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