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'Peace activist' sues city over ballot designation

Court of appeals will hear oral arguments

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Council candidate Jerry Rubin will appear in the Ninth Judicial Court Appeals today to argue his case against the city that he should be labeled "peace activist" on the November ballot.

Rubin, who ran for city council in 2000, sued the city for violating his civil rights because it refused to let him classify himself as a peace activist as his profession.

The state requires that candidates be identified on the ballot by their occupation, profession or vocation in an effort to avoid confusion or deception amongst voters. The guidelines require that the

classification explain how candidates earn their income. Political designations are not allowed.

Rubin's lawyer, James Fosbinder, argues that the state law violates his client's First Amendment rights. He also says cities are given leeway from the state in how they regulate ballot designations.



Jerry Rubin

Rubin, an outspoken citizen who has been a fixture at most public meetings for the past two decades, says political activism is his profession.

He can be seen wearing his signature shorts, T-Shirt and sandals, on the Third Street Promenade doling out bumper stickers for peace and fighting for a plethora of liberal causes, including the preservation of Ballona Wetlands in Playa Vista and protecting street performers' rights to express themselves.

For this November's campaign, Rubin

See ACTIVIST, page 6

School district ready to take a whack at budget

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Facing a multi-million dollar deficit, the school board will be asked tonight to approve the first in a series of budget cuts.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board has to fill a \$2 million budget shortfall. Earlier this year the school district was facing a \$4.5 million deficit, but found \$2 million through state funding and internal sources. The school board will be asked to approve another \$1.65 million in reductions.

"We have balances to cover the first \$2 million but we don't have funds to cover the remaining \$2.5 million," said Ken Bailey, the district's finance director.

"So we need to make the first tier cuts ... as a minimal step, and then the additional cuts will be predicated on whether we get (the increase in funding) we are expecting or if we receive some additional support from the city," he added.

The school board has been asked to reduce funding for staff by \$478,377, which is money dedicated for teaching stipends, clerical positions and a summer custodial position.

The school district also is proposing a \$500,135 cut in non-staff spending, which ranges from cell phones and travel expenses to new text books and mileage reimbursements.

District officials believe another \$665,630 can be saved by carrying over medical insurance costs, rolling over state lottery funds into next year and reducing capital equipment costs by 10 percent.

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— KEN BAILEY
SMMUSD Finance Director

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The school district also has prepared a second list of possible budget cuts totaling \$2.6 million.

See SCHOOL, page 6

Nader upset over Game 6, calls for NBA review

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ralph Nader wants the NBA to review Game 6 of the Western Conference finals, saying the nation's confidence has been shaken enough lately by business headlines.

The Los Angeles Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings 106-102 in the game. But Nader, a consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential candidate, and the League of Fans, a sports-industry watchdog group, sent a letter to NBA Commissioner David Stern on Tuesday asking for a review, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday.

"At a time when the public's confidence is shaken by headlines reporting the breach of trust by corporate executives, it is important, during the public's relaxation time, for there to be main-

tained a sense of impartiality and professionalism in commercial sports performances," the letter said. "That sense was severely broken . . . during Game 6."

The Lakers shot 27 free throws in the fourth quarter and scored 16 of their final 18 points at the foul line. The letter also addresses an incident where Lakers guard Kobe Bryant elbowed opponent Mike Bibby in the nose. A foul was not called with less than 20 seconds remaining in the game.

"Unless the NBA orders a review of this game's officiating, perceptions and suspicions, however presently absent any evidence, will abound," the letter said. "A review that satisfies the fans' sense of fairness and deters future recurrences would be a salutary contribution to the public trust that the NBA badly needs."

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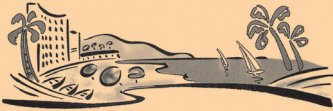
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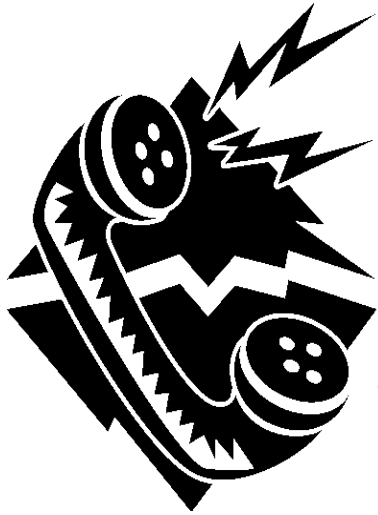
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Friends toss the unexpected into your life. By now, you should nearly anticipate this behavior. Your humor goes a long way in easing some of the immediate pressure. Use your personality to accomplish what you want. Tonight: Let another treat you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might need to be more than diligent to achieve the results you desire. Still, you might not be able to please another. What remains important is that you are satisfied. Review a personal matter behind closed doors. Recycle your energy later in the day. Tonight: Beam in exactly what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, when you could land what you want. Incorporate unanticipated news into your plans. You also might what to check out facts on your own. Do not lose your focus. Stay on target. Tonight: Call it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use your position to move a project along. Another will reverse his or her position. You might have an overly strong reaction to this person. Choose your words carefully, and you'll get the results you want. Schedule meetings later in the day. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for those at a distance. Check out gossip behind the scenes and make sure it is real. You could have a lot of strange facts filtering through. Seek out an expert. Others look to you to take a stand. You will, whether you want to or not. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Work with others individually to get the results you want. Stay on top of priorities and don't let others, especially co-workers, distract you. If unduly nervous, check in with the doctor soon for a general checkup. Take a bigger perspective. Tonight: Reach for the sky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Defer to a partner about a loved one. You might not have all the answers. A child or new friend proves to be unpredictable, but recognize how much you enjoy this characteristic in this person. Express your docile and easygoing personality. Tonight: Schedule some quality time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might be more entrenched in your work than you realize. Others might find it hard to distract you. Don't be surprised by what another might resort to in order to get a reaction from you. Schedule a long chat over dinner. Tonight: Out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use your imagination with communication, especially when dealing with a partner. You hit the bull's-eye as a result. Others stop to listen when you express your innate ingenuity. Careful, do some work or you might not get done until the wee hours. Tonight: Pace yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ A financial change takes you in a new direction. You need to stick to the basics if you want to solve this problem. A family member does his or her best to work with you. Schedule a fun get-together late in the afternoon when you don't need to worry about time. Tonight: Play away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Excitement seems to follow you. Perhaps you're a force in creating it. Consider it a possibility. Get feedback from others. Meanwhile, be the whirlwind that you know works, and clear your desk. Remember how close the weekend is. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take your time with financial matters. Unexpected knowledge comes your way. Apply it appropriately. Consider yourself lucky. Follow through on what you feel works. Use the later day to clear your desk and catch up on messages. Tonight: Visit with a friend over a drink.

 **QUOTE of the DAY**

“Half of analysis is anal.”

— Marty Indik

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC: The final frontier

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica College class is about to go where none of its classes have gone before.

The college will offer students a three-credit course that explores the philosophical underpinnings of Star Trek.

Professors Amber Katherine and Jim Stramel will draw on episodes from the hit science fiction television show ranging from its earliest days to the more recent episodes.

And then there's always the movies.

"The 'Star Trek' series is based on a sound understanding of the issues of western philosophy, which is what makes it such a fantastic teaching tool," said Katherine. "Philosophy is abstract, so this makes it real."

Students will view the episodes and snippets from the movies during class. The viewings will serve as the jumping-off point for wide-ranging philosophical discussions and writing assignments on knowledge, reality, ethics and politics, the professors say.

Stramel and Katherine cite the example of an episode in which the Star Fleet Command wants to dismantle Data, an android character, to try to replicate Data's unique properties and create valuable new androids.

But USS Enterprise Captain Picard and the crew resist, arguing that Data is a person and has a right to "live."

"This episode raises metaphysical questions about what constitutes 'personhood' and related questions about the rights that go with it," Stramel said.

The course will be offered on Thursdays from 6:45 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. starting on Aug. 26. Registration begins next month.

Stramel, who received his Ph.D. from USC, has been teaching at SMC since 1992, and Katherine, who earned her Ph.D. from Michigan State University, has been teaching at SMC since 1999.

Walk to benefit Muir Elementary

By Daily Press staff

The John Muir Elementary School PTA will host a walk to benefit the small Ocean Park neighborhood school.

By walking one mile from the school, which is located on the corner of Ocean Park Boulevard and Sixth Street, to the Pacific Ocean, participants can help raise money for everything from school supplies to teacher's aides salaries.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk will start about an hour later. After the participants return, the school is hosting a health and safety fair, along with a silent auction.

Admission to the fair is free and there will be food, peace games, and a live DJ. The silent auction items will be on everything from hotel rooms and restaurants to massage therapy sessions.

Principal Patty Flynn and several teachers have volunteered to sit in a dunk booth and let their students take shots at sending them into the water-filled tank. Students will be selling T-shirts and hats at the fair to raise money as well.

Muir Elementary is a title one school, which is where more than 50 percent of the students receive free lunch because they live on a low income. The PTA has had a difficult time raising money this year, and has decided to hold one large fundraiser instead of two separate events, said Muir PTA President Christine Barot.

For more information on the event, please contact Barot at (310) 899-0435



Leftover swell from Monday and Tuesday keeps SoCal in waist to chest high waves today. Expect inconsistent sets all day. The best breaks will have combination exposures that catch the southwest swell and west by northwest wind swell. The angle of the current southwest swell puts it in the shadow of some islands, but wind swell should keep waves steep between two and four feet. Conditions will be clean during the morning but blown out by late afternoon.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Doesn't add up



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County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	B
Topanga	1-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A

The Q Line

There has been talk amongst some elected officials that Santa Monica may have too many establishments that serve alcohol. Some have even suggested that the government regulate how many bars and restaurants should be located in different areas of the city.

But the city's planning department has placed the issue at the bottom of its list of priorities for next year.

This week Q-Line wants to know, "Does Santa Monica have a drinking problem? If so, should the city government intervene?"

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OPINION LETTERS

Letter-writer's tactics 'balderdash'

Editor:

I beg to differ with letter-writer Kenny Bond (5-30-02) who characterized those of us who support affordable housing as wanting ocean views at pauper rents. Or wanting to live like kings and pay like scullery maids.

What balderdash! Attaching a freeloader label to us is a familiar tactic of those who want all apartments to rent at market prices or at five figures in Santa Monica.

I define affordable housing as units that can be comfortably rented by moderate-income people. Rents that do not exceed 30 percent of their net income.

Steven L. Soboroff, a Republican and former L.A. mayoral candidate, defines affordable housing in a way I can approve. Named last October to head the Playa Vista project, he recently spoke on PBS with pride about the fact that he kept rents on the new apartments there at relatively affordable rents — that is \$700 to \$800 for singles and one-bedroom apartments.

Granted those few apartments don't make a dent in the enormous need for affordable housing. But the fact that Soboroff made affordable housing a goal at Playa Vista is indeed encouraging.

Joanne Gamlin
 Santa Monica

Children's future is threatened

Editor:

There appears to be a war on children. Children are no longer allowed to have a childhood. We are losing future generations to a culture of violence, vulgarity, and immorality. Our children are being misguided, misinformed, and miseducated.

Our youth are being bombarded daily with negative messages and negative role models. They are being sexually manipulated through fashion, advertising, music, video games, cartoons, television, movies, and magazines. The glamorization of deviant and destructive behavior as the norm has deemed it "socially correct."

Working and single parents are lacking support, resources, and solutions to halt the blatant exploitation and degeneration of their children. Parenting is on the verge of becoming a lost art form. Many are not only afraid to discipline their children but are afraid of their own children and other people's children.

Public education has become an intricate part of the problem by laying the foundation for predictable future failure through intolerance, indifference, and incompetence, and by labeling low-income students as unteachable. Zero tolerance incriminates the innocent and views at-risk children as future felons and enemies of the state.

The foster care and welfare system neglect and abuse the young far more often than they protect and serve them. They perpetuate a vicious cycle of violence, teen pregnancy, child abuse, substance abuse, teen suicide, sexually transmitted diseases, and poverty. One half of foster children become homeless after age 18.

Sadly, the women's movement has been perverted into a sexual revolution that encourages women and young girls to exploit themselves as sex objects. Girls as young as 12 and 13 are sexually active and more than 30 percent of prostitutes are under the age of 18 years of age. Seventy percent of black children are born out of wedlock.

Gang violence, AIDS, drugs, and alcohol are debilitating many young lives in many communities, and black youth are at greater risk, having the highest cases of AIDS in the U.S. We must reclaim our children's hearts, souls, and minds. We can start by raising our own consciousness and become better role models. Our children are the future, and we must cultivate excellence, greatness, and benevolence within them so we can create a future we can live in and with.

Carolyn Marie Lee
 Santa Monica

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ENTERTAINMENT



Denise Richards: Every black man's kryptonite

BY SEAN DALY

Special to the Daily Press

It's not always easy being every black man's fantasy. Just ask Denise Richards, star of the new urban comedy "Undercover Brother."

"I wake up some days and I just feel awful," she reveals, all flowing brown locks and deep blue eyes. "I can't always eat what I want, and I have to work out all the time just to stay in shape. I even hired a personal trainer because I'm not motivated to do it by myself. I have to pay someone to make sure I show up for my sessions!"

Fortunately, the hard work is paying off. Since debuting on a 1989 episode of "Doogie Howser, M.D.," Richards, 31, has watched her career flourish, thanks largely to a careful blend of wholesome, Midwestern charm and seductive, cover girl looks.

In "Undercover Brother" (which opened Friday), the former model and high school cheerleader, stars as temptress Penelope Snow — a.k.a. "Black Man's Kryptonite."

Snow and her alter-ego, White She-Devil, are part of a sinister underground movement that threatens to reduce the entire African American population to mindless zombies by distributing a psycho-hallucinogenic drug through buckets of fried chicken. Only one man can foil their plan — a funky-up master of disguise known as Undercover Brother (comedian Eddie Griffin).

But first, he must resist Richards' feminine wiles.

"I've played a Bond Girl (in "The World Is Not Enough") and I've played vixen girls before, where I was supposed to be taken seriously," she says. "So this was a chance for me to really have fun."

But Richards, whose steamy three-way romp with Neve Campbell and Matt Dillon in "Wild Things" is still something of a legend to millions of pre-pubescent boys, admits there were several difficult scenes to film — including a shower stall fight sequence with co-star Aunjanue Ellis.

"The part where we rip each others clothes off ... that was a disaster," she laughs. "Of course, they weren't ripping in the right places or the glue would come off before it was supposed to. Then we got to the water parts and it was very slippery."

Today, Richards is warm and dry and relaxing in a 28th floor suite at the St. Regis Hotel. She is dressed in black from head to toe — which perfectly accentuates the \$140,000 diamond engagement ring she keeps trying to hide under the table. The large round solitaire (set in platinum and surrounded by an array of smaller diamonds) was a gift from fiancée Charlie Sheen, who popped the question at a spa last December.

"We had talked about getting married and knew that for that to happen there had to be a proposal," Sheen, 36, told Maxim in February. "She made my life complete. I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

The happy couple starred together two years ago in the forgettable comedy "Good Advice." But sparks didn't really fly until Richards turned up as a recurring guest on Sheen's recently-cancelled sitcom, "Spin City," last fall.

"In my heart of hearts, I knew on our second date that he was the one," Richards gushes like a schoolgirl. "My mom told me one day that would happen and it did."

But strangely, no one found out about



Denise Richards

the romance for weeks.

"We were very quiet," she says. "We just didn't go to places where there are paparazzi. We know which restaurants the photographers hang out at and we didn't want to do that right away. We have to have some privacy in order to have a successful relationship."

That's one reason Richards offers few details about the upcoming wedding, which she is actively involved in planning. "Thankfully, Charlie and I have agreed on just about everything," says the bride-to-be, who chose her younger sister as Maid of Honor. "We really like similar things, which makes it much easier. I think when couples disagree on the band and the food, you have a little bit of a problem."

The ceremony will be small, she says — about 70 guests.

"Giorgio Armani is designing my dress. As a kid I didn't think he'd ever be designing my dress. I was a poor girl living in Illinois."

Downers Grove, to be exact, about 19 miles west of Chicago. That's where Richards earned the nickname "Fish Lips" at Herrick Junior High School.

After freshman year, Richards parents — Irv, a former phone company executive, and Joni, a homemaker — moved to San Diego, where they still own a small coffeehouse called Jitters.

Richards worked "about 10 different jobs" while attending El Camino High School in Oceanside.

"My first job was working as a bagger at Albertsons (grocery store)," she laughs. Then Richards turned to modeling.

These days, finances are no longer an issue. There's even enough cash left over to feed an occasional urge to splurge. "I'm a shoe girl," she admits. "The first thing I did when I got some money was to buy a pair of Dolce and Gabbana shoes for \$600. My dad thought I was crazy to spend that kind of money on shoes."

Richards will earn her next paycheck appearing with Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and Luke Wilson in the romantic comedy "The Third Wheel."

But first the actress has a bit of a mystery to solve: whose butt is attached to her body in posters promoting her latest movie.

"That's not my ass," she insists. "I slammed on my brakes when I saw it. I saw it at a bus stop and I thought, 'What the hell did they do to my ass?' Then I got all these phone calls from my girlfriends saying 'What did they do to you? You look ridiculous!'"

Sounds like a case for Undercover Brother.

(Sean Daly is a Santa Monica-based writer and president of Showtime Entertainment.)

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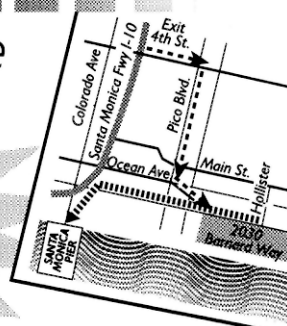
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SM school district begins budget hearings tonight

SCHOOL, from page 1

The second round of cuts will allow school board members to pick and choose, officials said. Those reductions could be used as reserves if the district does not get the extra funding from the cities of Santa Monica, Malibu and the state.

The school board will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the HRL Laboratories auditorium, located at 3011 Malibu Canyon Road in Malibu.

During the next two budget years, the school district is facing more than a \$5 million deficit, resulting mostly from drastic cuts in state funding and dramatic increases in expenses.

Superintendent John Deasy has called for a 250 percent increase in parcel taxes over the next three years, which will go before voters in Santa Monica and Malibu

this November. However, the parcel tax increase would not go into effect for a year.

Deasy has asked the board to request \$2.25 million more in donations from Santa Monica and Malibu — the two cities that comprise the school district. The city of Santa Monica currently gives \$3 million to the school district and Malibu gives \$200,000 in subsidies.

The school district has appointed an ad-hoc parcel tax committee to study whether the increased tax is warranted, how much the increase should be and to write how the question will appear on the ballot.

The committee will outline its goals and set a timeline under which the school board must work to get the parcel tax question on the November ballot.

The full report is expected to be prepared for the school board's June 17 meet-

ing and the ballot question would likely be approved on June 27.

Oral arguments heard in ballot designation case

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is not accepting donations or endorsements, only volunteers.

"I'm not a doctor, a lawyer, an educator or a plumber," he said. "Some say I should get a real job, but activism is my life long mission."

A U.S. District judge in September of 2000 denied Rubin's request for a preliminary injunction against Santa Monica City Clerk Maria Stewart, who

enforced the state regulation.

The suit asks that the state allow the city of Santa Monica to ignore California ballot designation rules.

Rubin has long been confused with the other Jerry Rubin, nationally known for his involvement in the Chicago Seven and other activist roles. The other Rubin died in 1994.

The case will be heard in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Pasadena.

Entertainer predicts UFOs will visit Thursday near Vegas

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Amazing Kreskin won't say exactly how he knows, but he's so sure Las Vegas is going to be visited by UFOs on Thursday night that he's willing to put \$50,000 where his publicity is.

He's even narrowing his prediction, sort of: between about 10 p.m. and midnight.

"I don't mean an attack," the 67-year-old

entertainer told The Associated Press this week, his last of a six-week run at the Silverton hotel-casino off the Las Vegas Strip.

"I don't want chaos," he said. "I'm not interested in creating hysteria."

Kreskin started in the 1960s building a name with "The Kreskin Challenge," a promise to pay \$50,000 to anyone who could prove the existence of a hypnotic trance.

His many appearances wowing watchers with prognostications on programs like Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" in the 1970s and '80s made his name a synonym for predicting the future.

But, "I'm not a psychic," he declared. "I'm a mentalist."

Kreskin, who insists he's sincere, says he really can't tell what people should look for in the desert Thursday night. But he's sure

dozens or hundreds will see what he says they'll see.

"Three or four objects that can be interpreted as what we consider UFOs," he said. "Flying. Not necessarily in formation."

He's not so sure they'll show up on radar.

Kreskin offered to end his show early and bus people from his hotel showroom to a place where he says he's sure the objects can be seen.

Moon to obscure sun in partial solar eclipse, visible in West

BY ANDREW BRIDGES

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — A dazzling solar eclipse will be on display across a broad swath of the western United States, Mexico, Canada and Asia on Monday, with as much as 99 percent of the sun obscured by the moon.

One of the best U.S. views will be in San Diego where as much as three-fourths of the sun will be hidden.

Other sections of the country will get a less dramatic sight. In Chicago, only one-fifth of the sun's surface will be blocked. The Eastern Seaboard will miss the eclipse entirely because it will occur after sunset there.

The early evening event is called an annular, or ring-shaped, eclipse. Because the moon will be closer to the

Earth than during total eclipses, it will only partially cover the distant sun. It will be the last eclipse visible from the United States until 2005.

In places such as the tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula, the moon will darken all but only the glowing rim of the sun for about a minute, said Fred Espenak, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration astrophysicist and eclipse expert. The eclipse will begin at 5:13 p.m. PDT, with best viewing time around 6:20.

"If you're in the path, you'd see, instead of a typical sunset, an extremely thin ring — a ring of fire — setting into the ocean," said Espenak, who plans to be there to watch.

The moon's shadow will follow an 8,700-mile path, racing eastward from Asia across the Pacific Ocean at 1,000 mph. In Asia, across the international date line, the

eclipse actually occurs Tuesday.

Because it's a partial eclipse, the sun's light will be only dimmed.

"It's like a light cloud passing in front of the sun," said John Mosley, an astronomer at the Griffith Park Observatory in Los Angeles.

Even though it's a partial eclipse, Mosley warned against looking directly at the sun.

Instead, he recommended peering through commercially available solar filters, which block all but a fraction of the sun's light. Viewers also can use binoculars, not to look through, but to safely project the sun's image onto an index card.

A Dec. 4 total eclipse will be visible from southern Africa and Australia.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FY 2002-03 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed FY 2002-03 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2000-05) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2000. The City is seeking community comments on the Proposed One-Year Action Plan.

Copies of the Proposed FY 2002-03 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending June 25, 2002. To obtain a copy of the Proposed FY 2002-03 One-Year Action Plan, please contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701. Please send your written comments to the above address by June 25, 2002.

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Unruly passenger



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Personnel load a stretcher carrying Air Europe charter flight passenger Adrea Cafiero into an ambulance on Wednesday at Boston's Logan International Airport, following his removal for unruly behavior from the diverted charter flight originally bound from Cancun to Rome. Cafiero was turned over to the FBI after the Boeing 777 landed at Logan shortly after 9 a.m. and was due in federal court later Wednesday, FBI spokeswoman Gail Marcinkiewicz said.

Justice Department proposes new restrictions for Muslim visitors

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department proposed new anti-terrorism visa regulations Wednesday to subject tens of thousands of visitors to heavier scrutiny.

Officials said that the new measures, requiring visitors to be fingerprinted and photographed at the border, would mostly affect those from Muslim and Middle Eastern countries.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the checks would apply to those from countries that the United States believes may harbor or encourage terrorists.

The plan is in response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks, carried out by hijackers with Middle Eastern origins.

"On September 11, the American definition of national security changed and changed forever," Ashcroft said.

"A band of men entered our country under false pretenses," he said, saying their intentions were "murderous acts of war."

The new rules will apply to people who stay more than a month and are based on an alien registration law put in place in the 1940s during World War II.

"There is no question that there are laws on the books that allow the United States government to protect the

American people," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in advance of Ashcroft's announcement.

"And the president knows that we can take action to protect people that is fully in accordance with protecting civil rights and civil liberties."

But the new regulations — which do not require congressional approval — drew immediate criticism from groups representing immigrants.

Judy Golub of the American Immigration Lawyers Association said it could be the first step toward requiring all visitors — and perhaps all citizens — to carry government identification cards.

"We don't need false solutions to real problems and this is what this is," she said.

"The Bush Administration is, step by step, isolating Muslim and Arab communities both in the eyes of the government and the American public," said Timothy Edgar, an ACLU Legislative Counsel. "This latest move needs to be seen in the larger context of all the actions targeted at people of Middle Eastern descent since September 11."

Although officials familiar with the proposal said that it was mainly aimed at visitors from Middle Eastern and Islamic countries, Ashcroft did not specify any particular country.

Thank-you note from Thomas Jefferson is authentic, expert says

By The Associated Press

ELKTON, Md. — A thank-you note from Thomas Jefferson to Baptist supporters, found at a historic home that is being converted to a museum, is authentic, a manuscript expert says.

"Essentially, I knew it at a glance," Christie's auction house expert Chris Coover said Tuesday. "The handwriting is unmistakable."

The letter, dated July 2, 1801, was the former president's reply to the Delaware Baptist Association, which wrote him a congratulatory note for winning the presidency and mentioned his defense of religious freedom.

Jefferson's reply thanked the group and reiterated his support for religious freedom.

Both letters were found March 23 inside a cardboard box during cleanup at Hollingsworth House, a Colonial-era home being converted to a museum by the Historic Elk Landing Foundation. The foundation has the rights to the property.

A watermark on the paper from J. Whatman, considered the finest English writing paper of the time, and the distinctive Jefferson script are two telltale signs proving authenticity, Coover said.

Jefferson's letter size and form were also distinctive, as well as the former president's tendency to pen the body of the letter in one script and his signature in another, he added.

A Jefferson letter of comparable content sold in 2000 for \$721,000, Coover said.

Iraqi military threat against U.S. grows, officials say

BY ROBERT BURNS

AP Military Writer

LONDON — Iraq poses an increasing threat that must be met, the defense chiefs of the United States and Britain said Wednesday, showing growing impatience with Saddam Hussein.

"We know that Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq has had a sizable appetite for weapons of mass destruction" and is finding ways to acquire the ingredients, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

"We know the borders into that country are quite porous," he added, allowing Iraq to import technologies with applications in both civilian and military industries as well as illicit materials.

"There is not a doubt in the world that with every month that goes by their programs mature," he said.

Iraq denies it has or is developing any weapons of mass destruction, but it has refused to allow the international inspections that it agreed to accept as a condition of ending the 1991 Gulf War.

Rumsfeld would not discuss the possibility of U.S. military action to topple Saddam's government, saying that was a matter for President Bush to decide. He spoke at a joint news conference with British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon after

meetings to discuss Iraq and other issues.

Rumsfeld and Hoon both expressed their governments' hope for a lowering of tensions between nuclear rivals India and Pakistan. Rumsfeld's stop in London was the first on a 10-day journey that is to take him to the Indian and Pakistani capitals next week.

For months the Bush administration has been publicly making the case for taking strong action — possibly military — against Iraq, but allied nations have been slow to offer support.

In Washington on Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said his fellow Democrats support a push to unseat Saddam. "The question is when and how and under what circumstances," Daschle said.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had cautioned Bush that any major attack would require a U.S. presence for two to five years, to keep battling factions away from each other.

"I reminded him, there's a reason why your father stopped and didn't go to Baghdad. It wasn't that he wasn't able to. He wasn't prepared to stay for five years," Biden said after meeting with Bush at the White House.

A day earlier, House Democratic leader

Dick Gephardt volunteered his support if the administration resorted to force. "I share President Bush's resolve to confront this menace head-on," he said.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer declined to comment on the Democrats' remarks, beyond reiterating that the administration supports a "regime change" in Iraq.

On Tuesday, Bush said that "one option, of course, is the military option." The president added, however, he had no plans to attack.

Hoon described the Iraqi military threat as increasing in recent weeks. Asked in a later interview to elaborate, Hoon said Iraq's air defenses are more aggressively trying to shoot down the U.S. and British pilots who regularly fly combat air patrols over northern and southern Iraq.

Pilots have reported attacks in recent week by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles. The allied planes have responded by bombing various elements of Iraq's air defense system.

Since the start of U.S. and British enforcement of the "no fly" zones more than a decade ago, Iraq has considered them a violation of its sovereignty and has vowed to shoot down planes.

Hoon said that immediately after the

Sept. 11 attacks in the United States there was a marked decline in Iraqi targeting of allied pilots.

"We judged that the regime in Iraq seemed to have got the message — that military action would follow if they were not very careful," Hoon said in an interview with reporters accompanying him and Rumsfeld aboard an Air Force jet from London to Brussels, Belgium.

The recent aggressiveness would suggest a new, more worrisome Iraqi attitude, Hoon said.

"Clearly they are feeling a little more confident than they have in the recent past," he said.

Hoon said the United States and Britain "can only be deeply suspicious" of how far Saddam has progressed in developing weapons of mass destruction as long as United Nations inspectors are not allowed to freely monitor Iraq's military facilities.

He said the best answer to the problem is to return U.N. inspectors, with Iraqi consent to freely monitor military facilities suspected of developing nuclear, chemical or biological weapon. Rumsfeld has cast doubt on that approach, asserting that previous efforts at U.N. monitoring accomplished little because of Iraqi denial and deception.



SPORTS

L.A. Lakers build early lead, wind up needing it

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

LOS ANGELES — A game that began as a mismatch offered a little intrigue at the end.

The Los Angeles Lakers let a 23-point lead slip to three in the fourth quarter before Shaquille O'Neal & Co. finished off the New Jersey Nets 99-94 on Wednesday night in the NBA Finals opener.

Nobody will remember this one as an NBA classic, especially the underdogs representing the Eastern Conference. The Nets were out of their league in the first 15 minutes of the game, digging themselves a hole that was too deep to climb out of.

O'Neal was as dominant as everyone expected, totaling 36 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks. Kobe Bryant did his thing, too, scoring 22 points with six assists — the biggest of which was his feed to Rick Fox for a layup with 1:11 left that gave Los Angeles a 95-87 lead.

For the most part, Los Angeles stayed in control and dictated the style of play, keeping the Nets from playing the uptempo game they prefer. The Lakers also were the more aggressive rebounders and the more accurate free throw shooters — two huge intangibles on a night when the Lakers weren't crisp offensively over the final 2 1/2 quarters.

The two-time defending champions wrapped things up by going 6-for-8 from the free throw line over the final two minutes. The Nets had a few chances to hit 3-pointers and turn it into a two-point game in the final 30 seconds, but they couldn't come up with the key buckets.

Game 2 is Friday night at Staples Center.

Jason Kidd had 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the first triple-double in the NBA Finals since Charles Barkley did it for Phoenix in 1993. But no one else seemed prepared to assert himself for the Nets, whether it was Kenyon Martin refusing to take wide-open jumpers, Keith Van Horn failing to get going early or

Kerry Kittles not doing much of anything all night.

Most damaging to the Nets was their free throw shooting as they missed 11 of 26 attempts.

Fox added 14 points and Derek Fisher had 13 for the Lakers, whose only deficit was 2-0.

The game lacked the level of electricity normally found at an NBA Finals, the celebrity studded crowd acting as relaxed and casual as the Lakers played. The Nets gave them only scant opportunities to get nervous, pulling within four points midway through the third and within three with 5:26 left.

"I think we were kind of lackadaisical," O'Neal said, summing it up perfectly.

The pace of the game changed drastically in the fourth quarter, with fouls whistled on nearly every possession. O'Neal missed two free throws with 6:12 left, and Kidd hit a long 2-pointer to pull the Nets to 81-77. O'Neal then made one of two, and a dunk by Van Horn off an offensive rebound got New Jersey within three.

Fox restored a five-point lead, Van Horn missed a 3 and O'Neal bulled over Jason Collins for a layup and a seven-point edge with four minutes left.

New Jersey was able to get within four points four times after that, but never closer.

In the early going, the Nets were as tentative and hesitant as the Lakers were relaxed and confident.

The Nets looked good for about 20 seconds in the first quarter, then the Lakers started looking like champs. An 8-0 run gave them a 10-4 lead, and Bryant dribbled around his back and fed O'Neal for a layup.

A 3-pointer by Fisher made it 19-8, causing the Nets to call a timeout and bringing the first chant of "threepeat" from the crowd. An obviously frustrated Martin fouled O'Neal by grabbing him around the waist late in the quarter as Los Angeles was on its way to a 29-14 lead after 12 minutes.

The Lakers' onslaught didn't cease in the early part of the second quarter, with O'Neal hitting a 9-foot turnaround, a dunk and a 6-foot fadeaway — all on assists from Brian Shaw — to take a 42-19 lead.

New Jersey responded with a 14-4 run and pulled to 48-36 at halftime, and the Nets had to be somewhat satisfied that they were at least within striking distance after what was probably their most miserable half of the postseason.

After Van Horn hit two 3-pointers early in the third, Bryant drove the lane and threw down a crowd-pleasing slam for a 56-44 lead. A 3-pointer by Kittles pulled the Nets to 60-56, but the Lakers quickly went back ahead by double digits.



National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press

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Wednesday, June 19

New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m., if necessary

Americans shock Portugal, Irish get late tie with Germany

BY PHIL BROWN

Associated Press Writer

YOKOHAMA, Japan — The U.S. team wasted no time rebounding from the bottom of the soccer world.

The Americans scored in the fourth minute, led 3-0 by the 36th and held on for a stunning 3-2 victory over Portugal in the World Cup opener for both teams Wednesday.

"We came out quick," said Brian McBride, who scored the winner with a powerful header. "They are a very good team, so we put the pressure on them. We took advantage of our chances and when they came on strong, we held them off."

Portugal is ranked fifth in the world. The Americans were the worst team at the 1998 World Cup, and didn't have offensive standouts Claudio Reyna and Clint Mathis, both injured, on Wednesday.

But from the beginning at Suwon, South Korea, the U.S. team was the aggressor. With John O'Brien's early goal, they already had matched their scoring total in '98, when they lost all three first-round games, bickering all the way.

They didn't stop producing after O'Brien left-footed in a rebound from close range. In the 29th minute, a shot by Landon Donovan deflected in off a defender.

Then McBride converted a cross from Tony Sanneh, and even the Americans were marveling at their lead.

"I think Portugal was the same way," said O'Brien, one of six American starters making their World Cup debuts.

Portugal quickly got one back, then got a second-half own goal when defender Jeff Agoos deflected a cross past goalkeeper Brad Friedel. But the Portuguese ran out of gas and the folks back home who stayed up late or got up early to watch on television — the game began at 5 a.m. EDT — were rewarded.

"I think this victory will grab the attention of a lot of people in the United States," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said.

Ireland grabbed some attention, too, with its last-minute goal for a 1-1 tie with Germany. The Germans seemed set to be the first team to advance to the second round, but Robbie Keane knocked home a backheaded pass from Niall Quinn after a long pass from Steve Finnan.

Keane celebrated with cartwheels as hundreds of Ireland fans cheered wildly in the stands at Ibaraki, Japan.

Ireland coach Mick McCarthy said, "We threw men forward and it paid off. I think we were the better side. The stats will back it up. We were the better team."

They certainly were the happier team. "I'm extremely angry and disappointed. When you're 1-0 up with one minute to go and concede a goal, it hurts," said German coach Rudi Voeller.

Russia beat Tunisia 2-0 at Kobe, Japan, getting goals five minutes apart by Egor Titov and Valery Karpin, the second on a penalty kick.

The two Americans and one Russian aboard the international space station were informed promptly of their teams' victories.

"During the radio communication sessions, flight controllers told the crew of all the latest developments. And since the crew is made up of real soccer fans, the news was received more than happily," Viktor Blagov, deputy director of Russian Mission Control said.

Brazil's Rivaldo was fined \$7,000 for faking an injury in the late stages of his team's opening 2-1 victory over Turkey.

FIFA cracked down on Rivaldo under its "simulation" rule — pretending to have been fouled.

"I wasn't worried about suspension," Rivaldo said. "I was the injured party. I don't even know why I was fined."

"In soccer, you have to be sly. It hap-

pens a lot and it will happen a lot in this World Cup," he added.

In the latest effort to make it easier for fans to obtain tickets and boost attendance at first-round games, FIFA has decided to allow telephone sales.

Tickets returned after overseas fans were being offered on the Internet, but high demand was swamping FIFA's Web site. Half the tickets still available for games in Japan and South Korea will be sold by telephone. In phone sales for two

games Wednesday and one Thursday in Japan, thousands of tickets were snapped up in minutes.

Slovenia coach Srečko Katanec said Wednesday he would resign at the end of his teams' World Cup campaign following an argument with star player Zlatko Zahovic.

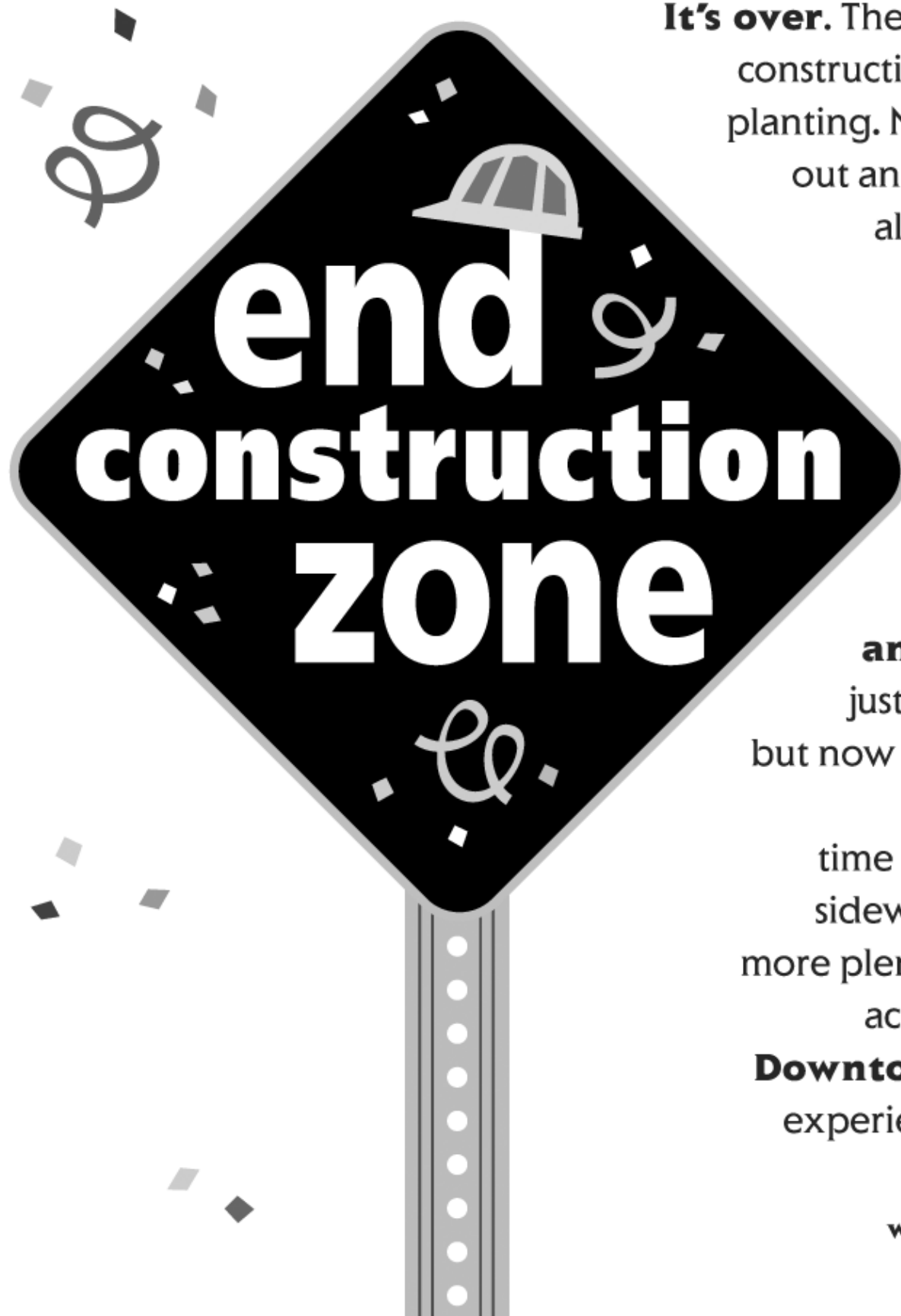
"Katanec has decided that he will remain at the helm of the national team only until the team is eliminated, and then resign," Slovenia soccer federation president Rudi Zavrl said.



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USA's Tony O'Brien, left, scores against Portugal during their Group D, 2002 World Cup soccer match at the Suwon World Cup Stadium in Suwon, South Korea on Wednesday. Portugal's Rui Jorge, 23, looks on while goalkeeper Vitor Baia, center, and unidentified Portuguese player take a tumble. Also in the group are Poland and South Korea.

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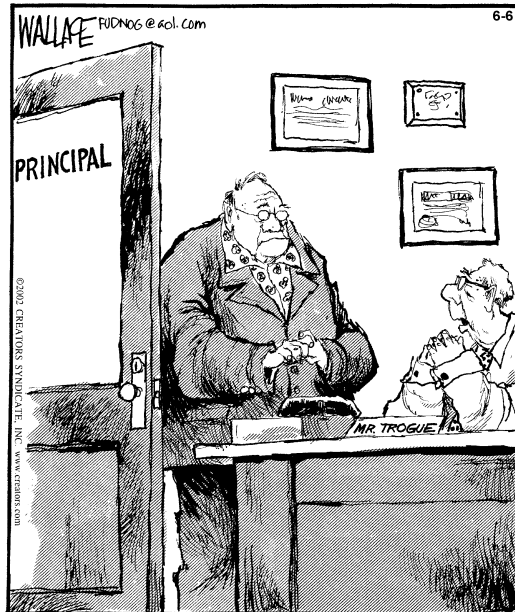


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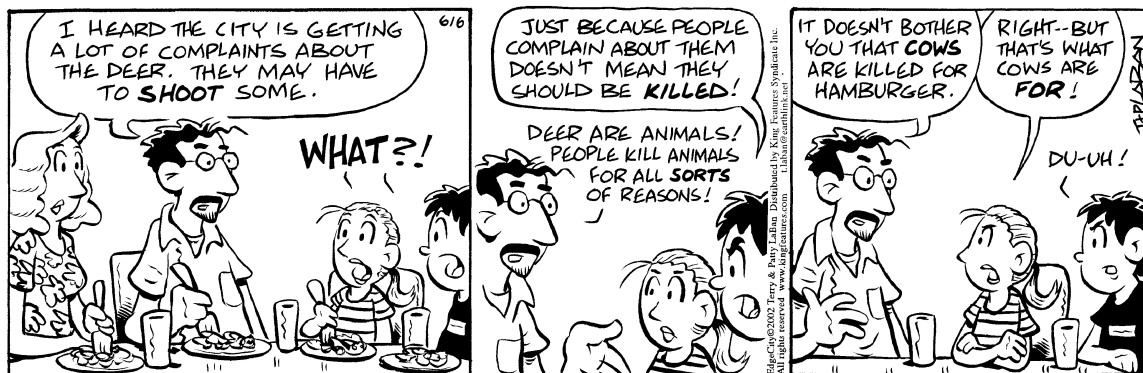
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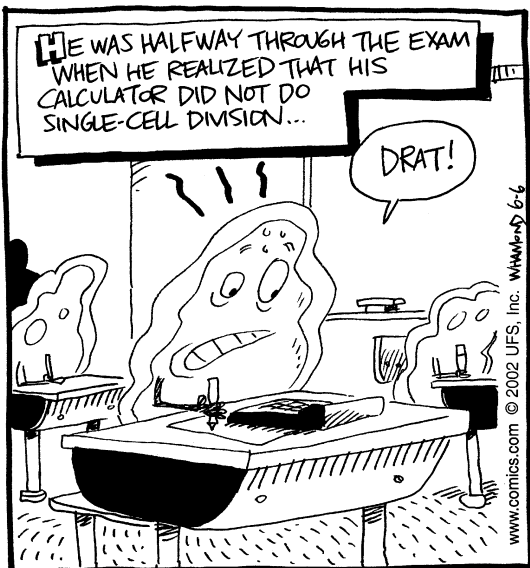
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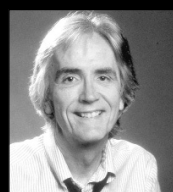
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A cult leader of a different vintage grows in Napa

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

OAKVILLE — There are no “Free Tasting” signs at the Harlan Estate winery — no signs at all, just an unmarked gate at the end of a narrow road.

Behind the modest entrance lies a Napa Valley secret, one of a handful of vineyards producing “cult wines,” vintages that are so obsessively produced and passionately sought-after that buyers have resold them for more than \$1,000 a bottle.

“We’re trying to produce the very best wine in the world,” says owner Bill Harlan, who is among the many vintners celebrating the blue bloods of the big reds at this week’s prestigious Napa Valley Wine Auction.

Serious wine drinkers have long paid serious money for the great vintages, but California’s cult wines are a relatively recent phenomenon, starting 15 years or so ago in the Napa Valley.

“The quality level of the cult wines has encouraged producers in California to make their cabernets even better. I think the quality of cabernet sauvignon in California has just been spectacular from the early 1990s up to now,” says Archie McLaren, consultant to the American Institute of Wine and Food, whose founders include Julia Child and Robert Mondavi.

Here, fewer than a dozen winemakers, using enormously painstaking methods, are bottling small amounts of high quality wine, usually cabernet sauvignon, sold months in advance to a select group of customers.

There’s no official definition of a cult wine, but some of the wineries in the club

include Harlan, Screaming Eagle, Bryant Family Vineyard, Dalla Valle Vineyards, Araujo Estate Wines, Colgin Cellars and Grace Family Vineyard.

One of the most important players is wine critic Robert Parker, not a household name to most but a huge factor in the wine world. Parker rates wines on a 100-point system. Get in the 90s and collectors begin taking note; win the rarely bestowed 100 — as Harlan did for its 1994 and 1997 vintages — and suddenly you’re the viniculture vanguard.

These wines will never see the inside of a supermarket.

At Harlan Estate, 60 percent is sold internationally to distributors, restaurants and wine shops and 40 percent goes to a mailing list of subscribers. People on the list may have to wait a couple of vintages before they’re allowed to buy limited quantities, 18 months in advance. The current release (1998 Harlan Estate) was sold in advance to the mailing list for \$200 a bottle in fall 2000.

Some wineries have waiting lists to get on the mailing list.

“You have to jump these days,” says McLaren. “If you don’t get there at the beginning you don’t get on.”

Things get really expensive when mailing list customers auction off their long-awaited bottles on the Internet. At the height of the dot-com boom, bottles of Harlan and Screaming Eagle often went for more than \$1,000 and even post-crash they still fetch hundreds of dollars.

That’s chump change at the Napa auction, where Harlan Estate holds the record for single highest lot, \$700,000 paid for a

10 magnum vertical 1987-1996 cabernet blend. A magnum holds 1.5 liters, twice as much as a regular bottle, a vertical means vintages of consecutive years.

In other words, one 5-ounce glass of that very fine wine cost \$6,900.

Bids are about more than the wine in the bottle, since proceeds support health care for uninsured people in Napa County. The Thursday-Sunday event — the auction of high-profile wines comes Saturday afternoon — has raised \$37 million since it began in 1981.

Even at the “low” price of \$200, does a bottle of cult wine taste \$180 better than a respectable \$20 vintage?

That depends.

“It’s extremely difficult for some people to determine qualitative differences in wines that are less expensive and more expensive,” McLaren says. “For someone who has a very educated palate then perhaps that peak experience is something that they would find a lifetime experience.”

Harlan aims his product at “people who are really passionate about wine and take the time for their palate to mature and really understand and appreciate wine, but that’s not to say you drink this wine every day.”

Harlan, who at 61 is gambler enough to compete with the great French vineyards, but wary enough to double-check every grape beforehand, started looking around the Napa Valley for places to produce a premium wine as a student in the 1950s. He made his money in real estate in the 1980s and then started buying land.

For his super-premium wine, Harlan began by choosing rocky, sloping ground. Slopes provide better drainage and vines

that struggle to survive have lower vigor, he says, meaning they produce fewer but more concentrated grapes.

The grapes are typically thinned in the vineyard to very low yields (1-2 tons to the acre, about a third of the average yield in even premium vineyards). They are picked at precisely the right time — ripe, but not overripe. After sorting and destemming, workers pick through the remaining fruit grape by grape on a conveyor belt.

Grapes that don’t make the cut become compost.

The grapes are never crushed, but lifted gently into fermentation tanks. And the fruit isn’t pressed down to squeeze out the juice like at other wineries — the grapes break down naturally in the process of fermentation, and only wine that runs freely out of the tank is used.

The gentler process is believed to avoid bitterness and achieve a more intense flavor.

Connoisseurs describe Harlan’s wines as “dense,” and “plush.” Critic Parker wrote that the 1997 vintage boasted “spectacular, soaring aromatics of vanilla, minerals, coffee, blackberries, licorice, and cassis.”

To the not terribly educated palate it tastes: very good.

Harlan appreciates the compliment of being called a cult leader, although he’s not crazy about the terminology.

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