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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Convicted own-home arsonist Merle Crossman, 49, in an Ellsworth, Maine, prison, filed a lawsuit against Middlesex Mutual Insurance Co. demanding payment of \$75,000 on the house he burned down, claiming that since he pleaded "no contest," and not "guilty," he is still entitled to insurance payments.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My mother didn't breast-feed me. She said she liked me as a friend."

— Rodney Dangerfield

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Cuts make for dicey summer beach season

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

With looming budget cuts and millions of visitors on their way, local lifeguards are guaranteed to face challenges this summer.

Los Angeles beaches receive about 50 million visitors every year, making them one of the busiest in the world. And the lifeguard division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department is currently gearing up for summer — its busiest time of the year.

But it faces \$2.1 million in cuts, which could affect public safety and a host of programs including the swift water rescue team and dive team, said Capt. Garth Canning.

The largest budget cut — \$600,000 — could be in the form of reducing lifeguard patrols two hours each day. Lifeguards are stationed on the beach from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. But if the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approve the proposed cuts, lifeguards will close their towers two hours early — at 6 p.m.

"The evenings are the busiest," Canning said. "If we aren't able to find alternate sources of funding, we'll have less lifeguards."

Another \$370,000 cut is proposed from the lifeguards' supplies and

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John Wood/Daily Press

Ocean lifeguard Joe Decker surveys the crowd from Santa Monica Beach tower 1550 on Sunday afternoon. Millions visit L.A. County beaches each summer and lifeguard officials are worried that budget cuts may affect public safety.

Wife of accused North Korean spy pleads guilty

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The wife of a former Santa Monica businessman who is accused of spying for the North Korean government has agreed to plead guilty to illegally bringing more than \$18,000 into the United States.

As part of her plea, Susan Yai, wife of John Jounghwang Yai, will avoid the maximum penalty of five years in prison, three years of supervised release from jail and a fine of \$250,000.

Instead, Susan Yai is expected to be sentenced to probation and asked to cooperate with federal officials, according to the plea agreement, which was signed late last month by Susan Yai and Paul Loh, her lawyer.

Both the plea and sentencing are scheduled to take place on Tuesday morning.

Susan Yai was charged with illegally bringing more than \$10,000 into the U.S. and lying to customs officials about it after she failed to report \$18,000 she and her husband carried into Los Angeles International Airport on a

flight from Zurich, Switzerland in April of 2000.

The couple said that because they were returning with roughly \$9,000 each, they didn't think they had to report it. They told customs officials they had taken the money to Europe to buy wedding jewelry for their chil-

dren, but decided to return with the money because they found the prices and selection for jewelry in Europe no better than in the U.S.

But FBI investigators taped telephone conversations between the Yais that they say prove

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Newspaper: Growing number of state workers earn \$100,000

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The number of state employees who earn more than \$100,000 a year is five times higher than it was in 1995, with 176 workers, mostly doctors at state hospitals and prisons, earning more than the governor, according to a newspaper's analysis.

Most of the state's highest-paid employees are judges, prison doctors and state psychiatrists who make between \$130,000 and \$200,000 a

year, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Sunday after reviewing payroll records. Many add to their salaries tens of thousands of dollars in overtime and bonus pay.

The state defended the salaries as competitive with the private sector, but others see the public payroll as out of control, especially with the state facing a \$38.2 billion deficit.

"It's no secret that California is the land of

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You might want to be more nurturing with someone who makes a difference in the events of your life. This person has financial clout. Beware. Sign agreements making sure everything falls into place. Tonight: Make yourself at home. Invite a friend or loved one over.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Pinch yourself. What's happening to you might not feel real, and in some ways, it could easily feel like a daydream. You realize the fruits of your labor. Recent efforts pay off. Karma plays out. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Keep talking and expressing yourself in a meaningful manner. You need to make an adjustment between work and home. Pressure builds, and you need to juggle others' demands. You could be euphoric but not realistic. Tonight: Share a favorite spot with a friend. Laugh and catch up on news.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might have reason to think twice about what a boss or an authority figure offers you. Evaluate what you think might be important for a job situation. You MUST be realistic and not kid yourself about what is going on. Tonight: Check out all possibilities.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your expenses could challenge you, as well as many around you. What you can be sure of is that everything is out of control. Think positively, or try to rein in some self-discipline. Things change quickly. Tonight: Pay bills. Know where you stand financially.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Although you feel as if you're being totally clear, that might not be so — at least to someone else. A partner might need to detach in order to "get" what you are saying. Help someone break past present boundaries. Tonight: Accept a pal's invitation.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your smile is a winner. Others simply want to say "yes" to you. You like the results, though you could be a bit extravagant at the moment. Understand and honor the confines of your budget. Tonight: Help those around you be as happy as you are.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Be extraordinarily careful when dealing with finances. Though you might be sure of yourself, hold back. You won't have the complete picture for several days. Hang within the present space. You will learn a lot. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You do one thing, and a partner does another. You tend to go overboard, while others wear their rose-colored shades. Trying to do anything that is reality-bound won't work. Can you take the day off? It just might be a good idea. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your imagination takes you in a whole new direction. Just be sure you don't go off the deep end. Your ability to see a situation differently from others is a gift. Focus on work. Let others be "right," for now. Tonight: How about a walk?

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your intuition and your instincts serve you well. You could shake your head at what you are hearing, as well as at others' reactions. You must be the practical one today, because no one else will be! Others seem to be walking around in a haze. Tonight: Find your friends.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You sense something underground or around you. If you follow your premonition, you'll find out a lot more. Laughter and lightness encourage mutuality at work. You can accomplish much more than you think. Tonight: Having a good time takes priority.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monicans selected as arts scholars

By Daily Press staff

One-hundred-seventy Los Angeles County students — including seven from Santa Monica — have been selected as California Arts Scholars.

The students, who represent nearly one-third of the 520 scholars announced throughout the state, will be honored at a special awards ceremony hosted by Paramount Pictures on Friday, May 30 at noon. The event will be sponsored by a grant from Union Bank of California.

Santa Monica students who will be among the honorees are Caitlin Kirkpatrick (creative writing), Liza Epps (visual arts), Samara Kaplan (dance), Max Vernon (creative writing), Brooke Borchering (visual arts), Dylan Armon-Mattingly (visual arts), and Alexandra Lewin (visual arts).

First Lady Sharon Davis will present the Governor's Proclamation, which declares May 30 as California Arts Scholars Day. Producer/director Charles Haid will serve as master of ceremonies.

Honored for accomplishments in animation, creative writing, dance, music, film/video, theater and visual arts, the young California artists were selected for their artistic talent by a distinguished panel of judges, which included practicing professionals.

They will participate in local ceremonies throughout the state, where each will be awarded a Governor's Arts Scholar Medallion.

The Governor's Award recognizes students who have been selected to attend, or are wait listed for, the month-long California State Summer School for the Arts program, known as InnerSpark. Chosen from 1,400 applicants statewide, the 170 Southland scholars represent nearly 80 public and private secondary schools throughout Los Angeles County.

"One of the most important goals of the Arts Scholars program, is to honor and train the most talented young artists in California," said Susan Dolgen, chair of the California State Summer School for the Arts Board of Trustees. "Scholarships have historically been awarded and approximately 50 percent of the students receive financial assistance."

InnerSpark will be held this year at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia from July 12 through Aug. 9, where these talented high school students will explore their creative potential. Working and living together in a community setting where dozens of distinguished practicing professionals teach them, the students will nurture their talents and realize their dreams.

InnerSpark is funded through a partnership between the public and private sectors. InnerSpark was established 17 years ago by the California Legislature and signed into law by Gov. George Deukmejian in 1986. Scholarships are available to California residents.

For additional information about the program, visit the organization's web site at www.csssa.org or call (916) 227-9320.

Samohi needs donations for graduation night

By Daily Press staff

On June 19th, streams of graduates from Santa Monica and Olympic high schools' Class of 2003 will ascend the Greek Theater, pass historic newly renovated Barnum Hall and enter a magical "cruise ship."

"Moonlight Over Maui", the all night post-graduation party, will be a safe and inclusive, substance-free party created and funded by individual, family, business and community donors and organized by parents.

Tickets are available now for \$55 or \$65 at the door. However, ticket prices cover only half the cost.

The school has raised \$19,730 of the budgeted \$50,000 through business, community and individual donations — 50 percent less than 2002's celebration. The school needs cash donations, prizes, merchandise, boat construction and set preparation volunteers, volunteers and food to successfully create this night.

Community donations are being accepted by Jana Emhardt. She can be contacted by e-mail at cjemhardt@earthlink.net or by phone at (310) 396-7906.



surf report

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Santa Monica (as well as the City of San Francisco, which passed a similar ban) appealed that decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which also overturned the law. City officials then appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused last week to hear the case.

Some city officials have grumbled that they knew the law would never

stand up and that Santa Monica wasted thousands of dollars on attorney fees pursuing the case. Others say it was a "consumer protection issue."

So this week Q-Line wants to know: "Was the ATM fee ban a waste of time and taxpayer money from the beginning? Or was it a valid case of protecting residents from being gouged?"

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LOCAL

Santa Monica lifeguard base a 24-hour operation

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equipment budget, meaning there would be no new equipment purchased and on-going training would cease. Next year's lifeguard training academy may be eliminated and there would be a hiring freeze, Canning said.

The priority, however, is to keep the lifeguard towers along the beach open until sunset, Canning said.

"The lifeguards can't conceive of closing the towers early," he said. "If it happens, we would advise people not to go in the water."

PREPARATION

As lifeguards wait for the board of supervisors to adopt the county budget in June, they are beginning to prepare themselves and the beach for the masses who will flock to Santa Monica Beach.

Lifeguard towers, which have been dormant all winter, are being moved to permanent summer locations on the sand, the buoy line south of the pier has been put up and on-call lifeguards are being brought in when the beaches fill up.

Memorial Day weekend — unofficially the beginning of the summer — attracted nearly 500,000 people to the beach between Santa Monica and Marina del Rey. While the weather was gloomy most of the weekend, Memorial Day's hot weather and sunshine brought close to 400,000 people to the beach in one afternoon.

During that weekend — between Santa Monica and Marina del Rey — L.A. County lifeguards made 39 rescues, prevented 4,764 potential incidents from happening in the ocean and responded to three boat distress calls.

Lifeguard captains stationed at the headquarters next to the Santa Monica Pier monitor beach activity and estimate how big the crowds are. When they see people arriving in droves, they call in part-time recruits.

"A lot of them are professionals and do it for the love of it," Canning said. "You get such a rewarding feeling. It's a great job."

More than 600 lifeguards are on call on an as-needed basis. They tell lifeguard captains when they are available and are then put on an availability list.

"We're prepared to staff our beaches pretty much every day of the week," Canning said. "If it starts to get busy, we'll call them up."

During the middle of winter, there are usually only one or two lifeguard towers open on Santa Monica Beach. Typically, they are the towers located near busy areas, like the Santa Monica Pier and Bay Street Beach, a popular place for surfers.

By the end of this month, all of the towers will be brought out and positioned just yards away from each other. At busier locales and times, the towers will be staffed by two lifeguards instead of just one, Canning said.

PREVENTION IS KEY

The primary goal for lifeguards is to prevent incidents from occurring. They are there to keep people safe from the hazards of the Pacific Ocean, which can be ruthless at times. And while the goal is prevention, lifeguards on L.A. beaches still make more than 9,000 rescues a year.

Lifeguards constantly scan the water between the towers where they are stationed so there are always two sets of eyes on the

people in the water. They watch for changing conditions, like rip tides. Sometimes they'll instruct swimmers to either get out of the water or swim somewhere else.

"We are helping people in bad situations get into good ones," said Canning, who has been a lifeguard since 1979. "We are stopping them from doing something that is harmful and we tend to spot them before a tragedy happens."

Rip tides account for 80 percent of all rescues, he added.

"Our job is to watch the water at all times," Canning said. "We are reacting to what could happen."

SANTA MONICA A 24/7 OPERATION

The main headquarters at Santa Monica Beach is staffed 24 hours a day and is where the underwater recovery team is based. It also houses the central nervous system for the phone lines connecting the 50 lifeguard towers in Santa Monica.

"It's a big job to maintain the equipment especially in the spring when we do maintenance," Canning said. "Every time we move a tower, we have to move a phone line."

Because the headquarters is manned 24 hours a day, the lifeguard serves as the eyes and ears for the local police and fire departments.

Capt. Mickey Gallagher, who is in charge of the Santa Monica headquarters, said L.A. lifeguards have a unique relationship with the Santa Monica police and fire departments.

Santa Monica used to have its own lifeguard department until 1974. But then the county and the city combined resources and other cities like L.A. soon followed.

"It's one of the best response systems and the example in Santa Monica is a model for the rest of the country," said Gallagher, who has been a lifeguard since 1972. "We can shift resources to fit the need and we are much more efficient because of that."

"We were able to eliminate a lot of fluff and it has saved the taxpayers millions and millions of dollars," he added.

The only other 24-hour headquarters are at Zuma Beach north of Malibu and Hermosa Beach in the South Bay. The station located at Will Rogers State Beach, which was put on the map when the popular "Baywatch" television show was filmed there, is a now a sub-station and serves the beaches north of Santa Monica.

HUNDREDS RECRUITED

There are 160 full-time lifeguards in Los Angeles and new recruits have to go through rigorous training to make the cut. L.A. County takes the top 80 or 100 out of close to 400 applicants each year. Two classes are held annually and recruits go through 110 hours of training, usually on weekends. Most of the training occurs in the ocean when water temperatures are in the 50s and 60s.

Recruits have to pass a physical, a 1,000-meter swimming test and a background check, as well as being able to demonstrate that they can relate to the public effectively, Canning said.

"It's been the same skills for decades — things don't change much in our profession," he said. "It's one person going into the water usually going to get one person."

"Good judgment, though, is by far the most important quality we look for."



Accused North Korean spy to go on trial this summer

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the couple made up their story after the fact and knowingly lied to customs officials.

Where the money actually came from is unclear. But John Yai has allegedly been paid in the past by the North Korean government for spying in the U.S., said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

John Yai, who pleaded innocent to the spy charges earlier this year, posted \$400,000 bail in April and is expected to go before jurors sometime this summer. Until recently, he owned the snack shop, Bon Appetit, on Wilshire Boulevard.

John Yai was arrested Feb. 4 at his home located at 909 Grant St. in Santa Monica. He is accused of being paid by the North Korean government to recruit agents to spy on the U.S. government. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in jail, prosecutors said.

The FBI had been observing Yai since 1995. Investigators bugged John Yai's downtown L.A. office and allegedly inter-

cepted faxes, e-mail messages and telephone calls between John Yai and North Korean officials. The communications were often loaded with code words, the FBI said.

A 76-page affidavit written by FBI special agent James G. Chang highlights years of e-mail messages, faxes and telephone conversations between John Yai, an agent that he recruited and a handful of high ranking officials in the People's Republic of China and North Korea.

John Yai allegedly provided the North Korean government mostly with information that already was made public in the United States via newspaper articles and the Internet. However, North Korean government officials allegedly instructed John Yai in 1998 to obtain classified information and not to continue to feed them information already made public.

John Yai allegedly told the agent he hired that the Korean government expected 100 to 150 reports a year, about 40 of which get submitted to top-ranking officials.

Highest paid work with convicts and mentally ill

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milk and honey as far as public employment goes," said Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. "There just seems to be no competitive pressure whatsoever to suppress or keep these salaries at any level of sanity."

As California faces its worst budget deficit in history, Gov. Gray Davis is threatening layoffs if the state's payroll is not cut.

The Chronicle obtained a list from the state controller of the 1,500 highest-paid employees, many working in some of the toughest, hardest-to-fill jobs in government.

With few exceptions, these people work with convicts and the mentally ill. Nearly 700 judges accounted for 46 percent of workers in the peak salary ranges, while two departments, Corrections and Mental Health, accounted for 37 percent. A psychiatrist working for one of the state's four mental hospitals can make a \$152,988 salary and often significantly more for working late-night shifts and

weekends.

The same deal extends to prisons. Three doctors at Corcoran State Prison, for example, made \$114,289, \$99,857 and \$99,392, respectively, on top of their base salaries. In total, three dozen other prison doctors and state psychiatrists made more than \$50,000 apiece in extra-shift pay.

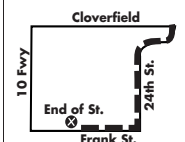
Overall, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of state workers making more than \$100,000 a year. In 1995, about 1,000 government workers made six-figure salaries. The number's now grown to 5,125 employees, according to Capitol Weekly, which tracks state salaries.

The list of highest-paid employees shows that 176 people made more money than the governor, whose salary is \$165,000 a year. Almost all of them are staff psychiatrists and doctors at state hospitals and prisons.

The highest-paid state employee is Mark Anson, who made \$434,526 as the chief investment officer of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

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LETTERS

School libraries are important

Editor:

Is the word "literacy" merely a slogan? The SMMUSD has pink-slipped the district's 10 elementary library coordinators and five secondary library assistants.

School libraries improve student achievement. If we pass Measure S, the libraries and literacy will have a chance.

Our school libraries desperately need the support of our library assistants and coordinators. They keep the computers running, process books, interact with students and teachers and use the Dynix circulation and catalog system.

At both elementary and secondary schools, these employees lead students to databases and other sources of information, help students find books and serve as technicians for the online catalog, electronic research tools and other computer programs.

At Samohi, for example, approximately 800 students a day visit the library. The library's 30 computers are constantly in use. Imagine the maintenance these machines require on an hourly basis!

Our school libraries serve ALL our students. Without library staffs, how can we expect literacy to flourish?

Ann McKechnie

Librarian

Santa Monica High School

Without S, schools will deteriorate

Editor:

The quality of our schools and of our community is in jeopardy. The governor's new proposed budget tries to "soften the blow" to education. For our school district, the governor's May revised budget, should it be accepted, does no such thing.

The new budget proposal will still result in the required cuts of \$13 million that we have been anticipating in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. We cannot overemphasize the negative impact of these cuts, most notably the increased class sizes next year (meaning overcrowded classes!) due to the elimination of 91 unfunded teaching positions.

Whether the governor's budget passes as is or is revised substantially by the Legislature, one thing remains certain: Children are the victims of California's budget deficit.

As funding from the state has declined in the 25 years since Prop. 13, Santa Monica-Malibu has struggled mightily to hold the line on quality in our public schools. Other districts long ago eliminated elementary libraries, school nurses, music and the arts but Santa Monica-Malibu, with the help of a solidly pro-public education community and the dedication of PTA and Education Foundation volunteers, has

managed to maintain these programs. We also have teachers and administrators who deliver for our students and our community.

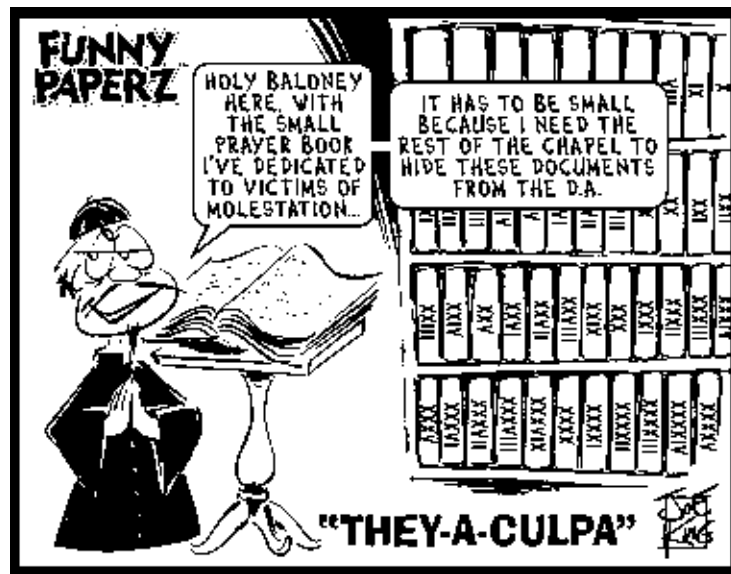
Our schools have continued to improve. Our high school drop-out rate has been reduced from a high of 9 percent in 1992 to less than 1 percent today! Since the implementation of class-size reduction in the primary grades and a renewed focus on reading and math, SMMUSD test scores are up.

As reported in the September 2002 Education Standard, "For the past five years students across Santa Monica and Malibu have been celebrating as test scores continue to rise. The latest SAT-9 test results for each grade have just been released and they are among the best ever for the district."

On the state's Academic Performance Index, on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the highest, five of our 13 schools are a 10, four are a nine, none is lower than a seven and most have exceeded the state's improvement target, some spectacularly.

Schools throughout the district have received numerous high-profile awards for distinguished accomplishments in education, including two "Blue Ribbon Schools,"

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'Schizophrenic' columnist responds to critic



Mr. Street's letter responding to my columns on education (Wednesday, May 6) is truly a piece of work.

I must say this person's views are very close-minded when it comes to things that effect his money or job or property. It is his right to have this view and one of the benefits of living in a democracy — even though these views are close-minded and uninformed.

First off I am formerly homeless because of the kindness of a friend who wants to see me achieve the best possible future and someone whom is formerly homeless himself. If Mr. Street took the time to read all of my columns he would know this as I have written about it in a column about the angels in Santa Monica who have not forgotten what kind of progressive community this is supposed to be. Next he claims I am uninformed about

the connection between the violence and negative lifestyles some of our youth gravitate to and the lack of proper funding for public schools and the budget crisis, which is a reality no matter what the propaganda machines say.

The public education system is, by far, larger than the private system. And provides education for the majority of children in the country. You get it yet Mr. Street?

I lived on the streets for approximately seven years and have seen the direct correlation between education and youth violence. It has become more and more apparent to parents and teachers that children who are educated and molded properly through guidance in and out of the home do not go toward this type of lifestyle.

This is because they are shown the positive attributes they have, which outweigh the negative influences of the streets. A solid education builds self-confidence, self-esteem and self-worth in our youth and helps prepare them for life as an adult.

Do you see it yet Mr. Street? Is it sinking in? Or are you still living in the "box" that these current regimes have created for you to live and think inside of. Well, I'll give you an example of how public education is important to the majority.

I know of a young lady of 16 who is educated by home schooling monitored

by Santa Monica High School. And at 16 she is ready to graduate and go to college. When you look at her she looks like the average kid who hangs out on the Promenade, but when you talk to her you begin to see the intelligence and self confidence in her through the knowledge she acquired through an education, which was monitored by the public school system.

She is very aware and observant of her surroundings and the people she is dealing with. There is another young lady nicknamed "Rugrat" who completed her high school education in the public school system while living homeless on the streets of Santa Monica.

There are many young men and women that I have known for years who have benefited from public education. There are also some I know who are very intelligent, yet, dropped out of school because of a lack of proper attention because of large class sizes. Their lack of interest was taken as disruptive instead of recognized as not being intellectually challenged.

Now to the statement you made about families being able to afford the children they have. Well, again, it comes down to education through public schools. Family planning and sex education classes, which teach our youth the value of relationships and the responsibility that comes with hav-

ing sex. As far as being able to afford a child, I would like to ask where it is written in the Constitution about family size.

I know many families here in Santa Monica who send their children to Samohi. Some of these families probably can afford to send their children to private schools but opt for this school because it has a deep and rich history with the community as a whole. These area people who have lived here far longer than you have. Even I've lived here longer than you, albeit as a homeless resident of this city.

You, Mr. Street, need to stop watching Fox News and listening to Rush Limbaugh and wake up to the reality of the situation. These leaders and corporate C.E.O.s who take raises and bonuses while down-sizing do not give a rat's posterior about the public. The money being spent on the war and rebuilding of Iraq could bridge the deficit a hundred times over across the board.

So Mr. Street do I make my point? Or are you still thinking inside the box. I guess my "schizophrenia," as you call it, must be acting up again. Or maybe I just watch and listen to more than some neo-conservative propaganda drivels.

(Charles Springer is a resident of Santa Monica)

OPINION



LETTERS

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four "Distinguished Schools" and a Disney Spotlight on Education National Winner.

Our entire community has benefited from and become more desirable because of the success of our public schools. These benefits can be seen in increased public safety, high property values and a strong sense of community.

Without Measure S, all this will change. Our schools will deteriorate. Our students will suffer.

We do not believe this strong community wishes to see our schools and our children become a casualty of the mess in Sacramento. We urge everyone to be part of the local solution and to vote yes on S.

Louise Jaffe and Shari Davis

Co-chairs

Community for Excellent Public Schools

State has abandoned school district

Editor:

I'm writing in support of Measure S.

We live in Santa Monica because of the schools and the community that exists surrounding these schools. My kids play with friends from both public and private schools and we all agree that this neighborhood exists because of our shared values, regardless of which schools our kids attend.

There is no question that strong schools build strong and safe communities. And there is no question, sadly, that the State of California (not to mention the federal government) has abandoned us.

Measure S (along with pleas to the City Councils of Malibu and Santa Monica) is our only hope to restore part of the funding that our kids depend on. It is ASTOUNDING to me that the negative signs have the nerve to say that this funding measure will "hurt the poor."

Since when has a good public education ever hurt anyone? The wealthy can always escape to private schools. We need to protect the futures of everyone in our community.

Paula Goldman

Santa Monica

Measure S is a burden

Editor:

There is a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board theory to solve their overspending problems that states that if you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a jug of boiling water down your throat and presto — the blockage is almost instantly removed.

The sinfully rich of Malibu along with the Malibu City Council have once again persisted by placing Measure S (a re-worked version of the defeated Measure EE) on (this) week's special election ballot. The Santa Monica homeowners, Santa Monica renters and those individuals living on fixed incomes will once again be burdened with this additional property tax, if it is passed, for years to come.

The sinfully rich celebrities and well-heeled corporate executives of Malibu, living in their gigantic ocean view citadels of 25,000-plus square-feet will pay the same amount of additional inequitable school parcel property taxes as a 1,500-square-foot Santa Monica house.

The Santa Monica homeowners, fixed income and renters are paying the major portion of the current parcel taxes and contributions to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The City of Santa Monica gave a donation (gift) of over \$3 million to the school district last year, while the Malibu City Council was voting down a donation to the district.

Instead Malibu endorsed an addition parcel tax on Santa Monica homeowners, those of fixed income and renters. The Malibu school district teachers, administrators, unions, along with their PTAs have helped raised close to \$200,000 to prop up Measure S.

Measure S was promised as a measure to "Save Our Schools." It quickly became "Save Our Jobs" and is now known as "Save My Job." Superintendent John Deasy of the SMMUSD in the April 18 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press stated that with

the financial problems in the State of California, few of the budget cuts will be reinstated even if the Measure S passes.

In the end, Superintendent Deasy stated, the financial condition of the schools rests with the State of California governor. This is the same governor who is currently attempting to gather our existing parcel tax (Measure Y) and distribute the money equally among all California school districts.

"The Parcel Tax" written by Professor Eric J. Brunner of San Diego State University for the Public Policy Institute of California, states that the parcel tax (Measure S) is used by the wealthy school districts to avoid the Serrano v. Priest decision that equally divides all education equally within the state — i.e. poor and wealthy schools receive the same amount of money for the education of each child. Professor Brunner concludes that: 1) the marginal cost of school spending under the parcel tax is high compared to the corresponding cost under the property tax; 2) the parcel tax is highly regressive because low-income homeowners bear a disproportionate share of the tax burden; and 3) the parcel tax raises issues of equity and most likely will put California's system of public school finance back on trial.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association endorses "no" on Measure S. I ask you to vote "no" on Measure S.

Tom Fakehany

Santa Monica

Spend federal tax cut on local schools

Editor:

Now that the Congress and administration have "given" us a federal tax cut, we have every reason to approve Measure S. Not only will the tax cut additionally deprive our schools of federal support, but we now will have the funds in our own budgets to ensure that our schools get the money they need.

I'm looking forward to that Air Force bake sale. Meanwhile, I'm voting "yes" on Measure S.

Abby Arnold

Santa Monica

Pass Measure S to preserve future

Editor:

As former New Yorkers, we have been shocked by California's dismal state of public school funding. New York (indeed, most northeast states) trounces California in per capita education spending.

After moving west, we pined away for "the good life" in Santa Monica for years before buying a home in Gillette Regent Square. To us, "the good life" meant not only the attractions and conveniences of Santa Monica but the fine public schools, where we hoped to keep our two children right through high school.

Sadly, our grand plans may be in jeopardy. The state legislature has cut \$13 million from the district's budget. Unless Measure S passes on June 3, all elementary school music programs will disappear, nearly every school library will close and many school nurses and assistant principal positions will be scaled back.

The elimination of nearly 100 teachers will mean that, beginning with the third grade, class size will increase from 20 to 30 students. Our neighborhood schools, currently among the state's best, could quickly fall to the bottom of the pack.

We keep asking ourselves, how could such an affluent community, particularly our neighborhood north of Montana, allow its public schools to become eviscerated? How could so many residents, even those with no direct interest in the public schools, not recognize that fine neighborhood public schools have a significant impact on real estate values?

Even more important, as our Chief of Police James T. Butts put it recently, "When there's a serious decline in the quality of schools over a period of time, it degrades the quality of life in the community and ultimately degrades public safety."

We implore our neighbors to vote "yes" on Measure S to preserve the future of this wonderful community.

Karen and Lindsay Gardner

Santa Monica

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COMMENTARY

Restaurant 101: Relationships with vendors



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pisarra

The restaurant owner's relationship with vendors is one of the most important areas and yet it is frequently overlooked.

Because of habit, the owner falls into the trap of just ordering or plain laziness, trusting that the vendor is giving them a good deal.

Every vendor should be "bidding" each week and at least each month depending on the terms and frequency

of your business purchases. No vendor should be the only source of goods. There should be cross-quoting each time so that the restaurant is always getting the best deal in town on the goods it buys.

Any vendor who knows he or she is the sole source of goods will eventually have the owner overpaying. This is just good business on their part and they are not to be faulted for it. It simply requires that the restaurant owner be constantly vigilant.

Contracts with vendors are usually not long term nor are they closed to negotiation. It is good business practice to keep those vendors on their toes whether it is staples like flour or specialty items like truffles. The fact is the vendor still has to sell the product and that means a restaurant can negotiate terms, delivery and rates.

Have a good scale in your receiving area. Every purchase you are paying for by the pound should be weighed in prior to acceptance by the chef or purchasing manager. I know of one chef who would puncture the bottom of bags of ice that were delivered so water would run out and then weigh them in. It is not good business to be paying the ice price for water from the melted ice.

Sounds like a minor issue? It can mean the difference between your survival in the long run. This level of dedication to being on top of your vendors will get around town and they will be less likely to try to put one over on you.

At first the new business owner may be asked to be on a collect on delivery system. This is an acceptable way to do business and frankly a very effective way to ensure that the business does not get in over its head.

However, once it is clear the restaurant is doing well and the future looks bright, terms should be negotiated and put in place. Most vendors will negotiate terms that

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allow the business to float their bills for 30 days and take a percentage off for early payment.

Early payment discounts are a great place for a business to pick up savings. By taking advantage of their early payment discount, a restaurant can lower their cost of goods by up to 10 percent. If the business is purchasing \$5,000 a week in meat and seafood, that means \$500 more a week or \$26,000 a year, which will almost pay for a purchasing manager or nice holiday bonuses.

I had one client reduce meat costs \$50,000 a year by renegotiating a meat contract that hadn't been reviewed in five years. That's a home is some parts of this country. Not a bad profit for a simple review of a contract and some product bidding.

(David Pisarra is a partner in the Santa Monica law firm of Pisarra & Grist. He can be reached at 310/664-9969 or by e-mail at dpisarra@pisarra.com.)

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STATE



MTV Virtual Performance Movie Award goes to Gollum

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — You don't have to exist to get an MTV Movie Award.

The irreverent ceremony honored the little green Jedi, Yoda, for best fight scene from "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones," while the raspy creep Gollum from "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" won for "virtual performance" and for best on screen team for its performance alongside human co-stars Elijah Wood and Sean Astin.

Yoda appeared on a giant screen to accept the honor and spoke in his signature circuitous manner.

"Hmmm ... grateful am I to this award receive. To win, I did not expect," he said. "Promise myself cry I would not."

He went on to thank supporters ranging from "Star Wars" creator George Lucas to Wookie Chewbacca, Vin Diesel, space monster Greedo and actor Steve Guttenberg.

The computer-animated Yoda became angry when music played him off the stage.

After the virtual performance award went to Gollum, actor Andy Serkis — who voiced the character and performed the movements for its computer animation — appeared on screen to thank the filmmaker and special effects crew for their work in bringing the monster to life.

Then, the emaciated Gollum clamored over to snatch the trophy from Serkis' hands. "You're a liar and a thief," Gollum hissed. "It's mine!"

Gollum went on to deliver an expletive-filled tirade against the filmmakers, actors, MTV and audience, while Serkis

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— YODA
Jedi master

stood by looking embarrassed.

Rage rapper Eminem claimed the Breakthrough Male trophy for his work in the drama "8 Mile."

In a pre-taped acceptance speech he took a shot at Mariah Carey and her romantic-musical flop.

"I can't believe I beat Mariah for 'Glitter,'" he said.

While Yoda and Gollum won in categories in which they competed against human actors, Gollum defeated Yoda in the new MTV class for virtual performance. Their competition included the jabbering marsupial from "Kangaroo Jack," Dobby the self-torturing elf in "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" or the talking dog from "Scooby-Doo."

MTV says the award goes to the character — not necessarily the flesh-and-blood actor involved or special-effects team that create it.

"The Two Towers" won best movie, beating "Spider-Man," "8 Mile," "The Ring," and "Barbershop." And "Towers" star Astin used his acceptance speech to apologize for Gollum's uncouth behavior. "Spider-Man's" Kirsten Dunst was named

best female star, while Eminem won best male for his role in "8 Mile."

"I got male, I got male, I got male, I got male," Eminem shouted dozens of times.

Mark Wahlberg, Samuel L. Jackson, Hugh Jackman, Beyonce Knowles were among the presenters. Rapper 50 Cent, the pop singer Pink and the Russian girl duo t.A.T.u performed.

And t.A.T.u, which has riled some with the pair's onstage same-sex kisses, sang while scores of female dancers in plaid schoolgirl outfits gyrated around them. At

the end of the song, the dancers stripped down to white briefs and T-shirts.

The event at the Shrine Auditorium is more satire than ceremony, honoring show-business types for such categories as best kiss and villain. The rain-drenched upside smooch between "Spider-Man" Tobey Maguire and Dunst won for kiss and 12-year-old Daveigh Chase collected the villain honor for playing the evil little girl who kills people through their television sets in "The Ring."

Unable to stop her giggling, Chase shouted, "Hey! Oh my gosh. This so rocks."

Singer Justin Timberlake and Seann William Scott (Stifler from the "American Pie" movies) hosted. Timberlake and Scott appeared in one of the ceremony's traditional movie spoofs, parodying "The Matrix Reloaded." In the short, Timberlake used his 'NSync dance moves to pummel a growling computerized "agent" played by Scott.

The 12th annual ceremony is scheduled to air June 5 on MTV.

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YES on S



Locals: Sympathy for survivalist not widespread

BY ALLEN G. BREED

Associated Press Writer

ANDREWS, N.C. — Standing in the door of a trailer on the mountain compound where "patriot" militia once trained, Jeremy Blake Ford swears he would not have helped serial bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph.

But if the elusive survivalist had walked out of the nearby woods, Ford isn't sure he would have turned him in.

"I believe you've got to send a message," Ford said Sunday from the hillside home of the late right-wing firebrand Nord Davis Jr.

Never mind the \$1 million bounty on Rudolph's head, set by investigators who accuse him of killing two people and injuring more than 100 with bombs at two abortion clinics, a gay nightclub and Atlanta's Olympic Centennial Park.

"One death to a thousand deaths and making money off of babies being aborted and gays thinking they have rights — in the Bible, they don't have any rights," Ford said. "They're the wrongs, and we're trying to make it right. I believe Eric Rudolph makes a statement."

The literature of hate once flowed out of this place like the cold mountain streams that fed the stills of moonshiners. Over the years, the sawtooth western North Carolina mountains have bred or attracted people with a deep mistrust of government authority.

So when, after more than five years in hiding, Rudolph was arrested Saturday in the little town of Murphy — relatively clean-cut, with fresh batteries in his flashlight and fairly new running shoes on his feet — people immediately speculated that someone had been harboring him.

But folks around here resent the notion that there was an army of sympathizers in these mountains, ready and willing to sustain a notorious killer.

"He's an army of one," said Murphy Mayor Bill Hughes.

Like the Florida-born Rudolph, Hughes said, much of

"It's like anybody up here would harbor him, and everybody up here's anti-government and we're all militia, and it's just not true."

— MIKE TRAMMEL

Acquaintance of Eric Rudolph

the extremism found here came from the outside.

Andrews was the adopted home of Davis, a notorious racist who led a paramilitary group called Northpoint Tactical Teams and espoused a white supremacist religion called Christian Identity. He used his 200-acre mountain compound as a base for militia training and to publish anti-Semitic and anti-homosexual literature.

The Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which monitors militia activities and hate groups, has said it has strong evidence that Rudolph, who moved to the area as a teenager, was an Identity follower.

Rudolph spent a few months at a Christian Identity-affiliated white supremacist compound in Missouri in the early 1980s, said Dan Gayman, director of the Church of Israel in the southwest Missouri community of Schell City. Gayman said the church was trying to help Rudolph's mother, who showed up unexpectedly in a broken-down station wagon and without any money.

"Her car didn't look like it was going to make the trip so we thought we better see what we could do to help her," Gayman said.

Western North Carolina's isolation and remoteness also appealed to the late Ben Klassen, a former Florida legislator who set up his racist, anti-Semitic Church of The Creator in tiny Otto, near the Georgia state line.

Mockery of the government's inability to catch Rudolph, a 36-year-old former soldier, handyman and reputed marijuana grower, spawned two country music songs and bumper stickers cheering, "Run Rudolph Run." Many here are still smarting over decades of what they view as federal land grabs for parks and other public projects.

It is a deeply religious area where anti-abortion sentiment runs deep.

But Boomer Rogers said there's a big difference between opposing abortion and killing someone over it.

"Abortion is murder," Rogers, 46, said Sunday as he sat whittling by the banks of Junaluska Creek outside Andrews. "But it's not up to him to go out here and blow up innocent people. ... They don't deserve to be just blown to pieces."

Mike Trammel knew Rudolph as a youth, when they rode the bus to high school together. He doubts Rudolph could have survived so well for so long without the help of someone. But that doesn't mean everyone.

"It's like anybody up here would harbor him, and everybody up here's anti-government and we're all militia, and it's just not true," said Trammel, who had runs with Davis' militia on his Federal Express route.

"Are there people that doesn't trust the government up here? Sure. I mean, that's everywhere," he said.

Greeting parishioners at the McClelland Cove Baptist Church below Davis' compound, the Rev. Jimmy McClure doubted many in these hills would have supported Rudolph.

McClure lived a few houses away from Rudolph when he lived on Vengeance Creek. He didn't know Rudolph, but he knew his Bible: "Vengeance is mine, sayeth the Lord."

"Just tell them we all love the Lord around here," he said. "And we would have done right if we'd have known he was around here."

Power crowd



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

President Bush, center, is surrounded by other world leaders during a group photo session of the G-8 Outreach Group in Evian, France on Sunday. Top row, left to right: Japan's Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Center row, left to right, President of Brazil Luiz Lula da Silva, Bush, and China's President Hu Jintao. Bottom row, left to right: President of Senegal Abdoulaye Wade, Nigeria's President Olusegun Obasanjo and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak.

Man who stole identity leaves mystery after death

By The Associated Press

EASTLAKE, Ohio — He was an impostor in life. In death he became a John Doe.

Last July, a man identified as Joseph N. Chandler committed suicide in his apartment. It turned out he had stolen the identity of an 8-year-old boy who was killed with his parents in a 1945 car crash near Sherman, Texas.

The impostor was described by police as a loner in his 60s.

"We don't know what or who he was hiding from or who he really was," police Detective Lt. Tom Doyle said.

The man left \$82,000 in a savings account, but didn't leave a will. Police said family members listed on a rental agreement led to nonexistent people or addresses.

"We thought at first maybe he was in the witness protection program, but that has been ruled out," Doyle said.

A judge has ordered investigators to try to find the man's heirs. If they cannot find any within 18 months, the money will go to the county's unclaimed-funds account.

After police found his body last July 31, the county coroner discovered the man had colon cancer that soon would have killed him.

His closest friend, a former co-worker who knew little of the man's past, was appointed by the court as executor of the

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— TOM DOYLE
Detective Lieutenant

estate. Two investigators he hired to notify heirs discovered the relatives they found were family members of the dead Texas boy.

Investigations learned that a man claiming to be Joseph Newton Chandler, of Rapid City, S.D., requested his first Social Security card in September 1978, at 41.

The man listed his parents as Ellen Christina Kaaber Chandler and Joseph Newton Chandler Jr. and said he was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on March 11, 1937 — all information taken from the Texas boy.

Making identification more difficult, the body was cremated soon after an autopsy, and neither the suicide weapon nor items in the apartment had fingerprints clear enough to be of much use, police said.

DID YOU KNOW?: Toward the end of the movie, "Forrest Gump," Forrest says his wife died on a Saturday. When he is at her grave in the next scene, the tombstone shows her passing on March 22, 1982, which is a Monday.

SPORTS



Milwaukee wins as Dodgers drop five of last six

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Richie Sexson hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning and Wes Helms also homered as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3 on Sunday.

Sexson also had a sacrifice fly, helping the Brewers take two of three to win consecutive road series for the second time this year.

The Dodgers have dropped five of six following a 10-game winning streak.

Sexson, whose two-run homer off Hideo Nomo on Friday night broke a tie in a 5-3 win, drove a 2-1 pitch from reliever Guillermo Mota (2-2) to center field for his 17th of the year. It was the first allowed this season by Mota after 35 innings.

Jayson Durocher (1-0) earned his second big league victory with 1 2-3 innings of hitless relief in his second appearance since undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow March 8 to have bone spurs removed.

Mike DeJean, the fifth Milwaukee pitcher, got three outs for his 12th save in 15 chances.

Milwaukee took a 3-2 lead in the fifth against Kazuhisa Ishii, who hit Scott Podsednik with a pitch to open the inning. Podsednik advanced two bases on Keith Ginter's single and scored on Sexson's sacrifice fly. Ginter stole second and came home on Brady Clark's

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Helms opened the scoring with his eighth home run, a solo shot with two outs in the second. Brian Jordan, in his second game back after missing two with a bruised left hand, gave the Dodgers a 2-1 lead in the fourth with a

two-out homer into the left-field bullpen after a single by Paul Lo Duca.

Brewers starter Wayne Franklin allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings, striking out four and walking none.

Ishii threw 122 pitches in only five innings, allowing three runs and six hits. He struck out eight and walked three.

Notes: Brewers announcer Bob Uecker, who is going into the broadcaster's wing of the Hall of Fame on July 27, received a loud ovation from the crowd of 35,611 when he was shown on the video board between innings. He stood up and bowed, using both arms, then shook his microphone to pantomime the Pope sprinkling Holy Water. ... Brewers SS Royce Clayton ended an 0-for-20 drought with a single his first time up — only his third hit in a span of 58 at-bats. ... Jordan's homer ended a string of 19 consecutive innings in which Franklin did not allow a home run. Jordan was the only Dodger who had faced him before. ... Lo Duca extended his hitting streak to 11 games, the longest by a Dodger this season. ... Ishii, who beat Milwaukee the other two times he faced them, has not allowed more than three earned runs in any of his last 10 starts after giving up five in his season debut at Arizona. ... Helms had a career-high 10 homers with Atlanta two seasons ago.

Anaheim Ducks back in finals after Brodeur's misplay

BY ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM — The Colorado Avalanche lost a Stanley Cup finals game to the Devils two years ago when goalie Patrick Roy wandered from the net and couldn't get back to defend a shot.

This time, a misplay equally as implausible by their own star goaltender, Martin Brodeur, has tightened up a Stanley Cup finals the Devils seemed to have in their control.

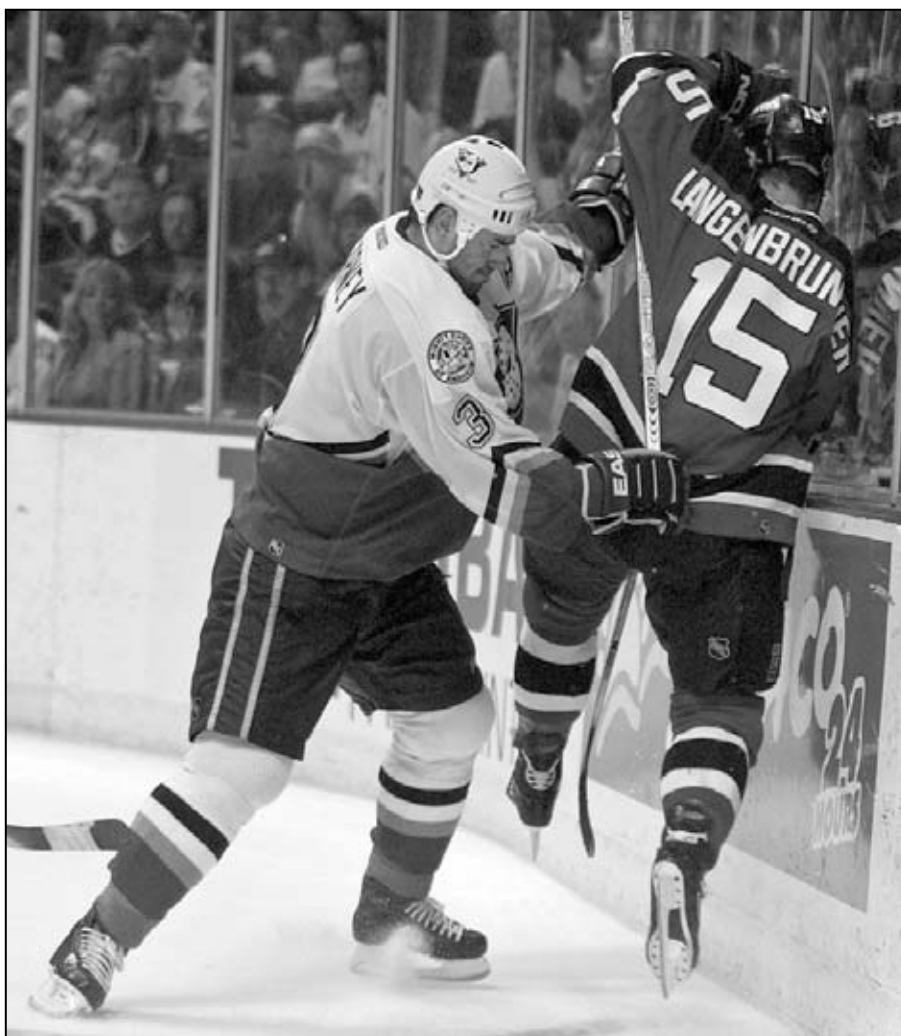
Brodeur gave up an improbable goal to Anaheim's Sandis Ozolinsh from near center ice in Game 3 on Saturday night because he couldn't make a simple stick save. He lost his stick, then couldn't retrieve it in time to make the save.

Because of a mistake Brodeur can't recall making before, the Devils' lead over the Mighty Ducks has been trimmed from a comfortable 2-0 to a more-precarious 2-1 going into Game 4 Monday night at the Arrowhead Pond.

The otherworldly Ozolinsh goal didn't win the game, but it gave the Ducks a 2-1 lead — and gave them the momentum back — following Patrik Elias' tying goal less than a minute earlier. Ruslan Salei eventually won it for the Ducks, 3-2, with an overtime one-timer off Adam Oates' faceoff win.

Brodeur couldn't help but laugh about his blunder, which came after seven periods of near-perfect goaltending by the likely winner of the Vezina Trophy.

Brodeur dropped his stick near the left edge of the crease as Ozolinsh shot the puck on net from beyond the blue line, then watched helplessly as the shot trickled off his stick, through his pads and into the net.



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press

Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Keith Carney pins New Jersey Devils' Jamie Langenbrunner against the boards in the third period of Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals in Anaheim on Saturday.

"They were laughing at me," Brodeur said of the other players on the ice. "You didn't think it was funny? I thought it was funny. It's definitely not fun to

get scored on like that, but it's something you can't control."

His first thought when it happened?

"This is unbelievable," he

said. "You're in the Stanley Cup finals. You know so many millions of people are watching you, and your stick slipped out of your hands and you get scored

on. But it's important you forget these things. We're still 2-1."

However, the Devils just as easily could have been up 3-0, with a chance to raise their third cup since 1995 on Monday night. Now, they almost certainly can't help but think back to two years ago, when they couldn't hold a 3-2 lead against Colorado and lost the finals in seven games.

"It's important for us to (bounce back)," Brodeur said. "You can't lose two games in a row in the playoffs. Our job here was to win one game. That's what we wanted. We gave it a great shot. Like I said, we had a bad bounce go against us."

Of course, bad bounces and lucky breaks have turned around many a playoff series. That's why the Devils said Sunday they've got to put the loss behind them and concentrate on the opportunity they have Monday.

Win, and they go back home to Continental Airlines Arena — where they dominated the first two games — with a chance to close out the series on Thursday night. The only two-day break of the finals occurs between Games 4 and 5.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy, and now we've got to win Game 4," Jamie Langenbrunner said.

Ducks coach Mike Babcock is more concerned with making sure his team remains in the aggressor's role again Monday than he is with hoping Brodeur has been shaken by the mistake.

"This guy obviously doesn't let a whole lot bother him," Babcock said. "I don't see it being a big factor."

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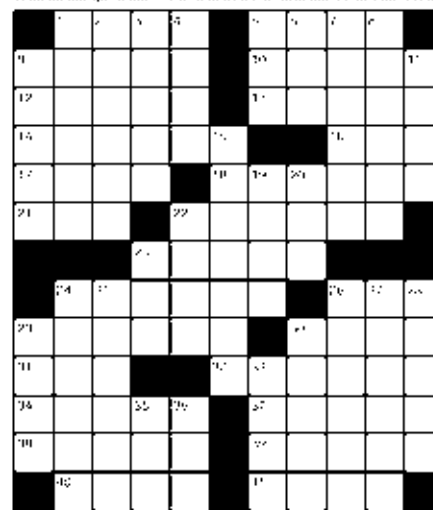
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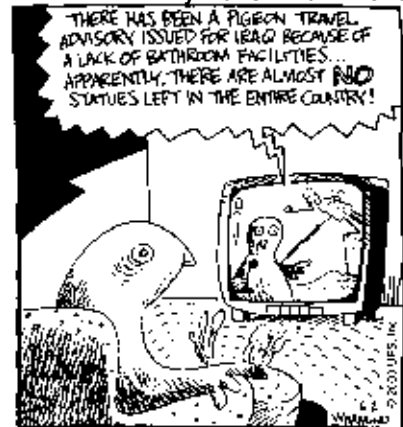
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Man convicted in slayings accused of 'murderous past'

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — On a Sunday morning nearly 24 years ago, Lois Willis drove to her daughter's house to help with a cousin's bridal shower. The door was locked, so she left a note and went for breakfast.

An hour later, she returned to find the door ajar, her note on the ground, a stereo playing and no one in sight.

Willis walked through the house calling for her daughter, Lori. She couldn't bring herself to look in the basement.

"The first wife had been murdered there," she said. It was also where an in-law would later find Lori's body.

Last week, Lori's widower, Gerald "Bobby" Hand, 54, was convicted of murder in the deaths of his fourth wife, Jill, and a friend. Though he was charged only in the two Jan. 15, 2002, slayings, prosecutors believe Hand was also involved in the deaths of Lori and his first wife, Donna.

Prosecutors said he was mired in debt and eager to collect on insurance. Hand's defense attorneys said the state lacks evidence to link him to their killings.

During the trial, Hand testified that he heard Jill cry out, saw a figure in the hall and grabbed two .38-caliber revolvers — firing as he rushed from his bedroom. The "intruder" turned out to be longtime friend Walter "Lonnie" Welch.

Hand acknowledged shooting Welch but denied any involvement in the deaths of his wives.

"I did kill Lonnie Welch after he was shooting my wife," Hand testified. "I can't explain why. I feel like I'd do it

"I did kill Lonnie Welch after he was shooting my wife. I can't explain why. I feel like I'd do it again if I could."

GERALD HAND
Convicted murderer

again if I could."

Prosecutors contended that Hand, owing more than \$200,000 on 33 credit cards, shot Jill to collect about \$700,000 in life insurance. They say he lured Welch to the house and shot him to keep him from telling people how the two men had successfully plotted to kill Hand's first two wives.

Hand "could eliminate a man who knew too much about the defendant's murderous past," prosecutor David Gormley told jurors.

Hand's first wife was Donna Anderson, whom he met in the late 1960s.

"He had a Corvette, she was kind of smitten with that," said her brother, Steven Anderson.

The couple married in 1968. But around Thanksgiving 1975, Donna wrote her sister Connie, saying she was concerned for her safety and wanted a divorce.

In March 1976, Hand told police he returned from the YMCA one night to find Donna's body in the basement, a plastic dry cleaner's bag over her head and spark

plug wire around her neck.

Detectives said she had hung herself, and insurance companies and the state agreed. Hand received \$17,386 in life insurance and \$50,000 from the state's Victims of Crime Compensation Fund.

Meanwhile, Lori Willis married Hand in 1977. Welch, an on-and-off employee at Hand's radiator shop, was the best man at their wedding.

"She was unhappy and she wanted out of the marriage," said Terri Sizemore, a friend of Lori's.

When Lois Willis couldn't find Lori that Sunday morning in 1979, Hand's mother came over with another son, Samuel, who made the grisly discovery. Police say Lori had been strangled with a plastic dry cleaner's bag and shot twice in the head.

A police detective recalled Hand didn't show much emotion.

"He wasn't crying," Sam Womeldorf said.

Hand collected \$81,598 from insurance but was denied a crime-victim claim. It is unclear why. Ten years later, Hand married wife No. 3, Glenna Castle, who left him.

Right around the time of Lori's death, Jill Randolph moved with her husband, Gary, from Clarksburg, W.Va., and raised three daughters. After Gary Randolph died of cancer in 1989, the widow met Hand at a dance. He courted her lavishly, but friends were worried.

"I said, 'Jill, you can do so much better than this,'" said Sandy Moore, 57. "She said, 'But Sandy, I can't help it, I love him.'"

In October 1992, Hand married Jill on her lunch break from the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

She was happy at first but seemed to grow sadder, co-workers said. Hand sold his business and was working as a security guard. By early 2002, Jill wanted a divorce.

"I said, 'I know you're going to leave and divorce him,'" Moore said. "And she said, 'I have to.'" Jill was dead within a month.

Welch's relatives say he was haunted by the deaths of Hand's first two wives.

A cousin, Pete Adams, testified that in September 1979, "He started crying, and he said, 'I killed Lori and I killed Donna Hand.' He said he did it for Bob."

Another cousin said Welch told him he had sneaked into the house through a basement window and killed both women.

Hand's attorneys say those relatives are repeating media accounts. Attorney Terry Sherman says evidence shows no signs of entry through a basement window, and describes Welch as a cocaine addict prone to irrational acts.

Hand's family declined to comment. Rob Hand, Gerald and Lori's son, previously said he believed his father was innocent.



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