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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The National Health Service office in Dundee, Scotland, has recommended toilet techniques for the estimated one-third of the population that suffers from bowel and bladder dysfunction, according to an April report in The Times of London. The pamphlet, "Good Defecation Dynamics," lists preferred breathing habits and describes the proper, upright, seated posture for effective elimination ("Keep your mouth open as you bulge and widen"), and encourages support for the feet, perhaps "a small footstool."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 151st day of 2006.
There are 214 days left in the year.

On May 31, 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.
In 1809, composer Franz Joseph Haydn died in Vienna, Austria.
In 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Every ambitious man is a captive and every covetous one a pauper."
ARAB PROVERB

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Samohi CEO calls it quits

Straus resigns, district extends offer for new position

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHİ — Ilene Straus, the lead principal and chief educational officer here, will step down next month. Interim Superintendent Mike Matthews said late Tuesday that

Straus has announced she "will be moving on," and has been offered an administrative position as senior director of secondary education with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Right now, the position does not exist. The new administrative position

is expected to be created in mid-July by the board of education, Matthews said. No salary has been specified because the board has not discussed the position publicly. "I'm confident that staff will rec-

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ILENE STRAUS

Edelman is asked to stay

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — What was first envisioned as a temporary, one-year position could become permanent as the City Council looks to extend the contract of homeless czar Ed Edelman.

In a budget report to the council dated May 15, City Manager Lamont Ewell recommended retaining the services of Edelman for an additional year. That would allow Edelman, whose official title is special representative for homeless initiatives, to finish projects currently underway, including the most daunting of tasks — convincing more municipalities to step up and do their fair share when it comes to housing the homeless.

If Edelman's contract is extended for one year and his salary remains



EDMUND EDELMAN

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All the right moves



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Mason Westfall, 15, from Oakwood High, moves his bishop during the Southern California Scholastic High School Chess League Tournament at the Santa Monica Chess Park on Saturday. Oakwood High in North Hollywood won the championship.

Samohi students take top honor in nationwide competition

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

BROOKLYN, NY — Santa Monica High School students showed over Memorial Day weekend that they have what it takes to give entrepreneurs like Donald Trump a run for their money as they were crowned national champions in a competi-

tion that tested the business acumen of close to 100 teenagers. As champions, members of Samohi's Project Echo, a year-long course that teaches students how to run their own businesses, will represent the United States in the international competition to be held in Shanghai, China, Aug. 2-3. There, Project Echo students will compete

against teams from nine other countries, including China, the Philippines, Ghana, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. "This is pretty much unbelievable. People are hugging each other, crying. I can't believe we won," Chris Peterson, a senior at Samohi and Project Echo member, said via cell phone from Brooklyn just moments after learning

of his team's victory. "I mean, we were up against the best of the best, and we just came out on top." Project Echo students run a cafe at Samohi, as well as the school's student store, turning a profit on each, with money earned going toward college scholarships. Teri Jones, a Project Echo

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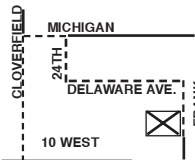
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You are like a shiny dime. You cannot help but be noticed! Excess might go hand in hand with the moment, and you might not care. Remember, there is a tomorrow. Don't feel as if you have to discipline a child. Tonight: Suddenly serious.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might gain a new perspective or do something very differently. Good will follow if you are willing. Listen to a family member whose mood could swing from one position to another. Accept change. Tonight: Homeward bound.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might go overboard or have very strong feelings. Evaluate before you respond or speak by listening and honoring your true self. You might want to rethink a personal matter. A call could be very important to let someone know where you are coming from. Tonight: Talk away.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Investigate. Spending is always an issue. You tighten up the reins, but perhaps a little more so tomorrow. You might overly discipline yourself. Be reasonable, which translates to: Do not indulge in any extremes. Tonight: Pay bills.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your personality comes forth. You might want to think before you let someone know how stern you can be. Extremes mark your interactions, though you always come out on top. Be gentle with someone who is having a hard time. Tonight: Give up serious; welcome light.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Think carefully about what is going on. Indulge someone at a distance you really care about. This person needs to know you care. You don't have to make a big scene; you just need to express your integrity. Tonight: Read between the lines.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Focus on what you want, not what can be. If you would like to relax and see a situation in a different light, you can. Don't get locked into pleasing someone as much as getting down to the basics. OK? Tonight: A talk with a special friend.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Take your place at the head of the class. You might want to visualize and change directions. You have a lot going on. Be aware of what is happening with a boss or someone in your life who has clout. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ If you pull back, gather information and stay on top of an issue, you will see events in a new perspective. Review news with an eye to sorting out emotions and taking a clear look. Tonight: Focus on a situation. You will find the solution.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You find someone a bit easier to question. You finally get answers, though you might be uncomfortable with them. Think through a decision with help. If you can, bond and work as a team. Togetherness works. Tonight: Allow someone to have his or her space.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to think through what others ask and express. You are far more mellow and understanding than you have been in a while. Investigate news with an eye to perspective. Someone could be a bit down. Tonight: Work with others.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Make time for a project. You might find that you run out of steam as the day gets older. Use the morning. Use your friendly style. Others respond strongly to your efforts. Know when to kick back. Listen to your energy. Tonight: Easy-chair time.

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Footloose



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Santa Monica College drama student Casey Schulz kicks it up during a dance routine from ‘The Wild Party’ during the Musical Theatre Workshop Highlights on Tuesday.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dinner and dance cooks up cash for families

By Daily Press staff

The St. Joseph Center outdid itself May 20 by raising more than half a million dollars to service impoverished families in Venice and Santa Monica. KTLA entertainment reporter Sam Rubin hosted the annual Dinner Dance at the Skirball Cultural Center, which attracted more than 450 Los Angeles business owners, professionals and community leaders. Among those honored was Crecenciana Martinez, a graduate of the center’s vocational culinary training program. Martinez immigrated to the United States in 1992 from Oaxaca, Mexico. With her husband, she opened a restaurant in the Palms neighborhood of Los Angeles.

Teachers re-elect union president

By Daily Press staff

The majority of area teachers have put their confidence back into their union leader. Harry M. Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, was re-elected to his post on May 15, marking the end of a 10-day election. More than 85 percent of teachers in Santa Monica Malibu-Unified School District cast their votes, electing Keiley to the head of the union for his fourth consecutive two-year term. Keiley won by what has been described as a mandate, securing more than 76 percent of teacher votes, officials said. “The election results validate our team’s endeavors over the past six years,” Keiley said. “I look forward to continuing the important work of standing up for students, teachers and public education.” The first order of business for the union head will be the upcoming contract negotiations this summer. Keiley said he is pleased to have the full support of the union going into the talks, and that he hopes to build on past agreements. “We’ve done so much these last few years,” Keiley said. “Protecting teachers’ jobs, keeping class sizes low during times of massive cutbacks and ensuring that our teachers

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH 120" - 144"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 7/28
CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

CLOSED

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH 12" - 18"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 3/4
CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING				

SNOW SUMMIT

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SNOW VALLEY

CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 63°

SWELL FORECAST (2-3 FT)

TODAY LOOKS SIMILAR TO TODAY, ALTHOUGH SETS MAY REACH CHEST HIGH OR SO AROUND SOUTH FACING BREAKS WHEN THE TIDE IS RIGHT.

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SATURDAY				
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:47 AM	-0.65 FEET	5:30 PM	2.85 FEET
HIGH TIDE	1:56 PM	3.38 FEET	11:46 PM	5.38 FEET
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	7:36 AM	-0.28 FEET	6:29 PM	3.03 FEET
HIGH TIDE	3:03 PM	3.42 FEET	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	8:27 AM	0.09 FEET	7:54 PM	3.13 FEET
HIGH TIDE	12:33 AM	4.87 FEET	4:06 PM	3.56 FEET
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	9:18 AM	0.44 FEET	1:28 AM	4.35 FEET
HIGH TIDE	4:55 PM	3.78 FEET	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Q Line

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Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. announced that he is stepping down from his post this summer, having accepted a position to head up security for four Los Angeles County airports. While reports continue to show a decline in crime rates during his tenure, no city is without its problems. Pico violence. Petty theft. Street hustles. Recurring homelessness. Drug use.

The city is expected to launch a national search next month in the hopes of having a timely replacement for Butts.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
What advice would you give the city's new chief of police? What areas or issues would you like the new chief to focus on initially?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending the Segway

Editor:

I'd like to offer an informed response to your cover story, "Segway law hanging in the balance" (SMDP, May 16, page 1). I'm a Segway commuter from Santa Monica and I'm on the local sidewalks every day.

I commute to Venice Boulevard from Fourth Street in Santa Monica five days a week by Segway. I'm on the boardwalk in Venice for over a mile, and I can tell you that there is no more congested stretch of sidewalk anywhere in LA County. Not only are there tens of thousands of pedestrians, there are innumerable obstacles and distractions. The pedestrians are not focused commuters on the way to work, they are people at the beach walking around in every direction. They are jogging, biking, rollerblading, skateboarding, performing, panhandling, you name it. Kids, dogs, shoppers, surfers with boards, and yes, Segway pedestrians like me. There has never been even the slightest chance of bumping into someone on my Segway. I would no more bump into someone on the sidewalk than I would run into them if I was jogging. People just don't do that.

Segways are the world's first true pedestrian assistance device, and they have a chance to improve the quality of life for everyone. I only use my car when I have to deal with cargo or passengers. Because of my Segway, there's one less car on the streets of Santa Monica five days a week. One less car in the garages, at the gas pump, and one less car in front of you in traffic. Instead of sitting in beach traffic for 30 minutes, I get to work refreshed and safe in about eight minutes. It costs me 20 cents a week in electricity.

Allen Battino, the Westwood Segway commuter featured in your article, was recently at the local Segway dealership in Santa Monica. Battino told me that Jerry Rubin, a local bumper sticker salesman/activist, was there after voicing concerns to City Hall about Segway safety. Mr. Rubin was offered a free demo ride by the dealership, but he declined. To be more informed, Mr. Rubin should try one, and also check California Vehicle Code section 313. Segways are Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDS). They are pedestrian devices, they are not vehicles. Unlike vehicles, they are only as wide as your shoulders. The entire device is right underneath you, and you have complete control over its movements. Unlike vehicles like bicycles, they can stand motionless, self balance, stop, go backwards, and can pivot in place. They don't have a conventional throttle. They respond to your own body's natural movements, adjusting 100 times per second. It's like an extension of your body.

Can a person on a Segway bump into another person? Sure, it's possible, but as I said earlier, people just don't do that. Could you have a serious accident crawling along a busy sidewalk on a Segway? Hardly. People just don't do that. How about pedestrians on other devices? Could a motorized wheelchair with an irresponsible rider plow into the AMC movie line at 5 mph? Sure, it's possible. Ever see that happen? Of course not. People just don't do that. Just because something is possible doesn't mean it's going to happen. After four years on the market, approximately 30,000 Segways are on sidewalks safely transporting people all over the world.

Remember, it took several years for personal computers to take off, mostly because PCs were around \$8,000 in 1990 — without the monitor. A new Segway is about \$5,000 today. When they become affordable the way computers did after 10 years on the market, they will be everywhere. Ask any Segway owner and they will tell you how great and how safe they are.

Carlos Pineiro
Santa Monica

School board needs to wake up

Editor:

The Santa Monica-Malibu School Board is clearly asleep at the switch. My children graduated from Santa Monica High School years ago. However, just from reading newspaper stories about recent events at Samohi, I knew there would be a huge crowd of students and parents at the meeting May 18. Anyone remotely following the issues could have figured it out.

How difficult would it have been to have seats set up in the City Hall lobby, as the City Council often does? Or to make sure ahead of time that the TV monitors were functioning? The school board president is responsible for the meeting. Shouldn't she have prepared for the crowd?

I guess School Board President Julia Brownley is too busy running for State Assembly to attend to business here at home. If she doesn't even do her present job here at home, how can she expect to serve in a higher office?

Isabel Valencia
Santa Monica

All eyes on the city's airport pollution issue



GUEST
COLUMN
BY MARTIN RUBIN

Well known as an environmentally conscious "green" city, Santa Monica is presently under watch as it decides its position regarding a newly proposed California Assembly bill that aims to help residents understand the extent of the air pollution coming from Santa Monica Airport. Idling jet emissions travel via air currents throughout the surrounding neighborhoods, through open windows and doors right inside the homes of many hundreds of long-time residents. New residents moving into the surrounding neighborhoods, replacing those who have had enough of the airport's growing noise and air pollution, find that it is more than they bargained for. Have these residents been concerned? Absolutely. For the past 10 years, the air pollution issue has continuously been brought up at Santa Monica Airport Commission meetings. Santa Monica City Council members have been informed. Jet air pollution has continued to get worse.

Santa Monica officials will have us believe that they are doing all they can. In my 10 years of involvement, I believe that the efforts the city of Santa Monica has made have been to keep air pollution from becoming an issue. It is not an issue for debate as residents are troubled by what the obnoxious smelling fumes may be doing to their health, their children's health and their pets' health.

Until a couple years ago, the only organized group dealing with Santa Monica Airport issues was the Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP), a neighborhood group that represent the interests of Santa Monica residents to the west and north of the airport. They have been able to influence Santa Monica city officials in appointing members to the Airport Commission who are sympathetic to the communities' concerns. About 10 percent of the air pollution from the airport affects Santa Monica residents; the other 90 percent drifts eastward into the Los Angeles communities. As a resident in the LA area impacted by the emissions from idling jets, I felt it needed more attention and organized another group called Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP). It is equipped with a Web site (www.jetairpollution.com) and a strong motivation to organize the community so as to help with expressing the airport's surrounding communities' concerns. Though Santa Monica officials would have you believe otherwise, to this day I know of no proactive efforts by the city of Santa Monica to address their airport's air pollution issue. The environmental workshops held annually at a Santa Monica Airport Commission meeting came about only after years of pressure to do something, and it certainly is not my idea of a workshop. It is more a presentation by staff to justify why they are not able to do anything.

Because requests to have the jet idle/taxi and hold times logged have fallen on deaf ears, recently elected California State Assemblyman Ted Lieu introduced legislation (AB 2501) on CRAAP's behalf that

would require Santa Monica Airport to do just that. Santa Monica Mayor Robert Holbrook responded with a letter on behalf of the city of Santa Monica opposing the bill. After hearing from Santa Monica residents that such a letter did not go through a public process, an item was placed one month later on the Santa Monica City Council agenda to officially oppose AB 2501.

With public speakers representing FOSP, CRAAP, the Sierra Club and the National Resources Defense Council, the airport staff's report recommending that the city oppose AB 2501 was discredited, and City Council members on May 25 revised the motion to not oppose the bill — provided the bill is amended to include certain stipulations.

Santa Monica officials will have us believe that they are doing all they can.

The idea of supporting the bill was not considered. The one City Council member who appeared most sympathetic to the plight of the airport's neighbors was Bobby Shriver. He appeared to be more in tune to a true regional approach on issues of environmental concern. Much of what City Council members had to say was in defense of city inaction over the years. There did appear some hope from Councilman Ken Genser that the city should be more proactive in dealing with this issue as it would be useful to show the FAA why there is so much concern. This has been CRAAP's position for several years now. Video of the May 25 City Council meeting is available at the city's Web site (santa-monica.org) if you are interested in viewing the full discussion and public comment.

Councilman Kevin McKeown at one point in the discussion stated that if the present administration in Washington, D.C., does not respond to his efforts regarding the Iraq war, how would we expect it to respond to our airport concerns? Is that justification for not making efforts regarding the airport? At least he is making efforts regarding the war. Councilman Richard Bloom questioned how collecting data on idle/taxi times could be used scientifically. It also was interesting how Councilmen Bloom and McKeown both asked questions of the Sierra Club representative, Marcia Hanscom, and me in an apparent grilling fashion. It made me uncomfortable. They did not question their own staff in that way.

With an election approaching, now is the time for Santa Monica residents to probe the candidates' views on the issues and to ask them their thoughts on addressing the issues that residents have regarding the airport. Did the incumbents who will probably run again live up to their answers from the 2002 FOSP survey?

Again, Santa Monica is presently under scrutiny as it decides how it deals with California Assembly Bill AB 2501, and residents from all around, as well as Los Angeles, state and federal officials are watching. Just what do Santa Monica city officials feel their responsibility is regarding the operation of the Santa Monica Airport?

(Martin Rubin is director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution and lives in West LA.)

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Edelman looks to put plans into action

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the same, his services over the two-year period will cost City Hall \$400,000. Edelman said he is happy with his current salary and said he would not ask for a raise.

"I think this is absolutely the right thing to do," said Councilman Richard Bloom when asked about his support for the extension. "The fact of the matter is, he's just getting started. He has a lot of work left to do. I think if we weren't seeing changing attitudes in communities around Southern California (regarding homelessness), I might feel otherwise."

What's been the primary problem according to many people in Santa Monica is the failure by neighboring communities to help bear the burden in funding social service programs.

Edelman, a former Los Angeles County supervisor and most recently a mediator for dispute resolution, has been charged with bringing regional cohesiveness to the growing homeless problem, particularly on the Westside. He's been tapping those who are closest to the issue, finding out what their issues are and what their proposed solutions to getting homeless individuals off the streets so they can become functioning members of society.

Edelman, who helped create the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), said he welcomes the contract extension.

"Once I start something, I'd like to get it finished and get something accomplished," Edelman said. "So, I'm pleased with the staff recommendation, because when dealing with homelessness, things don't happen overnight."

Councilmembers said the money is worth it because Edelman brings with him the experience needed to get the job done, not to mention a pretty impressive Rolodex.

"I think we're already seeing the benefits

of his work," Mayor Bob Holbrook said. "We are starting to see funding fall into place, with more cities pitching in. He's really gotten the ball rolling, and that's truly important. He has the political savvy and the knowledge to be able to access different people in government and get decision makers to listen."

One of those decision makers is Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who said, "When Ed calls, you pick up the phone. That's a tremendous asset to Santa Monica."

Knowing people and getting things done are two different things, Edelman says, which is why he has spent much of his time behind the scenes, holding meetings with elected officials to see if a regional solution can be developed. He also has been lobbying for the creation of a court for homeless individuals who violate municipal codes in Santa Monica and an expanded drug court in downtown Los Angeles, both of which are intended to help the homeless deal with their legal troubles while simultaneously signing up for services to keep them out of trouble.

On top of that, Edelman has held meetings with those who host food lines for the homeless to see if they can hold the feedings at locations approved by City Hall. That would protect food quality while linking homeless to services, city officials said.

Edelman said he is working with Councilman Bobby Shriver on establishing housing for homeless veterans at the Veterans Administration in West LA. He also is involved in the reorganization of LAHSA, with hopes of expanding its reach to include cities such as Santa Monica. Currently, LAHSA serves the city and county of Los Angeles, but not individual cities in the county.

"I've got a lot on my plate, but we've got our foot in the door," Edelman said. "We need to get more of the body in there and get something done as a result. Talk is cheap. Action is what counts."

No word yet on whether Straus will consider new job

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commend it, and the board will go along with that," Matthews said. "We would love to have the opportunity to use her (Straus') expertise in middle school and high school to move the district forward. I am aware that she may be pursuing other options."

Matthews said he could not speculate on why Straus decided to leave Samohi.

Straus didn't return calls for comment.

Matthews said Straus' contract at Samohi expires at the end of the school year.

In recent months, Straus has come under scrutiny by a group of parents and teachers who have questioned her leadership style and her effectiveness in implementing the redesign of Samohi into six small learning communities, also called "houses," complete with their own counselors and principals.

The redesign was intended to break up the more than 3,500 students at Samohi into smaller groups so that teachers, counselors and house principals can have better relationships with one another, and to help struggling students achieve at higher levels. Critics of the redesign say it has led to

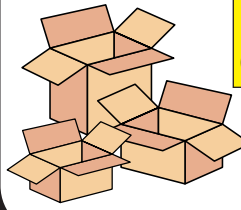
division on campus, while supporters believe student achievement has risen because of the closer relationships developed between students and teachers. Supporters say Straus' participation has been key in building a stronger community at Samohi and that she should not be the scapegoat for issues such as racism that are affecting high schools across the country.

Straus' leadership and the effectiveness of the redesign are expected to be discussed heavily at the next school board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 1. The meeting is being held at Samohi's Barnum Hall to accommodate the large crowd that is expected. The school board was forced to shut down the last board meeting after more than 300 people spilled out of the City Council chambers, creating a fire hazard.

The school board is looking to split the position of director of secondary education in two so that greater attention can be placed on the elementary level as well as middle school and high school, Matthews said.

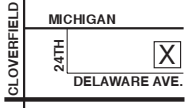
"A lot of districts have made the split, and we think that it will be a way to assist in academic improvement district wide," Matthews said.

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Students from Santa Monica High School's Project Echo pose with their first-place trophy, having been crowned national champions in the fourth annual SAGE competition held in Brooklyn, N.Y., over Memorial Day weekend. The students will go on to compete in the international competition in Shanghai, China, in August. (From left to right) Top row: Eric Burger. Middle row: Anthony Campbell, instructor Anita Kemp, Jasmine Coker, Elizabeth Munos, Sabrina Marin, Douglas Monroy and instructor Teri Jones. Bottom row: Carlton Fortenberry, Malik Moosa and Chris Peterson.

Students to pay own way to China in August

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instructor, said the student-run cafe is expected to gross more than \$125,000 this year.

SAGE, which stands for Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship, is an international network that links high school students to nearby university students, business leaders and civic leaders. The mission of SAGE is to advance entrepreneurship education and community service-learning across the world, emphasizing ethical business practices, social responsibility, civic engagement and environmental awareness.

In the competition, members of SAGE judge high school teams on entrepreneurship, community outreach, civic engagement, environmental responsibility, use of college mentors and use of a business advisory board. Following a presentation, judges ask questions of the student presenters.

Coming in second behind Samohi's Project Echo squad was a team from Gem State Academy, a private school in Idaho founded by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Pleasant Valley High School in Chico, Calif., placed third, and coming in fourth was defending national SAGE champion Northwestern Lehigh High School in New Tripoli, Pa., according to results from SAGE coordinator Allison Smith.

The national SAGE competition took

place May 26 at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge and Kingsborough Community College.

GotVMail Communications, a SAGE sponsor, presented Samohi's team with a \$1,000 check to pay for travel expenses. SAGE provides hotel and food for the days of the competition, said Curtis DeBerg, a California State University-Chico business professor who founded SAGE.

"All country champions fund their own airfare and visa costs to participate in the SAGE World Cup," DeBerg said. "This may sound like a lot to ask, but for a SAGE program to really work in a country or state, it absolutely needs local buy-in from leaders in the business and civic communities, just like interscholastic sports. However, we help them in their fundraising efforts."

Project Echo students admit raising enough money will be a challenge, but probably the biggest obstacle will be setting enough time aside to prepare for the international competition, with high school graduation just weeks away.

"This is really going to test how well we can focus," Samohi senior Carlton Fortenberry said. "We've been overwhelmed with school work and just having a social life. Now with graduation, we'll have more distractions that we'll need to push through. Most of us don't even have our passports yet."

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Families of Marines discuss Haditha trauma

BY JUSTIN M. NORTON

Associated Press Writer

HANFORD, Calif. — Two Marines were severely traumatized after following orders to photograph corpses of unarmed Iraqi civilians whom members of their unit are suspected of killing, their families said Monday.

The parents of Lance Cpl. Andrew Wright, 20, and Lance Cpl. Roel Ryan Briones, 21, both members of a Marine unit based at Camp Pendleton, said their sons were sent into the western Iraqi city of Haditha to help remove the bodies of as many as two dozen men, women and children who were shot.

While there, the two were ordered to photograph the scene with personal cameras they happened to be carrying the day of the attack, the families told The Associated Press in separate interviews. Briones' mother, Susie, said her son told her mother he saw the bodies of 23 dead Iraqis that day.

"It was horrific. It was a terrible scene," Susie Briones said in a tearful interview Monday at her home in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Navy investigators confiscated Briones' camera, his mother said. Wright's parents, Patty and Frederick Wright of Novato, declined to comment on what might have happened to the photos their son took, but they said he had turned over all of his information to the Navy.

"He is the Forrest Gump of the military," Frederick Wright said. "He ended up in the spotlight through no fault of his own."

Ryan Briones told the Los Angeles Times that Navy investigators had interrogated him twice in Iraq and that they wanted to know whether bodies had been tampered with. He turned over his digital camera but did not know what happened to it after that.

Susie Briones called the Nov. 19 incident a "massacre" and said the military had done little to help her son, who goes by his middle name, deal with his post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I know Ryan is going through some major trauma right now," said Susie Briones, 40, an academic adviser at a community college. "It was very traumatic for all of the soldiers involved with this thing."

The details of what happened in Haditha are still murky. What is known is that a bomb rocked a military convoy and left one Marine dead. Marines then shot and killed unarmed civilians in a taxi at the scene and went into two homes and shot other people, according to Rep. John Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat and decorated war veteran who has been briefed by military officials.

The incident has sparked two investigations — one into the deadly encounter itself and another into whether it was the subject of a cover-up. The Marine Corps had initial-

ly attributed 15 civilian deaths to the car bombing and a firefight with insurgents, eight of whom the Marines reported had been killed.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Monday on CBS's "The Early Show" that "it would be premature for me to judge" the situation.

But he added that it is critically important to make the point that if certain service members are responsible for an atrocity, they "have not performed their duty the way that 99.9 percent of their fellow Marines have."

Asked how such a thing could have happened, Pace replied, "Fortunately, it does not happen very frequently, so there's no way to say historically why something like this might have happened. We'll find out."

Briones' best friend, Lance Cpl. Miguel "T.J." Terrazas, had been killed the day of the attack by the roadside bomb, his mother said. He was still grieving when he was sent in to clean up the bodies of the Iraqi civilians.

One was a little girl who had been shot in the head, Susie Briones said.

"He had to carry that little girl's body," she said, "and her head was blown off and her brain splattered on his boots."

The Wrights declined to say whether their son witnessed the killings or what he thought of the allegations against other members of his unit.

He was under so much pressure because of the investigation that he had consulted with an attorney, they said. He has also experienced psychological trauma.

Wright and Briones are both recipients of the Purple Heart, given to soldiers wounded in battle.

Wright was injured during an assault on Fallujah in January 2005. He voluntarily rejoined his unit at Camp Pendleton the next month.

Briones was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He received a Purple Heart during his first tour.

On Monday, both Marines were back at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside, where base officials said several members of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division were being confined during the investigations.

Lt. Lawton King, a Camp Pendleton spokesman, declined to comment Monday.

Marines were relaxing in the afternoon sun Monday at barracks for the regiment on the sprawling base between Los Angeles and San Diego.

Sgt. Ian Moore, whose tour from September to April included time in Haditha, said he and other Marines in the battalion were waiting to hear results from the investigations.

"A lot of these things are being played out in the court of public opinion, and it's unfair on the Marines," Moore said.



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Panel negotiations

Hundreds of bills now face a looming legislative deadline

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Six lawmakers are scheduled this week to begin the tedious task of ironing out differences between Assembly and Senate versions of the state budget, but this year their job could be easier than usual.

Both chambers have produced spending plans for the fiscal year starting July 1 that are remarkably similar to the \$131.1 billion budget Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed earlier this month.

“Over the years I’ve worked here, this is about the smallest number of differences between us and the Senate and us and the administration that I’ve seen,” said Craig Cornett, budget adviser to Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles.

Nunez is predicting that lawmakers will approve a new budget by the rarely met June 15 deadline.

“I think we are well on our way to meet that goal and objective,” he said last week. “I think we can get there. I really do.... We do spend a little bit more than the governor does ... but not by more than 1 percent.”

In most years, lawmakers end up in a partisan deadlock over the budget that can drag on for weeks — even months — because California is one of the few states that requires more than simple majority votes to pass a budget.

This week also is the deadline for more than 500 bills to pass their initial house, and both the Assembly and Senate have scheduled long sessions to deal with those measures.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BILLS AWAITING VOTES:

■ Measures by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Santa Clara, and Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, would raise the state minimum wage by \$1 an hour, to \$7.75, and require annual increases to keep up with inflation. Schwarzenegger, who has vetoed two previous attempts to raise the wage, sup-

ports the \$1 increase but opposes the automatic cost-of-living adjustments.

■ A bill by Assemblyman Ira Ruskin, D-Redwood City, would authorize \$2,500 discounts for consumers who buy new cars that emit low amounts of greenhouse gases and impose \$2,500 surcharges on new vehicles that produce high levels of greenhouse gases, which are blamed for global warming.

■ Legislation by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, would limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

■ Another Perata bill would set up a discount prescription drug program for uninsured, low-income Californians.

■ A bill by Assemblyman Johan Klehs, D-San Leandro, would impose a so-called excess profits tax on oil companies.

■ Another attempt by Cedillo would allow illegal immigrants to qualify for California driver’s licenses. Schwarzenegger vetoed two earlier versions of the legislation.

■ Legislation by Sen. Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, would limit use of 25-years-to-life, “three-strikes” prison sentences for nonviolent crimes.

■ A bill by Nunez would help telephone companies get into the cable television business.

■ A Lieber bill would require the state Air Resources Board to control indoor air pollution emitted by building products, consumer goods, appliances — even cockroaches.

■ An attempt by Sen. Debra Ortiz, D-Sacramento, and Attorney General Bill Lockyer would block Internet sales of cigarettes to minors by requiring that shipments of cigarettes into the state go only to licensed dealers.

■ Legislation introduced by Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, with the support of animal rights groups would limit the tethering of dogs.

STATE BRIEFS

Councilman, Hustler show support

By The Associated Press

GARDENA, Calif. — Councilman Steve Bradford accepted a campaign contribution of \$16,800 from Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt and his associates a day before voting to allow the Hustler Casino to expand, according to state campaign finance records.

Bradford took the money on Feb. 27 for his Assembly bid, the documents state.

The next day, the City Council unanimously approved Bradford’s motion to grant an exception to city parking requirements needed for the casino to expand.

Bradford said the contribution had nothing to do with his vote on the expansion.

“I have never sold my vote. If it happened the day before, it’s just a coincidence,” he said.

Hustler Casino General Manager Thomas Candy said there was “no impropriety” with the donation, which was reported by the Daily Breeze of Torrance.

Campaign finance expert Robert Stern of the Los Angeles-based Center for Governmental Studies said the donation appeared to be legal but reflects the need to reform campaign contribution laws.

The state Fair Political Practices Commission does not disclose whether individuals are under investigation, agency spokesman Jon Matthews said.

Beverly Hills rent reaches new high

By The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Real estate brokers are trying to rent an office building that served as a domain for Hollywood’s entertainment elite for about \$6 million a year.

At about \$5 a square foot per month, the asking price would be an apparent record for Beverly Hills.

The travertine stone and glass building, designed by architect I.M. Pei, served as the headquarters of Creative Artists Agency since its construction in 1987.

It was laid out for maximum chi-flow by a feng shui expert and features a 100-seat screening room and massive Roy Lichtenstein mural in its atrium.

The new tenant will be someone who wants to make a statement, said Eric Olofson, the Cushman & Wakefield Inc. broker handling the lease. “Someone who just wants office space — this isn’t for them,” he said.

The talent agency, under new leadership, is leaving the building for bigger digs in Century City.

First-graders invest in real estate

By The Associated Press

BARSTOW, Calif. — A group of first-grade students helped buy an acre of land in the Mojave National Preserve using money raised by recycling cans and bottles, school officials said.

The 80 Lenwood School students raised \$214. San Bernardino County’s waste management department kicked in an additional \$84 needed by the National Park Service to add an acre to the preserve.

“We welcome the efforts of these young people,” Mojave National Preserve Superintendent Dennis Schramm said. “We want children to learn about the natural world early in their lives so they can enjoy it throughout their lives.”

The purchase was part of an ongoing effort to acquire parcels of privately held land within the borders of the 1.6 million-acre Mojave National Preserve.

Private land held within the preserve has dropped from 220,000 acres to just under 100,000 acres since it was established in 1994.

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Clerks in line of fire

BY TIM MOLLOY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tempers are rising along with gas prices. Gas stations across the country report that drivers are taking out their gas rage against big oil by yelling at clerks and cashiers and sometimes driving off without paying.

“Everyone is suffering at the same time,” said Sam Shirazie, a clerk at a Chevron station east of downtown Los Angeles. “If I could help to reduce that pain, I would.”

No detailed statistics are kept on incidents of gas rage. But the National Association of Convenience Stores said anecdotal evidence indicates they have increased since prices began climbing in February.

Employees of Fleming Corp., which operates 14 gas stations in Kansas and Missouri, have heard everything from “just a mumble-grumble kind of thing to a cheap shot or blaming the clerk for world oil prices,” owner Ed Roitz said.

Division manager Ron Davis hears complaints firsthand. “Out of all our customers, probably 1 percent does the loudest squealing,” he said. “I don’t want to repeat some of it. They’ll talk about the blankety-blank oil companies.”

The convenience stores association advises store owners to ensure that employees understand the costs associated with gas, and encourages them to explain to customers that in some cases they aren’t making any profits despite the soaring price of fuel. Retailers make about two-thirds of their profits from items inside the store, he said.

But, “don’t dismiss customer complaints because we’re in the customer service business, and anytime you don’t address customer complaints they’ll go somewhere else,” association spokesman Jeff Lenard said.

Steve Grosse is trying humor to defuse tempers. At his Shell station in Manhattan Beach, he replaced the price of gas with the words “arm,” “leg” and “first born.”

In Los Angeles, Chevron station co-owner Anthony Sinai has started giving free sodas to customers who pump \$20 worth of gas. He wants to avoid a repeat of an incident last year when an upset customer threw a cup of coffee at a female clerk and knocked over display items.

Consumers might finally be getting at least a temporary break at the pump. The latest figures released May 21 by the Lundberg Survey indicate the nationwide average price of self-serve regular fell about 1.45 cents in the previous two

weeks to \$2.93 a gallon — the first dip since the Feb. 24 price of \$2.24 began to climb.

Convenience stores that sell gas are responsible for three-quarters of all gas sales in the United States, Lenard said. But only 3 percent of those stations are owned by oil companies.

Sinai said most of his steady customers understand that he makes just a few cents per gallon and that gas prices are controlled by market forces far beyond his control.

“When I explain that to people they’re just totally surprised because they expect us to make a lot more money,” he said.

Police in Los Angeles and San Diego — the city with the highest gas prices in the nation — haven’t noticed any violent trends toward gas station workers. But there have been gas-related crimes around the nation.

In Austin, Texas, a man was arrested this month for investigation of stealing hundreds of gallons of fuel from underground tanks while posing as a parking lot cleaner. He sold the gas from his driveway, police said.

In Fond du Lac, Wis., the number of reported cases of customers driving off without paying for gas doubled to 100 in the first four months of this year compared to the first four months of 2005, police Maj. Kevin Lemke said.

“We’ve talked to a lot of the owners that are having problems and made some suggestions like maybe they need to start thinking about pre-pay,” Lemke said, “but in a small community like Fond du Lac they don’t want to inconvenience even their good customers because of a few bad customers.”

Retailers in other areas have had the same problem with pre-pay, the convenience store association said.

Gasoline theft cost the industry an estimated \$237 million in 2004, the most recent year for which statistics are available, according to the group. Some retailers have installed security cameras, increased employee monitoring of pumps and advised workers to greet customers to take away their feeling of anonymity.

An incident last August prompted gasoline industry groups to tell workers not to risk lives by trying to stop drive-offs.

In Fort Payne, Ala., station owner Husain “Tony” Caddi, 54, was killed while grabbing the vehicle of a man trying to drive away without paying for \$52 worth of gas.

The driver, Alvin Dwight Benefield, 42, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Calif. woman dies in parachute jump

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — A 34-year-old California woman died Monday when she slammed into the Snake River after her parachute failed to deploy following a 486-foot leap from a south-central Idaho bridge that is called the world’s most-frequented BASE jumping location.

Shannon Carmel Dean of Alameda, Calif., is the third person to die since 2002 after jumping from the Perrine Bridge on U.S. 93.

More than 5,000 jumps are made annually from the bridge by BASE jumpers — short for the buildings, antennae, spans and earth from which participants leap.

About 80 BASE jumpers were in Twin Falls for the Memorial Day weekend, many to take part in a fundraiser to benefit a local paramedic program.

The fatal jump was recorded on multiple video cameras of fellow jumpers. Those who had reviewed tapes of the jump, which occurred at 12:10 p.m., described the cause of the accident as a “total malfunction” of her parachute system, law enforcement officials said.

“It sounded like she reached for it, but something got tangled up,” said Nancy Howell, a spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff’s Department, adding jumping voluntarily stopped following the accident. It was the fourth accident at the Perrine Bridge in just four days.

On Friday, a 29-year-old Canadian, Jason Cooper, was airlifted to the intensive care unit of a Boise hospital after spiraling into the river. A spokeswoman at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center said Monday that Cooper was still on “critical care.”

Two other jumpers suffered lesser injuries late Monday morning, and emergency workers were still at the bridge when the fatal jump occurred.

Howell said Twin Falls, which has quietly promoted its reputation as a destination for legal BASE jumping to hundreds of people who come here from around the world every year, isn’t likely to change its policy despite what she described as a “rough weekend.”

“We’re not called down there very often,” she said, adding emergency crews are kept far busier by lost snowmobilers during the winter. “The jumpers know it’s dangerous, but they are not causing a problem in the community.”

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Weighing the implications of arbitration

DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

When you are buying and selling real estate, on all standard real estate contracts there is always one page of the transaction where you must initial several times. If you notice, it is on the dispute resolution section that requests that the parties in the transaction mediate and arbitrate any problems as opposed to going to court.

"In mediation, you have a third party, a neutral person who helps the parties themselves come to an agreement," said June Barlow, vice president and general counsel of the California Association of Realtors.

"Mediation means an expert mediator attempts to get the parties to agree on a fair settlement of the dispute," adds noted real estate attorney and columnist Bob Bruss. "But the mediator has no legal authority to force an agreement. Because most informal mediations are resolved within a day or two, the cost is far lower than a court lawsuit. If the mediator successfully resolves the dispute, he or she should insist all parties sign the settlement agreement before leaving the mediation (to prevent later misunderstandings or change of mind)."

Either side can initiate a mediation. Mediation services can be found through

local chambers of commerce, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program.

"The goal is to resolve the problem in a way that makes both parties feel good," Barlow said.

When a grievance goes to mediation, it is the role of the mediator to assist the parties with useful dialogue on their issues.

During the mediation process, the parties are encouraged to communicate openly on what they are willing to do to put the dispute behind them. The mediator may conduct private meetings with each side. Those meetings, called caucuses, are protected under the California Evidence Code. Unless permission is given, the mediator cannot repeat anything discussed within the context of the caucus, said Steven Cohen, Esq., J.D., M.B.A., of Cohen & Associates, who specializes in dispute resolution.

The mediator may use a variety of techniques to urge the negotiations forward. As you would expect, mediation styles vary depending upon the nature of the dispute, the personalities of the disputes compounded by other factors. With the facilitative style of mediation, the mediator does not offer a personal opinion but assists the disputing parties in arriving at a solution based on the disputees' direction and goals. A mediation using a more evaluative style will allow the mediator to offer an "advisory" opinion in order to promote an agreement. You also will find a blend, and all cards are played dif-

ferently when parties are represented by legal counsel.

Often times, there is no time limit for the mediation process. It may take a few meetings, or it may take months, depending upon the factors of each negotiation.

Sometimes a mediator concludes that an agreement cannot be reached despite best efforts. If a dispute cannot be solved through mediation, the mediation board may request a cooling off period prior to going to arbitration. If the dispute cannot be settled through mediation or arbitration, elections or other out-of-court settlement procedures may be used to settle the dispute.

When buyers and sellers resort to arbitration, they give up their right to a jury trial, Barlow said. Most times both parties must agree on an arbitrator selected from such services as the American Arbitration Association or JAMS dispute resolution services.

"Arbitration is a process where disputing parties present their disagreement to an impartial third party for the purpose of making a determination of the outcome," attorney Cohen said. "This third party, called a neutral, makes a determination based on evidence presented during the arbitration process. Evidence is given the appropriate weight it deserves as most rules of evidence are relaxed in the arbitration process."

Ideally, according to the American Arbitration Association, a neutral arbitrator is nominated by leaders in their industry or

profession to the National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. The association's code of ethics guides their conduct. A neutral can serve on a three-person arbitration panels or as the independent neutral when only one arbitrator is required. The neutral acts as a "judge" on the case and settling the dispute.

"The arbitrator, chosen by mutual agreement, hears the evidence of both parties and then renders a binding decision, which is then presented to the local court for confirmation," Bruss said. "Although arbitration is usually less expensive and faster than a court trial, the parties give up their legal right to a jury trial, appeal of the arbitrator's decision, and to court procedures and evidence rules."

"As a lawyer, my personal opinion is that it is fine to agree in a real estate sales contract to mediate any disputes that later arise between the parties. However, I do not favor agreeing in advance to give up important legal rights and to arbitrate future disputes. If a dispute later arises that is not resolved by mediation, at that time the parties can then agree to binding arbitration. But I don't think it is wise to agree to binding arbitration at the time of signing a purchase contract."

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THE HOA ADVISOR

BY MICHAEL CHULAK

Dry-rot costs, illegal parking on top of homeowners' minds

QUESTION: Our homeowners' association has an owner who insists on parking his vehicle in a marked fire lane. What can we do?

ANSWER: The association may cause the removal (towing) of any vehicle, without notice, if the vehicle is:

- (1) Parked in a marked fire lane.
- (2) Parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (3) Parked in a space designated for handicapped persons without proper authority.
- (4) Parked in a manner that interferes with any entrance to, or exit from, the common interest development or any separate interest contained therein.

If the offending vehicle is parked in an unauthorized area other than one of those areas set forth above, all of the following requirements must be satisfied before the vehicle may be towed:

- (1) A sign — not less than 17 inches by 22 inches with lettering not less than one inch in height — must be placed at each entrance to the common interest development that contains:

- a) A statement that public parking is prohibited and that all vehicles not authorized to park will be removed at the owner's expense.

- b) The telephone number of the local law enforcement agency. The sign also might indicate that a citation may be issued for the violation.

- (2) If the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle is known, or readily ascertainable, the president of the association or his or her designee shall, within a reasonable time, notify the owner of the removal by first-class mail.

- (3) If the identity of the owner of the vehicle is not known or ascertainable, the president of the association or his or her designee shall immediately notify the Department of Justice in Sacramento in accordance with Section 22853 of the Vehicle Code.

QUESTION: Who is responsible for termite and dry-rot repairs in a homeowners' association?

ANSWER: In a condominium or stock cooperative, unless otherwise provided in the covenants, the association is responsible for termite and dry-rot repairs in the common areas. Unit owners are responsible for their units and exclusive use common areas.

In a planned development, unless otherwise provided in the covenants, each owner is responsible for termite and dry-rot repairs. However, upon approval of a majority of all members of the association, the responsibility for such repairs and maintenance may be delegated to the association.

QUESTION: Our homeowners' association has a restriction against members attaching anything, including lighting, to the common area. The common area includes the roofs and exteriors of the buildings. We interpret this to mean that members cannot attach Christmas lights to the exteriors of their townhomes. Can the board make an exception to the restriction so members can put up their lights?

ANSWER: I believe your board will be safe in making a temporary exception to the restriction, however, don't be shocked if someone complains.

Any rule concerning Christmas lights should include the following:

- 1) The first date they may be installed.
- 2) The last date for their removal.
- 3) Any limits on the number of lights permitted, if applicable.
- 4) The type of hardware permitted to be used for installation.
- 5) Any daily fine to be imposed if the lights are not removed on time.

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Secretary toughs it out

Kempthorne meets and greets despite heat and a broken foot

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nursing a broken foot, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne nevertheless trekked across the National Mall, chatted with school children and toured the Washington Monument on Tuesday, his first day on the job.

He seemed to relish his new job as he received a briefing on security improvements at the Washington Monument and chatted with tourists while visiting the 550-foot tall obelisk.

Kempthorne, the former Idaho governor, was sworn in as interior secretary on Friday.

In shirt sleeves, tie and wearing an Interior Department baseball cap, Kempthorne chatted with groups of school-children at the base of the monument and then took the minute-long elevator ride to the top to the observation-deck level.

“That’s an awesome sight,” he remarked gazing westward over monuments honoring those who fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as the Lincoln Memorial and, beyond that, Arlington National Cemetery.

A former senator, Kempthorne is not a newcomer to Washington. He said he had been to the top of the Washington Monument several times before and is particularly fond of the Lincoln Memorial.

As a senator for six years in the 1990s, he often would visit the National Mall and stop at the Lincoln Memorial and sit on its steps, said Kempthorne.

“What a great place to just think,” he said.

Now, as interior secretary, he heads the department in charge of federal lands including the National Mall.

Despite a broken foot from a jogging mishap a week ago and a temperature in the high 80s, Kempthorne strode across the Mall to the famous obelisk, stopping frequently to chat with tourists and several groups of schoolchildren.

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” he asked a group of fifth-graders.

Kempthorne talked about riding techniques with a near-by park ranger on horseback, joked and posed for pictures with a group of 10th graders from Pulaski County, Va.

Kempthorne was brief privately by Dwight Pettiford, chief of the U.S. Park Police, about security improvements against potential terrorist attacks on the monument.

Security has been tightened in and around the Washington Monument, and anyone taking the elevator to the top of the obelisk must go through metal detectors. No longer can tourists walk up the monument and they can only walk down accompanied by a park ranger.

Kempthorne and Pettiford were peppered with questions by local reporters about another a security worry that has nothing to do with terrorists. There were three robberies and assaults at gunpoint within a 48-hour period in recent days on the Mall, which is patrolled by park police and long has had a reputation for safety.

“This is not acceptable,” said Kempthorne of the recent attacks.

Pettiford and Vikki Keys, superintendent of the National Mall, said more park police are being shifted to the Mall area, especially at night when the recent attacks occurred.

The incidents underscore the two, sometimes conflicting, elements of the Mall — maintaining free, open access to the Mall and maintaining safety.

“It’s a challenge,” Kempthorne said.

An organic explosion

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — Earthbound Farm’s fields of organic baby spinach and romaine lettuce are a living symbol of the organic food movement’s explosive growth in recent years.

What started two decades ago as a three-acre roadside farm in this valley 90 miles south of San Francisco has grown into the country’s largest grower of organic produce, with more than 100 types of fruits and vegetables on 28,000 acres in the United States and abroad.

Earthbound’s extraordinary growth is only the most visible example of how organic farming is changing. Small family farms created as an alternative to conventional agriculture are increasingly giving way to large-scale operations that harvest thousands of acres and market their produce nationwide.

And with Wal-Mart, Safeway, Albertson’s and other big supermarket chains expanding their organic offerings, the transformation may only be in its early stages.

“I don’t think (consumers) have any idea just how industrialized it’s becoming,” said Michael Pollan, a journalism professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and author of “The Omnivore’s Dilemma.” “There are some real downsides to organic farming scaling up to this extent.”

Pollan and others worry that the expansion of “Big Organic” will lower food quality, weaken standards and hurt small family farms. As organic goes mainstream, critics say, the movement loses touch with its roots as an eco-friendly system that offers a direct connection between consumers and the land where their food is grown.

Byron Albano, who handles marketing for Cuyama Orchards, his parents’ 210-acre organic apple orchard in Santa Barbara County, worries the entry of Wal-Mart and other supermarket chains will “lead to organic produce becoming a commodity with prices being dictated by those buyers.”

Other experts say the trend simply gives more consumers access to high-quality food and keeps prices down. It’s also good for the environment because fewer pesticides and fertilizers will pollute the air and water.

Despite its size, Earthbound Farm follows the same practices as smaller organic farms. It rotates crops to enrich the soil and avoid disease, doesn’t use chemical fertilizers or herbicides, and brings in syrphid flies and other beneficial insects to control pests.

Earthbound’s bagged salads and other organic products are now sold in more than 80 percent of U.S. supermarkets.

“Earthbound Farm’s mission is to bring the benefits of organic to as many people as possible,” said Myra Goodman, who founded the company with her husband Drew.

Organic food only makes up 2.5 percent of U.S. food sales, but it’s the fastest growing segment of the market. Sales reached nearly \$14 billion last year, up from \$6 billion five years earlier, according to the Organic Trade Association in Greenfield, Mass.

“Consumers see organic products as fitting in with a healthful life,” association spokeswoman Holly Givens said.

To meet growing demand from increasingly health-conscious consumers and supermarket chains, farmers and ranchers are scaling up production and converting land to meet organic standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to the USDA’s rules, organic produce must be grown without synthetic fertilizers or bioengineering and animals must be raised without antibiotics or growth hormones. A separate industry of government-approved organic certifiers has emerged to inspect farms and food handlers to ensure they conform. Some advocates don’t think the rules go far enough and are asking for a requirement that dairy cows be pasture-fed, not raised on feedlots.

The latest USDA survey in 2003 found that 2.2 million acres of farmland and ranchland had been certified organic, but that number is believed to have risen substantially since then, said Jake Lewin, director of marketing at California Certified Organic Farmers, one of the country’s largest certifiers.

Concerns about the increasing commercialism of organic farming reached a new level this spring when Wal-Mart announced it was joining other major grocery chains in ramping up organic sales.

Some small farmers worried that the world’s biggest retailer, notorious for squeezing suppliers to get the lowest price, would push them out of business.

Other advocates welcome the news, saying growers would benefit from rising demand and consumers would see prices drop.

“It will bring organic to a whole new economic stratum that our farmers’ markets and natural food stores have been unable to reach,” said Bob Scowcroft, executive director of the Organic Farming Research Foundation in Santa Cruz, Calif.

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Forest Service studies supertanker value

BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — Federal fire managers say new supertanker jets being developed by private companies will dramatically increase the amount of fire retardant dropped on wildfires and will work in concert with ground crews and other tanker aircraft.

Now, they are trying to decide if the extra airpower is worth the higher cost.

"You can spend millions of dollars putting out a single stump," U.S. Forest Service aviation specialist Scott Fisher, chairman of the Interagency Airtanker Board, said Tuesday while watching a modified Boeing 747-200 passenger jet drop 20,500 gallons of water on an empty field during a demonstration flight.

Oregon-based Evergreen International Aviation is trying to persuade federal land managers to add the 747 to the fleet of 16 smaller fixed-wing air tankers used on wildfires around the country each year. Another company, Oklahoma-based Omni Air International, has proposed using a McDonnell Douglas DC-10 it has modified to carry up to 12,000 gallons of water, about half the payload of the 747.

Conventional air tankers can only deliver up to 3,000 gallons of water, foam, gel or other retardant on a fire before returning to a base for reloading. Besides bigger payloads, the supertankers would add more range and reduce time between drops, company officials say.

Federal land management agencies have not advertised for bids to supply firefighting supertankers, but after the two companies approached the Forest Service with prototypes, the agency conducted a "Supertanker Operational Assessment Project" to determine whether the larger jets would be an asset.

"We've never had this capability before," said Pat Norbury, national aviation operations officer for the Forest Service. "We had to know whether we would have to clear the area over three counties just to turn the things around."

The preliminary results from flight tests conducted for the Forest Service study show the supertankers can fly low and slow enough — Tuesday's 747 demonstration drop near the National Interagency Fire Center was at 400 feet altitude at 140 knots — to effectively target wildfires without interfering with ground attack operations.

Conventional air tankers frequently fly as low as 200 feet above a fire and use gravity to deliver water or retardant. The Evergreen supertanker has a new pressurized dispersing system that shoots retardant out of nozzles on the plane's underbelly, allowing the jet to fly higher over a fire and still effectively deposit suppression material on the ground.

"We believe they will be able to meet most if not all of our requirements for certification," said Fisher. "They are on

track to providing a whole new spectrum of aerial firefighting that we have never seen before."

But the interagency team evaluating the potential use of supertankers has yet to complete a cost-benefit analysis. The federal government and the companies developing the planes have not negotiated a price for what is expected to be a one-year interim contract to evaluate the aircraft in service this summer.

"We have to look at the value for the taxpayer dollar as well as the political value to having this kind of suppression capability available," said Norbury. "We protect some very valuable lands and the public has an expectation that we will provide a certain level of fire suppression for those lands."

Evergreen has spent \$40 million the past three years designing and converting the 747 passenger jet into a supertanker. The company is distributing its own study that con-

tends the government could have saved \$108 million dollars on fighting seven major fires that destroyed 1.4 million acres in 2002 if the supertanker had been used on the initial fire attack.

Evergreen officials say they are not trying to replace the existing fleet of conventional air tankers, for which the federal government has contracted for \$17 million this fire season. Instead, they say the supertanker would work in conjunction with existing air tankers and helicopters for a multipronged first assault on wildfires.

"There's some talk that they might want to have this supertanker on standby and only bring it out for the really big fires, but we say let's get it out early on every fire and not keep it in reserve," said Robert McAndrew, Evergreen president. "People pay a lot of money in taxes and they deserve faster containment."



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Troops keep watch over Afghan capital

BY DANIEL COONEY

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hundreds of Afghan and coalition troops took up positions around the Afghan capital on Tuesday to prevent further anti-American riots a day after a deadly traffic accident set off the worst violence in the capital since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

The city of 4 million was calm as stores reopened and residents commuted to work. Many expressed dismay as they surveyed the damage from Monday's riots.

"Where were all the security forces yester-

day?" asked Asadullah Chelsea, who owns a supermarket popular with foreigners. "I have lost thousands of dollars of stock."

The death toll from the unrest rose to at least 11, most of them from gunshot wounds, according to three city hospitals where casualties were taken. Kabul Emergency Hospital said it had 66 wounded, all shot. Dozens of other wounded residents were at other hospitals.

In other violence Tuesday, a gunman riding a motorcycle shot and killed three Afghan women working for an international aid group and their male driver as they were driving in northern Afghanistan, said Gov.

Jama Khan Ahmdar of northern Jawzjan province.

Chanting "Death to America," rioters stoned the U.S. convoy involved in the accident Monday then headed to the center of Kabul, ransacking offices of international aid groups and searching for foreigners. Smoke billowed from burning buildings along the path of destruction.

The violence erupted after a mechanical malfunction sent a large cargo truck careering into about a dozen vehicles at an intersection in Kabul, the U.S. military said. Up to five people were killed in the crash. It wasn't clear whether these deaths were in the tolls

the hospitals reported.

The rioters claimed U.S. troops had shot and killed civilians at the scene of the accident.

A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition confirmed there was gunfire but said coalition personnel in one military vehicle only fired over the crowd. The coalition expressed regret for any deaths and injuries, and said there would be an investigation.

President Hamzid Karzai went on television Monday night to decry the outburst, branding the rioters as troublemakers who should be resisted and linking their violence to the long years of conflict that wrecked Afghanistan.

Marines arrive to assist quake victims in Indonesia

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT

Associated Press Writer

BANTUL, Indonesia — Two U.S. military cargo planes landed Tuesday at the site of an earthquake in Indonesia that killed more than 5,400, bringing some of the first significant aid to reach the tens of thousands of survivors who were left homeless.

About 20 U.S. Marines arrived on the cargo planes in the historic city of Yogyakarta and unloaded heavy lifting machinery and a portable field hospital, as Malaysian, Chinese and Japanese rescue workers joined Indonesian teams providing medical care and emergency supplies to victims.

Most of the survivors of Saturday's 6.3-magnitude quake were living in improvised shacks near the ruins of their homes or in shelters erected in rice fields. Officials say

about 200,000 people lost their homes.

Conditions had improved in two hospitals in the quake zone, with no patients being treated outside or in the corridors Tuesday like there were until recently.

In a worrying sign, nearby Mount Merapi volcano, which has been belching gas and lava for weeks, shot out more large plumes of ash and debris. A scientist monitoring the peak blamed the heightened activity on the weekend temblor, though other experts said that may not be the case.

The quake leveled tens of thousands of poorly constructed homes into piles of bricks, tiles and wood in less than a minute, as many victims slept or were preparing breakfast.

The head of an emergency response team from Malaysia said it didn't expect to find any more survivors or bodies under the rubble.

"The collapsed homes were all so small that anyone who was trapped would have been extracted by their family members," said Supt. Abdul Aziz Ahmad. He said his team had only found one body Monday after searching in the worst-hit Bantul district.

Many survivors have complained of receiving little or no assistance.

In the village of Jamrip, Edi Sutrisno, 37, helped unload a small supply of aid from a military truck — two bags of rice, nine boxes of dried noodles and two boxes of bottled water.

"It's the first we've gotten since the quake," he said. "Of course it's not enough for all of us, not even for a day."

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono arrived in the area a few hours after the quake struck. On Monday, he acknowledged a "lack of coordination" in aid distribution.

Yudhoyono's efforts will likely come under intense domestic scrutiny because unlike other disasters in recent years in outlying regions, the quake occurred on Java island, home to almost half of the country's 220 million people, including the bulk of the ruling class.

"I don't want this to become a political issue," he said late Monday when asked about rival lawmakers' growing criticism of his response.

The government's Social Affairs Ministry raised the official death toll to 5,427 on Tuesday.

Some 22 countries have contributed or pledged assistance to the Southeast Asian country, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in Geneva. An emergency appeal by the global body is expected later this week.

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Jolie-Pitt birth 'flawless'

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brad Pitt was in the operating room and cut the umbilical cord when his infant daughter, Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt, was born in Namibia, People magazine reported Tuesday on its Web site.

The magazine quoted Dr. Jason Rothbart, Angelina Jolie's Los Angeles-based obstetrician, as saying, "Angelina underwent a scheduled Caesarean (section) due to breech presentation. The baby was a healthy 7 pounds.

"Brad was with Angelina in the operating room the entire time and cut the umbilical cord of his daughter. The surgery and the birth went flawlessly. The staff, nurses and doctors I worked with at the Cottage Medi-Clinic Hospital were amazing, it was a team effort."

Jolie, 30, and Pitt, 42, expressed their gratitude to the hospital for the "successful birth of our daughter," who was born Saturday. The couple went to Namibia before the birth to avoid the media, and the government went to extraordinary lengths to accommodate their desire for privacy.

"We would like to deeply thank the staff of the Cottage Medi-Clinic Hospital for all their kindness and commitment in assuring the successful birth of our daughter," they said in a statement to the magazine.

Jolie's two older children, toddler Zahara, from Ethiopia, and 4-year-old Maddox, from Cambodia, had their surnames legally changed to Jolie-Pitt after Pitt announced his intention to adopt the children as well.

JERUSALEM — The captain who dared to "boldly go where no man has gone before" has targeted a new destination: William Shatner believes he can contribute to Middle East peace by helping disabled children through horseback riding.

The former "Star Trek" star was in Israel on Monday to promote "therapeutic riding." He hopes to raise \$10 million for nearly 30 riding programs in the country.

Shatner said that placing injured people on horseback has been shown to improve their conditions.

"We know that the use of a horse in their therapy takes them beyond their handicapped body, their injured body, and into another area of health," he said.

The 75-year-old actor has long been involved with Ahead With Horses, a California charity that works with physically and mentally disabled children through horseback riding.

He hopes his new fund, launched with the nonprofit Jewish National Fund, will contribute to Mideast peace. He stressed that every citizen of Israel, as well as Jordanians and Egyptians, will be encouraged to participate.

Shatner and his wife, Elizabeth, were on their second trip to Israel.

NEW DELHI — Monica Bellucci will star in a film about Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, who married into India's most powerful political dynasty and now heads the country's ruling party, the Times of India has reported.

The 37-year-old Italian actress agreed to take on the role after reading the script, producer Sunanda Murli Manohar was quoted as saying in Tuesday's editions of the newspaper.

"Her confirmation finally puts a seal on the deal," Manohar said. "She is excited about the prospect of playing Sonia Gandhi."

Jagmohan Mundhra, a well-known Indian filmmaker, will direct the movie. Shooting is expected to begin in September.

Neither the filmmakers nor Bellucci were immediately available for comment. Bellucci starred in 2004's "The Passion of the Christ."

Gandhi's husband, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was assassinated in a 1991 suicide bombing.

His mother, Indira Gandhi — the country's longest-serving prime minister — also was assassinated, and his grandfather Jawaharlal Nehru was India's first prime minister.

Sonia Gandhi refused the prime minister's job when her Congress party and its allies won elections in May 2004 because of opposition from Hindu nationalists, who argued that a person of non-Indian heritage should not lead the country.

Mundhra's "Provoked," starring Aishwarya Rai, was screened at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

The filmmaker told the Times of India that he had also considered Rai and Preity Zinta, another Bollywood leading lady, for the Gandhi project.

NEW YORK — A complication from back surgery has forced Luciano Pavarotti to postpone five June dates on his worldwide farewell tour, his manager said.

Performances at the Canadian cities of Calgary, Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto, and a U.S. date in Washington, have been delayed until October, Terri Robson, Pavarotti's London-based manager, said Tuesday.

The 70-year-old tenor released a statement in April saying he expected to recover in time for the June dates.

"However, he went on to develop an infection during his stay in the hospital," Robson said. "This condition has unfortunately delayed his recovery time."

Pavarotti was staying in New York to continue with intensive physical therapy, his manager said.

His farewell tour was expected to resume in July with shows in the United Kingdom. Tickets from the postponed dates will be good for the October shows.

"Luciano apologizes to his many disappointed fans for having to reschedule these concerts," Robson said. "Happily, he is now well on his way to recovery and very much looks forward to continue celebrating his career with the Pavarotti Worldwide Farewell Tour."

In April, Pavarotti postponed eight concerts, saying he had been advised not to travel or perform while undergoing treatment, which was expected to end in late May. He had returned to New York from a vacation in Barbados in March because of his painful back.

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SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2006

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1441 3rd Street
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United 93 (R)
1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)
11:00am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:25, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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12 and Holding (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
12:30, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20
Poseidon (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Proposition, The (R)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
See No Evil (R)
12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
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Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Da Vinci Code, The (PG-13)
12:20, 1:45, 3:00, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 8:45, 9:50, 10:30
Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Over the Hedge (PG)
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Over the Hedge (PG)
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Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
Thank You for Smoking (R)
11:40am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15
Friends With Money (R)
3:00, 7:30, 9:45
Sketches of Frank Gehry (PG-13)
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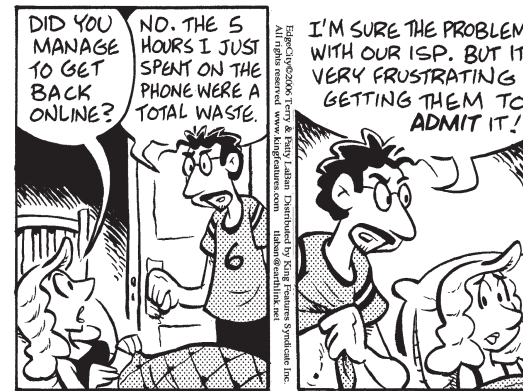
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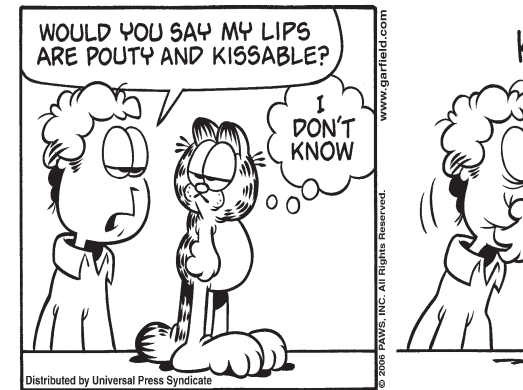
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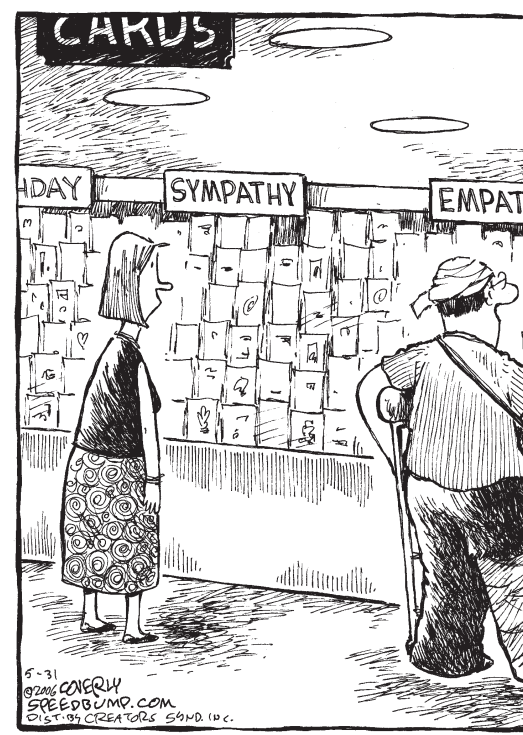
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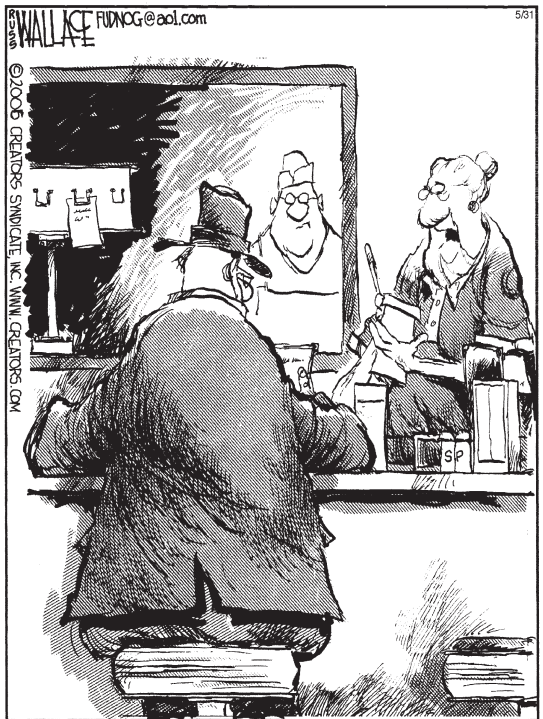
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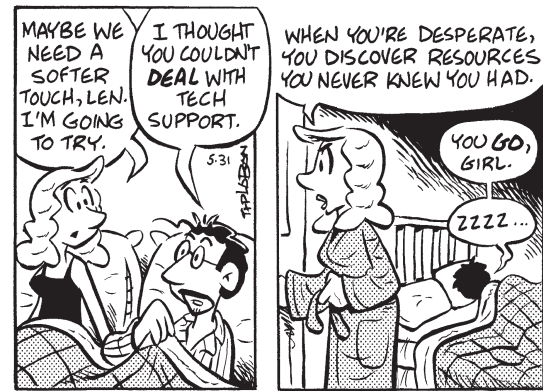
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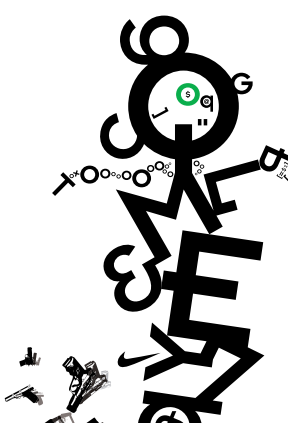
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Helma Kaufman in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Helma Kaufman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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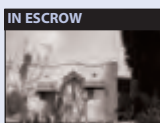


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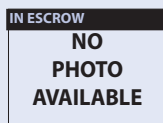
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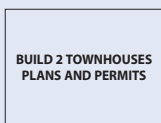
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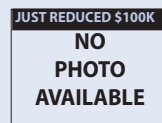
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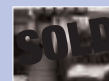
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