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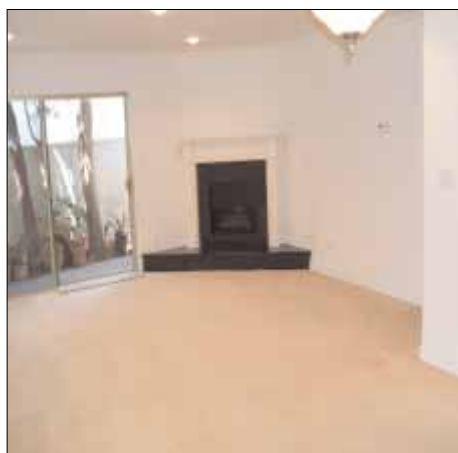
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Samohi All-Classes Picnic

601 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

All Santa Monica High School graduates are invited to the 18th Annual Samohi All-Class Picnic. Guests are welcome to bring their own food or can purchase barbecued food at the event. Check out the Greek, the Vikes Inn, the Hall of Fame and trophy and memorabilia displays. The Class of '47, who will celebrate their 60-year reunion, will also be honored. Free parking is available. For more information, call Jim Jaffe at (310) 396-7027 or e-mail him at jljaffe@earthlink.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

'Homebound'

2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Tarryn Teresa Gallery presents the debut solo exhibition of Los Angeles-based artist Sunny Scarlett. "Homebound" addresses issues of personal and national identity. To learn about the gallery, their hours and more, visit www.tarrynteresa.com.

Book-to-Movie Screening: 'Jaws'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Steven Spielberg's ominous movie about beach-swimming is here just in time for summer. All ages are welcome to this free event. Seating is first come-first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Book signing

13400 Maxella Ave., Marina del Rey, noon — 4 p.m.

Robyn Busfield will be signing copies of her book, "It's Time to Get Selfish," at the Marina Barnes & Noble.

'Money & Run'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 p.m. — midnight

The Promenade Playhouse presents this action-adventure theatre serial that chronicles the exploits of two outlaw lovers — Run and Money. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.plays411.com/moneyandrunk or call (323) 960-5774 for tickets.

'Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse'

10250 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

This family theatre event about Lily the mouse, her teacher Mr. Slinger and Lilly's purple plastic purse is showing at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for children, 12 and under, and \$7 for adults. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling (310) 828-7519. For more information, visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Sunday, June 3, 2007

Samohi Jazz Band Fundraiser

3233 Helms Ave., Los Angeles, 3 p.m. — 6 p.m.

The George Kahn "West Coast Jazz" Quintet will perform a fundraising concert to benefit the Santa Monica High School Jazz Band at The Jazz Bakery. Tickets are \$25 per person; \$13 for students under 21 with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling (310) 271-9039. For more information, visit www.jazzbakery.com.

Summer Super-adoption Festival

Lincoln Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Best Friends Animal Society is hosting an adoption event at Westchester Park. More than 1,000 animals will be available for adoption, from city and county shelters, and more than 50 different rescue groups. Dogs, cats, rabbits and birds will all be available for adoption. Other events will include Frisbee and fly-ball games, agility demonstrations, a children's activity pavilion, vendors and more.

'ART for CLARE'

2525 Michigan Ave., 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The CLARE Foundation will collaborate with the art community to present "Art for CLARE" at the Bergamot Station Arts Center. More than 35 local contemporary artists have been invited to participate in this one-day art sale and fundraiser. The afternoon will feature live entertainment and comedian Rachel Tomlinson will emcee festivities. Local restaurants will provide an array of food. Tickets are \$25. For tickets or more information, call (310) 314-6212 or visit www.clarefoundation.org.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

The photo of Jackson Browne performing at a previous For the Arts benefit concert that appeared in the June 1 issue (page 12) should have been credited as a file photo taken for the Daily Press by Fabian Lewkowicz.

Tying the knot with SM style

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE With temperatures slowly rising and flowers in full bloom, it's the time of year again when betrothed couples conclude months of planning for the moment to gaze into each other's eyes and say "I do."

Baseball season, hunting season, hurricane season — there's a peak time for virtually everything, and that certainly applies to weddings.

Wedding season, at least in California, is typically defined as the period of time between May and October. During that six-month period, June tends to be the most popular month for tying the knot.

In California, where the line between the seasons is almost indistinguishable, the window of opportunity to get hitched outdoors is much larger, as opposed to other regions, such as New England, where cold temperatures can dominate three of the four seasons.

"There's June brides, which is interesting in California, particularly (because of) 'June gloom,'" said Nicole Hirsty, owner of Cobalt Events, a Santa Monica-based event planning firm that offers services for wedding coordination.

The event coordinators at Cobalt Events are booked nearly every weekend through October, the majority of which are for weddings, Hirsty said.

"For the summer, most of our business is weddings," Hirsty said.

The cramped schedule extends to the local houses of worship including Saint Monica Catholic Church where multiple wedding services are scheduled nearly every weekend through Labor Day.

This weekend is the exception as only one service is scheduled for today.

The church typically officiates up to six ceremonies each weekend — two on Friday evening and up to four on Saturday, said Veronica Gray, administrative assistant to Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson. The services are scheduled in two-hour increments.

Couples need not be part of the Saint Monica congregation to be married in the church.

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TALK TO THE HAND

Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus (left) and Kermit the Frog share a laugh at Heal the Bay's 16th annual Bring Back the Beach dinner on Thursday.

Photo Courtesy of Bill Groak

Bite-sized design pointers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE When Laura Rogers first saw her new Lincoln Boulevard apartment more than three months ago, the Maryland native found herself in a studio apartment without character, featuring dingy blue walls and basic horizontal blinds.

Fresh from the Savannah College of Art and Design, the creative juices immediately started flowing for the 24-year-old interior designer. Before even moving in to the tiny 293.5-square-foot unit, Rogers gave her future home an extreme makeover, painting her apartment a light champagne brown and turquoise, adding draperies and bamboo screens over the windows.

A reflection of her personality, the space was finally hers.

The design of the apartment recently won Rogers, an interior designer with a hotel design firm in Santa Monica, second place in the Smallest Coolest Apartment 2007 competition, a nationwide contest to find the best-designed apartment in the world under 650 square feet. The competition was sponsored by Design Within Reach and ApartmentTherapy.com, an interior design Web log.

The city of Santa Monica is one of the few places where renters actually outnumber homeowners. Many tenants, seeing their apartment living situation as a temporary step before making the leap to home ownership, might be reluctant to take the time to actually decorate their apartments, leaving the walls the typical stale white and the windows covered with the uninspiring off-white blinds.

"People think of their (apartment) home as temporary and are waiting for the perfect

place," said Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of ApartmentTherapy.com and a New York City interior design firm by the same name. "I find that it usually takes a lot longer than people think it does."

A home is a person's sanctuary and it's important to make the space, whether it's temporary or permanent, 200 square feet or 20,000 square feet, their own, interior designers say. This is particularly true for renters of small apartments where some creative interior designing can create extra visual space.

"You should be as committed to the home as you can be because the rewards are really infinite in terms of comfort and happiness," Gillingham-Ryan said. "Your home is the starting point every day in life and the ending point. It's the only space to call your own."

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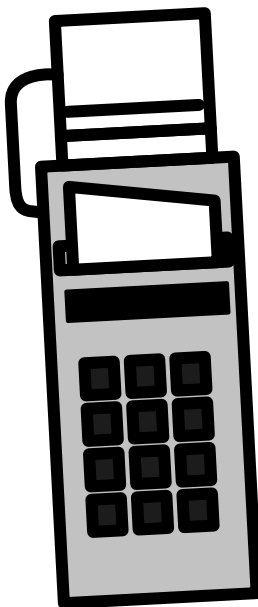


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RICHARD BROUWER is a “neutral observer” living on the edge in The Netherlands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landlords get taken for a ride

Editor:

I hope all the tenants who are living in these rent control units (“First-come, first-served,” May 19-20) are saving their money, because I guarantee you rent control will end and these people will be out on the streets with the homeless. Landlords, wake up and start keeping an eye on your rent control units. Recently, I caught a long-time tenant who purchased a \$1.5 million home in Pacific Palisades and had moved into their purchase and rented out my unit for \$800 more than they were paying me. When I discovered this, I knocked on the door and informed the new tenant (who said they were “friends”) that I did not know them and they had to vacate. Within one week, they were gone.

That’s the kind of deceit that goes on in this city. I am sick and tired of watching these freeloaders sitting up on Montana Avenue coffee shops acting like they are big shots while us landlords sacrifice to pay taxes and mortgages. What happened to our rights? Our rights to make a fair return on our investment? Our right to live in our own building? Our right to do as we please with our property? Our right to go out of business if we so choose. I could go on and on. If tenants want rights, go out and purchase your own building. In my book, you have rights when you earn them, and prove yourself by working hard and stop leeching off others. Take responsibility for yourself so we don’t end up with another generation of welfare recipients and freeloaders.

Eileen Garrison
Santa Monica

Rent control develops diversity

Editor:

In response to (those) who have weighed in against rent control, you are missing an important point about the value of rent control to Santa Monica. Many of us who are fortunate enough to own our homes or pay market rent, nonetheless support rent control. We do so in part because we care about those less fortunate than ourselves and, in part, because we value living to the extent possible in an economically, socially, ethnically, racially and politically diverse community. We see rent control as an important safeguard, not just for individuals, but also for the type of community we value and in which we feel good about living and raising our children.

Bel Air may have its appeal, but it’s not the type of vibrant, diverse community we choose to call home. And we want our neighbors to be able to continue sharing our hometown with us. We don’t want them to be forced to move to Kansas or anywhere else.

Sonya & Bruce Sultan
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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New Hampshire,
join the rest of us

WHEN I WAS A KID, I BECAME INTRIGUED by the state mottos that I saw on various license plates. I actually felt bad for the people of Oklahoma, whose license plates bore the motto: “Oklahoma is OK.” My feeling was that if you’re going to brag about your state, then brag about it. Don’t say it’s just “OK.” You don’t see Texas plates saying, “Texas Is So-So.” New Mexico’s “Land of Enchantment” was alluring to a city kid, but New Hampshire’s motto topped them all. The first time I saw “Live Free or Die” on a license plate, I knew that it had to be the best slogan of any state. I loved its defiant pride. But now, in the area of seatbelts and safety, that spirit of “nobody’s going to tell us what to do” just doesn’t make sense.

New Hampshire is the only state that doesn’t have a mandatory seatbelt law for adults. Some people in New Hampshire worry about the “slippery slope” of governmental regulation. They are afraid if there is a law requiring adults to wear seatbelts, what’s next? Will smoking in public be banned? Will motorcyclists be required to wear helmets? Will people need a permit to park in front of their own homes?”

Somehow, Santa Monica has survived these edicts. But New Hampshire is not Santa Monica. And even if you’re against these examples, we’re talking about seatbelts here.

This past Thursday (May 31), the New Hampshire state Senate had another chance to pass a mandatory seatbelt bill, but voted it down. One member who voted against the bill, Bob Clegg, said, “I choose not to buckle, and I think it’s baloney that the government would tell me that I have to, or else.”

New Hampshire has the lowest rate of seatbelt use in the country, 49 percent, according to the National Transportation Safety Board — no doubt, an organization that Clegg considers a bunch of outsiders pushing “baloney.” However, New Hampshire’s own Safety Department says that, last year, 77 percent of fatal crashes in the state involved people who were not wearing seatbelts.

So it’s not surprising that many other people in New Hampshire believe that seatbelts save lives. But that doesn’t mean that they think there should be a law requiring their use. Some of them feel that a law might backfire. Another person who voted against the bill, state Senator Robert J. Letourneau, said that requiring people to do things breeds resentment, while encouraging them doesn’t.

So he and others are afraid that if there’s a law “forcing” people to use seatbelts, the people of New Hampshire will rebel and actually use seatbelts less than if there were no law.

IMAGINE IF THEY VISITED
SANTA MONICA. THEY’D
PROBABLY JUMP BACK IN
THEIR CARS, NOT BUCKLE
THEIR SEATBELTS, AND
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It seems to me that this attitude underestimates the people of New Hampshire. They’re not a bunch of immature adolescents who resent it when their parents say they have to do their homework before they go out, and then don’t do their homework and sneak out. We’re talking about mature, intelligent adults. Just to be defiant, do they speed up when they see a sign that says “School Zone?” Do they sell liquor to kids because they resent that there’s a law against it? Do they go to work naked because they don’t feel the government should tell them they have to wear clothes?

Imagine if they visited Santa Monica. They’d probably jump back in their cars, not buckle their seatbelts, and drive as fast as they felt was safe all the way home.

New Hampshire would get \$3.7 million from the federal government for enacting a seatbelt bill, and the state would save an estimated \$48 million in medical costs. That money’s not “baloney.” And neither are all the lives that are lost each year because people didn’t buckle up.

I hope that someday soon, New Hampshire will join the rest of the nation and pass a seatbelt bill. If not, I’m afraid that their motto might have to be changed to “Live Free And Die.”

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"I guess we will never really understand or figure out life completely. That's God's job. I can't wait to meet him ... or her."

— Excerpt from a Britney Spears letter posted on her Web site and addressed to her fans

"Today is not about remembering the sorrow, but rather the greatness of the individual."

— Lt. Colin Browning in his keynote address at Monday's Memorial Day service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

"I have real doubts about the value of engagement with a regime that is anti-democratic, and that appears to me to be trying to arrange a transition from one anti-democratic regime to another anti-democratic regime."

— Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, on the future relationship between the U.S. and Cuba as it transitions out of its Castro-controlled state.

"Kids need to be more conscious."

— Glenda Gill, executive director of the Rainbow Push Coalition's Entertainment Project, on kids' acceptance of — what some deem to be — offensive lyrics in rap music towards women

"There will be a scale at the front door. No girls over 100 pounds allowed in. Start starving yourself now."

— Excerpted from a Memorial Day barbecue invitation sent out by Nicole Richie. The actress, who weighs less than 100 pounds and has been plagued by eating disorder rumors, claims the invitation was meant to be humorous

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Do you think the City Council was correct in withholding funds from the school district until they address a series of gag orders they put on parents, or is it overstepping its bounds?

Here are your responses:

"I AM SO OUTRAGED AT THE COUNCIL for doubling the school children's bus fare, eliminating their transfers and increasing the number of children in classrooms. I cannot believe they can do anything 'correct.' My vote would go against them."

"WITHHOLDING FUNDS FROM WHAT? Not from their own self-serving interests, and the citizens be damned. Certainly not from creating heaven on earth for the bums and freeloaders from around the country. Those things are well funded, have no fear."

"THE OFFICES OF CITY, COUNTY AND state are bipartisan. When the bipartisan elected force is mostly Democrat, they subscribe, for the most part, to the poor and average American. When the bipartisan force is mostly Republican, than the wealthy benefit. Regardless of which bipartisan force is dominate, there will be bickering between those forces, as we are now seeing with the partisan forces in the elected offices of Washington. Regardless of what one may feel regarding the personalities and character of the Santa Monica Council, the council knows the city far better than its citizens and detractors. There is a place in government for secrecy. Often, privacy without interruption is what is needed in the best interests of the city. Withheld funds can always be spent, but what is spent cannot be withheld. Haste in spending means waste in spending."

"LIKE POLITICIANS EVERYWHERE, the City Council is going to do what they want. They don't care what the people think. It doesn't matter because the people keep electing the same idiots over and over again. People get the government they deserve."

"THIS FRIGGIN' CITY COUNCIL JUST does what it wants, regardless of the legality of it. I think the City Council really overstepped its bounds."

"I THINK IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR the City Council to withhold funds from the school district. Specifically because these are not gag orders, they are confidentiality agreements. I have one for my child and I wish for it to remain to protect my child. In the end, it will hurt all our kids if those funds are not given to the district."

"THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL HAD every right to withhold funds from the school district."

"EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST scams in California. We get about a nickel's worth of value for every dollar

spent. The school board is still second in unnecessary funding to the City Council."

"THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT HOLD up the funds for the district's schools and should release them prior to the budget's adoption. The special education issues were brought up by people who have had long-standing issues with the district in both good times and bad. In terms of the opinions by the City Council, I was most disappointed by the words and attitude of Bobby Shriver."

"I THINK FOR ANY ELECTED PERSON TO insist on a policy change on the basis of emotional testimony only is irresponsible and troubling. The ball is now in the court of the dually elected school board to examine or re-examine the policy and adjust it if that is in the best interests of the 12,000 students they serve. If the council wants to insist on specific school district policies as a funding condition, which I do believe is overstepping its reach, they at the very least should study the issues thoroughly before setting policies."

"THE ONLY GAG ORDER THE COUNCIL should be working on is a gag order on themselves."

"THE COUNCIL SHOULD WITHHOLD money from the school board. The board is guilty of non-disclosure going back to the last election. They have the obligation to disclose what they were negotiating with the teachers for two reasons: Number one, some of those same members were up for re-election, and two, because there was a bond issue on the ballot. The public has the right to know what the fiscal health of the school (district) is and they are guilty of non-disclosure because they were hiding it. The council had every right to bring this out into the sunshine."

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Power player

Edwards calls for probe of oil industry, offers energy plan

BY MAY WONG
Associated Press Writer

MENLO PARK Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards called for a federal investigation into possible antitrust violations by the oil industry Thursday and berated oil companies for inexplicably raising gas prices.

"There's absolutely no justification for the gas companies to be as profitable as they are and have the taxpayers subsidizing the industry," Edwards said.

The former senator from North Carolina spoke to reporters during a brief campaign stop at a restaurant in Silicon Valley to outline an energy plan he said would help get America "off its oil addiction."

Wendy Li, the co-owner of a family run sheet metal manufacturing company in San Jose, joined Edwards during the appearance to tell him how soaring gas prices have put financial pressure on the business and her family.

"It's holding us hostage," said Li, who is also an Edwards campaign volunteer. "And you can't just say 'drive less.'"

Edwards nodded in agreement. His energy plan, he said, would seek to provide some economic relief for folks like the Li family while increasing oversight of the oil industry and reducing America's petroleum-reliant habits in the years to come.

Part of the problem today, Edwards said, is that oil companies own every step of the production process — from extraction to refining to sales at the pump, enabling them to foreclose competition.

- Edwards' call for changes included:
- An independent Justice Department investigation into the wave of mergers of oil companies, the cause of higher gas prices and possible remedies.
 - An increase of federal auto fuel econo-

my requirements to 40 miles per gallon from the current 27.5 mpg by 2016.

■ Expansion of the use of biofuels such as ethanol, including a requirement for oil companies to make available E-85 fuel (which has 85 percent ethanol) at a quarter of their stations. Edwards wants all new cars to be able to use E-85 by 2010.

■ Mandatory restrictions on emissions of carbon dioxide with an aim to cut greenhouse gases by 80 percent by mid-century.

■ Creation of a \$13 billion energy fund from the sale of greenhouse gas permits and ending some tax breaks for the oil industry. The money would be used to support biofuels and conserva-

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE GAS COMPANIES TO BE AS PROFITABLE AS THEY ARE AND HAVE THE TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZING THE INDUSTRY."

John Edwards
Democratic presidential hopeful

tion technologies. Tupper Hull, spokesman for the Sacramento-based Western States Petroleum Association, said the region's high gas prices reflected market rates, and an antitrust investigation would be a waste of time. He said the industry has been the subject of more than 20 state and federal investigations over the past two decades. Many of Edwards' proposals — from cutting greenhouse gas emissions to investigating oil industry consolidation — have been the subject of numerous hearings in Congress this past year.

Clinton woos Silicon Valley

Presidential candidate's 'innovation agenda' presented to execs

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SANTA CLARA Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton wooed Silicon Valley campaign contributors and voters Thursday with an ambitious "innovation agenda" to create more high-paying jobs and maintain U.S. dominance in the technology sector.

The New York senator said she's already trying to increase the number of so-called H1B visas aimed at highly educated workers. Silicon Valley companies use H1Bs to sponsor thousands of software engineers from Russia, India, China and other countries, but many must return home when their temporary work permits expire.

"If you think you have a skills shortage now, project it out a decade and we're going to be in real trouble," Clinton said to applause from more than 200 executives attending a half-day CEO Summit by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. "We need to guide immigration reform to attract and retain foreign-born students who want to work in the United States."

If elected, Clinton said, her administration would provide financial support to schools that encourage girls and minorities to study "STEM" subjects: science, technology, engineering and math.

She joked that Silicon Valley and Hollywood should team up to create a reality TV show about a computer programmer or structural engineer.

"We have so many kids who want to go into forensics because they see it on TV — please, let's give real sex appeal to STEM!" Clinton said to laughs.

Clinton's agenda also included plans to increase federal research and development budgets 50 percent over the next 10 years at the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy's Office of Science and the Defense Department.

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Perris remembers car crash fatalities

BY GREG RISLING

Associated Press Writer

PERRIS A Riverside County teenager who was hurled from a car that crashed while speeding to a pre-graduation beach party died Thursday, bringing the death toll to four.

Jose Espinosa, 18, of Perris, died at a hospital where he had been taken about 24 hours earlier, said an investigator with the San Diego County medical examiner's office who declined to be named.

Espinosa was admitted to the hospital with a fractured spine after the crash on Interstate 15 in Escondido that killed three other Perris teens.

Espinosa died after school let out at Perris High School, where the usual Grad Week excitement, yearbook signings, field trips and graduation by seniors had been overshadowed by tears and grief.

Students scrawled messages on memorial banners and visited a corner of campus turned into a shrine with candles and flowers and photographs of the victims. Grief counselors were on hand to help students and faculty.

A memorial service was planned Friday for the dead teens. In addition to Espinosa, they were Javier Aguayo and Anthony O'Neil, both 17, and 18-year-old Pablo "Paul" Ruiz, all of Perris.

"It hurts not having them around," said Larry Belmontes, 18, who lived next to Ruiz

and had known Aguayo since the sixth grade.

The four teens decided to take a private car instead of the school bus on a trip to Mission Beach in San Diego.

The California Highway Patrol said their white 1993 Acura Integra apparently was racing a black car at speeds up to 100 mph on Interstate 15 when the Acura swerved right, went off the road and hit a tree on the dirt shoulder. It was just before 2 p.m.



IT HURTS NOT HAVING THEM AROUND."

Larry Belmontes
Neighbor

Ruiz and Espinosa were thrown from the car. Aguayo and O'Neil died in the car.

It was unclear whether any of the youths were wearing seat belts, CHP spokesman Tom Kerns said Thursday.

Kerns said one of the 17-year-olds was at the wheel but he declined to identify him by name.

Witnesses told CHP officers that the teens were waving beer cans out the window as they passed the high school bus and 42 opened and unopened cans were found scattered around the crash site, Kerns said.

STATE BRIEFS

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Fuel spill closes beaches, cancels surf competition

A fuel spill of unknown origin fouled water along a 2 1/2-mile stretch of coastline, prompting the closure of several north San Diego County beaches and the cancellation of a weekend surfing competition.

The spill was first reported around 11:30 a.m. Thursday by a boater who noticed a large sheen on the water about five miles offshore, said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Jereme Altendorf. It started to come onshore late Thursday afternoon.

The Switchfoot Bro-Am surf competition, which was scheduled for Saturday at Moonlight Beach, has been canceled but the accompanying concert is to be held as scheduled, said Encinitas Fire Division Chief Scott Henry.

The competition drew 6,000 fans last year and a similar number was expected this year, said Larry Giles, an Encinitas lifeguard captain.

No one will be allowed in the water and lifeguards will be patrolling and making announcements telling beachgoers to keep out, although people will still be allowed on the sand, Henry said.

The spill is estimated to be between 500 to 1,000 gallons of some type of petroleum product. It smells like gasoline or diesel fuel.

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CALEXICO

Schools remove students who fail to prove residency

Dozens of children were removed from public schools in this border city under a policy that aims to ensure all students live within district boundaries.

Taxpayers have repeatedly urged the Calexico Unified School District to make sure students do not cross the border from Mexico, Superintendent David Alvarez said. The district asked all 10,000 students to prove residency by Wednesday under the policy adopted last year.

"We're not interested in a student's citizenship status or their legal status here in our district," Alvarez said. "What the law requires us to do is verify whether a student lives in the Calexico school district boundaries or not."

Dozens of students were kicked out Wednesday.

Jorge Fuentes, whose 7-year-old grandson was told to leave Blanche Charles Elementary School, said his family was unfairly punished. The boy and his mother are U.S. citizens, but the mother, who is living with her parents, was unable to prove that she was a homeowner or renting. And she couldn't come up with a utility bill with her name on it.

"We've lived here legally for 18 years; we shouldn't be penalized for people who come from (Mexico) and attend public schools in Calexico," Fuentes said.

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State makes international deal

Gov. Schwarzenegger signs greenhouse gas deal with British Columbia, Canada

BY JEREMY HAINSWORTH
Associated Press Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell signed a memorandum of understanding Thursday to jointly reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, as Schwarzenegger wrapped up a three-day visit to Canada.

The pact, known as the Pacific Coast Collaborative to Protect Our Shared Climate and Oceans, commits the two jurisdictions to cap and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and work on the development and implementation of clean technologies, but is not legally binding.

The deal commits both areas to work together to protect the waters off the Pacific coast of North America, a significant portion of which are bordered by the state and province.

A major part of the agreement is the commitment to build a so-called hydrogen highway between British Columbia and Baja, Calif. to foster the use of zero-emission vehicles. The collaboration, which also includes Oregon and Washington, is a previously agreed-to plan to build fueling stations along the highway, so that by 2010 a hydrogen-powered vehicle could travel that route.

Schwarzenegger praised President Bush's proposal

Thursday urging 15 major nations to agree by the end of next year on a global target for reducing greenhouse gases.

"That means they are acknowledging the global warming," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference. "I think that is a really great step forward in the right direction."

Schwarzenegger earlier criticized the American and Canadian federal governments that have been hesitant to adopt the 1997 Kyoto Protocol requiring industrialized countries to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2012.

Canada was a signatory to the deal, but announced in April that it would not meet its Kyoto commitments and released a new plan to reduce greenhouse gases.

"We have to show leadership," he said. "If we are waiting for them to do the same thing, it would never happen."

The governor's comments came as Bush sought to blunt international criticism of the U.S. record on climate change.

Virtual fence towers impact border seclusion

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
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TUCSON, Ariz. When Elizabeth Isaman leaves the El Mirador Ranch smack on the Mexican border, she can see a tall metal tower, packed with cameras, radars and sensors about a quarter-mile away.

It's one of nine towers creating a so-called virtual fence stretching along a 28-mile segment of the Arizona-Mexico border, dubbed Project 28, straddling the Sasabe port of entry — the federal government's newest effort at deterring illegal immigrants and drug smuggling.

"It's like Big Brother is watching you. I don't like that part of it," said Isaman, whose son Roy runs the El Mirador. The ranch, three miles west of Sasabe, has been in the family since 1929. Sasabe is about 80 miles southwest of Tucson.

"I think it'll help the Border Patrol round up people that they catch," Roy Isaman said. "But I would rather see boots on the ground and have them confront drug smugglers that are coming across, and bandits. I would like a real fence here, to cut cross-border traffic and real cows," he said.

With the exception of a few miles of X-shaped, welded steel-rail vehicle barriers, the only border fencing on this section of the

border — if it's still standing — consists of rusty, twisted five-strand barbed wire.

"I think everybody's pretty much scratching their heads about what the heck the government's up to," Isaman said, referring to uncertainty whether Congress will pass heavily criticized proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

"I'd rather see people here with guns, so if there are any problems with smugglers with AK-47s, at least they'd have a little backup."

For the past few months, the Boeing Co. has been overseeing construction of the nine mobile towers, each 98 feet tall with an array of high-tech equipment.

Each unmanned tower's radar and sensor devices are intended to detect intruders, then zero in its potent cameras for detailed sightings. The elevation provides for line-of-sight above the surrounding vegetation and hilly terrain.

According to Arivaca merchant Roger Beal, U.S. Border Patrol officials have said the 360-degree ground surveillance radar on each tower has a range of about 9 1/2 miles and the cameras more than 10 miles.

The all-weather, all-hours technology will be able to distinguish humans from animals and vehicles, determine a group's size and whether weapons are being carried.

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Staying safe by the water's edge

Wet stuff can be deadly if the proper care is not given

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Pools and beaches can be great places for summer fun and can offer cool relief from hot weather, but water can also be dangerous, even deadly, if swimmers don't take the proper precautions.

With summer quickly approaching and the school year winding down, public safety officials are warning people to be careful when near water and always pay attention to their surroundings.

"You have to constantly be proactive, because it only takes a few seconds for something devastating to occur," said Capt. Terry Harvey, a 25-year-veteran of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Division.

In California, drowning is a leading cause of accidental deaths for children ages 1 through 4, according to SafeKids USA.

Drowning, which can occur in as little as one inch of water, is typically quick and silent. A child will lose consciousness two minutes after submersion, with irreversible brain damage occurring within four to six minutes.

For children who do survive, the consequences of near-drowning can be devastating. As many as 20 percent of near-drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability, the effects of which often result in long-lasting psychological and emotional trauma for the child, his or her family, even their community.

Near drownings also take a tremendous financial toll on affected families and society as a whole. Typical medical costs for a near-drowning victim can range from

\$75,000 for initial treatment to \$180,000 a year for long-term care.

In California, there are more than 330 people with irreversible brain damage because of near drowning incidents.

For those who have pools in their backyards, proper supervision is the key to preventing accidents. Adequate supervision means not sitting poolside reading, socializing with guests, chatting on the phone, operating the grill or listening to music with a headset. Such distractions can be deadly, child trauma experts said.

Access to the pool or spa area should also be limited by locked doors or self-closing, self-latching gates or fences.

Keep rescue equipment such as a long-handled hook and buoy with a rope hanging near the pool.

DON'T SWIM ALONE, ADULTS CAN DROWN TOO

Parents are encouraged to take CPR classes and designate an adult to be a pool attendant during barbecues or backyard parties. Oftentimes, adults can become too comfortable in a group and take their eyes off the pool because they think someone else is watching. There are several stories about youngsters drowning in pools and lakes even though there were scores of adults around.

As for the open ocean, supervision is still the leading way to prevent injury or death, Harvey said.

This year, it could be especially deadly given strong swells creating later currents that can cause a swimmer to drift hundreds of yards during an outing.

"We have noticed a strong lateral current so far and it is something we want to point out to parents," Harvey said. "Swimmers need to be aware of what (lifeguard) tower they are at and if necessary, write it down on their hand to remind them. With strong currents like this, it is easy to get lost."

Harvey said swimmers should always make contact



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MOVING ALONG SWIMMINGLY: Abraham Luis heads out for a dip in his Fifth Street apartment's pool on Friday. He had the entire pool to himself — no neighbors, no lifeguards.

with the nearest lifeguard and ask them where a good spot to swim is so that they can avoid powerful currents.

Roughly 80 percent of rescues at the beach are because a swimmer got caught in a current that pulls them out to sea, Harvey said.

Water isn't the only concern. Dehydration can also be a silent killer. Those who are active during the summer months should make sure they drink plenty of water, especially those who are laying out on the beach in the hot sun.

"Bring sun screen, hats and umbrellas," Harvey said. "And of course bring lots of water to drink and stay hydrated. That is very important."

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THE AFTERMATH: The driver of a stolen motorcycle who was killed Thursday morning after he broadsided a sport utility vehicle was identified by police on Friday. Kevin Keith Barkes, 49, of Monterey Park, was on parole, with prior convictions.

Crash victim was on wrong side of law

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A man who was killed Thursday morning when he drove a stolen motorcycle into an SUV had a history of being on the wrong side of the law, police said.

Kevin Keith Barkes, 49, of Monterey Park, was apparently on parole with an outstanding felony warrant at the time of the crash and had priors for grand theft auto, receiving stolen property, evading arrest and narcotics violations, said SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla.

The bike Barkes was riding when he crashed — a 2005 Harley-Davidson — had just been reported stolen from the 7-Eleven at 1630 Santa Monica Blvd.

Officers said Barkes was driving southbound on Fourth Street at a high rate of speed around 5:42 a.m. when he

entered the intersection at Colorado Avenue and ran broadside into a 2004 Volkswagen Touareg, driven by a 24-year-old woman. The driver was traveling west on Colorado and had a green light, Padilla said.

Barkes was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver was transported to the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center where she was treated for minor injuries and released.

An examination of Barkes is expected today, at which time the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office will be able to determine the exact cause of death, a spokesman said.

The accident forced SMPD officers to shut down a section of Fourth Street and Colorado Boulevard for several hours during the busy morning commute.

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How to fix up small apartments

FROM DESIGN PAGE 3

One of the best ways to create extra space in a small apartment is plain and simple — eliminate the clutter.

"Clutter is definitely an issue in our country," Gillingham-Ryan said. "Americans are good at consuming ... but not good at 'unconsuming' or clearing out."

A good tactic in creating extra visual room is to define spaces within a studio unit, painting the kitchen, bed and living areas in different colors and adding drapery to separate the spaces.

Many small apartments have an entry way that opens up into the main room. One way to create more visual space is to paint the entryway in a dark color and the main room in a lighter tone.

In Rogers' studio apartment, a curtain acts as a divider between the living room/kitchen and the bedroom. Her bedroom is also painted turquoise and champagne brown while the living room/kitchen is only painted in the champagne color.

Space is tight in her 293-square-foot apartment, with a countertop oven and stove and a below counter refrigerator.

The renter can incorporate their own personality into the apartment through decorating the unit with memorable pieces, such as family photos or a keepsake they picked up during a trip. The unit will take on a more personal feel than if it were decorated in mass-produced items from a store such as Pottery Barn, Gillingham-Ryan said.

Decorating an apartment can be an inexpensive venture, costing Rogers only about \$1,000 to redo the entire unit.

Most of the furniture was purchased at garage sales and flea markets and refurbished. The remainder came from Wal-Mart.

"It's important to make it your own, even if it's only there for a little while," Rogers said.

"That's your sanctuary, your home. Make it into something."

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LOFT AMBITIONS: Laura Rogers' winning apartment design.

Wedding season is now

FROM WEDDING PAGE 3

Santa Monica holds a marriage information night once a month for couples to apprise themselves of wedding protocol in the Catholic Church. Most couples schedule their ceremonies at least a year in advance as the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires at least six months of preparation before the ceremony is to take place.

While wedding coordinators and caterers are typically booked solid starting in late spring, those who run bridal salons, fitting brides and bridesmaids in their wedding day attire, are finally taking a breather.

As many couples become engaged around the holiday season, the brides start pouring into bridal salons starting in early January, said Charlene McKay, manager of the Montclair Collection on Montana Avenue.

It takes four to five months for bridal salons to receive a dress from the time they are ordered. Alterations take an extra couple of months, totaling about seven months for a dress to be prepared for the big day.

Many brides will start searching a year in advance for a dress, McKay said.

McKay expects her salon to be buzzing with business around July again as they start preparing for the 2008 wedding season.

"We have been so busy from the beginning of January until now," McKay said. "Now it's slowing down because the weddings we did last year have taken place or are taking place now."

GONNA GET MARRIED

In Santa Monica, couples are all about reaping the benefits of the beach.

The Open Space Management division of the city of Santa Monica requires permits for events with more than 150 participants. Beach permits mandate that the event involve beach related activity, whether it be a beach volleyball tournament or a sand castle building contest. Weddings don't typically qualify under this requirement, said Wendy Pietrzack, senior administrative analyst with the Open Space Management.

Couples could hold such an event in Santa Monica if the ceremony involved less than 150 guests.

"It's really then first come, first served," Pietrzack said. "They would need to abide by beach laws — no cooking, no fire, no alcohol and no glass containers."

In Santa Monica, the beachside hotels are a popular venue for wedding ceremonies and receptions, Hirsty said, naming Casa del



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STYLE: Double Tree Hotel is a popular site.

Mar, Shutters on the Beach, and Loews as some of the locations at which she has coordinated the romantic events.

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Hippodrome on the Santa Monica Pier, which houses the carousel.

The space, located at the bottom of the pier ramp, can accommodate up to 500 people. At least three to four weddings are held every year on the pier, whether it's in the Hippodrome or an adjacent space known as the "Arcadia space," said Rachel Waugh, marketing and community relations manager for the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation.

"You get the convenience of having an indoor location, but with the beach environment," Waugh said. "It's historic and charming."

The plethora of shopping and dining options throughout the city, from Main Street to Montana Avenue, also lend to making it a popular destination for weddings.

"For a lot of couples, when they have guests coming in from out of town, it's a fun spot for their guests," Hirsty said.

"A lot of times, even if they're not having their wedding in Santa Monica, they'll (arrange) to have their guests stay in hotels in Santa Monica."

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TAPPED OUT: Alexander Gonzales compares water samples during the Daily Press' blind taste test Wednesday on the Third Street Promenade. Among four types of drinking water to choose from, tap water from a bathroom sink finished a close second to Evian.

H2O ratings

Locals' taste in water is put to the test with surprising results

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA Still or sparkling? Minerals? Electrolytes? How about purified? Spring? Well? Tap?

A tall drink of water sure isn't what it used to be.

Today, consumers are besieged in grocery store aisles by shelves and shelves of fancy water bottles with pretty labels, each promising a great taste and healthier quench. Back home and at the office, tap seems to clear that parched throat just fine. While some believe all water tastes the same, others are convinced there's much more to a bottle of H₂O than clever packaging.

This week, the Daily Press decided to put people's mouths where their money is, staging a water taste test on the Third Street Promenade to determine whether or not bottled water really tastes better than Santa Monica municipal tap.

Taking a random sample, 15 testers tasted Voss, an artesian water; Smart Water, a distilled option; Evian, from the French Alps springs; and tap water from the Daily Press bathroom ... the sink, that is.

The test revealed that purely for taste, most Santa Monicans prefer the brand Evian, with seven respondents picking it outright as the winner and another two on the fence between Evian and Smart Water. A close runner-up, however, was Santa Monica tap, drawn fresh from a second-story office, the choice of five respondents (or 33 percent)!

For nine testers, as long as it's refreshing, the brand name of the water didn't affect their choice as a consumer, but for the other six, the brand and process of filtration influence their regular water purchases.

But bottled water isn't competition for the venerable tap, argues Stephen Kay, vice president of communications for the International Bottled Water Association. Rather, it's simply an on-the-go beverage option for consumers

looking for a single-serve drink that contains no calories, sugars or artificial colors.

While they may not be in direct competition, tap and bottled waters are often viewed differently by consumers.

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Taste tester

"The last one tastes like pennies," said volunteer tester Justin Clarke of the tap option. "It's like faucet water."

A regular bottled water buyer, Clarke like many others, immediately noticed the difference. While he was displeased with the taste, some reacted positively.

"I knew that was tap," said Christine Niels, who's admittedly intimidated by bottled water prices. "I prefer the taste of tap over bottled anyway."

The pressure placed on restaurant patrons to purchase bottled water rather than drinking tap irks Niels, who said she resented eateries that try to push imported bottles like Pellegrino and make "the bill \$50 more expensive" by the end of a meal.

The average price per gallon of bottled water in the U.S. is \$1.34, according to Kay.

"There is an ingrained fear in some people. Not so much here in Santa Monica or even in California, but in some areas throughout the country, they do not have safe tap water," said Gil Borboa, water resources manager for the city of Santa Monica. "In Santa Monica, our water is in compliance with all federal and state guidelines and regulations."

The taste of tap is dependent on its location.

"Tap water isn't the same around the country. It's different from community to community and from tap to tap," said Arthur Wiesenberger, founder of the Bottled



STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS: Hector Acuna, store manager at Star Liquor, stocks his shelves with a variety of designer bottled waters last month.

What's with the all hype around water?

Water Web. "It's almost a case-by-case basis."

In Santa Monica, tap water could be salty due to our beachfront location, said Wiesenerberger, but its filtration makes it safe and palatable.

"The general perception about tap water is pervasive. We work very hard to counter-act that by providing water that is perfectly safe to drink," said Borboa. "There should be no fears about its safety."

With so many brands and types of filtration, it's often difficult for consumers to distinguish which water suits them best. Taste and quality are subjective to each consumer, and like wine, each water has its own characteristic that makes it more or less enjoyable to consumers.

STEP INTO LIQUID

Adding to the water drinker's dilemma are the untold options of bottled waters, as defined by the FDA, including spring, purified, mineral, artesian and natural sparkling.

The most common type of bottled water sold is still spring water, according to Kay.

"(When water is processed) you're trying to take something out of it," Wiesenerberger explains. "The first thing that is being removed is usually chlorine, which is used to kill bacteria. It gives a strong chemical taste."

Purified drinking water, like Aquafina, is produced by distillation, deionization, reverse osmosis or other suitable processes.

Natural sparkling water, like Perrier and Pellegrino, is water that after treatment contains the same amount of carbon dioxide that it had as it emerged from its source.

Artesian water — like Fiji and Voss — is bottled from a well that taps a confined aquifer (a water-bearing underground layer of rock or sand). It comes from a source deep within the earth, protected by layers of clay and rock.

Spring water, like Evian and Arrowhead, is taken from underground formations, from which water flows naturally to the surface.

Taste testers Kelly and Patrick Charpenet spend approximately \$100 for Arrowhead spring water each month. Not so surprisingly, Kelly Charpenet selected another spring water — Evian — as the best tasting of the bunch.

"Natural spring water' means nothing is added to it," said Wiesenerberger. "Spring reveals the water's journey up the spring and is like a fingerprint of soil."

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- **DASANI**
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- **FIJI**
Artesian - \$2.49
- **EVIAN**
French spring - \$1.69
- **SMART WATER**
Distilled - \$1.69
- **VOSS**
Artesian - \$1.79 (at 500ml)
- **TAP**
- Free

As a result of the journey, some waters are highly charged with minerals while others are very light.

Mineral water, as described by the FDA, contains more than 250 parts per million total dissolved solids. It has a constant level and relative proportions of mineral and trace elements at the point of emergence from the source.

According to Wiesenerberger, Americans and Europeans greatly differ in water taste.

"They like to have their minerals. It's almost medicinal," said Wiesenerberger. "The water's composition of minerals has many health benefits. For example, one with high magnesium that is salty will be good for the digestive tract. Others are used for specific ailments, like kidney stones, or it could be used as a laxative."

Europeans tend to drink water for what's contained in it, while Americans typically try to remove everything. Go figure.

Still, sparkling, spring, tap ... drinking waters run increasingly deep.

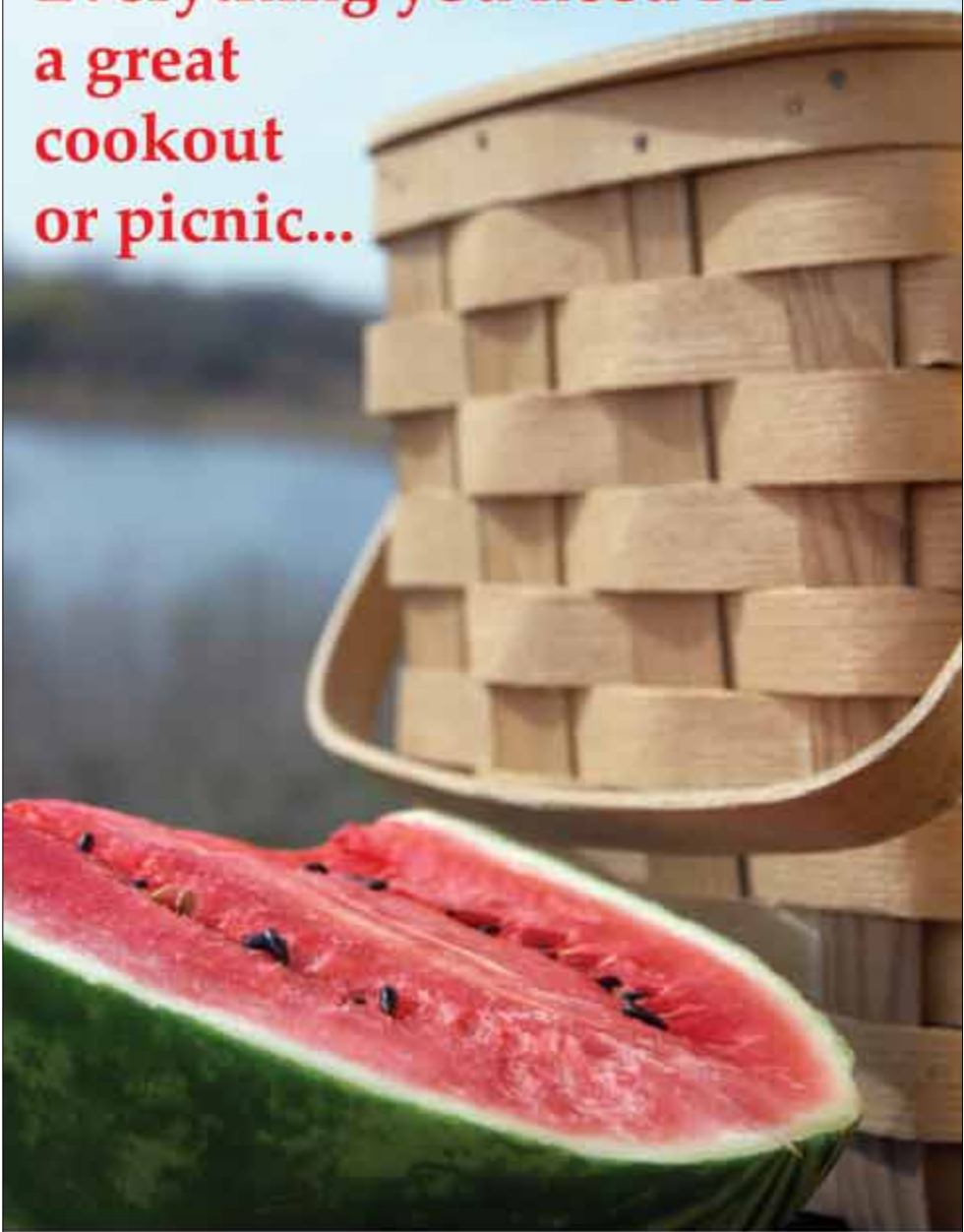
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Pair sentenced in sabotage cases

Earth Liberation Front members get prison time for arson charges

By the Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. A federal judge sentenced two women to prison Thursday for their roles in arson fires around the West that caused more than \$40 million in damage over a five-year period.

Suzanne Savoie, 29, and Kendall Tankersley, 30, were the fifth and sixth of 10 radical environmentalists to be sentenced in U.S. District Court in Eugene after they pleaded guilty to arson and conspiracy. All were members of an underground cell of the Earth Liberation Front known as "The Family."

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken sentenced Savoie to four years and three months in federal prison. In order to recognize Savoie's

cooperation with investigators, Aiken imposed a sentence that was eight months less than that proposed in a plea bargain. Aiken also noted that Savoie left the conspiracy in 2001 and has committed no crimes since then.

Savoie was convicted of participating in two 2001 arsons, at a lumber company and a tree farm. After leaving the conspiracy, Savoie moved to southern Oregon and took up a law-abiding lifestyle homesteading in the mountains with her husband. She worked with developmentally delayed adults in Ashland, according to court records.

Tankersley's three-year, 10-month sentence is five months less than she agreed to when she pleaded guilty to a 1998 arson at U.S. Forest Industries in Medford. Aiken said the less severe sentence was because Tankersley left the conspiracy immediately after the arson and cooperated fully when arrested.

Jerry Bramwell, head of the company, said the fire's effect rippled through the



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Jerry Bramwell, Head of U.S. Forest Industries

company of 600 employees, but the community pitched in to help.

"Everybody offered to do anything necessary to help us; competitors, customers, employees. It was pretty gratifying," he testified. "We adopted the attitude if we let this get us down then they — whoever they are — have won and we have lost."

Tankersley was about to enter medical

school when she was arrested in late 2005. Two of her professors and others testified Thursday about her achievements and good character.

In statements to the judge, each woman renounced her crimes and apologized to the victims.

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NHL

Ducks at home

Anaheim is comfy in Quebec, preparing for Game 3 matchup

BY JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

GATINEAU, Quebec Don't be fooled by the dateline. The Anaheim Ducks didn't overshoot Ottawa on their long flight east Thursday.

The Ducks are holing up just across the river at a resort located among the farm fields and golf courses of a rural section of Gatineau. What it might lack as far as nightlife and excitement, it makes up for its serene setting: The Ducks happy to be away from the distractions that downtown Ottawa — and its hockey mad and still Stanley Cup-fevered fans — might have to offer.

“Knowing the intensity and the atmosphere that's created in Canadian cities with the culture of the game, we thought it was in our best interests that we moved and got away from downtown,” coach Randy Carlyle said. “We think it's time to focus. We can sacrifice our interaction with the public and focus on the task at hand.”

In other words, this is a business trip for a determined Anaheim team that holds a 2-0 lead over the Senators in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup finals, which resume at Ottawa on Saturday night.

The resort — about a 30-minute drive from Scotiabank Place — also happens to have its share of good luck. It's the same place the New Jersey Devils stayed when they eliminated Ottawa in seven games in the 2003 Eastern Conference finals.

“It's fine by me,” said defenseman Scott Niedermayer, a member of that Devils team. “But our job is on the ice.”

They've done a good job so far.

The Ducks are coming off a 1-0 win Wednesday night in a game that would've been much more lopsided if not for the 30 shots stopped by goalie Ray Emery. Anaheim continues to dominate defensively, shutting down the Senators' top line, and also has proven to be the more physical team.

Better still, the Ducks continue to get clutch goals from their checking line, with Samuel Pahlsson scoring the lone goal with 5:44 left in Game 2.

“If we score it's kind of a bonus,” Pahlsson said. “We put a lot of pride in doing our thing out there and not taking any chances and playing the simple game we have to play.”

The Ducks are 14-4 this postseason, have won five straight overall and 5-2 on the road. And history suggests their 2-0 lead is a commanding one. Of the 30 teams that won their first two games at home in the finals, 29 have gone on to win the Cup.

Don't tell that to Carlyle.

“I wouldn't say there's any level of comfort,” he said, noting that both games were decided by one goal, and the Ducks had to rally from a 2-1 deficit to win Game 1. “There's no coach that's going to sit here and say that he's comfortable. I guarantee you our group is not comfortable.”

The Ducks, however, should take comfort in knowing they've knocked the Senators off their game. Ottawa had lost only three games in its first three playoff series and had not dropped two straight in regulation since late December.

The test now is to see whether Anaheim can continue to outplay the Senators on the road and in what should be a difficult setting.

“Well, it's going to be some type of, well, not a zoo, but it's going to be crazy. It's going to be fun,” Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere said. “But it's something that we shouldn't even worry about.”

NHL

On verge of clinching cup

BY IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

OTTAWA The Stanley Cup crossed the continent from Anaheim to Ottawa on Thursday. If the Ducks have their way, the prized trophy won't make that journey east again.

The most successful hockey team in Southern California history carried a 2-0 lead in the Stanley Cup finals to Canada's capital city, full of confidence and holding a tinge of hope that when they return home after Game 4 they will be in possession of the cherished chalice that was unveiled in Ottawa in 1892.

On the strength of winning goals by checking-line forwards Travis Moen and Samuel Pahlsson, the Ducks swept their first two home games and improved to 5-0 in Cup finals games in Anaheim. They won all three during the 2003 championship series against New Jersey but dropped four on the road.

They can earn their first finals win away from home in Game 3 on Saturday after the series takes a two-day break. Game 4 is Monday.

“I believe we're very comfortable playing on the road as well as at home,” goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere said Thursday night after

the Ducks arrived at their hotel in Gatineau, Quebec. “We're a team that has size. We can skate with any team in this league. So it doesn't really matter if we play at home or on the road, we'll be the same type of team.”

The Senators went from the airport to their home arena Thursday night to get in a little workout.

Some laced up their skates and took the ice, while others did different kinds of exercise for 15-30 minutes.

“Nothing too strenuous ... get the kinks out,” Senators coach Bryan Murray said.

Saturday night will be their first home game in 17 days, dating to a May 16 loss to Buffalo in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

“It'll be nice to have a game here and feed off the crowd,” top-line forward Jason Spezza said.

Giguere needed to make only 16 saves Wednesday night to earn a 1-0 victory and post his sixth career playoff shutout — the first this year.

His biggest test came when the Ducks killed off their second 5-on-3 disadvantage of the series, this one lasting 1:07 of the first period and producing the bulk of the Senators' offensive chances during their seven-shot frame.



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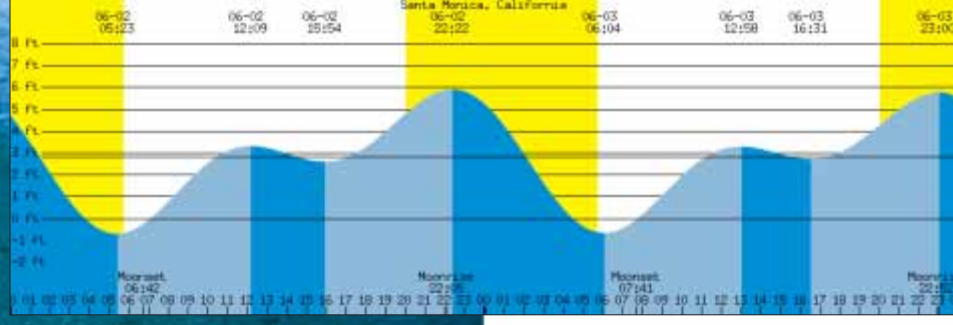
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Saturday the SW swell should peak with top spots having good southerly exposure pushing a foot or so overhead in the early AM, once again, once the tide has a chance to fill in a bit. Average wave size though is expected to run chest to head high. Sunday the SW swell should start backing down. Chest high+ with some rare head high pluses is the call today.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3

Number of wet days -- 1

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 18

Number of [C,D,F] grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 2

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Ticonderoga Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	C	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet	A+	A+
Sunbiter Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	A+
Pena Creek at Los Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Tapogano State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessean Canyon drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montebello Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brando Ave. drain	B	A+
Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GSW jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You finally twist and turn an idea to the point that you find a new resolution and better idea. Take a solid stand and lead others in a new direction. Know what to do and when to do it. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Work with a partner, whether it is making plans or resolving a problem. Together you create unusual and dynamic plans. Do whatever you need to do to inspire relaxation and good times. You feel better than you have in a while. Tonight: Reach out for others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Clearly, others still dominate and make strong choices. You can either cause yourself a problem or really get into the moment – the latter being far more worthwhile. Think less and enjoy more. Tonight: With that special person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Clean up a project. Confusion can ensue no matter what your choices are. Confirm where you are going with the person you are meeting. Don't forget about the correct time either! Tonight: Say "yes." Don't fight the inevitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your wilder side pops in the morning, yet a more conservative side emerges by the afternoon. Avoid being a stick-in-the-mud right now. A risk or change of plans might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Still, don't make it too late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Getting going could take persistence. Yet once you are on a roll, you renew and add in your special brand of fun. Let the wild child in you out, even if you might be a tad uncomfortable. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might want to use greater care rethinking a question that could impact your life. Don't take someone close to you for granted. Show greater appreciation, even if you are suddenly in an argument. Respect and honor this person. Tonight: Best close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ After you evaluate certain financial concerns, you might want to relax. Join a friend for a late brunch or get-together. Share news, fun and a joke or two. Conversations flow in many different directions. Tonight: Straighten out a misunderstanding instead of worrying about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use the morning for yourself and your desires. By the afternoon, your plans might demand more attention. Treat a child, friend or loved one to a special time, especially if he or she has trouble relaxing. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the morning for what you want, which could range from some extra sleep to catching up with a special person. By the afternoon, you are suddenly placed in a position of having many people and choices. Tonight: You are the cat's meow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Use the morning for what feels very important to you and/or a friend. By the afternoon, opt for private or quiet time. The last place you want to be is with a lot of people. Choose accordingly. Tonight: Choose quiet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take a stand and honor who and what you want. Touch base with someone you often give a lot of respect. Later in the day, accept an invitation that involves friends and people in general. Socialize. Tonight: Whether at a baseball game or a party, you have a great time.

Born Today

Comedian Dana Carvey (1955)

Actress Sally Kellerman (1937)

Gossip columnist Hedda Hopper (1885)

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Helping out Ed McMahon promotes DVD drive for troops serving in Iraq

Longtime “Tonight Show” sidekick **ED MCMAHON** is urging people to donate DVDs for U.S. troops in Iraq, saying movies offer them a safe escape from wartime realities.

“This program accomplishes two things: the troops are entertained and they know that citizens at home care and support them,” McMahon, 84, said

Wednesday during ceremonies at the Palm Springs Airport’s USO facility.

Operation DVD collects new and used DVDs to distribute overseas to U.S. military personnel. The year-old program has already collected more than 250,000 DVDs.

“This war in Iraq is unusual because soldiers never know where the

next attack will come from. They need a safe mode of recreation since they become potential targets playing soccer or softball outdoors,” said McMahon, a retired Marine officer who flew artillery-spotting missions in the Korean War.

Operation DVD began when a soldier approached the Rev. Scott Dryden in

Kansas last May requesting parishioners donate books and DVDs for fellow troops overseas. The group American Veterans – AMVETS – then signed on to the project.

Robert Boots, California spokesman for Operation DVD, said the goal is to eventually have 1 million DVDs distributed to U.S. troops with more

than 200 titles in rotation at each base.

“The least we can offer them is some DVDs for entertainment so they can escape their realities for awhile,” Boots said.

Collection boxes are located nationwide at schools, retail stores, churches, and government offices.

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SISTO UPHOLDS THE ‘LAW’

JEREMY SISTO is joining the police force on “Law & Order” next season.

Sisto, who starred on “Kidnapped” last season, will return to NBC as a detective on “Law & Order,” said Dick Wolf, the series’ executive producer. The crime drama will begin its 18th year when it returns to the air in midseason.

Although Sisto guest-starred on the series’ 17th-season finale last month as a defense attorney, he will be playing a new character with the New York Police Department. He is expected to replace Milena Govich, who played Detective Nina Cassady.

“I have watched Jeremy’s career evolve and grow, and I am absolutely thrilled that he has decided to join ‘Law & Order,’” Wolf said in a statement Friday.

Sisto starred on the HBO drama “Six Feet Under.”

Word of Sisto’s hiring followed an announcement earlier this week that Fred Thompson, edging toward a presidential run, had asked to be released from “Law & Order.”

AP

Mungiu is first Romanian to win

CRISTIAN MUNGIU, the first Romanian to win the Cannes Film Festival’s top prize, says his country’s recent movie output helped him win the award.

Mungiu’s low-budget “4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days,” a harrowing film about illegal abortion in communist-era Romania, beat 21 movies by well-known directors such as Quentin Tarantino and Ethan and Joel Coen to win

this year’s Palme d’Or.

“I don’t know why this (success) is happening here and now,” Mungiu told reporters Thursday. “If it had been presented in 2001 or 2002, I think there would have been a tiny chance it would have won.”

He has said “4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days” shows how people’s choices are affected by the political system, indoctrination and stereotyping. The film had

a budget of \$671,000.

Mungiu, in his first appearance in Romania since winning the award on May 27, said filmmaking in the country had improved.

“We are going back to the simplicity of the story. Before the story was told in a twisted and complicated way,” the 39-year-old director said. “Cinema audiences want the story.”

Mungiu said he’s received

offers to work in Hollywood, but first wants to complete his trilogy about life under communism that began with “4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days.”

He also said he didn’t have tickets for the party at the end of the Cannes festival on the French Riviera.

Mungiu finally showed up at the bash and showed his award. “Is this good enough?” he asked.

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‘American Idol’ judge Abdul’s phone conversation recorded

A leaked audio tape in which **PAULA ABDUL** can be heard sobbing and bad-mouthing a former spokesman has made its way to the Internet.

In what appears to be a recent conference call with a group of publicists, the “American Idol” judge rails against Howard Bragman and discusses her various health problems.

The conversation, first reported Thursday by the New York Post’s Page Six, has Abdul saying she’d “been going through tremendous amounts of a difficult time” and had “never been treated this

way.”

Gossip Web site PerezHilton.com later posted an audio tape of the conversation. A man is heard responding, “You’re going to be treated much better right now.”

Abdul claims Bragman “did some disgusting behavior” by failing to accompany her when she appeared on ABC’s “Jimmy Kimmel Live” last month.

Abdul, 44, also says Bragman told her she was “too old” to appear on the cover of OK! magazine, which has an interview with her in its latest issue.

The lack of respect, she

says, “is too much to stomach.”

Bragman told The Associated Press in a phone conversation Friday that he hadn’t discouraged Abdul from shooting the magazine cover because of her age.

He also confirmed a story posted Thursday on celebrity Web site TMZ.com that said Abdul had told him not to attend the Kimmel taping, then later had an assistant call and ask him where he was.

Bragman declined to comment on how long he had worked for Abdul.

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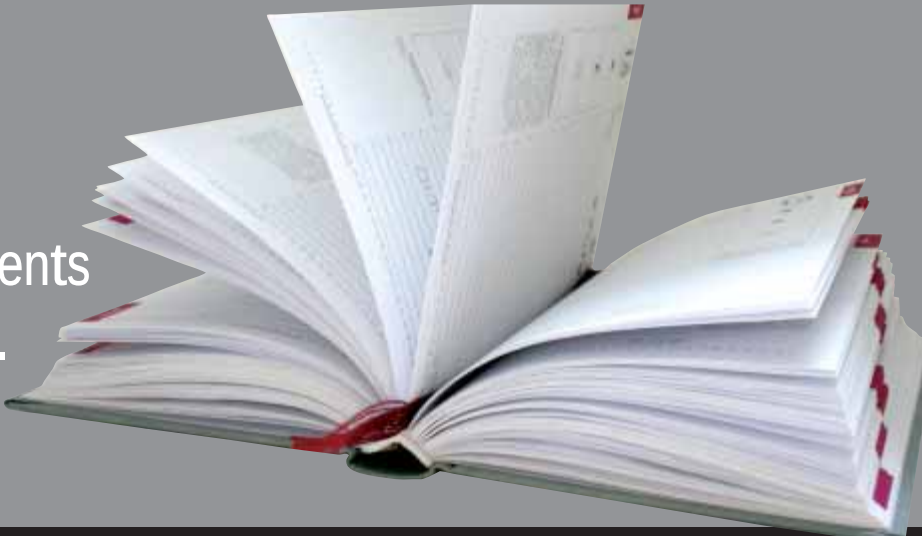
BOB GELDOLF took over for a day as the editor of Germany’s biggest-selling newspaper, which appeared Friday with an impassioned front-page plea for the country’s leaders to “end the misery” in Africa.

Geldof’s turn in the chair at the mass-circulation Bild daily came as German Chancellor Angela Merkel prepares to host next week’s Group of Eight summit in Heiligendamm, where she has pledged to make Africa a major issue.

Bild’s front page carried a large picture of an emaciated child.

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Brooklyn Rules (R)
11:45am, 2:10, 4:45, 7:25
Bug (R)
11:30am, 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55
Knocked Up (R)
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:05
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
11:00am, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15

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Gracie (PG-13)
10:35am, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
Knocked up (R)
10:20am, 11:30am, 1:30, 2:30, 4:35, 5:20, 7:40, 8:25, 10:50, 11:30
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
DLP-Digital Projection
12:25, 4:15, 8:00, 11:45
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
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Paris, I Love You (Paris, je t'aime) (R)
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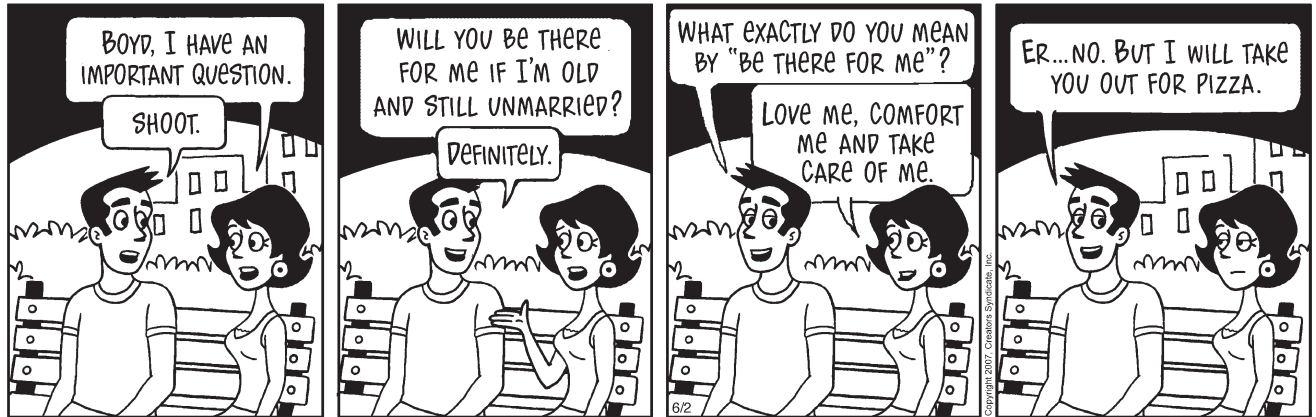
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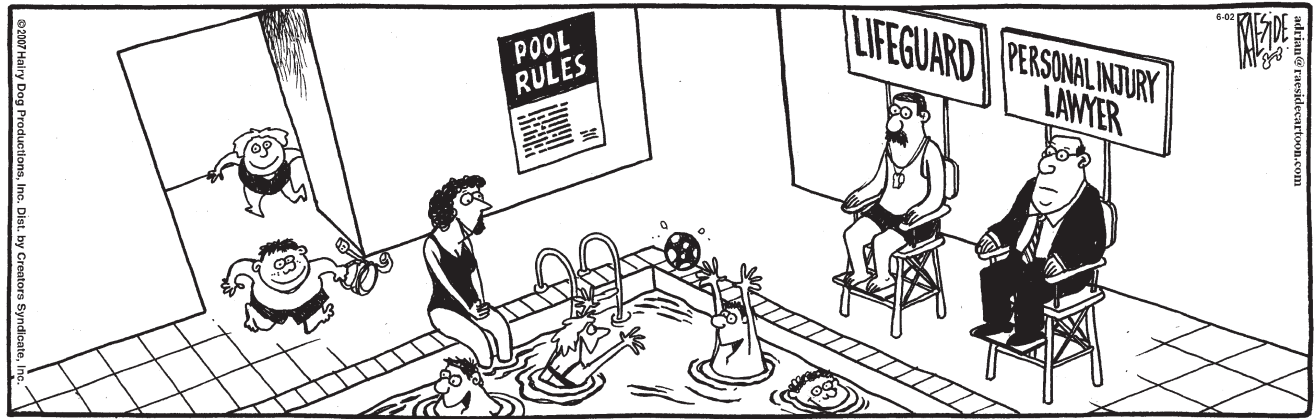
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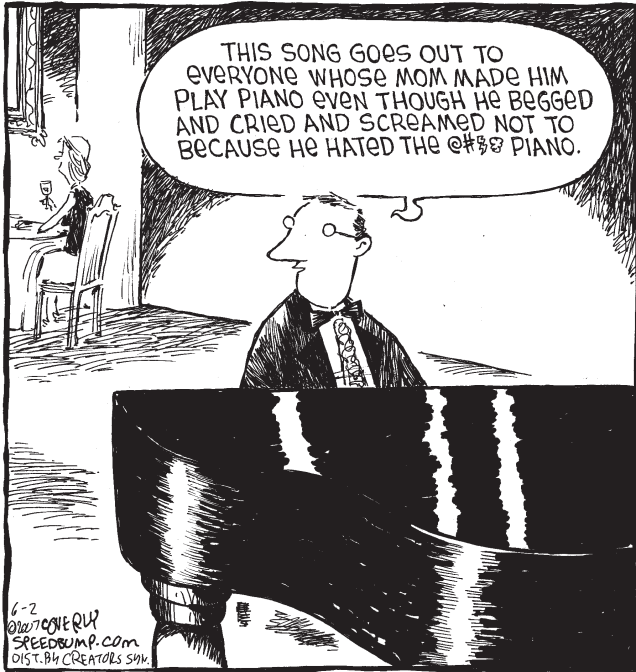
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5 Chooses

9 Hindu

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10 Tiny holes

12 Printer need

13 Ostracize

14 Reception feature

16 Torment

17 Through

18 Greed

20 Anger

22 Diner offering

23 Thus

25 Vivacity

28 Rich ice cream

32 Rich color

34 June

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35 Tad's dad

36 "Thanks" in Tokyo

38 Column type

40 Olympian in a sled

41 Hotel offering

42 Hide-aways

43 Russian news agency

DOWN

1 Polish pianist

2 Straight

3 Chef's need

4 Refuse

5 Musical drama

6 Old calamity

7 "Jeopardy!" fodder

8 Choose

9 Chef's need

11 Battle sides, perhaps

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Yesterday's answer

15 Score

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19 Stagger

21 Ship-to-ship call

24 François

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25 Small nails

26 Murder

27 European peninsula

29 Slow

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30 Spuds

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39 "— a

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Jewelry store thieves sometimes swallow their stash at the scene to facilitate their getaway, but police now routinely wait out such suspects, monitoring the toilets until the "evidence" passes naturally (most recently reported in News of the Weird in 2001). Police in Canton, Ohio, arrested four men in March 2007, reasonably certain that one of them had swallowed a 2-carat ring worth about \$30,000. After sifting through the toilets, police recovered the ring the next day, with the store's price tag still on it. ■ Japan's suicide rate is high, with death leaps among the most popular methods. In April in Tokyo, an 18-year-old woman jumped to her death from a nine-story building, but she landed on a 60-year-old man walking by. He suffered only bruises, as did a 27-year-old pedestrian in May 2000 when a 39-year-old suidicer landed on him in Tokyo. (However, in March 2000, in Taichung, Taiwan, both the suicidal jumper and the unlucky pedestrian were killed).

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1615 First Récollet missionaries arrive at Quebec City, from Rouen, France.

1763 Pontiac's Rebellion: At what is now Mackinaw City, Michigan, Chippewas capture Fort Michilimackinac by diverting the garrison's attention with a game of lacrosse, then chasing a ball into the fort.

1774 Intolerable Acts: The Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to let British soldiers into their homes, is reenacted.

1780 The Derby horse race is held for the first time.

1793 Jean-Paul Marat recites the names of 29 people to the French National Convention. Almost all of these are guillotined, followed by 17,000 more over the course of the next year during the Reign of Terror.

1800 First smallpox vaccination in North America, at Trinity, Newfoundland.

1835 P. T. Barnum and his circus begins their first tour of the United States.

1848 Slavic congress in Prague begins.

1855 The Portland Rum Riot occurs in Portland, Maine.

1886 U.S. President Grover Cleveland marries Frances Folsom in the White House, becoming the only president to wed in the executive mansion.

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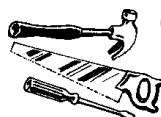
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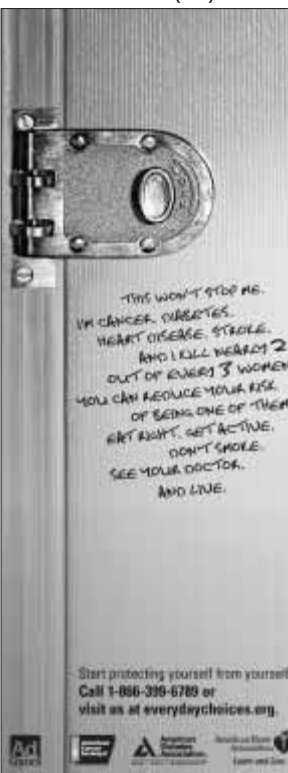
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