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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Playing Hardball: The newspaper Ha'aretz (Tel Aviv) reported in March that the Moqassed Hospital in East Jerusalem was under investigation for detaining a newborn baby for two months because its parents did not pay the bill. (The mother had given birth to premature triplets; the hospital allegedly let her take two home but kept the third.) And London's Daily Telegraph reported in April the hard luck story of unemployed Darren Wheeler, 30, who had six of his teeth extracted at the Birkdale Clinic in Whiston, England, but before dentures could be fitted, the clinic converted from public health to private practice and said dentures would now cost Wheeler the equivalent of almost \$5,000.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 174th day of 2006. There are 191 days left in the year.

Fifty years ago, on June 23, 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Competition brings out the best in products and the worst in people."

DAVID SARNOFF

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MISSING PERSON



File Photo

MARGARET ROSE ROBERTS

Man's frantic search rolls on

BY EMILIE PHELPS

Special to the Daily Press

SUNSET PARK — Each day, Rejelio Munoz resumes the search for his wife following her disappearance more than a month ago from the 31st Street home they share.

He scours the area, looking for her in places they frequented together over the past 35 years, posting flyers in the hopes that someone will recognize her and contact him.

Margaret Rose Roberts, 62, was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia four years ago and has been on medication since. Roberts left without her medication, without which she is said to become paranoid and act abnormally.

During his search, Muñoz learned that Roberts went to her psychiatrist's office two days after she disappeared, looking for financial assistance. The staff at Dr. Liliane Lebus' office was unaware she was considered missing at the time, so they instructed her to come back when she had an appointment.

In light of her office's oversight, according to Munoz, Dr. Lebus has recently volunteered that her superiors will search the databases of all local health institutions and shelters in efforts to find Roberts.

The staff confirmed for Munoz that Roberts was wearing the same clothes that are pictured on the flyers. Munoz is now in contact with

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Class dismissed

With a nod to the past, Samohi grads head into the future

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — Amid an evening of remembrance, reflection and revelry, Santa Monica High School's graduating class of 2006 bid an emotional farewell Thursday to the campus that became their home, and the strangers who became family.

In a relatively brief ceremony filled with laughter, tears and intermittent shouts from prideful parents and well-wishers, Samohi's 664 graduating seniors recalled the good times and the bad, from the shooting death of fellow student Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez and the racial tension that ignited a brawl, to rising student achievement and the free hip-hop concert with Kayne West — all the while, looking optimistically towards the challenges that lie ahead.

"Let's face it, our parents have left us with a difficult world to work with," senior Alissa Escarce told the excited crowd of more than 1,000 who packed the school's Greek Theater for the 152nd commencement. "But I believe we have the talent, the determination and the experience to turn it around. If anyone can patch up the ozone layer,



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

CROSSING THE BRIDGE: Santa Monica High School Principal Dr. Ilene Straus congratulates students during commencement ceremonies Thursday at the school's Greek Theater.

cure AIDS and bring about world peace, it's the class of 2006."

Dressed in royal blue caps and gowns, their bright yellow tassels swinging in the cool, evening breeze, students from all walks of life were serenaded by underclassmen as they made their way through campus and

into the theater. Family and friends stood nearby snapping pictures. A few parents rushed passed security to shower their sons and daughters with hugs and kisses, embarrassing some, bringing others to tears.

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Our city's Cup runneth over



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

KICKIN' IT: The Ye Olde Kings Head Restaurant and Pub on Santa Monica Boulevard was filled to capacity earlier this week for a World Cup game. Local pubs are benefiting from soccer fans' enchantment.

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — As time ran out on the U.S. National team during their loss to Ghana in Thursday's World Cup match, eliminating them from the global showcase that has captivated the world, so did the interest of most Americans who passively flirt with the sport every four years.

That doesn't seem to be the case in Santa Monica, where nearly everybody seems to come from someplace else and finds a home away from home within the city's eight square-mile patch of the world.

"I wish they held the World Cup every year, not just every four," lamented Mike Rooney, a manager at the Britannia Pub, on the 300

block of Santa Monica Boulevard. "It's great for business."

At 8 a.m. on Thursday, the sleepy Third Street Promenade was peppered with the occasional morning walker, the rustling homeless and restaurant workers cleaning their entrances. But inside the local watering holes, such as the Britannia or nearby Barney's Beanery, the raucous crowds tilting back morning beers belied the serene setting just outside.

All around town, soccer fans new and old were out in droves Thursday morning before heading off to the workplace, cheering for the Americans, who suffered a 2-1 setback to Ghana that ended their tournament run. While the loss would

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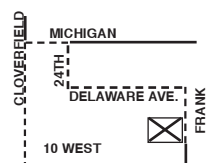
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Suddenly, your fiery style assumes a gentler tone. Don't hold back. Encourage brainstorming and debating. Nearly every area of your life will benefit from a novel idea or two. A child brings you pleasure. Tonight: Hang with friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You'll want to stay on top of expenditures. Spending might feel like a necessity. Think carefully about what you need to do. Ask for more in your life from a roommate. The cat or dog could also be on the warpath. Tonight: Buy flowers or rent a movie on the way home.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are full of energy and get-up-and-go. Perhaps others find that you are unstoppable as you head in a new direction or do something very different. You might discover that others have strong opinions. Don't simply negate them. Tonight: You are the center of any event.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your instincts might be more on target than you realize. They help with money and spending. You might be overwhelmed by an emotional matter. Use care for the next few weeks when meeting someone new. Tonight: Quiet works.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to head in a different direction or do something totally different. You need to give yourself permission to veer from the tried-and-true. A new friendship is waiting in the wings. You will feel very happy around this person. Tonight: Active as can be.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are in the limelight. Others knock on your door. You might want to see what is happening with a key associate. If you're aggravated, express your feelings in a way that they can be heard. Anger could be difficult. Tonight: In the limelight.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others, and you'll see life take on a whole new direction. You break past barriers and get to the bottom of a problem. Your drive sets off others' energy. You are a veritable tiger, you are so energetic. Tonight: Read between the lines.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You take a strong stand and know what to do. Others could give you grief — not that you can't handle a wayward person or two. A partnership becomes much richer and more caring in the next few weeks. Tonight: Happy with a special person.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Let others call the shots, and decide to go along for the ride. You will like what happens. You will like how you feel. You might be surprised by another's gentleness. Tonight: Happy times.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You should rethink a problem or situation. You might want to level out and handle a personal matter directly. Your instincts with an associate could make all the difference in the outcome. Tonight: Make it easy.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your creativity and imagination take you in a new direction. You might want to rethink a relationship. You are clear and direct with a partner or associate. You will get direct feedback, which might aggravate you. Tonight: Get past a hassle.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Deal with family head-on. You'll like what happens when you lie back and think. You might want to read between the lines with someone in your daily life. Though this person expresses anger, a deeper emotion is involved. Tonight: Easy does it.



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CITY LAUNCHES STRATEGIC ZONING EFFORT

On May 25, 2006, in response to proposed changes to state law, the Santa Monica City Council directed staff to commence research, schedule hearings, draft ordinances and prepare appropriate proposed adjustments in city zoning. A public comment form is now available on-line so community members may easily participate in this process.

Visit: <http://www.santa-monica.org>

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Looking to get some culture

By Daily Press staff

Does Santa Monica have enough culture? That's the topic of this weekend's community workshop. City Hall is preparing a master plan to guide the continued development of the community's cultural resources. The city of Santa Monica will host a community meeting on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to gather public input what's been titled "Creative Capital." The goal of the planning process is to forge a common vision for the future of arts and culture in Santa Monica. The plan will identify community priorities and articulate the policies and strategies that will be required to achieve those priorities and make Santa Monica an even better environment for creativity in all forms.

Santa Monica has been a destination and a haven for creative individuals since its inception. Santa Monica's cultural community is central to the city's identity, contributing to the economy, the environment and the overall quality of life for residents. The community meeting is an effort to preserve and strengthen that identity.

The planning process will offer many different opportunities for participation in addition to Saturday's community meeting, including a broad array of workshops, community meetings and a phone survey. The city also will be developing an on-line directory of the many creative people who live and work in Santa Monica.

For additional information on Creative Capital, visit <http://santa-monica.org/creativesantamonica> or contact Jessica Cusick in the cultural affairs division at (310) 458-8350.

Health, fitness and Elmo, too

By Daily Press staff

Stroller Strides, the country's largest fitness program for new moms, is celebrating its second anniversary in the West Los Angeles community.

The anniversary event will take place on Saturday, June 24, at Clover Park, located at 2600 Ocean Park Blvd. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a master class, followed by a mini health and fitness expo, silent auction, lunch and a special visit from Elmo.

Since Tracy Brown opened Stroller Strides in June 2004, women in West Los Angeles have been able to get fit through a program including power walking and intervals of body toning using exercise tubing and the stroller. Stroller Strides instructors weave songs and activities into the routine designed to entertain and occupy the baby, while mom is led through a series of exercises incorporating stretch tubing, the stroller, the baby and the environment to create an outdoor gym. 60 minutes yields a total body workout improving cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility.

Stroller Strides has 300 locations and more than 15,000 participants nationwide. Stroller Strides is open to all childcare givers from fathers and grandparents to baby-sitters and nannies.

In recognition of the anniversary, Stroller Strides of West Los Angeles will donate all profits from the event to The National Breast Cancer Foundation. Breast cancer is the No. 2 killer of women in America and in this year alone, more than 211,000 women will be diagnosed and 43,300 will die.

Shift into thrift with First United

By Daily Press staff

Here's a good chance to get thrifty. The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica will hold its thrift sale on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1108 11th Street.

The sale is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and Boy Scout Troop 67.

CORRECTION In the June 13 edition, there was an error on page 3 in the community briefs section. St. Joseph Center's Early Learning Center does not have a child care facility at First Presbyterian Nursery School.

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2	9:10 AM	9:39 PM	1:23 AM	4:47 PM
3	10:04 AM	11:05 PM	2:40 AM	5:21 PM
4	10:42 AM	N/A	4:03 AM	5:45 PM
5	12:09 AM	11:19 AM	5:25 AM	6:14 PM
6	1:01 AM	11:54 AM	6:39 AM	6:35 PM
7	1:36 AM	12:32 PM	7:39 AM	7:05 PM
8	2:13 AM	1:05 PM	8:28 AM	7:29 PM
9	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:18 AM	8:05 PM
10	3:31 AM	2:10 PM	10:04 AM	8:35 PM
11	4:05 AM	2:51 PM	10:49 AM	9:16 PM
12	4:46 AM	3:32 PM	11:36 AM	9:57 PM
13	5:30 AM	4:19 PM	12:22 PM	10:42 PM
14	6:21 AM	5:16 PM	1:14 PM	11:27 PM
15	7:04 AM	6:26 PM	2:07 PM	N/A
16	7:58 AM	7:49 PM	12:25 AM	2:57 PM
17	8:43 AM	9:25 PM	1:31 AM	3:45 PM
18	9:38 AM	10:59 PM	2:52 AM	4:35 PM
19	10:24 AM	N/A	4:25 AM	5:15 PM
20	12:10 AM	11:16 AM	6:01 AM	5:57 PM
21	1:10 AM	12:05 PM	7:20 AM	6:39 PM
22	2:02 AM	12:49 PM	8:27 AM	7:21 PM
23	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:27 AM	8:02 PM
24	3:32 AM	2:19 PM	10:13 AM	8:42 PM
25	4:13 AM	3:06 PM	11:00 AM	9:26 PM
26	4:58 AM	3:43 PM	11:39 AM	10:00 PM
27	5:36 AM	4:25 PM	12:20 PM	10:42 PM
28	6:08 AM	5:10 PM	1:04 PM	11:16 PM
29	6:45 AM	6:05 PM	1:45 PM	N/A
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The Q-Line

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Let go of the railing. Last week, the City Council agreed to purchase more than 104,000 square feet of land currently owned by Sears Roebuck and Co. for a cost in excess of \$35 million. The downtown real estate has been highly coveted by the city with its proximity to the Promenade, the Pier and the Civic Center redevelopment plans along Main Street. It's also no secret the city envisions the parcel as a possible site for a Light Rail terminus that would connect Santa Monica to Los Angeles.

So this week Q-Line wants to know: Would the viability of easy transportation to and from downtown Los Angeles be a good thing in light of our city's homeless population? Call (310) 285-8106 or leave your post at smdp.com/forum and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition.



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EDITORIAL

Bark up the other trees

 The trees are falling in Santa Monica, and by the reaction from residents around here, you would think it was the sky.

The Daily Press, and presumably City Hall, has received numerous calls in the past two weeks from concerned citizens who are witnessing crews cutting down Eucalyptus trees throughout the city. Indeed, City Hall has hired an arboricultural firm to remove 77 aging and damaged trees. Another 440 will be trimmed over the next six months to avoid potential limb failures.

Because the decision was approved in a public meeting and city officials insist they alerted residents in the affected neighborhoods, the tree work should not be news to people. But apparently it is. What that means is, City Hall hasn't done an adequate job in its public outreach efforts.

Despite that the project was discussed in an open forum at a City Council meeting in April, a news conference was held on May 5 at Reed Park, and information mailers were sent out to affected residents, the efforts weren't enough. What the City Council should have done is advertised the fact that it was going to be discussing the matter prior to a decision being made. Or, the elected body could have instructed staff to gather community input before the decision, so the public at least felt they had a say in the matter. Even though city officials have made a strong case for removing the trees, at least people would have been educated as to why.

If people had been paying attention, they also would know that the trees are being replaced with a smaller species of Eucalyptus. The City Council increased the city forester's budget to accomplish that replacement project, as well as do a better job of maintaining the trees in the future so they won't become damaged or die.

Although they may appear alive and well, the trees being removed are either dead on the inside or are severely damaged. Eucalyptus trees continue to grow around their wounds. As a result, they can cause serious injury because of shedding limbs. That was the case for one couple, who in 2001, successfully sued City Hall for \$1.5 million after a mature red-flowering Eucalyptus fell on their car, injuring them.

This is about public safety as much as it is about replacing old trees, many of which are at the end of their lifespan. City Hall hired an arboricultural firm in 2005 to assess the city's 517 Eucalyptus trees. The firm identified that many of them are in danger of failing and need to be removed or trimmed.

We hardly believe that the people running such a "green" city would want to or would irresponsibly cut down trees. But it does happen. Consider the plan for Second and Fourth streets. If people want to get upset about trees, they should take a long, hard look at what city officials have up their sleeves for the Ficus-lined downtown thoroughfares next year.

In order to provide more light and open space to what have been described as "dark streets," the plan calls for a total of 54 ficus trees to be cut down — 29 on Fourth Street and 25 on Second Street. Eighty ficus trees will remain. Of the mature trees cut down, 116 smaller, leafier trees — called ginkos — will be planted in their stead.

Dozens of merchants are outraged that City Hall's solution to make the shopping corridors a block off of the Promenade more pedestrian friendly is to cut down perfectly good trees.

It does appear to be a not-so-environmentally friendly concept in a self-described "green city."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'News Update' hits below the belt

Editor:

Many residents probably received the second mailing recently from Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SMSP). Under the guise of a "News Update," it really is an insidious smear campaign against City Council member Kevin McKeown.

The leaflet, and the one before it, promotes half-truths. If residents knew what McKeown's votes really meant, they'd realize that he's the one with sensible priorities. On the outdoor dining issue, he consistently led in increasing outdoor tables both on the Promenade and in other parts of the city, like Main Street and Montana Avenue.

That particular decision he opposed was to replace existing free public tables with a fenced-in private dining area in public space for a high-end French cheese and wine café.

Likewise, on the parking vote, he supported the 700-plus spaces needed by current businesses, employees and customers. What he opposed was the speculative inclusion of 1,000 more spaces we don't need, attached to a prediction of a half-million square feet of further downtown commercial development that the community does not support and the City Council had never previously discussed.

In other words, the SMSP deliberately misrepresent McKeown's voting record, out of context and without background, to make him sound like he opposes public convenience and enjoyment instead of the thoughtful stands he's actually taken to protect Santa Monica's quality of life from over-commercialization and overdevelopment.

And that makes one wonder — where's the money coming from for these expensive mailed hit pieces this far in advance of an election?

Sherrill Kushner
Santa Monica

Big money behind some big lies

Editor:

Some mysterious "group" calling themselves Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities seems out to prove that in Santa Monica politics, half-truths can really be full-on lies.

I received an expensive, glossy flyer from this group recently complaining that our City Council's Kevin McKeown voted against outdoor dining on the Promenade and more parking for downtown. In both cases, half-true — and therefore a deliberate lie by this masked hit squad.

McKeown voted for keeping a mix of affordable dining outdoors on the Promenade, against replacing free public seating with a fenced-in high-end café.

He also supported the new downtown parking proposed to meet the needs of current businesses and shoppers, but drew the line at building additional parking for a half a million square feet of commercial development that has not yet been approved and may not be approved in the future.

Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities has lots of money to burn. And we know where they get it — from the owners of two luxury hotels in Santa Monica. The same "group" — a classic case of "astroturf," where big money pretends to be grassroots — spent a half-million dollars in the last municipal election to elect two City Council candidates they saw as cooperative. They are clearly back and they are out to attack councilman McKeown, who has been willing to stand up against developer and hotel interests and for the interests of those of us who live here and love Santa Monica's quality of life.

Denny Zane
Santa Monica

The war is right

Editor:

I'm writing to respond to several peoples' recent comments about the death of (Abu Musab) al-Zarqawi published in the Q-line column (SMDP, June 17-18, page 4).

The reader who called Bush a "terrorist" has clearly allowed his emotion to cloud his ability to reason. Such people often try to compare Bush to Hitler, as though the intentional genocide of an entire race with millions of torturous deaths is on equal footing with the coalition removal of a fascist dictator who murdered thousands in his own country, and his replacement with a system of self-governance; an action, I should add, that had bi-partisan support.

The administration never said Saddam was responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks — but revisionists still use this bogus assertion to justify their hatred for the president and their condemnation of our motives in the region. One of your more reason-challenged readers actually believes Bush instigated this war simply to satisfy his ego, entirely ignoring historical precedent for the removal of Saddam; Clinton's bombing of Baghdad in 1998; the CIA's strong belief that Saddam continued to produce chemical and biological weapons; the many other reasons given before the war for the removal of Saddam; and the establishment of Democracy in Iraq, all supported by Congress in the Iraq War resolution.

Another reader's statement that bin Laden is "still parading around the mountain-sides" is rather silly, given the low to almost non-existent profile that bin Laden must keep to avoid capture. To rail against al-Qaida while advocating withdrawal from Iraq is to refuse to acknowledge the linkage between the two. Withdrawing now would be surrendering the major battlefield to that terrorist organization.

As al-Qaida itself has clearly stated: Iraq is the front-line in its struggle to dismember non-Islamist civilization, and whatever your feelings about our conduct of the war itself, giving up would be the worst possible response. My perception of our involvement in Iraq is that we can win battles, and thus we can win the war.

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Olive oil producers eye growing market

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

CHICO — Jamie Johansson can be found every Saturday at the Chico Farmers' Market, hawking bottles of his Lodestar Farms olive oil by offering dipped bread.

With each bottle, Johansson, like his fellow California olive oil producers, is squeezing into a crowded market as health-conscious and food-savvy Americans are increasingly turning to olive oil.

U.S. sales have doubled over the past decade, now accounting for a third of all cooking oils used at home. California, the leading U.S. producer, is the new kid on a very old block and accounts for less than 1 percent of a world market dominated by Mediterranean countries that have produced the oil for millennia.

With a well-suited climate in California, acreage is increasingly being devoted to growing olives specifically for oil. About 4,000 acres of oil-specific orchards are being added in the state each year.

California producers, many of them independent sellers like Johansson, are targeting the gourmet foods market with small batches of high quality oil.

"Food trends in the country have always started in California," said Johansson, who sells his product for \$12 to \$18 a bottle at farmers' markets, independent grocery stores, a tasting room on his farm and through a Web site. He said it's not like the bland, blond mass-produced oils found in many grocery stores.

Until recently, olive oil offered a way for growers to salvage fruit that didn't make it as table olives.

But updated technology borrowed from the wine industry has cut farmers' harvesting costs. Machines now shake the olives onto a net, allowing farmers to harvest their crop for about \$40 per ton, compared to \$350 per hand-picked ton.

While hand-picking is still favored by smaller and organic operations, the mechanized harvesting doesn't diminish the oil's quality, said Paul Vossen, who studies olive oil through the University of California Cooperative Extension office in Sonoma County.

From a half-dozen 20 years ago, the state's oil industry has grown to include more than 500 producers, most of them operating on less than 30 acres. Being relatively new to the olive oil-making process means U.S. producers aren't bogged down by traditional methods and allows them to be open new technologies, Vossen said.

Nearly all California growers produce extra virgin oil — the top category, which is made from the first pressing of freshly picked olives, Vossen said. Lower grades — such as "extra light" — are made from olives that are older, bruised or have fallen on the ground.

The Food and Drug Administration doesn't enforce the labeling categories, and the last time the United States set olive oil standards was 1942. Back then the terms "fancy" and "extra fancy" were used to describe the oil, Johansson said.

The California industry's trade group, the California Olive Oil Council, has petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture to adopt the international grades and has developed its own criteria to put its stamp of approval on olive oil.

But the council's certification panel recently failed a taste test before international judges.

The seal of the international group doesn't mean much to American producers, whose main marketing points have been local appeal, Vossen said.

"In California, the quality is excellent but the quantity is low," he said.

Today, there is a greater awareness of food and a move toward cooking more international and gourmet dishes, which often lend themselves to olive oil, Vossen said.

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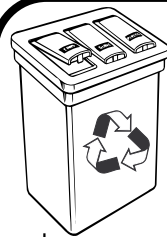
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Man's search for missing wife presses on

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Roberts' doctors and the medical community, particularly mental institutions where she might end up.

Munoz worries more about Robert's safety as time goes by, because that means more time that his wife is at risk to predators on the streets who will take advantage of her condition. Munoz contacted the Santa Monica police immediately.

Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega said Roberts' information has been shared with law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

However, according to Munoz, local police have not been responsive as his search continues. The missing persons page on the Santa Monica Police Department's web site has not been updated since May 7, he said, and so Roberts' photo is not yet posted. Munoz reports that he has tried repeatedly

and consistently to get an update on the investigation from the police department, but they have not yet returned his calls.

Retired Det. Donald Doss, who volunteers at the SMPD, confirmed that very recently Roberts' case has been passed to him, and now that they have contacted all local ERs, treatment centers, shelters, etc., he will continue to pursue the investigation.

The long search for his wife began when Muñoz awoke on the morning of Sunday, May 21, and Roberts had disappeared from their home at 2427 31st St. When she didn't return home after three hours, Muñoz called the police and filed a missing person's report. Since that time, he has been scouring the region in hopes of finding her.

Munoz believes that his wife's lung medication was interrupting the effectiveness of her psychiatric medication. Roberts was being treated for a chronic lung illness at the Venice Family Clinic. He added that he

noticed Roberts began acting strangely about a week prior to her disappearance and planned to address it when Roberts had her next scheduled appointment with Dr. Lebus.

Munoz and Roberts have no children or family nearby, but his neighbors are pitching in to help. His brother-in-law lives across the street and has connections to friends who work with the homeless and distribute his flyers. Recently, his brother arrived from Arkansas to lend emotional support and aid in the search.

Amid his search, Munoz has looked under freeway overpasses, through alleys and in and around other havens for the homeless, whom he considers friendly and intelligent, just down on their luck. He has combed Hollywood several times, a place she recently talked about wanting to visit, and he scours Venice because Roberts used to live there. Munoz determines the perimeter of his search by places she's familiar with

— Culver City, Westwood, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, downtown and the Marina.

Anytime someone calls Munoz to report a possible sighting of his wife, Munoz drops everything goes looking. While most of the calls are a dead-end, he always looks. Munoz, who is retired, searches every day, varying his search hours.

Munoz has distributed nearly 300 missing-person flyers depicting Roberts throughout Los Angeles County. He has posted them at her favorite places, like Norm's Restaurant and Carrow's Restaurant, as well as homeless shelters in downtown LA, motels, hotels, parks and liquor stores.

Margaret Rose Roberts is 62 years old, has light brown hair and blue eyes. She is five feet, one inch tall and weighs 102 pounds. She has a red birthmark on the back of her neck and a small mole on her nose.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Muñoz at (310) 922-2633.

Samohi grads urged not to 'settle' by outgoing principal

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One student, overcome with excitement, shouted: "I'll never have to come back again."

Neither will Ilene Straus, the lead principal at Samohi, who announced last month that she will be leaving the high school upon completion of the school year. Straus, a former principal at Lincoln Middle School, said she has seen many of the seniors grow physically, mentally and emotionally.

"When we met, I was actually taller than some of you," Straus said. "That is clearly no longer the case at all. I have seen you grow in inches and also have seen you mature from young adolescents to accomplished young adults ... I want you to know the class before you represents some amazingly hard work and achievement."

Straus said the graduating class included 13 valedictorians who have earned straight As throughout their high school careers.

More than 99.9 percent of seniors graduated the California High School Exit Exam, which is required to receive a diploma.

Most important, according to Straus, is that 90 percent of the graduating class will be going on to college, with 57 percent heading for a four-year university, including some of the most prestigious in the nation. Seniors will receive \$2.5 million in scholarships.

Straus offered some advice to the seniors, recommending that over the next four years

they explore many new opportunities, expand their horizons and, most importantly, find a profession that fills them with passion.

"We all know the road ahead will not be a smooth one," Straus said. "Yet life is so much richer for the lessons you didn't expect to learn ... Learn throughout the journey and don't just focus on the destination. Be good to your communities, take care of your parents and always find time to learn. Most importantly, don't settle."

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Sleeping in is so out this World Cup season

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likely sound a death knell for early morning bar business in other, less diverse cities, pub proprietors feel bad for the U.S. squad, but will still be open for business the next dawn a game is being played on the pitch.

"We've been open for all the games so far and don't plan to change," said Donal Tazey, a co-owner of Busby's on the 3100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard, shortly before noon when Brazil and Japan were scheduled to match up. "We're expecting about 300 people in the next 20 minutes."

Tazey's place has become an unofficial headquarters for fans of the Brazilian team, who were scheduled to play a few hours after the American squad fell. He said Busby's was pulling out all the ethnic stops — food, a band and Samba dancers. Brazil beat Japan 4-1 on Thursday afternoon.

Tazey, who hails from Ireland, said Westside residents who were born in other countries expect to wake up early to watch games, but admits he has been surprised by the level of enthusiasm by Americans, not generally known for their passion for soccer, or that "other" kind of football.

Nevertheless, passion was on full display across the wakening city on Thursday.

"I didn't wake up at six in the morning to watch the U.S. lose," said 22-year-old Zach Daniels, as he drained a pint of beer outside Barney's. Daniels was worked up enough that he had to stop and yell at the struggling U.S. National team. "What is that? These guys are killing me!"

Daniels said he has been playing soccer all of his life, and met many of the players on TV during his athletic career back in Mississippi.

"They're standing back too much, not pressuring them (Ghana)," he explained. "Make them make a mistake already."

Standing alongside Daniels was Chas Hollis, a 28-year-old freelance editor, who admitted he was somewhat new to the sport, but addicted all the same.

"It's (the World Cup) just been all over the place. A lot of people are talking about it," said Hollis, who moved to Santa Monica five years ago from Houston, Tex. "I've been watching two games a day, and I'll still be watching if the U.S. loses."

Hollis said he met up with friends at Barney's at about 6:55 a.m., or five minutes before gametime. The place was packed, with a fair share of business types sipping coffee alongside the early morning imbibers.

Other businesses have found opportunity in the game's sudden surge. A T-shirt salesman who identified himself only as "Bill" was seated near the entrance with a suitcase full of eclectic T-shirts depicting such nations as England, Brazil and the U.S.

"When you get into the World Cup, you really see what places are like, in terms of crowds," he said, after having moved Brazilian shirts earlier in the week at Zabumba, on Venice Boulevard, and English garb at the Cock N Bull on Lincoln Boulevard.

"The only problem is, with these morning games, people have to get to work ... quickly," he said.

Outside of the Britannia, several disappointed U.S. soccer fans filed out following the frustrating loss, squinting in the bright sunlight and attempting to stand straight after a few morning brews.

One such fan, who identified himself as "John" because he had to leave for work, dragged on a cigarette, standing on Santa Monica Boulevard in dress shoes, suit pants and a U.S. soccer jersey.

"It's a shame that the entire World Cup has been handed to the referees," he vented, explaining that a bad call likely cost the Americans the game. "They (referees) had to stick their big noses into it. They took it upon themselves and decided they need recognition. It's pathetic."

Asked if he was fed up with soccer now that the Americans got bounced, John settled down a bit and smiled.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The debate over global warming has reached a “tipping point” in the U.S. as more citizens, politicians and companies see climate change as a serious threat, the leader of the country’s most influential environmental organization said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope said Tuesday that over the past year the debate has shifted from whether global warming was a real problem to what must be done to lessen its potentially devastating impacts.

“I think we’re at a tipping point,” said Pope, who has headed the nation’s oldest and largest environmental group since 1992. He said Hurricane Katrina, rising energy prices and other meteorological events have “set the stage for a big change in public opinion.”

Nearly all scientists agree that global warming — the rise in temperatures caused by emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases from cars, factories and power plants — is taking place and its effects are being felt worldwide. For years, experts have predicted that climate change would lead to rising sea levels, higher temperatures, more severe droughts and increasingly violent storms.

For many Americans, the devastation of New Orleans and parts of the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina was the clearest sign that global warming was real, he said. Many scientists believe that climate change is raising ocean temperatures, and warmer waters are increasing the intensity of hurricanes.

“Katrina showed that when the climate changes, it’s catastrophic,” Pope said. “It’s not just about it getting warmer. It’s about climate becoming chaotic, weather becoming extreme.”

Al Gore’s new documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth” — along with a slew of news stories about melting glaciers, raging wildfires and record temperatures — has also provoked public discussion of global warming, he said.

While the federal government has been slow to address climate change, many cities, states and corporations are moving forward

with plans to lower greenhouse gas emissions and develop cleaner energy sources, Pope said.

More than 240 U.S. cities have agreed to voluntarily reduce carbon emissions to meet standards set by the Kyoto Protocol, the international climate treaty that was ratified by 141 countries but not the United States. By 2012, the treaty seeks to reduce greenhouse gases below 1990 levels in 35 industrialized countries.

Last week, the Western Governors’ Association, a coalition of governors from 18 states and three U.S.-flag Pacific islands, adopted a resolution calling for action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop alternative fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

“You’re seeing more and more politicians embracing the idea that we have to act on global warming,” said Pope, who criticized the White House for having its “head in the sand.”

The Bush administration’s climate change plan relies on voluntary cutbacks by industry and on government investment in clean-energy technologies to reduce emissions. Kyoto-style mandates would hurt the U.S. economy and send energy-intensive industries and jobs overseas, said Jim Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality

“The president treats the issue of global warming very seriously,” Connaughton said. “The president has focused his energy on a strong emphasis on technology as the solution and thriving economies as the way to pay for those solutions.”

California has taken a leadership role in confronting global warming, Pope said. The state has raised fuel economy standards for cars and trucks, boosted energy efficiency and created incentives for renewable energy such as wind and solar.

Pope said he expected global warming and energy to be major issues in state elections in November, and expects them to play a big role in the 2008 presidential election.

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The nation's second-largest school district has only a 44 percent graduation rate — the sixth worst among U.S. cities.

The national study published Tuesday by the nonpartisan publication Education Week with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation showed a failure rate much greater that district officials claimed.

The district has insisted the graduation rate is closer to 64 percent.

The Los Angeles Unified School District was sixth from the bottom in graduation rates out of the nation's 50 largest school districts, trailed only by Detroit, Baltimore, New York City, Milwaukee and Cleveland.

Los Angeles school officials said the figures don't accurately reflect the district's graduation rate.

"You see discrepancies between figures because it's very hard to document dropouts, and they tend to be undercounted and underreported," said Lynn Olson, executive project editor for Diplomas Count.

Superintendent Roy Romer said he was frustrated with the studies because they don't show the district's gains, don't take into account students who move during the year and exclude ninth-graders who are held back because they don't have enough units to move up.

TORRANCE

Yappy dog's days are numbered

A woman who insists her Maltese puppy Rover never makes noise was ordered to pay \$97,500 to condominium neighbors fed up with the dog's incessant barking.

Rover didn't go over well with neighbors in the 98-home "no pets allowed" condo complex in Redondo Beach where Eileen Acheson's pet was constantly yapping.

Convinced by neighbors that the barking was unbearable, a court commissioner awarded 13 plaintiffs \$7,500 each. The commissioner added, however, that Acheson won't have to pay the judgment if she gets rid of the dog by Aug. 10.

"My dog doesn't bark," Acheson, 31, said of the 11-month-old dog.

But Chris Keenan, who bought the unit next door to Acheson as a weekend seaside escape, said he can't stand the "constant yapping." Rover barked day and night, he said.

Keenan and 13 neighbors sued Acheson for nuisance in Small Claims court. One neighbor who could not attend the hearing wasn't given an award.

"Nobody really wants money damages," Sand Castle Condominium Owners Association board member Gary Snelson said. "They want peace and quiet."

LOS ANGELES

For parents, the truancy be told

The parents of two students who each skipped school more than 35 times were ordered to complete parenting classes.

Commissioner Robert Kawahara placed Ike Chun, 45, and Sylvia Munoz, 39, on three years' probation and ordered them each to attend 52 parenting classes. They were also ordered to enroll their two children in anger management counseling and ensure their school attendance.

During the 2005-2006 school year, the two students at Virgil Middle School each missed more than 35 days of school and were disciplinary problems.

California law requires all children from six to 18 years of age to attend school full-time.

"My gang prosecutors tell me they've never met a gang member who wasn't a truant first. And most crime against young people happens during school hours. Being in school not only keeps our kids from being lured into crime, it keeps them from being victims as well," City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo said Tuesday.

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MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for the weekend of June 23. . The goal of the Art Palette, created by City Hall's cultural affairs division and published in the Daily Press every Friday, is to showcase the many eclectic arts and cultural opportunities available in Santa Monica every week, highlighting one or more of the many happenings within our borders. This issue of the palette is dedicated to City Hall's Cultural Affairs Division and the cultural planning process currently underway, "Creative Capital." Santa Monica has been a destination and a haven for creative individuals since its inception. Santa Monica's cultural community is central to the city's identity, contributing to the economy, the environment and the overall quality of life of this unique beach city. But before we move on, last week there was an error regarding Juneteenth. The actual date when General Gordon declared the end of slavery in Galveston, Tex. was on June 19, 1865. For more information about this historic event, go to www.juneteenth.com.



Join us on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to gather public input for Creative Capital. The city is preparing a master plan to guide the continued development of the community's cultural resources. The goal of the planning process is to forge a common vision for the future of arts and culture in Santa Monica. The plan will identify community priorities and articulate the policies and strategies that will be required to achieve those priorities and make Santa Monica an even better environment for creativity in all forms.

The planning process will offer many different opportunities for participation in addition to Saturday's community meeting, including a broad array of workshops, focus groups and a phone survey. City Hall also will be developing an on-line directory of the many creative people who live and work in Santa Monica.

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If you missed Wounded at the Powerhouse Theatre, you have one last chance to see this incredibly powerful performance. To thank the community for the success of this show, and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to see this production, the Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble and Powerhouse are offering two final performances on a donation basis. Make your reservation by e-mailing wounded@latensemble.org and place the word "reservation" in the subject field. They'll get back to you within 24 hours to confirm your reservation. Limit your reservation requests to four seats per party.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



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TSANG AND DANCE: SMC dance professor Judith Douglas is congratulated by SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang as she receives the first José Luis Nazar Chair of Excellence in the Performing Arts.

Dance professor honored for excellence

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College dance professor Judith Douglas has been named the recipient of the first José Luis Nazar Chair of Excellence in the Performing Arts.

Douglas receives \$5,000 annually for the next three years to be used for projects of her choice that will enhance dance curriculum. She plans to use the funds to conduct a three-year project to create an up-to-date comprehensive and diverse dance program. She plans to consult with top dance schools from throughout the nation, including UCLA and New York University, and to establish a residency program in which top artists from such esteemed companies as Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey and American Ballet Theatre would come to SMC to teach extended master courses. Commercial dancers such as Chita Rivera, Paula Abdul and Rita Moreno also would be invited to discuss dance careers in film and video.

"I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this chair of excellence," said SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang in announcing the winner at SMC's graduation ceremony last week. Tsang was joined by Lori Sayer, Nazar's corporate managing director, in congratulating Douglas. The award was funded by a grant from supporter José Luis Nazar.

This is the seventh chair of excellence established at SMC. The others are in physical science, biology, earth science, music, art and nursing. Such awards — considered unusual for a community college — are administered by the SMC Foundation and are named for their primary benefactors.

Douglas has taught at SMC for 32 years and has performed ballet, African, Mexican and tap dance throughout the U.S. and Mexico, both on stage and on television. She is the founder and co-director of Folklórico de SMC, the acclaimed multi-cultural SMC student dance company that has performed throughout California and Mexico. The company's repertoire originally focused on Latin dances, but has expanded to include choreography from all over the globe, including Europe, the Middle East, Asia and American hip hop.

Douglas currently serves on the board of directors for the Association of National Groups of Mexican Dance, and she has studied and taught Mexican Dance at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. She has completed advanced board levels for Cecchetti ballet of the Imperial Society of Dance and has performed with UCLA's African and Mexican dance ensembles.

Douglas earned her bachelor's degree from California State University at Northridge and her master's from USC. At SMC, she serves as treasurer of the Academic Senate.

Art shaken and stirred

By Daily Press staff

A martini is more than just a cup to drink vodka and gin from.

Altered Space Gallery presents, The Martini Show — The Martini Glass as Art, curated by Thomas Mann. The exhibition includes 50 artists from the U.S. and Canada, each recognized for excellence in their respective fields. The exhibition will run June 24 through July 24. An opening reception will be held on June 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The participating artists have been invited to attack, attach, embellish, conceptualize, restructure or otherwise enhance a simple stainless steel martini glass. The artists have demonstrated that the path to interpretation is a wide one. They have all explored a wide variety of techniques while using a variety of materials in their creations. The invitational show includes artists from various disciplines including sculpture, experimental, ceramic, glass, encaustic, found object assemblage, and metal smithing. This variety in artistry explores the concept of the martini — a simple drink but one with deep cultural roots.

Altered Space Gallery is located at 1221 Abbot Kinney Blvd. in Venice. Gallery hours are Sunday through Monday, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the gallery, e-mail altered-spacela@aol.com.



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This weekend's Main event has got soul

By Daily Press staff

Even though the first day of summer has come and gone, the Summer SOULstice celebration will party on.

The Sixth Annual Main Street Santa Monica Summer SOULstice is coming to Main Street this weekend, featuring live music, a scavenger hunt with a \$1,000 Main Street Shopping Spree Grand Prize and more than 90 more prizes, pony rides, a petting farm, a sidewalk sale, a Zen Lounge and free massage for senior citizens.

Several tribute bands — Stones, Dylan, Doors, Heart, and Neil Young — as well as DJs, Indie Music from Indie 103 and Ifanz, jazz, world music, and the Santa Monica High School Choir are just part of the fun.

The Main Street Business Improvement Association is sponsoring the event, which will be held Sunday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Main Street between Pico Boulevard and Marine Street. The sidewalk sale is on Saturday, June 24.

Activities will be in parking lots, courtyards and on select side streets. Many Main Street merchants will have in-store parties or be offering items on sale as part of the sidewalk sale.

LIVE MUSIC

From noon to 7 p.m. there will be dozens of bands playing along Main Street.

■ Because of the enthusiastic reaction to the tribute bands for the last three years, Highway 61 Revisited (a Dylan tribute); The Neil Deal (a tribute to Neil Young); Peace

Frog (The Doors tribute band); and The Rolling Clones (a Stones tribute band) will be back, along with Heartless (a tribute to Heart), and The Bone Sharks (a tribute to surf music).

■ There also will be world music at the First Federal Lot, sponsored by World Café, featuring Kwanza Jones, Jacqueline Fuentes, and the 13-piece west African band Najite & Olokun Prophecy; Indie music sponsored by Indie 103 (at Hollister and Main), featuring Mother Superior, the Smoggy Mountain Boys, McCrea Adams Band, and Diggin Deep Band; Indie music (at Main and Marine) sponsored by Ifanz, featuring Maitreya, Wing, Bad Baby Sitter, and special guests Benny "Into The Night" Mardones and Bill Quateman; "handmade" music (at the Edgemar courtyard) sponsored by Edgemar, featuring Many Axes, and Pask & McNalley; and jazz (at the New Orleans Building courtyard) featuring Joe Gaeta & Friends.

Traffic Events presents the Zen Lounge, featuring DJs Simply Jeff, Black Liquid, and Ecco, will be in lot 26 at Strand and Main.

And the Samohi Choir will perform excerpts from their summer musical production of "The Sound of Music" at the children's activity lot between Ashland and Hill, next to LF Stores.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

For the kids, there will be pony rides, a petting farm, face-painting and balloon twisting with Rockie the Clown; Jersey Jim, Comedy Magician, and a jumper sponsored by the Ocean Park Association.

Just added to the event: Chef Harry, the Watermelon Chef (www.chefharry.com).

SCAVENGER HUNT

Because of the overwhelming response to and participation in the Scavenger Hunt for the last three years, there will be a new one this year. As in the past, it's an opportunity for participants to win big prizes. Contestants can win a grand prize — a \$1,000 Main Street shopping spree; a second grand prize — a Sprint cell phone from the Sprint Store on Main Street; a third grand prize — an outfit and two personal in-home fashion consultations from Sewjeannie; a fourth grand prize — a bike from Bike Attack; a fifth grand prize — art from the new Applegate Gallery, or one of more than 90 other prizes including prizes worth \$200 or more from Aura Shop, Bravo Pizzeria, California Heritage Museum, Earth Accents, LF Stores, Malia, Moonlight Rugs, Ocean Park Merchants Mart, Oz Santa Monica, Patagonia, Peet's Coffee, Photo Grafica, Piero, and Tails of Santa Monica.

Scavenger Hunt clue sheets are available at www.mainstreetsm.com/cluesheet06.html, as well as participating stores through June 25, and on the day of the SOULstice at information tables at Hollister and Main and the First Federal lot, between Ashland and Hill.

THE SCHEDULE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

"SOULstice Playground" "Barcopa" lot between Ashland and Hill, west side: 11 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. Pony rides, petting farm, Rockie the Clown, Jersey Jim, comedy magician; Chef Harry, the Watermelon Chef, and a jumper.

The Line-Up

Noon, Highway 61 Revisited (Dylan tribute), Kinney Ave.
Noon, Diggin Deep Band, Hollister Ave./Indie 103
Noon, Jacqueline Fuentes, First Federal lot
Noon, DJ Simply Jeff, Zen Lounge (Main and Strand)
Noon to 3 p.m., alternating: Many Axes, and Pask & McNalley; Edgemar Courtyard
Noon to 6 p.m., Joe Gaeta & Friends (jazz), New Orleans Building Courtyard
1 p.m., The Bone Sharks (surf), Pier Ave.
1 p.m., Benny "Into the Night" Mardones, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main).
1:30 p.m., Bill Quateman, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main)
2 p.m., The Rolling Clones (Rolling Stones tribute), Kinney Ave.
2 p.m., Smoggy Mountain Boys, Hollister Ave./Indie 103
2 p.m., Kwanza Jones, First Federal lot
2 p.m., Black Liquid, Zen Lounge (Strand and Main)
2:30 p.m., Bad Baby Sitter, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main)
3 p.m., Heartless (Heart tribute), Pier Ave.
3 p.m., McCrea Adams Bands, Hollister Ave./Indie 103
3:30 p.m., Wing, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main)
4 p.m., Peace Frog (Doors tribute), Kinney Ave.
4 p.m., Mother Superior, Hollister Ave./Indie 103
4 p.m., Najite & Olokun Prophecy, First Federal lot
4 p.m., Ecco, Zen Lounge (Strand and Main)
5 p.m., Maitreya, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main)
5 p.m., The Neil Deal (Neil Young tribute), Pier Ave.
6 p.m., KIRTAN, American Apparel lot (Hill and Main)

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Some Americans in missile range respond with a shrug

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Alaska coastal village of Hooper Bay is about 3,200 miles from North Korea's intercontinental missile. For some in the Bering Sea town, that's a bit too close for comfort.

"I don't feel so remote anymore," says Elmer Simon, tribal administrator for the Yu'pik Eskimo town of 1,100.

From villages in Alaska to beaches in Hawaii and the largest cities of the West Coast, Americans in the potential range of a North Korean missile test added the threat to the list of dangers they already face in a troubled world.

But for most, a missile was too distant, too unlikely a threat to interrupt their daily lives.

"A better question is when's the next earthquake," Ernie De Matteis said as he flipped through a newspaper in San Francisco.

Some experts believe North Korea could be preparing to test-fire a Taepodong 2 missile with enough range to reach Alaska and parts of the U.S. mainland, depending on the size of the weapon's payload.

The missile has never been put through a test flight, and U.S. officials do not know whether North Korea is capable of putting a nuclear warhead on it. The North Korean government has claimed it has nuclear weapons, but no U.S. official has been shown conclusive proof.

Robert O'Connor, who was preparing to eat lunch with his grandchildren in the shadow of Seattle's Space Needle, isn't buying the threat.

"I don't think the United States or any of the other countries in the world are going to allow North Korea to get to a point where they've got a nuclear-tipped missile, you know, ready to fire at somebody," he said.

For Sandy Brickner, a systems security officer in Seattle,

worrying about bombs is somebody else's problem.

"That's what our government is supposed to do, not me," she said. "I have no control over it."

Two U.S. guided-missile destroyers are off the Korean coast. And if a missile were to be launched toward the United States, the government could fire interceptor rockets from Alaska or California. But the missile-defense system has never had an unscripted test, and several planned tests have failed.

Off Hawaii's coast Thursday, the United States and Japan were holding a joint exercise Thursday to test their missile-destroying capabilities.

Back in Honolulu, office manager Alohalani Hose couldn't be bothered with it all.

"Why worry about that when I got my life to worry about?" she said. "If you worry, it causes stress, anxiety and you deteriorate and die. So why worry?"

Around Alaska's Fort Greely, which has nine of the interceptor rockets, folks weren't fretting either.

Pete Hallgren, city manager of nearby Delta Junction, said he and other city officials met at the base this week to discuss a construction project and the missile issue never came up.

"Nobody seemed to show any concern about the flurry of press reports about North Korea," he said. "The talk around here is the potential for the hotel, power plant and clinic."

It's also business as usual in Nome, a western Alaska city of 3,500.

Bruce Klein, executive director of the Nome Community Center, acknowledged his neighbors can be somewhat insulated — and that's not always a bad thing.



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Crews, planes work to halt wildfire's march

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS

Associated Press Writer

SEDONA, Ariz. — Fire crews burned away vegetation and scratched out firebreaks along a canyon and planes dropped retardant Thursday to keep a 3,260-acre wildfire from spreading any farther north of this scenic Arizona community.

By early evening, officials said the fire was now 15 percent contained — up from 7 percent Wednesday — with full containment possible by June 28.

Nearly 700 firefighters made their big push to contain the fire in an area along Sterling Canyon, where winds late Wednesday afternoon forced crews to pull out.

But the containment line started overnight was holding as of late Thursday afternoon, said Craig Pettigrew, operations section chief with the fire crew.

“So far, we’re doing real good. It’s been successful,” said Pettigrew. “We’re pretty confident we can hold it.”

David Eaker, a spokesman for the team fighting the fire, said there wasn’t much development in the area north of Sterling Canyon but there’s a lot of vegetation that could further fuel the fire.

Firefighters also stood by to protect roughly 430 homes and 30 businesses in nearby Oak Creek Canyon, which was evacuated when the fire began Sunday as a transient’s campfire. No buildings have burned, and Eaker said “it’s looking pretty good in that area right now.”

Crews are using Highway 89A, which runs through the middle of Oak Creek Canyon, to contain the fire on its eastern flank.

Authorities are escorting some residents back into their Oak Creek Canyon homes to pick up some belongings.

Officials said the reward for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for the fire has increased to up to \$11,000 after \$6,000 was received in public donations. The Forest Service is offering a reward of up to \$5,000.

The fire is the second to hit the Sedona area — located about 90 miles north of Phoenix — during the past month. An 836-acre wildfire destroyed five buildings near the Village of Oak Creek in early June and forced the evacuation of about 200 people.

Elsewhere, in southern Colorado, firefighters helped by cooler temperatures and higher humidity worked to expand their containment lines around an 11,800-acre wildfire. Residents of 300 homes were still awaiting word on when they could return, and U.S. 160, a major thoroughfare through the area, remained closed for a fourth day. No houses have been lost.

The fire, burning in drought-stressed grasslands and forests about 150 miles south of Denver, was 30 percent contained.

The same weather that was helping keep the flames in check also kept the highway closed, fire information officer Steve Segin said. Fire managers don’t want to reopen the road until they can light backfires to burn off nearby vegetation

that could ignite should the wildfire return that way. But the weather was too damp to keep a backfire burning, Segin said.

“We’re still going to try to do that, but we’re going to have to wait a day and a half or two days,” Segin said. “We’re desperately trying to do that to get the highway open.”

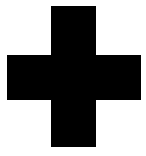
Firefighters in New Mexico, facing fires that have scorched more than 70,000 acres, were dealing with more hot weather Thursday, plus forecasts for dry lightning and erratic winds.

“We have to take one day at a time,” fire information officer Brian Morris said. “We can plan for the future, but we still have to deal with today.”

The largest blaze — the 33,250-acre Bear Fire in southwestern New Mexico — threatened cabins and other structures in the Willow Creek area and could reach the N-Bar Ranch and Negrito Fire Center, which have been evacuated. Authorities also evacuated campgrounds at Snow Lake and the Bear Wallow lookout tower.

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Speaking in tongues

Arizona voters to decide if English should be state's language

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Arizona voters will decide in November whether to expand the list of government benefits denied to illegal immigrants and make English the state's official language.

As one of the final actions in a 164-day session that concluded early Thursday, the Arizona Legislature approved two ballot measures that were a small part of an ambitious Republican agenda intended to lessen Arizona's role as a busy illegal entry point.

After Gov. Janet Napolitano rejected a wide-ranging immigration bill two weeks ago, lawmakers pushing for tighter border security tried to resurrect elements of the proposal through ballot measures in an attempt to bypass the chance for a veto and let voters decide the issue.

They failed Wednesday night to push through the Legislature ballot measures that would have criminalized the presence of illegal immigrants in Arizona and set state punishments for businesses that hire illicit foreign labor.

They also couldn't muster enough support for a ballot proposal to make communities get rid of policies that prohibit police officers from enforcing federal immigration law.

"These folks who think it's enough to have sent the governor a bill to veto, shame on them," said Republican state Rep. Russell Pearce of Mesa, the Legislature's leading advocate for limiting illegal immigration.

Republican Sen. Jake Flake of Snowflake said Arizona

shouldn't try to crack down on illegal hirings before knowing what sort of immigration overhaul will come from Congress.

"My thought right now is take what we have got and see what the feds come up with. That's good enough for me," Flake said, noting that it's already a federal crime to hire illegal immigrants.

Many Republican lawmakers blame vetoes by the Democratic governor for the Legislature's lack of action on illegal immigration.

Napolitano said the wide-ranging immigration bill would have let employers who violate the law off easy and would have put huge costs on police agencies to enforce a provision to criminalize the presence of illegal immigrants in Arizona.

"It was a crummy bill," Napolitano said.

Voters will be asked in November whether they wish to prohibit illegal immigrants from receiving state-funded child care assistance, attending adult education classes and getting cheaper in-state tuition and financial assistance at the state's public universities and community colleges.

Supporters say such restrictions were needed to discourage illegal immigrants from setting up lives in Arizona. Opponents said border-crossers weren't abusing those government benefits and that it was unfair to punish children whose parents sneaked them into the country.

Supporters of making English the state's official language and requiring that government functions be conducted in English, also on the November ballot, said that proposal was needed to encourage the assimilation of immigrants.

INTERNATIONAL

Bush commemorates Hungary's bloody revolt against communism

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

BUDAPEST, Hungary — President Bush, on a visit to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hungary's bloody revolt against communist rule in this central Europe nation, was urged on Thursday to make sure the U.S. fight against terrorism doesn't stomp on human rights.

"I am here to celebrate the 1956 revolution ... a revolution that celebrated the notion that all men and women should be free," Bush said standing next to Hungarian President Laszlo Solyom in a gilded room with red brocade walls at the Sandor Palace.

Solyom paid tribute to his country's difficult emergence from communist rule and pledged to stand with America in today's battle against terrorism. Yet he said Hungary's commitment to democracy requires a respect for human rights.

"The fight against terror can be successful only if every steps taken are in line with international law," Solyom said through a translator.

Solyom's remarks echoed those Bush has heard from other European leaders who are opposed the prison camp in south-east Cuba where the United States is holding 460 people on suspected links to al-Qaida and the Taliban. European leaders' opposition to the prison camp was aggravated by the suicides of three Guantanamo Bay detainees earlier this month.

Bush's first official stop in Budapest was the hilltop palace where, in a side courtyard overlooking the city and the Danube River, soldiers in tan dress uniforms with red accents stood at attention. A military band, flanked by troops on horseback, played both countries' national anthems, and the two leaders walked side-by-side down a red a carpet to review the display.

Later, Bush was visiting the spectacular Parliament building along the Danube River to meet with other Hungarian officials, including representatives of several political parties.

The president, arriving in Budapest on Wednesday night from meeting with European Union leaders in Vienna, Austria, is holding up this relatively new central European democracy as an example of freedom's power.

Later, in an open-air speech in this one-time cultural capital of central Europe, the president was urging other nations to celebrate the hard-won freedoms in former Iron Curtain countries by helping to nurture new democracies in places like Iraq. Bush was to recall the difficulty of the transition to democracy in Hungary and

other nations as a way of urging patience at home and abroad with the fits and starts of Baghdad's transition to democracy.

"It's kind of a tone poem about the 1956 revolution," White House press secretary Tony Snow said. "This is mainly about visiting the Hungarian government and paying homage to what they went through 50 years ago."

Before his speech in the Buda Castle courtyard, Bush was placing a wreath at the small black marble Eternal Flame Memorial in honor of those who died in the 1956 revolt.

The president, who speeds through his international travel, was to be back in Washington Thursday night, after being gone from the White House on a two-country European tour for a little more than 60 hours.

The agenda in Hungary recalls Bush's trip to Europe a year ago. Then, he bracketed a visit to Moscow with a wreath-laying at an obelisk in Riga, Latvia, that represents the resistance to communism, and an ode to the power of democracy before tens of thousands in the same Tbilisi square where citizens celebrated the Soviet Union's fall.

Before this trip, Bush expressed gratitude for the steadfast partnership on Iraq from Hungary and other nations, saying that some of the most important support for Iraqis is coming from European democracies with recent memories of tyranny.

Bush's next trip to Europe will be to the Group of Eight summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin hopes to raise his nation's status as a global player when he plays host next month to the annual gathering of the world's major industrialized democracies. Bush and the other leaders, however, do not want to appear to be endorsing Putin's recent crackdown on freedoms in Russia.

Snow said Bush, in his speech, would not mention Russia. The president apparently is taking a softer approach than Vice President Dick Cheney who last month in Lithuania accused Putin's government of rolling back democracy and strong-arming its ex-Soviet neighbors.

The message from Bush to Moscow would have been much more direct if the president's plan to visit Ukraine after Vienna had not been scotched because of the difficulty of forming a new government in Kiev. The Ukraine stop was hastily replaced with the stay in Hungary, a member of the European Union and NATO that is still considered a symbol of what has gone right in East Europe's transition from communism to a free-market democracy.

Senate panel finds laws sufficient to deter lobby bribes

BY MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Existing laws are sufficient to deal with the sort of massive fraud perpetrated by lobbyist Jack Abramoff and a former aide to then-House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Senate panel concluded Thursday.

In a 373-page report, the Republican-controlled Senate Indian Affairs Committee said that with regard to Abramoff and ex-DeLay aide Michael Scanlon collecting tens of millions of dollars from Indian tribes, "without doubt, the depth and breadth of their misconduct was astonishing."

"Nevertheless, with respect solely to the kickbacks from Scanlon to Abramoff, the committee concludes that existing federal criminal statutes are sufficient to deter and punish such misconduct," it said.

The committee report was entitled "Gimme Five," a reference to what Abramoff and Scanlon called their secret fee-splitting arrangement. The committee approved its release Thursday by a 13-0 vote.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the committee chairman, told reporters after the vote that the report "speaks for itself."

But Democratic Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota said the conduct described in the report is "the worst case of greed in my 20 years in the Senate."

Abramoff and Scanlon have pleaded guilty in the extensive influence peddling probe and are cooperating with the Justice Department.

Two other congressional aides turned lobbyists, Tony Rudy and Neil Volz, also have pleaded guilty and are cooperating. A federal jury convicted former White House official David Safavian on Tuesday of covering up details of his relationship with Abramoff from committee investigators and others.

An ongoing federal investigation is looking into the actions of several members of Congress and former administration officials in connection with Abramoff.

Among those are two people who are mentioned in the report, Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and former Deputy Interior Secretary Steven Griles, whose agency handled tribal casino approvals.

Ney denied to the committee that he agreed to try to insert a provision into election reform legislation in 2002 to help an American Indian tribe in Texas, the Tiguas, reopen a closed casino. Ney, in fact, told committee staff that he was unfamiliar with the tribe.

But the report notes that tribal representatives testified that Ney met with them in August 2002 and he assured them he was trying to help the Tiguas in the legislation. Ney's lawyer later told the committee that his schedule for that day showed a half-hour meeting with the "Taqua." The report does not elaborate further.

Recent Justice Department court papers say Ney engaged in 16 actions on behalf of Abramoff at the same time the congressman and his staff were accepting gifts from the lobbyist.

Ney's office has blamed Ney's problems on "the lies and deception of Jack Abramoff."

Ney "has never, at any point, engaged in any improper, unethical or illegal activity," his office said Tuesday, after the Safavian verdict.

Griles has denied giving Abramoff or his clients preferential treatment. The committee was "unable to arrive at any definitive conclusions as to the veracity of Griles' testimony," the report said.

The committee did recommend that Indian tribes adopt their own laws "to help prevent a similar tragedy." The tribes hired Abramoff and Scanlon to deal with casino gambling issues. The Senate report said tribal contracting should adopt the principles of openness and competition.

The report said that in some cases, Abramoff and Scanlon obtained lobbying and grassroots contracts "by insinuating themselves into tribal council elections and assisting with the campaigns of candidates who were calculated to support their proposals."

The report concluded that in other cases, Abramoff and Scanlon "were even more aggressive, for example, helping to shut down the casino of one tribe, only to pitch their services for millions of dollars to help that same, now desperate tribe reopen its casino."

Actress was kidding around

By The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia



KIDMAN

Nicole Kidman visited a children's hospital ward with her son and daughter shortly after they arrived in Sydney for her widely anticipated wedding to Keith Urban.

Isabella, 13, and Connor, 11, flew by private jet from Tokyo where they were accompanying their father, Tom Cruise, on a publicity trip, Australian media reported.

Cruise and Kidman divorced in 2001.

The children were driven to the luxurious mansion on Sydney Harbor that Kidman and Cruise once shared, accompanied by their grandmother Janelle, and left soon afterward with Kidman on Thursday to visit Sydney Children's Hospital.

They spent about two hours visiting the oncology, hematology and neurology wards, chatting with patients and officials.

Photographers, camera crews and fans jostled for position as they left the hospital, blocking one of the exits at one point. "If everyone can just not get too dangerous," the 39-year-old actress said.

MELBOURNE, Australia

Minogue back in 'motion'



MINOGUE

Kylie Minogue, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, will resume her postponed world tour in November.

Michael Gudinski, managing director of the Frontier Touring Co., popped a champagne cork at a media event Thursday to announce a series of concerts in Australia, saying he had just returned from meetings in London with the 38-year-old singer.

"She's definitely through the worst of everything, she's so determined and she can't wait to see you all," Gudinski said. "Obviously she's still got a few mountains to climb, but we're very, very confident that the tour will be going ahead in November."

Minogue had completed dates on her "The Showgirl Tour" in Europe and was heading to Australia for homecoming concerts when she was

diagnosed with cancer in May 2005.

She underwent surgery to remove a lump from her breast and is reportedly still undergoing cancer treatment.

Gudinski said the Nov. 11-Dec. 17 concert series in Australia would be renamed the "Showgirl Homecoming" tour and that Minogue's work commitments would be lighter because of her illness.

Minogue is known for hits such as "The Loco-Motion." She won a Grammy Award in 2004 for dance recording for "Come Into My World."

LONDON

Kissing the rose good-bye



SEAL

Seal has been ordered by a British court to pay a former manager commissions on earnings from his first two albums.

John Wadlow claimed he was entitled to unpaid commissions due under a 1995 agreement. Both of the albums in question were recorded before that date.

On Thursday, Justice Charles Gray ordered Seal, whose real name is Henry Olusegun Adeola Samuel, to make an interim payment of \$922,000. The full amount to be paid to Wadlow will be decided at a future court hearing.

Ian Mill, Wadlow's lawyer, had told the court that Wadlow and Seal met in 1987 when Wadlow was a partner in a recording studio.

"At this point Seal was an undiscovered singer and songwriter and had not attracted any interest from record companies or publishers," Mill said.

Seal released albums in 1991 and 1994, which both topped the British charts, before a management and publishing agreement was signed in March 1995.

His lawyers argued that no commissions were owed on the first two albums either under the 1995 agreement or a 1990 management agreement.

Though the judge ruled against Seal, he said the 43-year-old singer's testimony had been "an honest attempt on his part to recollect events, most of which took place long ago."

"He has now come to feel strongly — and, I believe, genuinely — that Mr. Wadlow, someone whom he once regarded as his mentor and, as he put it, a father figure, has betrayed him, in particular by

'emotionally coercing' him into the settlement agreement," the judge said.

LOS ANGELES

Ali has no Cape fear



ALI

Laila Ali will fight Aug. 5 in Cape Town, South Africa, against an unidentified opponent.

It will be Ali's first fight in Africa, where her father, Muhammad Ali, knocked out George Foreman in 1974 for the heavyweight title in the famed "Rumble in the Jungle" in Kinshasa, Zaire, now the Congo.

The bout will benefit the Nelson Mandela Foundation and will be part of a celebration of women's empowerment in South Africa.

Laila Ali, the women's WBC champion, is 22-0 with 19 knockouts since her pro debut in 1999.

BELLEAIR, Fla.

Hulk opts to downsize



HOGAN

Hulk Hogan has moved his family to Miami Beach and put his mansion near Tampa on the market for a whopping \$25 million.

The pro wrestler-actor, aka Terry Bollea, and his wife, Linda, moved last month to a new \$12 million bayfront estate on Miami Beach so their children, Brooke, 18, and Nick, 15, could pursue singing and acting careers.

Now the 17,000-square-foot French-style Belleair mansion, familiar to fans of the family's VH1 reality TV series, "Hogan Knows Best," is on the market.

The home has seven fireplaces, 2.3-acre grounds overlooking the Intercoastal Waterway and Gulf of Mexico, a guesthouse, swimming pool, waterfall and four-car garage.

"You can get lost in it," said Marcia Ellis of Coldwell Banker, who sold the Belleair property to the family 14 years ago and has listed it again.

Hogan still owns a more modest place on Clearwater Beach and a home in Los Angeles that is on the market for \$5.9 million.

"I've got to downscale," he told The Miami Herald recently. "We'll head toward Miami like the Beverly Hillbillies."

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The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 10:25
Nacho Libre (PG)
10:35, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:50, 11:55
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1:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

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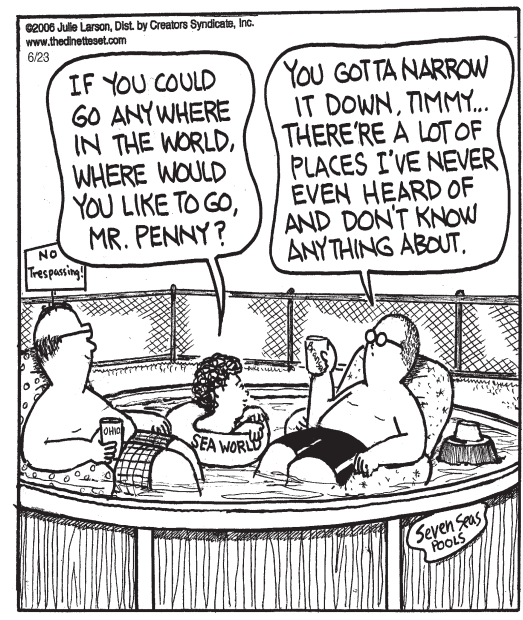
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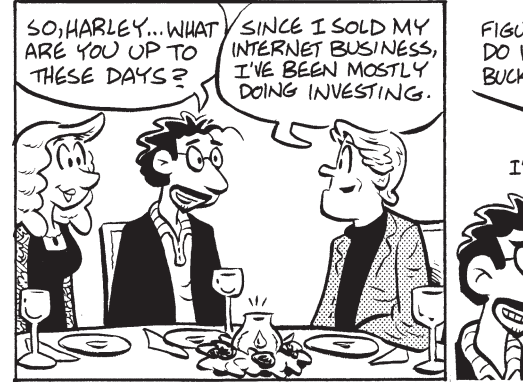


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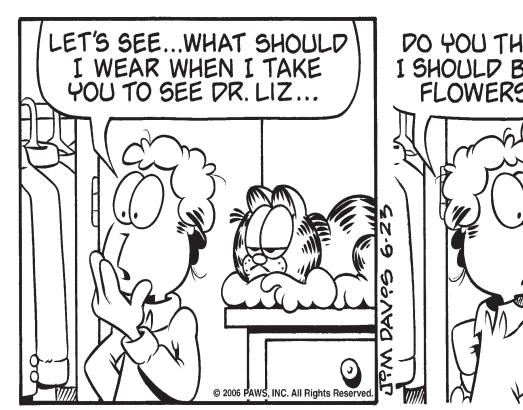
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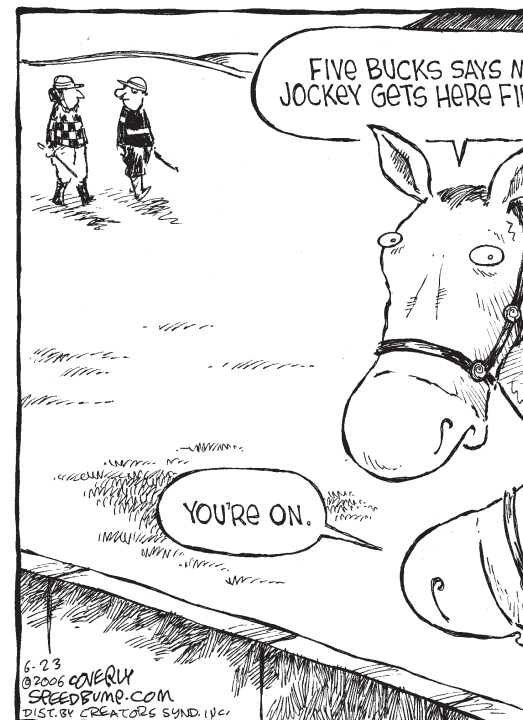
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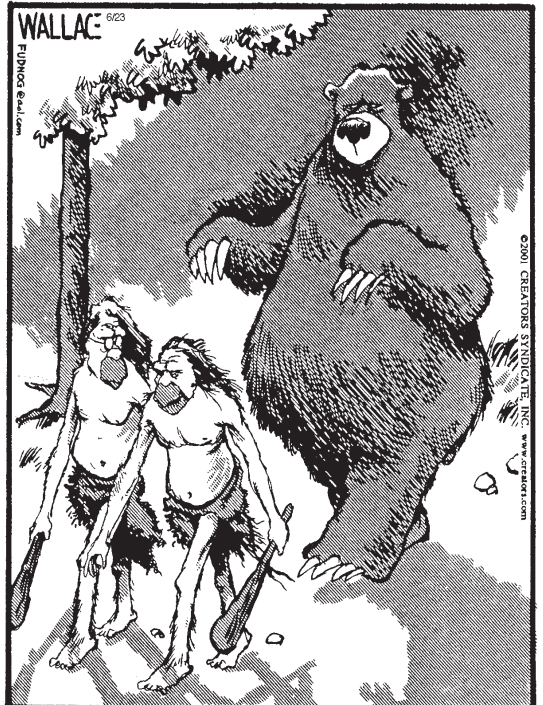
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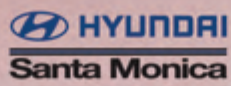




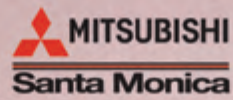
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