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False alarm



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica firefighter Marlon Jefferson removes a bedroom window screen at an apartment located at 838 Fifth Street on Monday. Once inside, Jefferson found an incense burner had ignited a piece of paper. No damage was reported to the apartment.

Former Aamco manager sentenced for grand theft

Manager convicted on four counts heads to jail after pleading guilty

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The former manager of a Santa Monica Aamco repair shop surrendered to authorities Monday to begin a 30-day jail sentence for charges that he ripped off customers.

Peter Joseph Trotter, who used to repair transmissions at Aamco located at 2621 Pico Boulevard, pleaded guilty on July 2 of one count of grand theft, two counts of false advertising and one count of faulty workmanship. His former boss and the business' previous owner, Moshen Rabiee, faces similar charges on Sept. 5.

Besides serving 30 days in jail, Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard J. Kamins ordered Trotter to pay \$1,512 in fines and restitution. He also forbid him from ever working in the automotive repair industry again.

Repeated complaints by customers of the Aamco shop led to an undercover sting operation by agents from the state's Bureau of Automotive Repair. Customers reported two years ago that mechanics at the shop were making unnecessary repairs, officials said.

The bureau conducted three sting operations at the shop in late 2000 and early 2001 to establish a standard of deceptive business practices, bureau officials said. In all three instances, automobiles were sent in for

minor repair work, but mechanics at the shop convinced the undercover agents of the need for far greater and more expensive work.

Additionally, the agents found that much of the work done by the shop's mechanics was in many cases never completed. Often, parts that allegedly needed to be replaced — and for which the customers were billed — were actually never replaced.

"We want to send out a strong message that we take the prosecution of deceptive automotive repair practices seriously in California," said Feliciano Sanchez, manager of the bureau's Culver City office, which conducted the sting.

"In this case, a simple repair would have taken care of the problem, but they chose knowingly to sell a complete transmission overhaul when they were able to easily determine it wasn't needed," he said. "It all goes back to the evil green — the greed for more and more money."

After the bureau's sting was complete, it sent the case to the Santa Monica City Attorney's office to prosecute. Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who manages the city's consumer affairs division, said Santa Monica filed charges in May 2001.

"Any consumer who is suspicious of excessive repairs or charges should contact the Bureau of Automotive Repair," he said. "And of course (any past Aamco shop customers) would be welcome to go to small claims court or hire an attorney on their own if

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US Bank ordered to pay couple \$75 for excessive fees

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

It's become increasingly common for small local banks to get gobbled up by huge national corporations who turn around and charge their customers higher fees.

But an elderly Santa Monica couple didn't sit still when US Bank bought Santa Monica Bank and raised its fees.

So the couple sued the bank. And on Monday, they won.

Michael and Kristin Runge sued when the bank charged them \$75 to close three of their IRA accounts and then, over their complaints, refused to refund the money. Two years ago US Bank purchased Santa Monica Bank, where the couple's

accounts were originally opened.

The Runges said US Bank promised not to raise any of the fees on their no-charge IRA accounts inherited from Santa Monica Bank. But the promise soon appeared to go the way of independent banks, buried in the blitz of consolidations which have seized the financial services industry.

The Runges said they were soon faced with lower interest rates, poor service and increased fees on

new accounts and transactions.

"We asked if there would be any new fees, and they told us Santa Monica Bank customers would not be charged anything new," said Kristin Runge. "But when they took over they began charging all these

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Consumer watch

Tenant's impending eviction rests with jury

Was landlord retaliating in bid to evict 16-year rent-controlled tenant?

BY DAVE DANFORTH
Daily Press Staff Writer

It all came to a head over a cat named George.

Then the unique Santa Monica eviction case exploded into a full-blown jury trial, with allegations of hidden video cameras, forged documents, stolen mail, and missing cash.

Never mind that Jill Shively has lived in her rent-controlled one-bedroom apartment at 20th Street and California Avenue for 16 years, or that Abbas "Joe" Joukar has owned the building for 12 years. It really went downhill rapidly

after George's reward money — \$150 — turned up missing June 1.

The Santa Monica jury in Judge Diana Wheatley's courtroom is set to begin deliberating in Superior Court today after a three-day trial.

Between conflicting testimony, high emotion and sparring lawyers, it may come down to a question of whom the jury believes. One of the jurors even wondered aloud why the case wasn't in small claims court.

Building owner Joukar formally delivered a three-day eviction notice on June 4. It alleged that Shively, and her domestic partner Bob Kirby, had created an atmosphere of distrust and fear at the eight-unit complex.

But Shively and Kirby aren't going down without a fight. They deny the

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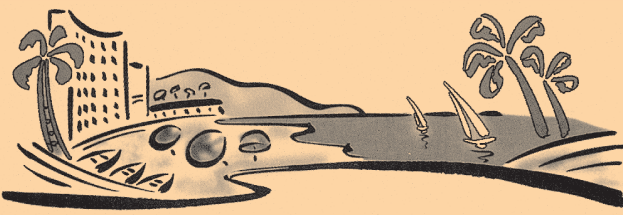
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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Pull back and investigate different options, especially as you might hit a snafu or two. Your ability to get past problems marks your interactions. Understand that a misunderstanding could be dominating a conversation. Tonight: Take time with a loved one. Listen.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Head in to work, determined to work with an associate. Clearing up a misunderstanding or confusion could take more work than you anticipate. Don't give up; your tenacity pays off — if not immediately, then in the very near future. Tonight: Do something ultimately relaxing.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Allow more options in your life. A close associate demonstrates flexibility and an aptitude for transformation. Learn from this person. Your determination comes through; you take the lead in an important matter. Tonight: Spice up your personal life.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Recognize that a new attitude might be needed in order to accomplish what you want. Allow your family to become a bigger priority. Float with low-level fatigue or depression. Listen to another's suggestions. Tonight: At home.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your talented self-expression needs to come out. Your nerves could get the best of you. Take a walk at lunchtime or choose to do another stress-buster. Your ability to deal with tension allows you to grab a problem and tackle it. Tonight: Join a friend, even if it means listening to his or her woes.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Curb spending while you're still in control. Consider your options. You might want to make more money. Confusion marks work and your mood. Slow down and take your time with others. Make sure your communication is clear. Tonight: Your treat.

♏ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You slide past many problems that trip others up right now. Take your time deciding what to do with a career or personal matter. If your sixth sense tells you to change direction, do just that. Appreciate another's limits. Tonight: Consider someone at a distance.

♐ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Sit back and gain a fuller perspective of what is happening. Your associates might not understand all of what is happening and seek you out as a result. Refuse to give opinions, but help others think through what is happening. Tonight: Cocoon.

♑ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your positive attitude helps many get past their issues right now. Keep your eye on your objectives, rather than diffusing your energies. Show the ability to understand and alter a situation. A close associate needs more than advice. Tonight: Follow your friends.

♒ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Responsibilities naturally fall on you, partially because others know they can count on you. Take charge and deal with others more directly. Use logic with a partner who might be confused at best, or totally illogical! Tonight: Tie up loose ends at work.

♓ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take an overview while others get into the problem. Others drop a lot in your lap. Make sure you clearly understand their expectations. Mistakes could happen out of the blue. Your even approach could help others settle down. Tonight: Rent a movie. Relax to a favorite piece of music.

♈ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Realize that what knocks another's socks off might not do the same for you. Deal with an associate or loved one directly, not worrying so much about his or her reaction. Your clarity can make all the difference. Be a good partner and listener. Tonight: Say yes to a request.

QUOTE of the DAY

**“It takes two to speak the truth —
One to speak and the another to hear.”**
— Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

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LOCAL

Baywatch



Del Pastrana/Daily Press
Lifeguard Jay Wilkes stands guard at the Santa Monica Beach Monday where hundreds gathered under the hot sun.

Pier Restoration Corp. names interim director

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Pier Restoration Corp. named a new executive director to guide the pier's operations until a permanent replacement is found.

Ben Franz-Knight, 29, was officially hired at the PRC's July 10 meeting to run the day-to-day business operation of the

Santa Monica Pier until a replacement for Jan Palchikoff, who resigned her post as executive director last month, can be found. Monday was Franz-Knight's first day on the job.

"The pier has been here since the early 1900's and it has a long and interesting history as well as being home to one of

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Rape suspect arrested

By Daily Press staff

A transient was arrested by Santa Monica Police on Sunday for allegedly raping a woman on Main Street the day before.

At 10:40 a.m. on Sunday, police responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a rape investigation. When officers arrived they spoke to the victim who said at about 2 p.m. on Saturday she saw an acquaintance in the area of Fourth Street and Pico Boulevard. The victim and the suspect, identified as Donald Sampson, went to the 2000 block of Main Street where he sexually assaulted her. The victim reported the incident to police the next day. The victim provided Sampson's identity to the investigating officers.

The victim was treated at a local hospital and is listed in good condition.

At about 6:30 p.m., an officer saw Sampson in the alley in the 2900 block of Main Street. Sampson was arrested and taken to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for rape and kidnapping. Sampson's bail is set at \$100,000.

The Q Line

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?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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- 6:11 p.m. 2.37'

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Surfrider	1-3'/fair	1-3'/fair	A
Topanga	1-3'/fair	1-3'/fair	A
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OPINION

LETTERS

Conservancy wants to preserve, not oppose

Editor:

I wanted to correct a misunderstanding by your publication regarding what the primary objectives are of the newly forming Santa Monica Conservancy.

The Santa Monica Conservancy's mission is promoting the preservation of Santa Monica's rich cultural resources through leadership, education and advocacy. It is not being formed as an opposition group to those that wish to alter the preservation ordinance in Santa Monica. Its goals are much broader than that and its formation has been in the works for years.

It will be a non-profit, non-partisan organization. The recent controversy created by the voluntary preservation movement, however, points to the need for better education, which will be one of our major initial focuses.

We hope to develop programs to broaden resident awareness of our history and our built environment and how, by preserving the best of our historic past, that we can contribute to a richer future for our community. We want to foster an appreciation of our historic resources in Santa Monica and provide information and technical assistance to property owners wishing to preserve their properties. We want to broaden people's understanding of what preservation is about — that preservation does not mean freezing our city in time but rather retaining the best of the old, and adapting the use of noteworthy structures for new uses that will be vital parts of our city into the future.

We recognize that just because something is old does not mean it is worth preserving but we will encourage our citizens and city officials to be thoughtful when considering doing away with the old. Preservation does not work unless it allows for adaptation, modernization and reuse. We hope, through creative partnerships, that we can contribute to a rich, more vibrant Santa Monica of the future, a wonderful blend of the old and new.

Santa Monicans interested in the history of our city and its structures can look forward to an inaugural event this fall. We welcome everyone to join us in our effort to make our city a richer, more interesting, and beautiful place to live, one that respects our past and looks to the future.

Tom Cleys
President
Santa Monica Conservancy

Changing feeding policy may be unfair

Editor:

Re: City to examine public feeding regulation

So, I think I understand ... If you are rich, feed your face at a picnic in the park. If you are poor, eat somewhere else! Question ... can I still feed the pigeons?

P.S. Maybe as the economy worsens and homelessness becomes de rigueur they'll have a change of heart.

Brendan & Ingrid O'Brien
Santa Monica

Feinstein on to bigger and better things?

Editor:

Last month, I criticized (too broadly, I fear) the politicians of Santa Monica for hogging the spotlight during the awards ceremony honoring Mr. Greenberg who has been serving our city for more than 25 years. Being a new resident, I made a bad mistake which I hope you will allow me to correct.

Mr. Feinstein demonstrated his concern for our community, along with the next-in-line to succeed him, by going against the wishes of the city council (all potential chief executives themselves) with regard to important issues, eg. the location of hazardous activities such as skate boarding; closing up restaurants many which do not comply with minimum health requirements (particularly sanitation and waste management); ridding our parks of bums and the use and sale of controlled substances, and by continuing to attract many foreign visitors who make our economy viable and greatly enhance our way of life.

I encourage him to seek higher administrative office (such as head of the Dept. of Public Safety) or perhaps as a sitting judge to help enforce the many laws already on the books to see that justice is served.

Boy was I wrong! Live and learn.

Jay Rubenstein
Santa Monica

City will feel the pain of the living wage ordinance

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of weekly columns editorializing on the hotly contested living wage ordinance. The city council passed an ordinance last July requiring businesses that generate more than \$5 million in annual revenue to pay their employees \$12.25 an hour. Those businesses and their supporters have asked for the ordinance to be rescinded, which is before voters this November.)

Proponents of the city's minimum wage ordinance like to say that it will affect only the largest and most profitable businesses in Santa Monica. What they don't say is that one of the employers which will be hardest hit is the city itself.

If the ordinance with its \$12.25 per hour minimum wage were now in effect, the city would have been forced to bear substantial increases in costs during the current fiscal year and all subsequent

years. These increases would come from higher salaries, the addition of personnel to enforce the law and absorbing higher prices from service contractors forced to pay higher wages.

While estimates of these increases have varied over time, the amount would certainly be substantial, especially in light of current budget pressures caused by general economic decline.

During a Santa Monica City Council meeting, City Manager Susan McCarthy estimated the law would cost the city \$3 million the first year alone. Earlier this year, City Finance Director Mike Dennis lowered this estimate to approximately \$1.8 million. The current budget estimates salary increases alone would, on an annual basis, be

approximately \$1 million and internal city studies place wage hikes at almost \$1.2 million. When one adds the other costs involved, \$1.8 million seems conservative. (Recall that original estimates of the enforcement costs of rent control were \$150,000; the current budget is around \$4 million.)

Guest Commentary

By Tom Larmore

Like other cities, and particularly those relying on tourism for a major portion of their economy, Santa Monica has been hit hard by the general economic decline and the

tragic events of 9/11. At the same time, the city is faced with increasing costs in many other areas and an expected loss of revenue as the state attempts to cope with its \$20 billion deficit.

As a result, the city was forced to make painful choices in this year's budg-

et. Unfortunately, the projections clearly indicate that the budget shortfalls will continue over at least the next few years. (I believe that the city's tax revenues will be negatively affected by the impacts of the minimum wage ordinance for reasons to be discussed in subsequent articles.)

If the law had been effective on July 1, which would have occurred except for the referendum, the city would have needed to make additional cuts of \$1 million to \$2 million in this year's budget. Where would this money have come from? What programs would have been cut even more than they were? Schools? Parks? Public safety?

The next time you hear someone promoting the minimum wage law, ask them which city expenses they would reduce to cover the increased costs. No matter where the fiscal knife is applied, the city and its residents will feel the cuts.

(Tom Larmore is a Santa Monica resident and a property rights attorney.)

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LOCAL



New pier director aims for smooth transition

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the most dynamic historical buildings I have ever seen, the Hippodrome that houses the Carousel," he said. "I view the pier as one of Santa Monica's great assets and look forward to insuring that the pier provides all it can for this city by the sea."

"I view the pier as one of Santa Monica's great assets and look forward to insuring that the pier provides all it can for this city by the sea."

— BEN FRANZ-KNIGHT
Acting Santa Monica Pier Executive Director

From Jan. 1999 to July 2001, Franz-Knight served as Palchikoff's assistant and as the director of corporate sponsorship. He was hired because of his familiarity with the pier and its business functions, said PRC Chairman Michael Klein.

"We had five or six applicants for the interim spot," Klein said. "He fit the best because he had been there before and had a history with us already."

Franz-Knight said his past experience with the pier will be an asset, especially having worked for Palchikoff.

"During that time I built solid relationships with many of the tenants on the pier, city staff and various other entities

conducting business on the pier," Franz-Knight said. "I developed an in-depth understanding of the pier as a place of business, as an event venue, as a place for a pleasant stroll, and as a cherished icon."

Neither Franz-Knight nor Klein would say how much the salary for the position is even though it's supposed to be public information.

"But it's far less than we were paying (Palchikoff)," Klein said.

When Franz-Knight's wife was offered an appointment as a professor at California Polytechnic at San Luis Obispo the couple decided it was too good an opportunity to turn down and Franz-Knight resigned his pier position.

But when Franz-Knight learned of Palchikoff's resignation he decided to apply for the interim position and "come home."

Franz-Knight said he plans to apply for the permanent position when the PRC begins accepting applications and begins its "nationwide" search for a new executive director.

"We also told him that if he wanted to he could apply for the permanent position," Klein said. "He's not guaranteed anything and we're not bound by anything, but he's more than welcome to go for it."

Franz-Knight said just being able to work again on the pier again is a blessing.

"There are so many things about the pier that I find exciting," he said. "The diversity of people, the carnival atmosphere, the soothing breeze that greets you when you reach the end of the pier and look out over the Pacific."

"The free concerts every Thursday night, to stand in the clean ocean air listening to good music as the sun sets and the moon shines on the pier."

Judge finds notice of fee changes was never given

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hidden fees."

"So we had to close the accounts," she added, "and they charged us for that too."

Kristin Runge said the couple had moved their account to another bank that didn't charge as many fees and offered better interest rates. She declined to name her new bank.

"We had our retirement accounts at Santa Monica Bank for years and they never tried to charge us any fees," Runge said.

Rhonda Nasser, a US Bank sales and service manager, said the fees were charged to recover the cost of filing reports with the Internal Revenue Service whenever an IRA account is closed.

Nasser said the bank charged the couple a lower amount than what they charge their customers now because the Runge's accounts were inherited from Santa Monica Bank and the \$25 fee is what US Bank charged in 2000. Now the bank charges \$30 for the same transaction, she said.

"We followed the rules in place when the account was opened," Nasser said.

"Every customer gets a contract explaining the rules."

But Santa Monica Small Claims Judge Pro Tem James Lewis said US Bank had unfairly charged the couple. He said Santa Monica Bank had always advertised as a no-fee bank, and it was very likely the couple would not have been charged the same fee if the original bank was still around.

"Santa Monica Bank used to be an aggressive advertiser," he said. "And their big gimmick was that they had no fees or hidden costs."

Lewis said any bank that purchases another must abide by the original bank's policies, rules and fee schedules until they give their customers enough notice that they can close their accounts and switch if they find the new policies to be disagreeable.

"I have the impression there were no fees charged by Santa Monica Bank," Lewis said. "And (US Bank) is bound by the same rules as Santa Monica Bank unless they gave their customers sufficient notice of any changes."

"And from what I've seen today, that notice was never given," he added.

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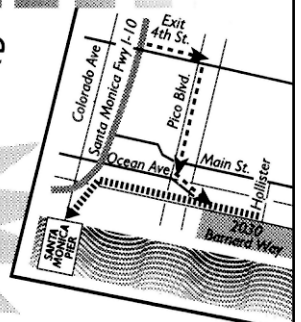
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Mechanics charged with making fraudulent repairs

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they felt they had been subject to any deceptive business practices there."

Bureau officials recommend shopping around for a car mechanic as is often done when looking for a doctor or a dentist. The bureau's Web site at www.autorepair.ca.gov allows users to search repair

shops by name to find out if there have been any complaints lodged against it.

Those without Internet access are encouraged to call (800) 952-5210 if they suspect wrong doing by a repair shop or would like to find out more information about a mechanic.

How to shop for a good and honest car mechanic

Like most Californians, you probably depend on your car just to get through the day. When your vehicle needs service or repair, you want the work done promptly, efficiently and at a reasonable cost.

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One of the best ways to select a repair shop is through word-of-mouth recommendation. Ask your friends and associates what repair shops they like and why.

Consumer organizations may be able to advise you regarding the reputation of a particular repair shop. The Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair can, upon written request, provide information regarding a shop's license status, any disciplinary actions against it, and, in many cases, any complaints received.

Look for indications such as Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications, or advanced training certificates. Other marks of professionalism include membership in the Automotive Service Council, Better Business Bureau or AAA-approved auto repair status.

When you're explaining the problem to the technician or service representative, be as detailed as possible. Don't rush or be intimidated. If you think it will help, bring along a list of the things you've noticed about your vehicle.

Although the technician or service representative probably can't diagnose your problem on the spot, feel free to ask questions. If you don't understand the answers, ask for clarification.

All auto repair shops in California must be registered with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair, and every repair shop must post a sign to inform customers of their rights.

If you don't see the sign, ask to see it.

If you are dissatisfied with the repair work, speak directly with the service manager. Keep these tips in mind:

Know your rights, as defined by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair.

Explain the problem accurately, and tell the manager what you think would be a fair settlement.

If you are willing to negotiate, say so. In many disputes, neither party is 100 percent right.

If the problem cannot be resolved to your satisfaction, tell the manager you

intend to file a complaint with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair.

In 1971, the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair was established to prevent abuses in the auto repair industry. The agency gives consumers a formal way to take action against negligent repair shops.

If you have a complaint, it is often easier and quicker to resolve the matter directly with the repair shop. If you cannot solve the problem, you may want to file a formal complaint with bureau. Here is how to file a complaint:

- Contact the toll-free number, 1-800-952-5210, to obtain a complaint form. Complete the form and return it to the bureau. Save all your receipts; they may be helpful when the bureau reviews your complaint.

When it receives your form, the bureau will assign a case number to your complaint. Within 10 days you will receive a postcard acknowledging receipt of your complaint, and identifying the bureau representative assigned to your case.

A supervisor will review the complaint to see if it appears the shop has violated the Auto Repair Act or any other laws.

Your assigned bureau representative will review the complaint and contact you.

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LOCAL



Jury deliberates on eviction case in Santa Monica court

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charges, and say that Joukar is retaliating for a laundry list of complaints they made about the place, their contacts with the rent control board, and even an incident in which Shively took a tumble on some wet tiles six years ago and cost Joukar, who was without insurance, \$25,000.

Then, in a rent-control town like Santa Monica, there are financial stakes, although they might appear meager compared to the cost of the three-day legal circus staged last week before Judge Wheatley's jurors.

Shively and Kirby pay \$670 per month between them, while their apartment would fetch \$1,195 on the open market, Joukar said. The tenants say the difference — \$6,300 per year — explains both Joukar's bid to kick them out and their fight to stop him from getting rid of them so he can raise the rent.

Joukar points to other, neighboring tenants like Michael Edwards and Christina Signorello, who say they feel so uncomfortable around Shively and Kirby that they are taking off for their native New Hampshire to await the outcome of the case.

On June 1, Edwards and Signorello found the owner of a lost cat, George, who had made his home with them. They declined an offer from owner Amber Williamson for the \$150 reward, but Signorello testified that Williamson sent over a card anyway. When they went to read the card, Signorello said it and the rest of some mail she'd left in her mailbox were gone.

Edwards and Signorello, his girlfriend, said Kirby became unusually defensive when they approached him about the missing card. Signorello said Kirby told her, "if you're looking for the money, I think Jill (Shively) went to spend it."

From there, neighborly relations spiraled downhill. The postman, Neal McCabe, said he hadn't been by earlier that day. The police were called. And Kirby allegedly told Edwards, "things get stolen here all the time."

Kirby supposedly told Edwards he was an "idiot" and "arrogant." Three weeks later, Edwards said Kirby demanded an explanation for furniture Shively and Kirby alleged Edwards and Signorello had stolen from their porch. Signorello said she found a rocking chair and dresser behind the apartment, next to the trash near the rear alley, and brought them inside to fix up.

The apartments at 20th and California are modest. Shively is a paralegal for the non-profit So. California Indian Center in Los Angeles. Signorello is a pre-school teacher, while Edwards, a radio news reporter by trade, has a Screen Actors Guild membership but not much action. Kirby is a part-time geography professor.

Joukar said he felt a responsibility to his "family" of tenants, and decided that Shively had to go, particularly with

Kirby's recent arrival (domestic partners are protected from rental increases under rent control law).

Joukar pointed to Edwards' statement that the pair had three sets of video cameras, one reportedly trained on their neighbors' bedroom.

The law states that Joukar can legally evict his tenants if they have "substantially interfered" with the "comfort, safety and enjoyment" of others. Judge Wheatley instructed the jury. She also told jurors that stolen mail is a crime, but that they had to decide not only whether Kirby stole mail or the \$150, but also whether if he did, the act would cause a normal person to become "substantially annoyed."

Tenant Shively portrayed landlord Joukar as a one-time friend who appeared less willing, over time, to fix up the apartment. Joukar came to the U.S. from Iran and made good with only a limited education. In her view, he wasn't a quintessentially bad landlord, but rather an owner who was in over his head. Her list of complaints included holes in the apartment and a heater which didn't work.

Joukar's lawyer, Rosario Perry, needled Shively for the supposed gravity of her complaints. The jury laughed when he remarked, "They want you to think it's a death zone. Why does she want to stay in it if she's going to be dead in a few weeks?"

But a legitimate defense to an eviction action is that the landlord is "retaliating" for tenant complaints. Joukar said he didn't receive most of Shively's complaints.

Similarly, a mysterious lease which Joukar said he'd never seen showed up during the trial, between Shively and a rental agent. Joukar and Perry argued that it was a forgery, and noted a typed "B" on it was similar to the "B" on Shively's typewriter. The lease was a fake, Perry charged, to include a phrase that would let Shively recover lawyer fees, making a trial worthwhile.

Shively and Kirby's attorney, Matthew Schwartz, belittled Edwards, attempting to attack his credibility by making fun of his relative unemployment (to which he replied, "we're supporting ourselves wonderfully off her teaching job.") He also ridiculed as preposterous a claim that Kirby would go out of his way to steal mail. Joukar was conducting a campaign of harassment, he alleged, and the owner's eviction bid showed his "malicious intent."

The 12-member jury took the emotion of the case in stride. On Friday, they attracted notice around the Santa Monica Courthouse by agreeing to arrive decked out in Hawaiian "luau" shirts. Judge Wheatley read them an e-mail which indicated several others in the building were curious about the attire in her courtroom.

There are four landlords and eight tenants sitting on the jury. In a civil case such as an eviction, nine of the 12 jurors must agree.

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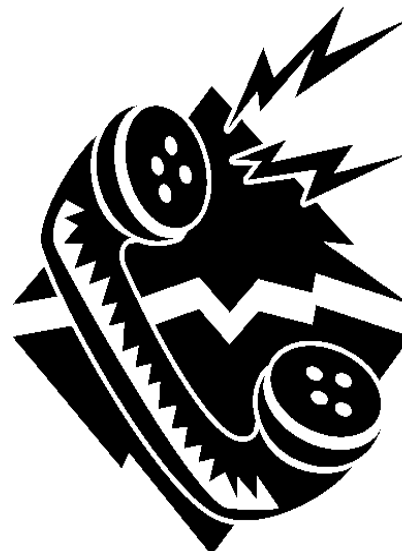
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Manslaughter sentence delivered



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Marjorie Knoller, left, listens, in this photo from television video, to the judge sentence her to the maximum four years in prison on Monday, for the dog mauling death of her neighbor in their apartment building last year. With her in the San Francisco courtroom is her attorney, Dennis Riordan.

Cops must follow guidelines for administering DUI tests

BY COLLEEN VALLES
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court warned Monday that if officers administering field tests to people suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol don't follow the guidelines for administering them, the tests could eventually lose their reliability.

The justices said police must closely follow rules governing use of breath test machines for the results to be admissible at trial and to ensure future results are reliable.

The judgment stems from Steven Vaughn Williams' 1997 arrest for driving under the influence.

His lawyers tried to get the breath test results thrown out, saying the arresting officer did not conform to state requirements for administering the tests. But the court found the results met some generally accepted rules for the reliability and

relevance of scientific evidence, even though they may not have met the stricter requirements. The court let the results in, and Williams was convicted.

The appeals court disagreed, saying the test results were inadmissible because the officer who gave the test did not substantially comply with state regulations. But it upheld Williams' conviction.

"Although we reject the Court of Appeal's legal conclusions, we share its concern that laxity in complying with the regulations may undermine the reliability of the test," Justice Janice Brown wrote for the unanimous court.

The state's high court upheld the appeals court ruling.

"I'd like to think it's also going to motivate police to get in there and follow the regulations, familiarize themselves with them," said Linda Zachritz, attorney for Williams. "That's what gives these tests value."

Judge bars firm from placing pop-up ads at other Web sites

BY MICHAEL BUETTNER
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — A California software company must stop delivering ads that pop up unauthorized when surfers visit the Web sites of several prominent media companies, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton in Alexandria, Va., issued the preliminary injunction Friday in a lawsuit that 10 media companies filed last month against Gator Corp. of Redwood City, Calif.

The plaintiffs, including parents of The Washington Post, The New York Times and USA Today, accused Gator of parasitic behavior.

No date has been set for trial.

Janet Collum, an attorney for Gator, said company officials were considering an appeal of the injunction, confident it will win the case at trial. "We believe strongly that the facts and the law are on our side," she said.

Gator, which runs an ad network that claims 22 million active users and 400 advertisers, produces pop-up ads that appear when computer owners with its software browse Web sites targeted by Gator's advertisers.

Internet users get Gator advertising software when they install a separate product for filling out online forms and remembering passwords. Gator also comes hitched with free software from other companies, including games and file-sharing programs.

As users surf the Web, Gator runs in the background and delivers advertisements on top of what the surfer would normally get at a site.

Terence P. Ross, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the court injunction "is an indication that the judge thinks our case does have merit."

The publishers claim Gator's practices lower their advertising revenue by directing Web surfers to competitors' sites, hiding legitimate ads and offering deals that directly compete with those of the site's paid advertisers.

NATIONAL



President Bush gives upbeat assessment of economy

BY MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday coupled an upbeat assessment of the economy with a warning to corporate America to “behave responsibly,” an attempt to restore investor confidence in the wake of a wave of business scandals.

Bush’s remarks in Birmingham, Ala., came as the Senate neared passage of legislation that would create stiff penalties and jail terms for corporate fraud and tightening oversight of the accounting industry.

The markets dropped even further despite Bush’s remarks. The Dow Jones industrials were down about 400 points in early afternoon trading, heading for their fifth triple-digit loss in six sessions.

Bush has been dogged in recent weeks by a decade-old Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into his sale of stock in his former oil company, Harken Energy Corp. And Vice President Dick Cheney’s former company, Halliburton Co., is being investigated by the SEC for its accounting practices.

In his remarks, Bush repeatedly condemned corporate fraud, saying he expected “the highest ethical standards in corporate America.”

“In order to be a responsible American, you must behave responsibly,” Bush said in a message intended for business executives.

He urged Congress to get legislation designed to combat corporate fraud on his desk before it adjourns for the summer recess.

The Senate was expected to pass its version of the bill later Monday; the House already has acted on a measure widely considered to be weaker because it does not contain penalties for corporate fraud. Differences between the two measures would have to be resolved before a compromise bill could be sent to Bush.

Bush insisted that the economy is fundamentally strong, and said its problems stemmed from a “hangover” from the 1990s.

“America must get rid of the hangover as a result of the binge, the economic binge we just went through,” Bush said at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. “We were in a land where there was endless profit, no tomorrow when it came to the stock markets and corporate profits, and now we’re suffering a hangover from that binge.”

At a fund-raising luncheon Monday in Hartford, Conn., Cheney touched briefly on corporate responsibility and the president’s calls for reform. “Government will clearly investigate and pursue the wrongdoers,” he said.

CEOs who are found to be cooking the books “must be held to account,” Cheney said, although he did not mention allegations about his conduct.

Investor confidence has been shaken since a series of corporate accounting scandals, beginning with the collapse of Enron Corp. WorldCom Inc., Xerox Corp. and Global Crossing Ltd. also are under investigation.

SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt, himself, is under fire because of his past work representing the accounting industry and big corporations before the agency. Several members of Congress have urged his resignation.

In a round of talk show appearances Sunday, Pitt pledged that the SEC will take enforcement action, if needed, against Cheney’s former company. “If there’s a

problem with Halliburton or any other company, we will investigate it and we will take whatever action is appropriate,” Pitt said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

He said he would remove himself from an SEC decision on Halliburton.

And he said it was up to Bush to decide whether to release documents related to the Harken probe.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday the president still did not intend to call on the SEC to release the documents.

“The SEC has released its conclusions. They’ve taken a look at all the facts,” Fleischer told reporters on Air Force One as Bush traveled to Alabama. “There’s no change in anything the White House is doing or saying,” he said.

Fleischer also shrugged off repeated calls for Pitt’s resignation, saying “the president stands by his team.”

“I’m the right person for the job,” said Pitt, appointed by Bush last year as the top market watchdog. “This guilt by occupation is really a needless diversion.”

Bush and the Republicans have been on the defensive as Democrats have made corporate accountability a political issue in this congressional election year. Fleischer portrayed the questions the White House has been facing over its handling of corporate scandals as mere politicking by Democrats.

“The closer it gets to the election it’s going to be expected that some people are going to engage in statements that are political in nature,” Fleischer said. “The president understands that and it’s not going to stop him from focusing on the problems in corporate America.”

Partisan bickering continued over Bush’s sale of Harken Energy Corp. stock for \$848,000 in June 1990, two months before Harken reported millions of dollars in losses. Bush was a director of the company.

The SEC’s insider-trading inquiry into the sale, made when Bush’s father was president, was closed with no action against Bush. “But unless there’s a reason to reopen ancient history, we should move on with the future and start helping today’s investors,” Pitt said.

If Bush asked him to release the file, Pitt said, he would do so.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, chairman of the Banking Committee, said Monday the president should do precisely that.

“I think what ought to be done here is that the president ought to call on the SEC to review all the facts,” the Maryland Democrat said on NBC’s “Today” show. “The president ought to lay out all the facts and let the country take a look at them, and that way this constant agitation about this issue would be put to rest.”

Lindh spared life term



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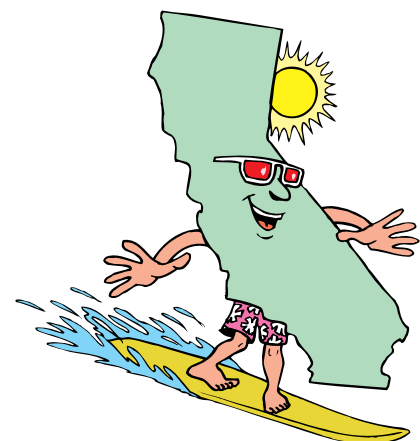
U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty, center, chief prosecutor in the case against John Walker Lindh, speaks with reporters on Monday outside the Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va., following a surprise plea agreement that will spare the American Taliban fighter a life prison sentence. McNulty called the pleading “an important victory for the American people in the battle against terrorism.” He is flanked by lead prosecutor Randy Bellows, right, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kelly at left.

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NATIONAL

A sneaky history exposed in the new spy museum

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Imagine a gun disguised as a silvery tube of lipstick, a camera hidden behind a coat button or a tree stump that's really an eavesdropping device.

Props for the next James Bond movie? Maybe.

They're also genuine tools of spycraft, used by real-life spooks around the world, and these devices and hundreds of other items go on display when the International Spy Museum opens Friday.

Organizers say it's the first public museum in the United States dedicated to espionage, and the only one to provide a global perspective on an art form dating back to biblical times, when Moses assigned 12 Israelites to "spy out the land" of Canaan, promised to them by God.

A particularly prized exhibit — never before seen in public — is a one-page letter Gen. George Washington wrote in February 1777. In it, Washington offers Nathaniel Sackett, a New York political activist and merchant for the Continental Army, \$50 a month to set up a network to

obtain "the earliest and best Intelligence of the designs of the enemy."

Museum officials recently bought the letter from a private collector. It had remained with Sackett's family until a few years ago and was reprinted in a newspaper in 1931.

Former spies who serve on the museum's advisory boards, including former FBI and CIA chief William Webster and retired KGB Gen. Oleg Kalugin, helped gather more than 1,000 spy tools from the United States and other countries, including England, East Germany and the Soviet Union. About 600 pieces will be displayed initially.

Throughout the museum, visitors get quizzed on the details of a cover they're asked to adopt — name, age and reason for travel.

They can also create and break secret codes and test their ability to find examples of common surveillance, ordinary-looking spies or dead drops — pre-arranged locations where undercover operatives and their handlers exchange messages, money or the goods.

Suspected rabid bobcat attacks hiker, park rangers

By The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A bobcat attacked a hiker at a state nature reserve, charged a park ranger's truck and lunged at another ranger before it was killed, authorities said. They suspect the cat was rabid.

A wildlife officer fatally shot the cat Sunday as it hung from a ranger's arm, officials said.

"This is extremely unusual behavior. They usually flee at the sight of a person," said wildlife commission Lt. Jeff Gier. He said bobcats hunt at night and are rarely seen during the day.

Todd Long, 37, was hiking at Rock Springs Run State Reserve when he said he heard "a shrill meow" and saw a bobcat poised to attack. Long said he put up his arms to deflect the cat, but instead caught the 35-pound animal.

"Here I am holding this thing and shak-

ing it, and finally realizing that it's not doing any good," Long said, "so I threw it in the bushes."

The cat, as big as a medium-sized dog, pounced again minutes later and Long said he hit him about a dozen times with a stick, breaking the stick into pieces.

He walked a couple of miles to find a ranger, and the pair returned in a truck. The cat then attacked the vehicle and tried to get in the cab, clawing the grill and rear bumper.

Lt. Laura DeWald, of the Department of Environmental Protection, and Officer John Giles of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, arrived with a pistol and a 12-gauge shotgun.

The cat jumped on DeWald after she fired three or four shots. Giles then killed the animal as it hung from her arm.

Long and DeWald were taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford for treatment and testing.

Washington wildlife officials invite unregulated pig hunters

By The Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — Hunters are once again being invited, in fact almost urged, to turn their sights on wild pigs on Washington state's Olympic Peninsula.

It's open season, no license, no limit and no restriction on weapons as long as they're otherwise legal.

Unregulated hunting "might be the best way to keep their numbers low," said Jack Smith, a regional program manager for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"We want to get rid of them. We don't want them to become a permanent population that we have to deal with all the time," Smith said.

Most of the feral pigs, described as resembling Russian wild boars with thick, coarse dark hair and tusks on the adults, have

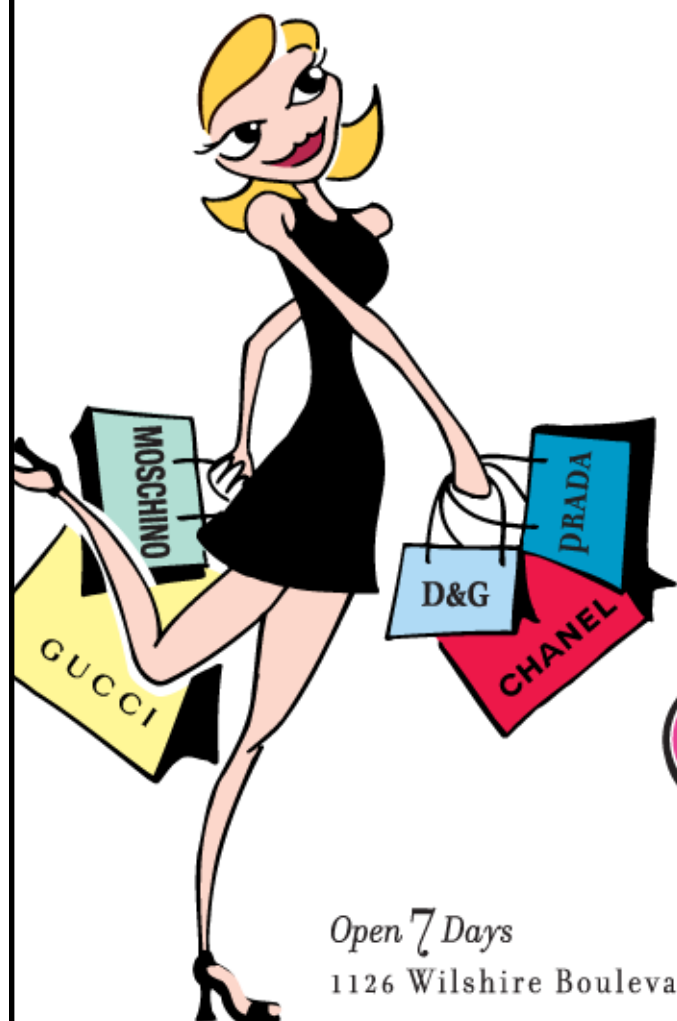
been seen in Grays Harbor and Mason counties in the southern part of the peninsula.

Theories of their origins include boars traded by Russian explorers to area tribes for salmon in the 1800s, domestic animals that escaped from farms and boars imported from eastern Europe by a turn-of-the-century wild game farm.

Using their tusked snouts, the voracious pigs root up plants, bulbs, seeds, insects and grubs, threatening fragile landscapes, competing with native wildlife and threatening rare plant species.

State officials issued a call to arms last year and about 80 feral pigs were taken, mainly in the summer and fall. Area residents say sightings are down this year — but not necessarily because of a population decline.

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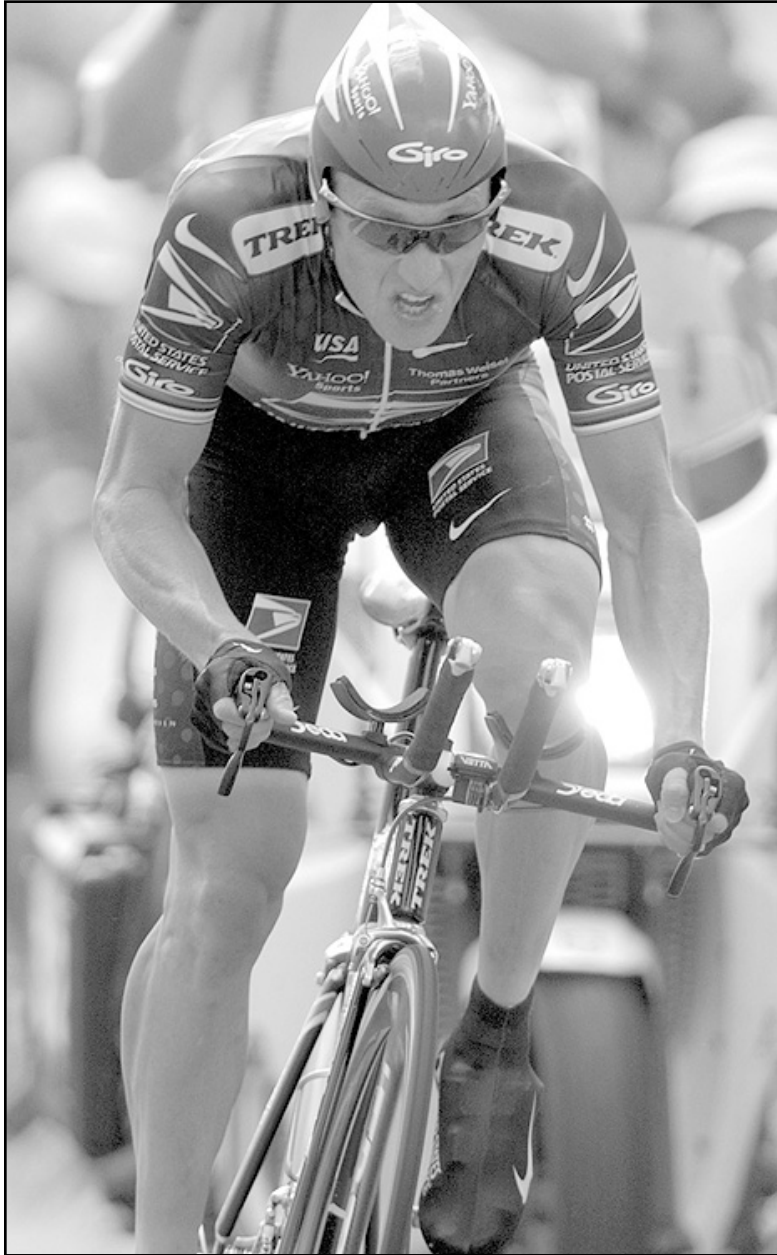
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Armstrong fails to finish first in Tour time-trial



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Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, strains towards a second place finish in the 9th stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a 52-kilometer (32 miles) individual time trial between Lanester and Lorient, Brittany, on Monday. Santiago Botero of Colombia won the stage.

BY JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press Writer

LORIENT, France — Lance Armstrong isn't the dominating force he used to be in Tour de France time trials.

The three-time Tour winner recorded a rare second-place finish in Monday's ninth stage, taking 11 seconds more than Colombian Santiago Botero to complete a wind-swept course through Brittany.

Armstrong's performance allowed him to move up six spots into second place overall, 26 seconds behind Spain's Igor Gonzalez Galdeano. The Spaniard finished 19 seconds behind Botero.

While the 30-year-old Texan remains the overwhelming favorite to win a fourth consecutive Tour, his rivals see the second-place finish as a dent in the Armstrong armor.

"The Tour has changed — Armstrong isn't as strong in the time trial as he was a year ago," said Gonzalez Galdeano, who finished fourth in the stage to retain the overall leader's yellow jersey. "The race has become more open."

Here's a measure of Armstrong's dominance in individual time trials: Since his first Tour victory in 1999, he had won seven of the last nine coming into Monday's stage. Not counting two quick prologues, he was seven for seven.

"The Tour isn't monotone after all," Armstrong said. "It's not like everybody had said it was — there are other riders out there."

Monday's stage marked the end of a flat, speedy first week full of crashes. The race now heads to the mountains, one of Armstrong's other strengths.

Armstrong dominated in the mountains last year, winning the Tour with a final advantage of more than 6 1/2 minutes.

Tuesday is a rest day, when the riders fly down to southwestern France. The race resumes Wednesday with a 91.1-mile trek from Bazas to Pau. The Tour enters the Pyrenees on Thursday, for the first of six mountain stages this year.

"We'll now see if he's as unbeatable as he once was in the mountains," Gonzalez Galdeano said.

Botero, of the Kelme team, clocked a time of 1 hour, 2 minutes and 18 seconds for the 32.24-mile loop through Brittany from Lanester to Lorient. It was the 29-year-old's second stage victory.

"Botero's no surprise winner," Armstrong said. His comments were relayed through Jogi Muller, spokesman for his U.S. Postal Service team.

The Colombian topped Armstrong by 42 seconds in a 25.4-mile time trial stage in the Dauphine Libere in June, although the Texan won the week-long race.

Another individual time trial is scheduled on July 27, a day before the Tour enters Paris for the finish.

Botero's victory was the first time a rider from Colombia, known for producing strong climbers, won a flat stage in the Tour. He also could be a threat in the mountain stages. In 2000, he took home the polka-dot jersey awarded to the Tour's best climber.

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Tour de France athlete

"I'm looking forward to the first stage in the Pyrenees," Botero said. "You can expect just about anything."

For Monday's time trial, some riders faced rough winds, while others suffered punctured tires.

French rider Laurent Jalabert, of the CSC Tiscali team, blew a tire and lost at least 25 seconds as a technician first tried to change the tire, then replaced the bike altogether. He finished about 3 1/2 minutes after Botero and trails Gonzalez Galdeano by more than 4 minutes.

American Levi Leipheimer, who rides for Dutch team Rabobank, said winds coming off the Atlantic Ocean were tough. He entered Monday's stage in 41st place but climbed to 19th after the time trial — despite losing ground on the leader.

"It was tough, long and windy. Normally the time trial is good for me," Leipheimer said, clearly disappointed that he lost more than two minutes on Gonzalez Galdeano. "I did my best, but I lost time."

Tiger Woods doesn't own British Open — yet

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

GULLANE, Scotland — Tiger Woods already met his match at the British Open.

After finishing a practice round Monday morning before the wind began to whip off the Firth of Forth, Woods headed directly to the driving range. But he ran into a security guard who didn't recognize him and didn't see his credentials.

She threw her arms out and blocked him from going any farther until a member of Woods' entourage intervened.

If only the rest of the field at Muirfield could stop him so easily.

Woods has breezed to victory in the first two major championships of the year, winning the Masters by three strokes when no one mounted a charge, and winning the U.S. Open by the same margin despite closing with a 2-over-par 72.

That made him the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to win the first two legs of the Grand Slam, and a big favorite to win all four majors in the same year.

The next test — if one even unfolds — starts Thursday at Muirfield, the East Lothian links which is short by modern championship standards (7,034 yards) but is regarded as one of the most complete tests among courses in the British Open rotation.

"It's a fair test," said Nick Faldo, who won the silver claret jug in 1987 and 1992, the last two times the British Open was played at Muirfield. "If you play well, you'll score well."

That's what is expected from Woods, who hasn't hit a competitive shot since he tapped in a bogey putt on the 72nd hole at Bethpage Black in New York last month.

Still, there are no guarantees in golf, and Woods was taking nothing for granted.

He has spent two days at Muirfield, working on a variety of shots and paying close attention from the tee. He rarely hit a driver Monday, even on the par 5s, and concentrated on how far the ball would roll and what was required to avoid the bunkers.

Players complain about the driver being taken out of their hands at American majors. Here, they expect it. The British Open has always been more about position and course management than hitting the ball a mile for a short iron into the green.

An example of that came on the 448-yard 14th hole that played into a stiff breeze. Driver brings the deep, sodden-faced bunkers into play, so Woods hit a 2-iron off the tee and had a 3-iron for his second shot.

With a low, piercing trajectory, the ball rolled onto and through the green.

Woods dropped another ball.

"How about this time I hold it against the wind," he said to caddie Steve Williams. The ball climbed against overcast skies and landed some 15 feet next to the hole.

As his second practice ended, Woods marveled at Muirfield.

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Militant sentenced to death in American reporter's killing

BY KATHY GANNON

Associated Press Writer

HYDERABAD, Pakistan — Sentenced to hang for the kidnap-murder of a Wall Street Journal reporter, an Islamic militant threatened Pakistan's rulers Monday, saying "We shall see who will die first — me or the authorities who have arranged the death sentence for me."

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh's threat was made in a statement read by a defense lawyer after the court convicted him and three accomplices in the killing of journalist Daniel Pearl.

President Pervez Musharraf should know "Allah is there and can get his revenge," said the statement by British-born Saeed, a 28-year-old former student at the London School of Economics. "Everybody is showing whether he is in favor of Islam or ... non-Muslims," in the jihad (holy war).

The trial has enraged Pakistan's Islamic militant movement, which considers Musharraf a traitor for backing the United States in the war against terrorism.

Saeed and his co-defendants — Salman Saqib, Fahad Naseem and Shaikh Adil — sat motionless as Judge Ali Ashraf Shah announced his verdict.

All four were convicted of murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap and tampering with evidence. Saeed's three accomplices got life sentences — which in Pakistan means 25 years in prison.

Defense lawyers said they would appeal, a process that could take months or years. The last prominent Islamic extremist to be executed in Pakistan, Haq Nawaz, was hanged Feb. 28, 2001, for killing an Iranian diplomat a decade earlier.

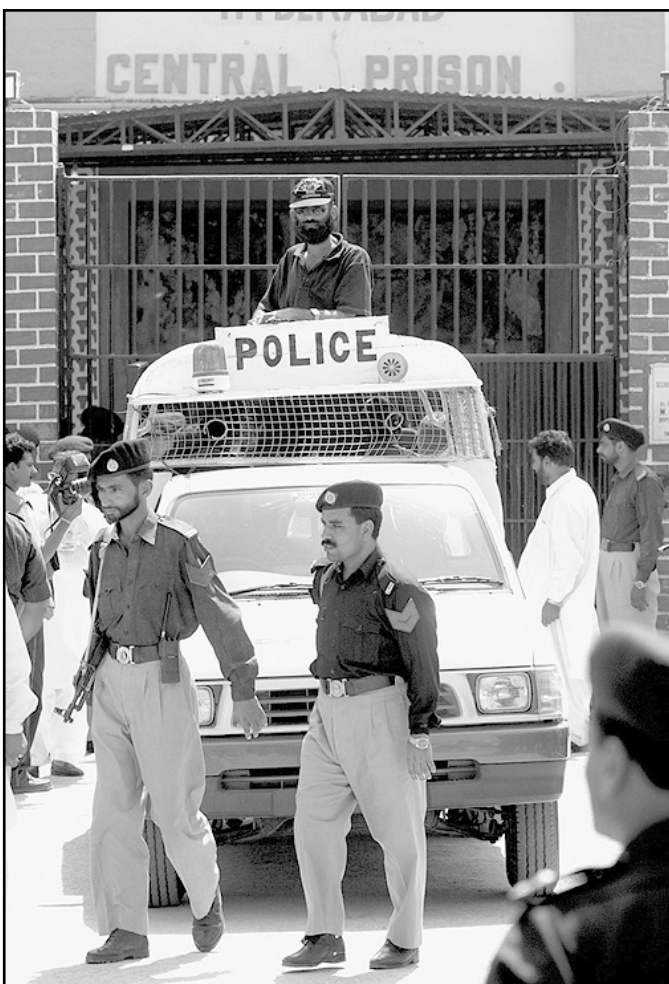
The Pakistani president has the authority to commute sentences to life.

The 38-year-old Pearl disappeared Jan. 23 in Karachi while researching Pakistan's Islamic extremist community, including possible links to Richard C. Reid, arrested in December on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes.

In February, a videotape received by U.S. diplomats confirmed Pearl was killed. A body believed to be Pearl's was found in May in a shallow grave in Karachi, but results from DNA tests have not been announced. Seven other suspects are at large.

Prosecutors said Saeed lured Pearl into a trap by promising to arrange an interview with an Islamic cleric who police believe was not involved in the conspiracy.

The defendants were also collectively fined \$32,000. Chief prosecutor Raja Qureshi said the money would go



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Police officers guard outside the central jail where the murder trial of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was held in Hyderabad, 160 kilometers (100 miles) northeast of Karachi, Pakistan on Monday. Pakistani judge Ali Ashraf Shah convicted four Islamic militants in the kidnap-slaying of Pearl and sentenced one of them to death. The others received 25 years imprisonment.

to Pearl's widow Mariane and their son, who was born after his father was killed.

U.S. officials welcomed the verdict, but the U.S. Embassy was on a heightened security alert. U.S. grand juries have indicted Saeed in the Pearl case and in the 1994 kidnapping in India of an American who was released unharmed.

"This is a further example of Pakistan showing lead-

ership in the war against terror," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States still has an interest in extraditing Saeed but would watch developments in Pakistan before deciding what to do. He urged Americans in Pakistan to remain vigilant about their safety.

The Pearl family, in a statement posted on its Web site, said it was "grateful for the tireless efforts" by U.S. and Pakistani authorities "to bring those guilty of Danny's kidnapping and murder to justice."

Saeed's father, Ahmed Saeed Sheikh, proclaimed his son's innocence and described the trial as a painful ordeal. "It's a horrible feeling," he said.

In London, Saeed's brother, Awais Sheikh, termed the conviction a "grotesque miscarriage of justice" and said the family "will not stand by and let one of its members be executed for a crime he did not commit."

The prosecution presented 23 witnesses, including taxi driver Nasir Abbas, who testified he saw Pearl get into a car with Saeed in front of a Karachi restaurant on the night the reporter vanished. The defense claimed the government coached the witness.

The defense produced only two character witnesses, Saeed's father and uncle.

The United Jihad Council, an organization of 15 Islamic militant groups, said the verdict "will definitely add to the hatred against America."

Pearl's kidnapping was the first in a series of attacks against Westerners in Pakistan. On March 17, an attacker hurled grenades into Protestant church in the capital of Islamabad, killing himself and four others, including two Americans.

Police said the key break in the Pearl case came in February when the FBI traced e-mails sent to news organizations announcing the kidnapping. The e-mails, signed by the previously unknown National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty, demanded better treatment for Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Agents traced the e-mails to Naseem, who led authorities to Saeed and the others, police said. Naseem's lawyer claimed his statement was coerced.

Saeed admitted his role in the kidnapping during a court appearance Feb. 14 but later recanted. The statement was not admissible because it was not made under oath.

"Right or wrong I had my reasons," Saeed told the court at the time. "I think that our country shouldn't be catering to America's needs."

Value of euro tops U.S. dollar for first time in 2 1/2 years

BY DAVID MCHUGH

AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany — The dollar was worth less than the euro Monday for the first time in 2 1/2 years, reflecting worries about the U.S. economy and stocks.

The breakthrough lent a psychological boost to the euro's supporters, but economists said it was less a sign of new strength in Europe's economies than a milestone in the decline of the dollar.

Huge U.S. trade deficits and the accounting scandals rocking Wall Street have had experts predicting the dollar's fall and the euro's eventual rise above \$1 for weeks.

The euro, which has gained about 15 percent in value since starting its rally in early April, hit parity at around midday Monday and later touched \$1.0087 before easing. In midday trading in New York, the euro was quoted at \$1.0071.

A stronger euro means more expensive European vacations for U.S. tourists and higher prices for imported goods from French wine to German sports cars. But it offers relief to U.S. manufacturers by making their goods cheaper compared to those of foreign competitors.

From Europe's point of view, it helps keep inflation under control and makes it less likely the European Central Bank will raise interest rates to control prices, a move that can hurt economic growth.

The euro has rallied despite an absence of encouraging economic news from the 12 countries using the currency. First-quarter growth in the euro zone was an anemic 0.3 percent, though most economists predict a pick-up in the second half of this year.

Instead, the euro's rise has been driven by bad news

from Wall Street, where stocks have fallen for eight consecutive weeks. On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down another 3.8 percent in afternoon trading in New York.

The euro's strength could also help its supporters blunt criticism that businesses — restaurants and bars, for instance — jacked up prices when euro cash was introduced in January. And it could improve the euro's image in Britain, Sweden and Denmark, which have stayed out so far.

But the stronger euro also cuts into the price advantage held by European exporters — often the industries that European countries, especially Germany, expect to lead their economies out of the doldrums.

Foreign investors kept the dollar high for years because they needed dollars to buy a piece of the U.S. stock market boom. That offset soaring trade deficits — Americans buy more from overseas than they can sell abroad — that tend to undermine a country's currency.

Some of the money fleeing stocks has sought safety in the euro zone, where higher interest rates make for a more attractive place to invest.

The euro hit its all-time high of \$1.18 shortly after its launch on Jan. 1, 1999, but then began a long slide, falling through the \$1 mark in February 2000 and hitting a record low of 82.30 cents in October 2000.

Vietnam fires officials linked to scandal

BY DAVID THURBER

Associated Press Writer

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam's ruling Communist Party fired two senior officials linked to a corruption scandal and replaced at least six Cabinet ministers, a party official said Monday.

The party's Central Committee dismissed Vice Minister of Public Security Bui Quoc Huy and Radio Voice of Vietnam General Director Tran Mai Hanh. They were fired for "serious mistakes and shortcomings which had a bad impact on the people's confidence in the party and the state," it said in a statement.

The ministers for planning and investment, industry, justice, construction, transport and communications, and public health also were replaced, a party official said.

Huy was dismissed for allowing a criminal gang accused of bribing dozens of officials to continue operating while he was director of Ho Chi Minh City Police from 1996 to 2000, the committee said.

Hanh is accused of having sought an early release from custody for gang leader Truong Van Cam, who was charged with murder, gambling and fraud.

"We must pay a very painful price for the free lifestyle of a number of degenerate cadres who have failed to maintain their political standards and ethics," party General Secretary Nong Duc Manh said in a statement.

So far, more than 100 people have been arrested for suspected links to the criminal gang. More than 30 policemen have been suspended or fired for allegedly accepting payoffs from the group.

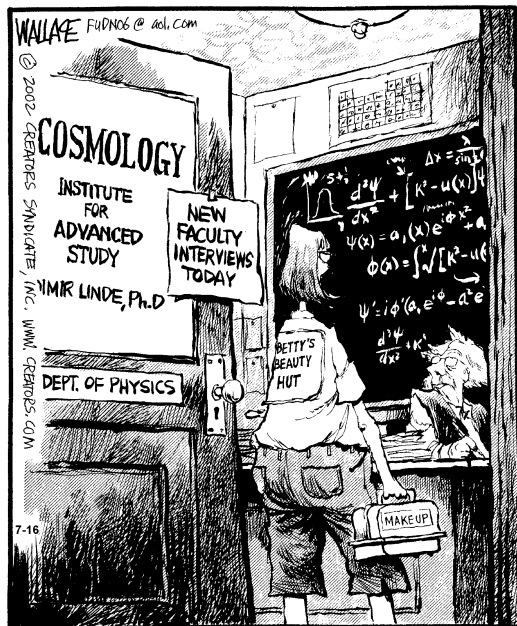
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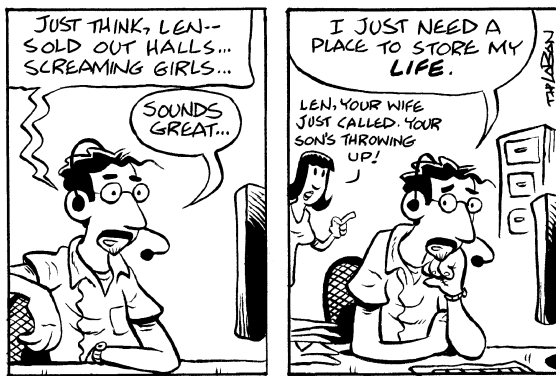
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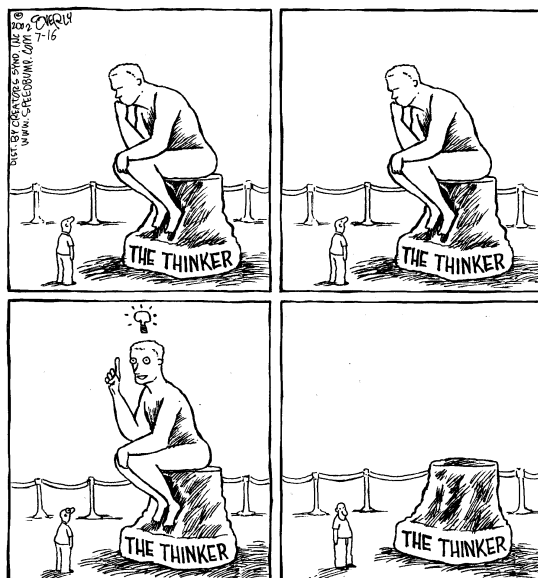
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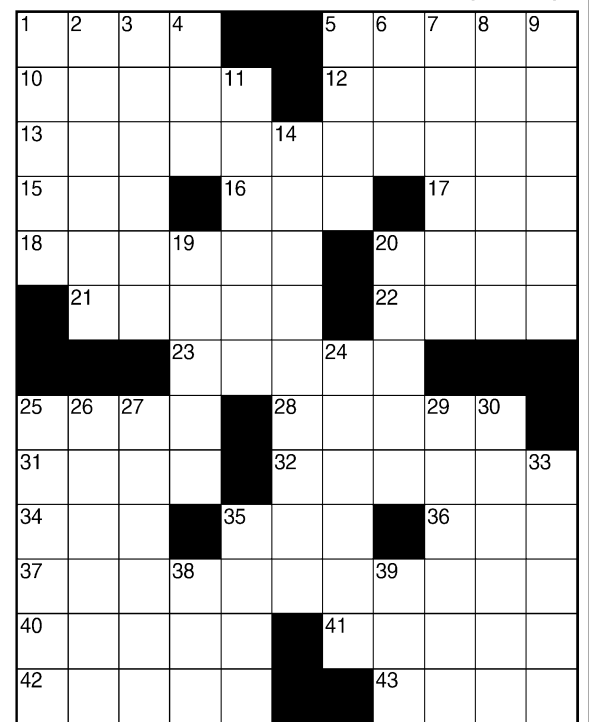
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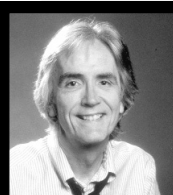
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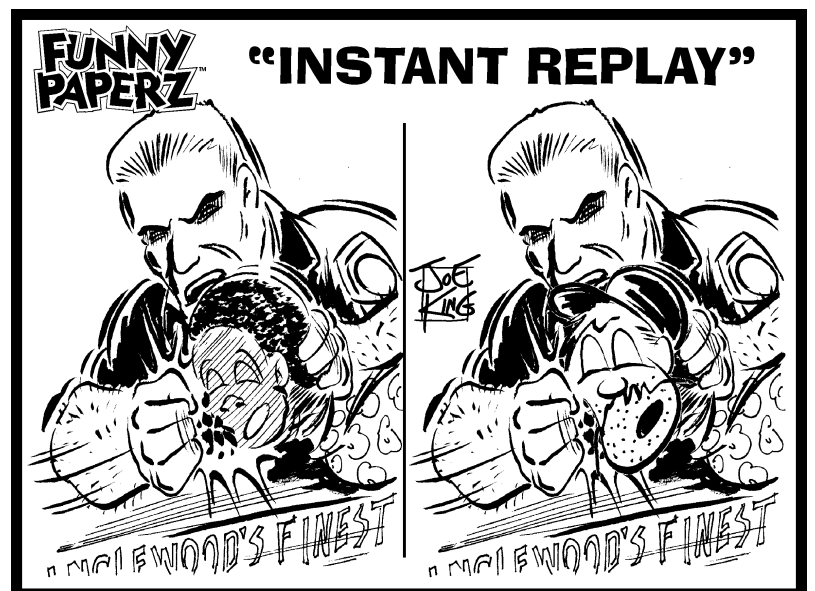


NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Man cons women to bare their breasts

- Four women were taken in by a man who persuaded them to stand topless at their windows so that cutting-edge global satellite technology could give them at-home mammograms (Algarve region of southern Portugal).
- The "Barbasol bandit," a 44-year-old convenience-store robber whose "mask" consisted of slathered-on shaving cream, pleaded guilty (Vernon, Conn.).
- A 280-pound sea lion arose from San Francisco Bay, crossed two runways, and made it to a terminal at SFX airport before security detected it.
- A Columbus, Ohio, suburb proclaimed that residents with odd street addresses should sit in their yards on Friday nights so that people on the other side of the street can visit them, with the situation reversed on Saturday nights (Worthington, Ohio).



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Calendar Tuesday, July 16, 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.

Today

Community

The Westside Walkers, 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 Westside Walkers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Westside Pavilion, Pico Blvd. Between Overland Ave. and Westwood Blvd. In West LA. For more information about the program, call (800)516-5323.

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Poetry N Go Club, 8 pm. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

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BACK PAGE

Oakland-based wordsmith wins bad writing contest

BY BRIAN BERGSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE — With a putrid passage about a relationship gone bad, a word-puzzle creator who also crafts witty sayings for lapel buttons won the 21st annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for horrible writing.

Rephah Berg of Oakland triumphed Monday over thousands of entrants from around the world with the following sentence:

"On reflection, Angela perceived that her relationship with Tom had always been rocky, not quite a roller-coaster ride but more like when the toilet paper roll gets a little squashed so it hangs crooked and every time you pull some off you can hear the rest going bumpity-bumpity in its holder until you go nuts and push it back into shape, a degree of annoyance that Angela had now almost attained."

The judges at San Jose State University liked how her composition "was a combination of something atrocious and appropriate," said Scott Rice, the professor who began the contest in 1982.

The contest, which seeks the worst beginning to an imaginary novel, is named for Edward George Bulwer-Lytton, a British writer whose 1830 book "Paul Clifford" begins with the oft-mocked cliché, "It was a dark and stormy night ..."

"There are literary contests on campuses, and they're often deadly serious and end up producing some terrible writing," Rice said. "I thought, why not be up front and honest about it and ask for bad writing from the get-go?"

Berg, who won in the detective category last year, wrote 10 entries this year. She said she could not recall her inspiration for the winner, but noted that it follows a pattern commonly found in successful Bulwer-Lytton entries.

"There's a sudden change in diction, a drop in tone," she said. "From academic prose, the style suddenly plunges into a mundane image, almost a slang tone."

Berg, who declined to give her age, said she has been a copy editor for 25 years and began her career with a company that sells notes on lectures at the University of California, Berkeley.

She now creates word games (though not crosswords or word searches, she insists) for puzzle magazines and books.

She also occasionally sells slogans to makers of buttons and refrigerator magnets. She said her creations include: "Another 12-step program and I still can't dance"; "I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter"; and "Martha Stewart doesn't (expletive) live here, OK?"

Berg's winning effort, which will bring her \$250, beat out runner up Charles Howland of St. Paul, Minn., who also offered a terrible take on relationships:

"The professor looked down at his new young lover, who rested fitfully, lashed as she was with duct tape to the side of his stolen hovercraft, her head lolling gently in the breeze, and as they soared over the buildings of downtown St. Paul to his secret lair he mused that she was much like a sweet ripe juicy peach, except for her not being a fuzzy three-inch sphere produced by a tree with pink blossoms and that she had internal organs and could talk."

Some of the best of the worst in the bad writing contest

By The Associated Press

Here are the winners in several categories of the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, which honors the worst beginning to an imaginary novel.

■ **Grand prize:** "On reflection, Angela perceived that her relationship with Tom had always been rocky, not quite a roller-coaster ride but more like when the toilet-paper roll gets a little squashed so it hangs crooked and every time you pull some off you can hear the rest going bumpity-bumpity in its holder until you go nuts and push it back into shape, a degree of annoyance that Angela had now almost attained." — Rephah Berg, Oakland, Calif.

■ **Detective:** "Chief Inspector Blancharde knew that this murder would be easy to solve — despite the fact that the clever killer had apparently dismembered his victim, run the corpse through a chipper-shredder with some Columbian beans to throw off the police dogs, and had run the mix through the industrial-sized coffee maker in the diner owned by Joseph Tilby (the apparent murder victim) — if only he could figure out who would want a hot cup of Joe." — Matthew Chambers, Hambleton, W.Va.

■ **Purple prose:** "The blood dripped from his nose like hot grease from a roasting bratwurst pierced with a fork except that grease isn't red and the blood wasn't that hot and it wasn't a fork that poked him in the nose but there was a faint aroma of nutmeg in the air and it is of noses we speak not to mention that if you looked at it in the right profile, his nose did sort of look like a sausage." — Jim Sheppeck, Farmington, N.M.

■ **Science Fiction:** "It was a dark and silent night in Pluto, a planet nobody had ever taken seriously because of its name, which reminded us of the funny cartoon dog, and it being so far from the sun and having no atmosphere, which seemed unimportant as it was, obviously, lifeless — we thought — in those happy and carefree days when all the world had to worry about was war, famine, pestilence, and death." — Anna Rotenberg, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

■ **Western:** "Doc Parker looked down as Sheriff Eddie LaDuke lay desperately gasping his final breaths in the dusty sun-baked Arizona desert, knowing there was little he could do as the outlaw's bullet had shredded Eddie's internal organs like fresh cole slaw, leaving Doc to ponder his next move equipped only with his pistol, some chewing tobacco, and now, one extra horse." — Mike Madill, Toronto.

■ **Spy:** "It was a long and boring flight to Moscow's Sheremetevo Airport and when Special Agent Jasper Smoot debarked and walked into the restroom marked "Dama" in Cyrillic he might have found the woman there attractive except she had more whiskers than a Civil War general and was pointing a crossbow at his head." — Michael McNierney, Greeley, Colo.

■ **Romance:** "Hermann lay with Esmerelda, entwined with one another among love-tangled sheets and he thought how this one constant yet mercurial woman was one whom he could hold in his arms forever, although eventually he'd have to get up to go to the bathroom." — Vance Atkins, Seattle.

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