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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

More than 90 people were killed while observing their religion in three incidents in April. A stampede by thousands of women at a religious gathering in downtown Karachi, Pakistan, resulted in 29 deaths; a packed bus speeding home from a religious festival went out of control and plunged into a ravine near Orizaba, Mexico, killing 57; and a few days later in Santa Maria del Rio, Mexico, five were killed by lightning, which struck the large metal cross before which they were praying.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 159th day of 2006.
There are 206 days left in the year.

On June 8, A.D. 632, the prophet Mohammed died.
In 1845, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.
In 1861, Tennessee seceded from the Union.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Malice drinks one-half of its own poison."
SENECA
ROMAN STATESMAN

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES A state judge has ruled in favor of demolishing this Sunset Park building, which has repeatedly been cited by city inspectors for not bing up to health and safety codes.

Deserving of a raze

State judge upholds ruling to have apartments demolished

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — An embattled Santa Monica property owner is one step closer to losing his home of 33 years, with a state appellate judge clearing the way towards the building's demolition after repeated city

inspections found the structure an unsafe blight to the community. The Second District Court of Appeals also affirmed the appointment of a receiver to take control of the three-unit apartment building at 2438 Ocean Park Blvd., ruling that Guillermo Gonzalez has failed to bring his property up to code.

Among the health and safety code violations cited by City Hall are: An exterior overrun with garbage and flammable materials; a second-story bedroom containing 14 bunk beds; a lack of heating; a chronically filthy kitchen area; permanently parked

See **URBAN BLIGHT**, page 10

STATE

Till bulldozer do them part

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — It began as a utopian dream: an oasis-like garden where people could grow their own food in the center of a gritty urban neighborhood. But like so many such visions, the 14-acre farm that sprang up in the middle of an area scarred by the city's 1992 riots is on the verge of falling beneath the bulldozer. With the price of the property more than tripling since the city acquired it by eminent domain in the 1980s, the developer who later bought

it now wants to replace the 350 small garden plots with a large warehouse. Having lost in court, unable to raise the \$16.3 million asking price and facing eviction, members of the 350 mostly Hispanic families who till the soil have turned to the court of public opinion, inviting a stream of celebrity supporters to plead their case. Actor Danny Glover dropped by and implored the farmers to stay put, urging the city to model itself after New York, Detroit and other large cities where lots that once contained abandoned, burned-out buildings

See **TILL TIME**, page 11

No rest for the weary

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Just hours after being named the Democratic candidate for the 41st Assembly District, local school board member Julia Brownley was hard at work on Wednesday getting ready for the next phase of her campaign.

Brownley, 53, who defeated four challengers in a highly competitive primary, said she spent the majority of her Wednesday morning on the phone speaking with various elected officials, including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez, who invited her to attend a forum with other Democratic hopefuls next week in Sacramento. In the general election, scheduled for Nov. 7, Brownley will square off



BROWNLEY

See **BROWNLEY**, page 11

Brush with enlightenment



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Sarasvati, 23, of Germany, paints the Radha Govinda's temple building on Wednesday in Venice in preparation for the Vaisnava Festival, from June 8-11.

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Accept that you cannot be the pioneer in everything you do. Listen to your intuitive sense with key associates, friends and loved ones. Then you can relate on a one-on-one basis and gain. Tonight: Togetherness works.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others run with the ball. You will need to support a situation more carefully. Investigate options that are presented. Don't negate the impossible or that which is foreign or might seem odd. Develop a greater sense of trust. Tonight: Surprises surround people.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Pace yourself and get ahead of work and a project. Know when to say enough and head in your own direction. The unexpected occurs if you are ready to do something differently. The status quo is not always the best way. Tonight: Easy does it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Creativity and resourcefulness merge, helping you pursue a long-desired goal. You will like to take a stand and get ahead. Extremes mark your actions, as well as your indulgences. You will tend to overdo it. Tonight: Add romance.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you leap into action. Prioritize carefully, making sure of what you want. Think before you make decisions, even if it feels a touch indulgent. The unexpected occurs when dealing with others. Tonight: Life takes its twists and turns.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, and others finally hear you. "What a relief," you might think or say. Good news naturally happens, especially if you only expect the positive. You might like what you hear a lot more than you realize. Tonight: Chat up a storm.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Investigate money possibilities, even if they feel too good to be true. Trust your judgment once you check out the facts. You just might be right. What is clear is just how much you need to get done. You have the capability. Tonight: Expenses could go overboard. Ouch.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights you. The timing is such that if you have a long-term desire or wish, you might want to act on it now. Your personality draws others out in a big way. You will have a lot to smile about. Tonight: As you wish.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take your time with someone who means a lot to you. You are coming from a strong point of view. You might go to extremes trying to deal with a changeable situation. Be positive about what can happen. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want and make a beeline for it. You might be quite excited and pleased with what comes up. You energize and head in your unique direction. Understand your limits. Tonight: Where the gang is.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Listen to feedback. Get past a problem, and deal with others in a more direct manner. Stay on top of personal matters as well. Someone wants to let you know how much he or she cares. Financial surprises happen. Tonight: In the limelight.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Make an effort to reach out to those in your immediate environment. You do make a difference, especially if you're not plugged in. Think positively. Tonight: Follow the music.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Twilight sets on Pier with free concerts

By Daily Press staff

Music is in the air this summer down at the Santa Monica Pier, with well-known bands such as the Indigo Girls performing for free in front of thousands of people.

The 22nd Annual Twilight Dance Series free outdoor concerts at the pier begin June 29. The concerts will be held on the pier from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday evening through Aug. 31, featuring artists in the top of their game in their musical genre. This year's line-up includes rock, reggae, Latin and folk, with a special emphasis on eclectic world music.

Here's the line-up for the 10 concerts this summer:

JUNE 29: LATIN JAZZ AND PERCUSSION

KCRW PRESENTS PONCHO SANCHEZ

More than anything else, Poncho Sanchez is a storyteller. And, as leader of the most popular Latin jazz group in the world today, it's his congas and seasoned ensemble that do the talking. Live in concert or on recordings, they spin vivacious tales that pay homage to the glories of a half-century tradition that was born when Afro-Cuban rhythms merged with bebop. One-on-one, the Chicano conguero is equally expressive, recounting in vivid detail the encounters, friendships and passions that have contributed to his remarkable career as a band leader and recording artist. Behind the choice of every song, album title and guest artist, there's a story Poncho Sanchez delights in telling.

JULY 6: LEGENDARY FOLK ROCK

INDIGO GIRLS and MICHELLE MALONE

The Indigo Girls are one of the most popular and well-loved duos in the folk rock genre. Amy Ray and Emily Saliers blend luscious harmonies and catchy melodies with the fearless social commentary typical of traditional folk music. Although they have a number of billboard hits and Grammy nods under their belts, including their Top 10 hit "Galileo" from the platinum album Rites of Passage, their inspiring energy and insatiable cult following makes their live performances amazing and unforgettable.

The irrepressible folk rocker "Moanin' Michelle Malone" will open the show, a long-time friend of the indigo girls and the daughter of a gospel vocalist.

JULY 13: KILLER SURF GUITAR

DICK DALE

A pier favorite returns to the Twilight Dance Series stage. Dick Dale invented the wild, wicked surf guitar music featured in many films including Pulp Fiction. In the 1950s he was given the title "King of the Surf Guitar" by his fellow surfers with whom he surfed with from sun-up to sun-down. Since his first appearance in Balboa, California at the famed Rendezvous Ballroom, he has set and broken attendance records everywhere he's performed.

JULY 20: SOUL, GOSPEL AND GROOVE

MAVIS STAPLES

Soul and gospel legend Mavis Staples possesses one of the most recognizable and treasured voices in contemporary music. From her early days sharing lead vocals with her groundbreaking family group, The Staple Singers, to her powerful solo recordings, Mavis Staples is an inspirational force in modern popular culture and music. A 40-year-plus veteran of the music scene — a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and one of VH1's 100 Greatest Women of Rock and Roll — Staples, both with The Staple Singers and on her own, is responsible for blazing a rhythm and blues trail while never relinquishing her gospel roots. Her voice has influenced artists from Bob Dylan to Prince — who dubbed her "the epitome of soul" — and she has appeared with everyone from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Bill Cosby, Presidents Kennedy, Carter, and Clinton, to Janis Joplin, Pink Floyd, Santana and Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers and has recorded with Bob Dylan, Los Lobos, Aretha Franklin, Marty Stuart and many others.

JULY 27: CLUB-STYLE WORLD MUSIC

LYRICS BORN and DAARA J

A double feature of unusual hip-hop with a worldly twist: Born in Tokyo and raised in the East Bay, Tom Shimura, or "Lyrics Born," makes the kind of robust, freewheeling hip-hop that followers of Outkast and Jurassic 5 will find appealing.

The Senegalese trio Daara J plays a new brand of hip-hop, a mixture of French or American rap, reggae, roots, soul funk and Cuban music. Ancient African rhythmic poetry influences both the content and style.

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

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JUNE MOUNTAIN

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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 104" - 128"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 5/28
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN

MOUNTAIN HIGH

CLOSED

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 18"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 3/4
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

SNOW SUMMIT

CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY

CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 66°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

THURSDAY THE 8TH THE SW SWELL SHOULD DECLINE WITH SIZE WITH MOST SOUTH FACING BREAKS SEEING WAIST TO POSSIBLY CHEST HIGH SURF. WIND SWELL SHOULD BRING SIMILARLY SIZED WAVES (BUT PEAKY) TO WEST FACING SPOTS.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WNW POSSIBLE FOR MIDDLE OF MONTH...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

SATURDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	12:21 AM	2.03 FEET	11:28 AM	1.34 FEET
HIGH TIDE	5:30 AM	3.26 FEET	6:24 PM	4.68 FEET
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:09 AM	1.42 FEET	12:03 PM	1.61 FEET
HIGH TIDE	6:43 AM	3.19 FEET	6:48 PM	5.02 FEET
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:49 AM	0.81 FEET	12:37 PM	1.85 FEET
HIGH TIDE	7:45 AM	3.22 FEET	7:13 PM	5.37 FEET
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Q Line

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It's good they had erasers.

Last week, The Macerich Co. — owners of the embattled Santa Monica Place mall — announced that they had made a mistake by assuming residents would welcome a complex with three 21-story towers, and went back to the drawing board. Now comes news they plan to instead remodel.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

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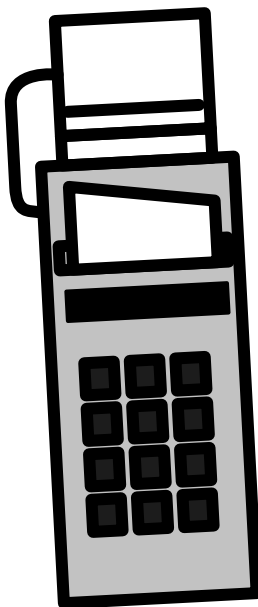
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God may have unleashed wrath

Editor:
Maybe God made Pat Robertson’s plane crash to punish his ministry for his hatred of gays and many other of God’s children.

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

Analysis paralysis

Editor:
As an 83-year-old veteran of the Army Air Corps, I am appalled at what I think is the stupidity of doing a survey of the idling aircraft at Clover Field, when less than 1,000 yards away on Ocean Park Boulevard there are thousands of cars a day idling and/or accelerating at the stop lights from about 20th Street to Cloverfield Street 24 hours a day, and that is only one street in the airport area.

It doesn’t take an MIT graduate to figure out that the auto pollution in that area is several orders of magnitude greater than the relatively few, more efficient, and better maintained aircraft engines.

In addition, there are several hundred cars in the business district parking lot on or next to the airport with idling engines when entering or leaving this lot twice a day. This study is certainly a mindless mistake.

Why not place a few air sampling devices along Ocean Park Boulevard and compare them to ones placed along the airport runway?

Andy Byrnes
Santa Monica

The idling jets are killing us

Editor:
Councilmember McKeown (SMDP, June 5, 2006, page 4) clearly does not understand many aspects in regard to the recently introduced California State legislation that will require the airport to log the taxi/idle times of kerosene-burning aircraft for a one-year period. I have been unsuccessful in my requests to meet with Councilman McKeown to discuss my concerns regarding the air pollution. Of course, everyone believes that aircraft should not be able to use the airport without the proper runoff safety areas. However, to sit idly by while jets blast raw kerosene over populated communities just across the streets at both ends of the runway is simply unacceptable. What is most disturbing is how silent Santa Monica has been in accepting the responsibility for requesting that the FAA allow for jets taking off to the west, to merge into LAX traffic; the result of which has been greatly acerbated air pollution from extended hold times.

Los Angeles borders half of the airport, but has no representation on the airport commission. When Cathy Larson from the Friends of Sunset Park spoke at the May 25 City Council meeting, she said that Mr. Rubin was not being heard by Santa Monica for about 10 years; of course he is going to look for other legislators to take up the cause.

This legislation may have caught Santa Monica off guard, but it should not have surprised them. Nor should they fear it. Yes the bill, AB 2501, will be amended to more precisely define what data is necessary, but Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution will not let Santa Monica diminish the effectiveness of it by crying that they can not afford it or that it is unfair. The \$400,000 amount that Councilman McKeown mentions has no basis in reality. The actual cost will be much less and well worth it.

I do not wish to argue with Santa Monica officials. What I wish is to have Los Angeles concerns brought to the table for full and fair discussions. There is much that Santa Monica officials can learn. The health and lives of people depend on this issue being addressed pro-actively. If Councilman McKeown was serious in his intent to address negative impacts on the community from the airport, he would be wise to begin council actions to draft a letter to the FAA and Congressional representatives demanding that both issues — air pollution as well as safety runoff areas are addressed immediately.

Martin Rubin
Director, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution
West Los Angeles

Increased police presence increases hostility

Editor:
There are a number of issues the incoming police chief must deal with, but I think the No. 1 issue that the new chief needs to focus on is community/police relations. It is no secret that the residents of the Pico neighborhood and black and Latino youth in Santa Monica are treated much differently than everyone else. I myself have been a victim of racial profiling by Santa Monica police and so has my 13-year-old brother. The current attitude by the SMPD towards people of color can result in nothing more than increased hostility and mistrust of law enforcement. In response to the anonymous callers in the weekend edition (SMDP, June 3-4, page 4) who suggested more officers be deployed on the street, I invite you to switch places with me for a day. Then tell me if you still want two or threes times the current number officers out patrolling the streets.

David Mendez-Yapkowitz
Santa Monica

Until pigs fly, enjoy a little bacon already



ICONOCLAST
BLAST
BY SETH BARNES

The summer months are here. As we speak, across our great land, Americans of all shapes and sizes will head outdoors to fire up the grill and enjoy the pleasant weather with friends, family and neighbors. In recent years, negative press about the mind-boggling obesity of many Americans and ethical concerns about eating the charred remains of what used to be lovable, breathing creatures have changed the timbre of many weekend barbecues.

In many ways this is a positive. Previously, the average picnic line would have been stocked with slabs of sausage and pails of gooey potato salad. Now, you’re more likely to find soybean links and mounds of healthy grilled vegetables. For the heathens among us, a greasy cheeseburger probably can still be found. You’ll just have to bring your own bacon.

There is however, one meat item, one flame-roasted beast that still demands our attention.

Are you an able-bodied, freedom loving American? Are you a true blue patriot, well-versed in the national traditions of food, folks and fun? Are you convivial to a fault? If these statements apply to you, I urge you to participate in one of the great rituals of modern times: The pig roast. Simply put, the pig roast is a festival to end all festivals, a feast of unmatched proportions. An unfathomable day of revelry and merrymaking. A day where you will gather with friends and loved ones in your back yard to slowly rotate a large mammal over glowing coals, until it is golden-brown and succulently delicious.

No, it’s not politically correct. It’s not even fashionable. But there’s something tantalizingly retro about the pig roast, something that conjures up beer cans with pull-off tops, deviled eggs and off-color jokes told by balding men in polyester pants.

As things currently stand, you’ve probably come to a culinary crossroad. Your lack of creativity is stifling your inner beast. Perhaps you shop at Trader Joes or Whole Foods, filling your basket with reams of organic produce, the cost of which could relieve the debt of several third world nations. You’re careful and contentious about how you shop for food. The choices

you make say a lot about you as a person: Your attitudes toward agribusiness, your personal health, fair trade and equitable working wages. But admit it. Your inner beast wants to tear skin from bone and wash it all down with a bucketful of Milwaukee’s Best.

It’s time to add something to your repertoire, time to add a new weapon to your summer barbecue chow-down toolbox. Organizing a pig roast is simple. With a little elbow-grease, you can have an oinker simmering over a barely-in-control fire in a flash.

To get set up your bonanza, you’ll probably need assistance from the friendly farmer who will provide your pig. If they’re in the business of pig roasting, they’ll provide the massive oven, coals and roasting tools. They’ll also be able to lend a hand with cooking instruction — and of course you can head online for any number of helpful hints and tidbits.

As any veteran of the practice knows roasting a pig takes all day. So the event is actually an excuse to sit outside in a Hawaiian shirt playing Frisbee with a cold drink permanently affixed to your free hand. You’ll probably want a boom-box of some sort tuned to a ballgame. If you’re from the younger generation, you’ll want your iPod and a mobile wireless device.

Tiki torches are a must. Since your pig roast event will be a true long day’s journey into night, you’ll want to make sure all the revelers can see properly when it’s time to tear into the beast. I don’t think I have to mention that tiki torches are a genuine fire hazard, and seemingly contain an inbound homing device that makes them fall directly onto the most flammable item at your party — table cloth, stack of napkins, passed out uncle etc.

When the glorious time comes to devour the prize, there’s a cardinal rule that must be adhered to at all times. You may not use utensils, plates, or other culinary devices to eat of the pig. You must devour the meat like a deranged Neanderthal using nothing but your bare hands and gnashing jaws.

You may wake up the next morning with a belly ache and protein hangover. Perhaps you’ll never look at a pork chop or sizzling pile of bacon in the same manner. But as far as I’m concerned, each and every one of us needs to satisfy our inner beast at least once a summer.

(Seth Barnes can be reached at barneseth@hotmail.com.)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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“Historically, people in Senegal would use tasso to talk about their environment, their living conditions, and the situation of the country and their hopes for the future,” said Daara J’s Faada Freddy explains.

AUG. 3: L.A. REGGAE

THE AGGROLITES, JOEY ALTRUDA’S CLASSIC RIDDIMS, and CHRIS MURRAY COMBO

The reggae trifecta: three great LA-area Reggae groups in one great night. The Aggrolites came together rather by accident when five musicians from two different groups were backing the great Jamaican ska singer Derrick Morgan on an album. Reflecting the love for rocksteady, ska and reggae in Southern California, this new fusion of two bands hits on something truly authentic, with classic keyboard riffing and swinging horn-filled rhythms. Joey Altruda’s Classic Riddims and Chris Murray Combo join.

August 10: African pop and traditional music

SALIF KEITA and ASHLEY MAHER

Known as the “Golden Voice of Mali,” multiple Grammy-nominee Salif Keita successfully fuses traditional African music with contemporary Western styles — funk, rap and pop. Delighting audiences from New York to Paris since his humble beginnings in Djoliba, Salif now stands solidly in the center of the Afro-pop music scene.

AUG. 17: CHILEAN SUPER GROUP

INTI-ILLIMANI

Here’s what the LA Times has to say about Inti-Illimani: “Few Latin American acts can rival the Chilean group in terms of the sheer beauty of sound. Much like a Zen affirmation, Inti-Illimani’s music floats within your soul, filling it with calmness and hope.”

For over three decades, Inti-Illimani’s music has intoxicated audiences around the globe. Wedded in traditional Latin American roots and playing on more than 30 wind, string and percussion instruments, Inti-Illimani’s compositions are a treasure for the human spirit. They have appeared on Amnesty International stages with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Mercedes Sosa, Sting and Wynton Marsalis.

AUG. 24: BOLLYWOOD AT THE PIER

KIRAN AHLUWALIA

Kiran Ahluwalia is an Indo-Canadian singer who has devoted much of her life to learning the art of Indian vocal music and in particular gazhal, a poetic song form that arrived in India since the 14th century. Trained in classical Indian singing, she found herself drawn to the ghazal form and folk songs of Punjab, her family’s home region. The ghazal is a challenging form featuring both structure and improvisation. Accompanied by tabla, guitar and harmonium, Kiran adds the drone of the tanpura to her voice to fill out an ensemble capable of both delicacy and power. She is likely one of the only composers and performers of ghazal in the Western Hemisphere.

AUGUST 31: DAWG MUSIC AND GYPSY JAZZ!

DAVID GRISMAN and STEPHANE WREMBEL

For more than 40 years, mandolinist/composer David Grisman has been busy creating “dawg” music, a blend of many stylistic influences — including swing, bluegrass, latin, jazz and gypsy — so unique he gave it its own name. Known widely for his work with Jerry Garcia and many other artists, Grisman has inspired a whole new genre of acoustic string instrumental music with style and virtuosity while creating a unique niche for himself in the world of contemporary music.

French guitarist Stephane Wrembel may not be a gypsy by definition, but his music has all the nostalgia, joy and jangle of a true gypsy musician; an impressionist landscape of the Bohemian lifestyle. The rhythmic, jazzy music of Stephane Wrembel takes the crowd to the gypsy camp to dance around the campfire with the same sense of freedom, abandon and vitality as the gypsies.

The concert series began in 1983 as a way to bring visitors back to the pier after a series of storms nearly destroyed it. Today, the concerts are like a symbolic block party for Santa Monica.

Over the last two decades, the Twilight Dance Series has grown to attract more than 10,000 people per concert, organizers said. On-site crowd supervision is provided by up to 10 Santa Monica police officers, supplemented with 10 to 15 event security professionals.

The Twilight Dance Series is made possible through funding from the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., the city of Santa Monica and the support of sponsors. The 22nd Annual Twilight Dance Series is produced by King & Company and the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation.

Concert organizers recommend walking, biking or using mass transit to get to the concerts, since parking at the pier is limited. For bus information visit www.bigbluebus.com, or call (310) 441-5444.

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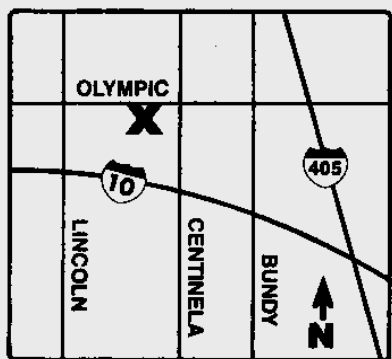


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Union leader mugs for camera after arrest

By The Associated Press

LAKEWOOD — An aerospace union leader was arrested after a coffee mug was smashed over a woman's head during a dispute outside a union hall, officials said.

Jacki Harris, president of United Aerospace Workers Local 148, was arrested Monday for investigation of assaulting the unidentified 43-year-old woman, Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Jim Tatreau said Tuesday.

The woman was hit with the mug after a dispute over changed locks at the local's headquarters, Tatreau said.

Deputies arrested Harris after being summoned to the hospital where the woman was taken for treatment of a laceration to the head.

Harris was booked for investigation of assault and battery and released on \$30,000 bond.

A telephone message seeking comment from Harris was left at the union local Wednesday.

FBI denies profiling Muslim students

By The Associated Press

IRVINE — An FBI official told an audience at an Islamic center that Muslim students are not under routine surveillance, despite remarks by an agent last month in a newspaper column that the bureau was monitoring some university groups.

The FBI plays "by the rules" and isn't monitoring students, the bureau's assistant Los Angeles director J. Stephen Tidwell said Monday.

The meeting with the city's Muslim community came a month after agent Pat Rose was quoted as saying the FBI was monitoring groups at University of California, Irvine, and at the University of Southern California.

Tidwell reminded the crowd that the FBI issued a denial May 26, the day after the column appeared.

"We are well past that," he said.

Many in the audience of more than 100 said they remained skeptical of the bureau.

"We honestly don't trust that," Sheikh Yassir Fazaga, imam of the Orange County Islamic Foundation, said of Tidwell's remarks.

Pair accused in jewelry store heist

By The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH — Two Los Angeles men were convicted of participating in a \$1.3 million jewelry store heist.

Dominick Edwards, 34, and Kenney Dwayne Watkins, 28, were found guilty Monday of robbing Jewels by Joseph in October 2004.

Watkins was also convicted of attempted carjacking, possession of a handgun and gang charges.

Each could face 20 to 30 years in prison because of prior felony convictions.

Police have speculated that the thieves were attracted to the store by news reports that the 13.4-carat "American Star" diamond was on display there. The \$2.3 million diamond had been removed from the store four days before the heist.

Police surrounded the store after the owner tripped a silent alarm. Prosecutors said Edwards and a third man whose trial is pending, Herbert Nelson Kirkwood, 33, were arrested as they ran out a back door.

Watkins ran into a gelato store next door, pulled a gun and demanded the keys to a car from a store employee. He surrendered after injuring his leg while trying to escape through the ceiling ventilation ducts.

Man convicted of killing fast food manager

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — A jury convicted a man who confessed to killing a Burger King manager in 1983.

Kenneth Duran Horne, 47, was found guilty of first-degree murder Tuesday in the shooting of Lawrence Eugene Crafts, 31.

The case went unsolved until Horne walked into a sheriff's station in Tennessee last year and confessed.

"He seemed like a man driven to get a load off his chest and he picked that day," said Bob Flores, 46, a member of the jury that deliberated for about 45 minutes before returning a verdict.

Horne will be sentenced July 28. He could face life in prison without the possibility of parole.

DA to decide on police shooting

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Preliminary results of an inquiry into the fatal police shooting of a toddler last summer were turned over to the district attorney and a final report is expected to be released next month.

Capt. Jim Vogue addressed the civilian Police Commission on Tuesday about the internal investigation into the shooting of 19-month-old Suzie Pena.

Suzie was killed July 19, 2005, when her father used her as a shield during a gunfight with police.

The father was also killed and one officer was wounded.

Commission President John Mack said he wants a "thorough, comprehensive" probe into the girl's death.

"But we also are mindful of the reality of how a long, extensive investigation like this aggravates relationships and tensions with community people wanting to know what's going on," Mack added.



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Lawmakers haggle over oil company profits

BY MATT VOLZ

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska House and Senate negotiators met Wednesday to find a compromise on an oil-tax bill that has twice failed to pass the Legislature. Striking such a deal, Gov. Frank Murkowski says, is key to bringing a proposed 3,600-mile natural gas pipeline closer to reality.

The source of contention between the two bodies is a single percentage point in the base rate of the tax on profits and how fast that rate would escalate as oil prices rise.

The tax proposal would replace the state's current and cumbersome production tax, which state leaders say is outdated and allows major oil fields to escape payment.

The House voted to tax the Alaska profits of oil companies at 23.5 percent. The Senate earlier had put the tax rate at 22.5 percent, and late Tuesday rejected increasing the tax.

Both bills have different tax escalators kick in when the price of Alaska North Slope crude reaches approximately \$50 per barrel.

Negotiators and lawmakers must come to a consensus on the tax and escalator rates before the session ends at midnight Thursday or the bill dies, as it did at the end of the regular session in May.

Even if the Legislature agrees on a tax rate there's no requirement in the proposed legislation or the contract itself that the pipeline actually be built. That decision will be made about four years after the contract is signed, once permitting and design of the pipeline is completed.

The pipeline — at an estimated cost of

\$19 billion to Canada or \$27 billion to Chicago — would be North America's largest ever construction project.

At current oil prices, every percentage point in the profits tax equals about \$150 million in tax revenue for the state. A legislative consultant estimates Alaska, under the 23.5 percent tax rate, would rake in \$2.9 billion more a year at today's prices than it does now under the production tax.

The tax rate is to be written into a contract proposal with the state and ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil Corp. and BP PLC for recovering the North Slope's 35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves and delivering them to Canada or Midwestern markets.

Murkowski proposes to freeze the oil and gas taxes for the three companies for the next 30 to 45 years, given them the tax stability they say they need to commit to the multibillion-dollar pipeline.

All versions of the tax bill offer the oil companies credits and incentives meant to spur further oil and gas exploration and development. But Murkowski wants a 20 percent net-profits tax, and has warned that any increases could jeopardize the entire pipeline project.

Angus Walker, commercial vice president for BP's Alaska subsidiary, wrote an open letter to the House and Senate bill negotiators that adopting either version of the bill would also cause the industry to cut the amount it spends on developing Alaska oil and gas.

"BP will continue to be a responsible and significant economic player in Alaska, but it must be clear to all that increasing taxes in such a massive way will inevitably stifle investment," Walker wrote.

Legislators, while disagreeing among themselves what the rate should be, largely agreed that Murkowski's tax rate is too low.

"People are recognizing that this is a commodity. It's not about a tax so much as about getting our share of the price that the world says this commodity is worth," said Rep. Mike Kelly, R-Fairbanks, who introduced the 23.5 percent tax rate.

Senators bumped Murkowski's tax rate from 20 percent to 22.5 percent. They also included an escalator tax in which the tax rate would start to rise once the price of a barrel of oil reached \$35 after company costs.

When that bill got to the House, representatives increased the base tax rate to 23.5 percent, and increased the speed at which that tax rate would rise at high oil prices.

The House's bill would tax 23.5 percent of oil companies' Alaska profits. That rate would rise 0.25 percent for every \$1 per barrel increase once the price of oil reaches the net \$35 per barrel trigger price.

The Senate's escalator rate is 0.1 percent for every \$1 per barrel rise in oil prices after the benchmark.

Both versions contain a provision to allow oil companies to take 20 percent of the amount they spend on capital costs each year as credits against the tax. Other incentives are included in the bills meant to spur development of smaller oil fields.

The gas pipeline is touted as Alaska's next Prudhoe Bay, the mammoth field that is in decline but still provided about 9 percent of the nation's supply until last month, when a pipeline leak reduced its normal production.

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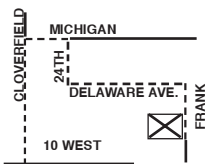
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Parks at odds over information on victims

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When three tourists died in a rafting accident in Grand Teton National Park last week, the park's public information officer says she wasn't quite sure what to tell reporters.

Joan Anzelmo, who has worked at the Wyoming park for 11 years, usually would have released the names of the victims as soon as the families were notified. But recent park directives have complicated that process, leaving park officers confused about what the public is allowed to know.

She eventually released the names, after consulting with national headquarters in Washington. But the identities of people injured or killed on public lands may soon

be withheld from the public under new policies the National Park Service is considering.

Anzelmo said she will follow whatever guidelines the agency provides, but she believes it's in the public's best interest to know what happens in the parks. Official information puts rumors and misinformation to rest, she said.

"I would dread having to go from the professional cooperation that we have with members of the news media who are covering stories in the national parks to not providing information that has always served the park and the agency and the public," she said.

The issue arose last year after the Salt Lake Tribune submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for the names of victims of fatal accidents around Utah's Lake

Powell. An FOIA appeals officer in Washington told the newspaper the names would not be released because of privacy issues.

"Disclosure of the decedent's names in connection with the details of the incidents that led to their demise could also open their living relatives up to harassment, unofficial questioning, or unwanted public attention, thereby causing the living relatives of the decedents a great deal of emotional distress," wrote Darrell Strayhorn.

Soon after that letter was issued, the agency issued a memorandum to regional park directors telling them to withhold some personal information contained in motor vehicle accident reports.

Those two directives have caused confusion around the agency, said Elaine Sevy, a spokeswoman for the Park Service in Washington. The agency's lawyers are reviewing the matter, she said, and hope to resolve it soon.

"Whatever the solicitors decide is the law is what we have to implement," she said.

Charles Davis, executive director of the University of Missouri's National Freedom of Information Coalition, said the parks should release information about deaths and injuries just as local law enforcement does. Parents and tourists have the right to know the risks of traveling in certain places, he said.

"We have every right to know how and when and why people are perishing in what are supposed to be fun, safe places," he said.

"That's how we identify problems in this country."

In contrast to Grand Teton, Glacier National Park in Montana has interpreted the directives literally. It already has refused to give out the names of people who have died or been injured in the park. Officials there would not release the names of a father and daughter who were mauled by a grizzly bear last summer, despite a Freedom of Information Act request by The Daily Inter Lake newspaper of Kalispell, Mont.

"We feel comfortable with what we've done here," said Dave Dahlen, chief of interpretation and education for the park. "The reporters are trying to do their job and we are trying to do ours, and that's a change for some."

Still, Dahlen said, they are hoping for more specific guidance from the national office.

Al Nash, spokesman for Yellowstone National Park, said he is struggling with how to balance respect for individuals and the public's right to know what happens on federal land. He said he has been vocal in asking the Interior Department to come to a resolution on the issue, not just for parks but for all public lands.

"We expect that we will not be releasing the names of many victims of accidents due to their privacy concerns," he said.

It's a challenging situation, he added.

"Most of us at the field level are anything but experts in these very complicated issues," he said.

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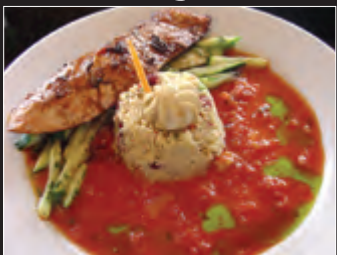
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Vail Resorts gets lift with record profits for the third quarter

BY CATHERINE TSAI
AP Business Writer

DENVER — Vail Resorts Inc. reported higher skier visits and record net income for the fiscal third quarter Wednesday, beating Wall Street expectations as it raised its forecast for the rest of the year.

The company said it now expects net income of \$42 million to \$48 million for the full fiscal year, up from an estimate in December of \$34 million to \$43 million.

Vail credited the increase in visits and higher lift-ticket prices for a 16 percent jump in net income to \$68.3 million, or \$1.75 per share, on revenue of \$341 million for the three months ending April 30.

That was up from net income of \$58.8 million, or \$1.61 per share, on revenue of \$327 million in the same period a year earlier.

The consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial was profit of \$1.73 per share on \$333.8 million.

Shares were trading up \$1.34 to \$36.73 in midday trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

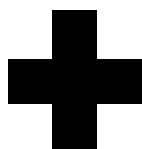
Early-season snow whet skiers' appetites in Colorado, where Vail operates the Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone and Breckenridge resorts. Skier visits to Colorado resorts and to Vail-owned Heavenly in California were up 4.4 percent for the quarter, to 3.4 million, and 6 percent for the season, to nearly 6.3 million. That came despite 100 mph wind gusts over the Christmas holiday period at Heavenly, chief executive Robert Katz said.

Ticket prices were up 10 percent in the quarter and 6.5 percent for the season, with lift-ticket revenue rising almost 15 percent to \$149 million in the quarter, Katz said. Ski school, dining, and retail and rental revenue also rose, helping offset decreases in lodging and real-estate revenue due to the sale of several lodges.

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Landlord feels he's a target

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vehicles in the backyard that contain debris; improper wiring; and serving as a hotbed for criminal activity, according to the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office.

Gonzalez in 1997 was charged by City Hall with 85 misdemeanor counts for violations of building, fire, plumbing and electrical codes, and has had ongoing legal problems since. He has served time in LA County twice for refusing to bring his building up to code, according to the City Attorney's Office.

"This has definitely been a long road for the city," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who heads up City Hall's Consumer Protection Unit. "This was really a last resort, after all other measures failed. It's a sad situation."

On Wednesday, Gonzalez was sitting on his front patio, eating peaches and limes when he was informed of the ruling. The 57-year-old, wearing an old Edison Company hard-hat, contends his lawyer does not always keep him apprised of the ongoing legal tussle with Santa Monica City Hall.

Calls to Gonzalez' attorney — Stan Stearns who works on Main Street — were not returned on Wednesday.

Gonzalez described a series of missteps that included one lawyer running off with his retainer, general contractors not completing jobs and city inspectors contradicting one another to the point that he can't possibly comply.

Still, the gravity of the May 31 court rul-

Taking a crack at it



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

A SMPD officer and his K-9 partner, Rex, a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois from Holland, show off the dog's ability to sniff out narcotics during a Santa Monica Kiwanis luncheon at The Santa Monica Family YMCA on Wednesday.

ing may elude him. Gonzalez, a former construction worker who relies on boarders to help make mortgage payments, has made no plans to vacate the property or live elsewhere.

"By law, they cannot take me out of here. This is private property," Gonzalez said Wednesday. "This is a direct attack by the city of Santa Monica. I don't know why they don't like me. I just help people that need a place to stay."

"I'm doing social work here," he explained regarding his tenants who have

few other affordable options in the city. "I'm practicing social, psychological work."

Court-appointed receiver David Pasternak, an attorney based in Century City, assumed full control of the property in January of 2005, following a Superior Court ruling in Beverly Hills. In May of that year, he was granted court permission to have the building demolished on the grounds that it was not financially viable to rehabilitate.

Gonzalez subsequently appealed, reasoning that demolition would be unfair given that he wished to remain living in the two-story structure he co-owns with his mother, and preferred to pay the costs of repairs.

"Apartment owners need to know that their buildings can be taken away if they refuse to follow the law," said Radinsky. "Receivership is drastic medicine, but we won't hesitate to use it in proper cases to protect the well-being of the community."

The City Attorney's Office first filed a court order in December of 2004, citing numerous complaints about the property from neighbors. The legal action ordered Gonzalez to bring the building up to code, which City Hall alleges he has still not done.

As for Gonzalez's future at the property, Radinsky called that "a decision for another day." He's still the legal owner of the property, but the receiver and trial court are now making the important decisions in the building's management, and the trial court has ruled it "appropriate to allow its demolition."

"He's had 15 years to bring this building

into compliance," Radinsky said.

On Wednesday, a bewildered Gonzalez contended that his building was in compliance, showing off replaced gas piping, inspected fire extinguishers and a pair of utility trucks that, while not aesthetically pleasing, were indeed operable. He said the city "calls them abandoned."

"I've been working on this house since 1973," he said, "maintaining, correcting, sanitizing. The city just lies about this being trash. One man's trash is another's treasure."

While Gonzalez said he uses all the items in his yard that appear to be suitable for the trash heap — mismatched chairs, a lopsided table, a barbecue grill, a generator, tools — a quick walk around the property brings to light many of City Hall's and neighbors' concerns — tar dripping from the rooftop, a rusted grill, an exposed gas can in the alley, windows that don't open.

Gonzalez also was reluctant to show the inside of his house, which was constructed in 1947. A large trash container kept the front door ajar, over which flies buzzed about. Signs posted at the entryway included "No Trespassing: No Hunting, No Fishing" "Do Not Disturb Occupants" and "Heal the Bay."

Whatever I have left here is safe," he insisted, saying city inspectors lack communication and social skills, and a proper education. "(The city) they just want to mess with me. They have nothing else to do, and they're jealous. They probably don't own houses."

"It's not spotless around here, but I do as much as I can."



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Brownley bracing for November test

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against Republican Tony Dolz, 47, an anti-illegal immigration activist, and Libertarian Conrad Stefan Frankowski.

"I'm grateful for all of the hard work that my volunteers put in during this campaign, and I'm anxious to start the next one," Brownley said.

With 100 percent of the 235 precincts reporting, Brownley earned 11,380 votes, or 34.9 percent of the total cast in the Democratic primary. Calabasas City Councilman Barry Groveman placed second with 8,734 votes, or 26.8 percent. Attorney Jonathan Levey finished third with 6,587, or 20.2 percent.

Groveman was leading as late as 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, but Brownley, who was not far behind, received a late surge in votes, propelling her to victory.

Groveman could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Mayor Bob Holbrook, a supporter of Groveman, admitted being slightly disappointed his candidate didn't come out on top, but said Brownley is a strong candidate who represents the city's interests well and will make a strong representative for Santa Monicans.

"I expect Julia will be pretty close with the City Council considering half of the members support her here," Holbrook said. "But the other half supported Groveman, so really, it was almost as if we couldn't lose, no matter which side won."

Candidate Shawn Casey O'Brien, who came in last with 1,057 votes, or 3.2 percent, said if he wasn't going to be the Democratic Party's pick, he's glad it's Brownley. O'Brien said Brownley was sincere, genuine and will work hard for the district.

"I think Julia has a progressive outlook and I look forward to working with her for the next four years on issues that affect the most vulnerable in our society — seniors, the disabled and working families."

As the Democratic candidate, Brownley is expected to win by a large margin come November because of the district's large base of liberals, however, Brownley said she isn't taking anything for granted.

"I've got to run a full-fledged race," Brownley said. "I think this (the primary) was the harder hurdle, but I'm going to be running against two candidates from other parties, so I'm going to have to work even harder."

Plot thickens in farm's plight

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were taken over by urban farmers.

"There are urban farms in cities around the world," he said.

The property was owned by developer Ralph Horowitz when the city seized it through eminent domain in the 1980s with plans to build a trash-to-energy incinerator. That project was eventually abandoned amid objections from what was then a poor, largely black residential community.

The city handed control of the property over to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, which allowed people to set up small garden plots to aid residents who complained that food was scarce, particularly after grocery stores were burned and looted in the riots.

Horowitz eventually sued the city to get the property back. The city settled in 2003 by selling it to him for \$5 million, a little more than the \$4.8 million it paid when it took it away.

In the meantime, newly arrived Hispanic residents began farming the land, planting indigenous crops like lettuce, tomatoes, beans, squash and strawberries along with more exotic varieties of corn, cactus and a plant called papalaoquelite.

"You can boil it like greens or spinach. I saute it with onions and my husband likes to eat it with his tortillas," explained farmer Rocio Cardozo as she walked among the numerous small plots last week.

Similar wide varieties of produce have sprung up in urban gardens in Detroit in recent years. But those were planted on abandoned vacant lots and are now operated by a consortium of public and private groups.

In New York, hundreds of small gardens

thrive on abandoned properties owned by the city that were set aside for public use in the 1990s after years of court battles and a money raised by the Trust For Public Land.

That nonprofit organization also tried to buy the Los Angeles garden, but its fundraising fell \$10 million short of Horowitz's \$16.3 million asking price. Horowitz did not return calls for comment.

The farmers are frantically trying to raise more money and believe, given enough time, they could come close to what the owner is asking and save the site five miles south of Los Angeles City Hall.

"We've already raised millions of dollars, enough for him to make a healthy profit. If we have to raise more, we can," said actress Daryl Hannah, who joined the farmers at the site two weeks ago. Other celebrities who have visited include Joan Baez, Martin Sheen and Ed Begley Jr.

Dozens of supporters who are camping at the farm said if Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies come to evict them, they will peacefully refuse to leave.

Among those at the farm are veteran environmental activist tree-sitters Julia Butterfly Hill and John Quigley, who are camped in a large walnut tree on the edge of the garden.

Sheriff's officials have said they hope to avoid throwing the hundreds of farmers off the land, although they note they will have to carry out a court eviction order issued May 24 if a deal isn't reached soon.

"We as a Sheriff's Department have a constituency known as the court, the Superior Court, and the court has issued an eviction notice," said sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

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America falls into terrorists' trap



THE WEEKLY RECKONING

BY BILL BONNER

Every great public spectacle begins with a lie, develops into a farce, and often ends up a tragedy. We read the newspapers and wonder where the war in Iraq stands in the sequence. Certainly, the lies are behind it. The Bush administration told the lies it needed to tell to get the war underway. Now, no more lies are needed. But, does that mean we are in the farce stage? Or have we already moved to tragedy?

"When you open up the strategy for victory, there is nothing inside," said Representative John Murtha, Democrat from the great state of Pennsylvania. Murtha has seen this show before — in Vietnam. That, too, had to work its way through the three stages. The lies: That Americans should care what kind of misgovernment the Vietnamese had ... and that if they "went communist," the whole of Southeast Asia would fall "like dominoes."

Then came the farce: Hundreds of thousands of American boys were "sent to do the fighting that Asian boys should do," in Lyndon Johnson's words ... sent off with an empty strategy and no real knowledge of

whom they were fighting or what they were fighting for, other than slogans as empty as a George Bush speech. And finally, came the tragedy, not so much the American retreat, which was still in the bloody farce stage, but the victory of the reds, who were every bit as asinine and murderous as their enemies made them out to be. But finally, when Vietnam did "go communist," the whole of Southeast Asia yawned. Nobody cared. The Vietcong had won. And the whole country suffered its victory, like a war wound, for the rest of the century.

There were no real winners in Vietnam. The president says he has a plan for victory in Iraq, but there will be no winners there either.

Who will be the biggest loser? We cannot know. It is not given to man to know his fate. All we can do is to try to peek around the corner.

The world was a much different place in 1966 than it is in 2006. Forty years ago, the United States was the world's undisputed economic power, and still a growing power with a positive trade balance, a net creditor to the rest of the world, and a dollar still con-

vertible into gold, albeit indirectly. Americans still paid off their mortgages. Credit cards were still in the future, along with reality TV and "neg am" mortgages. The generation in command still remembered the lessons of the Great Depression, and World War II. They made mistakes — big ones — but they still expected to pay their bills and balance their budgets. What's more, their largest potential competitors — Russia, China, India — still hobbled themselves with Marxist claptrap that kept them out of world markets for much of the 20th century. In other words, America could still afford to make grandiose mistakes.

The United States is, of course, an imperial power. It also is the world's largest debtor. Its role in the world is to maintain order. But it can only do so by borrowing money from its former and future enemies. And now, the empire wastes its military resources in a fight that can do it no good, and squanders its borrowed money trying to secure a part of the imperial periphery that can do it no harm. Russia is building up piles of dollars by exporting energy. China is building up mountains of dollars by exporting consumer-manufactured goods. India is coming on strong, too, by offering English-language information processing to the rest of the world.

At some time in the future, these lenders will surely want more for their money than 5 percent. Already, we read in last week's paper

that China's key advisors are urging the government to take its dollars and buy oil and gold. At some point, they might want to suggest changes in the trade relationship, or changes in the décor of the White House, or changes in the U.S. Constitution itself. Who knows?

The dollar is, after all, a currency of no fixed value. Both lenders and borrowers are aware that it floats on the wind like odor from a public dump. And when the lenders decide the time is right, they will make a flap. Then, the borrower will find he or she is on the wrong side of the breeze.

Osama bin Laden wasn't born yesterday. He, too, knows which way the wind blows. His publicly stated strategy is to bleed the empire dry — forcing it to spend \$100,000 for every 50 cents his terrorists lay out. It is simple enough to understand the math, but who would have thought that the empire would be stupid enough to fall into the trap?

A "war on terror" is in many ways the perfect war for a bankrupt empire. Perfect for its enemies, too. It allows the homeland team to marshal resources it does not have for a war it cannot lose. Terrorists can only irritate the great empire; they cannot bring it down. No, the empire will have to bring itself down. And for that, we don't need terrorists. We have Congress and the White House.

(For more insight and analysis, visit www.dailyreckoning.com.)

An education on the economics of college



MIND YOUR BUSINESS

BY KIRK G. AGUER

It's never been more important for the children in your life to receive a college education. Studies show that over a lifetime, the earning gap between a person with a high school education and one who has a college degree may exceed \$1 million, according to The College Board, a not-for-profit educational association.

For 2003-2004, average costs for one-year at a state university totaled \$4,656 (+14.1 percent) and \$27,410 (+6.0 percent) for a private university. That includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation and other expenses for residential students. Should you also be thinking about graduate or professional school, the costs will really skyrocket.

Although funding a child's way through college will never be easy, some help is available through 529 College Savings Plans, also called qualified tuition programs. Those plans were created under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to help U.S. citizens

and permanent residents meet higher education expenses and offer considerable financial benefits, such as:

- **Tax advantages:** Your plan can grow federal income tax deferred. Withdrawals also are free of federal income taxes and in some cases state income taxes when used for qualified educational expenses. If withdrawals are used for non-qualified purposes, it may be subject to taxes and a 10 percent federal penalty. Some states provide state income tax advantages such as tax-free withdrawals and deductions for contributions to residents or other taxpayers who enroll in a 529 plan sponsored by that state. State tax advantages are generally not available to state residents who enroll in another state's 529 plan.

- **Gift and estate tax benefits.** Your plan allows you certain gift tax exclusions and offers special estate planning advantages, without triggering federal gift taxes.

- **Flexibility:** You can use your plan's funds at any accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.

- **Additional contributors:** Parents aren't the only ones who can contribute to a 529 plan. Grandparents, other relatives and even friends can make contributions.

- **Investment choices.** You can choose from a variety of investment strategies best

suited to your individual circumstances and risk tolerance. You'll also benefit from the professional investment management skills of major mutual fund companies.

Prior to 1996, prepaid tuition plans allowed you to purchase tomorrow's in-state college education at today's prices. That was an attractive advantage, since you were assured that your bill was prepaid, but this type of plan required that your child attend a school in your state.

Under a 529 Savings Plan, you may create an account in your name and choose a beneficiary — your child, a grandchild, the child of a friend or even yourself. Your regular contributions to the plan can grow tax-deferred until withdrawn and, if spent on qualified higher education expenses, will be tax-free when withdrawn. In most cases, this can result in considerable savings. Best of all, the money can be spent at any eligible college or other post-secondary educational institution in the country.

Under current federal tax law the tax-free nature of Section 529 Plans will be automatically repealed at the end of 2010. Thereafter, unless Congress renews or extends the law, earnings withdrawn from a 529 plan will be taxable income of the beneficiary if used for qualified higher education purposes and taxable income of the contributor if used for

non-qualified.

But the reasons to consider section 529 Plans don't stop there. They also feature high contribution limits, often in excess of \$200,000 per beneficiary — which can be used by another member of your family in case the original beneficiary doesn't attend college. Check the program guidelines for eligible family members.

Although Section 529 Plans make saving for college considerable easier, they may not be for everyone. If your child is very young and you're comfortable making your own investment decisions, you might prefer to invest these funds yourself. But whatever route you take, be sure to begin early.

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By Daily Press staff

California-based criminal defense law firm, The Kavinoky Law Firm, has announced the opening of a new law office at 710 Wilshire Blvd.

The Kavinoky Law Firm is a criminal defense firm specializing in defending those accused of DUI and drug offenses in the state of California. Darren Kavinoky, the founding partner of The Kavinoky Law Firm, is thrilled to expand services to the Santa Monica area.

“We currently have offices all around the state, and this Santa Monica office is a critical addition to our firm,” Kavinoky said. “I couldn’t be happier to serve folks in the Santa Monica area, and I look forward to visiting with them and helping them with their legal issues.”

The Santa Monica office will serve as the sixth office for the firm. In addition to this latest office, The Kavinoky Law Firm has offices in Woodland Hills, Newport Beach, San Francisco, Pasadena and San Diego.

Kavinoky has lent his expertise to The Today Show, Larry King Live and numerous local television and radio programs and newspapers.

Seafood operation expands

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Seafood announced it has acquired the customer base, corporate name, receivables, inventory and other assets of Fish Warehouse Corporation, a Los Angeles-based seafood distributor that has been in business for the past 23 years.

Phil Levy, president of Fish Warehouse, has joined Santa Monica Seafood as a vice president of sales, and approximately 50 prior employees of Fish Warehouse will now be housed at Santa Monica Seafood’s significantly larger 60,000-square-foot facility in Rancho Dominguez.

Santa Monica Seafood is a private, family owned and operated company that has been in the business of supplying quality seafood products since 1939. The new organization will have approximately 220 employees, with the largest seafood sales, customer service, purchasing and delivery teams in Southern California and the greater Las Vegas area.

“Both companies are quality minded organizations with over 90 years of history in the seafood distribution business,” said Anthony Cigliano, president of Santa Monica Seafood. “The combined customer base of Santa Monica Seafood and Fish Warehouse represents the largest segment of the high quality restaurants, hotels and country clubs in Southern California and Las Vegas. We are proud of this new chapter in our company’s ongoing history.”

Santa Monica Seafood Company is a specialty wholesale distributor of fresh and frozen seafood with its corporate offices and processing facility located in Rancho Dominguez. Santa Monica Seafood has two retail stores — in Santa Monica and Costa Mesa — which specializes in seafood and related specialty products. For additional information on Santa Monica Seafood’s acquisition of Fish Warehouse, contact Michael Cigliano, executive vice president at (310) 886-7900.

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Use your resume to help negotiate a higher salary

BY DEBORAH WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

Most job seekers believe that salary negotiation starts once they have an offer in hand, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

In fact, your resume can make the difference between negotiating at the top end of the salary range — or the bottom end — in your next job offer. If that sounds strange to you, consider the following points:

- A prospective employer’s first impression of you is created entirely by your resume.
- The employer’s first impression of you will assign a value and build a level of urgency for the employer to contact you — before someone else does.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE.

If your resume sells your skills short, then you can’t expect to receive offers at the upper end of your salary scale. Your current resume could be losing you thousands of dollars in income power. By making a few key changes in your resume now, you can position yourself for higher salaries in the future. There are three resume strategies for promoting high salary negotiation success:

SHOW THAT YOU ARE A HIGH RETURN ON INVESTMENT WITH QUANTIFIABLE RESULTS.

Many job seekers throw around the phrase “results oriented,” but they fail to back it up with concrete evidence, leaving the reader to conclude otherwise. You may feel that you have no quantifiable evidence of your value in previous jobs, but every job has quantifiable results that can better reflect your worth on your resume. Revenue, sales dollars and material costs are not the only results that use numbers. Consider using the number of man-hours saved in process improvements, the percentage of repeat customers, or the number of peers helped by a particular efficiency to help reflect your abilities. Every employee is hired to solve prob-

lems, and most problems have some quantifiable element at their core.

ILLUSTRATE THE BREADTH OF YOUR EXPERIENCE.

Notice the use of the word “breadth” rather than “length” of experience. Just because a candidate has been doing a job for a long time does not necessarily mean he is worth more. Breadth of experience focuses on quality, not quantity. There are two key ways to express breadth of experience: Industry knowledge — since industry expertise is usually in high demand, you can show your value through insider understanding of industry issues; and transferable skills — if your career spans many industries within the same occupation, highlight the transferable skills that have enabled you to bridge the gaps from industry to industry.

ENTICE THE READER TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.

Job seekers often make the mistake of assuming that the job of their resume is to inform the reader. Not so. The only job of your resume is to entice the reader to want to know more about you. What that translates to is an understanding of what to include and what to leave off your resume. Too much detail can distract the reader and lose his interest, but not enough information, and the reader will wonder what you have been doing with your life. A proper balance between detail and result will win the reader’s interest and leave them saying, “I’ve got to call this guy for an interview today.” A professional resume writer can create a resume that sells you as a high return on investment. By portraying you as someone with great breadth of experience and a wide range of critical skills, potential employers will see you immediately as someone of high value, building their vision — and your self-confidence — of you in the upper end of the salary scale.

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Which of These Costly Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Santa Monica Home This Summer

BY JAMES COSTELLO AND JOHN MCCORMACK

SANTA MONICA — A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become

increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and — worse — financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

As this report uncovers, most home sellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

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Senate says 'don't' to gay marriage ban

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday rejected a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, dealing a defeat to President Bush and Republicans who hoped to use the measure to energize conservative voters on Election Day.

Supporters had predicted they would gain votes this year over the last time the issue came up, in 2004, but actually lost one vote for the amendment in a procedural test tally.

Wednesday's 49-48 vote fell 11 short of the 60 required to send the matter for an up-or-down tally. The 2004 vote was 50-48.

A majority of Americans define marriage as a union of a man and a woman, as the proposed amendment does, according to a poll out this week by ABC News. But an equal majority opposes amending the Constitution on this issue, the poll found.

"Most Americans are not yet convinced that

their elected representatives or the judiciary are likely to expand decisively the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a possible presidential candidate in 2008. He told the Senate on Tuesday he does not support the amendment.

The tally Wednesday put the ban 18 votes short of the 67 needed for the Senate to approve a constitutional amendment, which requires a two-thirds vote.

The defeat is by no means the amendment's last stand, said its supporters.

"I do not believe the sponsors are going to fall back and cry about it," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "I think they are going to keep bringing it up."

The House plans a redux next month, said Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

"This is an issue that is of significant importance to many Americans," Boehner told reporters. "We have significant numbers of our members who want a vote on this, so we are going to have a vote."

The defeat came despite daily appeals for passage from Bush, whose standing is troubled by sagging poll numbers and a dissatisfied conservative base.

The Vatican also added muscle to the argument Tuesday, naming gay marriage as one of the factors threatening the traditional family as never before.

Democrats said the debate was a divisive political ploy.

"The Republican leadership is asking us to spend time writing bigotry into the Constitution," said Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, which legalized gay marriage in 2003. "A vote for it is a vote against civil unions, against domestic partnership, against all other efforts for states to treat gays and lesbians fairly under the law."

In response, Hatch fumed: "Does he really want to suggest that over half of the United States Senate is a crew of bigots?"

Forty-five of the 50 states have acted to define traditional marriage in ways that would

ban same-sex marriage — 19 with constitutional amendments and 26 with statutes.

The amendment would prohibit states from recognizing same-sex marriages. To become law, it would need two-thirds support in the Senate and House, and then would have to be ratified by at least 38 state legislatures.

Seven Republicans, many from New England, voted to kill the amendment. They were Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Susan Collins of Maine, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, John McCain of Arizona, Olympia Snowe of Maine, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and John Sununu of New Hampshire.

Two Democrats voted for the amendment: Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

Three senators did not vote: Democrats Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and John Rockefeller of West Virginia, and Republican Chuck Hagel of Nebraska.

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'Swings' the Bolton way

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — “Desperate Housewives” star Nicollette Sheridan surprised fiance Michael Bolton by doing a duet with him on his new album, “Bolton Swings Sinatra.”

“I didn’t think she was going to have the courage to step up to the microphone and record, and she did,” Bolton told AP Radio in a recent interview.

Bolton, 53, and Sheridan, 42, dated for several years in the early 1990s but reconnected last year. Sheridan’s publicist confirmed their engagement in March.

The couple sings the classic love song “The Second Time Around” on Bolton’s album, which was released last month.

“It was terrifying for her because she’s been self-conscious about singing all her life, but she has a beautiful voice,” Bolton told the AP.

He called Sheridan’s voice “breathy,” and said it was difficult to match their tones.

“What we wound up feeling like we were best doing was creating a dance and merging the two voices,” he said. “And I had done my vocal performance first, so she sang along with me. She sang along to me.”

Sheridan was married to actor Harry Hamlin from 1991 to 1993. Bolton ended his 15-year marriage to Maureen McGuire, with whom he has three daughters, in 1990.

SHANGHAI, China — The Black Eyed Peas will bring their “Monkey Business” tour to China next month.

The Grammy-winning hip-hop group will perform July 18 at Beijing’s Exhibition Center Theater and July 20 at the Shanghai Grand Stage, promoters China West Entertainment announced recently.

Other Western acts finding audiences in China’s two major cities include music veterans The Rolling Stones, Robin Gibb of the Bee-Gees

and James Brown, who appears on the Black Eyed Peas’ latest album, “Monkey Business.”

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Lewis, who starred in 1963’s “The Nutty Professor,” has a wacky new scheme: staging the film as a Broadway musical.

The first show is planned for January at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego, where the 80-year-old comedian has a houseboat, he said. Lewis will direct the show, which he aims to have on Broadway by October 2008.

The show will be produced by The Michael Andrew Company. Andrew, a 41-year-old crooner and comedian who fronts The Atomic Big Band, is set to play the lead, the bucktoothed Julius Kelp, who invents a potion that transforms him into the suave Buddy Love.

“I had an awful lot of inquiries about it for years, and I never really bothered to pay much attention to it,” Lewis, who lives in the Las Vegas area, told reporters Tuesday.

“I saw this kid perform, and he wanted very much to do that, and he had money,” Lewis said. “I said, ‘With those pockets, we’ll give it a shot.’”

The company bought the rights to develop “The Nutty Professor” into a musical in March, executive producer Ned McLeod said.

Lewis has battled pulmonary fibrosis, a crippling lung ailment, in recent years, keeping him off the stage. He plans to return for four shows in Las Vegas in July.

AUSTIN, Texas — Robert De Niro made an offer the University of Texas could not refuse.

The 62-year-old actor is donating his collection of film-related materials — scripts, costumes and correspondence — to the cultural archive at the university’s Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, it was announced Wednesday.

The collection will give students, film buffs and scholars a behind-the-scenes look at the career of one of the most acclaimed actors of his generation.

“This is what the Ransom Center is all about, the creative process,” said Steve Wilson, associate curator of the center’s film collection. “I know of no other actor’s archive that is as large and comprehensive as this one.”

There are more than 3,000 costume items and props from De Niro’s films, including some from his Oscar-winning roles in “The Godfather: Part II” and “Raging Bull.” It even includes a full body cast used in the 1994 film “Frankenstein,” when De Niro played the monster.

Several items will be on display in the building lobby until June 18: De Niro’s military dog tags and a script with his notes from “The Deer Hunter,” his real New York City taxi license from his days driving the streets to research “Taxi Driver,” and photographs as makeup artists tested different broken noses for his role as boxer Jake LaMotta in “Raging Bull.”

The collection will then be housed for research, although a few costumes may be rotated into the Ransom Center gallery.

PRISTINA, Serbia — Eliza Dushku is taking back a very particular souvenir from her visit to her father’s homeland — a double-headed eagle, modeled after the one in Albania’s national flag.

Dushku, who starred in the TV series “Tru Calling,” had the tattoo done on her back during her first visit to Albania and Kosovo.

The 25-year-old actress said she was impressed by the welcome and the honors she received during the recent trip, which included meeting Kosovo Prime Minister Agim Ceku.

“I’m flattered and taken aback, and yet it makes me want to be (an) even louder and prouder Albanian,” said Dushku, accompanied by family and friends during her visit to the U.N.-administered province.

She also laid a wreath at the grave of Kosovo’s late President Ibrahim Rugova.

“It’s very emotional,” she said, displaying a rubber bracelet advocating independence for Kosovo. “There’s so many emotions running through my soul, my mind and my heart.”

MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
1:30, 4:30, 7:30

United 93 (R)
10:15

X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13)
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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Friends With Money (R)
1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
1:00, 2:20, 4:00, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00

Poseidon (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

Proposition, The (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

See No Evil (R)
12:10, 5:20, 10:30

Thank You for Smoking (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

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Break-Up, The (PG-13)
10:50am, 11:50am, 1:35, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:40

Da Vinci Code, The (PG-13)
10:30am, 12:15, 1:50, 3:45, 5:20, 6:30, 7:10, 8:45, 10:00, 10:30

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
10:45am, 1:05, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10

Over the Hedge (PG)
12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

Over the Hedge (PG)
11:10am, 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

District B-13 (Banlieue 13) (R)
11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310)394-9741

An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15

Peaceful Warrior (PG-13)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55

Water (PG-13)
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MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1876, author George Sand died in Nohant, France.

In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt offered to act as a mediator in the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1915, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned in a disagreement over U.S. handling of the sinking of the Lusitania.

In 1953, the Supreme Court ruled that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks.

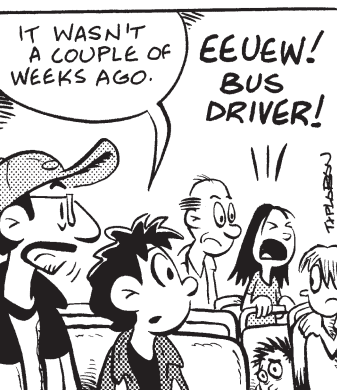
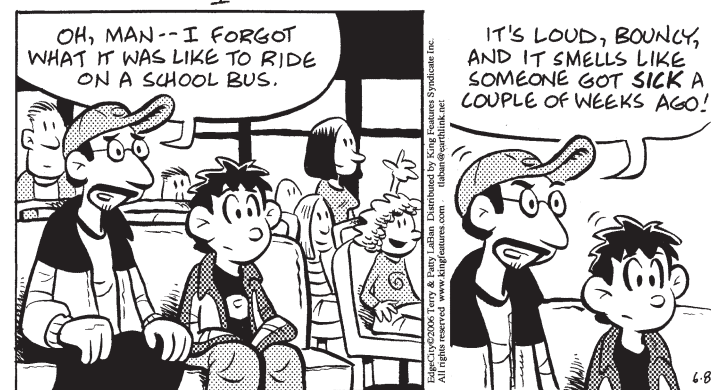
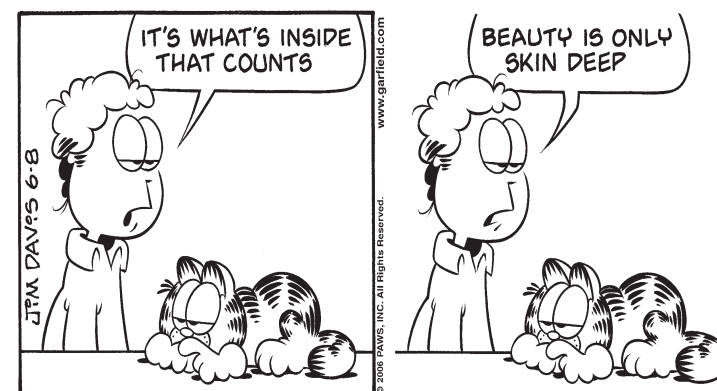
In 1966, a merger was announced between the National and American Football Leagues, to take effect in 1970.

In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen were killed when Israeli forces raided the Liberty, a Navy ship stationed in the Mediterranean. (Israel called the attack a tragic mistake.)

In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nev., ruled the so-called “Mormon will,” purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 4/27/2006. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 5/25/2006, 6/1/2006, 6/8/2006, 6/15/2006

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Business to be conducted includes approval of the annual operating budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007, election of officers to the chapter's Board of Directors and recognition of the chapter's volunteers. The public is invited. Phone 310-394-3773 during business hours to RSVP or for additional information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET OF SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The governing board of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will hold a public hearing on the BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007, prior to Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103. The public hearing will be held at 1651

Notices

16th Street / Santa Monica, CA on June 29, 2006, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location(s) should members of the public wish to review the budget prior to the public hearing. Location Office of the Superintendent - 1651 16th St. / Santa Monica, CA from June 26 - 29, 2006 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Darline P. Robles, Ph.D., Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Los Angeles County Office of Education 6/8/06
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