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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The New Zealand agricultural company Summit-Quinphos revealed in March that it has a working model of an automated nitrogen-inhibiting sprayer that fits under a cow's tail, and that it has a government grant to develop the device. A company spokesman said nitrogen from cow urine, concentrated in small patches in a field, currently must be neutralized by expensively treating the entire field. However, the company's "tail-activated" gizmo immediately fires a blast of inhibiting chemical at the ground directly below every time the cow lifts her tail for a call of nature. (A New Zealand Herald reporter made Summit-Quinphos scientist Jamie Blennerhasset solemnly swear that the announcement was not an April Fool's joke.)

■ In March, an Iowa administrative law judge denied Barbara J. Dutton unemployment benefits, ruling that her firing as supply clerk at a 12-person Des Moines company was justified by her incompetence. According to records cited by the judge, Dutton had earnestly ordered office supplies during an 18-month period totaling about \$230,000, including 16,000 Bic pens and nearly \$15,000 worth of Scotch tape. Since there was no evidence of dishonesty, the company was left with the conclusion that she was simply overmatched in her job. Said she, "I didn't realize that I was not needing (everything)."

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The grunions are coming

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — Call it the grunion crunch: This weekend, millions of silvery fish will be coming onshore to spawn.

Between 12:20 a.m. and 2:20 a.m. on Sunday morning along Santa Monica's shores grunion are expected to exit the water to lay their eggs in the wet sand of the beach.

Shortly after high tide, sections of beach are sometimes covered with thousands of grunion depositing their eggs in the sand, scientists said.

Grunion make these excursions only on particular nights and with such regularity that the time of their arrival is often predicted a year in advance.

Fishermen contend that grunion hunting has become a popular sport in Southern California. Since these fish leave the water to deposit their eggs, they may be picked up while they are briefly stranded on the shore.

According to the state's Game and Fish Department, all that is needed to catch grunion is a valid "state fishing license" and a "willingness to get one's feet wet."



Devon Meyers/Special to the Daily Press

Sea lions like this one are expected to wash up on shore in coming weeks.

Sea lions, dolphins in no mood to play

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — Anyone spotting a sea lion or dolphin washed up on local shores would be wise to leave it alone.

Peter Wallerstein, president of

the non-profit group Whale Rescue, said pregnant sea lions and common dolphins will be washing up on shore over the next few weeks during a birthing season plagued by poison.

Whale Rescue helped more

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String theory



Fabian Lewkowicz/Special to the Daily Press

Stuntman Ernie Thrash keeps it all in balance, taking advantage of the Friday sunshine along the Santa Monica beach.

Adventure race courses around Santa Monica

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

LEO CARRILLO BEACH — More than 150 thrill-seekers will be paddling, peddling and scrambling this weekend right in the city's backyard.

Competitors in the first 24-Hour Santa Monica Adventure Race will meet at the north end of Leo Carrillo Beach at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and begin a wilderness gauntlet that will take them through 11 check points covering more than 75 miles of terrain within a 12-hour period.

The trek will include 11 miles of ocean kayaking, 50 miles of mountain biking, and 15 miles of hiking and running through the Santa Monica Mountains.

See **ADVENTURE RACE**, page 7

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ With your ruler, Mars, entering your sign, you could be close to unbeatable. Use your high energy and sense of direction to accomplish what is important to you. A family member could be a bit of a nag. Tonight: Act like a kid.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ In the next few days and weeks, you will need to take some time to listen to your own words. Your anger could blow out of control. Speak your mind, but pick and choose your words with care. Basic values come into play. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Friends extend an invitation. Listen to someone carefully who often gives you harsh but direct feedback. This person has strong feelings. Reorganize your finances if need be. You do well where other people are. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Mercury enters your sign, making you far more verbal than in the past. Others say much more to you than you might want to hear. Remember, you might be triggering stronger reactions by being more verbal. Tonight: Your treat.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You have the drive and insight necessary to follow through on any idea you choose. Investigate some ideas that you might have put on the back burner with a trusted intellectual friend. You might be delighted by what happens when you tweak this idea. Tonight: As you like it.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Sometimes you need to think twice about what is happening. Friends give you a lot of feedback and ideas. Right now, a partner shares very strong opinions. Get used to it. This person will be more talkative than usual — for a while. Tonight: Take some much-needed thinking time.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Focus on others and friends in general. By all means, do not be alone. You might find yourself picking fights with others for no reason. You laugh, and others join in. You have the capacity to set the tone for others. Tonight: Fun happens around you.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others might be whispering some tasty gossip in your ears. Your real strength emerges when you walk in the other direction. Bring family and friends together. You might be disconcerted that all the work falls on you. Tonight: Accept the limelight.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others have a lot to say and share, whether you want to hear it or not — you won't have any choice. Someone tries very hard to push his or her opinion on you. You can listen, but you don't have to act on in this person's ideas. Tonight: Come up with a new idea.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time with a key partner or associate. You find that your investment will pay off in many ways. Listen to others; suggestions come from left and right. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others find out that a lot is going on with you. Also observe that there is a lot going on with them, too. Be more nurturing and caring when dealing with the key people in your life. Float through invitations. Tonight: Ever social.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your ability to understand a new friend or child is greatly enhanced by this person's willingness to talk and open up. Be cautious with your spending. You could easily go overboard. Remember, you, too, have a budget! Tonight: Easy does it.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Local youths make an artful display

By Daily Press staff

Watch out Vincent Van Gogh.
Kelly Wong, age 12, and Jun Cha, 15, of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica were named winners in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Competition sponsored by L’Oreal. The competition encourages girls and boys to learn and practice art, so that they may express themselves in creative and innovative ways, officials say.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica hosted the Pacific region competition in March with an exhibit of the 37 regional finalists at Fröden Gallery in West L.A. Acclaimed local artists D.J. Hall, David Brady and Gus Harper judged the competition. The Santa Monica Club had three youth with four pieces of art proceed to the national competition level. Six regions competed with several thousand pieces of art submitted from clubs across the country. The artwork was judged and categorized by age group and medium.

Kelly Wong won the national prize for her acrylic painting “Give Peace a Chance,” in the 10-to-12 age group. Jun Cha, who also won the national competition in 2004 for his oil painting “Bus Stop,” won this year in two categories: Acrylic or oil painting, ages 13 to 15, for his piece “American Me;” and mixed media ages 13 to 15 for his piece “Crossroads.” Also receiving an Honorable Mention was club member Tamara Adams, 17, for her oil painting entitled “Old Man.”

The Boys and Girls Club has played a role in the Santa Monica community for over 60 years, providing daily programs and services to over 4,000 young people. The club has programs in academics, computers and technology, athletics, the arts, character and leadership building, and skateboarding and rollerblading in the club’s skate park.

For more information about the Boys and Girls Club, call 310-393-9629 or visit www.smbgc.org.

From childhood to adulthood

By Daily Press staff

The African American Parent Group will hold their 10th annual “Rites of Passage” ceremony celebration for the Class of 2005 this Sunday, June 12, from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Santa Monica High School student cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Library can read the writing on the wall

By Daily Press staff

An artistic piece of Santa Monica is coming home.
The City of Santa Monica has been awarded \$113,241 from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) to help conserve and install in the new Main Public Library the historic Stanton Macdonald-Wright murals recently returned to the city by the Smithsonian. The funding was made possible under Proposition 40, which called for the creation of the CCHE to provide grants in support of the acquisition, development, preservation and interpretation of artifacts, buildings, sites and places that preserve and demonstrate culturally significant aspects of California history, and the city is one of 13 recipients.

Originally created and installed in 1935 in the reading room of the Santa Monica Public Library, this mural series titled “Technical and Imaginative Pursuits of Early Man” was the first federally funded mural project to be completed in Southern California under the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP, 1993 to 1994), the precursor to the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Macdonald-Wright’s mural was enjoyed by the public for many years after its unveiling, according to officials. By 1964, when the library moved to a new building, the murals were transferred to the Smithsonian Institution where they were placed in storage.

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For Sunday, the SSE combo should keep south-facing breaks in the waist-high range with some pluses.

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SUNDAY	8:14	0.3	7:40	3.1	12:23	4.8	3:51	3.6
MONDAY	8:57	0.6	9:24	3.0	1:13	4.3	4:32	3.8
TUESDAY	9:40	0.9	10:58	2.6	2:19	3.8	5:04	4.1
WEDNESDAY	10:22	1.2	N/A	N/A	3:45	3.4	5:33	4.5
THURSDAY	12:07	2.0	11:02	1.4	5:17	3.2	6:00	4.9
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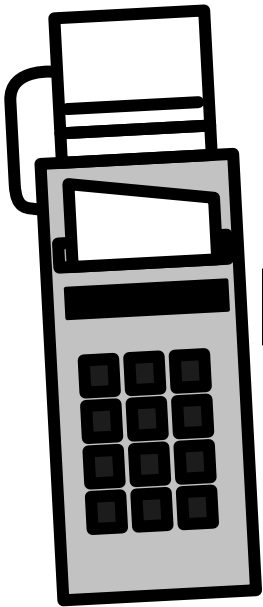
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The Q Line

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT RUBS WRONG WAY

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think preferential parking permits, traditionally only granted to residents of a neighborhood, should be extended to employees who work nearby?

Here are your responses:

© “Yes, I think a limited number of parking permits should be issued to employees of adjacent businesses. We need our business community to prosper, which requires that the employees get to work on time and not waste time and energy looking around for parking. Makes sense to me.”

© “Federal, state, county and city streets are common area for those law-abiding motorists who use them. With the exception of a few toll roads and bridges, these roadways are subsidized in one form or another by taxation by the motorists who use them. Those employees who work nearby who are driving automobiles are for certain paying a gas tax and plenty of it. Only a fool would not realize that we need these employees to do the daily grind of hard work and confront them upon entering their workplace. I do believe in carpooling for everyone when it's feasible. Another alternative is beach parking lots, that use a shuttle along Wilshire, Santa Monica and Pico boulevards that would carry workers and anyone else who would ride the shuttle to their destination. The law is very simple: Public streets belong to all who behave while using them.”

© “No on any preferential parking whatsoever. It's time to get rid of all preferential parking, period. Street parking is public parking. No person owns a public parking space. If a person owns a parking space, it is a private parking space. Public and private are not the same. Issuing preferential parking permits is essentially giving private ownership rights to a person or groups of persons to public prop-

erty. A homeowner does not own the street parking spaces that are in front of his home. An apartment owner does not own the street parking spaces in front of his apartment. A business owner does not own the street parking spaces in front of his business. A school does not own the street parking spaces in front of or around its campus. They are public parking spaces — first come, first served. Now, the homeowners, apartment owners, business owners and school administrators might want to consider the availability of parking, both public and private before considering buying, leasing, renting, or expanding. Preferential parking is not the solution. The set up in administration of preferential parking just sets up a bureaucratic boondoggle providing privileges to worthless weasels. It does nothing to solve the problem. It just pushes the problem to another area, which lobbies for the privilege, which then pushes the problem to another area, until the whole city is all preferential restricted parking. This just supports another bloated bureaucracy. There is one obvious solution — it is so obvious that it would be immediately discounted. That is to sell the parking spaces to business owners or individuals. Privatizing them. Privatizing, oh horrors. What a terrible word to use in the socialist, fascist, mini-state of Santa Monica. Privatizing parking spaces would also eliminate the need for the street sweeping bureaucracy and truck. The owners of the now private parking spaces would be responsible for keeping their spaces swept and the debris placed in garbage containers, not hosed or leaf-blown. There could be similar oversight with

weed abatement — but of course this would never happen in Santa Monica.”

© “Yes, I think it's elementary my dear Watson that employees have parking spaces made available. Because, of course, they're doing a service for us, so of course parking should come with the job.”

© “Preferential parking is just the city's way of using public streets to benefit a few people. So they should get rid of it. If someone can afford to buy a whole bunch of cars, they can afford to pay high prices for parking. All The landlords should be required to provide a parking space for each apartment. If the person is dumb enough to fill it with junk and not their car, that's their problem, it's not the landlord's problem. As far as employees they should be encouraged to take the bus or walk if it's not that far. Some people are just so lazy they have to drive.”

© “Wasn't the reason we residents needed these parking zones is because SMRR City Council sold us out to big businesses? Now they increase their hypocrisy by wanting to give businesses the few parking spaces that we tenants with permits are already fighting over.”

© “I think employees should be allowed, in a limited way, to park on the public street. Nobody owns the public streets, they are public property, and it's a shame to drive around Santa Monica to see all these empty residential streets during the week and nobody on them.”

© “The parking situation is actually worse with restricted parking than it was without it. Another example of rent control, but with parking in its place. Nothing new to our socialist brothers and sister on the council. Along Wilshire Boulevard, Montana Avenue, and Santa Monica Boulevard, all businesses, hotels, and hospitals — I saw their employees parking on 16th and Washington — should be taxed. With that money, the city should buy as many lots for employee parking as possible from Ocean avenue to Centinela, and then maybe

they could throw in a shuttle bus for workers to shuttle from the lot to their place of business. This city's quest is to build up taxes as much as possible, but a real urban planner would never build anything without first having an infrastructure in place to handle development. How incompetent could the City Council be. Well, look at their political and economic guru Karl Marx, and you could understand their dismal failure of their five-year plan, except it's 25 years. Parking for taxpayers is a hindrance to their ultimate plan of low-income housing, mass transit, and mass dumbing down of school district employees, which is the worst tax of all.”

© “Absolutely no! As a 30-year resident, I expect the city to be more concerned with providing a safe, rare parking space less than three or four blocks away from home. On my block, which is 7th Street, between Wilshire and Montana, we pay our dues seven days a week, sacrificing nearby parking to the St. Monica students, faculty, administrators, and parishioners, not to mention special events. What about the residents who wish to bring children to our neighborhood park, use the basketball court, or attend an event at Miles Playhouse? Where do they park? The employers that attract large numbers of customers for example 7-Eleven, Kinko's and Baja Fresh are really sensitive to the employees' needs. Why can't they pay for monthly spots in the private lots south of Wilshire or provide free bus tokens as a tax right off. Don't provide relief for business by creating an additional parking problem for residents. Look to the money.”

© “I'm on the street that has these permits, and the first thing I noticed when this thing got going was that there was no additional free space. It was exactly the same as before. When I called the agency, they said the reason was that to keep the people off these streets. It didn't really work, and it would be kind of silly to let the employees park as that was the whole logic in allowing the permits in the first place. They should just get rid of the whole thing, or keep it as it is.”

Deeply disturbed by reveal of American hero



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Ever since “Deep Throat's” identity was revealed, I've been feeling kind of disappointed. I don't mean just because the mystery figure is some guy I never heard of. I'm also disappointed that the secret is out and the mystery is over. I feel like someone who was amazed by a magic trick, only to learn that it's done with black thread. And let's face it, those mean older kids who told us all about Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy weren't necessarily doing us a favor.

For years, I viewed the mysterious figure of “Deep Throat” as romantic and heroic. Here was a person who was obviously at great personal risk, but was so appalled by the actions of President Nixon and his boys that he had to get the truth out. I always thought it would be fitting if it turned out that this secret person were

an American icon — like Walter Cronkite, or maybe even Cher. But no, it's just some guy.

In fact, now that it's been revealed that the person who leaked all the information to Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein was W. Mark Felt, the number-two guy at the F.B.I., there are those who feel he wasn't a hero at all. They believe that if he knew about illegal acts, he should have reported them to the proper authorities instead of blabbing to the press. The only problem is that the “proper authorities” were among those committing the crimes.

But Felt was no perfect hero. He not only had feet of clay, he had a whole three-piece suit of clay. And a hat. At the time of Watergate, he had an axe to grind because he was passed over for the head of the F.B.I. job. And years later, Felt himself was convicted of carrying on illegal searches and violating the civil rights of domestic dissidents in the Weather Underground movement. In other words, he was no mythical hero. He was an imperfect human.

My first thought after I heard the announcement was, “Why is he coming

forward now?” Was he just tired of walking around all these years with the nickname “Deep Throat?” It's not exactly a dignified moniker for a 91-year-old man. Maybe his family had been teasing him about it all these years. “Please pass the salt, ‘Deep Throat,’” or “Look at the bicycle Grandpa Deep Throat gave me” are the kind of comments that could drive anyone to finally say, “Enough!”

But the reason turned out to be much more mundane. He and his family realized more and more people were going to figure out who he was soon, and they also thought maybe they could get a few bucks out of this — in their words, “at least enough money to pay some bills.”

In mythology, anonymous heroes don't step forward to reveal their identities so they can pay some bills. They do it to set an example for others who might be thinking of doing something courageous, but just need a little push. But again, he's not a mythic hero, he's just a guy.

No, he's not a legendary figure like Hercules or like the David who slew Goliath. He's just a human being. But in real life, as opposed to legend, flawed,

regular people are often the ones who end up being heroes. So, maybe the revelation that Felt is the guy is a nice reminder to all of us that everybody has the potential to do something heroic.

Besides, there are still plenty of myths we can hold onto. I'm still not so sure about what those older kids told me about the Tooth Fairy. After all, those quarters under my pillow were real.

UPDATE: Last time, I told you about the empty police car that was parked on our neighborhood's main street in the hopes of deterring bank robbers. The police recently removed the car from the street. The last spot it occupied was in front of one of the banks. Two days after the empty cop car was gone, the bank was robbed.

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COMMENTARY



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BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

Just in case you are not a middle school teacher, and you have an extra \$250 to blow, here are my top-five "sporty" ways to spend it:

5. Get a really big gift card from Peet's Coffee. Then, it will be almost like you are one of the "La Grange" crew that never has to pay for coffee.

4. Buy a set of ultra-lightweight carbon fiber bottle cages for your bike. They won't make you any faster, but it is just plain fun to have something that expensive between your legs.

3. Buy a new watch with "GPS". Then, the next time you get lost, at least you will have something expensive to trade for food.

2. Play nine holes of golf in Beverly Hills this weekend. Although, I am still not convinced that golf is a sport.

1. Buy 10 cases of "GU". Come on, how cool would it be to have that much "GU"?

You probably noticed that buying a new pair of "Adidas-1" running shoes did not make my list. Why? Because spending \$250 on a pair of running shoes is just plain stupid.

I don't quite understand the evolution of running shoes. I have been running regularly for about 18 years now, and except for a little "experimenting" back in college (who doesn't experiment in college?), I have run in the same brand of shoe, and basically the same model my entire running career. I refuse to pay over \$100 for running shoes, no matter what they claim to be able to do for me. Though, it is easy to be tempted by all of the advertising gimmicks that are constantly popping up.

Currently, there are two such campaigns circulating among enthusiastic sports consumers. Both are from large, trusted sports manufacturers who seem to have gone in wildly different directions with their approach towards running shoe design. Adidas has gone super hi-tech and produced the aforementioned "Adidas-1". It took me about 15 minutes of navigating their web site, which seems more like an X-Box game than a web site, but I finally found some information about what the shoe is "supposed" to do. Apparently, there is a computer chip in the sole of the shoe that makes three billion calculations a second, and then commands a troop of genetically engineered "Umpa-Lumpas" who instantly shift the cushioning of the shoe around to where it is most needed, depending on the terrain. There are so many things wrong with this shoe from a runner's perspective that I don't really want to get into it. But, this is LA, and the best way I can think to keep people from buying it is to mention that, on top of

being a complete waste of money, it is ugly as sin.

On the other end of the spectrum, Nike has come out with the new "Nike Free". Don't be fooled by the name. If you can even find them (they are sold out in many places), they will run you at least \$100. Now, I will say that I like the idea behind this shoe. Basically, it is aimed at allowing your foot to return to a natural motion as it makes contact with the ground. The theory is that you can strengthen the muscles in your foot and reduce the fatigue that many people experience after prolonged running. The problem is that these shoes are not meant to be used as everyday running shoes. You are supposed to run only short distances in them to start and slowly build up. So, they are sort of a \$100 running accessory. Though I agree with the basic principle of this shoe, I worry that people might rush out and buy them, run on them every day, and end up with overuse injuries. Though it goes against my principles, I will say that if you are buying these shoes strictly for fashion (you can even customize them), go for it. However, if you are serious about running, think before you buy and make sure that you understand what you are getting into.

So, what shoes should you wear? The best advice I can give is, if the shoe fits, wear it. When you go out to buy new shoes, keep in mind that price does not equal quality, and that quality is relative. The perfect shoe for one person might be a miserable fit for someone else. It is OK to buy shoes because they look good, but not if they make your feet hurt. I learned a great lesson about wine once that crosses over nicely to buying shoes. When asked how to choose a bottle of wine, a wise old gentleman I knew said, "Buy a bottle. If you like it, buy it again. If you don't, try something else".

Now, there are always special cases where special foot problems or body mechanics might require a visit to a specialist. If you try two or more brands of shoes without success, go see a foot specialist. It will be cheaper than trying every shoe in the store, and could be the solution to your problems.

One final thing to think about with shoes is that sometimes the reason your feet hurt might be that you have simply run too many miles on your current pair of shoes. A simple solution is to write the date you buy your shoes on the heel. Then, you can keep track of roughly how many miles you have put on them. Once you get over 500-700 miles, it is probably time for new shoes.

Happy running, and happy shopping. And, if you are a Nike or Adidas representative, I take back everything I said if there are any sponsorship opportunities available.

(Thaddeus Reichley is a middle school teacher and triathlete living and training in Santa Monica. Look for his columns on the weekends and send comments to thadsthoughts@yahoo.com.)



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STATE

Report: FBI should have spotted hijackers

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Two Sept. 11 hijackers “should have drawn some scrutiny from the FBI,” when they lived openly in San Diego in 2000, the Justice Department’s inspector general concluded in a report that chronicles the bureau’s failures to connect the dots leading up to the attacks.

The head of the San Diego FBI office took issue Thursday with the inspector general’s report, saying it “greatly exaggerates” the possibility that local agents could have prevented the attacks.

The 368-page review found that the FBI missed opportunities to learn about the al-Qaida operatives when they lived in the San Diego area in 2000. The two Saudis rented a room in home of a long-time FBI terrorism informant and they also befriended a fellow Saudi who had drawn FBI scrutiny in the past.

But the San Diego FBI did not learn of the presence of the two men, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi, until they boarded American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11, 2001, and crashed it into the Pentagon, killing 190 people on the ground and on the plane.

At the time, the report states, agents in San Diego, like their FBI counterparts in bureaus around the country, were not focused on al-Qaida. The San Diego bureau’s No. 1 priority was drugs and terrorism ranked fourth.

“In sum, we believe that Hazmi and Mihdhar’s presence in San Diego should have drawn scrutiny from the FBI,” the report stated. “If San Diego’s focus on counterterrorism and al-Qaida had occurred earlier ... there would have been a greater possibility, though no guarantee, that Hazmi’s and Mihdhar’s presence in San Diego may have come to the attention of the FBI before Sept. 11.”

The inspector general’s report is the first critical internal review of the San Diego FBI’s performance to be made public. It was filed Wednesday in federal court in Virginia as part of the government’s terrorism case against Zacarias Moussaoui.

Dan Dzwilewski, who took over in 2003 as special agent in charge of the San Diego FBI, disputed the report’s conclusion that local agents should have learned about the two hijackers. Under guidelines in place at the time, the San Diego FBI lacked the grounds to open an investigation. Doing so would have broken the law, Dzwilewski said.

The San Diego office did not have a role in what the report identified as the most critical breakdown in the handling of intelligence information on al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar: The FBI’s failure to learn that the CIA had linked the men to the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Hazmi spent most of 2000 in San Diego, while Mihdhar remained in the area for less than six months. The two men took flight lessons, bought a used Toyota, obtained driver’s licenses and Hazmi was listed in the local phone book. But the report notes they did nothing that would draw attention.

Both men boarded in the home of Abdussattar Shaikh. The report did not name Shaikh, but noted that the “asset” who rented rooms to the hijackers had since 1994 provided information to the FBI. The asset identified the two men to his FBI handler only by their first names, and the report criticizes the handler as “not particularly thorough or aggressive” in following up.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the FBI investigated whether the asset was involved in the attack. A polygraph was inconclusive, but the San Diego FBI concluded he had not been part of the plot.

LOCAL



Competition is first 24-hour race in series

ADVENTURE RACE, from page 1

Todd Jackson, president of Seventh Wave Productions — a for-profit company based out of Lake Tahoe that is coordinating the event — said the Santa Monica vicinity was chosen due to the concentration of residents known to pursue an active lifestyle.

“The Santa Monica Mountains have a long history of adventure racing, and we thought it would be fun to put on the event in a classic venue,” Jackson said.

Racers may compete in teams of two, three or four, which are all male, all female, or coed, as well as participate individually. Participation is not free, with fees set at \$200 per person.

The Santa Monica competition is the first 24-hour race offered in the Big Blue Adventure series. The series was built on six to 12-hour formats. The 24-hour courses are designed to have teams finish between 12 and 30 hours, with the first teams on Saturday expected to finish around 10 p.m., and the last on Sunday morning.

Jackson said the Big Blue Adventure

has been in existence for 14 years, with the adventure race series starting in Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, in 2002.

Participants are automatically entered into a raffle giving them a chance to win a variety of prizes that include ski passes to Lake Tahoe, a kayak, backpacks, shoes and beer mugs. Teams also compete to divvy up \$10,000 in championship money distributed at the end of the year.

Although there is a competitive aspect to the races, Jackson said the emphasis remains on teamwork and having fun.

“Ninety-five percent of the people who come out are doing it for fun,” Jackson said. “Taking part in this event is something you will never forget, and it’s pretty rewarding.”

“It also gives people a chance to use their toys.”

Jackson said his company will evaluate a candidate’s skills and help them find the right race. At the same time, he cautioned competitors must be in shape.

“This is not something you do off the couch,” Jackson said. “There are teams that have solid athletes and most have experience adventure racing.”

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

The mural series, comprised of 38 painted plywood panels, details the evolution of the creative arts and sciences beginning with the Stone Age and culminating with the motion picture industry.

The City has been working collaboratively with the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) to arrange for the panels to be returned to Santa Monica for installation in the new Main Public Library. Conserving the mural series and returning it to Santa Monica for installation in the new Main Public Library will enhance the public’s understanding of California’s culture and history by showcasing the work of Stanton Macdonald Wright (1890-1973), a significant artist and renowned teacher in California, as well as an internationally famous modernist, officials say.

Enterprising teachers from Samohi honored

By Daily Press staff

National accolades have arrived at Santa Monica High School.

Santa Monica High School teachers Teri Jones and Anita Kemp are two of 15 educators from across the country to receive a 2005 Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education, sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (FFVF).

FFVF established the Leavey Awards through a permanent endowment from the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey



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Foundation, based on the firm belief that one of America’s most fundamental strengths is its competitive private enterprise economic system. The Leavey Awards seek to recognize educators who excel in teaching the concepts of individual opportunity and incentive in order to foster understanding and enthusiasm among young people for the value of free enterprise in a democracy, according to officials.

Winners, including educators from elementary schools to higher education institutions, receive \$7,500 in recognition of their innovative programs or projects. Jones and Kemp’s award-winning entry, “Project ECHO,” was one of only 13 selected from across the country by an independent jury of economic, business and academic leaders.

“Project ECHO” is part of the Regional Occupational Program offered through Los Angeles County and engages 11th and 12th grade students in entrepreneurial learning through the operation of two on-campus businesses: The Vikes’ Inn and the Vikes’ Cafe. The program also involves students in business competitions and conferences, sponsors job shadow days to give students real-world experience and offers scholarships.

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LOCAL

Sea lions, dolphins sick from tainted fish

BIRTHING, from page 1

than 165 amphibious animals return to their watery home last year, but that number has already been surpassed this year, due largely to a domoic acid poisoning. The poison causes the animals to come ashore following a seizure, during which they frequently abort their unborn offspring, Wallerstein said.

“We’re averaging about five to eight rescues per day now,” said Wallerstein, whose group’s seaside territory runs from Palisades south down to San Pedro. “Two of the 10, on average, will wake up from their seizure on shore, confused and bite.”

Wallerstein said some algae blooming right now produce domoic acid, which fish eat. Once sea lions and dolphins eat the fish, they often come down with the

poisoning that prompts the seizures.

Sea animals will often come ashore to escape the water.

“If they don’t come ashore, they’re brains will explode,” Wallerstein said. “It’s the only thing they can do to survive.”

Wallerstein said the neuro-toxin confuses the sea animals, so oftentimes they are agitated upon waking and will try to bite any beach-goers who attempt to give them a helping hand.

“If you see one of these animals, just leave it alone,” he advised.

Anyone who spots a sea animal out of the water is urged to contact a local life-guard, who can see to it that the proper agencies are notified to assist with the animal’s rescue.

“It’s important to know these animals need space,” said Wallerstein.



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STATE

Hospital ship back after aiding tsunami victims

BY SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The hospital ship USNS Mercy returned home Wednesday after treating thousands of the sickest survivors of the tsunami and earthquake that ravaged Indonesia.

"If you haven't cried on this mission, you haven't been on this mission," Capt. Mark Llewellyn said Wednesday, repeating what he told his staff several times during the mission.

The floating medical center and 270 crew members docked at Naval Station San Diego to the cheers of families waving signs and balloons. The ship left port on Jan. 5.

President Bush dispatched the vessel, one of the Navy's two hospital ships, after an earthquake on Dec. 26 spawned a devastating tidal surge.

The tsunami killed more than 176,000 people in 11 countries and left about 50,000 missing and hundreds of thou-

sands homeless.

It was the Mercy's first deployment since the Persian Gulf War more than a decade ago but the ship was built to handle both combat and non-combat medical problems — everything from bullet wounds to appendix operations.

Arriving in Banda Aceh, Indonesia in February, the Mercy's advanced treatment facilities filled a desperate need.

The first 10 days saw nonstop orthopedic surgeries on injuries that had gone untreated for 1 1/2 months. By March, the military and civilian medical staff had treated 9,500 survivors.

"We saw a resiliency in those people that was hard to imagine," said Llewellyn, who ran the ship's 1,000-bed hospital.

Most patients were actually treated ashore by teams of medics from the ship.

Doctors and nurses conducted 466 surgeries — from eye injuries to plastic surgery to correct disfiguring wounds. They also did regular medical work because the tsunami knocked out the rural

island's limited medical facilities. The Mercy staff pulled teeth and made more than 1,400 pairs of eyeglasses.

Among the most memorable patients was a smiling boy named Iqbal, who was found floating on a piece of driftwood and had lost nearly his entire family.

He was brought aboard comatose and suffering from a brain abscess and was not expected to survive. Over three weeks, he regained his strength and was soon clamoring for Coca-Colas and watching the animated movie "Finding Nemo."

The Mercy's CT scanner was used more than 400 times and doctors soon noticed that many patients had brain abscesses. Bacteria in the polluted floodwaters, if swallowed, would eat through the lungs and enter the brain — a condition dubbed "tsunami lung" that is the subject of a forthcoming article in the New England Journal of Medicine, said Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Ferrara, the ship's radiologist and a study co-author.

While the crew worked to treat tsunami

victims, the Navy worried that the white hospital ship marked with red crosses might be a terrorist target.

Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and is a base for several active terrorist cells.

The Mercy was kept moving almost constantly and retreated from shore at night when it was considered most vulnerable to attack. Patients were ferried aboard by helicopter.

The ship left Banda Aceh in March but was soon called back by the Indonesian government following an 8.7-magnitude earthquake off Nias Island. Its staff treated 19,000 people on the island.

Reflecting on the mission as the Mercy sailed into San Diego Bay, Cmdr. Jeannie Comlish, who supervised the ship's nurses, said she found it hard to stop helping people.

"We don't want to let go," she said. "We want to keep caring. That is what the Indonesian people saw: The face of compassion of the United States."

Actors unions come to terms with video game producers

BY JOHN ROGERS

The Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Negotiators for actors who provide the voices for the burgeoning video game industry reached tentative agreement on contracts Wednesday calling for 36 percent raises over the next 3 1/2 years, but they failed to win the potentially lucrative residuals the actors had also hoped for.

The presidents of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists announced the agreements Wednesday night, just hours before the unions were to release the results of a strike authorization vote. Those results won't be announced now.

AFTRA National President John Connolly said his organization was proud of the deal bargainers for both unions reached, but he and SAG President Melissa Gilbert both expressed disappointment they were unsuccessful in gaining residual payments like those television actors receive for repeat broadcasts of their work.

"The negotiating committee wrestled with a great challenge. Our members clearly support the inclusion of residuals in our interactive contracts," Gilbert said in a statement. "We will spend the next 3 1/2 years devoting resources to further organize this industry, and return to the bargaining table with renewed strength and vigor to establish a fair participation

in the enormous profits generated by video games."

Game producers had balked at providing residuals, arguing that people don't buy games because of the actors who appear in them.

"That would set a precedent for hundreds of other people who created a game to say, 'What about us?'" industry attorney Howard Fabrick recently told the Los Angeles Times.

Contracts for each union must still be approved by the organizations' respective national committees. SAG is the nation's largest labor union representing working actors. AFTRA's members include actors, broadcast journalists, announcers and other performers.

Under terms of the deals, video actors will receive 25 percent raises effective July 1, increasing minimum four-hour session payments for those voicing three or more characters from \$556 to \$695. The rest of the increase will come over the life of the contract.

Actors who voice three or more characters will also receive double time pay for more than six hours work. Previously, they had to work a 10-hour session to receive the double rate.

The agreement also calls for pay provisions for actors whose performances are used in promotional films longer than 12 minutes and a 7.5 percent increase in contributions to the unions' benefit plans.

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NATIONAL



Island hoppers: Hawaii tops wish list of vacation spots

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Black sand beaches, warm Pacific breezes, bubbling lava and the waves of Waikiki top the list of Americans' vacation fantasies.

If time and money are no object for vacation planning, Hawaii rules.

Only half of the people in this country say they are planning to take a vacation trip this summer, an Associated Press-Ipsos poll found. But 79 percent of those surveyed said they would travel this summer if they could afford it and had the time.

When people were asked to name any place they would want to go on vacation if they had the time and the money, Hawaii was the choice of 14 percent, more than any other specific place.

The attraction of Hawaii is easy to understand for Edward Harsh, a 41-year-old car salesman from Phoenix who lived on the Hawaiian island of Oahu last year.

"It's probably one of the most secluded places on Earth," Harsh said. "You can go anywhere in your shorts and flip-flops. People go to church in their flip flops. In Hawaii, the most dangerous thing there is a rogue wave that could carry you away."

On the vacation wish list, places mentioned specifically most often in the poll:

- Hawaii
- Europe
- Italy (singled out from other European locations)
- Alaska
- the Caribbean
- Florida

One-fourth of those questioned named warm, sunny locations from Hawaii to Florida to the Caribbean, while slightly more mentioned some place in Europe, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos.

People with at least some college education were more likely to see Europe as the perfect vacation; those with a high school education were more likely to say Hawaii.

Sharon Manning, a mother from Eldon, Mo., who works as a correctional officer, says she has only one requirement for her dream vacation.

"I've never seen the ocean before, so it wouldn't matter where I went to see it," she said. "My kids want to go to Disney World, but I want to go on a Caribbean cruise."

Of those who plan a summer vacation trip, about two-thirds said they will go outside their state, while 22 percent said they will go outside the country. Some 13 percent of respondents said they plan to take their longest vacation trip in their home state.

Ian Dodd, a computer administrator from Ellicott City, Md., said he has no plans to go on vacation far from home, but he and his family "get away ever year."

"My normal day-to-day life is very hectic," Dodd said. "I have two small boys, so I want to go somewhere I can relax."

But many in the United States just do not make time for vacations.

"We have sort of a love-hate relationship with vacations," said Cindy Aron, a professor of history at the University of Virginia and author of a book about the history of vacations. "Americans aren't very comfortable being away from work."

Vacations offer more than just a chance to have a good time. They also recharge people's batteries and renew creativity.

"I went two years without a vacation," said Carrie Cook, a cosmetologist who lives in a suburb of Lansing, Mich. "It was awful, kind of depressing. Vacations revitalize you, make you appreciate what you have."

Three in 10 people surveyed said they have changed vacation plans because of gas prices. Gasoline prices are averaging almost \$2.20 per gallon nationally, according to a recent analysis.

Women, blacks, people with lower incomes and younger people were more likely to want to take a vacation trip but could not.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,028 adults was taken May 17-19 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Mouse researcher is finding himself in uncomfortable, unexpected spotlight

BY JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Biologist Rob Roy Ramey figures he has risked his life many times for endangered species — scaling cliffs to help with peregrine falcons and California condors, challenging sheep poachers in Mongolia, being chased by elephants in Africa.

His toughest encounter, though, could be with a mouse thought to exist only in a narrow corridor along the east face of the Rockies. His conclusion that the Preble's meadow jumping mouse isn't unique has made it the poster animal for critics of the Endangered Species Act and outraged fellow scientists and environmentalists who accuse him of faulty science.

The study by Ramey and his colleagues says the Preble's mouse is the same as the more common Bear Lodge meadow jumping mouse and shouldn't be listed as a threatened subspecies. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed and has started the process to drop the mouse from the endangered species list. A final determination is expected next year.

The decision comes as members of Congress and others say the law has failed to help most threatened and endangered animals and should be rewritten.

"It's a great example of what's wrong with the Endangered Species Act," Denver attorney Kent Holsinger said of the 1998 decision to protect the mouse. "We're spending more money on a species that doesn't exist than on the humpback whale."

Holsinger represents Coloradans for Water Conservation and Development, a group of landowners, farmers and businesses, which, along with the state of

Wyoming, petitioned in 2003 to delist the mouse. He said millions have been spent protecting mouse habitat from southeast Wyoming to Colorado Springs in Colorado. A Denver area water and sanitation district even added mouse tunnels and bridges to a project.

"I think it's high time to act on the information and delist the Preble's mouse," Holsinger said.

The tiny mouse that can jump more than a foot in the air isn't going away quietly. Fish and Wildlife is considering taking more public comment because Ramey recently revised his study, now scheduled for publication in late summer in the British journal *Animal Conservation*.

The American Society of Mammalogists wrote to federal officials in April, assailing Ramey's work as "inconclusive at best, and methodologically flawed at worst."

"If I were still at Fish and Wildlife and received a letter like this, I think it'd be absolutely clear the service should pause before moving forward," said Jamie Clark, the agency's director under President Clinton and now executive vice president of Defenders of Wildlife.

Ramey, chairman of the zoology department at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, stands by his work. He believes some of the wrath stems from his upending a 1954 study that declared the Preble's meadow mouse a subspecies.

"My research and paper came as a challenge to the traditional approach," Ramey said.

He has also been accused of crossing the line from science to advocacy for testifying before Congress last year about the need to revamp the Endangered Species Act.

What riled the mammalogists was Ramey's research methods, said Roland Kays, curator of mammals at the New York State Museum.

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Insurgents kill five Marines, bodies of slain Iraqis found

BY PATRICK QUINN
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militants killed five U.S. Marines and authorities found 21 bodies Friday near the Syrian border, where American and Iraqi troops bore down in two recent major operations aimed at crushing a tenacious insurgency.

The victims, thought to be missing Iraqi soldiers, were shot repeatedly in the head and found blindfolded, their hands tied behind their backs. Three were beheaded.

The killings were a clear sign of the profound difficulties faced by U.S. and Iraqi forces in Anbar province around the dusty, lawless frontier town of Qaim, and their inability to seal the porous desert border with Syria despite major efforts to boost their military presence in the area.

Also Friday, a car bomb killed four men and wounded nine as they sat outside a restaurant in Baghdad waiting to pick up falafel sandwiches, a popular Arab staple made with fried chickpeas.

The bloodshed came as politicians seeking a negotiated solution to the insurgency once again wrangled over a promise to give Sunni Arabs a bigger say in charting Iraq's future.

The Marines were killed Thursday in a roadside bombing while conducting combat operations near the volatile Sunni town of Haqlaniyah, 90 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said. Their deaths brought to at least 1,689 the number of U.S. military members killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 37 U.S. military members have been killed by roadside bombs since the makeup of Iraq's new government was announced April 28, according to the AP count.

The 21 Iraqi bodies were found near Qaim, 80 miles west of Haqlaniyah, along a highway that meanders along the Euphrates River and into Syria. The bodies were in three locations, haphazardly dumped by the roadside in a gravel pit and in sand flats. Three were beheaded and at least one had been mauled by animals.

U.S. military intelligence officials believe the Qaim area sits at the crossroads of a major route used by groups such as Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq to smuggle foreign fighters into the country.

"It's like the Mexican-American border there. There are attempts being made to seal it," a senior U.S. military intelligence official said on condition he remain unnamed for security reasons.

The bodies were thought to be those of off-duty Iraqi soldiers who left their base near Qaim two days earlier in civilian clothes aboard two minivans, headed to Baghdad for a vacation.

Marines carried out two major operations in the area last month, killing 125 insurgents in the first campaign, Operation Matador, and 14 in the second, Operation New Market. Eleven Marines were killed in the actions, designed to scatter and eradicate insurgents using the road from Damascus to Baghdad.

Insurgents are so rooted in the region that after a May 29 gunbattle in a village between Qaim and Haqlaniyah, U.S. forces were surprised to find the body of the kidnapped governor of Anbar province chained to a propane tank and killed by falling rubble.

As part of its effort to increase its presence, the Iraqi army boosted the number of soldiers at the frontier post of Akashat, near Qaim, from about 100 before Operation Matador to nearly 750 now. Akashat is where the missing soldiers were based.

Intelligence officials say foreigners undergo rigorous religious indoctrination before being brought into Iraq and sent on suicide missions.

At least 91 car bombings, most carried out by suicide attackers, have been reported since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's Shiite-led government was announced, according to an AP count. They are responsible for at least 291 of the nearly 900 Iraqis killed since then. The insurgent death toll is difficult to determine, but is thought to number more than 270.

Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed in an Internet posting that it abducted 36 Iraqi soldiers in western Iraq on Wednesday, and threatened to kill them unless al-Jaafari's government released "Muslim women" from prison.

Also Friday, gunmen killed the dean of the police academy in the southern city of Basra and an Iraqi soldier was killed when a roadside bomb exploded in the central city of Mashru.

In Baghdad, Iraqi politicians were divided over Talabani's promise to give Sunni Arabs more seats on a 55-member committee drafting Iraq's first postwar constitution.

The charter must be ready to present to the 275-seat National Assembly by mid-August and will go before Iraq's voters in a referendum two months later. It requires the support of Sunni Arabs — thought to make up 20 percent of the population.

Talabani's promise to raise the Sunni Arab representatives from a proposed 15 to 25 — increasing the committee's size to 80 — averted a crisis after Sunni Arabs threatened a boycott.

They renewed that threat Friday if the Shiites and Kurds backed down from the promise.

"We drew a red line and said 'do not choose less than 25.' We didn't discuss this issue with Mr. Talabani and we do consider Talabani's announcement to be official approval," said Yousif al-Aadhani, an official the Sunni Endowment — a charitable institution.

"These seats are not given to us as charity," he added. "This is what we deserve."

The military announced it was investigating as a criminal case the deaths in Tikrit of two U.S. Army officers killed Tuesday evening.

The deaths were initially thought to be caused by incoming artillery or mortar rounds fired from a location some distance away. "Upon further examination of the scene by explosive ordnance personnel, it was determined the blast pattern was inconsistent with a mortar attack," a military statement said. It did not elaborate.

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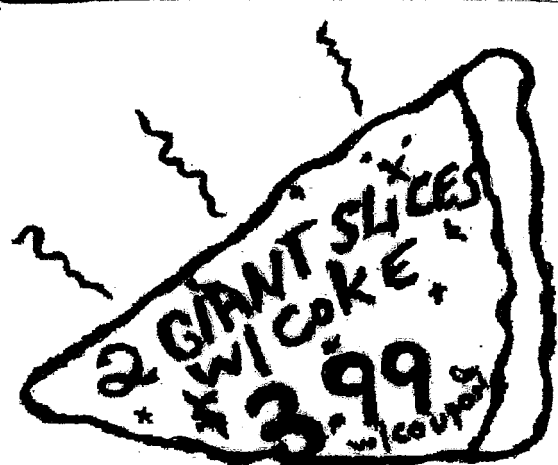


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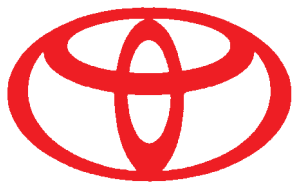
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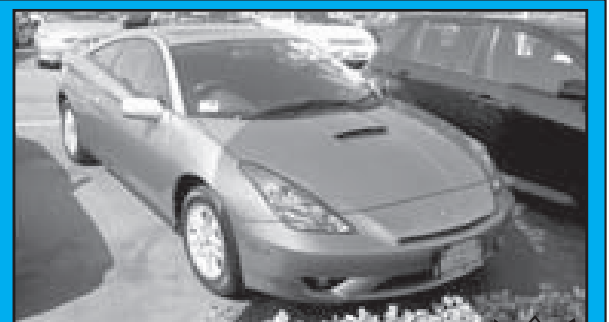
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