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Gymnasts gather at Santa Monica Beach one recent afternoon to display their agility and strength.

Reduced budget, parcel tax gets school district OK

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A cash-strapped Santa Monica-Malibu Unified enacted on Thursday one of its leanest budgets in recent history and approved placing a measure on the November ballot asking residents for a tax increase.

The school board approved a \$79.9 million budget, which is the school district's lowest in three years. Before passing the budget, board members voted to cut an additional \$520,000 from its books, bringing the total amount cut this year from its budget to \$2,151,601.

Due to a dramatic decrease in state funding, the school district faced a \$4.5 million budget deficit this year, and district officials anticipate another \$5.7 million budget deficit next year.

The budget cuts would have been much deeper had the City of Santa Monica not donated \$1.5 million in one-time aid. Malibu voted not to contribute \$250,000 in additional aid the school district had requested.

School officials said they tried to cut in places where it would not directly affect students.

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— JOHN DEASY
SMMUSD Superintendent

To get back on its feet financially, the school district is proposing a \$300 increase in parcel taxes for a period of 12 years. Parcel taxes are flat fees charged to property owners, which can be passed along to renters of apartments.

School district officials said the average Santa Monica apartment renter would pay an additional \$3 a year if the ballot

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Disbarred lawyers weave tangled web

BY JOHN WOOD
Special to the Daily Press

This is the kind of story that gives lawyers a bad name.

It starts with Daye Shinn of Santa Monica, disbarred as a lawyer in 1992. According to Carl Keiser of San Bernardino, Shinn never mentioned his disciplinary blotch when he offered to work for him on Keiser's personal injury claim against the State of California.

Shinn tried to get off the hook for the \$5,000 he took from Keiser by saying he wasn't really a lawyer; merely a "paralegal." The true lawyer working on Keiser's case, said Shinn, was named Steven L. Dobbs.

It turns out Dobbs, a Studio City lawyer, had a little problem of his own. Dobbs, who says he was Shinn's fraternity brother in college, was disciplined by the State Bar Association in August 2000. The infraction? Employing Shinn, after he had been disbarred.

Keiser, the man who brought the suit to begin with, said he'd never heard of Dobbs.

But it gets more interesting.

The recognized lawyer on Keiser's case, according to Los Angeles Superior Court files, wasn't Dobbs at all. It was Howard Allan Lipton of Sherman Oaks, who resigned from the Bar earlier this year with disciplinary charges pending.

Keiser said he'd never heard of Lipton either.

But the State Bar Association has. According to a spokeswoman there, Lipton's 19-year law career included six counts of disciplinary action. He also moved nine times, at one point taking his

practice to Sarasota, Fla. Eight of those moves occurred in four years which ended with his 1998 relocation to Sherman Oaks.

A May 13, 1992 finding from the State Bar Court states that Shinn was "culpable of very serious professional misconduct, including the misappropriation of at least

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From capital murder cases to small claims

Disbarred attorney's practices questioned along the way

BY JOHN WOOD
Special to the Daily Press

The name Daye Shinn may sound familiar.

From Charles Manson's murderous cohort Susan Atkins to convicted cop-killer Kenneth Earl Gay, Shinn's client resume has had him in a few of the most widely publicized cases ever heard in California.

Some of Shinn's clients have been good guys, others have been notoriously bad guys. But one thing has been

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Students use pig's heart in prank on substitute teacher

By The Associated Press

BERGENFIELD, N.J. — Three students accused of putting a preserved pig's heart in a teacher's coffee cup as a prank have been charged with assault.

The Bergenfield High School students — two 16-year-olds and a 17-year-old — allegedly got the heart from a biology class and put it in the substitute English teacher's cup June 13.

The teacher drank from the cup but did not consume the heart. The woman later left school when she began to feel ill,

unaware that she had ingested formaldehyde. She was not seriously injured.

School officials learned of the prank after other students told a staff member.

The three boys were suspended through the beginning of the next school year and will appear before a family court judge on the charges, filed last week.

Bergenfield Police Chief Ed Carroll said Friday that the boys are charged with aggravated assault, which as juveniles, translates to juvenile delinquency. He declined to say what the penalties could be but said none of the boys has a prior record.

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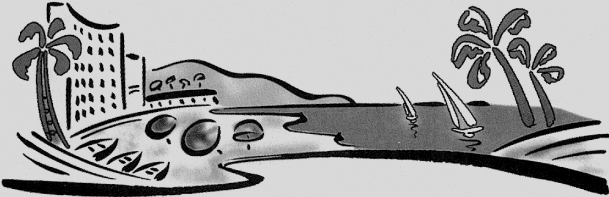
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ Slow down and use this Saturday to restore your energy. Not everything needs to be demanding. Schedule a few lazy days, inviting a special friend along. Think about what you need. Relax with a favorite movie or maybe a book. Tonight: Just pull the shades!



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A friend drives a hard bargain. This person knows what he or she wants. You think you can't change this person's mind, but you can. New beginnings become possible if you're willing to push hard on a property or domestic matter. Tonight: Where the gang is.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Speak your mind in a way that an older relative or boss can hear. Do be aware that another could be listening in. Use care with others. Financial matters head in a new direction. Choose soft words when dealing with others. Tonight: In the middle of the action.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ How you see another could vary because of what you think he or she says. Don't make up stories in your mind, rather, seek out the root of the issues. Luxuriate in choosing a gift for someone. You know how to delight this person! Tonight: Try a new restaurant.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Clearly, someone will do whatever he or she needs to do in order to bring you closer to him or her. All you need to do is play the game or just simply respond. Your charisma forces others to speak their mind and let you know how much you're valued. Tonight: Let it all happen!



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. Let your popularity speak. Your nervous system could be fried by what happens. A boss or parent enjoys you a lot and lets you know it. Express your feelings in a meaningful way. Tonight: Where the party is.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might opt to do additional work and deal with others head-on. Your feelings run to extremes if you don't detach. A friend certainly has his or her eye on you. Don't push others away. Somehow incorporate others into your plans. Tonight: Relax with another.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your imagination might take you and another down a wild path. Be happy; this is the weekend, and you can be distracted like this. The two of you bond much better as a result. Another close partner or friend shares his or her thoughts. Tonight: Where the good times are.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with family matters directly. You might not be able to hold off on a financial decision much longer, especially if it involves others. They will push and prod to get their way. Be generous with your caring as well. Tonight: You know how to indulge another. So, do it.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Verbalize more of what you want. Consider your options with care when dealing with those at a distance. Getting together with friends and family establishes a mellow tone. Don't push so hard, and others will reveal their feelings. Tonight: You don't have to go far.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Take a clue from Sagittarius: You might not be able to hold off an expenditure much longer. Carefully consider your options with work. You might want to put in some overtime, as you want to build your savings account rather than deplete it! Tonight: Get into a favorite game with a loved one. Scrabble anyone?



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Ease off another's case. Clearly, pushing isn't getting you the results you desire. Loosen up some with others. Lose that demanding quality, and you might be quite pleased at what happens. A smile helps another feel better. Tonight: Use your charisma.



QUOTE of the DAY

“An intellectual is a person
whose mind watches itself.”

— Albert Camus (1913-1960)

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LOCAL

Police recommend how to avoid getting robbed

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Police Department has developed a series of recommendations to help businesses and residents avoid getting robbed.

Officers recently interviewed a commercial robbery suspect to determine his Modus Operandi, or "M.O.," and find out why he selected which businesses to rob.

The suspect said he would look for weaknesses in the business' attention to security. The two weaknesses he would look for were whether there was only one employee working — especially if the employee was female — and whether there were any visible security cameras.

Based on their interview with the suspect and other sources, SMPD has developed recommendations on how businesses can avoid getting robbed and guidelines on how to behave safely during a robbery.

Also, the police department offers free security surveys for all Santa Monica businesses. A representative from the SMPD's Community Relations office will meet with you and offer suggestions on how you can improve your physical security and operational procedures. Call the SMPD Community Relations at (310) 458-8474 if you would like to make an appointment.

Here are some things you can do to help prevent a robbery:

- Have at least two employees open and close the business.
- Do not release personal information to strangers.
- Keep purses and personal valuables locked in desks or lockers.
- Install a robbery alarm.
- Place a surveillance camera behind the cash register facing the front counter.
- Replace videotapes regularly and at varied times.
- Vary times and routes of travel for bank deposits. Do not use marked moneybags.
- Consider using armored car money couriers.
- Keep a low balance in the cash register. Place excess money in a safe, or deposit it as soon as possible. Drop all large bills right away. If a customer tries to pay with a large bill, politely ask if he or she has a smaller one. Explain that you keep very little cash on hand.
- Keep your business neat and clean. A tidy, orderly place of business is inviting to customers, but not to robbers. Dressing neatly also sends the right message.
- Stay alert. Know who is in your business and where they are. Watch for people who hang around without buying anything.

Also, be aware of suspicious activity outside your place of business. Write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles if visible from the inside of your business.

- Be careful, most robbers are just as nervous as you are.
- Make sure the sales counter can be seen clearly. Don't put up advertisements, flyers, displays, signs, posters or other items on windows or doors that might obstruct the view of the register from inside or outside your business. The police cruising by your store need to see in.
- Try to greet customers as they enter your business. Look them in the eye, and ask them if they need help. Your attention can discourage a robber.
- Keep your business well-lit, inside and outside. Employees should report any burned-out lights to the business owner or manager. Keep trees and bushes trimmed, so they don't block any outdoor lights.
- Be extra careful after dark:
 - Be cautious when taking out the trash or cleaning the parking lot. Make sure another employee inside the business keeps you within eye contact while you are outside of your building.
 - If you see something suspicious, call the police. Never try to handle it yourself. It could cost you your life.
 - Use only one register at night. Leave other registers empty and open. Tilt the register drawer to show there is no money in it.
 - Leave blinds and drapes partially open during closing hours.
 - Make sure important signs stay posted. For example, the front door should have signs that say, "Clerk Cannot Open the Time Lock Safe."
- What to do during a robbery:
 - If your business is robbed put your safety first. Your personal safety is more important than money or merchandise.
 - Don't talk except to answer the robber's questions.
 - Don't stare directly at the robber.
 - Prevent surprises, keep your hands in sight at all times.
 - Don't make any sudden moves.
 - Cooperate with the robber for your own safety and the safety of others. Comply with the robber's demands. Remain calm and think clearly. Make mental notes of the robber's physical description and other observations important to law enforcement officers.
 - Tell the robber if someone is coming out of the back room, a vault or working in another area of your business. Don't

chase or follow the robber out of your place of business. Try to see the direction that he flees.

- If you have a silent alarm and can reach it without being noticed, use it. Otherwise, wait until the robber leaves. Leave the job of catching the robber to the police.

After the robbery:

- Lock your business.

- Ask any witnesses to stay until the police arrive.

- Call the police and remain on the line.
- Call your business owner, manager, or other designated person.
- Don't touch anything the robber may have touched.
- Write down a description of the robber and the weapon as soon as you are able to.

New principal appointed to Lincoln Middle School

By Daily Press staff

After more than a decade under the same leadership, Lincoln Middle School has a new principal.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board on Thursday appointed Henry P. Harris, also known as "Hank," as the school's new principal, effective July 1. Harris replaces Ilene Straus, who officially takes her post as Santa Monica High School's principal on July 1.

Harris has big shoes to fill by following Straus' lead, who is known for being a tough educator, a strong leader and a highly organized manager.

Lincoln, which has been recognized nationally and by the state, has a rigorous curriculum, tough student behavior policies and a dress code, all put in place by Straus.

Harris comes from a teaching background and has served as assistant principal at two middle schools in Oregon.

Most recently, Harris was executive director of the Global Learning Charter School in San Diego where he was fully accountable for management, both operational and academic, hiring staff, developing a business model, curriculum, policies and compliance issues.

Harris earned his bachelor of arts at Harvard University, his masters of arts in secondary education at the University of Michigan and was a Danforth fellow at the Center for Education Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Washington.

Harris has been involved in student management and discipline, creating a positive and safe school climate, and in staff professional development and evaluations. He is noted for working collaboratively and is a strong leader.

"I am responsible for ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed," Harris said.



The southwest swell that showed Friday peaks this afternoon. Expect waist- to chest-high sets in the north bay. Leo Carrillo and County Line will be among the most consistent spots. Plus sets will be shoulder high.

The swell will back down Sunday afternoon, but will be good for waist- to chest-high sets on dawn patrol. (Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Topanga	1-3'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Tides:			
Saturday			
12:05 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	2:42 p.m.	7:12 p.m.
High / 5.20'	Low / 0.03'	High / 3.87'	Low / 2.93'
Sunday			
12:51 a.m.	8:18 a.m.	3:32 p.m.	8:34 p.m.
High / 4.65'	Low / 0.39'	High / 4.00'	Low / 2.91'

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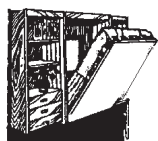
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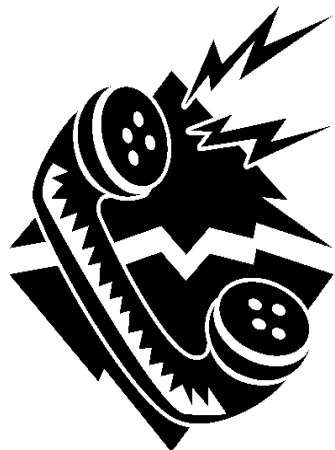
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Judge scolds disbarred attorney for practicing

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\$90,000 of client trust funds" from Santa Monica realtor Oscar Dane.

Dane hired Shinn in 1978, when the City of Santa Monica condemned Dane's 1927 home to begin construction of the new Santa Monica downtown mall. The City later paid Dane \$200,000. In a tangled accounting mess, Shinn illegally "borrowed" more than \$180,000 from his client's funds over the next five years. Shinn was found guilty of "the commingling with his personal funds of over \$100,000 of client trust funds ..." (See related story.)

Carl and Isabel Keiser were tipped off to irregularities when Keiser got a letter from the State of California stating that his attorney, Lipton, had resigned from the Bar and that he now had two options: Seek new counsel or represent himself.

"We never heard of Mr. Lipton," explained Isabel Keiser, who testified in Santa Monica Small Claims court last week. "Not at all. We never heard of him until we saw those papers (from the state) with his name on them."

The couple then logged on to the state Bar's Web site, which documented the legal histories of Shinn and Lipton.

Keiser said Shinn had a convincing story.

"He told me that he was semi-retired, that he just takes a few cases a year," Keiser said, adding he wrote a \$5,000 check as a retainer for Shinn's legal services. "I had no reason to question him."

So Keiser hired Shinn last year to represent him in a personal injury case against the State of California. Keiser, a building maintenance worker in down-

town Los Angeles, had sued the state over asbestos exposure in the workplace.

Keiser has since dropped his suit. But he won satisfaction from Santa Monica Judge Pro Tem Ed Schaffer last week. After ruling in favor of Keiser, Judge Schaffer scolded Shinn.

"You're illegally practicing law without a license," Schaffer admonished. "Just because you don't go into court, when you listen to him and do research to advise him on whether he has a valid case or not, you are acting as an attorney."

Shinn said in his defense that he had told Keiser that he was only a paralegal and that Dobbs — whom Keiser said he'd never heard of — would be his formal lawyer.

"Mr. Shinn, you should not be doing what you're doing," Schaffer concluded. "You have been meeting directly with these people, giving legal advice. You have no right to do that."

"All we want is our \$5,000 back. That's all," said Isabel Keiser. "I told my husband, 'Good grief. (Shinn's) cohorts are all dishonest.'"

Lipton did not return phone calls from the Daily Press. Neither did Shinn. Dobbs refused to answer most questions, but did concede that he and Shinn were fraternity brothers in college. Dobbs also said he has no recollection of doing any legal work in connection with Shinn and that he has "no idea what (Shinn's) standing with the Bar is."

When asked if Shinn was the disbarred attorney he had employed in 1995, Dobbs refused to answer directly.

"I'm not saying it was and I'm not saying it wasn't," he replied.

Supreme Court cites poor defense for death row reversal

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constant — the defense has been questionable.

Even for blue-collar guys like Carl Keiser, a San Bernardino man that retained Shinn last year to represent him in a personal injury case against the State of California.

Luckily for Keiser, a Santa Monica Small Claims Court Judge last week ordered that Shinn repay the \$5,000 retainer Keiser had paid. Schaffer then scolded Shinn for misleading Keiser into believing that he was a licensed attorney. (See related story.)

Shinn, who is now in his 80s, has an office in Santa Monica.

Shinn was disbarred in 1992 because of his mishandling of Santa Monica realtor Oscar Dane's 1978 case against the City of Santa Monica, according to State Bar documents. Dane's 14-room home, built in 1927, was demolished by the city to begin construction of the downtown mall. So Dane moved to Texas to live with his son, leaving Shinn to manage the details and recover reimbursement for the value of Dane's home.

The move turned out to be a big

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Check your lawyer's record

To find out if your lawyer has been disciplined by the Bar, log onto www.calsb.org, click on "Member Search" and fill in the attorney's name or bar number. A page will come up listing the attorney's address, contact information, when they were admitted to the bar, and where he or she went to undergraduate and law school.

At the bottom of the page, there will be a link to any pertinent disciplinary information.

If the attorney does have a disciplinary history, a summary of the charges and punishments can be found online in the California Bar Journal archives, which go back to 1996. They can be accessed by going to www.calbar.ca.gov and clicking on "California Bar Journal" in the lower right hand corner. If the lawyer's indiscretions pre-date 1996, contact the State Bar for details.

It also may be worthwhile to run an Internet search to see if your attorney's name has appeared in headlines.

STATE



Manson follower Leslie Van Houten denied parole

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

FRONTERA — A parole board refused Friday to grant freedom to former Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten after an emotional hearing focusing on the cruelty of the cult killings that landed her in prison 33 years ago.

The ruling came after a prosecutor and the family of victims Leno and Rosemary La Bianca urged the Board of Prison Terms never to grant parole to the now 52-year-old woman who was described as a model prisoner.

"This was a cruel and calculated murder and a matter that demonstrates a disregard for human suffering," said Sharon Lawin, the board commissioner who chaired the hearing.

Earlier, Van Houten pleaded for her freedom, telling the board she will always bear the sorrow of the murders.

"One of the hardest things in dealing with having contributed to murder is that there's no restitution, there's no making it right," she said.

Van Houten was in handcuffs and shackled around her waist. She wore a gray sweat shirt and sweat pants.

Defense attorney Christie Webb said Van Houten was disappointed, frustrated and saddened by the ruling.

"It's very difficult to be a 52-year-old woman, a decent person and to be treated in that room like the 19-year-old cult member she was," Webb said. "It's very difficult to hear someone say you should be dead."

Earlier in the hearing, Louis Smaldino, the nephew of Leno La Bianca, told the board that Van Houten should stay in prison for the rest of her life.

"Miss Van Houten should already be dead for her part in these unprovoked murders," he said. "Society has been very merciful."

Turning to Van Houten, he said, "There is no way to make it right. Serve your life sentence with acceptance of what you have done."

It was Van Houten's 14th appearance before the parole board. She had been considered the most likely of the Manson followers to win parole after a judge ruled last month that the board had repeatedly failed to give her guidance on what she could do to make herself suitable for release.

Nevertheless, Van Houten was denied parole for at least two more years after the board determined she had not fully expressed remorse.

Lawin said the board was particularly swayed by the fact that the killings were part of a grand plan by Manson to start a race war.

The board did commend Van Houten's behavior in prison — from working as a chapel clerk to making audio tapes to help other inmates.

"These positive aspects of her behavior, however, do not yet outweigh the factors of unsuitability," Lawin said.

Lawin recommended Van Houten for continued therapy to better understand the enormity of her crime and its impact.

Van Houten was a 19-year-old disciple of Manson in the summer of 1969 when



Peter Phun/Associated Press

Former Manson family member Leslie Van Houten smiles during a court hearing in San Bernardino, Calif., in this May 23, 2002, file photo. Van Houten, the youngest, and said to be the most vulnerable to Manson's control, was denied parole Friday. She has been denied parole 14 times over the years.

she participated in the stabbing deaths of the La Biancas in their home in the Los Feliz section of Los Angeles.

They were among nine Los Angeles-area victims slain by Manson and his cult of drugged-out followers. Prosecutors said he was trying to incite a race war that he believed was prophesied in the Beatles' song "Helter Skelter."

Van Houten was not present when Manson and his followers killed actress Sharon Tate and four others at the actress' Beverly Hills mansion.

Van Houten, Manson, his chief lieutenant Charles "Tex" Watson, and two other women, Susan Atkins and Patricia Krenwinkel, were convicted and sentenced to death for their part in the Tate-La Bianca murders.

The sentences were later commuted to life when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in the 1970s. All five are still behind bars.

During the hearing, Van Houten spoke quietly and directly as she recounted the horrifying facts of the murders that Manson directed.

She recalled that Watson was in the living room killing Leno La Bianca and she was in the bedroom with Rosemary La Bianca.

Asked if she had stabbed the woman, Van Houten said, "Yes I did in the lower torso approximately 14 to 16 times."

Earlier this month, Superior Court Judge Bob N. Krug admonished the parole board for flatly turning Van Houten down every time based solely on the crime.

Such decisions, he said, ignore Van Houten's accomplishments in prison and turn her life sentence into life without parole, in violation of the law.

In addition, Krug said that Van Houten had successfully completed every rehabilitation program offered in prison and that her psychiatric evaluations indicate that she is not a present danger to society and should be found suitable for parole.

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The Who's John Entwistle remembered in Las Vegas

BY KEN RITTER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Fans came for a concert but held a wake Friday, a day after John Entwistle, bass guitar player for The Who, was found dead in his hotel room of an apparent heart attack.

The Hard Rock Hotel-Casino opened its concert hall to mourners while the Clark County coroner conducted an autopsy.

"I couldn't believe it," said George Santos, 36, of Farmington, Conn., who sat in the darkened venue called The Joint, watching The Who movie "Quadrophenia."

Santos, wearing a Quadrophenia T-shirt, said he was moved by such Who recordings as "The Song is Over."

"There's meaning in that song," he said. "It's about loss. There's a lot of feeling. I really, really feel like this is a loss in my family."

Entwistle, 57, was found just before noon Thursday in his room on the sixth floor of the Hard Rock, where a Friday concert by the legendary British band was canceled.

The band released a statement Friday, saying the three-month U.S. tour would begin Monday in Los

Angeles, at the Hollywood Bowl as a "tribute to John Entwistle." The Las Vegas show and another in Irvine, Calif., will be rescheduled.

In Las Vegas, authorities said Entwistle — the so-called "quiet Who," with the persona and moniker "the Ox" — appeared to have died peacefully in his sleep. A longtime drummer in another Entwistle band said the bassist took heart medication.

Clark County Coroner Ron Flud said an autopsy would be conducted Friday afternoon. He would not say what medications Entwistle took, but said, the bass guitar player's medical history "will play a very large part in the investigation."

The coroner cited the high-profile nature of the case and said it would take two to 12 weeks for results of various blood and laboratory tests.

"We want to make sure we have done everything possible," Flud said.

"We're going to handle it as if it was a homicide," he said, stressing there was no reason to believe Entwistle died of anything other than natural causes. "We will over do it."

Las Vegas police Sgt. Kevin Manning said there was no obvious trauma, no signs of violence and no drug

paraphernalia in Entwistle's room.

Manning said Entwistle had been with a group of people late Wednesday, and said drinking glasses in the room that might have held alcohol or soft drinks were being examined.

Manning declined to identify the person who found Entwistle before paramedics and police were summoned at 11:55 a.m. Thursday.

A Clark County fire spokesman said paramedics arriving to a report of a man with an apparent heart attack tried unsuccessfully to revive Entwistle.

"The paramedic said it looked like he died in his sleep, fire spokesman Bob Leinbach said. "There was nothing suspicious. No apparent struggle, no apparent drugs, no apparent alcohol."

Hard Rock spokeswoman Laura Herlovich said the doors to The Joint, the intimate 1,800-seat hall where the concert was to have been held, were opened Friday "to let fans come in and sit and pay their respects, gather together and comfort one another."

"It's almost appropriate if he was going to pass away, this is a great venue," said Nick Tortu, 34, a Las Vegas resident and consultant at a gallery where Entwistle's art work was being displayed.

State Bar disciplines local attorney for 'borrowing' funds

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mistake for Dane.

In a 1978 settlement conference, an unauthorized Shinn waived Dane's right to a trial by jury and his right to appeal, among other things. Shinn also failed to show the court his client's written estimation of the structure's value, thereby waiving Dane's right to testify.

And that was just the beginning.

When a temporary judge granted Dane \$200,000, Shinn deposited the check into a client trust account, according to documents. Shinn later admitted that over the next five years he borrowed against the accounts for personal use, holding Dane's funds in five different trust accounts, opening and closing six different certificates of deposit or money market accounts and purchasing 11 cashier's checks.

But the complicated accounting was almost legitimate, claimed Shinn.

The judge didn't buy it. He said that Shinn improperly withdrew \$180,693.03

from his client's funds. Most had been repaid by the time of trial, but \$20,000 was still outstanding. The judge demanded he repay the balance and compensate Dane for more than \$50,000 worth of interest, according to documents.

Shinn was then disbarred.

Shinn also represented Kenneth Earl Gay, who killed a Los Angeles police officer in 1983. Gay was convicted and sen-

tenced to death. But 13 years later, while sitting on death row, the Supreme Court reversed the sentence, describing Shinn's defense as "woefully inadequate."

According to the *Mercury News*, Shinn didn't tell Gay or the court about the pending State Bar and criminal investigations surrounding the Dane case. Additionally, Shinn did no investigation into Gay's defense and spoke to witnesses

only on their way into the courtroom. Gay became one of 26 inmates since 1987 to have their death penalty sentences reversed based on their lawyer's poor performance.

The Crime Library, a Web site of Courtroom Television Network, described Shinn's defense of Susan Atkins in the Manson trial as brief and added that, "For the most part the defense put forth a disap-

Officials will campaign for parcel tax increase

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initiative is approved by voters.

The amount would represent a 300 percent increase over the \$100 property owners currently pay. There are 32,413 parcels in the two cities, and the increased parcel tax rate would annually give the school district an additional \$9.6 million.

Initially the school district was proposing a parcel tax increase of approximately \$250, but a poll of prospective voters found residents were willing to approve a \$300 increase. The \$50 increase will bring in almost \$500,000 more annually for

the school district.

"The thing that amazed me was there was as much unanimity on issues as I have ever seen," said Neil Carrey, who led an ad-hoc committee to investigate increasing the district's parcel tax.

"We had people from every political party and almost every different point of view, and they all came together and saw this as a real need," he said.

However, the tax would not go into effect until July, 2003.

"It becomes critical that the parcel tax is successful," said Deasy, "or we will face grave reductions in our operations next year."

Deasy said the school district is planning an ambitious campaign for its parcel tax increase.

"It won't be an easy sell," he said. "We have a lot of work ahead of us bringing as much education to the public as possible about this in the coming months."

"We really need the community to help us with this parcel tax," he added. "It's just so critical to the health of the school district."



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STATE



Federal judge rules to stop credit card 'warning' law

BY JESSICA BRICE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A federal judge ruled on Friday to stop the implementation of a law that would have required the nation's biggest bankers to include credit card "warnings" in monthly customer statements.

The ruling, handed out by U.S. District Judge Frank C. Damrell in Sacramento, comes three days before the law was set to go into effect.

A group of high-powered financial corporations, including Chase Manhattan Bank USA, CitiBank and MNBA America Bank, filed the suit a month ago to stop the law that would require the companies to warn customers about how long it takes to pay off balances by just paying the minimum monthly payment.

The ruling comes as a shock to many consumer advocate groups who worked on the bill, signed by Gov. Gray Davis last year, who say the credit card companies never raised any of these concerns before, even though they actively participated in designing the legislation.

"We're disappointed," said Hallie Jordan, spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer, named as a co-defendant in the case with the state Department of Consumer Affairs. "A good consumer law is postponed as a result of the bankers waiting to file a 11th-hour lawsuit over a law they helped negotiate."

At least a dozen corporate lawyers appeared in court on Friday to argue the law would interfere with interstate banking, which is illegal under federal law.

The new law would have required the companies to send the warnings only to customers who make just the minimum

payment for six months in a row. Credit card companies that have monthly payments of 10 percent or more of the entire balance are exempt.

Howard N. Cayne, an attorney for the Washington D.C.-based firm representing the banks, said that because adding the warnings would be costly, banks would have no other choice than to increase their minimum monthly payments. States are not allowed to pass laws that interfere with monthly payment schedules or interest.

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— HALLIE JORDAN
Attorney general spokeswoman

"National bank powers trump the state law," Douglas Jordan, senior counsel for the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, told the judge.

Although Damrell scolded the plaintiffs for waiting until the last minute to file the lawsuit, he said he had "serious concerns" about the law.

He ordered both sides to research the issue and told the bankers to perform a cost-benefit analysis to prove the warnings would be burdensome. Both parties will turn in their reports in October and the case will be reheard on Nov. 8.

Broken Ferris wheel traps students in Escondido

By The Associated Press

ESCONDIDO — A Ferris wheel at an amusement park shut down suddenly Friday, leaving 23 children stranded for up to two hours.

Students from the Poway school district were on the fully loaded Ferris wheel at Boomer's Funland when a cable snapped and it came to an abrupt halt.

Some of the children — who ranged in age from 5 to 12 — were stranded for two hours before being rescued by the Escondido Fire Department.

Firefighters used their engine ladder to rescue the kids one by one while paying close attention to the wheel's balance, department spokeswoman Carol Rea said.

Three children were taken to Children's Hospital to be treated for bumps and bruises. All were released, Rea said.

Parents plead innocent to chaining up adult daughter

By The Associated Press

FULLERTON — A couple accused of chaining their 21-year-old daughter to a bed as punishment for dating a married man pleaded innocent Friday to felony false imprisonment charges.

Police said the daughter managed to call 911 just before her father secured her hands and legs to bedposts with a 30-pound length of chain he used to lock up his lawnmower.

David and Guadalupe Mata remained in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail each.

They entered their pleas before Orange County Superior Court Judge Roger Robbins, who set a pretrial hearing for July 12.

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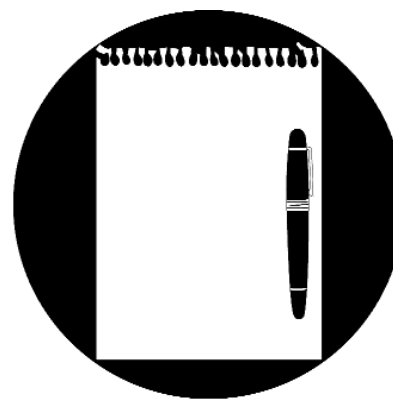
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NATIONAL

New Pony Express Trail marker in front of brothel

BY SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press Writer

MOUND HOUSE, Nev. — An historical society that reveres the celebration of history as much as the history itself has established a monument to the Pony Express Trail in an unlikely place — the front yard of a brothel.

It turns out the 1860s mail route from St. Joseph, Mo., to California passed smack dab through the middle of the property now home to the Moonlite Bunnyranch.

Leaders of a local chapter of E Clampus Vitus said they would induct flamboyant brothel owner Dennis Hof as an official "Clamper" at a dedication Saturday of the stone monument and plaque in front of the bordello 8 miles east of Carson City.

"It just happens to be on his property," said Marc Bebout, president of the Julia Bulette chapter formed in Virginia City in 1864 and named after the Comstock's famous "prostitute with a heart of gold."

"Mound House was a very busy area in the late 1800s, early 1900s. We want to preserve for time not only the Pony Express site but also the site of the Carson-Colorado and Virginia-Truckee Railroad," he said.

Some historians in academia say the Clampers are known best for heavy drinking at their gatherings and don't necessarily let the facts get in the way of a good story.

But they acknowledge the Clampers are accurate in their placement of the new marker. And one of the most respected Pony Express experts gives them credit for explaining that the trail extended to the San Francisco Bay Area, rather than stopping in Sacramento, as many accounts state.

"I have no problem with it being in front of a brothel," said Joseph Nardone of Laguna Beach, Calif., national executive director of the Pony Express Trail Association.

"The Overland Trail, the old stagecoach crossing, the telegraph line — it's about 80 yards south of their front door," he said from Rock Springs, Wyo., where he was placing trail markers.

Nardone, a member of an E Clampus Vitus chapter, said the name means nothing but gibberish in Latin.

"One of their quotes in Latin is, 'We're absurd.' I like them because they like to mark things historically but they don't really take the time to find out the real history. It's usually more of an excuse to have a good party."

The new plaque is accurate, but "a lot of the stuff they put out about the Pony Express is old stuff, incorrect, fake lore versus truth," Nardone said.

"They don't do it intentionally," he said. "They say they got it out of a book and I have to tell them the book has been proven wrong."

Clampers say their critics take all the fun out of history.

"We're not all straight-laced about it," Bebout admits.

"Yes, we've been known to drink — a lot. But the history part and preserving it is our biggest concern."

Bebout said the historical society started in Europe in the early 1600s and was embraced by coal miners in Virginia in 1800s before it was resurrected in the West, especially in Gold Rush towns of California.

Nevada state archivist Guy Rocha took the group to task a few years back in one of his articles debunking myths of the Old West for an E Clampus Vitus plaque at nearby Dayton that says Ulysses S. Grant spoke from the balcony of the Odeon Hall after leaving the White House in 1877.

Rocha said various newspaper accounts make it clear Grant passed through town, but did not stop on his way to Virginia City.

Just off U.S. Highway 50, past Jacob's Ladder Christian Childcare Center, Benny's Auto Body and Tussey's Guns, the Moonlite Bunnyranch sits on a hill dotted with sage brush.

The 4-foot tall stone marker with the brown plaque and gold lettering, topped with a 3-foot long piece of rail, sits about 45 feet inside the white wooden fence marking the brothel property.

A sign on the fence reads, "Warning: Adult Sexual Entertainment 300 Yards Ahead."

Chuck Roberts, chairman of the Mound House Regional Advisory Committee who often fields community complaints about the brothel, said he doesn't necessarily object to marking the trail there.

Son of gangster is sentenced for illegal gambling operation

BY JEFFREY GOLD
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — The son of jailed mob boss Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo was sentenced Friday to the maximum 33 months in prison for running an illegal gambling operation.

Nicodemo Scarfo Jr., 37, pleaded guilty in February after losing court battles to suppress gambling records the FBI had secretly seized from his computer.

U.S. District Judge Joel A. Pisano also fined Scarfo \$9,407 and ordered him to remain under supervision for three years after his release, saying: "You have a disturbing propensity to associate with bad people." Federal prisoners are not eligible for parole.

The judge said Scarfo could remain

free until Oct. 15 to attend the birth of his child, due in late August.

Scarfo, whose father is serving a life term for running the Philadelphia-Atlantic City mob in the 1980s, declined a chance to address the judge. His co-defendant, Frank Paolercio, 32, pleaded guilty in March and awaits sentencing.

Scarfo Jr. already had three convictions and a parole violation when he was arrested two years ago on the gambling charge.

His case attracted attention from privacy advocates, who claim the FBI could use the same computer surveillance, known as the key-logger system, that cracked Scarfo's password code to spy on private citizens' computers. The key-logger system was designed for national security investigations.

NATIONAL



Young people split on issue of drug testing in schools

BY MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

One 16-year-old declared random drug testing a violation of his rights. Another teenager said it would help users face up to their problems.

Young Americans seem as divided over drug testing as the Supreme Court, which ruled 5-4 in favor of the practice for students who take part in after-school activities.

The ruling, handed down Thursday, could affect more than half of the estimated 14 million American high school students, including those in everything from chess clubs to choirs.

Shawn Ligocki, a 16-year-old from Pinole, Calif., says he'll be upset if his high school decides to start testing — he doesn't think drugs are widely used enough to pose problems. But Ligocki, who camps and does other outdoor activities with a school club, also objects on principle.

"It's not really their right to be testing," Ligocki says, echoing the oft-heard argument that random tests violate the Constitution's guarantee against unreasonable searches.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, a group that opposes punitive drug laws, also was disappointed with the decision.

Shawn Heller, a recent college graduate and the group's national director, said the ruling could discourage students from participating in after-school programs — which are a good way to keep young people from taking drugs in the first place.

Marnie Wolfe, a recent graduate from a high school in Tacoma, Wash., is among those who disagree. She thinks random tests may provide a needed wake-up call for her many peers who use marijuana and other drugs such as cocaine and Ecstasy.

"It's an awakening to the real world that you have responsibilities," says Wolfe, who will attend Dartmouth College this fall. "I think that it's better if it's caught now, and you face the consequences when you have a better support system at home."

Matt Malinowski, of Wyncote, Pa., says that random drug tests are "a harsh way to deal with the issue." But Malinowski, 17, who wrestles, plays volleyball and serves in his high school's student government, would submit to testing because "I personally don't do drugs, so I have nothing to hide."

Rebecca MacEachen, a 16-year-old from Red Hook, N.Y., says drug testing is none of schools' business. If a teenager has a drug problem, MacEachen says, "I don't think the school should be intervening. I think it's up to the parents."

And at least one pediatrician who deals with high schools calls random drug testing "our excuse for not doing the job right."

"To me, the thing is building a relationship with a kid," says Dr. Charles Shubin, who keeps his own practice and also serves as a doctor at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, a public high school. "What I gather is that school districts (that test) don't think they can do that."

Drug tests had been allowed previously just for student athletes.

But in Thursday's decision, the court ruled against a former Oklahoma high school honor student who competed on an academic quiz team and sang in the choir.

"We find that testing students who participate in extracurricular activities is a reasonably effective means of addressing the school district's legitimate concerns in preventing, deterring and detecting drug use," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court majority.

Central Park Zoo installs water spa to amuse polar bears

BY ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Two female companions, an air conditioned bedroom, lots of toys, and still Gus the polar bear seemed unhappy — until now.

The Central Park Zoo's Arctic bear has a spanking new water spa to play in and it appears that it has finally provided the stimulation he needed.

"He explores it and swims under the bubbles," Don Moore, the zoo's curator, said Friday.

Until the installation earlier this month of the \$12,500 current-churning device — donated to the zoo by the Endless Pool company — Gus swam obsessively back and forth in his 90,000-gallon pool.

On the advice of animal behaviorists, the zoo in 1994 created games for Gus, which cut into his swimming time. Keepers also gave Gus big boxes of toys and food to unwrap. He even got an air conditioned bedroom.

Life got better, but still not great.

James Murdoch, president of Endless Pool in Aston, Pa., said Friday that the current machine helps alleviate the bears' boredom by providing "additional stimulation."

Murdoch said the device was not a jet-powered whirlpool but rather a current-gen-

erating machine with a 16-inch propeller.

"It provides a broad and smooth current that can be adjusted for speed down the center of the pool against which the bears can swim," Murdoch said.

"As an animal behaviorist," said Moore, "I'm looking at something, anything, that addresses an animal's natural behavioral needs, social needs, foraging needs, any mental needs they might have."

The zoo, which is run by the Wildlife Conservation Society, paid for the \$25,000 enclosure and installation of the machine inside the bears' freeform pool.

"This is just one tool in our ever-growing toy chest," Moore added. For instance, a huge log float, which entertained the bears for a long time, eventually got tiresome.

Zoo keepers removed the float for a time and its novelty returned, as with young children who tire of familiar toys, when it was reintroduced at a later date.

Polar bears are known to demonstrate ritualistic, pacing behavior in captivity, possibly because of stress or lack of enrichment.

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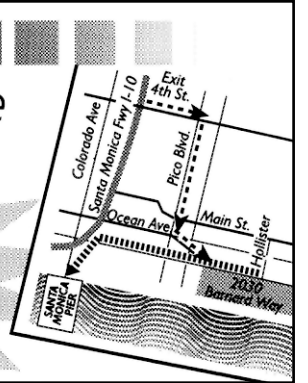
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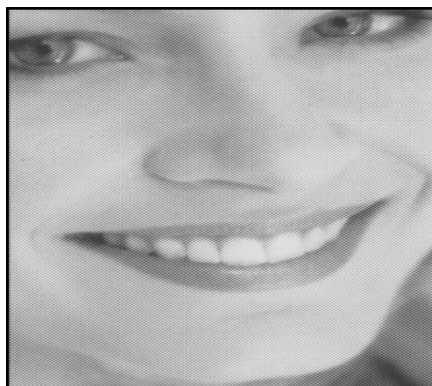
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Inmate chooses jail over house arrest with parents

By The Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A man who is under house arrest while awaiting sentencing in a murder case had had enough of his parents. So he volunteered to go to jail — early.

Michael Kempker II, 20, contacted the Cole County sheriff's department late Tuesday night and said he was having trouble at home. He said he wanted to leave before the situation escalated, Sheriff John Hemeyer said.

The sheriff escorted Kempker back to jail, where he has been well-behaved, Hemeyer said.

Kempker had been under house arrest since Dec. 31, after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the Nov. 11 beating death of Paul Thrasher, 20. As part of his plea agreement, prosecutors plan to recommend no more than 30 years in prison, as opposed to the maximum of life.

Prosecutors say Thrasher was beaten to death and run over with his own vehicle. His body was found in a ditch near Russellville nearly two days later.

Late library books land girl in court

By The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — A 12-year-old girl must appear in court for failing to return one of four books she checked out for a research project on dolphins.

Marisa Gohr had already returned three of the four books to the Bemis Public Library in Littleton when the summons arrived. She returned the last book a week after the summons.

"I was kind of scared," Gohr said about receiving her summons from the Littleton Municipal Court. "I was worried because I've never been to court before and I'm so young."

Officials at the library said a summons is sent out only after several weeks pass and repeated attempts are made to get the book back.

After the summons came, the books were returned and \$9 in fines was paid.

When Marisa's court date came Tuesday, her mother went for her because she didn't want to take her daughter out of summer school.

Not good enough, according to the court. The judge told Norma Gohr that her daughter, who is named on the summons, is the one who has to appear in court. A new hearing was set for July 9.

Since she has already paid her \$9, Marisa will need only to show the court her library receipt and pay a \$15 court fee to have her case dismissed.

Marisa said the experience has made her hesitant to check out anything from the library in the future.

Lately, she said, "I just photocopy stuff from books."

Graduate has perfect attendance since kindergarten

By The Associated Press

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. — Eric Samrov has never missed a day of school; in 13 years that's roughly 2,340 school days in a row.

He graduates from Gloversville High School Saturday with a perfect attendance record dating back to kindergarten — repeating a feat of perfection accomplished two years ago by his older brother, Adam Samrov.

Besides minor colds, the brothers said they never got sick during school weeks. Neither had chicken pox, and the more severe illnesses seemed to come up during vacations and summer breaks.

"It's not that difficult. You just wake up every morning, hope not to be sick and go to school," said 17-year-old Eric.

The brothers said there was no competition between them. But having made it late into senior year without missing a day, Eric said his focus was set on making it through all 13 years without missing a day.

"If I was dead, I wouldn't come to school. If I was dying, I wouldn't come to school," he said. "That's pretty much (it)."

Hometown post office named after Sinatra

By The Associated Press

HOBOKEN, N.J. — He sat right down and wrote himself a letter, or so went the song. Now fans of Frank Sinatra can mail their own letters at a post office named in honor of Ol' Blue Eyes.

Congress on Thursday approved naming the city's main post office the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building" in honor of the legendary crooner and movie star who was born here in 1915.

Legislation to rename the post office unanimously passed both houses of Congress, and was co-sponsored by New Jersey's entire Congressional delegation.

"Naming Hoboken's main post office after the late Frank Sinatra honors and recognizes Hoboken's number one star, legend and protégé," said U.S. Rep. Robert Menendez.

Sinatra died in 1998.

SPORTS



Morrison is only U.S. man left; Serena, Capriati win

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer



WIMBLEDON, England — Add Andy Roddick to the list of early losers at Wimbledon. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, too.

On Friday, halfway through the third round, there were two ways to look at the men's tournament: Either there's impressive depth ... or no one wants to win.

Roddick was humbled by serve-and-volley specialist Greg Rusedski 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 on Centre Court, right after two-time major champion Kafelnikov, seeded fifth, seemed to stop fighting late in his 7-6 (4), 7-5, 6-1 loss to Xavier Malisse.

"This is anybody's game," said No. 27 Malisse, a Belgian who's never won a tournament and has never been past the fourth round of a Grand Slam tournament. "If somebody wants to win it from the outside, this is the year to do it."

That's for sure. Here's how zany it's been:

— Only two of the top 15 men are still playing — No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman, slated to meet in the semifinals.

— The highest-seeded player in the draw's bottom half is No. 22 Nicolas Lapentti.

— U.S. Open champion Hewitt and 1996 Wimbledon winner Richard Krajicek, who's played more matches this week than in the preceding 20 months because of elbow surgery, are the only Grand Slam title holders around.

— With Roddick and Taylor Dent falling Friday, only one of the 14 U.S. men is left — 98th-ranked Jeff Morrison. And if he loses to Sjeng Schalken on Saturday, it will be the first time in 80 years that no American made it to the fourth round.

It's already the worst showing by U.S. men in the Open era, since 1968: Never before had fewer than two made the round of 16.

"The overall state of American tennis isn't the best it's ever been," the 11th-seeded Roddick acknowledged.



Alastair Grant/Associated Press

Serena Williams plays a return to Belgium's Els Callens, during their Women's Singles third round match at Wimbledon on Friday. Williams won the match 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-2).

For a dose of normalcy, though, take a look at the women.

Serena Williams and Jennifer Capriati — who have won five of the past 11 majors (Serena's sister, Venus, has four in that span) — reached the fourth round with straight-set victories.

So did No. 7 Jelena Dokic, No. 9 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 11 Daniela Hantuchova, and Chanda Rubin, once ranked as high as sixth but unseeded here because of lost play due to two knee operations in the last 18 months.

A big surprise so far is Laura Granville, a qualifier from Key Biscayne, Fla., who had one career tour-level victory before Wimbledon. She knocked off two-time major champ Mary Pierce 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 to make the last 16.

Capriati blasted by No. 26 Daja Bedanova 6-4, 6-2, while Williams got by Belgian qualifier Els Callens 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2).

Williams lost serve in each set and had 22 unforced

errors. She also had trouble with her footing, slipping often. In the 12th game of the match, she tripped and fell hard on her right side in the doubles alley, leaving a streak of chalk on her leg.

Most courts have big brown patches along both baselines, where the grass is dry and worn. That's because the weather has been as odd as the results — five days of sun and not a drop of rain.

Roddick never had much of a chance against Rusedski, who was born in Canada but, thanks to his mother's origins, became a British citizen in 1995, and had plenty of Centre Court support.

Rusedski owns the tour record for fastest serve, 149 mph, and won 40 of 46 points on his serve in the first two sets. Roddick managed two break points, both in the third set. He set up one in the third game with a belly flop, netcord passing shot, but wasted it with an unforced error backhand. The other came in the fifth game, but Rusedski pounded an ace at 133 mph.

"By the time I started returning well," Roddick said, "it was pretty much sealed up."

Roddick can serve well, too — he shares the Wimbledon record of 144 mph — but double faulted in three of the four games in which he was broken.

Few of the surprise-springers have had staying power.

George Bastl, Paradorn Srichaphan and Olivier Rochus — the trio who sent Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Marat Safin packing in the second round — all were beaten Friday.

Paradorn lost 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 to Krajicek, who's pretty much held together with duct tape these days. The 6-foot-5, 196-pound Dutchman is playing in only his second tournament since career-threatening elbow surgery in November 2000. He's also had problems with his right leg and bleeding toes.

Even he seems to be unaware of just how much strength he has back in his right arm. After finishing off Paradorn, Krajicek decided to celebrate by hitting a ball into the stands.

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INTERNATIONAL

Israel blasts corner of Palestinian compound in stand-off

BY NASSER SHIYOUKHI

Associated Press Writer

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli forces set off a large explosion Friday night in part of a fortress-like Palestinian municipal compound where the army said 15 wanted men who ignored four days of army warnings to surrender had been hiding.

Military officials have said about 15 wanted men were holed up in the building. The army spokesman's office refused to say whether soldiers had confirmed any deaths.

Smoke and fire could be seen in the night sky coming from a ground-floor corner of the building in a hilltop compound, with flames flaring up the side of the four-story building before quickly burning out. Palestinian witnesses said about one-fourth of the building, in the lower three floors, had been blasted away.

"Army forces operated in the compound and carried out a controlled explosion in part of the compound where the gunmen who refused to surrender were hiding," the army said in a statement.

Bulldozers could be seen pushing aside debris. Two Apache attack helicopters circled in the sky, but no search lights were visible — only the shine of flashlights from what appeared to be a small number of soldiers moving about in the compound.

Earlier, military officials had confirmed reinforcements were sent to the compound, and soldiers had been seen walking around the compound, a few into the main building. Between the blast, bulldozer damage and missile fire of recent days, about half the building was believed to be in ruins.

A Palestinian former Cabinet minister had been allowed in by the army Friday to negotiate the surrender of the 15 wanted men who Israeli military officials have said were believed to be inside, but Talal Sidr said he couldn't find the men.

The army said afterward that its soldiers were certain the men were still inside, four days after surrounding the compound as part of a West Bank military offensive.

The offensive has confined 700,000 Palestinians to their homes while soldiers search for Palestinians suspected of involvement in terror attacks. The open-ended campaign, prompted by twin suicide bombings that killed 26 Israelis, began 10 days ago.

Also on Friday, Israelis expressed anger about an Israeli army-released photograph showing a Palestinian baby dressed up like a suicide bomber with apparently fake ammunition belts and explosives strapped to its body.

Palestinian Labor Minister Ghassan Khatib said it was understandable Palestinians would teach their children violence toward Israelis.

The army, he said, distributed the picture to "tell the world that the Palestinians are teaching their children how to hate Israel and how to act against Israel — and I just want to say this is correct." He said he opposes suicide bombings, which the Palestinian Authority officially condemns. But they are, he said, an "unfortu-

nate but inevitable" result of Israeli occupation, noting polls have found a majority of Palestinians support them.

A man who identified himself as the uncle of the baby portrayed in the picture, but did not give his name, told the British television network Sky News that the picture was authentic and taken at a party about six months ago at an area university. Col. Miri Eisin, a senior intelligence analyst for the army, said the ammunition probably was not real.

The picture was splashed across the front pages of Israeli newspapers with headlines reading "Terror in Diapers" and "Chilling Costume."

On Thursday, an Israeli military court sentenced a 16-year-old Palestinian from the militant Hamas movement to life in prison for trying to blow himself up in February when confronted by Israeli police, the first time a would-be bomber was brought to trial.

The teen-ager, whose name was not released, pressed a button and pulled at the wiring, but the explosives did not detonate.

"I think they have to surrender and give up. There is no sense for them to fight."

— SHIMON PERES
Israeli Foreign Minister

Israel has raided seven of the eight major Palestinian cities in the West Bank. The army decided Friday to allow journalists, who have been banned from the besieged cities for 10 days, into six of them. Journalists remain barred from Hebron because of ongoing military operations, the army said.



Nasser Shiyoukhi/Associated Press

Israeli soldiers inspect the besieged regional headquarters of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank town of Hebron on Friday. A former Palestinian Cabinet minister entered the besieged Palestinian Authority headquarters in the West Bank on Friday to negotiate the surrender of 15 wanted men after a four-day standoff but said he could not find anyone inside.

The Palestinian leadership issued a statement Friday condemning the Israeli incursions into Palestinian areas as "an attempt to sabotage peace efforts."

The army said soldiers allowed Sidr, the minister who is from Hebron, to enter the besieged headquarters to try to negotiate a peaceful end to the standoff. Sidr, who spent less than hour inside, said he may not have been able to find the men because he could not completely check the four-story building, especially heavily damaged areas.

"I think they have to surrender and give up," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said earlier Friday, before the explosion. "There is no sense for them to fight."

In the Gaza Strip on Friday, Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin joined more than 1,000 Palestinians at a

rally, the first time he had ventured out since Palestinian security officials said six days ago he was ordered to remain under house arrest.

Palestinian police monitoring the demonstration made no attempt to detain Yassin, whose group has claimed responsibility for numerous deadly attacks on Israelis. Yassin, riding in a 4-wheel-drive jeep and followed by armed bodyguards, said he was unaware of any order against him "and that's why I am here today."

Also on Friday, about 40 foreign activists with the International Movement for Solidarity with the Palestinian People and 60 Palestinians held a curfew-breaking march in the northern West Bank city of Nablus from a market into the city center. Soldiers watching from rooftops did not intervene.

Afghans making a mint selling to soldiers

BY REGAN MORRIS

Associated Press Writer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan

— By Afghan standards, Abdul Matin is a very rich man. His shop — the Snow Leopard — is doing a booming trade at Bagram air base selling burqas, fur coats, jewelry and trinkets to American, British and other coalition forces.

But like the endangered species it takes its name from, the Snow Leopard's days are numbered.

U.S. military police have posted a sign outside the shop at the air base: SNOW LEOPARD TO CLOSE IN TWO WEEKS.

The shop — the only colorful spot on the desolate, dust-covered air base — was

opened without permission from the United States, said Col. Roger King, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Bagram.

Business had been good for Matin, who sells about \$400 to \$500 worth of souvenirs per day — a fortune in this impoverished country. Troops have been flocking to the shop to buy gifts before the Afghans are evicted.

"I might buy some burqas or something for my mom and dad," said Spc. Randy Bagley, 21, from Fayetteville, N.C.

Burqas — the blue or pink head-to-toe gowns women were forced to wear under the Taliban — are the biggest sellers, said Wais Wahidy, who works at the shop and translates for the owner. They go for \$10.

Almost as popular are the soft karacul hats — created from the downy fur of aborted lamb fetuses — and made chic by Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Mink and fox fur coats are available for about \$130, and snow leopard hats are available for about \$20 to \$30. Conservationists estimate that there are less than 100 snow leopards left in Afghanistan's mountains.

"I think there are more in the north," says Wahidy. "We're not in the killing business, we just do the selling. There's demand."

Col. King says he is not sure what the military will use the shop's building for, "but it won't be the Snow Leopard."

"We renovated that building and they moved in without asking anyone's permission. The Afghans didn't pay to have that building renovated," King said.

A U.S. special operations soldier, who declined to be identified, said the Snow Leopard was being closed because the Afghans are not employees of the base and don't have security clearance.

Matin — who also runs four shops in Kabul — says he hopes the Americans will find another space for him to set up shop.

"During the Taliban, all our shops were closed," he said. "Our customers are so happy with our shop. Just give us another place, we'll move there."

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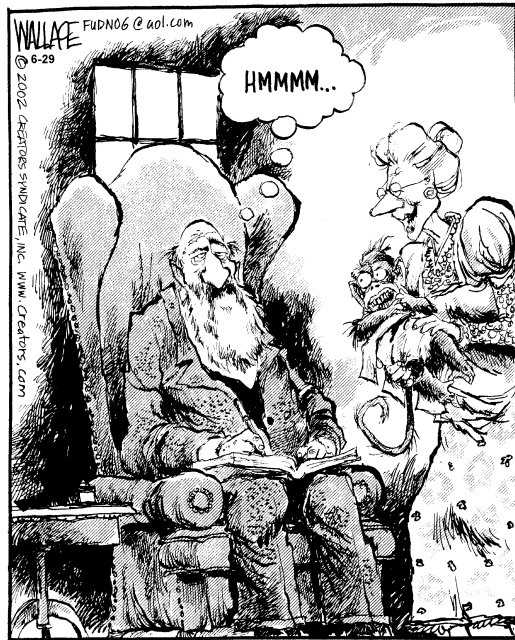
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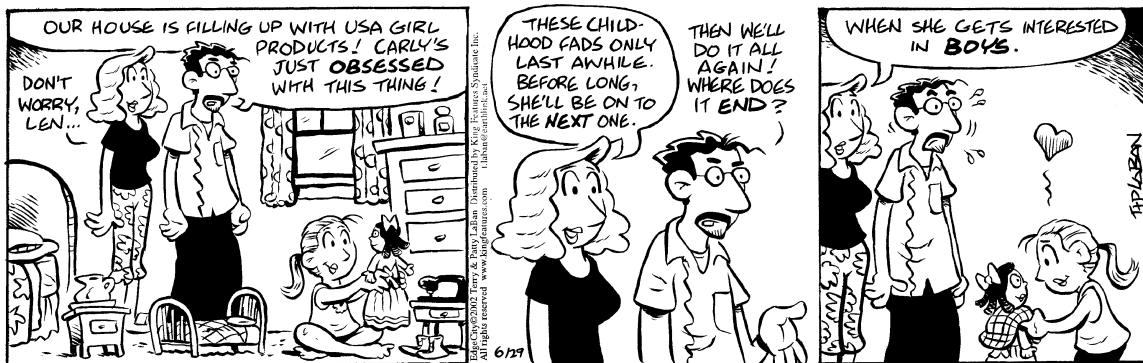
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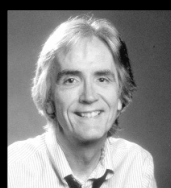
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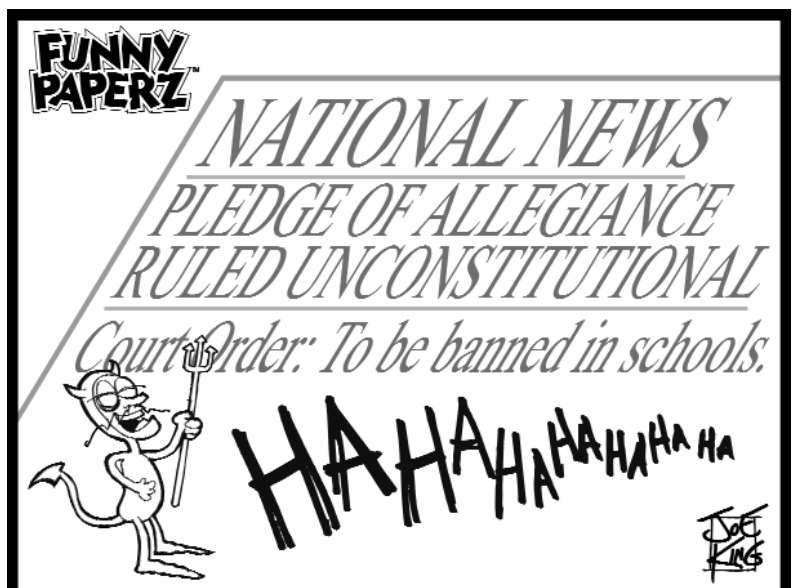


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Terrorist betting pools investigated in Israel

- Israeli police announced in June that they were investigating reports that a syndicate in a town just north of Gaza was running daily betting pools on the site of the next suicide bombing, with odds ranging from 17-1 in the peaceful town of Eilat to 3-2 in Jerusalem. The syndicate's alleged betting cards limit the action to attacks by Arabs on Jews.
- Lawyer Steven Wise, promoting his book "Drawing the Line: Science and the Case for Animal Rights," told an audience at a Washington, D.C., bookstore in June: "I don't see a difference between a chimpanzee and my 4 1/2-year-old son (based on the fact that 98.7 percent of their respective DNA is the same)." (The boy, Christopher, was not available for comment.)





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Calendar

Saturday, June 29, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
About a Boy (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. *The Sum of all Fears* (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15, 11:45. *Juwanna Man* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30 7:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Windtalkers (NR) 4:00, 10:10. *Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 3:15, 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:15. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. *Bad Company* (PG-13) 12:40, 7:20. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40. *Insomnia* (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 10:40, 12:55, 3:05, 5:25, 7:35, 9:30. *Hey Arnold! The Movie* (PG) 10:30, 12:40, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 10:55, 11:55, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30. *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (PG) 10:30, 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50. *Scooby-Doo* (PG) 11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15. *Spider-Man* (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:40.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 7:30. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15. *The Emperor's New Clothes* (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. *Sunshine State* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. *Pumpkin* (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05.

Today

Community

Bay Days Festival presented by Heal the Bay and LA county. Enjoy a "free" beach experience with attractions that include, environmental education booths, marine aquarium displays, a sports and health pavilion. The evening will conclude with a grand finale concert featuring Dave Wakeling and more. 11 a.m. To 7 p.m. Winward Plaza, Venice Beach. Located at Winward Ave. and Ocean Front Walk.

The Pico Neighborhood Association's 22nd annual neighborhood wide meeting will take place at Virginia Avenue Park (located between Pico Blvd. and Virginia Avenue at 22nd Street in Santa Monica) from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event, also known as the Annual Assembly, invites the entire Pico Neighborhood (roughly the 90404 zip code) and the Association membership.

Theatre / Arts

Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Piel The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$23.50. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call

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Music Showcase. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

Paul Barrere & Fred Tackett (The guitarists from Little Feat), 8 pm, \$17.50. **McCabe's Guitar Shop.** Pico at 31st. (310)828-4403.

Improv and Standup nite. Free Pizza Show, improv comedy games with a slice! 8 p.m. \$7. SPLAT! standup comedy, 9 p.m. \$5. Comedy Underground, 320 Wilshire Blvd. *The showtime entrance is in the alley. Show info/Reservation line: (310)451-1800. No drink minimum!

Sunday Community

International Capoeira Batizado and Community Gathering- 13th annual gathering of Capoeira masters (a form of martial arts/dance/gymnastics), 12:30- 4:30 pm, Boys and Girls of Santa Monica, 1238 Lincoln Blvd.

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Almost Vaudville. 2 pm and 5 pm. **UnUrban Coffeehouse.** 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

The Rhythm Room- DJ Sets By: DJ Haul, Fisher P & Mason. Ben Taylor, 8:30, El Tambor, 9:00pm, Weapon of Choice Feat. Love Balm, 11:00pm. **Temple Bar**, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310)393-6611.

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BACK PAGE

New device would fill your tooth cavity with a phone

BY THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Tired of losing your cell phone? Having other people listen in on your conversations? What about all the times you've had to turn it off at public events, or leave it behind while swimming?

Two British inventors unveiled a prototype of a device Friday that could solve those problems.

There's a drawback — your dentist would have to install it inside one of your molars.

Unofficially known as the "telephone tooth," the device would allow you to receive phone calls, listen to music, even connect to verbal sites on the Internet without anyone nearby hearing a thing.

"It felt strange. It was weird," said 8-year-old Caitlin Caddies, who tried the prototype Friday at the Science Museum in London. "But I'd be delighted to have it if it would allow my friends to call me at night while I was in bed without my parents knowing."

"Would it hurt when the dentist put it in?" she asked.

James Auger, 31, and Jimmy Loizeau, 34, developed the device while enrolled in a master's program at the Royal College of Art in London on the way technology is used today.

So far, no company has announced it is making the device. But Auger and Loizeau have moved to Dublin, Ireland, to work with Media Lab Europe, the European research partner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab.

Theoretically, the device would allow spies to receive instructions secretly, or athletes to hear from their coaches while on the field.

Other beneficiaries could include investors and brokers, and sports fanatics who want to be informed the moment their team wins or loses.

The device, also known as the "molar mobile," does not allow people to talk back to callers or make outgoing calls.

Auger said the "telephone tooth" is just another device designed to help people better cope with existing technol-

ogy: like the flight suits developed to allow pilots make tight turns in high-speed warplanes without blacking out.

The "telephone tooth" would place a small device in a person's back molar that includes a wireless, low-frequency receiver and a gadget that turns audio signals into mechanical vibrations, which would pass from the tooth directly to the inner ear as clear sounds.

The user also would keep a tiny device outside his body to turn the cellphone on and off and to program it.

On Friday, people lined up at the Science Museum to try out a prototype of the "telephone tooth," which is officially known as the audio tooth implant. The crude imitation of the device included a walkie-talkie and a plastic cocktail stick that users placed in their mouths to receive vibrations in their molars.

Reactions ran the spectrum from fascination and consumer interest, to fear of the dentist and horror about surrendering personal privacy.

"The sound was surprisingly clear, but 10 years from now we'll probably find out that the phone implant causes throat cancer," said Kiaron Hunt, 25, a tourist from Sydney, Australia. "But I guess we're heading for a high-tech world where everyone's on the go all the time. Maybe we won't be able to do without such tools."

Jane Biglin, 44, from suburban London, said she loved the quality of the sound, but it seemed odd she couldn't talk back.

And even though the device would allow her to talk to her husband in private over the noise of their kids, Biglin said she wouldn't want anything implanted in her mouth.

Board members disagree over teacher's use of jelly-throwing peer discipline

By The Associated Press

CREIGHTON, Mo. — When eighth-graders lined up to throw jelly at a classmate, their teacher called it creative peer discipline. The students thought it was fun.

But the school board isn't so sure, and has ordered a review of how student discipline is handled at Sherwood Middle School.

"I was horrified when I heard about it," board member Blanche Williams said.

English teacher Frank Fleming had the classmates toss jelly at eighth-grader Andy Johnson as pun-

ishment for refusing to take part in a reading exercise.

Johnson had agreed to is as an alternative to detention or suspension. It was among the suggestions on folded slips of paper submitted by other students, and randomly selected by Johnson.

The boy's mother, Carrie Johnson, signed a consent form, and Johnson went to school prepared with jeans, T-shirt, goggles and shower cap.

Williams worried that Johnson's civil right may have been violated. Two other board members said they were concerned that fellow students

administered discipline. So the board agreed Wednesday to review staff handbooks for all schools in the 950-student district.

Fleming, who no longer teaches at the school, declined to comment.

School Principal Daphne Thacker said students laughed as they threw the jelly at their classmate, who also was laughing.

"It was real creative, not punishment of any sort," Thacker said.

Johnson said he thought having jelly thrown at him "would be pretty neat." He added, "Nobody has made fun of me, and I don't think it was degrading."



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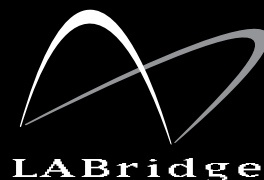
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