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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

According to police in New York City, schoolteacher Wayne Brightly, 38, who was having trouble passing the state's modest certification exam, paid a former mentor, Rubin Leitner, to take the test for him. Though Leitner is a learned man, he is also age 58, white, chubby and afflicted with the autism-like Asperger's syndrome, while Brightly is 38, black and thin. When Leitner (using the fake ID Brightly had supplied) scored high on the test, officials naturally wanted to interview Brightly to ask about his sudden brilliance, but Brightly decided to send Leitner to the meeting, instead, virtually assuring that the ruse would collapse.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 176th day of 2005.
There are 189 days left in the year.

On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

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Gangway dock considered at pier

Breakwater plans docked, but a new plank could still serve boating activity

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — The tide appears to be shifting on a plan to bring sport fishing and boating back to Santa Monica.

A decades-old plan to restore the breakwater just north of the Santa Monica Pier to accommodate commercial boating and a harbor has been docked to make way for an easier and less expensive gangway that may achieve the same goal.

A gangway could be substantially less expensive than the esti-



Photo courtesy

City officials are considering whether the breakwater north of the pier (arrow above) should be rebuilt.

mated \$13 million to rebuild the breakwater. In July, pier officials plan to review an economic feasibility study that could result in a potential leasing agreement that would allow operations such as

sport fishing, whale watching, water taxis and environmental tours to operate off of the Santa Monica Pier. A recommendation could be presented to the City Council as early as August.

"We've sat on this idea for a long time," said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration

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Quake prompts tsunami jitters

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

EUREKA, Calif. — A major earthquake that recently struck off the state's northern coast might have caused fear among some seaside residents that a tsunami could have been quick to follow, leaving them with little time to react to a potentially devastating scenario.

Santa Monica emergency officials said they kept their eyes pointing west following a series of quakes that rocked the West Coast in recent weeks. In addition to tracking the quake developments, officials are stepping up efforts to provide information to residents so they remain abreast of giant waves that might — or might not — follow quakes.

The most powerful temblor of late shook the Pacific at approximately 3 a.m., Wednesday, June 15. It occurred 85 miles northwest of Eureka, Calif., according to the

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Crossing into summer



Fabian Lewkowicz/Special to the Daily Press

Crosswalk guard Lupe Perez on Friday helps students from John Muir Elementary School cross Fifth Street at Ocean Park Boulevard on the last day of school as they return from a field trip to the beach.

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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)
★★★★ Allow your dreams and/or imagination to lead rather than do the same old thing. Willingly change plans, even if you meet some opposition. Remember, this is your weekend too. Don't stay home. Move around. Tonight: There is celebration wherever you are.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A partner might not be reliable or might do a reversal, so you must carry the ball. Use your frustration to motivate yourself and to accomplish what you need to get done. Others expect a lot from you. A serious but caring talk clears the air. Tonight: Leader of the gang.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a distinct idea of what you would like to do. If you want to explore a museum or flea market, do so. Someone might change his or her mind as a result of your choices. Keep yourself on a tight budget, OK? Tonight: Just let it happen.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner has plans. You might want to adjust your day to this person, or you might decide to do your own thing. Avoid being severe or touchy. You might be coming from a place of negativity. Tonight: Listen to a trusted friend or loved one.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your flexibility and willingness to work with others make your day fun. Don't internalize another's comment. You could become depressed and misread where this person is coming from. Use your imagination. Tonight: Where the party is.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might have a special invitation coming your way, so clear out as many of your errands as possible. When a partner or important person in your life energizes, you will want to join in. Don't worry about money today. Tonight: The later the night gets, the more fun you have.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your sense of mischief comes out. Do what you love, but don't be surprised by others' reactions. You can no longer predict the actions of a loved one or friend. Talks could be serious and demand a commitment. Ask for time if you need it. Tonight: Romp away as if there is no tomorrow.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You discover that you will be happiest at home. Perhaps there is something you are putting off that you have been meaning to do. Use the daylight hours for this project. Soon enough, you find an invitation intriguing. Tonight: Paint the town red.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Don't sit on your duff; make calls. Start visiting with a neighbor or friend whom you don't always catch up with. Friends appreciate your gregarious manner, though a child or loved one might throw a tantrum. Tonight: Devote time to those close to you.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Juggle your budget, especially if you are eyeing a major expenditure. You might need to revamp your thinking about this item. A family member could be demanding, but as a result, you'll find a solution. Tonight: The later it gets, the perkier you become.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Think about following through on an idea that you have put on the back burner. At least test it out on some friends or someone you respect and trust. Meanwhile, live in the moment. Tonight: Your popularity soars, and the later it gets, the wilder the events become.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Do something for yourself that you have been wanting to do. This wish might be simply driving to a nearby place where you can relax. A partner or friend lets you know how much he or she misses you, but perhaps in a hostile manner. Read between the lines. Tonight: You get a second wind.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PALpalooza coming to pier

By Daily Press staff

Forget Lollapalooza. Pacific Park and the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) will be holding their first PALpalooza benefit. The focus of this year’s PALpalooza is to assist PAL in raising money to maintain or develop programs and projects at its facility, which in turn will help the children in the Santa Monica area. Cultural, educational and recreational programs are under consideration for funds. PAL provides free programs for more than 1,600 youths throughout Santa Monica.

“We are delighted to be in partnership with the Police Activities League and support their important mission,” said Jeff Klocke, director of marketing at Pacific Park.

Pacific Park will donate all food, games and rides for the PALpalooza event. PAL will retain all funds generated from event ticket sales. In addition, more than 200 PAL kids will be hosted.

This event will take place on Wednesday, June 29, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale now for \$15 per person or \$50 for a family of four. Each ticket includes admission on all Pacific Park rides, one free meal voucher, \$6 in game bucks and a choice of a popcorn or cotton candy. Tickets can be purchased by calling (310) 458-8988 or in person at the Santa Monica PAL Youth Center at 1401 Olympic Blvd.

Building up a foodbank

By Daily Press staff

Every little bit helps. For the third consecutive year, supermarket partners Ralph’s and Food 4 Less are teaming up to support America’s Second Harvest, the nation’s largest domestic hunger organization, according to officials.

From now until the end of June, all Ralph’s and Food 4 Less stores are offering customers and associates the opportunity to make monetary donations to help feed hungry families in support of National Hunger Awareness Day, which was June 7. Monies collected in the companies’ Los Angeles County stores will go directly to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, a private, nonprofit organization. Through a network of more than 1,000 charitable agencies, the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank provides enough food for more than 640,000 meals each week for residents of Los Angeles County. For more information on the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, visit www.lafoodbank.org.

Last year, the fundraising campaign raised more than \$70,000 for America’s Second Harvest food banks.

Local Elks contribute to national foundation

By Daily Press staff

Local Elks continue to shine. Westchester and Santa Monica Elks Lodges were major contributors to the Elks National Foundation. Westchester contributed \$7,367 for a per capita of \$22.34 per member and was the biggest contributor in the South Central Coast District. The Santa Monica lodge contributed \$5,256 for a per capita of \$19.40 per member and was second in the district. Westchester ranked fourth in per capita donations in the State Association of 177 Lodges, and Santa Monica ranked sixth.

The South Central Coast District contributed \$22,328 for a per capita of \$9.82 per member and was first of the 19 districts in the State Association.

Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

By Daily Press staff

In the Santa Monica, Malibu and Pacific Palisades areas, Meals on Wheels vol-

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SURF REPORT

Saturday is a turnaround day, but more so on Sunday. We’re expecting Saturday to see waist- to chest-high SW sets with occasional sets going shoulder high or better, but rare. By late afternoon or evening, however, when the tide is right, some sets could reach head high at south-facing breaks. Sunday is expected to be a bigger SW day. Sunday should see south-facing breaks into the shoulder- to head-high+ zone.

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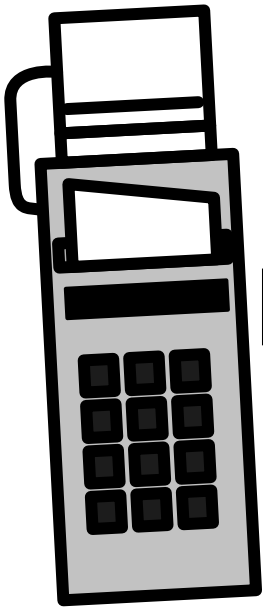
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OPINION

The QLine

CITY DIVIDED ON AREA OF GREATEST NEED

This past week, Q-line asked:
"Where do you think the city's budget surplus should be spent?"
 Here are your responses:

© "The major problems in the city is vagrancy and homelessness and the consequent filth, crime and disruption of the taxpayers' quality of life. If these problems aren't solved soon, the tourist trade will be lost, and people will be leaving the city. All that will be left will be a hobo town and skid-row inhabitants."

© "I think the budget surplus should be best spent on taking care of the traffic, and fixing the potholes in this city. The traffic is tremendously bad. Another thing — we should not spend these millions on the homeless ... They should do something, not just keep feeding them and feeding them and giving them money. No way to do that. We think something should be done. Every time I read a newspaper, all I read about is that everybody is against the homeless, except the City Council. The liberal City Council is the worst we've ever had, and something should be done. I read in the paper that someone wants to impeach them. I think that's a very good idea — get rid of them all except Shriver. Then we might have a good City Council if we get a new one."

© "Well, they could probably mess up the traffic more by tearing up every street and putting speed bumps on every block, and putting those planters in the middle of every street to narrow them, and put those curb extensions on the end of every street to prevent people from turning right on a red light. They could put more stop lights and signs up and make sure they're not synchronized so that it takes even longer to drive through Santa Monica. They could give a trip to Hawaii to all the bums in Santa Monica — a one-way trip so that they can't hitchhike back. Send them to Hawaii, and take the City Council with them."

© "They'll probably give it to the insatiable school district. The Malibu schools are always willing to accept Santa Monica's charity. Maybe some of their kids haven't been to Hawaii yet."

© "As to the budget surplus, I think we should rent or purchase some buses and trucks, and pack up all the bums and freeloaders, and drive them out to the high desert, and pitch a tent city for them. And then, call in a sanitizing and cleaning squad to get the city back to livability. Then, invite the tourists in when we can guarantee them a clean and safe place to visit."

© "My suggestion is that Santa Monica the buildings are all gray blocks with no character, you can see how depressing it is. There is a building on the corner of Sixth Street and Arizona Avenue that is a soft coral color and has beautiful landscaping, I think it has geraniums as well, but it's so easy to do something like that to make this town look a little more colorful. It's just gray, gray, gray."

© "The City Council will just waste money on frivolous pet projects that

give away millions to their worthless friends and relatives. Here's a novel idea: Either give the money back to residents or use it to relieve homeowners' tax burdens and their new outrageous utility rates."

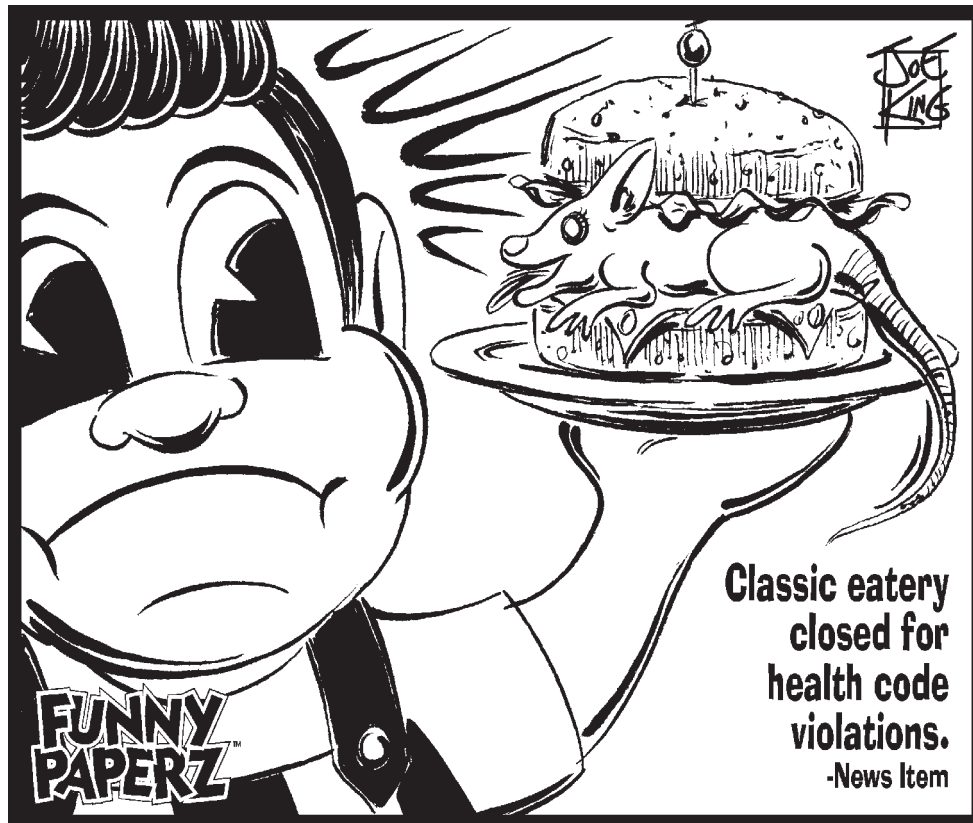
© "The city of Santa Monica should do something about the execrable nature of some of our sidewalks — no more humpin' and a bumpin' — even it out for all the money that city takes in taxes from we poor citizens"

© "How about giving the surplus back to the taxpayers? Hold on, our elitist leaders say the public is too stupid to spend its own money. Let's pay down the city debt. No progressive city worth its liberal soul functions without a huge debt. Well, how about an emergency fund? Can't do that either. It would bring out all of those nonprofit tax scam groups — you know, the usual suspects, Heal the Bay, Pico Youth Center, OPCC, Pier Restoration Community Corporation, and all the rest feeding at the public trough. I know, let's buy one of those environmentally friendly green cars for everyone in the 2,400 lower income groups. And next year, with a bigger surplus, we can buy them a condo. This surplus is a gift from heaven. Now we can drop our bourgeois attitudes and belong to the common denominator: the proletariat. That way, we can all have a condo and an environmental-ly City Council-blessed car."

© "The city of Santa Monica should consider refunding to those senior citizens who are over 65 years of age their portion of the Santa Monica City College parcel tax they are paying. The reason being is that a senior over 65 who owns a house or condo does not pay a parcel tax if they register. A senior over 65 who is renting an apartment is required to pay a parcel tax depending on the number of units in the apartment building. To set up a spatial elite group of 65-year-old seniors to have special tax privileges over seniors who rent does not set well with me."

© "The homeless czar, as proposed by Councilman Shriver, is the best of the lot regarding the use of the budget surplus and how it should be spent. For too long, we have not had a coordinator to really take care of this major headache for the community. And one last thing, Councilman Shriver has been doing a terrific job to concentrate on the problem of the homeless, which has ruined the community."

"The money should be put in better schools with professional counseling for kids that are out of control in gangs and have no parents guiding at home to teach them manners and respect. Programs for the mentally ill and a youth club with programmed activities and fun afterschool with professional security."



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**MODERN
TIMES**
BY LLOYD GARVER

In case you haven't noticed, breast implants are bigger than ever. Surgically enhanced breasts are on the rise, and the trend shows no sign of pointing downward. Approximately a quarter of a million American women have their breasts enlarged each year. It used to be that women were secretive about these enhancements and desperately wanted them to look natural. Now, the artificial look is apparently perfectly acceptable to some women. They don't care if it's obvious that they've had surgery, they just like the way they look. In fact, a bra company, brastraps.com, recently introduced a bra whose purpose is to give the wearer the appearance of having breast implants. It is "designed to create a natural cosmetically enhanced look." I guess "natural cosmetically enhanced" is no longer an oxymoron.

So, some people must feel that phony-looking, gravity-defying breasts look better than what nature had in mind. This move away from imitating nature to creating a new, acceptable look has had precedents. Years ago, a woman would never want people to know that she dyed her hair. The big advertising slogan was, "Only her hairdresser knows for sure." Now, women who have orange hair or brand new blond highlights don't care that "everyone knows for sure."

Men are also in on the cosmetic surgery boom. Hair transplants, liposuction and laser hair removal are all on the increase for them. The chest or "pec" implant is another popular procedure for men. (Our culture is apparently obsessed with chests regardless of gender.)

In the middle of winter, both men and women can get phony spray-on tans that nobody thinks are real. Unless they discover something dangerous about the sprays — which they probably will, since

they discover something dangerous about everything — the use of this product not only gives a desired look, but can actually save lives.

Then there's the teeth-whitening fad. Natural human teeth are not blinding white in color. But now, thanks to advertising and societal pressures, people are bleaching their teeth. And those with bleached teeth don't care if they look unnatural. They figure if you need sunglasses to look at them, that's your problem.

So, it seems that much of the "I don't care if it looks natural or not" craze has to do with self-esteem. Instead of being ashamed of using human-made things to change their looks, people are proud of their purchased appearances. The attitude is simply, "I feel better about myself looking this way, and I don't care who knows about it."

If all of these "super-natural" looks stay in fashion, will our DNA evolve to include them? For quite a while, I've believed that babies will soon be born with the innate ability to be experts at computer games and genetically predisposed to be able to watch one TV show while taping another. Similarly, if people of the opposite sex find all these artificial looks attractive, will natural selection and the survival of the fittest lead to our genes being altered? Will people in future generations be born with a propensity to have ludicrously large chests, no fat, a perfect tan, no hair except on their heads and white teeth bright enough to light up the neighborhood? It's quite possible. And if you think I'm exaggerating, consider the name of that bra that tries to give women the unnatural look. It's called the "Evolution."

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COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY LARRY SALZMAN AND ALEX EPSTEIN

The tyranny of eminent domain

You do not own your property. That is the meaning of the Supreme Court's June 23 ruling in *Kelo vs. City of New London*, which held that local governments may use the power of eminent domain to transfer private property from one private owner to another in pursuit of "the public interest."

This result ended the hope and the battle of seven property owners — the last remaining of more than 70 families whose homes and businesses were targeted for demolition five years ago by the city of New London, Conn., to make room for a 90-acre private development, including offices and a proposed hotel.

Susette Kelo, a nurse, and one of the property owners, bought and painstakingly restored a home that initially was so run-down that she needed to cut her way to the front door with a hatchet. After she had achieved her dream home, she was informed by the local government that her home was condemned, and ordered to vacate within 90 days.

What justifies this treatment of Kelo and the other owners, who simply want to be free to live on their own property? The seizures and transfers, the government says, are in "the public interest" because they will lead to more jobs for New London residents and more tax dollars for the government. A study cited by the dissenters showed that this type of justification was given more than 10,000 times between 1998 and 2002, across 41 states, to use eminent domain — or its threat — to seize private property. The attitude behind these seizures was epitomized by a Lancaster, Calif., city attorney explaining why a 99¢ Only store should be condemned to make way for a Costco: "99 Cents produces less than \$40,000 (a year) in sales taxes, and Costco was producing more than \$400,000. You tell me which was more important?"

To such government officials, the fact that an individual earns a piece of property and wants to use and enjoy it is of no importance — all that matters is "the public." But as philosopher Ayn Rand observed, "There is no such entity as 'the public,' since the public is merely a number of individuals ... the idea that 'the public interest' supersedes private interests and rights can have but one meaning: that the interests and rights of some individuals take precedence over the interests and rights of others." In the context of the *Kelo* case, the idea that "the

public interest" trumps private property rights simply means that the desires of some individuals for property they did not earn and cannot get from others voluntarily trump the rights of those who did earn it and do not want to sell it. Why are their rights trumped? Because some gang with political pull doesn't happen to like how these individuals are using their property.

This is unjust and un-American. America was founded on the principle of individual rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. What do these rights mean if an individual is not free to remain in and enjoy the house he chooses to build his life around, simply because others could use it to create more jobs or tax revenue? Just as it would be unjust for the government to shut down the printing presses of a newspaper because its reporting is unpopular, so it is unjust for the government to raze a house that an individual has earned, developed and loves, no matter how many cry that the land should be put to other use.

The Supreme Court's decision against the property owners in *Kelo* is, in the words of Justice Clarence Thomas from his dissenting opinion, a "far-reaching and dangerous result." As Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, another of the four dissenting justices, wrote: "all private property is now vulnerable to being taken and transferred to another private owner, so long as it might be upgraded — i.e., given to an owner who will use it in a way that the legislature deems more beneficial to the public — in the process." And as Dana Berliner, an attorney for the owners, argued, this means that no one's property or home is truly safe: "If jobs and taxes can be a justification for taking someone's home or business then no property in America is safe. Anyone's home can create more jobs if it is replaced by a business, and any small business can generate greater taxes if replaced by a bigger one."

Property owners beware: The next casualty of "the public interest" might be you.

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Thoughts from a strung-out adventure racer



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT! BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

When I started writing this week, I was planning to take some time to discuss something that none of us in the endurance world like to talk about: recovery.

Most of us are about as good at proper

recovery as we are at tapering and ball sports. However, recovery after workouts and especially after races can help to prevent injuries, improve performance and keep you mentally healthy. My weekly ramblings are often a form of therapy when I write about something as a means of reminding myself about the things that I personally need to work on. Having just finished the Big Blue 24 Hr. Adventure Race here in Santa Monica, I am technically in "recovery" mode. So why did I find myself on Active.com looking for

events to do this weekend?

Yes, I may have a little problem, but as I was scrolling through running races in the LA area I noticed a pop-up ad for the Insight Race Across America, or RAAM. I clicked on the link and realized that I am not alone in my struggle. In fact, compared to some, I am not even that far gone.

For those of you out there who have not heard of the RAAM, it is a cycling race that begins in San Diego and ends in Atlantic City. The race is done in teams, or as a solo effort. The basic idea is that the race starts on one coast, and the clock stops when you reach the other side of the country. I can't even figure out the time change when I try to call my brother in Colorado, so I don't know how they deal with time zones, but needless to say it is one long race.

To put the race in some perspective, let's compare it to the Tour de France, with which most of us are a little more familiar. The tour is roughly 2,250 miles this year and will be split into 21 stages, with two built-in rest days. The RAAM is 3,051.7 miles, and is expected to take the winning solo rider seven to eight days. There are no built-in rest days, and the only stopping that occurs is when riders literally can't go any longer and need to stop and sleep for a few hours. And there are not pretty French women along the way giving you flowers and kisses when you finish a stage.

Reading through the RAAM Web site, I couldn't help but ask myself, "Why?" I admit that I have done my share of asinine events. I have run marathons, Ironmans, 24-hour solo-mountain bike races, and even competed in a seven-day adventure race. But racing non-stop across the country seems strange even to a junkie like me.

I guess in my mind it is sort of like the space program. Every year we spend billions of dollars building rockets, launching satellites and trying to get our little rovers to navigate around rocks on distant planets. I don't want to say that this is not valuable work, and as soon as they announce "Ironman Mars," you can bet I will sign up. Still, I often find myself wondering if all of the benefits of these efforts really balance out the costs.

This is something I often struggle with as I attempt to balance the time, money and energy I spend on athletic endeavors with the personal rewards I gain from them. Over time, I have come to realize that these pursuits are really rather selfish. This is sometimes tough to come to grips

with because I dedicate so much to them, but I choose to balance it out by giving back in other ways. I also make a conscious effort in my life to make sure that my athletic goals never interfere with other parts of my life that are important to me. As a young, single guy this has been pretty easy to this point in my life. However, I am getting married in a few weeks and am sure that my priorities will begin to shift in the coming years. I am sure that this will be an adjustment, but I look forward to the change, and am confident that I will be able to find a happy balance.

I have always loved to challenge myself mentally and physically, and have sought events that have allowed me to do so. The problem is that once you enter this world of pushing your limits, you have to constantly find longer, harder, more insane events to allow you to truly challenge yourself. This is all fine and dandy, except that it comes with an enormous increase in time, energy and often money. I imagine it is similar to what an alcoholic or a drug addict must go through. You get a high from a certain amount of alcohol, drugs or, in this case, exercise. After a while, the same amount no longer satisfies and you look for more. I imagine that the spiral continues until you find yourself either living in a cardboard box dreaming about your next hit, or pedaling through Kansas wondering how far it is to Ohio.

I am not really sure where I am going with all of this. Maybe I am still mentally recovering from the adventure race. I just hope that as I head out for my recovery workouts this week that they will still be enough to give me the little high that I need each day to keep me going. If not, I might have to admit that I really have a problem and start looking for a sponsor to help get my life back on track. A sponsor for the RAAM that is. Hey, it costs about \$15,000 to support a solo effort.

Maybe we can talk about recovery next week. Until then, share the roads, share the trails, wear a helmet and be safe.

For more information on the races mentioned in this article, visit these sites:
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Eureka tsunami reached 1 centimeter high

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U.S. Geological Survey Web site.

Scientists at the Survey, along with those associated with the National Weather Service and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, are the front line in determining the severity of quakes and their possible aftermath. Depending on the size and location of the quake, state, county and municipal emergency groups are to be notified if a tsunami watch is in effect for their areas, according to Santa Monica officials.

"The way the system is designed, information flows from the federal to the state level to our local police dispatch," said Paul Weinberg, Santa Monica's emergency services coordinator. "Scientists determine if a threat exists."

Within two hours of the 7.4 magnitude

quake, the U.S. Geological Survey Web site — which is one of the federal Web sites continuously updated with earthquake and tsunami information — posted a message that indicated "no waves have been detected."

Judy Rambeau, city spokeswoman, said the Santa Monica Fire Department is working on developing the final touches to a tsunami response plan with the county and region. The fire and police departments are also working with the hotels on the beach and businesses on the Santa Monica Pier to develop a local plan.

"The recent tsunami warning that caused some confusion up and down the western coast of the U.S. was an early use of a national warning system that gave jurisdictions a safe opportunity to make sure their tsunami prep plans were in order," Rambeau said.

Scientists said the "tsunami" created by the recent earthquake off the coast of Eureka — a city approximately 650 miles from Santa Monica — had a height of 1 centimeter. This is in some ways typical. The Dec. 26 Sumatra Tsunami, started by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and which devastated coastal communities along the Indian Ocean hundreds of miles away, also started as a small wave, scientists said.

However, as the tsunami travels, it is capable of gaining size, depending on a myriad of ocean and tectonic factors, scientists said.

Meanwhile, Santa Monica officials said they have been responding to the tsunami warnings caused by recent quakes by keeping an eye on the coast.

"We were monitoring the situation from the onset," said Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Jim Hone. "We were in contact with LA County lifeguards, and there were watchers all along the coast of California, so if there was any activity that would have occurred, we would have had a couple of hours warning."

"We saw no activity which caused no further escalation of the initial alert."

Santa Monica preparing for the worst-case scenario

By Daily Press staff

In light of the recent earthquakes, Santa Monica emergency officials are on guard and working to prepare citizens for appropriate emergency response.

City Hall recently issued the following information regarding tsunamis and earthquakes:

A tsunami is a series of waves that can be generated by an earthquake or a landslide. The time it takes for a tsunami to reach land depends on when and where the earthquake or landslide occurs.

A tsunami caused by an earthquake a few miles off the coast is called a "locally generated" tsunami. It will arrive within a few minutes of the quake. Coastal community residents probably will feel such an earthquake. The earthquake might be the only warning of an approaching tsunami, so it is important to respond quickly.

A tsunami caused by large earthquakes centered near Alaska and other distant parts of the Pacific Ocean is a "distant source" tsunami. The first waves from one of these events will take several hours to reach the Southern California coastline, and federal (National Weather Service) or state (OES or California Integrated Seismic Network) authorities will issue a tsunami alert or a tsunami warning.

In Santa Monica, much of the city is protected from the devastating effects of tsunamis by the Palisades Bluffs along the Pacific Coast Highway. The bluffs provide protection for most of the populated area located north of the Santa Monica Pier.

Areas not protected by the bluffs include areas located between the bluffs and the ocean, as well as the areas south of the pier. In those specific areas, residents are advised to evacuate one-fourth of a mile (four blocks) inland in the event of a tsunami evacuation or strong earthquake lasting 20 seconds or more.

All scientific research indicates that the largest possible tsunami inundation is about 30 feet. Los Angeles County officials recommend 40 feet as the maximum inundation level. This means that in the event of a tsunami, the sea level would be expected to rise no more than

40 feet, so a quarter-mile evacuation is recommended for those in areas below the bluffs and south of the pier.

What to do:

■ If you feel an earthquake, drop, cover and hold until the shaking stops. Remember, the earthquake might be the only warning of an approaching tsunami, so it is important to respond quickly, and not wait for an official warning.

■ In the event of a tsunami evacuation, people in Santa Monica will be notified by a number of sources. The Los Angeles County lifeguards are responsible for making notifications along the beach and will use vehicles and aircraft to notify the public. City emergency personnel will use vehicles including police, fire, public works and others to notify the public of evacuation orders, aided by telephone trees and other information avenues, including the city of Santa Monica Web site and "City Hall on Call" (458-8999). City officials also will rely on local media to notify the public.

■ If you are on the beach or near the beach, move inland one-fourth of a mile to higher ground.

■ Turn off any active heating or cooking appliance but don't take the time to turn off gas or electric service.

■ If you are able, walk rather than drive out of harm's way. This will reduce the likelihood of traffic congestion.

■ Use common sense. Do not go to the coast to see a tsunami if an alert or warning has been issued. If you are on the beach following an earthquake, and you see the water receding in a manner that is not normal, quickly make your way to higher ground.

■ Stay away from coastal areas until the all clear is given by designated safety officials.

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The historic Santa Monica Pier sign advertises boating activities that it hasn't seen in three decades. City officials are considering a gangway off the pier that would accommodate yachting, whale watching, water taxis and environmental tours in the bay.

Gangway could help SMFD

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Corp., a City Hall-supported nonprofit organization that oversees pier operations. "If this idea is doable, let's make it happen."

In 2003, the City Council earmarked \$2.1 million to help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rebuild the breakwater. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — through Congressional funds — had committed \$4.5 million toward the rebuilding effort, which Santa Monica is required to match. The breakwater rebuilding project in 1994 was estimated to cost nearly \$8 million, but now that figure has doubled if it's to be built in the next few years. City Hall would be responsible for \$4.6 million, and the Army Corps. would pay \$8.7 million.

The Army Corps. was ready to begin the project a few years ago, but the city of Santa Monica held off on completing a state-mandated environmental review that would include a study of traffic impacts that a new harbor could create.

"We are the ones dragging our feet," said City Councilman Ken Genser, adding the gangway idea was recently pursued by Santa Monica Pier officials after they took a tour of other commercial boating operations along the California coast. "My goal is to have fishing boats and water taxis return, and if we can do that without a breakwater, great."

Franz-Knight said he and pier restoration board members earlier this year toured piers in Santa Barbara, Monterey, Santa Cruz and Long Beach. The competition they witnessed was motivating enough to start seriously pursuing boating operations in Santa Monica.

"The thing we are missing is boat access, and all of these guys have it in abundance," Franz-Knight said, adding Santa Monica in the future could lose tourists to cities such as Long Beach, which is revitalizing its harbor. "We need to start looking at services we don't have ...

"When you walk out onto the (Santa Monica) pier, it almost seems like a disconnect" between the land and sea, he added.

It's unclear who would pay for an elevated gangway. The financial details will be laid out next month by Mark Richter, a paid private consultant who used to be City Hall's economic development director. The study will address whether opportunities exist to finance a gangway privately, publicly or both.

A gangway also could serve the Santa Monica Fire Department to safely evacuate people in case of an emergency. Right now, there is an escape hatch on the floor of the pier, but many officials believe it's inadequate.

Because it's elevated, the gangway would be able to handle big swells in the winter the months. Franz-Knight

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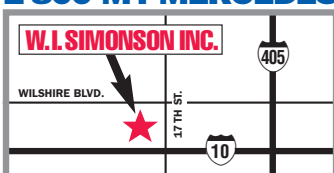
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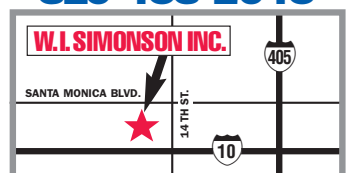
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Crackdown targets northern marijuana dispensaries

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Authorities described this week's raids on San Francisco pot clubs as one of the largest drug crackdowns in the area in recent memory, and said the arrests were the first step in uncovering a major international drug operation.

U.S. Attorney Kevin V. Ryan said agents raided three pot clubs that operated as fronts for marijuana and Ecstasy trafficking, and warned that federal drug laws would be strictly enforced even in cities tolerant of medical marijuana.

"We're empathetic to the ill and to the sick, however we cannot disregard federal

law," said Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Javier Pena. "We have the power to enforce federal drug laws even in areas where it might not be popular."

Twenty people were indicted on federal drug charges in court documents unsealed Thursday, and an arrest warrant has been issued for another. Two others face state drug charges, and more arrests are pending, Ryan said.

Following a two-year investigation dubbed Operation Urban Harvest, officials searched a total of 25 homes and businesses throughout the Bay Area on Wednesday. They seized some 9,300 pot plants with a street value of more than \$5 million, said Ryan. He said the pot clubs were a base of operation for a larger drug

trafficking organization importing and selling large quantities of marijuana and Ecstasy, and engaging in money laundering and cash smuggling.

Despite the city's recognition of medical pot clubs as legal, San Francisco police officers participated in the investigation, but did not make arrests or enter the marijuana clubs.

While federal officials said at a news conference that the raids would not usher in a broader crackdown on marijuana dispensaries in the city, protesters outside said they sent a frightening message to patients.

"I'm scared," said Kathleen Prevost, who said she uses marijuana to control her post-traumatic stress disorder. "All I want to do is have access to my medicine."

Authorities said the Supreme Court decision two weeks ago upholding federal law that medical marijuana is illegal was not the impetus behind Wednesday's busts. But they warned federal laws will be strictly applied.

"There are some members of the public who think they can disregard the courts and Congress," Pena said. "The DEA will not be among them."

Authorities are now reaching out to international law enforcement organizations, Ryan said.

The alleged traffickers laundered millions of dollars using 12 financial institutions and 40 bank accounts, said Kenneth Hines, an agent in charge of the IRS criminal investigation.

Gangway could prove to be less expensive than breakwater

GANGWAY, from page 8

estimates boats could operate at least 200 days a year.

GIVING THE BREAKWATER IDEA A BREAK

The last time City Hall made contact with the Army Corps about the breakwater-rebuilding effort was in 2003. At that time, it was up to City Hall to conduct the traffic study and submit an Environmental Impact Report, also known as an "EIR," said Army Corps spokesman Fred-Otto Egeler.

"Once the city goes forward, then we'll go forward," he said. "The city has to get back with us."

Although the breakwater project is on the Army Corps' priority list, funding isn't secured by Congress, Egeler said.

And while he isn't advocating one way or the other for a new breakwater, doing nothing is what concerns Councilman Genser. During recent budget study sessions, he asked that an update be provided by staff on where the project is heading.

"There is some federal money likely sitting there that we don't want to slip through our fingers," Genser said. "We

need to do an EIR."

Apparently, no one is sure whether the money is still available for the breakwater. As city staff put it in a recent report, "Staff's understanding is that the federal capital money has not been officially de-obligated, and so is still allocated to the project but will need to be re-allocated and possibly augmented through Congressional appropriation."

A BREAKDOWN OF HISTORY

Over the past few decades, the 2,000-foot-long sea wall has slowly deteriorated, leaving now only a glimpse of it at low tide. Rebuilding the breakwater would include a harbor and dock for boats, which is required by the Army Corps as part of its funding.

The Army Corps would repair the existing breakwater, rebuild 900 feet of it and construct a small boulder field to restore the rocky habitat.

If installed, the breakwater would have 12 moorings, where recreational boats could dock temporarily. It also would allow some fishing boats or party boats to take people out throughout the year.

However, the environmental impacts could be significant. The purpose of the breakwater is to minimize the wave energy before it hits the shore, but that also means the shoreline could be affected.

Studies have shown that bacteria levels are higher in areas with breakwaters because the man-made barriers prevent

the ocean's waves from washing unhealthy waste out to sea. Shoreline erosion and other environmental degradation are also possible.

The city of Santa Monica constructed the breakwater in 1934 to protect the pier's commercial activity and to create a protected small boat harbor. In the 1970s, about 78 commercial and recreational vessel moorings were maintained. By the early 1980s, it diminished to 48 moorings because of the incremental loss of mass and height of the breakwater. And then in 1982, several storms dislodged and scattered the breakwater. Within a few years, the U.S. House of Representatives' public works committee approved a resolution authorizing the Army Corps to study the feasibility of reconstructing it. Plans have been on hold ever since.

NOT A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The sign over the entrance to the pier still boasts sport fishing and yachts, but the area hasn't seen that kind of activity for 30 years. The sign, which has been there since the 1940s, was given to the city by the Santa Monica Businessmen's Association and is now a historic landmark.

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Residents could lose neighborhood after court ruling

BY MATT APUZZO

Associated Press Writer

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Word of the U.S. Supreme Court decision spread around Bill Von Winkle's part of town like news of a passing relative. "Hello?" he answered his cell phone. "Yeah, we lost. I know, hard to believe, huh?"

Von Winkle and six other homeowners in this small waterfront community lost a groundbreaking high court decision Thursday when justices ruled that City Hall may take their property through eminent domain to make way for a hotel and convention center.

"I spent all the money I had," said Von Winkle, a retired deli owner, of the properties he bought in the Fort Trumbull neighborhood. "I sold sandwiches to buy these properties. It took 21 years."

The court's decision drew a scathing dissent from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who argued the decision favors rich corporations.

The fight over Fort Trumbull has been raging for years. New London once was a center for the whaling industry and later became a manufacturing hub. More recently the city has suffered the kind of economic woes afflicting urban areas across the country.

City officials envision a commercial development including a riverfront hotel, health club and offices that would attract tourists to the Thames riverfront, complementing the adjoining Pfizer center and a proposed Coast Guard museum.

Most homeowners sold their properties to make way for wrecking crews, but seven families stubbornly refused to sell. Collectively, they owned 15 houses.

"The U.S. Supreme Court destroyed everybody's lives today, everybody who owns a home," said Richard Beyer, owner of two rental properties in the once-vibrant immigrant neighborhood.

Nationwide, however, legal experts said they don't expect local governments to rush to claim homes.

"The message of the case to cities is yes, you can use eminent domain, but you better be careful and conduct hearings," said Thomas Merrill, a Columbia law professor who specializes in property rights.

In his majority opinion, Justice John Paul Stevens said New London could pursue private development under the Fifth Amendment, which allows governments to take private property if the land is for public use. He said the project the city has in mind promises to bring more jobs and revenue.

"Promoting economic development is a traditional and long accepted function of government," Stevens wrote. He added that local officials are better positioned than federal judges to decide what's best for a community.

He was joined in his opinion by other members of the court's liberal wing — David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, as well as Reagan appointee Justice Anthony Kennedy, in noting that states are free to pass additional protections if they see fit.

The four-member bloc typically has favored greater deference to cities, which historically have used the

power of eminent domain for urban renewal projects.

At least eight states — Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, South Carolina and Washington — forbid the use of eminent domain for economic development unless it is to eliminate blight. Other states either expressly allow private property to be taken for private economic purposes or have not spoken clearly to the question.

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Iraq's future security, democratic reforms to highlight Bush meeting with Iraqi prime minister

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush assured Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari on Friday "there are not going to be any timetables" for withdrawal of American forces and vowed victory over insurgents attempting to prevent establishment of a democratic government under a new constitution.

"This is not the time to fall back," al-Jaafari concurred at a joint news conference at the White House.

Fielding questions hours after the latest attack on a U.S. military convoy left an unknown number of American troops dead, Bush conceded that it bothers Americans to see scenes of carnage on television.

Speaking of the insurgents, he said, "There's no question there's an enemy that still wants to shake our will and get us to leave. ...They try to kill and they do kill innocent Iraqi people, women and children because they know that the carnage that they reap will be on TV and they know that it bothers people to see death."

"And it does. It bothers me. It bothers American citizens. It bothers Iraqis," Bush said.

The two men fielded questions after receiving a briefing from the top commanders overseeing the U.S. military presence in Iraq.

Bush said setting a timetable for withdrawal of the American forces would only prompt the insurgents to "wait us out."

He said he would stay the course in Iraq despite public opinion polls showing dwindling support for his policy. He indicated his awareness of his domestic critics when a reporter began asking a question about whether he was concerned about a "slump" in his support.

"Quagmire?" the president asked, employing a word

that some Democrats in Congress have begun to use to describe the military presence in Iraq one year after the transfer of sovereignty.

His visitor, al-Jaafari, seemed to recognize the domestic pressure on the president.

"You have given us more than money," said al-Jaafari, who visited wounded American troops on Thursday night at a military hospital in the capital. "You have given us your sons, your children, that were killed beside our own children in Iraq ... This is more precious than any other support we have received."

More than 1,700 American troops have died in Iraq, the majority of them since the end of hostilities aimed at toppling the regime of Saddam Hussein. There have been 479 car bombs in Iraq since the handover of sovereignty on June 28, 2004, according to an Associated Press count.

Freedom of the press Iraqi-style was on display when a reporter with asked the two men when reconstruction would begin in the wartorn country.

Bush said he didn't want to be "passing the buck," but looked at al-Jaafari and said "they're in charge," meaning the Iraqis.

In opening remarks, Bush said "The enemy's goal is to drive us out of Iraq before the Iraqis have established a secure democratic government. They will not succeed."

On Thursday, al-Jaafari confidently predicted that a constitution to guide his country toward democracy would be concluded by the end of August and then ratified in a popular referendum.

"We are going to do it within two months," al-Jaafari said as he inspected the U.S. Constitution in the dimly lit, cool rotunda of the National Archives. Asked if it would be approved by the Iraqi people in the fall, he replied, "Yes."

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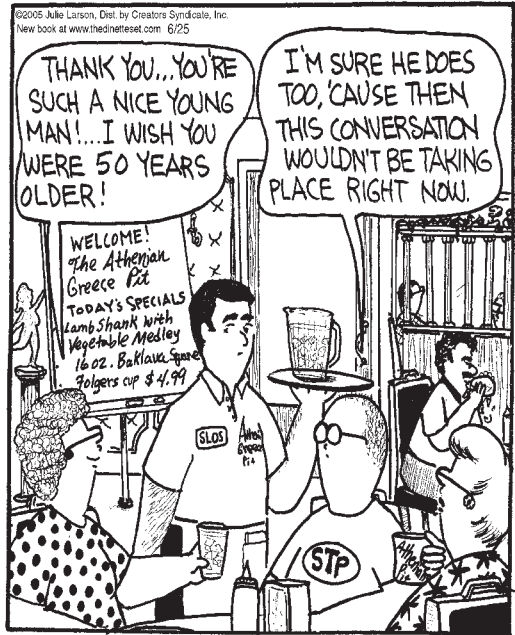
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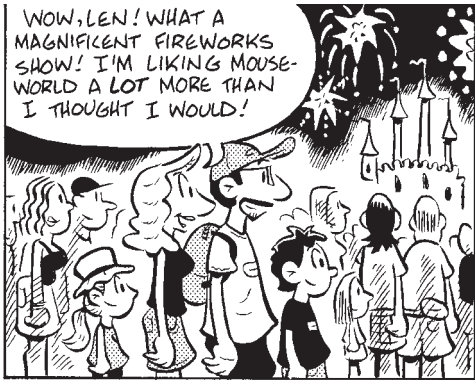


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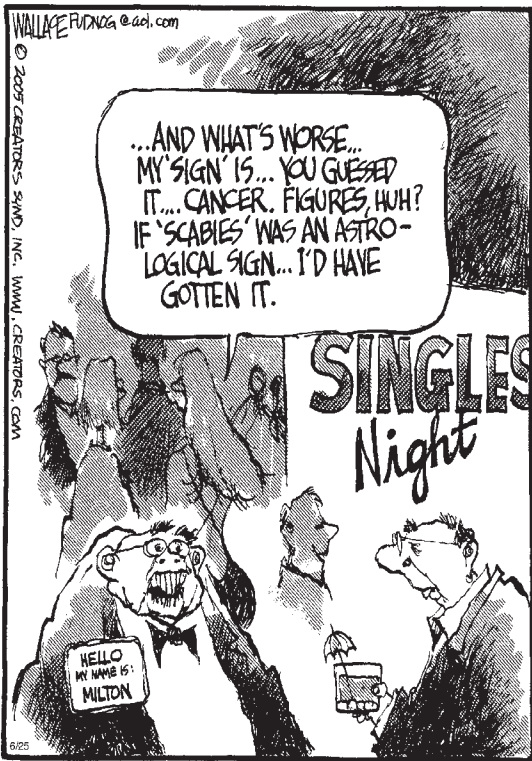


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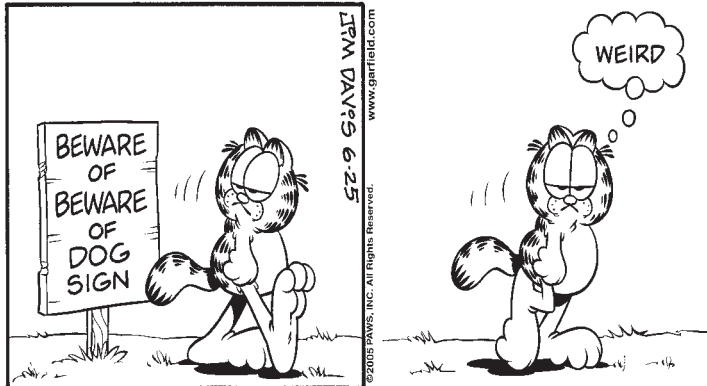
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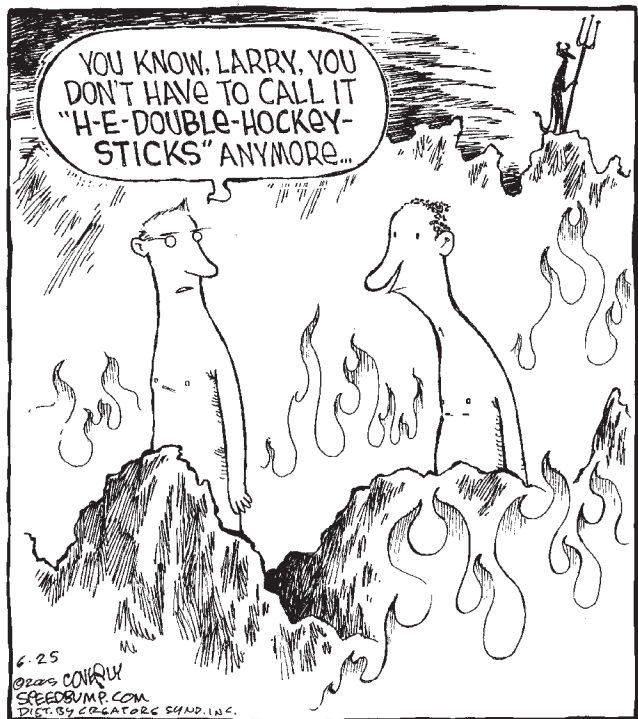
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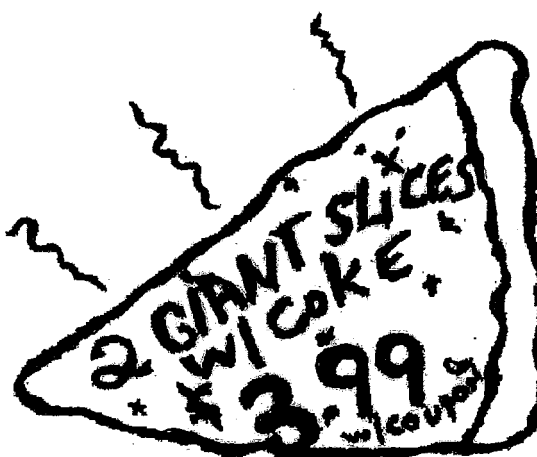


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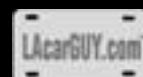
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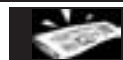
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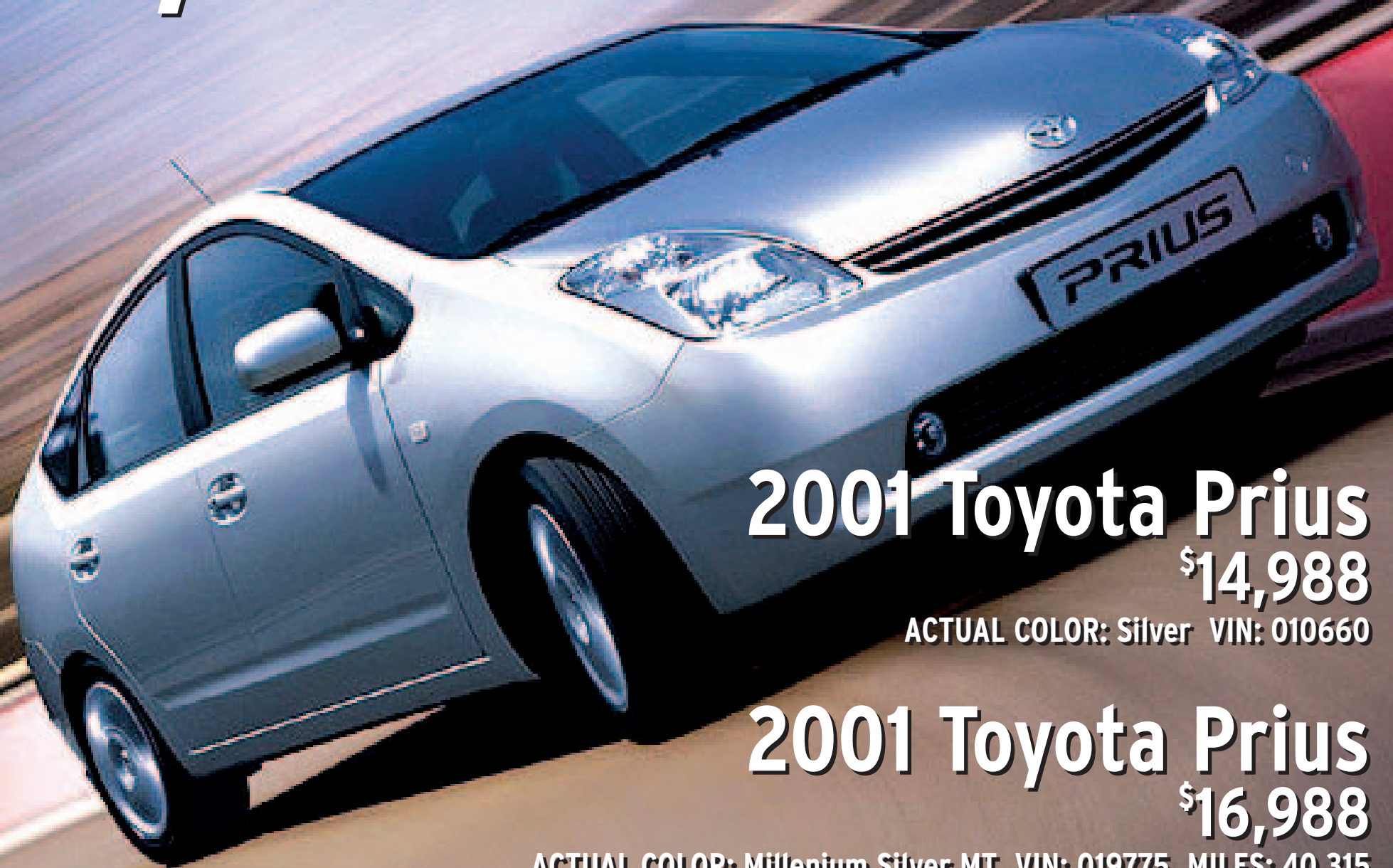


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