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Jesse Velasquez, 6, and Lea Bryant, 8, show off their entries in a peanut butter sandwich-making contest held Saturday at Clover Park and sponsored by the California Milk Processing Board. Kids were asked to "submit the wildest, tastiest, most creative concoctions" to win a \$3,500 trip to New York.

Surfing lawyers want to address issues facing sport

BY JOHN WOOD
Special to the Daily Press

When the swell is good, you'll see them gather like sharks in the water instead of the courtroom.

Sitting in the line-up with other wave-starved L.A. surfers, a group of lawyers have tip-toed away from mediation tables, courthouses and office buildings with a convenient explanation: Their presence was required at a "board meeting."

Nine lawyers recently paddled out at Topanga State Beach for the evening "glass-off" — a term that refers to dusk, when onshore winds typically recede and leave the ocean surface clean.

At that ceremonial session, the Surfing Lawyers Association was formed.

The organization hopes to address environmental and social issues facing surfers while networking, educating and catching a few waves, said founder David Olan of West Los Angeles.

Interest in the association has reached as far north as Redding and as far south as the Mexican border, according to Olan, who said its members hope to "deal with

legal social-surf related issues such as surf rage — specifically the incident at Lunada Bay in Palos Verdes — and environmental issues. We plan to get continuing education accreditation by the state bar so we can take exotic surf vacations and they will be legitimate legal seminars."

Can anyone say tax-exempt?

The surf rage issue in Palos Verdes involves affluent locals who use scare tactics and violence — such as throwing rocks, vandalizing parked cars and dominating incoming waves — to intimidate outsiders from surfing the world-class break.

Santa Monica attorney and longtime surfer John Gerard said association members are considering becoming mediators to resolve the dispute.

"I don't think it would be our place as an organization to take sides," he said.

Immediately following the initial Topanga surf session, the surfing lawyers were met by about 20 more at a Santa Monica Canyon Mexican restaurant, where the group swapped surfing stories and talked about the future of their organization.

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Wannabe politicians warned about process

BY TRAVIS PURSER
Special to the Daily Press

Campaigning for public office — and winning — can be rewarding but it can also be a time-consuming game that has little to do with public service.

That was the message from ex-elected officials and previous candidates for local offices who spoke at a pre-election workshop Saturday for candidates organized by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica.

To be sure, holding office can be a rewarding experience that yields a sense of accomplishment. But that usually doesn't happen right away, many speakers said.

Former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane told the 25 people who attended the workshop at the Ken Edwards Community Center, 1527 4th St., they might want to reconsider running for public office altogether.

The reasons for this included the fact that it takes years to get anything done and learn the system and it is a thankless job.

"Years six to 10 [of holding office] is where you really begin to feel like you're making a contribution," Zane said.

Candidates should first think about why they want to run, said Neil Carrey, a former candidate for school board.

While campaigning, "I found [that] most issues, I don't care about," he said. Now, he prefers to focus on a few issues as a community activist.

And there was this tip for the ladies from Judy Abdo, a former Santa Monica mayor: "You're going to have to start wearing lipstick and wearing dresses," at all times in public, she said.

However, she admitted she broke that rule and still became mayor.

"You'll spend so much time defending the beach that you'll spend no time on it."

— DENNY ZANE
Former Santa Monica Mayor

When candidates win an election, the first thing they should do is "duck," said Zane. "Expect your life to be transformed."

Normal activities involving family and friends will become impossible, Zane said.

"You'll spend so much time defending the beach that you'll spend no time on it," he said.

People who appreciate officials' actions say "thanks," he said, while those who don't appreciate their actions want to talk about it at length, often in inconvenient

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Assemblywoman Pavley sells politics at Farmer's Market

BY TRAVIS PURSER
Special to the Daily Press

A cleaner environment, reasonably priced housing, good wages and better education were high priorities for Santa Monicans who spoke one-on-one with Assemblywoman Fran Pavley when she met with constituents at the Farmer's Market Sunday on Main Street.

Pavley, who represents coastal Californians from Santa Monica to southern Ventura County, set up her biweekly "mobile district office" to promote a clean air bill that now sits on Gov. Gray Davis' desk and to "put a face" on government, she said.

Assembly Bill 1493 would help reduce

greenhouse gasses through use of new regulations on motor vehicle emissions. The Democrat from Woodland Hills said greenhouse gasses — widely believed to cause global warming — directly impact District 41 by increasing smog.

The gases also could jeopardize the area's water supply by causing the snow-pack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to melt earlier. Tourism in the district's beach communities could be affected if global warming leads to a rise in the sea level.

With 28 years experience as a public school teacher, Pavley said her top priority is improving education. Sixty percent

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★★★★★ For once, you don't need to worry about taking the first action or making the first move. Your fiery nature emerges with a child or loved one. Allow your creativity to flow with the moment. Laughter erupts when you allow more easiness into the moment. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the concern and care you normally do when dealing with a personal matter or something involving your family. Do your best to clear your desk and get past the immediate issue. Reveal more of what you need from others. Tonight: Nurture yourself, as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Take the first step. Make the first move. Be the first to tell it like it is. Positive results greet the assertive twin, in both business and personal matters. Carefully consider the alternatives that surround an emotional or creative investment or matter. Tonight: Let your imagination lead you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be willing to part with some money in order to make your life easier. You might be looking at a home office or perhaps some other key change. Let a loved one know just how much you care. Consider your options carefully. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your high energy either gives you tremendous focus or scatters you in many different directions. Understand your limits cautiously. Consider your options carefully. Refuse to give indiscriminant yeses. Tonight: Join some work buddies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Understand when to put a halt to spending. You might be quite uncomfortable with another who means a lot to you. Clear the air and discuss your deeper feelings rather than being self-destructive. Know when to say enough is enough. Tonight: Pay bills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You're in control, despite a flaring and angry friend or associate. Claim your power, refusing to let another push your buttons. You have that unique style that allows you to say enough, yet not hurt another's feelings. Use your magic. Tonight: What would make you happy?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Recognize your limits when dealing with a boss or superior in some form. This person feels free to lose his or her temper, feeling you need to hear what he or she has to say. Don't allow anyone to see your feelings right now; process them first. Tonight: Vanish. Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Realize your limits concerning a loved one or a friend. You might use a vibrant approach to convince a friend that you're right. Will he or she listen? Most likely. Schedule an important meeting if need be. Tonight: Follow your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to an associate who feels strongly about a situation that might involve money and/or feelings. Take responsibility, not allowing a situation to fall to the wayside. Carefully consider options that surround a personal matter. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your playful nature could irritate a loved one or associate. Detach rather than continuing the monologue or joking. Understand more through observation and increased sensitivity. Seek out someone at a distance and share good news. Tonight: Read between the lines.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Deal with finances and work. Perhaps you need to opt for overtime or do something a bit differently. You need to take a firm hand when dealing with personal and professional matters. Start a diet or exercise program. Know where you're heading. Tonight: Your treat.

QUOTE of the DAY

"There must be more to life than having everything."
— Maurice Sendak

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LOCAL



CrimeWatch

Man threatened with knife on Promenade

By Daily Press staff

■ Kevin Donell Flowers was arrested Friday, July 5 for threatening a man on the Third Street Promenade with a knife.

The victim was sleeping on the 1200 block of the Promenade at 2:30 a.m. when Flowers woke him, flashed his folding knife and demanded the man's money. The victim refused to give over his money so Flowers fled the scene. The victim called police immediately.

Santa Monica Police arrested Flowers, a 33-year old resident of Venice Beach, and because he violated his probation, no bail was set.

■ Robert Ramos was arrested Tuesday, July 2 after he punched a man and threatened him with a knife.

After a shower, the victim returned to his makeshift camp in the alley of the 1500 block of 14th Street and found Ramos lying on his bedding. The victim told Ramos to leave, and Ramos punched the victim in the face, pulled a knife, and fled.

At roughly 7:48 a.m. the same morning, Santa Monica Police arrested Ramos, a 24-year old transient.

■ A man passing on a bike touched a woman's buttock as she walked down the sidewalk at 10:22 a.m. on Monday, July 1.

The woman was walking on the 300 block of Colorado Avenue when she was sexually assaulted.

The assailant was described as a thin Black man of undetermined age, wearing a dark jacket and a light brown bandana or rag on his head. He was riding a dark colored mountain bike.

Pavley concerned about education, Bay pollution

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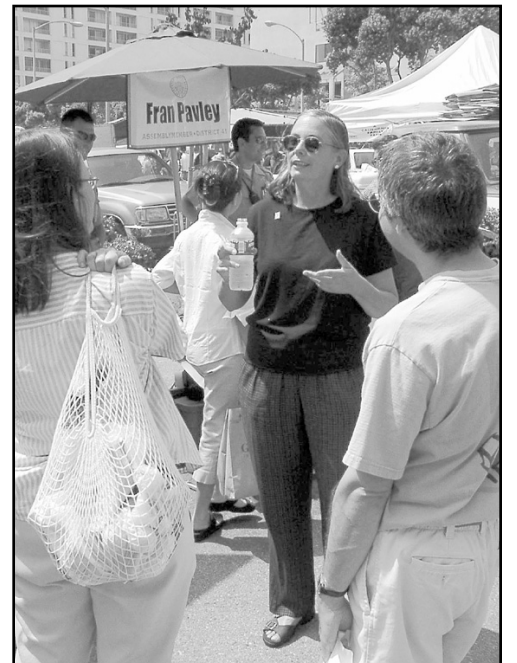
of California's general fund goes to education, she said, but that's not enough. California ranks 32nd among states in per capita spending on schools, she said. She would like to see more emphasis on early childhood teaching.

Poor learning is a root cause of many societal problems like Santa Monica's massive homeless population, she said. Improving education is one thing the state can do to help local communities solve a wide array of issues.

Pavley also said she is deeply concerned about the water quality in the Santa Monica Bay. The Clean Beaches initiative, which she helped promote as chair of the Budget Resources Committee, allotted \$350,000 to Santa Monica last year for protecting the bay, she said. The program was expanded by \$300 million statewide when voters approved Proposition 40 in March. But so far no specific projects in Santa Monica have come out of that proposition.

Pavley deflected some questions about local issues — such as whether charitable feeding of the homeless in city parks should be more tightly regulated — saying they fall under the jurisdiction of the Santa Monica city government.

Lois Cunningham, who works at an outdoor clothing store on Main Street, dropped by because she wanted to let Pavley know that small business is the



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press
Assemblywoman Fran Pavley speaks to constituents Sunday at the Farmer's Market on Main Street.

heart of a city.

"This is my city," she said. "I'm interested in what impacts a city."

Tom McFaddon said housing is a big concern for him.

Robert Hennessey wanted to know why so many public beaches don't also have public access. Pavley said someone, perhaps the general public, must purchase easements for access to happen.



Tropical Storm Cristina should slightly boost the south swell and the wind swell. That will likely make for 2-3-foot surf at beaches in Northern L.A. County, while the South Bay should see mostly wind swell in the 1-3 foot range.

Conditions should be clean in the morning, while off-shore winds will pick-up moderately in the afternoon.



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High- 1:06 p.m. 4.88'
Low- 6:11p.m. 2.37'

Location	Saturday	Sunday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/fair	2-3'/fair	A
Zuma	3-4'/fair	3-4'/fair	A
Surfrider	1-3'/fair	1-3'/fair	A
Topanga	1-3'/fair	1-3'/fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/poor-fair	2-3'/poor-fair	A
El Porto	2-3'/fair	2-3'/fair	A



Last week the Santa Monica City Council adopted an official policy that allows public facilities and places to be named after corporations or individuals that contribute monetarily or beneficially to the community.

While the majority of the council supports such a policy, two of its Green Party members — Mayor Mike Feinstein and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown — are vehemently opposed to the idea, saying the city is selling public property to the

highest bidder.

So this week Q Line wants to know, "Do you have a problem with corporate naming of public property? Will it benefit or harm the city?"

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LETTERS

Why we should tip food servers

Editor:

Let me begin by saying that the Santa Monica Daily Press has and continues to do a wonderful job of keeping the citizens of Santa Monica well informed and entertained. I read this paper religiously and thoroughly enjoy every issue.

I am writing today in reply to an article written on June 27 by a Mr. Frank Armstrong. I am a waitress currently working at a reputable restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard. I, as well as many of my colleagues, took offense to the tone and accusations of Mr. Armstrong in his article. We wish today to clarify and refute the arguments made in his letter last month.

I would like to first recognize the fact that I in no way condone the actions of the waiter that would not serve a customer because he did not leave a tip. The waiter's actions were reprehensible; he clearly acted poorly in that situation. Obviously tipping is not an obligation nor should it be. Food servers are aware of this. However, it must also be understood that, although not mandatory, tipping does ensure fast and expeditious service.

Let's take a moment to recount the origin and history of tipping. T.I.P.S. in the food industry originally meant "To Insure Prompt Service." For many generations now, tipping has been common practice in many professions. For example, if a person goes to a bar and orders a drink, a smart customer will immediately tip the bartender.

Because the bartender knows that this particular customer tips, he is more likely to pay more attention to this customer and make sure he is happy. This is because the bartender is repaying the customer for the tip that he received as well as hoping for a tip on future visits. The customer therefore ensures promptness as well personal attention by tipping the bartender.

The same is true in hotels when one tips a bellhop to ensure expeditious service in and out of the hotel. It is no wonder then that "tips" have become common practice for professions that may require extra personal attention.

Tipping has become socially accepted within our society. It's not obligatory but don't expect great service or even decent service if you're not willing to pay for it. This is the way it works.

To prove even further that tipping is a socially expected practice let it be known that the government taxes all waitresses and waiters on their total food sales. Each server will be taxed on 8 percent of his or her total food sales for the year. This proves that the government expects that every food server will be getting this amount as a minimum bonus for his or her work in a restaurant.

Although tipping is not mandatory the government taxes us; this tax is, in fact, mandatory. In fact, the IRS is considering raising the taxable income to 15 percent. If

the government is expecting to tax us 15 percent, I don't think it's unreasonable to expect that from our customers.

In his letter last week, Mr. Armstrong mentioned that other professions that serve the public — i.e. firemen, police men, mail men, etc. — do not get tips for fulfilling their duties to the community. However, I must make some clear distinctions as well as point out the faulty logic in his claim.

First let me say that all of the professions he listed either required college level education or are run by our government. This is important because these professions cannot be classified on the same level as those of food servers. Since when did a teacher, being paid \$50,000 a year, need to be tipped by a student? Why would a policeman, who has all of his dental and medical bills paid for by insurance, ask to be compensated by the people for all of his work? Not very many food servers receive medical, dental and a lucrative paycheck. One must understand the contrast between the jobs listed by Mr. Armstrong and that of a food server. Let me list a few of my own people who do in fact get tipped for there services and were not on the list given last month: Golf caddies, Taxi drivers, Salon stylists, Bellmans and Bartenders.

Let me make one more clarification about the distinction between waitresses and say that of a mailman. A mailman's job does not require the level of customer service that the job of a waitress demands. A mailman does not have to return your mail and get you a new package if the edges are bent; but a waitress does have to bring you new eggs if the first ones were runny.

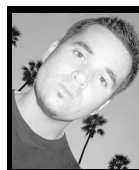
And, say that you are in a hurry and need to get your food quickly — no mailman is going to make sure that you get your mail before anyone else does, at least, not without an extra fee. If a customer wants to substitute hash browns for fruit, wants their hamburger Cajun style, doesn't like the ketchup to be on the same plate with the French fries, wants a lemon in their soda — a waitress makes sure all of that happens the way you want it. No other profession has to take care of their customers in such a manner. Because of this it has become customary for customers to tip their waiter for that special service.

I don't believe that a customer should get lesser service because they do not tip but I will admit that NO ONE will give a person great service repeatedly if he is known not to tip well. That's just human nature.

Although not mandatory, we find alarming the contempt that Mr. Armstrong feels for the waiters and waitresses and their profession. We hope that this letter will help clarify that we do not always expect a tip but we also hope this gives clear reasoning of why a tip is appropriate and essential to all food servers.

Rebecca Bushman and Margie Delano
Santa Monica

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The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

Be careful who you wish for

There are many things in Life I have a hard time believing. For instance, despite years of institutionalized instruction on the American system of government, I don't buy that ours is a government BY the people and FOR the people — at least not any people I know.

Of course, most everyone I know resides in what are commonly referred to as the LOWER (read: "of no consequence") tax brackets. Knowing this, I've dedicated my life to the shameless pursuit of wealth and power.

Additionally, not only do I not believe that professional wrestling is real, I'm convinced that ALL major professional sports are 100 percent bogus. Especially baseball.

And finally, despite numerous reports to the contrary, I BELIEVE that Britney Spears' boobs actually contain more silicone than the stuff plumbers use to grout bathrooms. And I would bet my right arm that on more than one occasion, Justin Timberlake has ridden her harder than Laffit Pincay on Swale at the '84 Derby.

But what happened at Fonzo's Knuckle Lounge and Strip-A-Torium — with Tina's fiancé and my former best friend

Tommy falling in love and running off with Glenda the Dirty Ho, the most infamous call girl in all of Southern California — well, that ... that I had a lot of trouble believing. That is, until I knocked back a few drinks with Bottomfeeder.

"I think the J. Geils Band really nailed it when they sang, 'Love Stinks.' Man, ain't that the truth, 'Hog?'" Bottomfeeder mumbled through a mouthful of pretzels and beer.

Yeah, and ain't that the first J. Geils Band reference I've heard in about, oh, 15 years. And hey, Fonzo, could you pour me another shot of Jim Beam please?

"Here's what I think you should do when Tina gets here ..." he continued.

Oh, boy!

"You see, Hog, there are all kinds of fartars in the world. There are the honest ones who admit they farted, but offer good medical reasons. The dishonest kind fart and then blame the dog. Then there's the strategic fartars who conceal their farts with loud coughing. And finally the unfortunate ones who try awfully hard to fart but crap themselves instead ... you see what I'm getting at?"

"No! No! No! No! No! No! WHAT IN THE HELL ARE YOU GETTING AT, MAN?!!" If there's a more cryptic person in the universe, I haven't met him.

"What I'm getting at is, if you're a dishonest farter, you're gonna get caught in a stinkin' lie," Bottomfeeder said coolly. "This whole business with Tommy and Glenda the Dirty Ho is like a nasty fart — it stinks. But you gotta tell Tina the truth, no matter how bad it is."

And somehow, some way, that malodorous riddle of Bottomfeeder's made perfect sense.

FOUR HOURS LATER ...

"Sometimes, I think it would be great to be a man," Tina slurred, her lips numbed by one too many pain-killing sloe gin fizzies. "You can open all your own jars, people never stare at your chest when you're talking to them, wrinkles add character, the same hairstyle lasts for years — maybe decades — and best of all you can quietly watch a game with a buddy for hours without thinking 'he must be mad at me.'"

"Um, Tina ... are, are you okay?" I asked apprehensively.

"You mean, besides the fact that my fiancé just ran off with something called Bimbo the Whore ..."

"Glenda the Dirty Ho," I corrected her.

"Yeah, whatever ... well, besides that I guess I'm ... I'm ... WAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!"

I hugged her tightly, muffling her cries. Not out of concern, necessarily — I was reveling in her pain — it was just that any loud noise in Fonzo's usually lead to trouble.

"Ohhhh, I hate that Tommy," Tina wailed. "He's such a ... a ... piece of ... foreskin!"

Foreskin? Well, I gotta admit, that's a new one.

"You ever wonder what happens to the foreskin after a circumcision?" Bottomfeeder mused. "Do they just throw it away?"

I always figured it would be cool if, like, they kept it for later. You know, so someday when the guys are sitting around drinking beers, playing poker and comparing battle scars a guy would be like "Yeah, so I got this scar on my leg playing rugby in college." Then another guy would go "That's nothing, I busted all ten of my fingers at an underground fight club." Finally, another one could whip out his foreskin, slap it on the table and say "Back off, chumps! When I was a baby some dude lopped off half my schwantz ... and I barely cried."

But instead, I said, "Jesus, man! Show a little sensitivity! Poor Tina here just had to call off her wedding, for chrissakes!" And then I had to fight hard to suppress a grin.

It was done. The wedding was off. Tommy was gone. Tina was back. And I was ... I was ... oh ... no ...

I WAS STUCK WITH HER ... AGAIN!!!!

(Dan Dunn is a Santa Monica resident and writes for Warner Bros. Online. For more FunHog fun check out thefunhog.com.)

LOCAL



Hints on how to deal with that pesky raccoon

By Daily Press staff

Despite the degree of urban development in Santa Monica, various species of wild animals have managed to adapt and develop a niche in the community. The presence of squirrels, possums, and raccoons in many neighborhoods is not uncommon. Less common are sightings of coyotes, although they appear on occasion. Sightings of owls or other raptors are rare but not unheard of.

The Santa Monica Police Department asks that residents not feed wildlife because it encourages wildlife to become dependent on handouts that are not part of their natural diets.

■ Young animals that are taught to depend on humans sometimes never develop normal foraging behavior, and could starve if the artificial food sources are removed, the SMPD's animal control department warns.

■ Human foods are usually nutritionally inadequate for wildlife and may lead to subsequent health problems.

■ Wildlife may lose their fear of humans and pets, a behavior that could result in wild animals not avoiding contact with aggressive dogs and cats, or people who might intentionally harm them.

■ Wild animals being fed by humans may congregate in unnaturally high numbers, increasing the chances of disease transmission.

■ Keep garbage in sturdy garbage cans with secure lids. Thoroughly rinse bottles and cans for recycling, and put compost in closed bins instead of in an open compost pile.

■ Do not feed your pets outside, or if you must, feed them outside during the day and take food and water bowls inside during the night.

■ Pets such as cats, rabbits, and small dogs are easy prey for coyotes. If you suspect the presence of coyotes in your neighborhood, keep pets indoors. Do not leave small children unattended in areas known to be frequented by coyotes, even in your yard.

■ Do not provide shelter for wildlife.

■ Animals can squeeze into small spaces in their search for shelter, so thoroughly check for holes and cracks in and

around the foundation of your home.

■ Check under the eaves and in the attic for openings, and cover any holes with suitable material, such as hardware cloth.

■ Prevent entry through chimneys and vents by covering the openings with hardware cloth. Make sure that you are not trapping any animals inside before you cover the openings.

■ Remove brush piles from your yard, store wood off the ground, and keep trees and brush pruned away from the house.

If you have a dog or cat door, keep it closed in at night to prevent wild animals from coming inside.

■ Do not trap animals.

When trapped and moved to a new area, a relocated animal will be on unfamiliar ground, putting it at a distinct disadvantage. It will not know where to find food, water, or shelter, and will be extremely stressed from its ordeal of being captured and handled by humans. Also, the animal is likely being dumped into an area that already has an existing population of animals of the same species. This creates an artificial competition for available resources, resulting in conflicts with the resident population. Being at such a disadvantage, the introduced animal usually is forced to move around a lot looking for a suitable home. Often these animals have to settle for marginal habitat, and many of them do not survive the ordeal.

Even though an animal is relocated or killed, other animals will simply move in to take its place unless the underlying nuisance reason is removed. Every year young animals disperse from their parents' home ranges and look for good habitat to occupy.

There are many effective, humane, and long-term solutions to the problems associated with nuisance wildlife.

It is when wild animals find three components essential for their survival: food, water, and shelter — in and around our homes that they often become nuisance animals. By removing these essential components, the animals are forced to move on to find them elsewhere.

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Lawyers want to mediate disputes, protect ocean

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"It was one of the funnest functions I've ever attended," Gerard said. "There was a lot of energy and a lot of bright people sharing not only legal stories. But, more interestingly, insights into surf spots, coastal knowledge and stories of surf trips."

The meeting, which Gerard said was primarily to set up subcommittees within the organization and establish the surfing-lawyer bond, will be followed by another, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 20 at Third Point, a surf break in Malibu.

"I think it is a great idea for attorneys

to get together and pursue passions other than the law," said Hal Light, president of the Santa Monica Bar Association. "It would be nice to see attorney groups like this for other sports and pastimes."

Olan said the association is about networking, having fun and dispelling "the myth that lawyers are boring, silk stocking suits."

"There are many kindred spirits that share the belief that surfing is a peaceful and fantastic stress reducer which takes many landlocked professionals from the frying pan to the cold water," he said.

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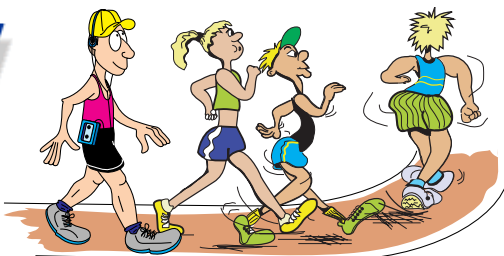
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Local office candidate filings to begin today

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ient places like bank teller lines, little league games and the grocery store.

When asked a question they can't answer, candidates should take it as an opportunity to describe what a good person they are while still seeming to address the question, said Michael Hill.

**"Don't ever consider
staying at an event from
beginning to end."**

— **JUDY ABDO**
Former Santa Monica Mayor

Hill said he developed the skill while successfully running for the school board.

Then there is "drive by" event attendance, which is a time-management gambit for candidates who will inevitably be asked to appear at more functions than they have time for. The trick for unpracticed politicians is to seem to give everyone their undivided attention.

"Don't ever consider staying at an event from beginning to end," Abdo said. If candidates stay for 15 minutes, they'll get credit for having been there and will be able to hit several events in a single afternoon, she said.

As for selecting a campaign treasurer, sometimes it is better for candidates to select someone with widespread name recognition, even if that person can't so much as balance a checkbook, she said. Candidates can print the name on mailers as a public relations ploy and hire someone else to actually crunch numbers.

All this was timely advice.

The filing period for the Nov. 5 general election began today and ends Aug. 9. Santa Monica has three city council seats and three seats on the rent control board up for reelection. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education has four available seats. And the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees has four available seats.

Potential candidates appeared hardly discouraged after two hours of such advice. A man who said he is thinking about running for city council wanted to know where he could most effectively spend money on a campaign.

Don't spend your own money, Abdo said. Have other groups spend money on you.

Sharpton proposes bill to curb police abuse

BY PAUL WILBORN
Associated Press Writer

INGLEWOOD — The Rev. Al Sharpton called Sunday for legislation to curb what he described as a national epidemic of police abuse that includes the videotaped beating of a black teenager at an Inglewood gas station.

"There is a national issue of police misconduct and police brutality that must be addressed by the president himself," Sharpton said.

Sharpton said he traveled to Los Angeles to meet with the family of Donovan Jackson, the 16-year-old punched in the face by white Inglewood police Officer Jeremy Morse.

Sharpton held an airport news conference and spoke to a packed church a few miles from the gas station where the incident occurred.

"We are not anti-law enforcement, we are anti-bad law enforcement!" Sharpton roared from the pulpit, as some members of the Power of Love Christian Fellowship yelled "Amen!" and "That's right!"

Sharpton also expressed support for Mitchell Crooks, who shot the video on July 6 and was later jailed on unrelated warrants.

Crooks "has done something of a national service and needs to be supported," Sharpton said.

Sharpton arrived in Inglewood after a week of protests and investigations into the July 6 incident.

The New York-based activist called for national legislation mandating creation of local review boards to investigate allegations of police abuse and that requires stiffer penalties for police convicted in

such cases.

He compared the treatment of Jackson to the assault on immigrant Abner Louima with a broomstick in a Brooklyn station-house in 1997.

Sharpton's organization, the National Action Network, has an office in Los Angeles. He has said he will consider a run for president in 2004.

He was joined by Jackson's cousin, Talibah Shakir, who said the teenager was terrified to leave the house and was undergoing psychological therapy.

Also Sunday, Assembly Speaker Herb J. Wesson, a Los Angeles Democrat, called for the state attorney general to investigate the beating.

Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn on Saturday called for video cameras in police cars in the wake of the incident. He also said he was confident Inglewood residents would not resort to violent protests.

Morse has been placed on paid leave pending the outcome of federal, state and local investigations.

His attorney, John Barnett, has said his client was "restrained" in his use of force, considering that Jackson had grabbed his testicles.

The Los Angeles Times has reported that another white officer struck Jackson before the videotape rolled.

Morse's partner, Officer Bijan Darvish, wrote in a police report obtained by the Times that he punched Jackson twice in the face before the teen was handcuffed because he was afraid the youth would hit him.

Crooks was convicted in Placer County of driving under the influence, hit and run and petty theft. He was flown to Auburn on Friday to serve a seven-month sentence.

NATIONAL



Iverson awaits arrest, hosts all-night party at mansion

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — As he awaited arrest on assault charges, Philadelphia 76ers basketball star Allen Iverson hosted an all-night party at his mansion, where friends and relatives swam and played basketball in the rain.

The \$2.4 million house in suburban Gladwyne had been quiet since the charges were filed Thursday alleging that Iverson forced his way into a relative's apartment to look for his wife while armed with a gun. Iverson, 27, is due to turn himself in Tuesday.

The party that started Saturday lasted through the night. Photographs taken by The Associated Press show Iverson in a heated discussion with an unidentified woman on the front step just before 5 a.m. Sunday, as the party was breaking up.

Police, who have ordered Iverson to remain at home until his arrest, kept tabs on the gathering from outside the front gate but took no action.

A Philadelphia police spokesman said there was nothing to prevent Iverson from hosting a get-together at his home before he surrenders himself.

"The agreement was that Iverson would turn himself in on Tuesday and that he would stay on the grounds," Corporal Jim Pauley said.

Prosecutors say that on July 3, Iverson pushed his way into his cousin's apartment, threatened two men and demanded that they tell him where he could find his wife. Iverson had allegedly thrown her out of the house naked.

Iverson is charged with trespassing, assault, making threats, unlawful restraint and carrying a gun without a license. Police ordered him to remain at home

until Tuesday so his lawyer could return from vacation to defend him.

Police have said Tawanna Iverson, 26, had checked into a hotel on July 1. She and the couple's two children have been seen at the estate since the incident. The Iversons married on Aug. 3.

"The agreement was that Iverson would turn himself in on Tuesday and that he would stay on the grounds."

— CORPORAL JIM PAULEY
Philadelphia Police Department

Philadelphia police filed warrants for Iverson's arrest on the same day they searched the mansion and towed off a Cadillac SUV, in which they found broken glass, rocks and blood. Police haven't said whose blood they found.

Meanwhile, unidentified sources told The New York Times for Sunday's editions that Iverson's contract with the team wouldn't be guaranteed if he were convicted of a felony. Iverson has \$40.5 million and three years left on a \$70.8 million extension signed in January 1999.

Sixers spokeswoman Karen Frasca refused to confirm the report Sunday. Frasca said the team would have no comment while the police investigation continues.

Police have been stationed outside the star's mansion for days, directing traffic from fans and news media on the leafy, usually quiet street.

Orphaned orca joins home pod off Vancouver Island

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN
Associated Press Writer

HANSON ISLAND, British Columbia — An orphan orca that wandered into busy Puget Sound last winter bolted off to join her home pod Sunday afternoon after she was released off this remote Canadian island.

The female, 2-year-old killer whale called loudly to the 20 to 30 members in the pod and tried to look over a safety net as they swam by Sunday morning, her caretakers said.

"Based on what we saw last night, we were quite sure that when we opened the gate, she'd go charging off, and she did," Vancouver Aquarium President John Nightingale said. Scientists have attached transmitters to the orca to follow her movements.

The orca was kept in a temporary pen after she arrived late Saturday on a 400-mile, 13-hour trip aboard a donated high-speed ferry. She was captured in June after spending the winter by herself in Puget Sound, where whale experts feared the boat traffic could harm her.

The whales that passed by in the pre-dawn darkness Sunday included members of her three-member birth pod and others from their language group, said

Lance Barrett-Lennard of the Vancouver Aquarium.

"Her calls were so loud they practically blew our earphones off," he said.

The passing whales did not appear to notice her cries amid their own — which was just as well, Barrett-Lennard said. Having dozens of killer whales surrounding the pen in the dark would have been "a bit daunting" for the caretakers, he said.

"Her calls were so loud they practically blew our earphones off."

— LANCE BARRETT-LENNARD
Vancouver Aquarium

The orca dined overnight on salmon caught locally by fishermen granted a special permit to catch them for her. Her caretakers stayed nearby on another donated boat working in Dong Chong Bay off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island.

Killer whales, a kind of dolphin, are found in all the world's oceans. Resident pods in the inland waters of the United States and Canada are struggling with dwindling salmon runs, increasing human contact and pollution.

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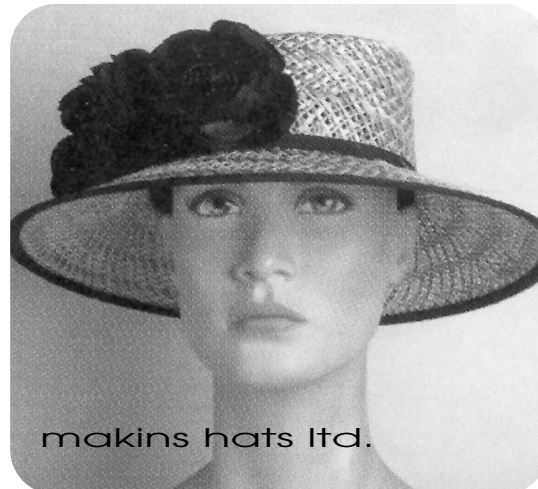
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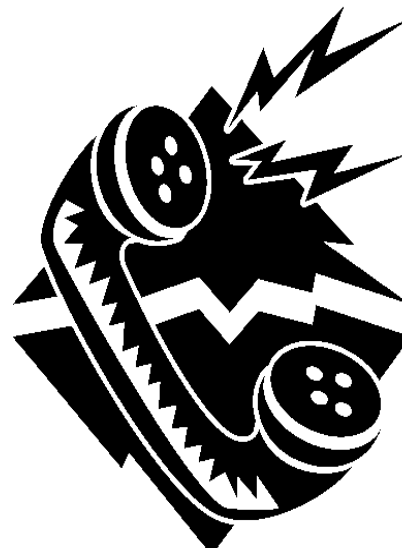
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NATIONAL

Utah researchers count on 'hydrogels' in building the better Band-Aid

BY KERSTEN SWINYARD

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Bandages that dissolve into wounds. Cancer drug delivery systems. Smaller scars. Chronic ulcer treatments. Faster healing for serious burns. Quicker healing for diabetics and the elderly.

It's all less than five years away, say University of Utah scientists who are developing hydrogels — clear, flexible, biological bandages that somehow accelerate healing.

As they research the gels, the list of potential applications has stretched from a better, more sterile wound covering to internal repairs such as vocal cord reconstruction.

But the scientists aren't exactly sure how hydrogels work, said Dr. Jane Shelby, associate professor of surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Another researcher, University of Utah College of Pharmacy professor Glenn Prestwich, has a few ideas, however. He thinks the negatively charged sugar that is the main ingredient in hydrogels (after the 98 percent water) attracts positively charged healing factors to the wound.

Another theory holds that elevated levels of the main ingredient, called hyaluronan, or HA, naturally occur in wound healing, and the hydrogels deliver a super-dose of HA, Prestwich said.

"We're just giving them more of the raw materials to rebuild their skin," Prestwich said.

The fetal environment also has very high levels of HA, and researchers think those levels contribute to rapid healing and no scarring in the womb. Fetal healing was a model for researchers, and they tried to mimic that environment in adults.

In trials with young, healthy mice, wounds healed twice as quickly with hydrogels as with a control bandage. That improvement was surprising to scientists, who expect that kind of healing in older, more decrepit animals, but less improvement in younger animals.

"We have great hopes that when we go to models of diabetics or models of impaired age (where) you have delayed wound healing, we will see a more profound effect," Shelby said.

Shelby hopes for a fast turnaround time for FDA approval for human use because HA naturally is present in the extra-cellular matrix — or the scaffolding in which cells grow.

Prestwich and Steve Morris, co-director of the Intermountain Burn Center at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center, are writing a proposal for human clinical trials.

Morris and Prestwich hope to convince the FDA that hydrogels are a device for wound healing and not a drug. That would save them millions of dollars and several years, Prestwich said.

Researchers hope hydrogels could be in basic clinical trials for burn patients within a year. Surgeons could use the hydrogels as sterile bases for tissue reconstruction on donor sites for skin grafts after serious burns.

"You've made the situation worse because you've got somebody who's got

50 percent of their body burned, and then you take another 20 percent (of their skin) with a cheese slicer" for skin donation, Prestwich said.

Using hydrogels on the place where the skin grafts were taken and on the burns could pare weeks off hospital stays for patients and eliminate at least some of the pain as the wounds heal more quickly. It would also shave thousands of dollars from hospital bills.

Prestwich and his colleagues hope to use hydrogels for healing in deep wounds — those cutting through layers of skin and muscle — within three years.

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University of Utah School of Medicine

Ohio State University plastic surgeon Gayle Gordillo sees her profession as the last stop for complex wounds and thinks the hydrogels promise broad applications for many people.

"It's grandma in the nursing home. It's the gentleman in the wheelchair, the gentleman with the diabetes," Gordillo said.

Hydrogels are bio-interactive dressings that become part of wounds as they heal. They would decrease or possibly eliminate daily dressing changes and speed healing, she said.

Prestwich turns giddy when he thinks about the long-term applications. Hydrogels could help with tissue reconstruction, providing the scaffolding to rebuild vocal cords. Or they could be molecularly programmed to deliver minuscule drug doses over a controlled period of time, such as the pain relievers needed to deaden nerves while a wound heals.

Lor Randall, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in cancer surgery, thinks hydrogels could deliver anticancer drugs to mop up leftover cancer cells after tumor removal. They might also fill the gaps in muscle tissue after he removes tumors.

"The technique is very enticing because it offers the opportunity to maximize local control of the disease. They could prevent the tumor from recurring," Randall said.

But for now, researchers are taking it one step at a time.

"It drives you crazy because you can see the application coming, and you can see how you can slightly change what you're doing to get a different application — but then you get this whiplash because you haven't got enough people or money or time to go fast enough ahead to solve these problems," Prestwich said.

NATIONAL



Mythologies support scientific quake theories

BY ELIZABETH MURTAUGH
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — When scientists figured out that sea water drowned groves of tall trees up and down the coast of Washington state the same year a tsunami hit Japan, they theorized that a massive earthquake in the Pacific most likely triggered both events.

Based on Japanese records, scientists were able to pinpoint a date — Jan. 26, 1700 — and estimate that the rupture of a long stretch of sea floor had caused a magnitude-9 quake, which would be the largest known temblor ever to strike what is now the contiguous United States.

But Ruth Ludwin, a University of Washington geophysics professor, wanted more. There appeared to be no accounts of cataclysmic earth-shaking in the stories and legends of the only North Americans who would have been here to witness the quake — Indians.

"When you talk about a very large earthquake in 1700, for that to be really convincing to me, I really need to have evidence from people who were there," Ludwin said. "I was looking for a more comprehensive story."

Ludwin began to search obscure volumes of tribal folklore, where she found that, for centuries, Indians from British Columbia's Vancouver Island to the coast of Northern California had been telling strikingly similar tales of mudslides, of plains that suddenly became oceans and other stories that strongly suggest tribes bore witness to tsunamis like the one in 1700.

Many of legends involve a mythic battle between a thunderbird and a whale.

One tale told by generations of Hoh Indians from the Forks area of Washington's Olympic Peninsula contains what Ludwin considers the clearest description of a concurrent earthquake and tsunami yet discovered in tribal legend.

As the story goes, "There was a great storm and hail and flashes of lightning in the darkened, blackened sky and a great and crashing 'thunder-noise' everywhere. ... There were also a great shaking, jumping and trembling of the earth beneath and a rolling up of the great waters."

The Makah Indians, whose reservation at Neah Bay sits at the northwest tip of Washington state, also have a version — one that ends with a thunderbird delivering a whale inland to the mouth of a river, giving the giant beast to a tribe that had been starving one winter thousands of years ago.

Although it's unclear exactly how long the story has been told, it formed the basis of the tribe's centuries-old whale hunt and could be linked to one of the seven "megathrust" quakes scientists believe have occurred over the past 3,500 years.

"I think it's really interesting that our cultural knowledge can help unravel some of these scientific mysteries," said Janine Bowechop, director of the Makah Museum. "I feel good that we can share information and then really have a better understanding for both worlds."

Many legends contain no time elements. Others that were never written down have been lost entirely, so Ludwin's work can seem like trying to solve a puzzle with most of the pieces missing. But she insists it's worth it.

"The work that I've done is not

extremely important from a scientific point of view, but it's important from the point of view of understanding and believing," Ludwin said. "It's another piece of the puzzle."

The megathrust quake believed to have occurred in 1700 ruptured the Cascadia subduction zone, where two of the tectonic plates that form the Earth's crust — the Juan de Fuca and the North America plates — overlap. From its northern end, off the western coast of Vancouver Island, the subduction zone stretches about 600 miles south to Cape Mendocino in Northern California, then runs into the San Andreas fault.

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University of Washington geophysics professor

It was the Japanese who first theorized that an enormous earthquake in the Pacific caused what they called their "orphan tsunami," so named because there was no local temblor that accompanied the torrent of 6-foot-high waves that crashed along 500 miles of coastline.

When they learned that groves of red cedars and Sitka spruces along Washington's coast had dropped several feet, drowning in saltwater sometime in the late 1600s or early 1700s, they theorized that one huge quake must have been responsible for both the Japanese tsunami and this state's "ghost forests."

Radiocarbon dating of spruce stumps narrowed the timeline of the tree drownings to somewhere between 1680 and 1720, said Brian Atwater, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist in Seattle.

That was too big of a window, so scientists went back to one of the estuaries where roots of red cedars had survived and could be dated by the rings in the roots.

At that grove, near the Copalis River in Grays Harbor County, tree-ring dating showed the red cedars died sometime between the August 1699 and May 1700.

"If we had found that those red cedars died in 1697 or 1703, we would say, 'Well, we're not sure your tsunami came from our earthquake,'" Atwater said. "We knew there was an earthquake or a series of earthquakes. The question was how big and exactly when."

Although the geological evidence of the 1700 megathrust seemed solid, there were still some skeptics before Ludwin started finding Indian tales that supported the science.

Tribal folklore, Atwater said, "is important, because people understandably want human evidence as well as physical evidence."



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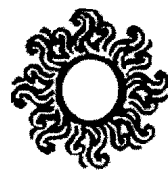
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A man is being grabbed by riot police officers as he was carrying a rifle during the Bastille Day parade on the Champs Elysees avenue in Paris on Sunday, while French President Jacques Chirac reviewed the troops.

Would-be assassin fires shot as French president passes

BY JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — A man described as an emotionally disturbed neo-Nazi allegedly tried to assassinate French President Jacques Chirac on Sunday, pulling a rifle from a guitar case and firing a shot before being wrestled to the ground during a Bastille Day parade.

The man fired as Chirac rode in an open-top jeep 130 feet to 160 feet away while reviewing troops at the start of a pomp-filled military parade to celebrate Bastille Day, France's national holiday. There were no reported injuries.

As the gunman pulled a fully loaded .22-caliber rifle out of a brown guitar case, the crowd along the tree-lined edge of the Champs-Elysees began shouting, alerting police who rushed in and tackled him, apparently with the help of spectators. A government official said the gunman tried to shoot himself after the attack.

"I saw a guy with a gun," said a witness, Mohamed Chelali, who told LCI television that he and other members of the crowd helped subdue the man.

Another man knocked the rifle out of the attacker's hand and "I threw myself forward, grabbed the gun and then everyone started calling: 'Police, police,'" Chelali said. "They took a long time to come, maybe two to three minutes."

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy told a news conference he had congratulated both the police and a "courageous spectator" who thwarted the attack.

It was not immediately clear if the shot came near Chirac or if it went into the air as police converged on the gunman.

Paris police said that the man, whom they did not identify, was 25 years old and a member of "neo-Nazi and hooligan" groups.

An officer close to the investigation, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the gunman was linked to a far-right student group, the Groupe Union

Defense, and has a history of psychiatric problems. Police later transferred the man to a psychiatric facility, French television and radio networks said.

"It was an assassination attempt," said a government minister, Patrick Devedjian. "He admitted he wanted to kill the president." Devedjian, who is under the interior minister, said the gunman tried to shoot himself while being overcome.

Sarkozy, the interior minister, said the rifle was bought last week.

The man's motives for attacking Chirac were not immediately known. Chirac crushed his far-right opponent, National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, in the second round of France's presidential election in May, winning 82 percent of the vote and a second term.

Devedjian said the gunman was from "the extreme, extreme right, even further right than the National Front."

Le Pen denied any connection to the gunman and condemned "all assassination attempts aimed at the representative of the state."

"I was sure that if a madman one day fired at the president, then it would be said in one way or another that he was from the extreme right," Le Pen said.

The attempt on Chirac comes as several European countries are facing a resurgence in support for far-right groups. Such movements have won votes by playing on fears of immigration, crime and economic stagnation.

France was shocked by Le Pen's strong showing in the first round of the presidential elections, when he knocked former Prime Minister Lionel Jospin out of the race.

The man was arrested at the top of the Champs-Elysees where it empties into Place Charles de Gaulle, site of the famous Arc de Triomphe. He managed to reach the flag-bedecked Champs-Elysees despite heavy security. Police lined the avenue and mingled with crowds along the route.

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INTERNATIONAL



Saddam was urged early on to seek power and glory

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A turning point for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may have occurred when, at age 9, he came under the influence of a maternal uncle, says Jerrold Post, a specialist on the outlooks of foreign leaders.

The uncle instilled in Saddam the dream of following in the path of Saladin and Nebuchadnezzar and other long departed radical Arab leaders, says Post. Saddam took the advice to heart and acquired a few other traits along the way, he says.

Saddam is not insane but "represents the most dangerous personality," said Post, who years ago founded the CIA's Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior.

Narcissistic to an extreme, Saddam regards everyone as a potential enemy and is incapable of feeling remorse for the suffering of others, Post says.

Saddam's mindset is on the minds of Bush administration officials as they contemplate ways to evict the Iraqi leader from power for his refusal to comply with

U.N. Security Council resolutions.

President Bush believes Saddam has the means and motives to attack the United States with weapons of mass destruction and must be dealt with before he strikes. The timing of U.S. action is unclear.

"I'm a patient person," Bush said at a White House news conference Monday. "But I do firmly believe that the world will be safer and more peaceful if there's a regime change in that government."

Post, who directs a political psychology program at George Washington University, says Saddam "rules by terror." He cites as an example the arrest in 1982 of Saddam's Oxford-educated minister of health, whose loyalty had come under question.

After the arrest, Post says, the minister's wife told Saddam her husband was always loyal and begged Saddam to release him to her. The next day, he obliged by returning her husband to her in a "black canvas body bag," according to Post.

The bad news for the United States is that Saddam is

much more sophisticated internationally than he was during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when he had few friends, Post says.

Saddam has made peace with most of his neighbors and reached out to Russia, China and France, making it far more difficult for the United States to develop a coalition against him than it was in the post-Kuwait invasion period, Post says.

On the other hand, Saddam faces more unrest in his military, Post says, pointing to a number of coup attempts. Also, he says, three of five Iraqi clans that once supported him have been associated with coup activity.

Post sees no chance Saddam would agree to a renewal of U.N. weapons inspections. Saddam sent envoys to Vienna last week for yet another discussion of a possible resumption of inspections, but they apparently got nowhere.

Saddam will never give up his forbidden weapons, Post says, because they enable him to say, "You see, we are sovereign. I can thwart the U.N. and the U.S. with impunity. We will continue and we will succeed."

Women threaten to use nudity as weapon in oil standoff

BY D'ARCY DORAN

Associated Press Writer

ESCRAVOS, Nigeria — Unarmed village women holding 700 ChevronTexaco workers inside a southeast Nigeria oil terminal let 200 of the men go Sunday but threatened a traditional and powerful shaming gesture if the others try to leave — removing their own clothes.

"Our weapon is our nakedness," said Helen Odeworitse, a representative for the villagers in the extraordinary week-old protest for jobs, electricity and development in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta.

Most Nigerian tribes consider unwanted displays of nudity by wives, mothers or grandmothers as an extremely damning protest measure that can inspire a collective source of shame for those at whom the action is directed.

About 600 women from two nearby communities are holding ChevronTexaco's

giant Escravos terminal. They range in age from 30 to 90 — with the core group being married women aged 40 or older.

The women want the oil giant to hire their sons and use some of the region's oil riches to develop their remote and run-down villages — most of which lack even electricity. The people in the Niger Delta are among the poorest in Nigeria, despite living on the oil-rich land.

ChevronTexaco officials have refused to identify the trapped workers, but an employee at the plant said Wednesday they included Americans, Britons and Canadians as well as Nigerians.

Both sides took a break Sunday from their often heated negotiations.

Anino Olowu, 55, leader of the women's negotiating team, said it was not clear when talks would resume. ChevronTexaco's top negotiator informed the women he would consult higher management before resuming the meetings.

The oil company has emphasized that it wants to resolve the so-far peaceful standoff by dialogue. About 100 police and soldiers armed with assault rifles have been sent to the terminal to protect the facility. They are under strict orders not to harm the women, though one beat up a woman on Thursday.

The takeover began Monday when 150 women managed to sneak into the facility. The women have occupied the terminal ever since, blocking the airstrip, helipad and port that provide the only exit routes from the facility, which is surrounded by rivers and swamps.

The protest has shut down a facility that accounts for the bulk of the company's Nigeria production, with an estimated half-million barrels a day.

Oil site takeovers are common in Nigeria, the world's sixth-largest producer of oil, and the fifth-largest supplier to the United States.

But this protest is a departure for Nigeria, where such disputes often are settled with machetes and guns. In the oil-rich Niger Delta, armed young men routinely resort to kidnapping and sabotage to pressure oil multinationals into giving them jobs, protection money or compensation for alleged environmental damage.

Hostages generally are released unharmed.

On Sunday the women released 200 of the workers — to show "good faith," Odeworitse said.

Four ferries bound for Warri, the nearest city two hours away by boat, carried the freed workers off. The workers released Sunday were nearing the end of their tour of duty, which can last weeks at a time.

ChevronTexaco "begged us to allow the boats to go so they can bring food back, and allow those on staff who were due to go on time-off leave," Odeworitse said.

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SPORTS



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Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, foreground, adjusts his helmet as he rides during the 8th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Saint-Martin-de-Landelles, Normandy, and Plouay, Brittany on Sunday.

Dutchman Kroon wins bike race's eighth stage; Armstrong remains eighth

BY JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer

PLOUAY, France — Karsten Kroon led a Dutch sweep of the top three spots in the eighth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, and three-time champion Lance Armstrong remained in eighth place in the overall standings.

Spain's Igor Gonzalez Galdeano retained the yellow jersey of overall leader, finishing with the main pack 1 minute, 55 seconds behind Kroon.

Armstrong finished in the same time as Gonzalez Galdeano and was 34 seconds off the lead in the overall standings.

Kroon, of the Rabobank team, covered the 134.9-mile run through Brittany from Saint-Martin-de-Landelles to Plouay in 4 hours, 36 minutes and 52 seconds. He finished just ahead of compatriots Servais Knaven, of the Domo Farm Frites team, and teammate Erik Dekker.

Kroon, making his debut in the Tour, earned his first stage victory.

"I'm normally not very emotional, but I just can't hold back the tears after this win," Kroon said. "I'm really moved."

Kroon spoiled hopes of a French victory on the national Bastille Day holiday. Last year, CSC-Tiscali rider Laurent Jalabert of France

won the stage on July 14.

Gonzalez Galdeano, who has held the yellow jersey for four days, said it would be "a dream" to maintain the lead after Monday's ninth stage, a 32.2-mile individual time trial from Lanester to Lorient.

"I'm going to try to have a good time trial — I'm against the best racer out there," he said.

Armstrong is favored to win the stage.

World road champion Oscar Freire dropped out of the Tour earlier Sunday. Freire, who won this year's second stage, injured his tailbone in a crash on Saturday.

"I decided it was probably better not to take the start today," the Spaniard said.

Tests showed Freire did not break any bones, but he said he had trouble sitting.

Another crash Saturday cost Armstrong 27 seconds and dropped the Texan from third to eighth in the overall standings. Armstrong wasn't injured and his bid for a fourth straight title remained unscathed.

He won last year's Tour with a lead of 6:44.

"In this business, you always worry about falls or an incident, and for me, it's the first time in four years that it's happened on the Tour de France," Armstrong told French sports daily L'Equipe. "But we avoided the worst."

L.A. beat D-backs to avoid sweep

BY KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Dodgers needed a good game from Kazuhisa Ishii, and they got one.

Ishii held Arizona to two hits over 7 2-3 shutout innings, and the Los Angeles Dodgers regained the top spot in the NL West with a 2-1 victory Sunday over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Taking the fourth game of their series to avoid being swept, the Dodgers regained the division lead by a half-game over the Diamondbacks.

Ishii (12-5) proved the stopper for the Dodgers, who had lost four straight for the first time this year.

"The one thing you heard about Ishii before we signed him was that he was a big-game pitcher," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said. "My guess is that he's been involved in a lot of big games in Japan, and that he rises to the occasion."

"That was 7 2-3 innings of complete command."

The rookie left-hander from Japan had lost four of his last five decisions after a 10-1 start, but turned in his longest stint so far for Los Angeles.

Ishii, who walked five and struck out five, said he likes to pitch in big games.

"I've had experience in championships in Japan," Ishii said through an interpreter. "I thought about that. I like pressure, like to win big games."

He appeared in 10 Japan Series, winning five championships with the Yakult Swallows.

Adrian Beltre's sacrifice fly in the fourth scored Los Angeles' first run off Miguel Batista (4-6). Paul Lo Duca's RBI single in the fifth gave the Dodgers a two-run lead.

Guillermo Mota came on for Ishii after Ishii issued a two-out walk to Junior Spivey in the eighth.

Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 33rd save in 35 chances. He allowed Matt Williams' first homer this season with one out.

Only one Arizona runner reached second base against Ishii, and that was in the first inning.

Spivey led off the game with a single and stole second with two outs. Ishii then walked Luis Gonzalez, but Williams fouled out.

Gonzalez singled leading off the fourth inning for the other hit against Ishii.

Arizona manager Bob Brenly said the Diamondbacks should have been more patient against Ishii because he has a tendency to "pitch himself into tough counts."

"We had several first-pitch outs and he had a four-pitch inning early in the game," Brenly said. "Our best chance to run him out of there was to run up his pitch count, but we just didn't give him an opportunity to do that. I give him credit. He made a lot of good pitches."

Batista allowed two runs on five hits in seven innings and said afterward he was affected by a sinus infection.

"I wanted to pitch a good game, but I felt weak," he said.

Shawn Green scored the Dodgers' first run after singling to lead off the fourth. Batista walked Brian Jordan, then Eric Karros loaded the bases on a liner that bounced off Batista's glove. Beltre followed with a fly to short center, and center fielder Quinton McCracken made a sliding catch, with Green tagging and coming home on the play.

Batista, behind in the count most of the game, walked Dave Roberts with two outs in the fifth, and Roberts stole second. Lo Duca then blooped a broken-bat single to center to make it 2-0.

The Diamondbacks had won the first three games of the series at Dodger Stadium by a combined four runs. Arizona leads the season series 7-6.

NOTES: Ishii's previous longest outing for Los Angeles was seven innings, on three different occasions. ... Williams was playing his third game this season, after breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle in spring training. ... Arizona C Damian Miller, who left Friday's game with back spasms, was not in the lineup on Sunday and is still day to day. ... The Dodgers still haven't lost a four-game series since Aug. 9-12 of 1993, against the expansion Colorado Rockies at Dodger Stadium.

SD fails to deliver on promises for Super Bowl XXXVII

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The city will fail to deliver on a number of improvements promised to the National Football League for upcoming Super Bowl XXXVII.

The NFL won't get the promised number of usable seats, renovations to the visiting team locker room or upgrades to the press box and audio/visual control room in time for the January game.

Jim Steeg, an NFL vice president, acknowledged that it's not uncommon for host cities to fail to live up to all of their commitments. But he said the difference between what San Diego promised and what it's delivering is wider than most.

"This is as big (a gap) as we've had in recent years," Steeg said.

The NFL has been pressing San Diego to fulfill its promises, saying they are "critical to the NFL's commitment to have the Super Bowl in San Diego."

Most important to league officials was the guarantee that there would be 70,000 acceptable seats.

Qualcomm Stadium has slightly more than 70,500 seats, but the NFL discounted the bottom seven rows because of obstructed views, eliminating more than 2,000 from the total.

Delays in construction of the San Diego Padres' downtown ballpark kept the baseball team playing in Qualcomm longer than expected and prevented workers from adding more seats, city officials said.

The city's bid specifies that the host committee will spend as much as \$1.6 million to get to 70,000 acceptable seats. With that goal out of reach, the parties have agreed

that the committee will just pay the NFL the \$1.6 million to offset lost ticket revenue.

In addition, the San Diego Super Bowl XXXVII Host Committee still has not signed a contract binding them to the promises made when the city was bidding for the game. Officials with the NFL, the host committee and the city say former San Diego Mayor Susan Golding promised too much when the city bid for the game.

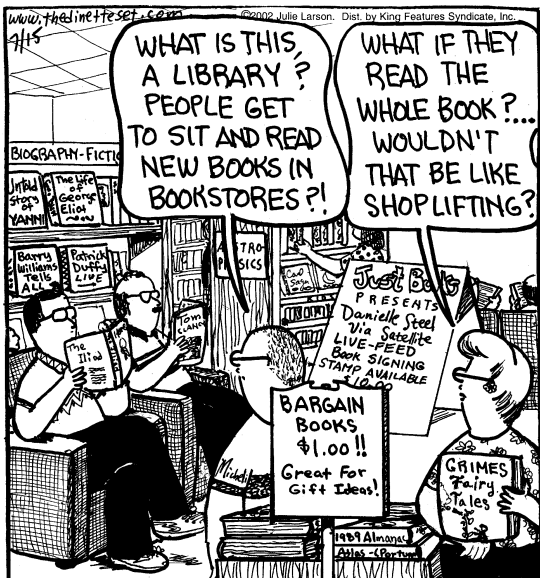
The city has spent \$2.8 million on Super Bowl-related improvements at Qualcomm in recent years. The stadium's older seats have been replaced and the stadium's sound system has been upgraded.

Some \$500,000 was spent making cosmetic fixes to the visiting team's locker room, which Steeg called "one of the worst in the NFL." But that fell short of the \$2.6 million major renovation promised by the city.

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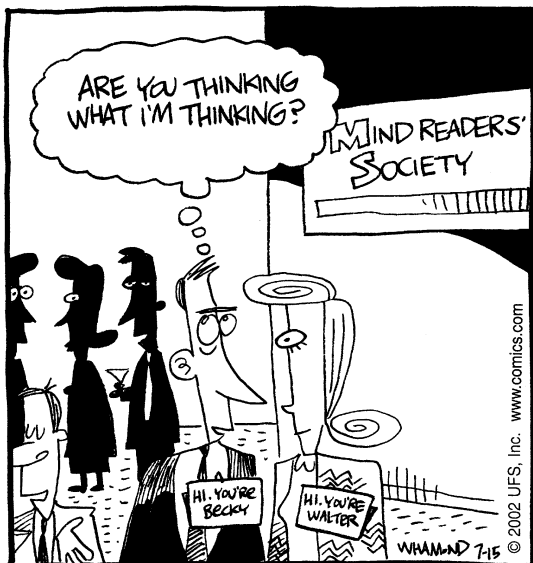
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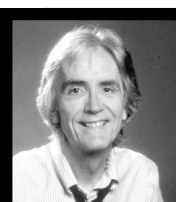
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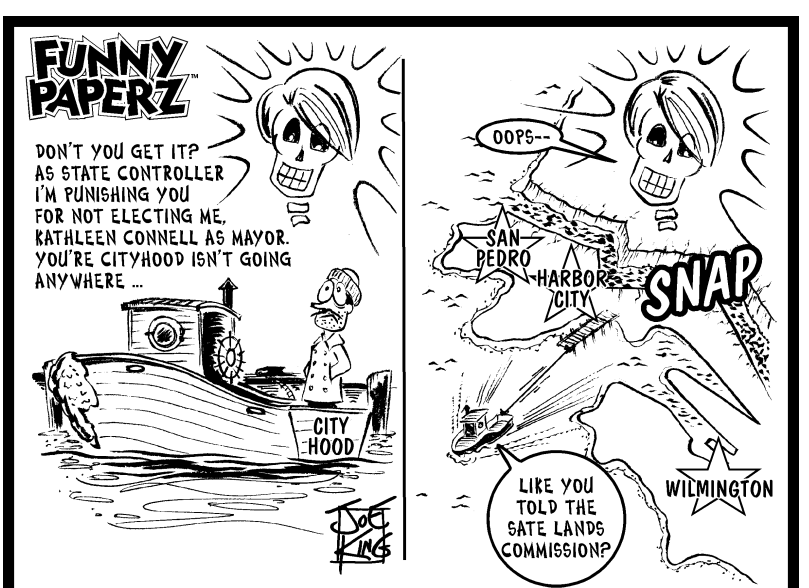


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Teacher uses knife to get students to interact

- Middle-school teacher Timothy Thomure, 46, admitted rubbing a knife blade along a student's finger (and other acts of intimidation) to "loosen (students) up and get them to interact" (Sedalia, Mo., March).
- Parents of an 8-year-old boy recently asked school officials for counseling help to deal with a lingering 1999 incident in which a teacher disciplined him by dumping a cup of cockroaches on his chest (Houston, April). A middle-school teacher was fired for allegedly throwing a chair at a student during a "behavior management" class (Pflugerville, Texas, May).
- A Sunday school teacher was convicted of a misdemeanor for counseling a teen-age boy that a good way to curb his masturbation habit was to write "What would Jesus do?" on his penis (Andover, Minn., June).





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Calendar

Monday, July 15, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Sum of all Fears (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00. *The Powerpuff Girls Movie* (PG) 12:00, 2:15. *Like Mike* (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. *Scooby-Doo* (PG-13) 4:30, 6:45 9:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30, 12:15. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. *Men in Black II* (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40, 12:00. *Halloween: Resurrection* 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00, 12:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 10:35, 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40. *Insomnia* (R) 11:20, 2:00, 5:05, 7:55, 10:40. *Reign of Fire* 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:35, 10:20. *The Crocodile Hunter* (PG) 10:30, 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35. *Road to Perdition* 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 6:45. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. *Notorious CHO* (R) 10:05, 12:00.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15. *Sunshine State* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
The Emperor's New Clothes (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

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Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

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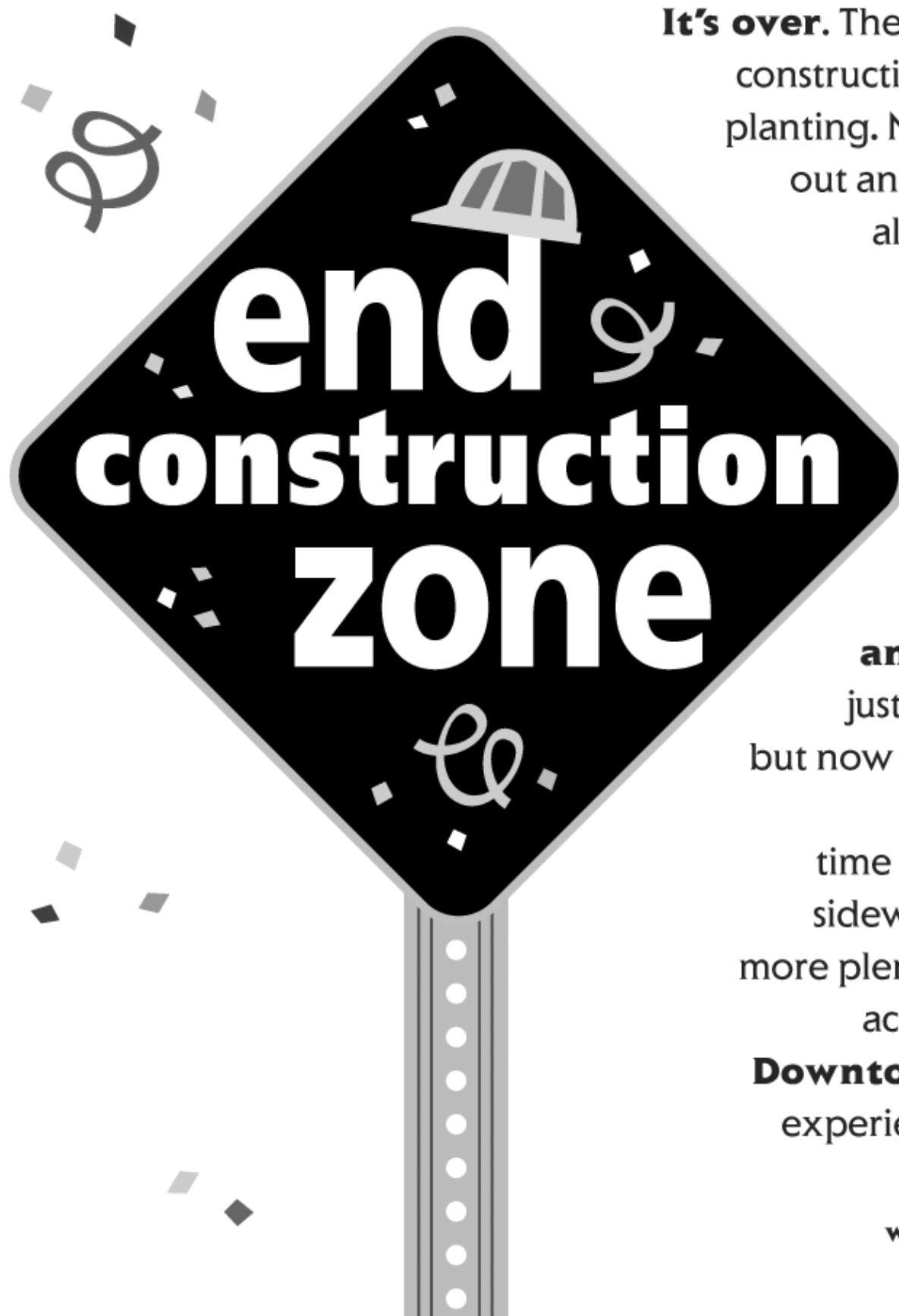
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