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Promenade Playhouse, 5 p.m.

West of Broadway, in association with Reading Is Fundamental of Southern California, presents "Huck," an interactive theater adaptation of Mark Twain's classic "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," for children of all ages. The play can be seen Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through June 29. Weekday performances for groups and private parties by appointment. For reservations, go to www.plays411.com/huck or call (310) 428-3343.

'Chicago'

Santa Monica Public Library, 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Join the Main Library for a free screening of the Oscar-winning musical "Chicago," starring Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Admission is free and all ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Eco-HomeE Network Open House

The Lyon House, 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Mary and Bruce Lyon will host an open house for the Eco-HomeE Network at their "green" home in Brentwood (524 North Bundy Drive). Learn how an owner/architect/builder team transformed their family home, that includes a recording studio and artist's studio, into a model for eco-friendly living and working in an urban environment. Admission is \$5 per person with no charge for Eco-HomeE Network members. Call (323) 662-5207 for reservations and more information.

Dream Workshop

Santa Monica Public Library, 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Discover how to interpret your dreams with Dr. Jeanette Raymond. The workshop will be held at the Montana Avenue branch. For more information, call (310) 829-7081.

'The Only Thing Greek About Me Is My Name'

Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:55 p.m.

Little did Thea's father know when he named her from a poem that it would send her on a life long quest. She'll tell you about being stranded in the center of a volcano and take you on an incredible journey through Nazi-controlled Europe. The play is written and performed by Thea Iherall. Admission is \$15 for all seats and is rated NC-17. For tickets, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 651 or go to <http://SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com>.

Sunday, June 24, 2007

Love is in the air

Reed Park, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

The Santa Monica Tennis Club is staging a party to celebrate the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Reed Park (Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard), as well as help Santa Monicans fight fat. The free party will feature complimentary tennis lessons for beginners and strategy lessons for more advanced players. For more information, call (310) 451-1966.

'A Revolution' concert

The Mint, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

California Arts Scholar and award-winning singer-songwriter Adam Stern will perform an acoustic set of original works at The Mint in Los Angeles. Stern will showcase a 40-minute set of predominantly mid to up-tempo, folk and roots reggae originals. Admission is \$11 at the door. The Mint is located at 6010 W. Pico Blvd. For more information, call (323) 954-9400.

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CORRECTION

The front page photograph on June 22 depicting the graduates of Santa Monica High School should have been credited to Staff Photographer Fabian Lewkowicz.

L.A. dogs may get their day

Airport Park could soon be open to all

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK Residents charged with protecting and enhancing public recreation in Santa Monica voiced their support Thursday for allowing dog owners in Mar Vista and other surrounding areas to use the new, off-leash dog area at Airport Park.

While they are still awaiting an official report from city staff on demand at the park, several members of the Recreation and Parks Commission said usage seems to be lower than originally anticipated, leaving no reason to exclude Los Angeles residents from the park, especially if they are willing to pay a fee to enter and help cover maintenance costs.

Roughly \$25,000 a year will be needed to clean and maintain the dog area, according to city staff. Residents pay a licensing fee of \$15 for spayed or neutered pets, and \$50 for unaltered dogs.

"I feel that, given the usage, there is no reason that on a trial basis we couldn't open it up to the entire community," said Commissioner Ted Winterer. "I'd hate to see all the money we've spent wasted."

Commissioners are expected to address the issue again at their next meeting, scheduled in July.

On April 29, Controversy clouded what was supposed to be a glorious day in Santa Monica, when Mar Vista residents held a protest at the grand opening of the Airport Park — the city's first newly-constructed park to open in 24 years.

There were hand-made signs blasting city officials for excluding Los Angeles residents from the dog park, a decision made to ensure that Santa Monicans and their 5,500 licensed dogs could use it without having to worry about overcrowding.

Local law prohibits dogs who are not licensed in Santa Monica from using the

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Photo courtesy of Venice Community Trust

WIRED UP: Workers this week installed an electric trestle sign spelling out 'Venice' in white block letters across Windward Avenue. The sign is a replica of one that hung in the same spot for 50 years and will be unveiled on Sunday as part of the 'Venice Fest' celebration.

Familiar face returns

Electrified sign restores Venice history to a place of prominence

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE A fixture in old black and white photos of Windward Avenue, hanging above the heads of the women in Victorian dresses and turn-of-the-century automobiles was an electric trestle sign, simple in design, iconic in nature.

The plain yet charming VENICE electric sign dangled above Windward Avenue for nearly 50 years, welcoming those who walked below to the world famous boardwalk and pier, until one day it mysteriously disappeared.

Almost half a century after the departure of the neighborhood heirloom, a replica sign now hangs exactly where its

predecessor once presided.

This Sunday, the Venice community will rejoice in the return of the beloved historic icon with a day-long celebration, concluding with the lighting of the electric trestle sign.

The celebration, dubbed "Venice Fest," will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Held on a block of Windward Avenue from Pacific Avenue to the boardwalk, the event will feature performances by the Venice High School marching band and hometown band, Venice, said Daryl Barnett, festival organizer.

The second iteration was installed on Tuesday and was tested Thursday night, attracting a small crowd of curious onlookers, many of whom never knew the history of the sign.

It was an emotional experience for some. Elayne Alexander was standing on Windward Avenue on Thursday night when the sign lit up the night sky, causing the former president of the Venice

Historical Society to burst into tears.

"I could picture myself back in time and I knew what it felt like, what those people saw, those ladies in long dresses walking down the dirt street with the gentlemen riding horses," Alexander said on Friday. "It just all came back to me."

The original sign made its debut on July 4, 1905 when Abbot Kinney first introduced the world to Venice-of-America, as the neighborhood was called back then.

The Coney Island of the West Coast, the Venice of the United States — Kinney's dream of a grand city by the Pacific Ocean had come true.

"The sign marked the gateway of the original Venice Pier," said Todd von Hoffman, the project manager who spearheaded the return of the VENICE sign. "It's where the remnants of Kinney's dream can still be seen."

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS/ INFORMATION SHEET

The City of Santa Monica is inviting applications for nomination to the Metro Westside/Central Service Sector Governance Council. Nominations from Santa Monica are considered along with nominations from elsewhere in the sector area, which includes Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and portions of the City and County of Los Angeles. The Metro Board confirms and appoints the sector's Governance Council representatives.

Additional information and application forms are available at Santa Monica City Hall, City Manager's Office, 1685 Main Street, Room 209, P.O. Box 2200, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200. You may request an information sheet and an application by calling 310-458-8301 or go to metro.smgov.net to download a printer-friendly copy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read the badge with courage
Editor:

As a retired SMPD police captain, your badge article (“Redesigning the old shield,” June 18) was of interest to me. The current badge controversy isn’t really new. It is somewhat indicative of the resistance to change and the deep tradition of police work.

I was fairly new to the department when, I believe in 1975, we changed badges to “Police Officer” from “Policeman.” In deference to your article, the female police officers were not the first females. We had a classification of “Police Woman” and their badges stated that. The next change was the proposal to wear cloth badges on the uniform jackets. This was due to having to always have a badge on and having to transfer it from your jacket to your shirt. Due to some perceived controversy about cloth badges, two of us in patrol wore the cloth badges on our jackets for six months. What we noticed is that nobody noticed. I wore this jacket for my entire 28 years and nobody ever noticed the designation on the badge.

Next came the “shell” badge. An idea proposed by a new officer who was somewhat artistic and thought the SMPD badge should in some way reflect the beach city status. This was the first badge I had which had City Hall on the face of it. The badge lasted longer than the officer who designed it did. A few of us wanted to change back to our former badge and then Chief Keane told us we were stuck with that one.

In 1991, Chief Butts came to the department. The badges were changed. I doubt anyone outside the department really noticed. Nobody really notices the detail of what is on a badge. A couple of us did a little experiment. I would walk up to officers, cover my badge and tell them not to look at theirs. I would then ask them questions about the style, wording, location of the wording. I can’t remember one person who got it correct.

I wasn’t there when the current badge was designed and changed. It’s been a few years, but in your article one thing is obvious, nobody noticed.

John Miehle
Cape Coral, Florida

Rand reader doesn’t just shrug
Editor:

You can expect much support for Robert Moskowitz and his knock of the Ayn Rand mis-speakers (“Reader can’t stand Rand,” June 18). I love Ayn and her legacy greatly. But too many have invaded her domain and, by using her name in vain, they hope to put on some cape of credibility to their shallow perversities.

I figured this out after I had read their first three or four propaganda sheets. Now, I first scan the footnote credits of all your contributors. If I see it is by any one from the Ayn Rand Institute, I take my eyes away. I don’t want such trash infecting my brain.

John O. Legreid
Santa Monica



Modern Times
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Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Why is everyone so angry in this town?

YOU’RE SITTING AT A RED LIGHT, AND it turns green. In the millisecond before you step on the gas, the guy behind you honks his horn and makes an obscene gesture at you. You’re with a bunch of people when someone mentions the name “Hillary,” so then people’s faces turn red and hate spews out of their mouths. Or, you’re with people when someone says “George Bush,” and hate spews out of their mouths. The waitress mistakenly brings you your hamburger with the tomato you didn’t want, and you react as if the burger were covered with hemlock.

Why are people so mad these days?

I guess I was motivated to write this column because of two things. The first was my seeing a sign in the driveway of a church that read, “This Space For Pastor Only. All Other Cars Will Be Towed!!!!” It was the underline and the four exclamation points that got to me. I understand that the pastor was probably tired of people parking in his space. But as I tried to read between the lines, I didn’t see him saying, “Look, I really need to park here, so please park somewhere else.” Instead, I saw someone who was angry and fed up, whose attitude was, “You’d better not park in my space or I’ll have your *!@* car towed.” And this was from a pastor — about a parking space.

The second thing was a comment someone made in the “blog” section at the bottom of one of my columns. A reader wrote to me, “Just do the country a favor and shoot yourself.” Is it just me, or does that seem a tad bit of an overreaction to a column about a proposed Harry Potter amusement park?

Did that reader really think that my opinions have any effect on the condition of our country? And did he really want me to commit suicide because of my views on an amusement park? Probably not. In all likelihood — I hope — he was using hyperbole. Maybe he was in a bad mood before he read the column, or maybe some things I wrote just rubbed him the wrong way. But how angry does someone have to be to write

something like that?

And “Mr. Go Shoot Yourself” is not atypical. Surf the Internet for a second or two, and you’ll see the venom pouring out from those who verbally attack each other. Listen to talk radio, and you can almost hear the blood pressure rising from those speaking about immigration or gas prices or the ending of the last episode of “The Sopranos.” Some angry drivers in California recently became so impatient with the progress of a freeway’s repairs that they actually started aiming their cars at the highway workers.

So, what’s going on? Where did all this anger and impatience come from? Why are so many people walking around with such short fuses? Is it the war that everybody wishes was over? Is it still a reaction to 9/11? I wouldn’t rule out these possibilities. Daily expressions of anger could be symptoms of the anxious times we live in. Perhaps people are living in a constant state of tension and fear about the world. But we feel frustrated and angry because we don’t know what we can do to change things. And these feelings have to go somewhere, so we vent our anger at the old lady in front of us in the grocery store express line who has 11 items instead of 10.

If it’s understandable for us to be tense and angry these days, what can we do about it? Well, while we pressure world leaders to make this a safer planet, we can at least take a deep breath now and then to calm down. Of course, when we take those deep breaths, we’ll be breathing air that’s being polluted by corporations that don’t care if they’re poisoning us! They only care about making money!! And they’re among the most despicable entities in the history of the world!!!!

Sorry about that outburst. Sometimes I just get so angry.

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STRAY talk

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

(EDITOR'S NOTE: "STRAY TALK" GURU CYNTHIA VAZQUEZ IS ON VACATION. THIS IS A COMPILATION OF SOME OF THE MORE MEMORABLE MUSINGS IN RECENT MONTHS.)

"We wanted to hold it early in the morning on the Fourth because it is not intended to draw people from out of the community."

— Joel Brand, a member of the Ocean Park Association, on this year's Fourth of July Parade

"The plant material within the pond is what they eat, so bringing Cheetos really is a disservice to the ducks."

— Open space manager for City Hall, Elaine Polachek, on the public feeding of the ducks at Douglas Park

"Now there is the charge that we are somewhat responsible and, of course, we contend we are not."

— Jeannette Schachtner, chief deputy city attorney, regarding a lawsuit filed by victims of the Farmers' Market crash, which includes the city in it's claim

"I asked the nurse if it was possible to get some flies in here to make it feel a little more like a Third World country."

— Aaron Astrup, whose daughter waited for hours with a broken wrist before being treated at Saint John's Health Center, commenting on the treatment his daughter received

"It's a big issue because of the loss of economic diversity. We think that this is a real blow to the historic character of the city."

— Denny Zane, co-founder of Santa Monicans for Renter's Rights, on the rising rent prices in Santa Monica

"These people act like the whole problem is on us."

— Acadie restaurant owner Thierry Boisson, on the closure of his restaurant by the Department of Public Health after they found mice droppings

"It's a dog of a building, but it's Dogtown, so maybe it's the right building for this."

— Nina Fresco, Chairwoman of the Landmarks Commission, on the nomination of the Horizons West Surf Shop as a landmark

"It's more than just an excuse to get high. It's a day to raise awareness about the need to change the laws and make it legal."

— Andre Houston, on April 20, a date globally recognized as a holiday by marijuana smokers

"It's not just because the city is nice to homeless people."

— John Maceri, executive director of the social service provider Ocean Park Community Center, on why he thinks Santa Monica is a destination spot

"Santa Monica is a fascist state."

— Jeannette Scheibe, a West L.A. resident who is upset at being banned from the new Airport Dog Park because she is not a Santa Monica resident and her dog is not licensed in Santa Monica

Quotations captured and compiled with care by CYNTHIA VAZQUEZ.

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The **Q**Line

SHOULD BADGE BE A GONER?

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think that SMPD should go ahead with the new badge plan or is it a case of mismanaged funds?

Here are your responses:

"SPENDING \$50,000 ON NEWLY designed police badges is ridiculous in the extreme. If the police want an extra \$50,000 let them use it to clean up the accelerating crime in this town. Patrol the parks more carefully where drug dealing and use is worse than ever. You'd have to be blind to miss it."

"WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' BADGES. I have always wanted to say that. It is a line from a Humphrey Bogart movie, "Treasure of the Sierra Madre." Look, you have a bloated 1/2 billion budget of which at least \$100 million is of very questionable spending. The Abe Lincolns on the City Council are trying to impress us with worrying about \$50,000. Take the 1983 shell badge with its art deco appearance and add an image of Santa Monica Bay with happy dolphins jumping for joy and an all-seeing eye at the top to remind us of the Freemasons plan plus a phrase written in Latin. How about "All Along the Watchtower." Great song, but isn't that what police do in protecting us from the filth in the world? Thank you, City Council, for all that you haven't done for us."

"I APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF THE new badges and trust that the construction of these new badges will be sculptured from the finest bullet-proof titanium steel. Police officers wear their badges over their hearts to protect them from a pointblank bullet shot. The police badge has saved many police officers over the years."

"WE HAVE A CITY LOGO WITH THE SUN and sea on it, why not put that on the badges? Or even more appropriate a homeless bum urinating or a landlord holding empty pockets or a hammer and sickle or a dollar sign with wings showing how our money is squandered."

"JUST LIKE WITH THE TREES, THE IDIOTS want to waste money replacing something that doesn't need replacing. If they want to replace them they should redesign them to include a couple of drunks with stolen shopping carts loaded with a bunch of junk. That would represent Santa Monica more than anything else."

"HAVE THEY LOST THEIR MINDS? WHO gives a hoot. They are nuts. I think the City Council has totally lost it."

THINK IT IS ABSOLUTELY LUDICROUS to spend \$50,000 for a new badge. Now that I know who it comes from, it just figures. I cannot stand Councilman Ken Genser, he's an awful individual. He has done nothing to better the City of Santa Monica. Why not

spend the money on schools?"

"I DISAGREE WITH IT FULLY. A PIECE OF metal does catch criminals. I don't think it is necessary for anybody. Please, keep the badges, they work just fine. You guys are doing a great job, just keep it up."

"THE POLICE BADGES SHOULD STAY THE same. What a ridiculous expense. Who cares what the building is that is a microscopic drawing in the center and bottom. Nobody gives a flying mosquito's ass what drawing is on the badge. Don't we have something more important to talk about? When you see a police man's badge, that is all you need to know. Nobody cares about a tiny little drawing. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"HAVING CITY HALL'S IMAGE IS SUCH a non-issue. My message to Councilman Genser is to get a life and stop obsessing on symbols and police badges."

"I DON'T THINK SMPD SHOULD SPEND the money on new badges. They were redesigned in 2003. Don't tell me that the badges have been tarnished already."

"INSTEAD OF SPENDING MONEY ON THE badges, they could hire more police. Forget the badges and hire more police."

"GOLLY, CITY OFFICIALS SPENDING \$50,000 on the police means they will spend \$50,000 less on bums and transients. That's a good thing."

"I THINK THE POLICE BADGES SHOULD be changed. Yes it is a lot of money so the city council should do it as economically as possible. It is a change that should be made."

"I THINK THE IDEA OF CHANGING THE police badge to reflect the iconic landmark city hall and the symbol of our city government is certainly worth the money."

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BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Phil Spector was probably standing within two feet of Lana Clarkson with his arms raised when she was shot to death in the foyer of his mansion, a forensic expert testified Thursday in Spector's murder trial, citing blood spatter on the front and back of his white jacket as the telltale signs.

That opinion, offered by Sheriff's Department criminalist Lynne Herold, is expected to come under fierce attack by the defense which maintains that the same scientific data she used pointed to Spector being six feet away from Clarkson, placing him too far away to have shot her. The defense claims Clarkson, found slumped in a chair, fired the gun into her own mouth.

Herold, who said she is an expert in blood spatter and fiber analysis, showed jurors hugely magnified bits of blood so tiny they would not be visible without a high-powered microscope.

"Most of the bloodstains on the jacket are mistlike," she said. "You can barely see them."

But magnified 60 times, she said they showed that, "That piece of fabric was within two to three feet of the bloodletting event."

She spoke of "high-velocity backspatter" and showed jurors where spots were left on the front, back and left sleeve cuff of Spector's woolen jacket.

"So according to the laws of physics, Mr. Spector's jacket had to be two to three feet from Ms. Clarkson's face, is that correct?" asked prosecutor Alan Jackson.

"Yes," said Herold, who was then asked if the jacket could have been even closer.

"It is my opinion that this jacket was closer than the three feet. I'm not proposing that he was in the chair," she added, "He's within two feet of the chair."

She also said the jacket was on Clarkson's right side and was "forward-facing and the arms had to be raised so the spatter could get on the back."

Most of the blood shown was on the front of the jacket, but she said she also found a few small bits on the back.

The prosecutor walked to the witness stand and held up his arms at nearly point-blank range of the witness to show the distance involved.

During cross-examination by defense attorney Linda Kenney-Baden, Herold acknowledged that last year she took an advanced course in bloodstain pattern analysis taught by two experts who will be testifying for the defense.

“THAT PIECE OF FABRIC WAS WITHIN TWO TO THREE FEET OF THE BLOODLETTING EVENT.”

Lynne Herold
Sheriff's Department criminalist

"And you knew they had been hired to do work for Mr. Spector in this case?" asked Kenney-Baden.

"Oh yes, I did," Herold said with a smile. But she said she never consulted with them about the evidence.

"I did not consult with anybody on this case other than people in our laboratory who are trained in the same area," she said.

She was questioned at length about her experience and knowledge of forensic science, with Kenney-Baden citing various studies indicating that blood spatter can travel farther than the two to three feet that Herold said was the norm.

"Are you aware of German research that shows that backspatter can go five to six feet?" asked the attorney.

"No," said Herold.

Bush administration asks judge to toss states' lawsuits

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Bush administration on Thursday asked a federal judge to toss out lawsuits seeking to unearth information about the U.S. telecommunications industry's alleged participation in a warrantless government eavesdropping program.

Five states want consumer records the telecommunications companies turned over to the National Security Administration as part of a domestic eavesdropping program President Bush authorized after Sept. 11, 2001.

Lawyers for New Jersey, Vermont, Maine, Missouri and Connecticut argued that they are simply pursuing complaints by consumers that their privacy rights may have been violated if phone records were turned over to the NSA without their consent.

Department of Justice lawyers argued Thursday that any such disclosures would harm national security and foreign affairs.

"It's plain what they are seeking is information about the intelligence gathering of

the NSA," Deputy Assistant Attorney General Carl Nichols told the judge.

Further, Nichols argued that the state's consumer privacy concerns were in conflict with federal national security laws, which take precedent.

"Right now there are orders that prohibit the disclosure of classified material to state officials," Nichols said. "It is impossible for the carriers to comply with both sets of obligations."

New Jersey Assistant Attorney General Patrick DeAlmeida countered that state officials are simply investigating whether any local privacy laws or utility regulations were violated by the telephone companies. He said the government lawyers' national security claims are too broad and general as to preclude all state inquiry.

"They've come to federal court to stop state officials from even beginning their investigations," DeAlmeida said. "They are insulating the federal government from any investigation from state officials by insulating themselves in state secrets arguments."

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Military death notifications scrutinized

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Federal lawmakers have begun scrutinizing the military's mechanisms for notifying families of service members killed in combat, spurred by high-profile missteps including the case of Pat Tillman, the onetime NFL star killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, a panel of the House Armed Services Committee will hear testimony in Washington from Army and Air Force generals, a retired Marine Corps general and a high-ranking Navy officer.

This is the second congressional hearing spurred, in part, by the Tillman case. The first hearing was in April, when the House Oversight Committee held an inquiry into official military deception in the Tillman and Jessica Lynch cases.

Members of the Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee want to know how service branches have improved policies and procedures for notifying the next of kin of wounded and killed service members in light of previous missteps.

"Obviously, we want (notifications) done in the most timely fashion possible so the family can have the most up-to-date information possible," said New York Rep. John McHugh, the top Republican on the subcommittee.

Last year, The Associated Press reported that Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey had initiated a review of hundreds of casualty reports from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. The review found the families of seven soldiers who died were given incorrect or misleading information about the deaths.

Tillman was the most famous military volunteer in the

war on terrorism, and his death became an infamous symbol of military deception. The Army Ranger from San Jose was killed by friendly fire in eastern Afghanistan in April 2004, but his family was not told the truth for five weeks. Instead, they and the nation were told he had died in an enemy ambush.

Two months after Tillman died, Lt. Andre Tyson and Spc. Patrick McCaffrey, two California National Guardsmen, were killed by the Iraqi civil-defense soldiers they were training.

The Army initially told the families the two men were killed in a conventional ambush. It was two years before their survivors learned they were murdered.

Tillman was one impetus for the hearing, but the panel has heard of casualty-notification problems in several other cases, Armed Services Committee spokeswoman Loren Dealy said Thursday.

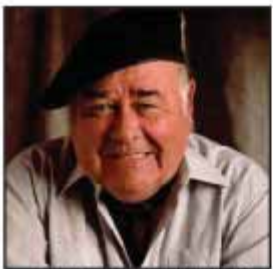


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LONG BEACH
Middleman in murder-for-hire case gets life in prison

A second defendant was sentenced to life in prison for the murder-for-hire killing of a woman stabbed to death as police responding to a prowler call stood outside her front door. Frankie Jaramillo, 32, of suburban Woodland Hills was one of three men charged for the 2004 stabbing death of Lynn Schockner, 50, in the backyard of her Bixby Knolls home. Superior Court Judge Gary Ferrari on Thursday sentenced Jaramillo to life in prison without possibility of parole. Jaramillo insisted he was innocent, saying he was a scapegoat, but the judge said his claims were absurd. "Mr. Jaramillo," the judge said, "I think you are in denial. You are in absolute denial. What you did to that woman – she befriended you – and to suggest that you were somehow not responsible for her death is absurd." Jaramillo, convicted by a jury last month of first-degree murder for financial gain, delivered money and instructions to the hit man on behalf of Manfred Schockner, the victim's 66-year-old estranged husband. Manfred Schockner faces trial in August for allegedly masterminding the killing plan to avoid paying alimony. Nicholas Harvey, 25, of Port Hueneme was convicted earlier of stabbing Lynn Schockner on Nov. 8, 2004, and is serving a life prison term. Harvey told police in a taped interview played for jurors that he was offered \$5,000 to kill the woman and stage a burglary. He contended he had second thoughts about following through with the attack and that he accidentally stabbed her after she surprised him in the backyard. Lynn Schockner's neck and hands were stabbed 10 times with a dagger. Police investigating a prowler call found the woman's body on a backyard patio when she failed to return after going to get a key to open a locked gate.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE
Detective allegedly molested adopted daughter

A Pomona police detective was ordered to trial for allegedly molesting and trying to rape his then-15-year-old adopted daughter. Superior Court Judge Judson W. Morris Jr. ruled Thursday that there was enough evidence to try Don Sevesind on three counts of lewd acts upon a teenager and one count of attempted rape. Sevesind, 49, of Riverside is a 25-year veteran of the Pomona Police Department. The detective, who has been on paid administrative leave since his arrest last year, is free on \$100,000 bail pending arraignment July 11. Prosecutors said Sevesind entered his adopted daughter's room and molested her between summer 2005 and April 2006. Detective Joel Morales of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department testified during the preliminary hearing that the girl asked her father to give her a back rub. She fell asleep then woke up to find her clothing disheveled. The girl told investigators she pretended to be asleep as her father caressed her. "She said she was scared and in disbelief," Morales said. She told investigators she woke up several other times to find Sevesind molesting her. On April 25, 2006, Morales said, the girl woke to find her father, wearing only a T-shirt, straddling her. When he attempted to rape her, she pulled away, Morales testified. The girl reported the alleged incidents two days later to a school counselor. Sevesind was arrested the next day. If convicted, Sevesind faces up to six years in prison.

AP

RIVERSIDE
Fire chief wants hiking areas closed due to fire danger

County Fire Chief John Hawkins wants several Riverside County hiking areas closed because of the extreme fire danger. With the Fourth of July holiday period approaching, Hawkins will ask the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday to close the areas immediately. Roads in the proposed closed areas will remain open. Board approval is required for closures lasting longer than 15 days. Hawkins said the fire-prone areas would likely be closed until December, or when rains return. "Our hillsides are volatile," Supervisor Roy Wilson said, adding he trusts the fire chief's danger assessment. "I'd hate to burn people up just because it's a holiday." The Hemet area got only 3.84 inches of rain in the past 12 months compared to the normal seasonal total of 11.75 inches. Jeff Morgan, chairman of the Sierra Club's Tahquitz group in the Coachella Valley, said the closures can be onerous to hiking enthusiasts. But, he said, popular hiking sites like Joshua Tree National Park remain open. Recommended for closure were Avery, Reinhardt and Bautista canyons in Hemet, North Mountain and Indian Canyon in San Jacinto, Whitewater Canyon in Cabazon, Nuevo/Lakeview and Minto in Sage.

AP

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
Atlantis lands safely in Mojave

Atlantis and its seven astronauts took a detour and landed safely in the Mojave Desert Friday, ending a two-week mission of construction on the international space station and bringing a crew member home from the outpost. Atlantis' homecoming was the 51st time a space shuttle touched down at the Edwards Air Force Base since 1981. "It's just great to be back on planet Earth," shuttle commander Rick Sturckow said while standing on the tarmac. "There were a lot of challenges on this mission and they were all dramatic. All the solutions worked well." NASA had hoped to bring Atlantis home to Florida, but bad weather two days straight forced them to divert it to California – a move that will cost \$1.7 million.

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Back Pain Sufferers Benefit
From New Technology

Santa Monica - "New technology may have finally found a non-surgical solution for chronic back pain and sciatica sufferers." That's what Santa Monica Chiropractor, Dr. Tim Bullock is saying about a treatment called Spinal Decompression. Dr. Bullock has been using FDA approved non-surgical spinal decompression in his office for over two years now. This treatment is a drug free breakthrough to treat back pain, disc herniation and sciatica. "I am amazed at the results spinal decompression gets with patients who were about to give up searching for a solution for their problem. And how safe and easy it is... even for patients who have already had surgery. I am also shocked to learn that so few doctors throughout the country have this new technology available in their office," commented Dr. Bullock. Due to the tremendous success in back pain patients using this technology, Dr. Bullock has made available a free Research Case Study report to anyone suffering from a painful back caused by disc herniation. "I want back pain sufferers to know they have an option other than drugs and surgery... an option that really works. I want to let them know there is finally REAL hope for their condition. Learn all the details in this free report." To get your free copy of Dr. Bullock's recently released Research Case Study report titled, "The Effectiveness Of Spinal Decompression Therapy In Patients With Back Pain, Herniated Disc and Sciatica" just call (310) 562-6700 and listen to the 24 hr recorded message on how to have it mailed to you free. Call now, supply is limited. Or log on to: www.lordexsamo.com

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Environmental group thwarted

Judge denies request to reduce pumping in delta fish tussle

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO A federal judge denied environmental groups' request for a temporary order to cut back water supplies sent to farms and Southern California, but asked both sides to reconvene so experts can present evidence about whether pumps in the delta are killing off a threatened fish species.

State and federal officials temporarily halted operations at pumping plants drawing from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta last month, but the pumps were switched back on when authorities found most of the delta smelt had moved past the pumps into the San Francisco Bay.

But in the last week, the Department of Water Resources found that state pumps

killed more than 380 smelt, a silvery, two-inch long species considered a bellwether for the health of the delta, a vast ecosystem that also provides drinking water to 25 million Californians.

Yesterday, 30 fish were ground up after being trapped in the pumps, according to the department.

"There isn't anybody in the courtroom who wouldn't agree that the species is in a critical stage," said U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger. But, the judge said, the evidence does not show that "the last smelt in existence is at the pumps and their destruction will extinguish the species."

The Natural Resources Defense Council filed a request for a temporary restraining order on Tuesday asking that the federal courts force the bureau and the Department of Water Resources to follow an expert group's recommendation to reduce pumping, effective immediately.

Wanger denied that motion Friday.

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HOLD IT: Some believe the ecology of the state's delta system could be harmed if water pumping continues at current rate.

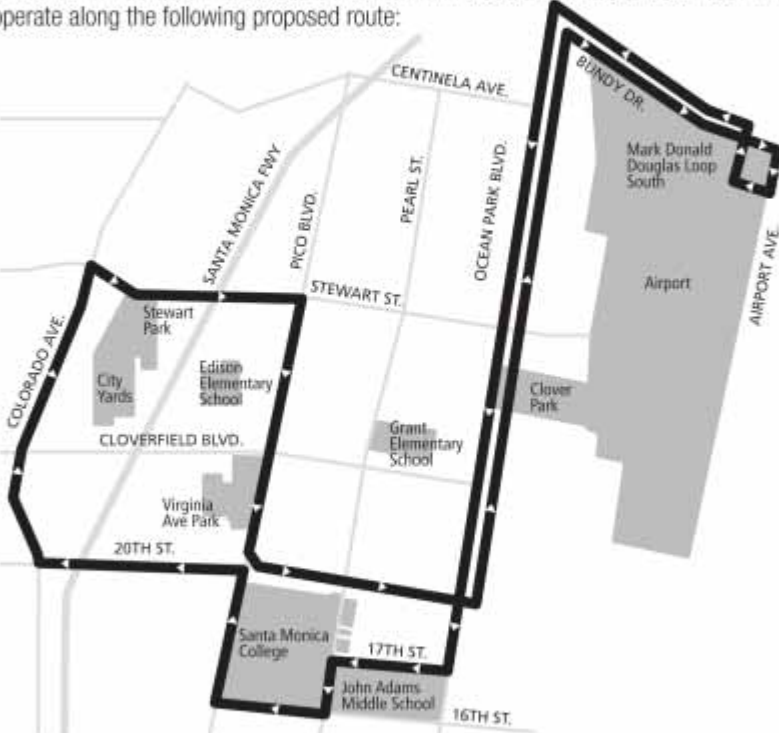


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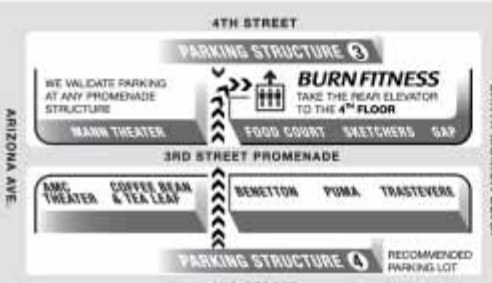


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House kills 'Yucca Mountain Johnny'

BY ERICA WERNER | Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The House killed "Yucca Mountain Johnny" on Wednesday.

A measure by Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., to cut off funding for the Energy Department's Yucca Mountain Youth Zone Web site that's home to the hard-hat-wearing cartoon character was approved by lawmakers by a voice vote and without debate.

On the Web site, Yucca Mountain Johnny invites kids to learn about radioactive waste and the controversial Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump project in Nevada.

The site offers puzzles and quizzes seemingly designed to foster support for Yucca Mountain. Sample quiz question: "The nuclear wastes that would go into a repository could explode." Correct answer: "False."

In a letter to colleagues, Berkley complained that the Web site "uses games and activities for children to promote a one-sided, unbalanced point of view regarding the disposal of nuclear waste."

"Regardless of how you feel about Yucca Mountain, we should all agree that the Department of Energy's use of a Joe Camel look-alike to influence children is an inappropriate use of taxpayer money," she wrote.

Her amendment would prohibit money in the Energy and Water spending bill that funds Yucca Mountain from being used to administer the Web site.

An Energy Department spokeswoman defended the site.

"Yucca Mountain Johnny has been an important part of educating students and adults about nuclear physics, hydrology and engineering as we face increasing energy demand," spokeswoman Megan Barnett said. "The department plans to continue this important teaching tool."

The House soundly rejected a different anti-Yucca measure on Wednesday, voting 80-351 against an amendment by Berkley and Nevada GOP Reps. Jon Porter and Dean Heller to slash 2008 funding for the project by \$200 million. The House Appropriations Committee is seeking full House approval of \$494.5 million for Yucca Mountain in 2008, meeting President Bush's budget request.

Berkley's Yucca Johnny amendment still needs to get through the Senate, and President Bush has threatened to veto the underlying spending bill, which is awaiting final House passage, because it's too expensive.

However Wednesday's vote was a victory for Berkley after the House shot down a similar measure she offered last year. Yucca Mountain, being built 90 miles northwest of Las



Photo courtesy C-SPAN

NOT A FAN: Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., sponsored the bill to cut off funding for the Energy Department's Yucca Mountain Youth Zone Web site that's home to the hard-hat-wearing 'Yucca Mountain Johnny.'

Vegas, is planned as the first national repository for nuclear waste and is supposed to hold 77,000 tons of the radioactive material. It's been delayed repeatedly over money shortages, scientific controversies and political opposition.

Tribes opposed to copper mining plan via land exchange

By the Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Several Indian tribes in Arizona are opposed to a plan to mine copper underneath land considered sacred by the San Carlos Apache.

San Carlos officials said Wednesday that the tribe has hired a lawyer and plans to fight for the 3,000 acres of Tonto National Forest subject to a proposed federal land exchange

with Resolution Copper Mining — the Arizona joint subsidiary of Britain's Rio Tinto and Australia's BHP Billiton.

The mining company's plan for Superior involves opening the most productive copper mine in North America and pumping 1.8 billion gallons of treated wastewater from previous mining operations into an irrigation district between Florence and Queen Creek.

Culling pure copper from the new mine's underground ore deposit would require an additional 6.5 billion gallons of water each year.

The proposed mine "is exclusively driven by the need to obtain the greatest profit for its mostly foreign shareholders," according to a joint resolution addressed to President Bush and signed by leaders of the San Carlos Apache, White Mountain Apache, Camp

Verde Yavapai Apache, Tonto Apache, Hopi and Hualapai tribes.

The plan would exchange 3,000 acres of national forest for 5,200 acres owned by Resolution Copper.

Resolution President John Rickus has promised to set aside the area's most significant tribal landmark — a towering escarpment known as Apache Leap — as a conservation area.



René Pearce

(Eileen Alice McLellan)

1938-2007



René Pearce passed away June 11, 2007 in Los Angeles after a brief illness. Born "Eileen Alice McLellan" in Toronto, Ontario, she moved to the United States in 1959 and became an American citizen in 1967.

René worked as an office manager and consultant, travelled to Mexico and Europe for work, and at one time worked at McConnell Air Force Base. She was a good cook, an avid reader and scuba diver and loved the outdoors. René was also a spiritual seeker who at different times studied Meditation, Logic, Objectivism, Zen Buddhism and Christian Science, among other philosophies. At times she lived and entertained in style and at other times she roughed it, living out of her car or on the street, where she befriended passers-by.

Fiercely independent and reluctant to accept help from others, Rene was a generous soul who at one time sponsored underprivileged teenagers and helped them to attend college.

A long-time resident of Santa Monica, René spent most of the last two years living at the CLARE Foundation and at SAMOSHEL, then found an apartment for herself and her cat two months before she passed away.

Friends describe René as a character, a chain-smoker who loved unfiltered Pall Malls, and a spitfire who didn't care what anyone thought of her, but who would tell you exactly what she thought of you. She described herself as a thinker and as a lover, and often said, "I am in my right place, but not in my perfect place."

René is survived by her twin sister, Marlene Pappas, of Vancouver, BC by her older brothers Jerry and Larry McLellan and her younger brother Bill McLellan, and by eight nieces and nephews and their children.

There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday June 30 from 4-7 PM at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd. (between Chelsea Avenue & 25th Street) in Santa Monica. There is also a memorial website at <http://renepearce.blogspot.com>. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90401, 310-458-8600. Please call 310-804-9498 with any other questions.

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Owner wants in on tax benefits

By the Associated Press

BRYCE CANYON, Utah Ruby's Inn owner Rod Syrett says he generates a lot of sales tax revenue for Garfield County but "we don't see any of it."

"The county has never done anything to help us out," he said.

Because of that, Syrett is moving to organize his own town or — because it has a better ring to it — Bryce Canyon City.

County officials are opposed. But Syrett is taking advantage of a change in state law to force things.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE BAD-MOUTHING US, SAYING WE ARE GREEDY AND WOULD GAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER BUSINESSES.

Rod Syrett
Ruby's Inn owner

The law requires counties to give their approval for a town of 100 to 1,000 residents on any piece of contiguous land outside a municipality where landowners representing more than half of the combined property value want it.

Syrett said he counts 130 year-round residents on his 3.6 square miles at the entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park, 218 miles south of Salt Lake City. His hotel and assorted businesses employ about 600 people during the peak season.

"County commissioners are bad-mouthing us, saying we are greedy and would gain an unfair advantage over other businesses. Well, we put in a five-lane highway here, paved it ourselves. We have a water system. A well or pump goes down, we fix it," he said Friday.

"We're not getting any more advantage. We'd get the same advantage as any other town in Garfield County," Syrett said.

He plans to bring his petition to the Garfield County Commission on Monday.

He recalled once asking the county for a snowplow and was told to buy it himself. He asked for street names and signs to end confusion for couriers trying to deliver packages.

"The county won't give us any addresses," he said. "They say, 'You're on your own.'"

Syrett could end up being mayor of his own town, though like any true politician, he



Photo courtesy State of Utah

POPULAR DESTINATION: The owner of Ruby's Inn feels he should benefit from the sales tax revenue he has paid Garfield County over the years. The hotel is located at the entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park which is 218 miles south of Salt Lake City.

refused Friday to rule it in or out. County commissioners would get to appoint the first mayor pending a general election.

Syrett said he might have to impose property taxes, mostly on himself, adding: "Some of my brothers, I'd love to levy a tax on them."

Ruby's Inn and its affiliated businesses supply more than \$250,000 of the sales tax revenue collected annually in Garfield County's unincorporated areas, Commissioner Maloy Dodds said.

To offset that loss, the county would have

to hike property taxes by an amount equal to \$50 a year on a \$130,000 home, he said.

Dodds appeared with other officials before a legislative committee this week to complain about the law being used by Syrett. House Bill 466 sailed through the Legislature and was signed by Gov. Jon Huntsman in March.

"That bill got under the radar screen and caught us all asleep," said Garfield County Commissioner Clare Ramsay.

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Sin study

New federal survey documents U.S. sex behavior as well as illegal drug use

BY DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK It's a question that often prompts a boastful answer or a bashful one: How many sex partners have you had?

Now the federal government says it has authoritative statistics, documenting that men are far more likely to play the field than women.

A new nationwide survey, using high-tech methods to solicit candid answers on sexual activity and illegal drug use, finds that 29 percent of American men report having 15 or more female sexual partners in a lifetime, while only 9 percent of women report having sex with 15 or more men.

The median number of lifetime female sexual partners for men was seven; the median number of male partners for women was four.

The survey, released Friday, is based on data collected from 1999 to 2002 for the National Center for Health Statistics, a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In previous versions of this survey, participants were asked questions in face-to-face interviews. The CDC believes that caused underreporting of behaviors which might be viewed negatively, although the new survey did not provide any comparative results from earlier reports.

This time, data was gathered from 6,237 adults, aged 20 to 59, in what are called computer-assisted self-interviews — a method designed to provide complete privacy and produce more honest answers.

"This is the first time we've used this technique," said Dr. Kathryn Porter, who served as medical officer for the survey. "The participants have a headset on, they hear questions, they touch the screen with responses. There's no one else in the room and they can take as long as they want."

Porter said the findings would provide grist for further studies, notably on the prevalence and patterns of sexually transmitted diseases.

Though the survey results were presented by the CDC without subjective comment, they will likely provide ammunition to various parties in the ongoing national debate over sex education, cohabitation and access to birth control.

Many of the conservative groups aligned with the Bush administration on social issues promote the goal of sexual abstinence until marriage. The survey found only about 11 percent of never-married adults had remained chaste.

Among the other findings:

■ About 96 percent of U.S. adults have had sex.

■ Sixteen percent of adults first had sex

before age 15, while 15 percent abstained from sex until at least age 21.

■ The proportion of adults who first had sex before age 15 was highest for non-Hispanic blacks (28 percent) compared to 14 percent for both Mexican-Americans and non-Hispanic whites.

■ Six percent of blacks abstained from sex until age 21 or older, fewer than Mexican-Americans (17 percent) or non-Hispanic whites (15 percent).

■ Black men and women were more likely to report having 15 or more partners in a lifetime (46 percent and 13 percent, respec-

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tively) than other racial or ethnic groups.

■ Seventeen percent of men and 10 percent of women reported having two or more sexual partners in the past year.

■ Twenty-five percent of women and 17 percent of men reporting having no more than one partner of the other sex in their lifetime.

■ Twenty-six percent of men and 17 percent of women have tried cocaine or other street drugs (not including marijuana) at some time in their life. Seven percent of men and 4 percent of women had done so within the past 12 months.

■ Non-Hispanic whites had a higher percentage of ever using cocaine or street drugs (23.5 percent) than blacks (18 percent) or Mexican-Americans (16 percent).

■ Adults who were married or had more than a high school education were less likely to use street drugs than others.

The survey, formally titled the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, did not include the homeless, prisons inmates or other institutionalized adults.

The questions about numbers of sexual partners specified heterosexual relationships, and thus the survey did not measure the extent of gay or lesbian sexual partnerships.

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Kids fish for fun at Douglas Park

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Children can get a taste of what life was like for a famous Mark Twain character today, covering their faces in sticky, sugary pie, staining their hands with ink and dressing up in costumes from the 1800s deep south era.

For the 52nd straight year, the Santa Monica Junior Chamber (Jaycees), a youth leadership organization, will host Huck Finn Day at Douglas Park, a fun-filled event featuring live trout fishing, pie-eating contests, games, face-painting and fingerprinting.

Members of the Santa Monica Police Department will be on site to fingerprint and paint the faces of the children. The pie-eating contest will feature apple, boysenberry and pumpkin pie.

Expected to be the biggest draw for Huck Finn Day, as usual, is the live trout fishing.

"Fishing is the most popular part of the event," said Jaycees President Robert Acherman.

Jaycees members were at Douglas Park on Friday morning to set up the "fishing pond" — a low boy dumpster lined with plastic, surrounded with bales of hay.

Approximately 150 pounds of trout was delivered from a fish farm in Riverside, each weighing about a pound, said Kristin Chapin, the vice president of the Santa Monica Junior Chambers.

A Jaycees member was on site all Friday

and into Saturday morning to monitor the pond's water temperature, adding a block of ice every few hours to maintain a temperature of about 40 degrees.

Though the Jaycees have been successful in keeping the trout alive overnight in most of the Huck Finn days, there have been a few mishaps in the past.

In 1994 — before the Douglas Park renovation — city crews had forgotten to dechlorinate one of the former ponds before the fish arrived, killing every one by morning, Baxter said.

When the Jaycees arrived the next day, the fish were all floating at the top.

Expecting better results this year, organizers will allow between eight and 12 children to fish at a time, spending roughly five minutes in efforts to catch a fish. Those children who are successful will be directed to a tent where a Jaycees member will gut the fish for the child to take home. Those who aren't so lucky will be allowed to go to the back of the line. Fishing poles made from bamboo will be provided.

Fishing has been restricted to the low boy dumpster since the Douglas Park renovation process in 1999, when the Jaycees temporarily moved the event to Reed Park, which does not have any ponds.

When Douglas Park reopened, the old fishing pond was gone and city officials didn't want any of the remaining ponds to be used for the event, Baxter said.

Growing up when her father was a mem-



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A TWAIN DRAIN: Children cool off Friday amid the water spouts at Douglas Park. Today, the park will be the setting for the 52nd annual Huck Finn Day.

ber of the Jaycees, Chapin remembers the Huck Finn days, fishing with a bonnet on.

"I remember being excited when I caught a fish," she said. "We have the bamboo poles, so there's the old time look to it."

Huck Finn Day begins at 9 a.m. at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd. The event is free to the public.

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Venice Fest to reintroduce sign

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SIGN?

No one knows. There are several theories as to what happened to the sign, one of the most famous being that it was sold for scrap metal during World War II. Alexander believes the sign disappeared years after the end of World War II, perhaps sometime in the 1950s when the economic base of Venice had basically disintegrated after its consolidation with Los Angeles in 1925.

After L.A. city officials ordered the once vibrant Venice Pier be shut down in 1946, the surrounding business district slowly experienced an economic downturn because the loss of the pier meant a loss of tourists and the money they brought with them, Alexander said.

"There were a lot of things that had to close down and the city probably didn't want to pay the electric bill on the sign," Alexander theorized.

Von Hoffman long believed the sign was a victim of scrap metal until one day at the Abbot Kinney Festival when he came across a person who claimed to see 1950s dated photos of the sign.

Curious, von Hoffman did some digging, eventually discovering two photographs dated 1955, both showed the VENICE sign hanging overhead.

"I imagine somewhere in a public works file, there is a work order about taking the sign down," von Hoffman said. "So far, we haven't revealed any eyewitnesses to that event."



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BRINGING HISTORY BACK TO WINDWARD

The sign was never found, but a group of local preservationists weren't happy with the loss of an important piece of Venetian history and began an initiative to restore the sign.

"I collect Venice memorabilia and always have been studying photographs that showed the sign," said von Hoffman, who has lived in Venice for 20 years. "I was always anxious to find out what happened to it."

The Venice Sign Restoration Project was officially launched in 2004, receiving a \$10,000 boost from the Neighborhood Beautification Grant, thanks to then L.A. City Councilwoman Cindy Miskowski. The remaining \$10,000 needed to complete the project was raised by community members.

The project slowly grew in size, as locals joined in, including Daniel Samakow, owner of Danny's Venice Deli on Windward Avenue, Simone Scharff and Ann Everest of



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THEN AND NOW: (Left) The venerable Venice electric trestle sign can be seen along Windward Avenue in this early-20th Century photo. (Above) The replica sign will be feted on Sunday as part of the 'Venice Fest' celebration.

General Real Estate Management, and Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office.

The sign is seen as a step toward rebuilding the rich history of Windward Avenue, which local historians believe was torn apart after Venice was annexed to the city of Los Angeles.

"It's going to connect people to the history of Venice and is going to be a moniker for the community, much like the Hollywood sign is for Hollywood," said Samakow, one of the project's leaders. "It'll remind people of what Venice has been."

Some hope that the return of the sign will lead to more restoration projects in Venice, bringing back architectural elements that have been removed.

"It means a lot because people are tearing down things in Venice and this is one of the few things that's being restored," Barnett said.

Venice Fest will be held on Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

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POURING IT ON: A bartender mixes things up at the Ye Olde King's Head in Downtown. The pub serves as a home away from home for the sizable British population that has settled in town.

SM has a distinct British flavor

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The British are coming. Strike that — they're already here.

Having earned a reputation for being a home away from home, thousands of British "blokes" and "birds" have settled in Santa Monica since the early 1930s, enjoying an upgrade in weather and taking advantage of the intellectual freedoms for which the city is known.

And there's no signs they're going to stop crossing the pond anytime soon.

"It's definitely the weather, and also knowing that there is a very vibrant English community here. That just builds on itself and attracts more people," said British ex-patriot Lee Morton, a manager at The Tudor House on Second Street, "the center of British culture in Southern California." At the Tudor House, fellow Brits gather for tea and crumpets or to stock up on treats that typically can only be found back home across the pond.

"Everyone wants to be amongst their people, even when you're living in another country," added Morton, a native of Leicester. "When I first arrived here (in 1994), I was surprised to hear all these English accents. That's when I realized just how popular Santa Monica is among the Brits."

An official number of British ex-pats in Santa Monica is hard to come by, according to a spokesperson at the British Consulate, but in Los Angeles County, the number is somewhere between 300,000 to 500,000.

That's a rough estimate as most Brits do not have much contact with the consulate once they arrive because they can easily assimilate and have no real need for assistance.

One thing is certain, there are plenty in Santa Monica and they've been arriving ever since the early part of the 20th Century.

Signs of the British invasion abound, from the Continental Shop (1619 Wilshire Blvd.), where shoppers can scoop up marmite and videos of obscure British TV shows; to the curious British Collectibles store (1727 Wilshire Blvd.), where the elusive suit of armor or Beefeater costume can be had; to the Viceroy Hotel (1819 Ocean Ave.), where "Anglophobic whimsy abounds," according to The New York Times.

A TOUCH OF ENGLISH

Perhaps the most famous Englishman to settle in the city was author Christopher Isherwood, best known for "The Berlin Stories," adapted as the play, film and musical "Cabaret." Isherwood was one of the first major, openly gay writers to be read extensively by a wider audience. He lived in Santa Monica from 1939 until his death in 1986.

Artist David Hockney, a native of Bradford, England, also settled in Santa Monica in the late 1960s. He became internationally known during that time as one of the leaders of the pop art movement, and was said to spend most of his days at the Santa Monica Pier people-watching. There, he found the

inspiration for many of his paintings. Hockney was enamored with the more laid-back, sunny lifestyle that the city provided.

Tom Davidson can relate. The salesman and 12-year-resident of Santa Monica moved to Southern California 20 years ago to escape the cold, rainy days in Birmingham, an industrial area of Britain he likens to "Detroit or Cleveland."

"The weather was the prime factor," Davidson said. "Santa Monica was in close proximity to the beach, so that was a big attraction and I just wanted a taste of that outdoor lifestyle."

"This might sound trite or corny, but I came to America like most people, to seek my fortune and change my life."

Rent control also played a role for Davidson and those who preceded him. The ability to live in a beach town for \$300 or \$400 a month was pretty attractive.

"There was really a strong word of mouth about this free and easy living," he said. "Now that rent control has been pretty much done away with, that's really no longer a factor, but Brits keep on coming."

THE OPEN-ENDED INVASION

Anyone who has spent time in downtown knows that the Brits have staked a claim.

On Santa Monica Boulevard at the corner of Second Street, the Ye Old King's Head Pub is a popular spot for the English to meet, throw back a couple of pints, toss darts, talk about Parliament or watch their favorite football teams square off on the pitch. Early in the morning during soccer season, the pub is packed with loyal fans rooting for their hometown squads.

Many are excited about the arrival of English star David Beckham, who has signed a contract to play next year for the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer.

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Brits like downtown

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Head is the Tudor House, and just a few blocks away on Santa Monica Boulevard, the Britannia Pub.

Tourist Victoria Ireland said she felt at home in downtown, calling Santa Monica “Little Britain” in a blog she wrote to friends back home.

“I couldn’t resist the title because there’s loads of random British things here,” she wrote. “There’s a pub almost next door to where we’re staying, some London shop thing opposite and a shop nearby that sells all the good chocolate from home. We haven’t over indulged though — we’re not away for that long!”

There is also a local newspaper catering to the British ex-pat community. The British Weekly, owned by Londoner Neil Fletcher, claims to be the only weekly newspaper in the U.S. catering to the British ex-pat market. Founded in 1984, it has grown in popularity ever since. Currently, 25,000 papers are printed each week.

“I pride myself on the fact that the name David Beckham has appeared in our paper more than the Los Angeles Times,” said Fletcher, who moved to Santa Monica more than 20 years ago after the car he and a friend used for their cross-country road trip died on Interstate 10, just a mile or so out of town.

A THIRST FOR THE MYTHICAL

While many Brits think of Santa Monica as their home, there are still times when they miss what they’ve left behind; not the weather, of course, but family and friends, the English countryside and the ironical sense of

humor that comes with being British.

“The things you miss when you are a new immigrant are immediate things,” Fletcher said. “But when you’re here for a long time, you start to miss more mythical things. I miss the English countryside, but I never went to the county much when I was there. They become a part of the mythology of home.

“That’s probably true for Americans abroad,” he added. “You may have this desire to go to a ball game or see the sun setting beyond Dodger Stadium, even if you’ve never been to a game.”

For those who have lived in America for decades, going back to Britain can be a strange proposition. One can feel like a stranger in their own homeland.

“You feel like you are in between worlds, kind of,” Davidson said. “Things change and you don’t feel like you belong there, but then you come back to America and you’re not completely accepted here either because of the accent or whatever.”

It doesn’t help when everyone you come in contact with reminds you that you’re British. It’s especially bothersome when people play on stereotypes, the most common being that the Brits have bad teeth and an even worse taste in food.

“I’m married to an American and when we go out, people ask who does the cooking and she says ‘I do,’” Fletcher said. “People just look at her and say something like ‘I’m surprised he hasn’t poisoned you yet.’”

All things considered, if your English and in the States, Santa Monica is where it’s at.

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Dog park controversy nears end

FROM DOG PARK PAGE 3

city’s three dog parks and one dog run. The law was enacted in the ’90s when City Hall began building off-leash dog areas at the request of residents.

Various media outlets jumped on the story on May 5 during a second protest, this time involving Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who joined with residents in calling for Santa Monica officials to lift the ban. The group pointed out that Mar Vista residents not only work and play in Santa Monica, contributing to the city’s tax revenue, but also must deal with the additional traffic and pollution coming from Santa Monica College’s Bundy Campus and the airport.

That argument didn’t fly with some commissioners, including Phil Brock, who pointed out that SMC mostly serves students from Los Angeles, and the airport is not under the control of the City Council, but the Federal Aviation Administration.

Instead of blasting Santa Monica, Brock said the Mar Vista residents should put pressure on their own city council members to build more dog parks in Los Angeles.

“What residents of Mar Vista and neighboring communities should be saying to their city council is, ‘Wow! Santa Monica built a great new park, how do we duplicate that in our own community?’” said Brock, who is open to allowing LA residents into the dog area, especially if Rosendahl would agree to secure funding for some of the maintenance.

A representative from the councilman’s office said LA residents are open to paying some kind of usage fee for the Airport Dog Park. Meanwhile, two sites have already been identified for a possible dog park in Mar Vista.

ROOM TO SPARE

Surveys of the Airport Park show that

usage is considerably lower than expected. Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural services for City Hall, said that there have been no more than 18 dogs in the park at any given time, a far cry from the maximum capacity of 45.

In addition, park rangers are not handing out tickets to LA residents caught in the park, but are merely informing them of the law, Stinchfield said. City Hall is only asking for a little more time to study usage and devise options for LA residents.

At first, there was an offer to set aside 15 permits for LA residents, but community groups balked at the idea, saying they didn’t know how to distribute the passes fairly.

What makes the park unique is its location. While other dog parks are situated in the middle of town or to the west, the Airport Park sits right on the city’s eastern border, just a few yards away from Mar Vista homes.

Residents there said they should be able to use the park because of its close proximity and the fact that Santa Monica is a “green” city that encourages people to get out of their cars and walk. Currently, residents in Mar Vista have to drive to a park in Venice.

Lisa Frankel, who has an office in Santa Monica and a daughter attending Santa Monica High School, said she spends most of her time in the city by the sea, attending yoga classes or dining at local restaurants and feels she should be allowed to use the dog park, even if she lives in LA.

“It’s silly to be creating a civil war over something like this,” she said. “I think it should be open to everyone.”

Commissioner Lori Nafshun said she was “embarrassed” that so much attention has been focused on the dog park policy and hopes that a solution can be reached sooner than later.

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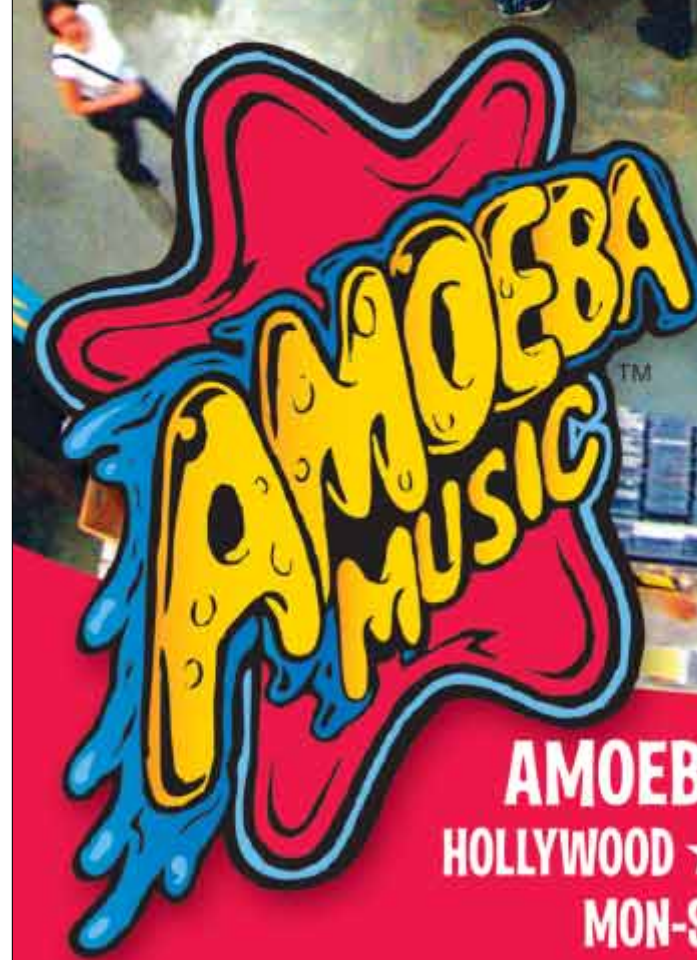
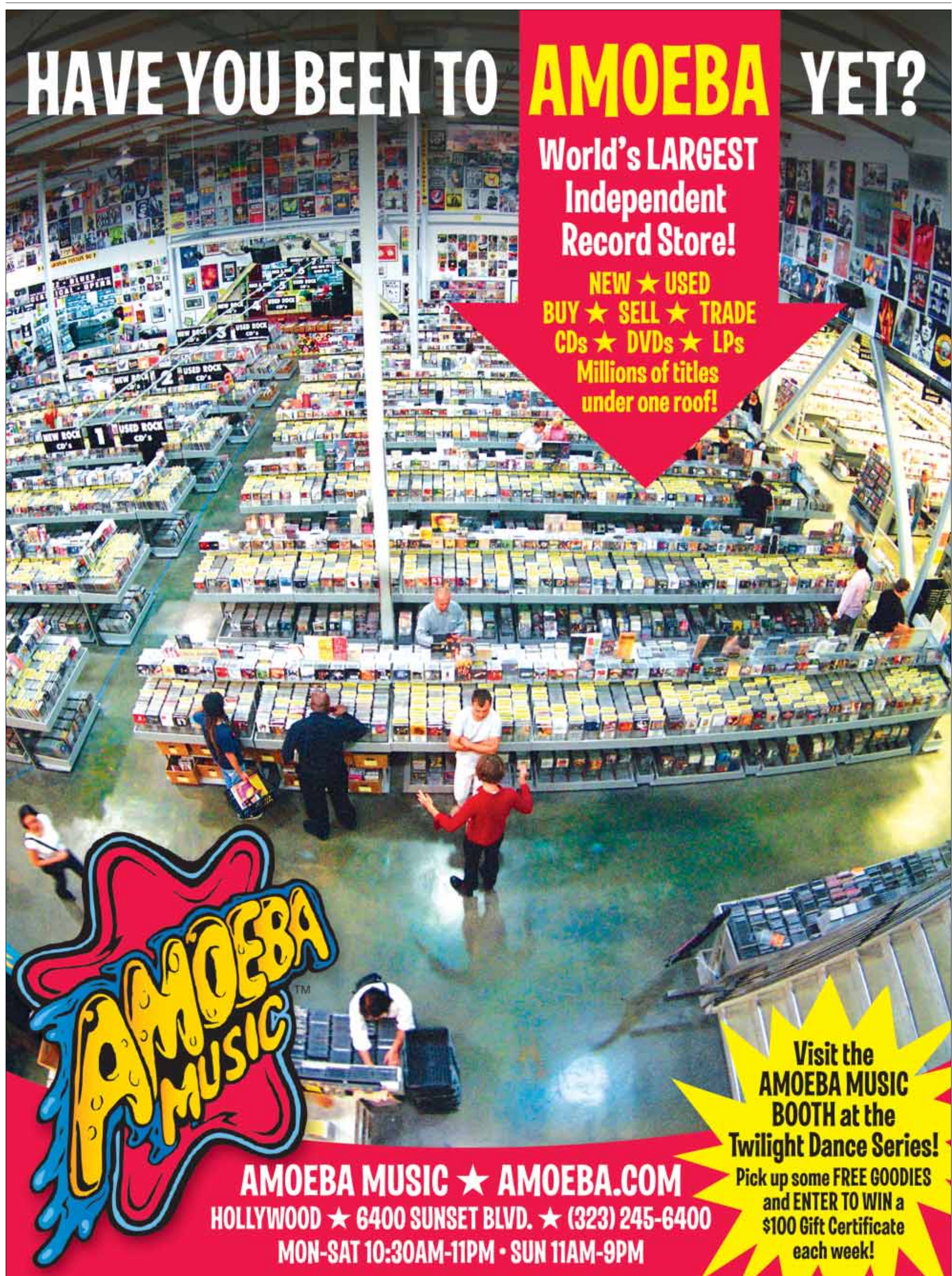


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WITH A DIRECTION HOME: Highway 61 Revisited, a Bob Dylan tribute band, perform at last year's Summer SOULstice celebration. Highway 61 will be among many tribute bands performing Sunday at this year's seventh annual event along Main Street, the theme of which is "Summer of Love" in honor of the 40-year anniversary of the Monterey Pop Festival.

'SOUL' music on Main

BY REAGAN WHEELER
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK Call it chicken soup for the hippie's soul. Residents can channel their inner Jimi and Janis this weekend along Main Street, when the annual Summer SOULstice serves up a musical tribute to the "The Summer of Love." Flowers in your hair are optional.

Marking the 40th anniversary of the now-legendary Monterey Pop Festival, the 7th Annual Main Street Summer SOULstice — sponsored by the Main Street Business Improvement Association (MSBIA) — arrives on Sunday with a lineup of '60s tribute bands, food and games to entertain the swaying masses.

Following the day's events, the rockumentary "The Complete Monterey Pop Festival" will be shown on the Enterprise Fish Company Patio (174 Kinney St.) at 9 p.m.

The free party gets started at 11 a.m. and runs until 7 p.m. on Main Street, between Pico Street and Marine Street. On tap are live music, a scavenger hunt with dozens of prizes, a Summer of Love costume contest, pony rides, a petting farm and a sidewalk sale.

In addition, several Main Street merchants are planning in-store parties on Saturday, offering items at discounted prices during a collective sidewalk sale.

Established in 2000, the SOULstice is the brainchild of MSBIA board members Emily Kroll, Joe Pipersky, Joel Mikkalson and Gary Gordon. Over the years, the founders have focused on providing a free event that spotlights the individual businesses that characterize Main Street and attracts the community to it.

"We no longer get calls with people asking 'Is the celebration going to happen?'" Gordon said Thursday.

With good turnouts each of the past six years, an emboldened association has added a number of new attractions to this year's event. MCs will look to entertain the crowds during music breaks, many of them being local comedians. Also, costume contests will be staged throughout the day, with a final competition in the evening. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1960s attire, resembling such icons as Janis Joplin or Jimi Hendrix.

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"We've got some new bands that we think people will real-

ly enjoy," said Gary Gordon. "For people who like music, they'll get what they've enjoyed before, plus some new sounds."

Beginning at noon, more than a dozen bands will take to at least five different stages. This year's acts will be playing later into the evening than in years past, with the music expected to wrap up before 8 p.m.

Due to the enthusiastic reaction to the tribute bands appearing over the last four years — Peace Frog (a Doors tribute band), The Neil Deal (Neil Young), The Rolling Clones (The Rolling Stones), Highway 61 Revisited (Bob Dylan) and Number Nine (The Beatles) — each will be back, along with RAM (a Paul McCartney/Wings/Beatles tribute band), Heartless (a late '60s band) and The Canalligators (a late '60s band and Venice favorite).

As part of the anniversary of the seminal Monterey Pop Festival, the band Summer of Love will play, presenting the music of Jimi Hendrix, Sly Stone, the Mamas and Papas, and more. Also appearing for the first time this year, Stone Soul, a five-piece band presenting the famous dance-oriented soul music of the '60s. (A complete schedule for the music is available at www.mainstreetsm.com/soulstice.html)

MAIN STREET TREASURE

The popular Scavenger Hunt, staged in each of the last four years, is quickly becoming a SOULstice staple. As in the past, Sunday's hunt will be an opportunity for participants to win big prizes. The grand prize is a new bicycle from Bike Attack. Other contestants have a shot at more than 80 other prizes, some worth up to \$200 or more from Main Street businesses.

Scavenger Hunt clue sheets will be available at the MSBIA table at the Sunday Main Street Farmers' Market, and at the SOULstice information table at the First Federal Lot (between Ashland Street & Hill Street).

Other activities for the kids include pony rides, a petting zoo, face-painting, balloon twisting with Rockie the Clown, and magic tricks with Jersey Jim, a comedic magician.

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New Mexico is nutty about pecans

BY MELANIE DABOVICH | Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. New Mexico's pecan farmers have reason to go nuts: For the first time, the state ranks as the No. 1 producer of pecans in the country, beating out Georgia and Texas, who typically rank at the top but had to battle erratic weather last year.

New Mexico produced about 46 million pounds of pecans in 2006. Georgia came in at 40 million pounds followed by Texas with 36 million pounds, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The ranking is especially good news for New Mexico's agriculture industry — which is known more for its robust chili crop than nuts — since pecans have maintained their profitability and worldwide demand is on the rise, said Phillip Arnold, president of the Western Pecan Growers Association.

"There's a sense of pride about (being the top producer). Pecans have been one of the bright spots in New Mexico agriculture," Arnold said. "We've been an obscure state and we're known for our chili, but pecans have also been a big part of the Mesilla Valley."

About 70 percent of all pecans produced in the state are grown in the Mesilla Valley along the Rio Grande corridor in the southern part of the state, where the river provides essential irrigation water, said Richard Heerema, extension pecan specialist with New Mexico State University.

The U.S. produced 188.9 million pounds of pecans in 2006 from the "pecan belt" — a 15-state growing region located in the southeastern and southwestern part of the country. New Mexico's crop accounted for 24 percent of the total production with a worth of \$85.1 million, said Tom Stevenson, president of the National Pecan Growers Council in Albany, Ga.

Heerema said New Mexico's pecan success can be attributed to the state's most abundant commodity: sunshine.

"Sunlight is a major, major factor. We just have more sunlight than the other places do," he said.

The state's in-shell pecans sold for \$1.85 per pound in 2006 — a high market price — due to superior quality. Heerema said quality is higher because New Mexico grows only variety pecans, primarily the Western Schley.

"Pecans are a native crop and along the Mississippi River, the prime growers are ranchers who have wild pecan trees growing on their property and the nuts are really, really small," he said. "In New Mexico, we only grow variety pecans, and there's a price differential because the processors will pay for a larger pecan."

Insect damage is also less of a problem in New Mexico, where management techniques have allowed growers to steer fairly clear of crop pests — including the pecan weevil, pecan aphids and the pecan nut casebearer — that can eat



Photo courtesy New Mexico State University

BUMPER CROP: New Mexico is home to some of the most impressive pecan groves in the country.

into production.

Pecan farming in New Mexico began in the early 1930s when the Stahmann family started a commercial-scale orchard in the Mesilla Valley desert. The industry flourished, and the Stahmann family now lays claim to the largest pecan orchard in the world and led the way for future pecan farmers in the West, Arnold said.

Arnold, who operates the Arnold Brothers Farm with his family, said the change to pecans for many farmers was risky, since it can take nearly a decade before the trees turn a profit.

"During the late 1960s and 70s, a lot of farmers started changing over to pecans," Arnold said. "As a farmer, when you plant, say, cotton, chili or corn, if you have a bad year, you can just go plant something else and hopefully you'll find something better."

"But once you get into pecans, you're kind of stuck — you live and die in the pecan business," said Arnold, 51, with a chuckle.

Pecan farming in the West is almost entirely dependent upon irrigation, which makes crops less dependent on the

unpredictability of rainfall. Hurricanes in Georgia and drought in Texas took their toll on output in 2006 — factors Western farmers rarely have to face, Stevenson said.

"The Western growers in the U.S., in terms of production, are the larger producers. That's held for years because...you can produce more (pecans) per acre in the West," Stevenson said.

New Mexico trees produce more pecans per acre than other trees and acreage in the Mesilla Valley has grown more than 500 percent since the 1970s, Heerema said.

Pecans also have gained more attention as a health food, Heerema said. In the 1970s and 80s, it was considered bad to eat any type of fat and people steered away from eating nuts. But in the 1990s, health studies indicated the fat in nuts are beneficial, he said.

"Pecans have the same fat as olives. Pecans have a higher level of mono-and polyunsaturated fats which can aid in the reduction of bad cholesterol," Heerema said.

Arnold said the export market for pecans has stretched into Europe and China.

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Lending a hand to those in need

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER Residents in the small western Colorado town of Mesa pulled together Friday to help three families who lost their homes and almost everything inside to a wind-driven wildfire.

One woman had so little time before fleeing that she could only grab her purse and one of her two cats, said Matt Guedes, pastor at Mesa View Bible Church, which is collecting donations for the families. She couldn't find the other pet and isn't sure what happened to it, he said.

Guedes said the woman did not want to speak to reporters.

The fire broke out Thursday night in Mesa, 175 miles west of Denver, and was out by Friday afternoon. Residents of about 45 homes that had been evacuated were allowed to return.

Fire Chief Mike Harvey said the blaze was under investigation but he suspected it was human-caused because no storms were in the area at the time.

It was difficult to fight because it was in a steep drainage that leads to a small creek, Harvey

said. Firefighters were also hampered by trees and brush close to the homes, which helped the fire jump from structure to structure, he said.

Authorities first estimated the fire at 10 acres but revised that downward to 3.5 acres.

Guedes said one of the destroyed homes was rented by a family who were able to get out with their pets and the third was a vacation home that wasn't occupied at the time. The porch on a fourth house burned.

Guedes said firefighters "did an absolutely incredible job."

He said a constant stream of cars stopped at the church Friday as residents came to donate money and people headed hiking and biking on nearby public lands stopped to see what happened.

Only one of the three families belongs to the church but Guedes said the money would be equally divided among them.

Marilyn Hayes said she pitched in some money and was looking for items to donate.

"We're all just feeling sad and subdued today seeing this devastation in this town," she said.

Hayes' house is on the opposite side of the drainage from where the homes burned and she did not have to evacuate.

Court rules ranchers aren't entitled to water

BY BARRY MASSEY
Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE Water rights in New Mexico provide ranchers with no legal entitlement for cattle to forage on adjacent lands, the state Supreme Court ruled in a setback to ranchers seeking compensation for the loss of a federal grazing permit.

The unanimous decision by state's highest court came in a long-simmering legal dispute in southwestern New Mexico where ranchers claimed a property right on a grazing allotment in the Gila National Forest. Similar disputes over public lands and private property rights have surfaced throughout the West.

The U.S. Forest Service canceled Roy and Shellie Walker's grazing permit in 1996 after they refused to remove their cattle from an allotment of public lands east of San Lorenzo. Forest managers contended the land needed to recover from drought conditions and overgrazing.

The Walkers, of Elfrida, Ariz., were ordered by a federal court in 1998 to move their cattle and they later sued the federal government for \$10 million. They contended that the revocation of the grazing permit without compensation was an unconstitutional taking of property and their ranch was economically damaged by a loss of "water, forage and grazing" rights based on state law.

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims, which is considering the Walkers' lawsuit, asked the state Supreme Court to decide questions of New Mexico law that have come up in the case.

The justices, in a ruling issued Thursday, concluded that "the case law and statutes of this state, as well as customary practice, do not support holding that a right to forage is within the scope of a water right or right of way for enjoyment of a water right."

The justices were not asked to decide whether the Walkers had a valid water right or whether they were entitled to any compensation. The federal government contends that the water on the allotments used by the Walkers has been adjudicated to the Forest Service.

According to the court, "the Walkers assert their vested water right, historically used to water cattle, entitled their predecessors in interest and now entitles them, to the implicit use of the surrounding land as forage for that livestock." However, the justices rejected the Walkers' claim.

"The self-evident fact that grazing will occur in areas adjacent to stock water facilities does not translate into a legally enforceable right to graze by virtue of a stock watering right," the court said in an opinion written by Justice Richard Bosson. The court also concluded that "the laws of New Mexico do not support the Walkers' claims to a forage right on federal lands implicit in their right of way for the maintenance and enjoyment of a vested water right."

A San Francisco lawyer representing the Walkers did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment on the ruling.

The case drew widespread attention. Ranching, livestock, wildlife and sportsmen groups as well as organizations that advocate for private property rights submitted written arguments to the Supreme Court.

"I think this is an important decision," said Eric Jantz, a lawyer for the New Mexico Environmental Law Center who represented the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, the New Mexico Council of Trout Unlimited and the National Wildlife Federation. "It reaffirms the primacy and the importance of the public in public lands. It's not relegating these public lands and use thereof to private property."

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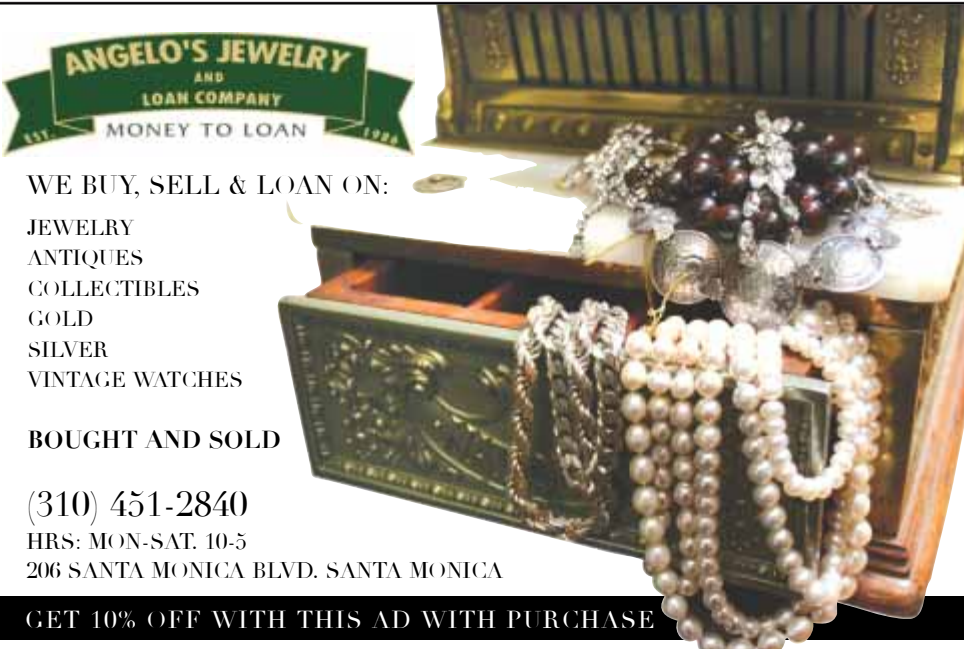
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Taking names

AP wants implicated players' identities

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK The Associated Press asked a federal judge to make public the names of baseball players a government agent said were implicated in drug use by former major league pitcher Jason Grimsley.

In an application filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Phoenix, the AP said a sworn statement signed in May 2006 to obtain a search warrant for Grimsley's home in Arizona should be released in its entirety based on legal precedent and public interest.

When the affidavit, signed by IRS Special Agent Jeff Novitzky, was made public in June 2006, names of the players Novitzky said Grimsley accused of using performance-enhancing drugs were blacked out.

"Any privacy interests of individuals named in the affidavit are insufficient to overcome the public's right to access," the AP said in its court filing.

The AP also said that if prosecutors provided the complete affidavit to baseball steroids investigator George Mitchell, "then they should not be allowed to invoke the privacy interests of third parties as a shield to prevent disclosure to others."

David Segui told ESPN in June 2006 that he was one of the blacked-out names, and the Los Angeles Times reported in October that Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Miguel Tejada were also named, along with Brian Roberts and Jay Gibbons.

Players in the Times report denied using

steroids, and Randy Hendricks, the agent for Clemens and Pettitte, said he was told Grimsley denied making the statements attributed to him by Novitzky. Grimsley has not commented publicly and a federal prosecutor said the report contained "significant inaccuracies."

Natalya LaBauve, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, and Wyn Hornbuckle, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, declined comment.

Earlier this month, Hearst Corp. asked a federal judge in New York to make public a December 2005 sworn

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Associated Press
Court filing

statement by Novitzky used to obtain a search warrant for the home of former New York Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski.

NFL

'Pacman' surrenders to cops

Troubled cornerback faces charges related to strip club melee

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones surrendered early Friday to face charges in a strip club melee that preceded a triple shooting. He was released on \$20,000 bail.

Jones is to return Las Vegas Justice Court on July 23, an aide to Clark County District Attorney David Roger said Friday. A booking photograph released by police showed the Tennessee Titans cornerback had cut his hair, shedding his distinctive dreadlocks.

Jones "was in and out around 2 a.m.," said Lt. Jason Letkiewicz, a Las Vegas police watch commander.

The player will plead not guilty to two felony charges of coercion stemming from allegations he threatened to kill Minxx club employees and that he bit a bar bouncer, his lawyer said. If convicted, Jones faces a maximum of 12 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The charges in Las Vegas have cast more doubt on Jones' playing status with the Titans. Since he was drafted in April 2005, he has been arrested six times, although he has not been convicted.

Two associates, Sadia Morrison and Robert Reid, were scheduled to surrender later Friday, said Robert Langford, a lawyer

for Jones. They also face felony charges in the Feb. 19 melee at the club several blocks off the Las Vegas Strip during the NBA All-Star Game weekend.

After his release, Jones flew to Nashville, Tenn., said Manny Arora, another lawyer for the player. Arora remained in Las Vegas to meet with Langford and Roger. The DA filed charges Wednesday against Jones, Morrison and Reid.

Jones has been involved in at least 11 separate police investigations, authorities say, and he's currently sought by Atlanta-area police for questioning in a shooting early Monday after a fight at a strip club there.

Jones has been suspended for the upcoming NFL season for disciplinary reasons. League and team officials had said he might be reinstated for good behavior after the Titans' 10th regular-season game.

Las Vegas police have described Reid, 37, of Carson, Calif., as Jones' bodyguard. He faces one felony coercion charge alleging he attacked a bouncer who tried to restrain Jones.

Morrison, 25, of New York, faces five charges including coercion, felony assault with a deadly weapon and battery stemming from allegations that she hit a bouncer in the head with a bottle and attacked other club employees with a chair and a stanchion.

Police have released an image drawn from surveillance cameras of a person sought as a "person of interest" in the shooting outside the club, which left a bar bouncer paralyzed and two other people with less serious wounds.

Las Vegas police also want to question Jones in a fight reported at another area strip club several days before the Minxx shooting.



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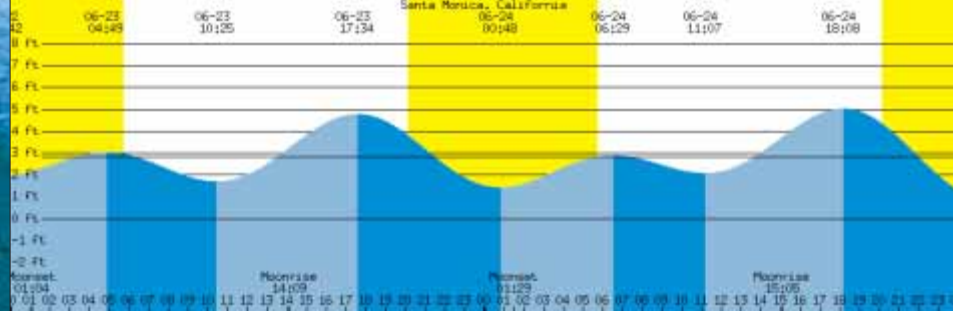
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Teneccal Canyon drain	C	ns
Erinwood Canyon at El Estero State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ledigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	C	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Venice Beach at Ericks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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At a favorite place, Leo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic

★★★★ Positive

★★★ Average

★★ So-So

★ Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others have the nicest way of saying what they mean. In fact, you might realize what was really being said after you've left a person and a conversation. Others play it coy. Observe this tendency more often. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Though you might plan an easy day at home with your feet up, events might cause you to move swiftly. A new development helps realize a long-desired goal. Move with the moment. Tonight: Just relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Though you appear to be on an even keel, you see situations far differently from many. Events or an older friend or relative could shake you up. Know when to say that enough is enough. Your ability to creatively use what looks like a mess emerges. Tonight: Lighten up the night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you want another's response, ask more directly. Sometimes being coy doesn't work and appears to be a downright failure. Focus on investments and property. Some might opt to spruce up their home. Tonight: Entertain from your place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might need to change the stakes involving a partnership. If someone simply is refusing to be sensitive, study your alternatives. Don't try to change this person, because you can't. Accept what is and move on. Tonight: At a favorite place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Understand your budget, and you are less likely to make mistakes. Ease up and worry less about the potential changes. You cannot fight city hall. Surprises happen with partnerships and decisions accordingly. Tonight: Think as if you are about to pick up the tab.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You seem to naturally do the right thing or say the correct words while everyone else flounders. Trust yourself. Follow through even if you see a special side to a person that many do not. Tonight: Only what you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to step back. A child or potential romantic attachment could do the unexpected. You might not be totally unhappy with new information. You know what works. Follow through on your knowledge. Tonight: Quiet, with perhaps one other person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Aim for long term. For some it might mean releasing your primary focus. If you see that something better will head your way if you make another choice or head down a different path, then do just that. Tonight: Shake up the status quo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Words and actions might stun you, as they come from out of left field. If you think about what is really being said, you might wind up smiling. Good news surrounds Goats who are willing to stand up for what they want. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Surprises strike on the financial front. You might have an unexpected bout of good luck or find out some important information. Your feelings will intensify, even if you try to detach. Tonight: Let your imagination lead to uncharted territory.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might shock even yourself with a decision or choice. Know when to say "enough." A partnership could be instrumental in events. Bet on change. Loosen up and share a little more. Tonight: If you want romance, make it happen.

Born Today
Mathematician Alan Turing (1912)
Sex researcher Alfred Kinsey (1894)
Actress Selma Blair (1972)



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Happy Birthday!
How you deal with change and dynamic opportunities emerges this year. You like the status quo but often get bored if life becomes too stable. Know when to kick in and do something totally different. Insights evolve from diversity, travel, foreigners or others who hear a different drummer. Notice a tendency to spend a lot on yourself and loved ones. What might seem like a little gift here and there could add up. If you are attached, doors open up for the two of you, especially if you decide to travel. Take a workshop in communication or a fond mutual interest. LIBRA serves as an anchor.



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A child is calling for help.

Ficus fiasco

Neighbors unhappy with trees planted at Trump's golf course

DONALD TRUMP has upset his upscale peninsula neighbors – again. First he erected an unauthorized 70-foot flagpole at his Trump National Golf Club, then he built a tee eight feet higher than allowed. There was also a mysterious but illegal free-way sign pointing to the ocean bluff golf course. Now, it's ficus trees. Hundreds of them. Planted without city permission in rows to screen the driving range from multimillion-dollar homes. Affluent peninsula neighbors are fuming.

"I laughed out loud – maybe I shouldn't have – it's either laugh or cry," Councilman Doug Stern said. "It seems like this is a cultural trait within their organization." Trump downplayed the latest controversy. "It was done for two purposes: beautification and safety," he said of the two rows of trees. About 45 of them are 12 feet tall and another 300 are about 6 feet high.

"They're bushes – they look beautiful and everybody loves them. We have not had one complaint," the billionaire real-estate developer said. It turns out residents turned to the city instead. "This is a very tenuous situation," said Jessica Leeds, vice president of the Portuguese Bend Club East Homeowners Association. "Some of us at the Portuguese Bend Club are displeased that these trees have ended up there."

The trees were planted for the televised Michael Douglas & Friends celebrity golf tournament on April 29. They provided a green backdrop for television cameras. But ocean views are a major factor in determining the value of nearby homes, so the city imposed strict rules on the public, \$350-a-round golf course. Those rules include a landscape plan requiring city approval for all trees and other vegetation. Trees taller than 16 feet or those that

block views aren't allowed. The Trump Organization belatedly applied for revisions to its landscape permit so the trees can become legal. The organization also indicated it was willing to remove or trim any trees harming anyone's view. But fallout from the tree plantings could affect the city's expected approval of the flagpole. The city has agreed in principle to allow Trump to keep his flagpole.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hasselhoff demands apology

DAVID HASSELHOFF has demanded an apology from a British tabloid for publishing a story that claimed he was drunk at a Hollywood nightclub while celebrating his victory in a child custody battle. Hasselhoff, star of TV's "Baywatch" and "Knight Rider," was awarded custody of his daughters

Hayley, 14, and Taylor, 17, by a Los Angeles judge on June 15. The 54-year-old actor had been in a long-running legal battle with ex-wife Pamela Bach. The Sun's story, published Tuesday, claimed a "boozy" Hasselhoff was knocking over tables and demanding drinks from strangers at Les Deux

nightclub in Hollywood. Hasselhoff denied the allegations and is demanding a printed apology stating the article was false. "He did not do what they said he did," Hasselhoff's British lawyer, Simon Smith, said. "He would not behave like that in public." Smith said Hasselhoff wants the apology to run

on "Page 3" of The Sun, which features a daily photo of a topless woman, because that's where the original story ran. If the newspaper refuses, Smith threatened to file a lawsuit at Britain's High Court on Monday. The Sun has removed the article from its Web site.

AP

SMASHING RETURN



When the **SMASHING PUMPKINS** reunited after seven years to plan a U.S. concert series, they made a surprising choice for their first shows: a small club in the mountains of North Carolina.

The Orange Peel, which has a capacity of 942 people, will host the alternative rock band when they open Saturday for a nine-show run in Asheville.

"It's a legendary band in a small setting," said Cory Gates, 33, of Asheville, a longtime fan who saw the Smashing Pumpkins play in New England in the mid-1990s. "I don't know if you can get much better."

Locals hope the concerts – the band's first extended-stay performance in 13 years – puts this sleepy mountain town on the music map.

"It's an automatic home run for Asheville," said Mike Rangel, co-owner of the Asheville Brewing Co. brewpub and restaurant, just a few blocks from The Orange Peel. "It puts us up there with the big boys."

More bands reject rather than accept invitations to play at the club, said Karen Ramshaw of Public Interest Projects, which owns and operates The Orange Peel. But the Smashing Pumpkins sought it out, said Tennessee-based music promoter Ashley Capps.

AP

Spice Girls looking to future



Talk of a **SPICE GIRLS** reunion has swirled for weeks – boosted by Sporty Spice herself – and on Friday the vivacious five said they would make "an announcement to the world" next week.

Gossip took a major leap, and suddenly old film clips of the 1990s pop sensations were all over British television.

The statement issued by the quintet's management company seemed designed to move the rumors up a notch and stretch them out for a good week.

"Following weeks of speculation, the Spice Girls are set to make an official announcement to

the world regarding future plans on Thursday, June 28," said the statement from 19 Entertainment. "Details regarding the announcement will be released in the coming days."

Victoria (Adams) Beckham (Posh Spice), Melanie Chisholm (Sporty Spice), Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice), Emma Bunton (Baby Spice) and Melanie Brown (Scary Spice) formed the Spice Girls in 1994. They became a global hit before splitting in 2001.

Chisholm, who had opposed a reunion, recently told the British Broadcasting Corp.

AP

George Clooney the Italian protester

GEORGE CLOONEY has joined a protest to stop construction of parking lots and a promenade in the northern Italian lakeside town where he owns a villa because he fears his presence is turning the quiet town into a tourist attraction. Clooney was among some 300 townspeople who signed the petition against the planned construction in the town of

Laglio on Lake Como, according to organizers. "Yes I signed it. Almost every member of the town signed it," the 46-year-old actor said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Friday. "My concern is that this village that has stood for hundreds of years would be destroyed simply because I happened to have lived there for the last six years.

I told my neighbors that I would do what they wanted. And it seemed that they didn't want to demolish the harbor where all the local fishermen keep their boats," Clooney said. Clooney, who won an Oscar for his role in "Syriana," said the petition appeared to have had the desired effect, and that the mayor had announced Thursday that at least

some of the plans – which opponents say would damage the environment as well as the 18th-century old harbor – had been scrapped.

"The petition, signed by three-fourths of the town, seems to have proved the difference. It's a testament to the character of the people in Laglio," the actor said.

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Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55

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11:00am, 11:45am, 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:20, 9:00, 9:55, 11:30
Knocked Up (R)
11:25am, 1:10, 2:25, 4:05, 5:25, 7:10, 8:20, 10:15, 11:20
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
11:10am, 12:00, 2:05, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:25, 11:10
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7:30

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1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55
Waitress (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
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12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

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11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10, 11:30

Fantastic Four:
Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Nancy Drew (PG)
11:10am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Shrek the Third DLP-Digital Projection (PG)
11:20am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
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12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	4	2	7	5	1	8	3	9
3	8	5	9	6	4	1	7	2
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8	9	1	5	7	6	2	4	3
7	2	4	1	9	3	5	8	6
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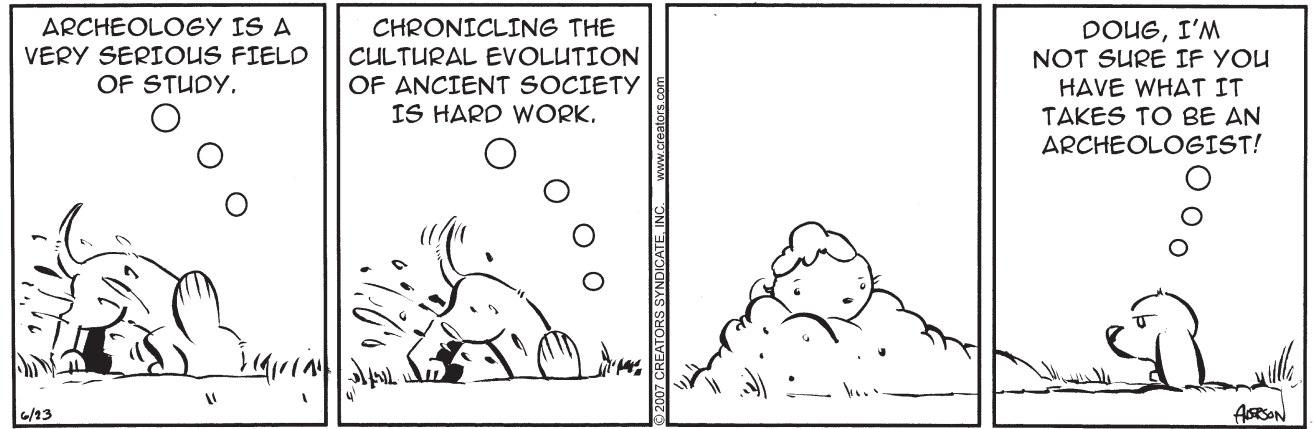
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- 1 Self-satisfied
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 - 10 "— With Love"
 - 12 Comb components
 - 13 Custom
 - 14 Conductor Seiji
 - 15 Cantina
 - 16 Bobby Ewing's wife
 - 18 Dress in
 - 19 Phrase of comparison
 - 21 "An Inconvenient Truth" star
 - 22 Science fiction genre
 - 24 Flight feature
 - 25 Woodpecker's target
 - 29 Spotted
 - 30 Relent
 - 32 Muffin choice
 - 33 Fast flier
 - 34 Tango need
- DOWN**
- 35 Chum
 - 37 Worry
 - 39 Talk at length
 - 40 Bowler's bane
 - 41 Gaiters
 - 42 Plays the ponies

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Macbeth, for one
- 11 Abounding
- 17 Pumps full of bubbles
- 20 "Ghosts" playwright
- 21 Wise ones
- 23 Corsairs
- 25 Join forces
- 26 Eye screen
- 27 Irritate
- 28 Iraq neighbor
- 29 Emulates an eagle
- 31 TV's Annie
- 33 Some babies
- 36 Received
- 38 NYPD alert

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, a woman in Brintree, England, took her 2-1/2-year-old son to local firefighters (according to a Reuters dispatch) to ask if they would remove the toilet seat that had become tightly stuck to his head. (No explanation was reported.)

■ Sachio Kawabata, 61, was awarded the equivalent of about \$5,000 by a court in Kagoshima in January because the police abused him during interrogation over possible violations of election law. The judge found that Kawabata suffered "great mental anguish" when police wrote his family name and derogatory messages on pieces of paper and forced Kawabata to stomp on them.

■ The house specialty at the 800-year-old Yasui Konpiragu Shrine in Kyoto, Japan, is the prayer for strength to end a marriage or other relationship, mostly offered by female visitors who crawl into a "wish tunnel," but also available from on-site priests for the equivalent of about \$50. Parents, also, may pray that a son or daughter ends a bad relationship.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1812 War of 1812: Great Britain had revoked the restrictions on American commerce, thus eliminating one of the chief reasons for going to war.

1938 The Civil Aeronautics Act is signed into law, forming the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the United States.

1947 The United States Senate follows the United States House of Representatives in overriding U.S. President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

1967 Cold War: U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin in Glassboro, New Jersey for the three-day Glassboro Summit Conference.

1972 Watergate Scandal: U.S. President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman are taped talking about using the Central Intelligence Agency to obstruct the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigation into the Watergate break-ins.

1991 The flagship Sega video game Sonic the Hedgehog was released in the United States.

1993 Lorena Bobbitt slices off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife, making international news out of their marital drama.

WORD UP!

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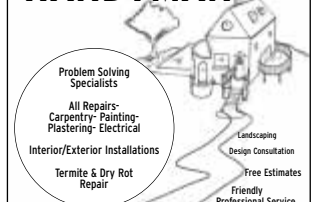
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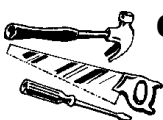
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