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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A subculture of hip-hop music has developed recently among computer science professionals, who taunt each other in verse much as mainstream rap artists do, according to a June report on Wired.com. "Geeksta" rappers like Ytcracker and MC Plus+ spin verses such as the latter's "I'm encrypting shit like every single day / sending it across a network in a safe way / protecting messages to make my pay / if you hack me you're guilty under DMCA" (referring to a federal copyright law). Explained another, "Monzy": "(I)instead of boasting about our bitches, blunts, Benzes or Benjamins, maybe we talk about our math skills or the efficiency of our code." A hip-hop journal editor doubted the genre would endure, though, because so far the major artists are males: "You're going to need some females."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 208th day of 2005.
There are 157 days left in the year.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

If I weren't earning \$3 million a year to dunk a basketball, most people on the street would run in the other direction if they saw me coming.

-CHARLES BARKLEY
FORMER NBA PLAYER

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Police identify resident killed in shooting

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD —

The man who was fatally shot last week after he attempted to rob two victims at gunpoint while they were in a fast food drive-thru has been identified as a Santa Monica resident.

Steven Alexander Katz, 27, died from a gunshot wound to the chest shortly after 4:45 a.m. on July 21 after attempting to rob two men who stopped at a Jack in the Box drive-thru window at 2025 Lincoln Blvd.

Katz lived with his girl-

friend in an apartment on the 1000 block of Pico Boulevard.

Lt. Ed Winter with the Los Angeles Coroner's Office said it had not yet been determined if Katz was under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of his death. That information will be available in coming weeks after a toxicology report is completed.

Katz, reportedly wearing a hooded sweatshirt and a black ski mask, approached a commercial plumbing van, pointed a semi-automatic pistol at

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\$3.4 million dedicated to downtown maintenance

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — City Hall has committed to dumping more than \$3 million into Santa Monica's most heavily tourist-driven area, mainly to address maintenance issues that need immediate attention.

Bayside District officials will attempt to stretch their \$3.4 million as far as possible, but it will only scratch the surface of what's needed to improve services and infrastruc-

ture downtown, sources say. But the money, set aside by the City Council in June when it adopted its 2005-06 budget, will be a start to downtown's makeover. The overall project comprises several "mini projects" that will be managed by City Hall's resource management, open space and public works divisions.

"We identified things that they saw needed to be done," said Miriam Mack, the city's economic development manager who works in City Hall's resource management division. "Then we whittled down the list to what was doable and what was affordable."

The exterior of all six parking structures will be painted, and the facades in garages No. 2, 4 and 5 will be upgraded, said Mack.

Another major and noticeable improvement will be to redo the trash bin rooms in the alleys so they are cleaner and less visible to the public, which could possibly mean moving them from their current locations. Private trash bins placed along the alleys might be moved to one central location, Mack said.

Of course, officials and visitors to the Third Street Promenade would like to see improved alleyways, but that is a much larger project that would require millions of

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Visitors walk past the trash bin room in the alley behind parking structure No. 5, between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard. City officials plan to reconfigure and clean up the trash rooms behind the Third Street Promenade, which often are foul smelling.

Shake and bake



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Police Activities League director Patty Loggins-Tazi (far right) on Tuesday supervises kids at the weekly "Shake & Bake," a two-part class that includes a 30-minute cooking instruction. Clockwise: Third grader Tamera Russell, fourth grader Nicolle Sanchez, third grader William Horsfield, fourth grader Alexis Harrington, second grader Matthew Horsfield and third grader Tyler Chavez prepare lime-aid and Pop Crunch snack mix. The second part of the class consisted of 30 minutes of a group exercise led by PAL officer Matt Rice.

Couple passes on free house

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The winner of a \$1.5 million Beverly Hills home has turned down the raffle prize.

Nial Stimson spent \$180 for the charity raffle ticket and he was picked the grand prize winner, but he decided to leave the house behind and opt for the \$1 million cash amount instead. He'll walk away with about \$600,000 after taxes.

Stimson said the cash will make a sizable down payment on an affordable home for his family.

"I felt totally relieved after I made the decision," said the 48-year-old marketing director at Mission Community Hospital in Panorama City. "Now I can forge my own future. I just figured half a million dollars in the bank is better than a pile of bricks."

"People told me to take the house, it's going to appreciate. But how could I wait for that? I anguished over it for the first couple of days."

He could ill-afford the taxes and monthly upkeep on the Beverly Hills home, Stimson said.

"We are at such a point with a newborn that we didn't want the hassle of the home," his wife Laura, 38, said. "I don't want to say we took the money and ran, but it's something to push us toward our dream. A home is our dream. That just wasn't the right dream home."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your temper flares, especially if you have difficulty coming to an agreement regarding your finances. You want situations to go your way, and you let others know it quite clearly. Do you think that this approach is a winning one? Think again. Tonight: Treat yourself to something cool.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You mean well, but you run into problems no matter which way you turn. You could express your aggravation by acting like a Bull seeing red. How effective is this? Be honest with yourself. Calm down and decide what is really important. Tonight: Do your thing.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Know when to head for the hills. What you say and do could make a big difference. Others seem to be reactive and touchy. Get past an immediate sensitivity. You could be putting your own meaning into someone else's words. Tonight: Vanish most happily. Get out of the chaos.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might not be on top of a problem the way you would like to be. Others have great ideas. Network and expand your horizons, knowing when to cut back because of costs. You need to revise your budget. Tonight: Join your friends.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Stay on top of work, even if you don't feel comfortable with what is going on. What happens could be stressful on some level. You need to set aside your concerns and sensitivity for the moment. Tonight: Out late.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your instincts help guide you in a new direction. Investigate new possibilities with an open mind. You might be a bit uncomfortable, but you'll come up with noteworthy concepts. Break out of the box. Tonight: Take in a movie.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Investigate and get to the bottom of a problem involving a key association. Check all your financial involvements, and you'll come out ahead. Together with a trusted adviser you figure out how you can have what you want, even if it means jumping a hurdle or two. Tonight: Work as a team.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Others dominate, and there isn't much that you can do about it. Instead of fighting the inevitable, let others have their way. You can avoid tension with a higher-up by letting this person know who is really running the show. Tonight: Just go along for the ride.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ What you might be visualizing could be quite different from the activity that surrounds you. Take a hard course in realism, and you will do much better than you expect. Stay on top of work. Tonight: Get some exercise.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your imagination could conflict with a partner's or associate's reality. Remember, we each come from a different sense of reality because of our life's history. Let your ingenuity emerge. Tonight: Let your hair down.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Listen to others more carefully, especially those who can impact your personal and domestic life. Others challenge you with their opinions. Let them. Ultimately, it is your life, thus it is your call. Be your own person. Tonight: Busy at home.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Mt. Olive's 'Jazz Vespers' continues

By Daily Press staff

A local church is jazzing up the summer.

The Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is continuing to entertain the community in its monthly Jazz Vespers concert series. The upcoming concert will feature jazz bassist and singer Kristin Korb, who will be performing with her trio.

Concerts are held on the first Sunday of every month. The concert will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 452-1116.

Braille Institute's van stops in Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

Is your vision fading?

If so, Mobile Solutions, a specialized van that brings Braille Institute's programs and services to people who are not able to travel to the center in Los Angeles, will be making two stops in Santa Monica during August. Visitors can receive free low-vision consultations and learn more about Braille Institute's library services. Qualified patrons can sign up on the spot to begin receiving talking books almost immediately. The consultations are available by appointment only.

The van will stop at Edgemar, located at 2439 Main St., on Aug. 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on the Mobile Solutions Van or to make an appointment for free low-vision consultations, call Braille Institute at (323) 663-1111, ext. 1458.

Ooh la la! French art from the '50s and '60s

By Daily Press staff

A Venice showroom shows what is tres jolie.

According to officials, the showroom is a revival of interest in French furniture and decorative arts of the 1950s and '60s among designers and collectors. The "French '50s-'60s" offers much that transcends the traditional collector's items associated with the era, publicists say. Drawing on 30 years of experience, owner Michele Sommerlath has dedicated the last six years to cultivating a collection from Europe and America, reflecting the best from her favorite era of design.

"Designs of the 1950s and '60s are creative and contrary to what was being done just before during the '30s and '40s," Sommerlath said. "It was the first time that designers were interested in the function of furniture, not just the aesthetics."

French '50s and '60s is located at 1427 Abbot Kinney Blvd.

You can design the sweater of your dreams

By Daily Press staff

If there's a certain sweater style you look for each fall but have trouble finding, you're in luck.

A women's novelty knitwear company, Cousin Johnny, is giving you the chance to design your own sweater. For the month of September, customers can go to Z Clothing and fill out an entry form describing their ultimate Cousin Johnny sweater.

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The Cousin Johnny collection ranges from \$75 to \$150. For more information, call Z Clothing at (310) 260-4945 or visit Cousin Johnny's Web site at www.cousinjohnny.com.



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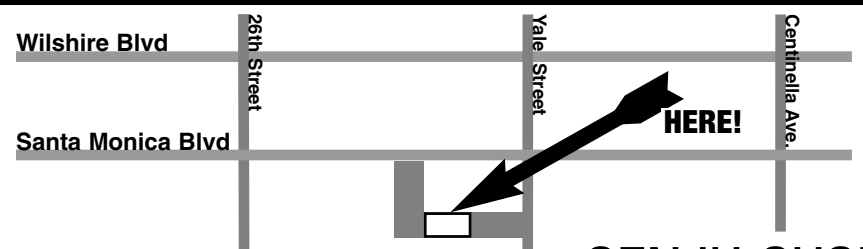


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another point of view
Editor:

With great interest I have read Cliff Nichols’ column “Defense attorneys symbolic of higher powers” (SMDP, July 11, page 5). I was interested in this article because I myself was often asked the same question, “How can you defend criminals?” when I practiced law in the former Soviet Union as a criminal defense attorney. I am ready now to practice law here in California — a few days ago, I took the American attorney’s oath.

Very often criminal defense attorneys are viewed by the general public as persons who using their legal knowledge and skills try to help those accused of committing crimes to evade responsibility, to escape justice. Perhaps many Americans are convinced that O.J. Simpson was guilty and only because of the efforts of his defense “dream team” lawyers he was able to get away with murdering his wife and the wife’s friend. Therefore, if it is understandable that people somehow perplexed pose this question: “How can you defend criminals?” They mean, “How can you help them escape justice?”

Therefore, contrary to Mr. Nichols, I do not find this question indelicate, tactless or improper. I would have been somehow embarrassed if a lawyer had asked me such a question. But when people not well versed in legal matters are surprised that is it possible to defend those whom they consider criminal because they think there is enough evidence to prove their crimes, it seems to me quite natural.

It is hard to understand why Mr. Nichols, an experienced American attorney, assumes that the question is completely out of place and only people with the personal shortcomings may ask such a question. However, in this column, Mr. Nichols addresses this particular question and tries to give it an expansive answer.

Mr. Nichols’ answer seems to me as much confusing as a little of the article. So, disagreeing with Mr. Nichols, I state that the answer could not be so complex. At least I, no matter how much time allocated, always used to give the same simple reply. First, I explained the meaning of the presumption of innocence. Second, even in Russia, I complained the rights of criminal defendants and explained that with the help of an attorney those rights could be better protected, and that there is an attorney’s professional duty to protect the rights of criminals. (Even in the Soviet Union, criminals had some rights.)

Mr. Nichols proudly declares that he “does not defend criminals, he defends only those accused of crimes.” But many of those accused of crimes actually did commit crimes and therefore are criminals. We cannot know for sure before the trial whether there is enough evidence to prove that defendants in criminal cases are guilty of the crimes incriminated to them. The very purpose of trial is to learn the truth whether accused persons are really guilty. Because the American legal system is not inquisitorial but adversarial, it is presumed that the best way to find the truth is to allow the two sides — prosecuting and defending — to compete in a public trial before the impartial jury of peers. So, a defense attorney is an indispensable part of a judicial process, and those lawyers who have chosen to work as a defense attorneys have a professional duty to defend criminals (not only wrongfully accused persons). The constitutionally approved due process requires that every person in custody should have the right to have an attorney before being investigated, and every person accused of a crime for which a person may be imprisoned should have the right to have an attorney at trial. Because of the adversarial nature of the criminal procedure and the complexity of American law, very rarely a criminal defendant is allowed to defend himself or herself with no counsel attendant.

Mr. Nichols presents three different criminal cases (he calls those cases scenarios) where young persons have been tried. It is unclear what offenses committed a 12-year-old boy who was accused with two felonies; in scenario two, a young man who seems to be mentally disabled and clearly under the influence of a satanic worshipper mother had desecrated a graveyard; and in the last example — it is hard to believe — a high school student was charged with felony animal abuse for killing a chicken and bringing it to his high school speech class. Mr. Nichols asks: “Which of the clients didn’t need an attorney?”

These three defendants clearly needed legal help, and it seems that in those three presented cases, defense may prove to be very effective. But what about those cases where defense attorneys are unable to convince a jury that the defendant should be acquitted? Does it mean that in those cases clients do not need an attorney? Whether defendant Michael Jackson needed an attorney more than defendant Scott Peterson?

Inconsistently, Mr. Nichols agrees with his colleague’s opinion that all defendants need help: “If they are guilty, they need help, and if they are not guilty, they need help.” Those who are guilty, of course, are criminals, and I am sure that Mr. Nichols defends them.

Two different issues are mixed up here: The effectiveness of counsel’s performance and the problem of the search for the truth. Some defense attorneys accept only those cases that are winnable and then boast they are so smart that they are able to win all cases. I think that a defense attorney like a physician must accept all clients who need help — except when there are some ethical obstacles. We voluntarily have chosen this profession to help people no matter their social status, even their ability to pay, the crimes they committed or the circumstances under which those crimes were committed. An experienced attorney is always able to see the chances of a defendant being acquitted. If the prosecution case is very strong, there is plenty of evidence proving the defendant’s guilt — even the best attorney cannot win such a case. There is where the problem arises. People are disgusted and therefore they dislike attorneys when they see that they ignore the truth and by any means, sometimes using laughable arguments, try to convince the jury that their clients should be acquitted. Then people say: “Those attorneys speak for money but not for truth,” and, naturally, despise them.

I have never felt very unhappy when I believed that my client perhaps was guilty and he was convicted. However, there were cases where I thought the client was accused wrongfully and nevertheless the court handed down a guilty verdict. This is a tragedy for an attorney. The first thing you blame yourself: “What kind of an attorney am I that I cannot prove the truth?” No matter that in the Soviet Union there were no jury trials and the

GUEST COMMENTARY
BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Fight terrorism with bombs, not bread

In light of the recent suicide bombings in London, and the general inability of the West to prevent terrorist attacks, there is much talk about fighting the “root cause” of terrorism. The most popular argument is that terrorism is caused by poverty. The United Nations and our European and Arab “allies” repeatedly tell us to minimize our military operations and instead dole out more foreign aid to poor countries — to put down our guns and pick up our check-book. Only by fighting poverty, the refrain goes, can we address the “root cause” of terrorism.

The pernicious idea that poverty causes terrorism has been a popular claim since the attacks of Sept. 11. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan has repeatedly asked wealthy nations to double their foreign aid, naming as a cause of terrorism “that far too many people are condemned to lives of extreme poverty and degradation.” Former Secretary of State Colin Powell agrees: “We have to put hope back in the hearts of people. We have to show people who might move in the direction of terrorism that there is a better way.” Businessman Ted Turner also concurs: “The reason that the World Trade Center got hit is because there are a lot of people living in abject poverty out there who don’t have any hope for a better life.”

Indeed, the argument that poverty causes terrorism has been central to America’s botched war in Iraq — which has focused, not on quickly ending any threat the country posed and moving on to other crucial targets, but on bringing the good life to the Iraqi people.

Eliminating the root of terrorism is indeed a valid goal — but properly targeted military action, not welfare handouts, is the means of doing so.

Terrorism is not caused by poverty. The terrorists of Sept. 11 did not attack America in order to make the Middle East richer. To the contrary, their stated goal was to repel any penetration of the prosperous culture of the industrialized “infidels” into their world. The wealthy Osama bin Laden was not using his millions to build electric power plants or irrigation canals. If he and his terrorist minions wanted prosperity, they would seek to emulate the United States — not to destroy it.

More fundamental, poverty as such cannot determine anyone’s code of morality. It is the ideas that individuals choose to adopt that make them pursue certain goals and values. A desire to destroy wealth and to slaughter innocent, productive human beings cannot be explained by a lack of money or a poor quality of life — only by anti-wealth, anti-life ideas. These terrorists are motivated by the ideology of Islamic Fundamentalism. This other-worldly, authoritarian doctrine views America’s freedom, prosperity and pursuit of worldly pleasures as the height of depravity. Its adherents resent America’s success, along with the appeal its culture has to many Middle Eastern youths. To the fundamentalists, Americans are “infidels” who should be killed. As a former Taliban official said, “The Americans are fighting so they can live and enjoy the material things in life. But we are fighting so we can die in the cause of God.”

The terrorists hate us because of their ideology — a fact that filling up the coffers of Third World governments will do nothing to change. What then, can our government do? It cannot directly eradicate the deepest, philosophical roots of terrorism. But by using military force, it can eliminate the only “root cause” relevant in a political context: state sponsorship of terrorism. The fundamentalists’ hostility toward America can translate into international terrorism only via the governments that employ, finance, train and provide refuge to terrorist networks. Such assistance is the cause of the terrorist threat — and America has the military might to remove that cause.

It is precisely in the name of fighting terrorism at its root that America must extend its fist, not its hand. Whatever other areas of the world may require U.S. troops to stop terrorist operations, we must above all go after the single main source of the threat — Iran. This theocratic nation is both the birthplace of the Islamic Fundamentalist revolution and, as a consequence, a leading sponsor of terrorism. Removing that government from power would be a potent blow against Islamic terrorism. It would destroy the political embodiment of the terrorists’ cause. It would declare America’s intolerance of support for terrorists. It would be an unequivocal lesson, showing what will happen to other countries if they fail to crack down on terrorists within their borders. And it would acknowledge the fact that dropping bombs, not food packages, is the only way for our government to attack terrorism at its root.

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judges very often had been bribed. Corrupt judges are the worst problems in Russia and other East European countries. You cannot speak too much of democracy if the main pillar of democracy — the justice system — is completely corrupt.

Sorry, I digressed. Coming back to Mr. Nichols’ column, I must say that the strongest statement Mr. Nichols has made is that he elevates a defense attorney’s job to the mission of Christ. I was shocked by this comparison. Apparently, Mr. Nichols thinks that this is a proper argument to make some who dislike criminal defense attorneys to change their mind. I wonder whether there are a great many American attorneys who share this point of view? Isn’t it clear that only the behavior of attorneys themselves can build their reputation?

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LOCAL



Katz lived with his girlfriend on Pico

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the passenger's head through an open window and demanded money, police said. The passenger grabbed the suspect's hand and a struggle ensued. During the tussle, Katz, with his free hand, grabbed a kitchen knife in his pocket and stabbed the passenger, who suffered a minor laceration. That's when the driver reached behind his car seat, grabbed his own gun and fired several shots at Katz.

Katz staggered a few feet before falling down in the alley behind a fishing tackle store next door to Jack In the Box. He was pronounced dead at the scene by responding police officers and paramedics.

Police are not identifying the victims. The case is still under investigation.

Katz lived in a secure blue apartment building on the south side of Pico Boulevard, next to a thrift store.

A woman, associated with Katz's girlfriend, met a reporter at the apartment's locked gate. She said Katz's girlfriend, who hasn't been identified, declined to comment.

Katz's body lay in the alley for more than an hour before the Los Angeles Coroner's Office transported him to the morgue.

A bullet hole about an inch in diameter could be seen Thursday in the fishing tackle store's exterior wall, just a few feet from the drive-thru. Winter declined to say what kind of gun was used in the shooting.

Preliminary investigation reveals that the shooting was a justifiable homicide, although the case will be forwarded to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for further review once SMPD detectives finish their work.

The DA's office also will determine if it will charge the victim for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, which is a misdemeanor. The case has yet to be transferred to the DA's office.

Both victims cooperated and were released shortly after the shooting. Investigators will determine if the victim was carrying the gun legally.

The SMPD is checking with the Department of Justice to determine if Katz had a criminal record.

Street cart vendors will get hooked up

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more dollars.

"The alleys would have a better chance if we get better trash management," Mack said. "It's a way of starting to address the bigger issues."

Two of those bigger issues involve replacing the concrete on the Promenade, as well creating a signage program to help people guide people throughout downtown. Both project will require lengthy studies.

"Just because the funds are allocated doesn't mean the work will commence," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., which manages the downtown area with City Hall. She added, however, that all projects are a priority and the sooner they get done the better.

Officials estimate that studying a new signage program could take up to 1 1/2 years. The program would involve directing people by signs how to find their cars, the Santa Monica Pier and Palisades Park, to name a few.

City Hall also will hire a consultant to inspect the concrete on the Promenade to determine where it needs to be replaced and with what material.

"We need to look at the condition, and we need someone to better advise us what needs to be repaired and what needs to be replaced and the best way to do it," Mack said.

The public bathroom in the alley behind parking garage No. 5 — between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard — will be replaced. It's been closed since it caught on fire early this year. However, the new bathroom might be put in a different location — officials haven't determined where yet.

Tree well and tree grates throughout downtown will be either replaced or upgraded, and the electrical capacity — particularly on the Promenade — will be improved so that the street vendors will have better access to electricity.

"These are all an opportunity to make a visual difference," Mack said. "All of them are a high priority for us in resource management."

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Mountain tramway never been busier

By The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS — The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway ferrying visitors up Mount San Jacinto and back carried a record 413,439 during the year ending June 30, an 8 percent increase over the year-earlier period.

The previous ridership record was during the 2000-2001 tourist season when 406,367 passengers made the trip.

“We feel a combination of good snowfall, innovative marketing and more people wanting to travel contributed to the growth,” tram spokeswoman Lena Zimmerschied said Monday.

Because snow was key to the boost in attendance, the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority asked the state for permission to buy a \$40,000 artificial snowmaking machine. Tramway executive director Rob Parkins said it could mean a year-round winter wonderland.

“We continue to improve the product so people return,” Parkins said. “Snow obviously is a big thing for us. It’s like a magnet. It almost yells at people, ‘Come see me,’ and they do.”

The tram, with an annual operating budget of \$7.9 million, has lifted more than 14 million riders up and down the mountaintop since its September 1963 opening. Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism executive director Mark Bellinger said the tramway is important to the Coachella Valley’s \$1 billion tourism industry.

Nearly five years ago, the installation of two Rotair cars as part of a \$12 million capital improvement project put a 360-degree spin on the ride and helped fuel a resurgence in ridership.

Cost of 2003 wildfires reached \$1.2 billion

By The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO — The final cost of fall 2003 wildfires in the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains reached \$1.2 billion, according to a U.S. Forest Service analysis that doesn’t include lost income and habitat.

The 18-page report released Monday represented one of the first times the agency has examined the regional, national and societal costs of a wildfire. A commitment to forest management may result, San Bernardino National Forest supervisor Gene Zimmerman said.

Projects to thin the forest with chain saws and prescribed burns need to be done in perpetuity, Zimmerman said.

“The vegetation isn’t going to stop growing and neither will the population. If we get to a point and think we are done and stop treating the forest, we risk being in the exact same situation down the road,” Zimmerman said in a statement.

The report made no attempt to calculate how much money businesses and individuals lost during a lengthy evacuation when access to the mountains was shut down.

The cost of actually fighting the Old, Grand Prix and Padua fires, which burned more than 150,000 acres in the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains in October and November 2003, was \$61 million.

Insurance claims for losses in the fires total \$576.2 million. Southern California Edison estimates its costs will hit \$100 million. The American Red Cross estimates it has spent \$2.6 million with \$1.2 million to go.

Berries drive Ventura’s record crop report

By The Associated Press

SANTA PAULA — Led by strawberries, raspberries, nursery stock and higher lemon prices, farm revenues in Ventura County rose nearly 20 percent last year to a record \$1.389 billion.

It was the sixth consecutive year that Ventura County revenues topped \$1 billion, Agricultural Commissioner Earl McPhail’s said in his annual crop report released Monday in Santa Paula.

“’04 was definitely a good year,” McPhail said. “I think most of the growers would agree with that. Most probably did very well. Some probably didn’t do so well, but overall, agriculture is still very healthy in this county.”

McPhail said Ventura County will likely be ranked California’s ninth- or 10th-highest-grossing farm county this year.

Strawberries remained Ventura County’s top crop last year, grossing \$363.6 million, a nearly \$63 million increase from 2003. Nursery plants brought in \$221.9 million last year, up more than \$48 million from \$173.3 million in 2003.

Lemons, the county’s No. 1 crop for more than 50 years until strawberries displaced them in 1999, grossed \$176.3 million last year, up from \$148.6 million in 2003, and remained the area’s third-ranked crop.

One of the biggest revenue increases was reported for raspberries with revenues of \$48.5 million, up nearly \$31 million from \$17.7 million in 2003.

Councilwoman’s drug retrial date set

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — Councilwoman Marita Gaye “Rita” Rogers, whose drug trial ended in March with a hung jury, faces a retrial in October on the same two felony counts.

A judge ordered start of trial Oct. 3 on felony drug manufacturing and felony maintaining an unlawful building, Deputy District Attorney Tim Freer said. An Aug. 26 hearing will be held to determine whether a plea deal can be worked out with the prosecutor.

“There’ll be an answer one way or another,” defense attorney Jeffrey Van Wagenen said. “There still is some chance in resolving the matter so that all parties are satisfied. ... I don’t think the D.A.’s office ever intended to dismiss all charges.”

In March, a jury deadlocked on the charges against Rogers, 55, but the same jury convicted Rogers’ son, Joseph, on three drug counts and he was sentenced to five years in prison.

The councilwoman has maintained her innocence, arguing that she did not live in the Mead Valley home where investigators found what they described as a crack-cocaine laboratory in the kitchen.

Although Rogers owns the home, her attorneys said she moved out in 1997 after a home-invasion robbery six months earlier.

‘Scream’ murderer confirmed insane at time of crime

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — An Orange County judge ruled that a man was not guilty by reason of insanity in a machete attack on three family members on New Year’s Eve while he was dressed up as the villain from the movie “Scream.”

Superior Court Judge Jim Marion ruled Rodrigo Marcelo Castro, 19, was guilty but legally insane at the time, so he was declared not guilty by reason of insanity on three counts of attempted murder. Castro will return to court Sept. 9 and will likely be sent to Patton State Hospital, Deputy Public Defender Anthony Pond said.

Castro slashed his brother in the face, neck and back and his sister in the upper body, police said.

STATE

Gay marriage ban might affect domestic partners

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — California's attorney general has released a summary of a proposed constitutional amendment that highlights how the measure would strip same-sex couples of most domestic partner rights while also banning gay marriage.

The preparation of an official circulating title and language for the amendment means opponents of same-sex marriage may now begin gathering the 598,105 signatures they need to qualify the measure for the June 2006 ballot.

But the amendment's official sponsors — Randy Thomasson of the Campaign for Children and Families, former Assemblyman Larry Bowler and Sacramento activist Ed Hernandez — said Monday that they plan to challenge Attorney General Bill Lockyer's proposed summary in court, calling it prejudicial and erroneous.

Thomasson took exception in particular to Lockyer's focusing on what the amendment would take away from registered domestic partners instead of what it would do to safeguard marriage in the status quo.

"Lockyer completely ignores the chief points, ... the whole issue is the protection of marriage," the group behind the initiative, VoteYesMarriage.com, said in a statement.

From top to bottom, the Democratic attorney general's 100-word analysis makes it clear that if the amendment passed, it would limit a lot more than marriage to unions between a man and a woman. While sponsors submitted a working title of "The Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative," for instance, the attorney general has renamed it, "Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights."

The summary that would appear at the top of the petitions that will be circulated for signatures similarly calls attention to how the amendment would reverse the six-year course the state Legislature has been on in extending significant spousal rights to same-sex couples.

While noting that the amendment would "provide that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California," it goes on to state that the measure "voids and restricts registered domestic partner rights and obligations" in areas ranging from inheritance and adoption to insurance benefits and hospital visitation.

"The attorney general's responsibility is to accurately describe what the measure does," said Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for Lockyer. "It's not up to us to wage the political campaign the propo-

nents or opponents want to wage, just to tell the voters the truth."

The stripped-down language could prove a liability for the amendment's proponents as they seek to qualify it for the ballot and win voter approval.

Although California voters approved a ballot initiative five years ago limiting marriage to a man and a woman, since then the state Legislature has granted gay and elderly couples who register as domestic partners nearly all the rights and responsibilities of married spouses. Polls have shown most voters support extending the rights of marriage, if not the institution itself, to same-sex couples.

"California voters, even though they are relatively liberal, probably do not support gay marriage," said Elizabeth Garrett, a University of Southern California law professor. "But if it's very clear to voters it is not just a gay marriage amendment than it is less likely to pass. Opponents will capitalize on that and it gives them a chance to characterize this as an extreme initiative out of the California mainstream."

Gay rights advocates nonetheless expect the amendment to make it to ballot, along with gay marriage bans in Alabama, Indiana, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Virginia, South Dakota and Tennessee, according to the Human Rights Campaign. Voters in Texas will render a decision on an amendment outlawing gay marriage this year.

"This proposal (in California) would strip away more rights from more families than any other proposal we have seen in any other state," said Seth Kilbourn, vice president of HRC's Marriage Project. "It would actually permanently ban the California Legislature, the courts and the governor's office from providing any legal protections to legally recognized domestic partners."

Meanwhile, a group that includes the widow of the late Sen. William J. "Pete" Knight, has submitted a competing amendment that a lawyer for ProtectMarriage.com campaign said would go even further by preventing the state government from recognizing same-sex unions in any way. Knight was the sponsor of Proposition 22, the 2000 ballot initiative that prevented the state from recognizing same-sex unions performed elsewhere.

Andrew Pugno, an attorney for the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund, said his clients felt compelled to put forth a second gay marriage amendment because they think the first leaves room for lawmakers to confer legal and economic rights to same-sex couples as long as they aren't already reserved for marriage.

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Unocal says it was ready to accept higher CNOOC offer

BY BRAD FOSS

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The Chinese state-owned oil company CNOOC Ltd. almost snatched Unocal Corp. out of Chevron Corp.'s hands last week, but failed because it didn't raise its already-pricier bid enough to offset considerable regulatory and financial risks, Unocal said Monday.

Instead, Chevron prevailed by increasing its offer and thwarting Unocal's "substantially completed" draft merger agreement with CNOOC, according to a filing El Segundo, Calif.-based Unocal made Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Chevron Chief Executive David O'Reilly called Unocal Chief Executive Charles Williamson with a revised bid on July 19 — the day Unocal's board was prepared to drop its initial support for a takeover agreement with Chevron and OK CNOOC's proposal. San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron sweetened its offer on the assumption that CNOOC might do the same, according to the filing, but the Hong Kong-based company balked, putting Unocal firmly in Chevron's grip.

Unocal shareholders are scheduled to vote on the Chevron offer Aug. 10, leaving CNOOC with about two weeks to make another stab at a deal.

Monday's SEC filing included some previously undisclosed details about the \$7 billion in loans NOOC was promised by its parent company, the China National Offshore Oil Corp., which is 70 percent owned by the Chinese government.

Among the details was a provision whereby the 3.5 percent interest on some \$4.5 billion in loans would be waived if CNOOC's credit rating dropped below an unspecified threshold, and that any interest "would never be payable."

Chevron seized on the terms of the financing as evidence of what it says is an unfair government subsidy to CNOOC. CNOOC rejected that argument, saying it is financially independent of Beijing. Analysts said the issue is not as black and white as either side portrays it.

Unocal first agreed to be acquired by Chevron in April for \$16.6 billion

in cash and stock.

Two months later, China's third-largest oil producer offered \$18.5 billion in cash, or \$67 a share, for Unocal. CNOOC's bid touched off weeks of negotiations between the companies, as well as a backlash in Congress, where many legislators feared the proposed deal presented risks to America's economic and national security. A flurry of legislation intended to derail CNOOC has been introduced in both houses of Congress.

While the Chevron proposal had cleared all regulatory hurdles by mid-July, the CNOOC bid would likely face up to nine months of scrutiny in Washington, according to Monday's SEC filing.

But even though the political heat complicated CNOOC's bid, Unocal says it was ready — for the right price — to try to make it work.

"Unocal's advisors conveyed to CNOOC's advisors their expectation that the Unocal board would be willing to accept the considerably greater degree of transaction risk associated with the CNOOC proposal, as compared with the Chevron transaction, if the board were presented with a CNOOC proposal at a price that could be viewed as sufficient to compensate Unocal's stockholders for the additional risks," the proxy said.

On July 15, Unocal's Williamson conveyed the message directly to CNOOC Chief Executive Fu Chengyu, urging Fu to make his best offer. Unocal did not define "sufficient" in the proxy, but analysts have said \$70 per share would likely be enough.

CNOOC, which had been authorized by its board to raise its all-cash offer to \$69 a share, said the next day it would not put any more money on the table unless Unocal agreed to pay the \$500 million cost of terminating the Chevron deal and lobby for the deal in Congress.

Unocal refused to make guarantees.

Nevertheless, "by July 17, Unocal's and CNOOC's advisors had substantially completed negotiation of the key documentation relating to the potential CNOOC transaction," the proxy said. That same day, Williamson called Chevron's O'Reilly to notify him of "the likelihood that, absent an improvement in the terms of the Chevron merger, the

board would be inclined to change its recommendation."

But that never happened.

On July 19, Chevron raised its cash-and-stock offer to about \$63 a share from around \$60.50. While it was still lower than CNOOC's bid, Unocal's board accepted it and recommended shareholders approve it based on the likelihood of a quick completion of the deal.

By comparison, the CNOOC bid presents a wide range of legal, financial and political uncertainties, Unocal said Monday.

The estimated savings CNOOC is entitled to as a result of the \$7 billion in loans from its parent company could be worth anywhere from \$2.60 per share to \$23.20 per share, depending on a variety of circumstances, such as how quickly the loans are repaid and the stability of CNOOC's credit rating. The low-end estimate was provided by people close to CNOOC, the high-end by people close to Chevron. Both companies relied on details provided by Unocal in Monday's SEC filing.

Referencing the high-end of that scale, Chevron spokesman Don Campbell said "the new information in the filing shows the extent to which there is not a level playing field when it comes to subsidies from the Chinese government."

Steven Lipin, a spokesman for CNOOC, said that argument is without merit, since CNOOC "acts like a commercial enterprise and doesn't receive state subsidies."

While many in Washington are also critical of CNOOC's financial relationship to the Chinese government, analysts said shareholders might have a different opinion.

Unocal "shareholders really don't care where CNOOC gets the money as long as they get the highest price for their shares," oil analyst Fadel Gheit of Oppenheimer & Co.

But Larry Goldstein, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, said the debate in Washington about whether CNOOC and Chevron are on level playing fields is a fair one to have, so long as Congress is willing to take an honest look as well at the government subsidies that many U.S. companies receive.

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DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

“2005 is the year that lenders are attempting to deliver a lot of products that meet the financial needs and goals of their customers,” said Doug Perry, senior vice president of Countrywide Home Loans. “Lenders are very busy introducing new products, reacting to the marketplace and making sure borrowers are qualified.”

Qualified is the operative word. The home ownership rate in the Los Angeles area is about 40 percent, lagging well behind the national rate of about 70 percent. California households have a median household income of \$52,320, and the average home price is anticipated to hit \$522,930 by year’s end. The median sales price for a single-family home in Santa Monica was \$1,587,500 in June, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

There are the statistics, now make those numbers work from a financial point of view. Lenders are custom-tailoring mortgage product to fit an individual’s needs.

First-time buyers are taking out a variety of different loans — long-term fixed-rate, adjustable loans, and they’re hugging interest-only loans in order to get into the real estate market.

“Interest-only loans are one thing that makes homes more affordable to a greater group of people,” notes Richard Fisher, senior vice president of McMillin Mortgage. “We see a lot of five-year, fixed-rate inter-

est-only loans, which really can help the first-time homebuyer. As their careers mature and their income increases, hopefully they’re able to restructure and begin having principal reduction when the five-year period is up.”

Among move-up buyers, adjustable-rate mortgages tend to be popular, says Jon Eberhardt, president of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers. “Move-up buyers use intermediate ARMs because they realize their trend is not to stay in one place for a long time. Even if they do, the savings on a point of interest outlasts the possible trends that they could have saved on having a 30-year fixed-rate loan.”

Soon-to-be retirees are looking for finance packages that enable them to pay off mortgages and are opting for 10- or 15-year loans, says Eberhardt.

Clients who are retired and own their homes free and clear may be looking for ways to tap the equity they’ve accrued and are the ones who contemplate reverse mortgages.

Then there are the Baby Boomers. “Baby Boomers have a diverse range of needs when it comes to real estate finance,” Perry said.

One end of the spectrum includes dual-income households with both partners working toward retirement, and those whose retirement portfolios took hits when the stock market took a dive. Alternately, there are those whose retirement income is secure who are purchasing second or third homes as investments or vacation properties.

“In either scenario, lenders are taking a look at the equity they have and whether they’re using that equity wisely to accomplish their financial goals,” Perry said.

At some point, increased interest rates and/or a disaster or two may cool the state’s housing market. As long as there is not a mass exodus out of California, those in the finance business believe there are enough loan packages available to offset the major panic that could come with rising rates.

“There are products in the marketplace that help mitigate the effect of interest rates on home purchases,” said Fisher, of McMillin Mortgage. “Some are interest-only loans, pay-option ARM products, and other ARM products that can mitigate the impact of payment shock going from the interest-rate environment we’re in now to an increase of say 1 percent over where we are today.”

New products introduced to the market include the SingleFile loan, 40-year adjustable-rate mortgages, and Washington Mutual’s Option ARM. Milwaukee-based Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. is offering the SingleFile product. The loan is for borrowers with excellent credit (a FICO score of 700 or higher) and little or no cash for down payments. The product builds in the cost of private mortgage insurance, eliminating borrowers’ right to stop paying PMI premiums when equity hits 22 percent. It also eliminates the need for second mortgages such as those carried in 80-10-10 or 80-10-5 finance packages — loans normally geared for those with little or no funds for down payments.

Typical of long-term loans, the 40-year loan allows borrowers to minimize their monthly payments by extending the term of the loan. However, since it’s an adjustable-rate mortgage, borrowers are subject to variations in the market and increases in rates.

Washington Mutual’s Option ARM fluctuates with market rates after an initial fixed term. Living up to its name, the product offers different options for payments: Borrowers can choose, each month, to make the minimum payment on their loan, to pay the interest only, to make a fully amortized payment, or to pay full principal plus interest based on the term of the loan (15-, 30-, and 40-year terms are available).

“We’ve never seen how (such loans) perform in a high-interest-rate scenario,” cautions John Robbins, chairman and chief executive of the American Mortgage Network. “We are making edge-of-the-envelope loans. The question is: Is there a price to be paid sometime in the future?”

Attorney Larry Platt of the firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham warns that if this round of creative funding turns problematic, it may lead to heightened consumer and government scrutiny of the borrower’s ability to repay loans made by lending companies.

“Making loans to borrowers that you know don’t have ability to repay will get you in trouble one way or another,” Platt says.

Are lenders looking into the borrowers “net tangible benefit” of buying these loans? Can these loan packages be considered predatory lending that may not be in the borrower’s best interest?

“We tell clients they need a piece of paper that shows positive factors and negative factors,” Platt said. They are “twin sides of the same coin.”

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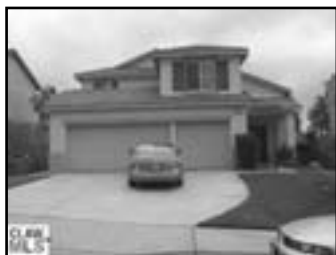
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Some Roberts documents being released

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Risking a showdown with Democrats, the White House said Tuesday it won't release documents that Supreme Court nominee John Roberts prepared while working on cases to argue on behalf of the first Bush administration before the high court.

Senate Democrats said they were disappointed with the decision and hoped the Bush White House would change its mind when the Judiciary Committee decides what paperwork it needs.

"If the White House announcement is intended to begin a dialogue about documents, I welcome it," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Judiciary Democrat. "If it is intended to unilaterally pre-empt a discussion about documents the Senate may need and is entitled to, then this is a regrettable beginning."

Some documents from Roberts' work for two previous Republican presidents were being released Tuesday by

the National Archives. At the urging of Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the White House was also asking the Reagan presidential library to expedite the review of other Roberts records to determine what can be released.

In total, 75,000 pages of writings from Roberts' work in the Reagan administration, as a special assistant to Attorney General William French Smith and in the White House counsel's office, would be turned over to the committee, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"What we are providing goes above and beyond what a reasonable person would expect to be made available," he said. "This is more than what senators need to be able to do their job."

The White House will claim that the work Roberts performed while serving as principal deputy solicitor general in the administration of George H.W. Bush is subject to lawyer-client privilege and thus off limits, McClellan said.

Leahy had said earlier that material written in confidence while serving in an administration has been provided in the past.

"It is far too early to know whether the committee will need those documents and I hope the White House will keep an open mind on document requests," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Judiciary Committee.

"The Senate should see all relevant material related to Judge Roberts' nomination. We trust that members of the Judiciary Committee and the White House will work out a way for the Senate to review this material," said Rebecca Kirsner, spokeswoman for Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

McClellan said that providing such documents would violate attorney-client privilege and have a chilling effect on the decision-making process in the solicitor general's office.

"Democratic and Republican solicitor generals have said that to make that information available would really stifle their ability to have a candid and independent and honest assessment from attorneys in their office," he said. "These future solicitor generals might as well put up a sign that says 'do not apply' if you are thinking about going through a Senate confirmation process."

Attorney-client privilege allows communications

between lawyers and the people they represent to remain confidential. Executive privilege is the right claimed by presidents to decline some requests, including for production of documents, from Congress and the courts, based on the Constitution's separation of powers.

With Bush's first chance to shape the Supreme Court at stake, the White House is hoping to avoid the kind of confrontation with Democrats over document requests that has stymied Senate confirmation of some of the president's other high-profile nominees. Asked repeatedly to say whether the administration was open to making Roberts' writings as a former administration lawyer available, McClellan avoided saying "no" outright on Monday.

He took a harder line Tuesday.

The documents issue could be critical as the Senate prepares to decide whether to confirm Roberts as Bush's replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Democrats have offered no indication that they plan an all-out battle against Roberts. But since his two-year tenure on the federal bench has left him with a limited public record, they have hinted they may seek memos, briefs and other documents he wrote as an administration lawyer in the Reagan and first Bush administrations to shed more light on his stands on such issues as abortion, the environment and federal jurisdiction.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., last week called for the White House to release all of Roberts' working papers from his time during the Reagan and George H.W. Bush years. Democrats on the Judiciary Committee have not yet revealed which documents they will ask for.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., one of the centrists who stopped an earlier Senate fight over Bush's judicial nominees, urged the White House to be flexible with document requests.

"I'd hate to see us get into a battle over whether the administration was going to share documents instead of the basic question of, 'Is Judge Roberts deserving of confirmation to be a justice of the United States Supreme Court,'" Lieberman said Monday after meeting with the nominee.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., suggested Monday she didn't think his solicitor general memos would be very important "unless it relates to confirming something that becomes a major question."



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Accused kidnapper found unfit for trial

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Both people accused in the kidnapping of Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart have now been declared mentally incompetent to stand trial.

A decision Tuesday by 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton will send Brian David Mitchell to a state hospital until he is deemed fit to stand trial. Last year the judge ruled Mitchell's wife, Wanda Barzee, wasn't competent to stand trial either.

Mitchell was accused of snatching Elizabeth from her bedroom in 2002, and Barzee of helping keep her on a nine-month journey from homeless camps in the foothills behind the Smart family's upscale Salt Lake City house to Southern California.

Atherton issued her decision by e-mail Tuesday after six days of hearings over the past seven months. Mitchell repeatedly shouted Biblical admonitions and sang hymns during the hearings, prompting him to be removed from court several times.

The judge's decision covered the sweep of Mitchell's life in a family that testimony showed had a history of mental disorder. Mitchell was the third of six children and a "loner" in a "highly dysfunctional" family, the judge wrote.

"It is the court's conclusion that that the preoccupation, distress and impaired social functioning exhibited by the defendant are symptoms of a delusional disorder," Atherton wrote.

The judge dismissed the prosecution argument that Mitchell was just a narcissist with an extreme set of religious beliefs. She found that his beliefs were based on psychotic delusions and that he was incapable of making rational deci-

sions or assisting in his defense.

Under Utah law, Mitchell will be back in court after three months for proceedings to determine whether his mental state has changed, prosecutor Bob Stott said.

"We're disappointed but we respect the judge's decision. She's given a lot of time and energy to the matter, and we'll follow the decision," Stott said. "Criminal charges are still pending. It just means we can't go forward until he regains his competency."

District Attorney David Yocom said, "We anticipate there will be a trial someday, and Elizabeth will testify and he will be convicted."

Mitchell's chief public defender, Vernice S. Trease, issued a statement saying the judge's decision was supported by extensive court testimony and that Mitchell would be transferred from a jail cell to the state hospital in Provo, Utah.

Mitchell, 51, is accused of kidnapping then 14-year-old Elizabeth from her bedroom in 2002, sexually assaulting her and keeping her as his second wife.

Elizabeth's father, Ed Smart, said he was resigned to the judge's decision and satisfied that Mitchell will stay locked up indefinitely.

Smart characterized his one-time handyman as calculating, saying "I don't think there's any question he knows what's going on" and "he's already chosen to be the way he's been."

"My satisfaction will be seeing him behind bars, not back out on the street to hurt anyone again," Smart said. "If he wants to be the way he is so be it, and let him waste away in a mental hospital."

Mitchell and Barzee, 59, were charged with kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated burglary and attempted aggravated kidnapping. Mitchell also is charged in the attempted abduction of Elizabeth's cousin.

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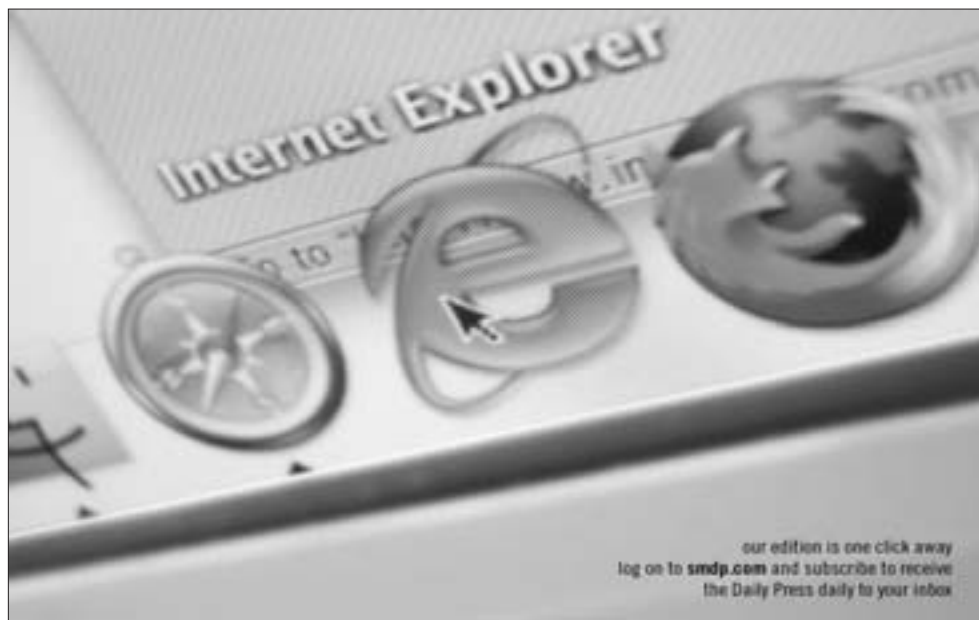
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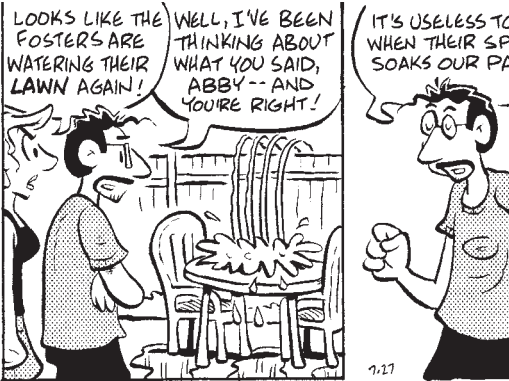
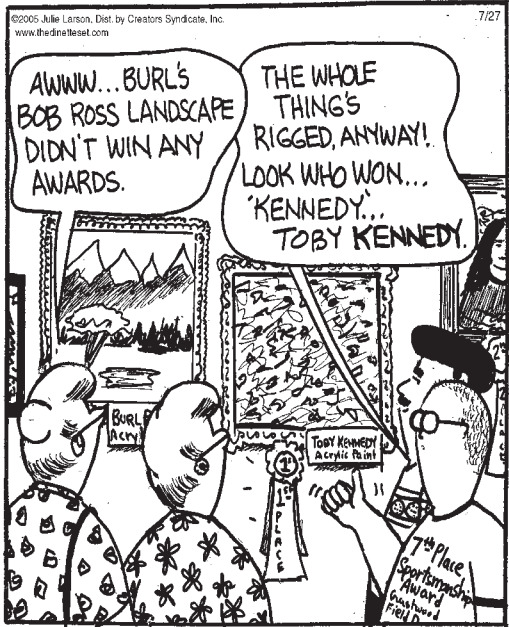
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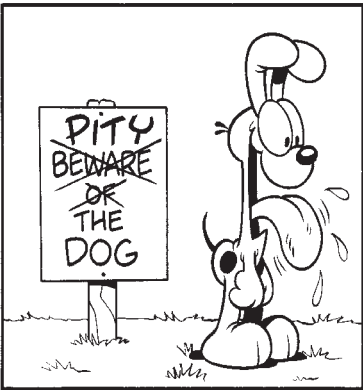
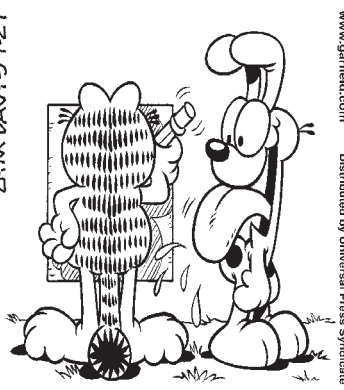
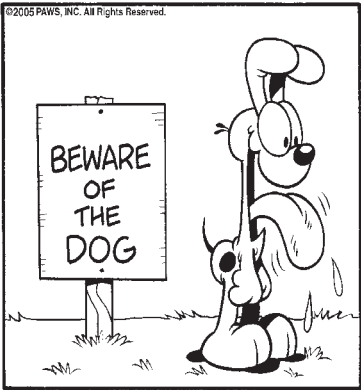


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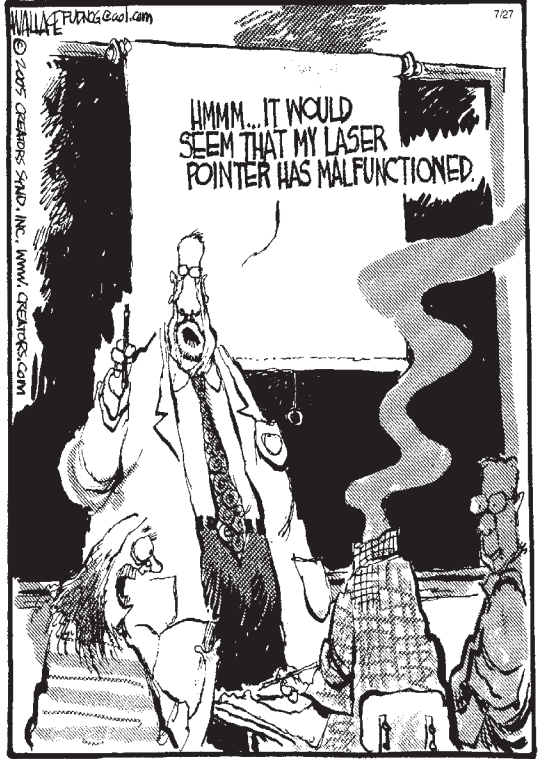


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- 33 Dance part
- 34 Rx amount
- 37 State of mind
- 39 1960s cartoon feline
- 43 Faithful
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- 45 Collections
- 46 Nasty brute

DOWN

- 1 Like 1960s fashions
- 2 Half of dos
- 3 Stop color
- 4 Number part
- 5 Serpent's spot
- 6 Reckless
- 7 Rhythmic dance
- 8 Did sentry duty
- 9 Writer Radcliffe
- 10 Tiny
- 16 Big musical group
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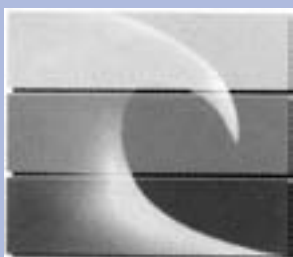
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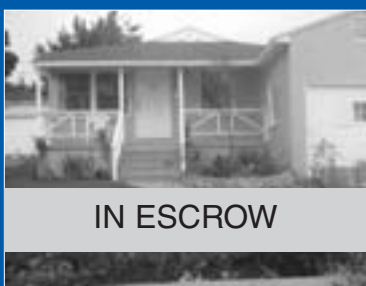
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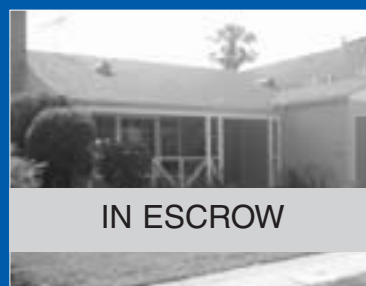
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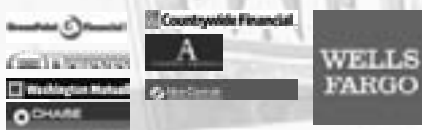
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