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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In December, News of the Weird reported on a Welsh inventor's sound device called the Mosquito, which takes advantage of young people's greater audio range and emits a sound annoying to them but which most adults do not notice, which the inventor used to drive young hoodlums from their hangouts without disturbing adults. Recently, the inventor, Howard Stapleton, introduced a youth-friendly spinoff: a cell phone ringtone ("Teen Buzz") that is audible to most young people but not noticeable to most adults (who might prefer ringtone silence).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 210th day of 2006.
There are 155 days left in the year.

Twenty-five years ago, on July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in a resplendent ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

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Hurting on homefront

Soldier's struggles didn't cease upon return from Iraq

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

25TH STREET — When Army Sgt. Ananda das McClure volunteered for his third tour of duty in Iraq — often referred to as the "jinx tour" by the enlisted — he sold off all of his belongings and gave up his Santa Monica apartment, thinking he would never make it out of the war-torn country alive.

McClure, 37, did return home, but not before suffering a serious, career-ending injury in a roadside bomb attack. An ordinance disposal specialist, McClure was escorting a convoy through hostile territory when his unit was hit by an impro-

See **SOLDIER'S SUICIDE**, page 15



Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

CROSS TO BEAR Laura Hanson, whose husband committed suicide following his return to Santa Monica after fighting in Iraq, pays her respects at Arlington West, where she had planned to spread his ashes. Hanson feels her husband likely killed himself to escape the emotional grief of being the lone survivor in his unit to survive a roadside bomb assault.

No jacket required for new valets



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

RACK 'EM UP Monica Howe, outreach manager for the LA County Bicycle Coalition, parks a shopper's bicycle during the Sunday Farmers' Market on Main Street. City Hall has designated nine metered parking spaces for bicycles.

BY EMILIE PHELPS

Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET — Those who have taken to the bicycle in efforts to avoid the traffic snarl around the Farmers' Market on Main Street have created their own congestion.

On a typical Sunday, there are 130 bicycles or more locked up to fences, posts, parking meters and trees — clogging up the roads and sidewalks of the surrounding Ocean Park neighborhood, said Luis Morris, transportation management specialist for the city of Santa Monica.

To resolve the weekly transportation quagmire, the city has recently launched a pilot bike valet service as part of a traffic congestion reduction

See **BIKE VALET**, page 14

STATE

Cooler heads begin to prevail

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — A long-awaited cooldown began to set in Friday as the number of deaths blamed on California's record-breaking heat wave approached 100.

The National Weather Service lifted its heat advisories, and highs around the state were expected to dip below the triple-digit mark after 12 straight days of scorching heat. But in the Central Valley, which has taken the brunt of the heat, temperatures were still expected to hover near 100 degrees.

See **HEAT WAVE**, page 10

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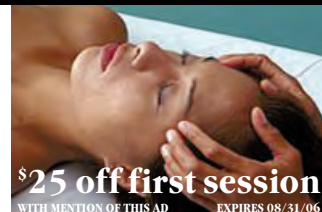
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★DYNAMIC ★★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★SO-SO ★DIFFICULT



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take much needed time to relax and/or get a project done. You will find that many want you involved in their plans. Don't make this a problem. By midday, you will be ready to get off your duff and run with the moment. Use your innate precision. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your ingenuity marks the morning. You might even get as frisky or playful as a child. Let that part of you emerge. The need to just let your hair down subsides considerably late this afternoon. Mellow redefines the day. Tonight: Spectacular plans aren't always a necessity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to handle some personal matters on the home front before exploding into your social weekend. Prioritizing and knowing what is important allow you to enter the next few social days carefree. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ How you choose to express yourself is up to you. Understand what is going on with a child or family member. Give this person some time to chill out, as he or she might be going to extremes. Think carefully. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Balance your checkbook and then you can enjoy the remainder of your day. Financial knowledge, no matter if your balance is high or low, allows you to focus on people and events. Schedule a fun happening. Tonight: Visit with a new or old friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are all smiles and quite content. Don't allow a rebellious family member to affect your mood. A purchase made today could be a touch indulgent. Decide what you can afford and if it is the quality you want. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Getting going could be somewhat tougher than you anticipate. Relax with what is happening, and your mood will improve. Midday, you are all smiles. Get past a hassle. A gracious Libra gets much further. Use your charm. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Dedicate your morning to accomplishing what you want. A brunch with family or friends also might be just what the doctor ordered. If you want to cocoon, your time will come late this afternoon. Remember, everyone wants some downtime. Tonight: As you wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could push someone who counts into a tantrum or an adverse reaction. Do you really want this type of reaction? Tone down your behavior and focus on quality relationships. Friends surround you. Tonight: The more the merrier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Work on understanding where others are coming from. Your relationships will flow easily if you can grasp what is going on. You will be in a position to absorb more responsibility. Expect to be observed. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Work with one person at a time. Others adore your attention. Reach out for others, which might involve a day trip. You could take off at the drop of a hat. Enjoy some time in the country or at a favorite spot. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that involves someone you care about and a must appearance. Plan time with a special friend or a loved one. Schedule a meal or pastime in which you can both share. Tonight: Say yes.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Healthy topics for discussion

By Daily Press staff

Ignorance is bliss, unless it leads to health problems. That's why UCLA Healthcare will offer a series of free health educational talks through September.

Robotics and Prostate Cancer — Dr. Robert Reiter, a UCLA urologist, explains robotic prostatectomy and other treatment options for localized prostate cancer.

Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Marisa Leif Conference Room, 300 UCLA Medical Plaza on the UCLA campus in Westwood.

Myths, Facts About Precision Radiation Therapy — UCLA radiation oncologist Steven Lee explains precision radiation therapy and its use in treating malignant and benign diseases.

Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. Community Room at Santa Monica Place mall, Broadway and Fourth Street in Santa Monica.

Treating Nasal Blockages — Drs. Chester Griffiths and Jason Van Tassel, ear, nose and throat specialists at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, explain how nasal anatomy and physiology can impede breathing, interfere with sleep and cause head congestion, and the latest advances in treatment.

Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. Community Room at the Santa Monica Place mall, Broadway and Fourth Street in Santa Monica.

Seizures and Epilepsy — Dr. Jerome Engel, director of UCLA's Seizure Disorder Clinic, covers diagnosis, treatment and consequences of seizures and epilepsy.

Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. Marisa Leif Conference Room, 300 UCLA Medical Plaza on the UCLA campus in Westwood.

Medicare 101 — Learn what Medicare covers and omits, including the new prescription drug benefit, and how to fill in the gaps.

Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Classroom B at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th St. in Santa Monica.

Fraud Prevention — Certified fraud-prevention specialists discuss common types of fraud and present ways to avoid becoming a victim of these scams.

Aug. 31 at noon Santa Monica Family YMCA, 1332 6th St. in Santa Monica.

Brainy Discussion — UCLA neurologist George Bartzokis discusses memory loss and Alzheimer's disease.

Wednesday, Sept. at 11 a.m. Westchester Family YMCA, 8015 S. Sepulveda Blvd. in Westchester.

Age is Just a Number — This two-part seminar has participants explore the myths, stereotypes and realities of aging and learn strategies to lead more fulfilling, satisfied lives.

Sept. 8 and 15 at 10 a.m. Community Room at Santa Monica Place mall, Broadway and Fourth Street in Santa Monica.

Head and Neck Laser Treatments — Learn how laser technology can be used in ear, nose, throat and reconstructive surgery.

Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Community Room at Santa Monica Place mall, Broadway and Fourth Street in Santa Monica.

Chinese Medicine — Dr. Xiuling Ma from UCLA's Center for East-West Medicine explains Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, herbs and traditional Chinese nutrition.

Sept. 20, 4 p.m. Classroom B at the Santa Monica-UCLA medical center, 1250 16th St. in Santa Monica.

Memorable Talk — UCLA geriatrician Sonja Rosen covers memory loss and dementia, including its causes, diagnoses and treatment options.

Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. Santa Monica Family YMCA, 1332 6th St. in Santa Monica.

Minimally Invasive Treatments for the Spine — Dr. Cheryl Hoffman, an interventional radiologist at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, discusses new, minimally invasive therapy for back pain and spine fractures.

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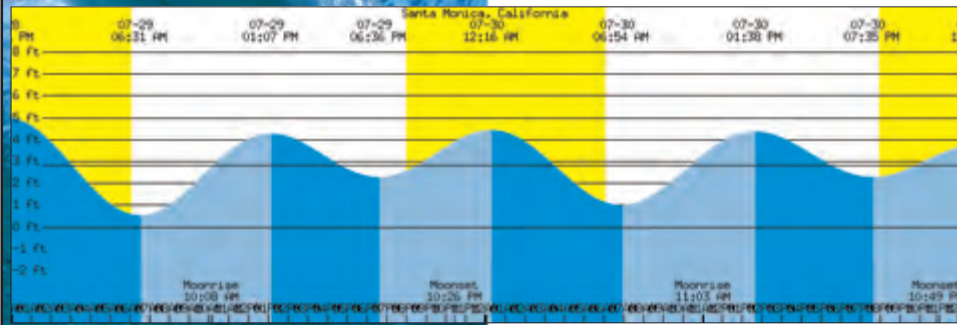
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THIS WEEKEND IS NOT A BIG DAY, BUT IT IS A TURNAROUND POINT. SOME FORERUNNER ENERGY IS EXPECTED FROM THE SERIES OF SWELLS THAT WILL BECOME NOTICEABLE ON SUNDAY ONWARD. THIS WILL BE MOSTLY 17-18 SECOND PERIODS WITH INFREQUENT SETS FROM 220 DEGREES WITH WAVE HEIGHTS PEAKING AT WAIST HIGH OR SO AROUND SOUTH FACING BREAKS. WEST FACING BREAKS AREN'T EXPECTED TO SEE MUCH ENERGY ON THIS WEEKEND.

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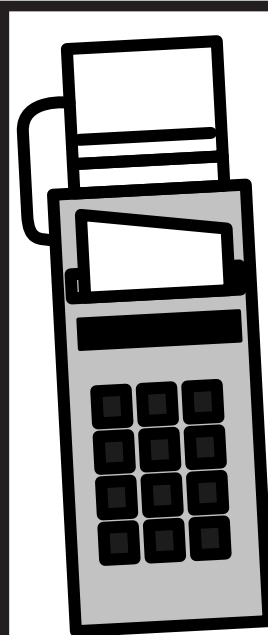
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The Q-Line

THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

This past week, Q-line asked:
What are the best things about living in Santa Monica? What are we appreciating out there?
Here are your responses:

☉ “What brought me to Santa Monica was my husband’s job transfer 40 years ago. I was happy then to find a lovely, clean, safe community; one in which I was happy to settle and anticipate raising our expected child. Sadly, this has all changed for the worse. What keeps me here is my daughter’s living in a nearby community, and for now, the financial inability to make a major change. But give me time — I will be out of here. This city has become a nightmare. Did you want to hear lies?”

☉ “I appreciate that, in the beginning, the creator of the universe created Santa Monica and saw that it was good. Then, man was created, and with man came greed. Then, with greed came landlords. Then, with landlord greed came rent control. Then, the creator again looked down upon Santa Monica and saw that it was good. Amen.”

☉ “Santa Monica by the sea, reeking of homeless pee, our bloated city government sold out to big developments. Rent control keeps rent low. Landlords crying, “It’s an unfair blow.” Lots of tourist bucks brings crowds, cars, crime — makes our town suck. Crazy ‘Commies’ run our city, make it a bureaucratic nightmare ... what a pity. But the weather is great, and lots of beautiful gals to date. Seagulls, dolphins and a great sunset, and all the crap we soon forget.”

☉ “Well, Santa Monica has pretty good weather. It’s not as hot as it is in other places. We get the nice weather so we get a lot of sunshine and a lot of pretty girls in miniskirts. We’ve got movie theaters all over the place so we can either see the Hollywood movies or the independent films that usually don’t show any place else, like the Aero theater or the Monica theater. We’ve got pretty good stores, and for comedy relief, we’ve got the City Council.”

☉ “I like your bus system. It’s very reasonable and there’s a bus on almost every street. What’s sorely lacking though are crosstowns. Maybe you could do something about that. And also, besides the rea-

sonable fare, transfers are free. So we should be getting lots more people using it than are now.”

☉ “What makes Santa Monica a great place to live? Well, I’m afraid you don’t want to print this, but you know, the fact is the diversity of the city. I mean, there’s homeless, there’s wealthy, there’s in-between. And that always makes Santa Monica the best place on earth. It’s next to the beach, you’re next to Venice, you’re not far from the Valley, where it’s hotter than heck. That is what makes this city so wonderful — the diversity. And you’ve got Third Street, you’ve got the beach, you’ve got the homeless. I mean, it’s God all around. It’s next to heaven. If it’s not heaven, it’s in the same zip code, babe. I take stock in that.”

☉ “Yes, Santa Monica is a wonderful community. I love living here and I’ve lived here since 1976. And I love the diverse socioeconomic lifestyles and the beautiful oceans and the bike paths. But I do think that you need to be more aware of handicapped people. And I happen to be one now for the last eight years. So please fix up the streets and we’ll make our Santa Monica even more beautiful.”

☉ “I love swimming in the Pacific Ocean, and thanks to the untold millions of taxpayers’ dollars to Heal the Bay, I can swim another 50 years. I also love riding a bicycle. And soon, thanks to our forethinking council members, those pesky cars will only be used by those in the public bureau. I really love going to the mall and seeing the fantastic talent trying to entertain all those tourists from New York. With the massive humanity, not to mention the bums, it must make those tourists feel right at home. It’s socially important to think of other people. I especially like the Pier with its fake Coney Island feel and those free concerts. I’ve learned so much about marginal music. But what I really love about Santa Monica is its new Miami Beach-type feel. It’s great that we’re no longer a little crummy beach town, but West Coast Miami Beach crap.”

Filling up, dialing in and smoking my flag



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

It’s that time again — time for me to share with you some of the comments that readers have sent me in response to my columns. Enjoy ...

In a recent column, I talked about a man who is suing Michael Jordan and Nike because he’s tired of being mistaken for Jordan. Your comments included:

JEANNE: “This one, you must have made up!”

TAMMY: “People actually wonder why the courts are so tied up and why insurance rates are so high. Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm... maybe I should sue Mr. Heckard for pain and suffering. I laughed so hard at him, I pulled a neck muscle. I hear soft tissue injuries pay big bucks.”

I discussed the difficulty in buying a simple cell phone.

JERRY: “At last, a subject that is neither liberal nor conservative ... if they didn’t have all the extra features, the phone companies could hand out these phones for free the way they did when I was a kid.”

JEFF: “When I asked for the simplest phone they had, it came with a 100-page instruction book and sounds like the Boston symphony. Whatever happened to “Ring, ring?”

I wrote about the traumatic experience of my first \$3-a-gallon fill-up

DAVE: “Last fall, I had a knee operation which kept me driving for six weeks. During the time I was (convalescing), gas prices dropped. Sure enough, they began to rise a couple weeks after I returned to work.”

AAR: “It’s called supply and demand. And you suggest that we become more like socialist France, where they pay around \$7 per gallon. Come on, get a clue.”

I expressed my dismay about why so many people were taking a work of fiction, “The Da Vinci Code,” so seriously.

THOMAS: “As I watch the controversy around this book/movie, all I can think of is Oscar Wilde. In the preface to ‘The Picture of

Dorian Gray,’ he said, ‘There’s no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written or badly written. That is all.’”

ED: “The more his book gets banned, the more copies he will sell.”

ALAN: “Please note the best novels are often used to propound a theory or teach a lesson about the human condition, not just tell a story. See ‘Les Miserables’ and ‘War and Peace.’ I doubt this novel is on that level, yet it may not be meant just to be taken as an interesting story, but to bring attention to a theory.”

After my recent trip to France, I noticed how much more likely Parisians were to wish me a “good morning” than those back home in the good ol’ U.S.A.

ARTHUR: “No one knows anymore how to speak politely and sincerely. I must tell you it ****es me off.”

SHERVONNE: “Come to Texas ... (Greeting people) is one of our traditions. Perhaps we’re not as afraid of people as the folks in your area may be.”

DIETTER: “I believe that it is cultural. Black folks, I am one, greet each other all the time ... I’ve tried to extend the ‘hi’ to random folks of other races. I’m usually left hanging.”

KATE: “If you come to Tennessee, you will hear plenty of ‘Good Mornings.’”

CSS: “If you go to a relatively small town, one that’s viewed as ‘safe,’ lots of people will say, ‘good morning.’”

In ‘Betsy Ross would be so proud,’ I discussed the proposal for the “flag burning” Amendment.

NANCY: “Contrary to the pompously patriotic, no one has ever died for the flag — they died to defend the freedoms it represents.”

CHIP: “If cigarette smoking is illegal in many places, shouldn’t flag smoking be illegal in those places, too?”

“Flag smoking?” Well, Chip, who could argue with that logic?

Thanks for all the e-mails. Keep them coming.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAN JOURNO

U.S., Israel entering into joint suicide pact

The Iran-Hamas-Hezbollah axis is fully responsible for initiating the war on Israel, but the Islamists' aggression is the logical product of U.S.-Israeli policy. The long-standing commitment of Israel and America to "diplomatic engagement" with Palestinians and Islamists — a euphemism for appeasement — is suicidal.

For decades, America has urged Israel to placate and surrender to our common enemy. The U.S.-endorsed "Road Map to Peace," like the "Peace Process" and sundry initiatives before it, rationalized Palestinian terrorism as the result of a legitimate grievance. If only the Palestinians' wish for a civilized, peaceful state were fulfilled — Washington deluded itself into believing — terrorism would end. And fulfilling this wish requires not smashing their terrorist infrastructure, but showering them with land and loot.

But the majority of Palestinians actually seek the destruction of Israel, and the slaughter of its people. Because they embrace this vicious goal, hordes of Palestinians idolized arch terrorist Yasser Arafat for waging a terrorist war to wipe out Israel and establish a nationalist dictatorship. They abetted Arafat's terrorism and celebrated his atrocities. They served as cheerleaders or recruits for terrorist groups — and when they had the chance, they embraced the even more militant religious zealots of Hamas. It is no surprise that, according to a recent poll, 77 percent of Palestinians support their government's kidnapping of an Israeli soldier and that 60 percent support the continued rocket fire from Gaza into Israel.

But even as Palestinians mounted more attacks, Washington pressed Israel for more concessions — and bolstered the terrorist-sponsoring Palestinian Authority with millions of dollars in aid. The U.S. forbade Israel from laying a finger on Arafat, and extended this tender solicitude to Hamas leaders. Washington actually whitewashed the blood-stained Arafat and his crony Abbas as peace-loving statesmen and invited them to the White House. And when Hezbollah now fires rockets at major cities in northern Israel, President Bush demands that Israel show "restraint."

Depressingly, Israel has continually relented to American pressure to appease our common enemy. It has prostrated itself before the Palestinians, with flamboyantly self-sacrificial offers of land-for-peace; it has withdrawn from southern Lebanon, ceding ground necessary to its self-defense; it has withdrawn from Gaza, leaving its southern cities at the mercy of rocket fire from the

Hamas-run territory.

Such U.S.-endorsed appeasement by Israel, across decades, has enabled Hezbollah and Hamas to mount their current attacks. Yet America remains undeterred in its commitment to appeasement.

The U.S. is now trying to woo Iran with endless offers of economic "incentives," if only Iran promises to stop chasing nuclear weapons. Evading Iran's lust to "wipe Israel off the map," evading its funding of Hezbollah and Hamas, evading its avowed enmity to America, evading its decades of fomenting and orchestrating a proxy terror war against American civilians — evading all of this, Washington deludes itself into believing that paying Iran off will, somehow, wipe out its hostility.

Inevitably, this encourages Iran to continue its aggressive support for terrorists and its fervent quest for nuclear weapons. Merely by prolonging the negotiations endlessly, Iran gains time to acquire a weapon to wield against its neighbors, to provide to Hamas and Hezbollah or to other proxies to use against the United States. And were Iran eventually to accept some deal, American aid would merely be sustaining Iran's regime — and, inexorably, a covert nuclear program.

We are teaching the Islamic totalitarians in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran that their goal of destroying us is legitimate; that aggression is practical; that the more aggressive they are, the more we will surrender. U.S.-Israeli policy has demonstrated that we lack the intellectual self-confidence to name, let alone condemn, our enemies — and that we lack the will to deal with threats mercilessly. It vindicates the Islamists' premise that their religious worldview can bring a scientific, technologically advanced West to its knees.

To protect the lives of our citizens, America and Israel must stop evading the nature of the enemy's cause: our complete destruction. We must stop appeasing our common enemy — and embrace self-defense as a matter of intransigent principle. To put an end to the current rocket attacks from Lebanon and Gaza, America should urge Israel to annihilate the annihilators: Hamas and Hezbollah. And to thwart Iran's nuclear ambition, America must use as much military force as is necessary to dispose of that catastrophic threat and the regime responsible for it.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ARGUMENT DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, and setting the deadline for submittal of arguments in favor and in opposition of the following measures:

PROPOSITION " ": Shall the City Charter be amended to bring the City Charter current with best governmental management practices by removing City of Santa Monica departmental directors from the City's civil service, amending the advisory roles of certain City boards and commissions with respect to the hiring of departmental directors, making other related changes to the City's civil service rules including some concerning promotions and hiring, by amending certain provisions concerning the office of City Clerk and by amending some other Charter provisions to remove terms that are no longer legally valid?	Yes
	No

PROPOSITION " ": Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax Act. For the purposes of funding the implementation of a portion of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan, shall the City of Santa Monica authorize the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, as specifically set forth in the proposed Ordinance that appears in the voter pamphlet, subject to an annual CPI escalator, and subject to audit by a citizen's oversight committee?	Yes
	No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measures. No more than five signatures of authors shall be accepted with any argument submitted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed **Friday, August 11, 2006**, during normal office hours, as posted, as **the date** after which no arguments for or against the City measures may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of the organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at City Hall, Santa Monica, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.125 rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, and shall be signed by any one of the persons filing the original argument, any combination of the persons signing the original argument or by all of the persons filing the original argument. The rebuttal shall not be signed by any person who did not sign the original argument nor shall it contain more than five signatures. The rebuttals shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten days after the final date for filing original arguments, the date being **Monday, August 21, 2006**.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190, the City Clerk shall make any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct arguments and rebuttals filed under the authority of the elections code will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office for a period of ten calendar days immediately following the filing deadline of such materials. Any person seeking a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted shall comply with the time requirements in Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 for filing such actions.

Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk
July 26, 2006

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

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STATE BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Gouging gas stations get theirs

Los Angeles County inspectors cited 50 gas stations for overcharging customers last year and issued \$22,650 in fines after receiving hundreds of complaints.

"Everybody is in a panic," said Jeff Humphreys, deputy director of the county's Department of Weights and Measures. "There is no doubt about it. The price of gas has people very, very concerned. Our job is to make sure people are getting what they pay for."

Last year, the agency's Web site received 624 complaints about overcharges.

The citations and penalties for the fiscal year that ended on June 30 were far higher than the nine citations and \$3,600 in fines levied during the 2004-05 year.

By law, the county must inspect each of more than 54,000 gas pumps in its jurisdiction at least once a year but the department had been falling behind because of understaffing.

Enforcement increased after the agency got more money and added three new inspectors.

RIVERSIDE

Trio tried to take Automobile Club for a ride

Three men were accused of bilking more than \$595,000 from the Automobile Club of Southern California by submitting dozens of phony auto and homeowner insurance claims.

Drake Reed, 32, of Highland and Jerry Schatz, 45, of Moreno Valley pleaded not guilty Thursday in Riverside Superior Court to felony counts of grand theft and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Joshua Belville, 30, also from Highland, is scheduled for arraignment next month, according to the Riverside County district attorney's office.

Reed is a former claims adjuster for the auto club, which began investigating in April after a routine audit turned up discrepancies, authorities said.

The men are accused of filing false or inflated claims on their own and about three dozen other policies. Reed also used his manager's computer and password to issue checks on closed claims that went into phony business accounts created by Schatz, officials contended.

RIVERSIDE

A lack of Security for city employees

The Social Security numbers and other data about nearly 2,000 city employees accidentally went out on a new City Hall e-mail system, authorities said.

An e-mail intended for the payroll department went into the inboxes of about 2,300 workers last week. Officials learned of the mistake the next day and shut down the e-mail system for about 12 hours while they deleted the messages, Assistant City Manager Tom DeSantis said.

The message included workers' Social Security numbers and financial deduction information for 401(k) and other accounts, DeSantis said.

The message was sent out through the error of a computer operator, who was placed on administrative leave while the incident is investigated, DeSantis said.

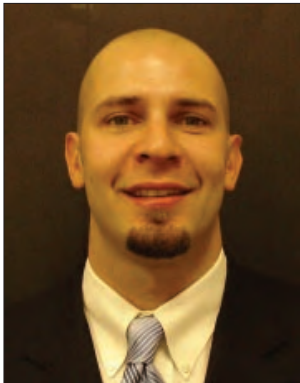
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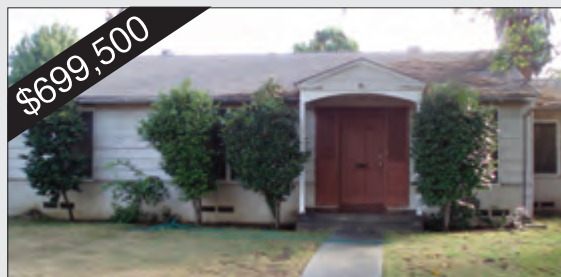
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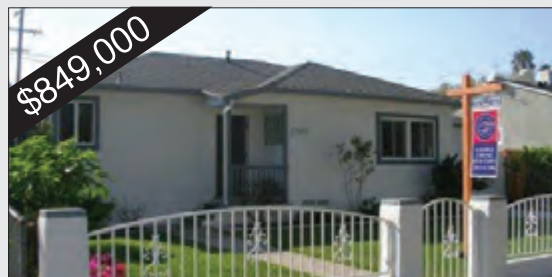
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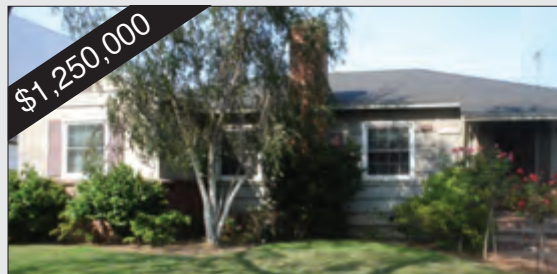
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As the plots thicken

Urban gardeners vow to keep fighting after judge OKs land sale

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A judge this week upheld the sale of an urban garden to a developer for more than \$5 million but those who once worked the now-bulldozed plots vowed to keep trying to reclaim the land.

"They will not buckle. We fully intend to appeal," Dan Stormer, an attorney for the gardeners, said outside court.

In a 19-page ruling read to a packed courtroom, Superior Court Judge Helen Bendix rejected point by point the contentions in a lawsuit filed against developer Ralph Horowitz and the city over a 2003 deal that sold him back land originally seized from him through eminent domain.

Calls to Horowitz seeking comment were not immediately returned.

The 14-acre greenspace sits in a gritty industrial area. For about 14 years, it was worked by about 350 mainly poor, Hispanic immigrant families who grew everything

from bananas to edible cactus.

Horowitz, however, wants to entice a warehouse or other paying tenant.

In May, a judge agreed to evict the gardeners, leading to demonstrations, tree-sitting protests by activists and celebrities such as actress Daryl Hannah and dozens of arrests.

A bulldozer began uprooting the garden plots on July 5. Protests continue intermittently at the site and some farmers and protesters said their belongings remain inside the fenced-off property.

The city seized the land from Horowitz through eminent domain in the 1980s in order to build a trash-to-energy incinerator. When those plans fell through, it passed control to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, which arranged for the garden plots.

Horowitz sued, and the city settled by selling the property back to him for just over the \$4.8 million it originally paid.

In a lawsuit, the gardeners argued the price was far below the fair market value of

the land. They contended that the city committed "waste" of potential benefit to citizens and sought to force the city to return Horowitz's money and take back the land.

However, Bendix rejected those arguments at length. She noted that developing the site would create more than 200 jobs and that the agreement called for Horowitz to donate some land for a park.

During the case, the gardeners' attorneys submitted estimates of the land's value ranging from about \$8 million to \$13 million. Bendix said she found those estimates "not credible" and noted that the estimate of the land's value at the time of the sale was about \$6 million.

A representative of the gardeners who goes by the single name Tezozomoc said outside court that the farmers were disappointed by the judge's ruling.

"It seemed that Horowitz didn't need a lawyer," Tezozomoc charged. "She did such a great work for him. I hope she got a good check out of it."

New center to aid agents fighting terror

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hoping to better secure Southern California against attacks, the FBI, local police and other law enforcement agencies have banded together to create a first-of-its-kind command center to better share intelligence on terrorist threats.

The Joint Regional Intelligence Center will track terrorist activity with help from officials who specialize in fields such as epidemiology and chemical attacks, while analyzing real-time threat information to the region.

Its opening was expected to be announced Thursday.

The goal, authorities said, is to cut down the time it takes agents from various agencies to share leads through phone calls and e-mail and avoid duplicating their efforts.

"Now we have multiple agencies in one place doing business," said Los Angeles Police Department Lt. Robert Fox, who along with FBI and sheriff's officials who comprise the center's unified command. "It brought all of our capabilities and expertise together instead of doing it through telephone calls and e-mails."

There are other such "fusion centers" in California and around the country, according to sheriff's Lt. Robert Galarneau.

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Most women in killer's photos still alive

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — More than half of about 50 women seen in photographs taken by a convicted double murderer decades ago are believed to be alive, according to sheriff's investigators who have received numerous calls and e-mails since publicizing the images found by a cold-case detective in an old file.

Investigators initially identified one victim of an unsolved 1978 slaying and several ex-wives of death row inmate William Richard Bradford in the photographs, and have since tentatively identified 28 more women.

Of those 28, one is believed to be a homicide victim, another is a 15-year-old girl who has been missing for years, and the other 26 were believed to be alive, sheriff's homicide Capt. Ray Peavy said Thursday.

The photographs were seized from the home of Bradford, who was convicted of the 1984 murders of a young woman and

teenage girl. Authorities say Bradford, now 60, posed as a freelance photographer and shot photos of women he met at bars and elsewhere.

According to Peavy, one of his cold-case detectives located the pictures recently and on Tuesday they were posted on a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Web site Tuesday. Detectives were concerned that some of the women could have been victims of rape or murder between 1975 and 1984.

The Web site has received thousands of hits since Tuesday and calls and e-mails have poured in.

Among the leads were two from women claiming they were among the images and a single e-mail from an unidentified sender listing 12 names.

Bradford's appellate attorney, Darlene Ricker, dismissed the new investigation.

"It's old news," she said Wednesday. "The existence of these photos has been known for 20 years. All of a sudden, for whatever reason, law enforcement has decided to look into them."

Ricker said she hadn't spoken with Bradford, imprisoned at San Quentin State Prison, since sheriff's officials went public with his photos, but she guessed what his response might be.

"I'm sure Bill would say, if he could: 'The man was a photographer. Gee, what a surprise they find photographs in his belongings.'"

One woman in the photos was identified Tuesday as Donnalee Campbell Duhamel, a 31-year-old mother of two whose decapitated body was found in a Malibu canyon in 1978. A sheriff's official said Tuesday that the body was found a few days after the woman met Bradford at a bar. Bradford was never charged in that case.

On Wednesday, her daughter questioned why it took so long but was relieved that authorities were investigating.

"My mom just disappeared, and now she's getting the attention I feel she deserves," said Lisa Mora, 36, who was only 7 when her mother vanished. The family got confirmation of the death eight years later, she said.

ON THE NET

Photos of the women

<http://lacountymurders.com/wanted/LADIES1.html>

With Bradford's past whereabouts extending to Illinois, Texas, Florida, Michigan, Oregon and elsewhere, there could be leads across the country. And even with possible names, investigators will have to do lengthy background checks and interviews to match the photos.

"We're trying to put it all together," said sheriff's Lt. Debra Lenhart. "We're hopeful."

Bradford was convicted in 1987 of first-degree murder in the stranglings of Shari Miller, 21, who he met in a bar, and Tracey Campbell, 15, a neighbor. Prosecutors said he lured them into accompanying him with promises to help their modeling careers.

Miller's body was found in a West Los Angeles parking lot in July 1984, while Tracey's decomposed body was found in August 1984 at a campsite in the high desert north of Los Angeles.

New threat center will enable agents to share information

THREAT CENTER, from page 8

What's different with the new center is its responsibility and scale: 62 personnel from at least 15 agencies including the federal Department of Homeland Security watch over seven counties home to more than 18 million people.

In New York, for example, a center is

operated and staffed largely by police.

Based on the seventh floor of an office building in Norwalk, the center will include a main floor of desks known as the "bullpen" where officers can review computer systems with classified information. The FBI's threat squad, the bureau's first responders to terrorist activity, is housed off the main floor.

The center is divided into several groups that analyze information, correspond with outside agencies and manage emergency responses, among other tasks. There are epidemiologists, forensic analysts and firefighter based at the center.

Steven Oda, an FBI supervisory special agent, said the center is working to bring

more agencies into the fold and widen its access to classified information.

About \$6 million has been spent so far on the facility.

"There's nothing like being in one place," Oda said. "There's no technology solution, no amount of e-mail or phone calls that's going to replace that."

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Heal the Bay

Cooling stations, conservation provide relief

HEAT WAVE, from page 1

“It’s a little slower than we would like, but the heat is finally moving out,” said Kathy Hoxsie, a meteorologist with the weather center.

On Thursday, aid workers went door-to-door checking on the elderly, who are most vulnerable to extreme heat, as the number of suspected heat-related deaths climbed to 98, according to county coroners’ offices.

In Fresno County’s morgue, the walk-in freezer was stuffed with bodies, with some piled on top of others, said Coroner Lorelee Cervantes. With limited air conditioning, employees worked in sweltering heat as they investigated at least 22 possible heat-related deaths.

In Stanislaus County, officials were investigating whether the heat was responsible for 20 deaths, and Sacramento

County reported 11 possible heat victims.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that 75 cooling centers were available at fairgrounds statewide. Health officials also were contacting nursing homes to make sure they had evacuation plans in case their air conditioning systems failed, he said.

State Sen. Dean Florez called on Schwarzenegger to declare a state of emergency in the Central Valley to make more financial and personnel resources available.

“Record-breaking heat requires a record-breaking response,” Florez said.

Schwarzenegger said he had already taken “action” to help state residents cope with the heat, pointing to the cooling centers and conservation measures to avoid blackouts.

“There’s not much more we can do,” he said. “I don’t know what it means to declare a state of emergency when we’re already doing everything.”

At least six Central Valley counties have already declared local states of emergency that allow farmers to bury livestock killed by the heat in landfills or on their own properties.

Temperatures began cooling along the coast Thursday, with a comfortable high of 67 in San Francisco, but parts of the Central Valley saw only minor relief — Fresno still reached 105 and Bakersfield hit 107.

July has seen extreme heat across the country. In St. Louis, the misery was worsened by storms that knocked down power lines last week in the worst blackout in city history. Most of the 12 Missouri deaths attributed to the heat wave occurred in the St. Louis area, where about 34,000 homes and businesses remained without power Thursday.

Missouri regulators opened an investigation into whether AmerenUE and other utilities were properly prepared for the storms, and whether they responded adequately.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2202 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING THE INTERIM ORDINANCES MODIFYING THE THRESHOLD AT WHICH A STRUCTURE IS DETERMINED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY REMODELED AND THEREBY SUBJECT TO ALL CURRENT APPLICABLE ZONING CODE REGULATIONS, ESTABLISHING EXCEPTIONS TO THE SUBSTANTIAL REMODEL REQUIREMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADJUSTMENTS IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2202 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2202 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an interim ordinance that extends the provisions of Interim Ordinance Number 2143 (CCS) until January 24, 2009. The Ordinance modifies the threshold at which a structure is determined to be substantially remodeled and thereby subject to all current applicable Zoning Code regulations, establishes exceptions to the substantial remodel requirements and authorizes Zoning Administrator adjustments in specified circumstances. No changes have been made to the previous interim ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2202 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2199 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING INTERIM ORDINANCE CLARIFYING THAT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH ALCOHOL CUP'S MUST OBTAIN NEW ALCOHOL CUP'S IF THE ESTABLISHMENT CEASES OPERATING FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR, EXCEPT THAT, FOR PREMISES IN THE CM DISTRICT, THE TIME PERIOD SHALL BE SIX MONTHS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2199 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2199 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an interim ordinance that extends the provisions of Interim Ordinance Number 2150 (CCS) until May 24, 2008. The Ordinance clarifies that business establishments with alcohol conditional use permits must obtain new permits if the establishment ceases operating for a period in excess of one year, except that, for premises in the CM District, the time period is six months. No changes have been made to the previous interim ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2199 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2201 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING THE INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF FURNITURE, PORTABLE LANDSCAPING, AND CIGARETTE DISPOSAL RECEPTACLES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE IN PRIVATE VESTIBULES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2201 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2201 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an interim ordinance that extends the provisions of Interim Ordinance Number 2147 (CCS) until April 29, 2008. The Ordinance authorizes the placement of furniture, portable landscaping, and cigarette disposal receptacles within the public right-of-way and the display of merchandise in private vestibules. No changes have been made to the previous interim ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2201 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2200 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING THE INTERIM ORDINANCE ALLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF DRIVEWAYS REQUIRED FOR PARKING STRUCTURES WITH OVER 40 PARKING SPACES IN MULTI-FAMILY, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2200 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2200 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an interim ordinance that extends the provisions of Interim Ordinance Number 2164 (CCS) until December 11, 2009. The Ordinance permits administrative approval of the number and type of driveways required for parking structures with over 40 parking spaces in multi-family, commercial, and industrial districts in the City. No changes have been made to the previous interim ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2200 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2203 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SECTIONS 6.72.010 AND 6.72.020 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE UTILITY USERS TAX AND CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW FOR TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SERVICES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2203 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2203 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an emergency ordinance that amends two section of the Municipal Code relating to the City’s Utility Users Tax (UUT). The Ordinance does not change the way in which the City’s UUT is calculated, imposed, or administered. Instead, the Ordinance clarifies the City’s UUT with respect to telephone communication services to avoid confusion arising as a result of IRS Notice 2006-50, which revokes IRS revenue ruling 79-404. The Ordinance clarifies that the City will continue to abide by Revenue Ruling 79-404 in administering the City’s UUT and that the City’s Tax Administrator’s interpretative rulings issued with respect to the UUT should be consistent with it and other applicable rulings. However, the Ordinance provides that the Tax Administrator will not follow IRS Notice 2006-50.

Ordinance Number 2203 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective upon its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

Colorado man confesses to killing spree

BY CHASE SQUIRES
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Robert Charles Browne told investigators he used ether to knock out one woman he was trying to seduce, then “used an ice pick on her.” He said he used ant killer to subdue another woman and stabbed her nearly 30 times with a screwdriver.

In all, the man already serving a life sentence for murdering a child told investigators he killed 49 people starting in 1970.

“None ever got away; never gave the opportunity,” Browne, 53, told investigators during a series of prison interviews. “If you’re going to do it, just do it.”

A 44-page affidavit released Thursday paints a picture of a killer who had a low opinion of women and thought he was justified in killing them, who met his victims in everyday, even mundane, situations — a motel bar, an apartment complex, even a convenience store where he worked.

Investigators so far have been able to corroborate Browne’s detailed claims in six slayings — three in Louisiana, two in Texas and one in Arkansas, El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa said. Browne also pleaded guilty Thursday in Colorado Springs to another killing, that of a 15-year-old girl in Colorado Springs shortly before his arrest.

“It’s possible he’s exaggerating,” Maketa said, “but I don’t think you can conduct business assuming he’s exaggerating.”

Browne’s public defender, Bill Schoewe, did not return calls seeking comment.

If Browne’s claims prove true, he would be one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history.

Gary Ridgway, Seattle’s Green River Killer who in 2003 became the nation’s deadliest convicted serial killer, admitted to 48 murders but once said he killed as many as 71 women, according to interview transcripts.

Authorities said Browne grew up the youngest of nine children in the northern Louisiana town of Coushatta, about 40 miles southeast of Shreveport.

Browne, a high school dropout who got kicked out of the Army for drug use, said his killing spree began during a bar fight with a soldier in South Korea in 1970. Maketa said that claim has not been verified.

The other claims include 17 murders in Louisiana, nine in Colorado, seven in Texas, five in Arkansas, three in Mississippi, two each in California, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and one in Washington state, Maketa said.

Browne’s father, Ronald, served as a parish deputy at the same time the department was investigating the death of 20-year-old Wanda Hudson, 20, in Coushatta, said Johnny Norman, the sheriff of Red River Parish in northern Louisiana about 40 miles southeast of Shreveport.

According to the affidavit, Browne confessed to stabbing Hudson nearly 30 times with a screwdriver in her apartment — a home he was familiar with because he had changed locks there as a maintenance man.

Browne pleaded guilty in 1995 to kidnapping and murder in the 1991 death of Heather Dawn Church, 13, of Black Forest, a town north of Colorado Springs. On Thursday, he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the death of Rocio Sperry, a girl

who was about 15 at the time of her death 19 years ago.

Investigator Charlie Hess said he believes the killer himself doesn’t even know why he is confessing.

“Does he have a conscience? Is that what motivated him? I really have no idea and I’m not sure he knows,” Hess said.

It was Browne who spurred investigators to take another look at his past when he sent an unsolicited letter to prosecutors in 2000.

“Seven sacred virgins entombed side by side, those less worthy are scattered wide,” the letter says. “The score is you 1, the other team 48.”

The letter included a map traced from an atlas, and it showed outlines of Colorado, Washington, California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and

Mississippi. Browne wrote a number inside each state and the total was 48.

Authorities responded, but Browne clammed up for a while, then agreed to more discussions. Eventually, he began providing details on other slayings.

Authorities say Browne never gave much thought to the killings, before or after. He forgot names and had trouble with details, once mixing up two victims during interviews with investigators.

He did have a “very low” opinion of women, investigators said in the affidavit.

“He said, ‘women are unfaithful, they screw around a lot, they cheat, and they are not of the highest moral value. They cheat and they are users,’” they said. “Mr. Browne said in some way, he feels justified in what he has done.”

STATE Bogus border agent used patrol truck for smuggling

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Border Patrol Agent Oscar Antonio Ortiz brought a certain inside knowledge to his job policing the U.S.-Mexican frontier: He had come to the United States illegally and was once arrested and accused of trying to drive two illegal immigrants across from Mexico.

But his superiors did not know any of that when he applied for a job with the Border Patrol, because he had a fake birth certificate that said he was from Chicago.

None of that would come out until last August, when, after three years of distinguished service, Ortiz was arrested again and admitted smuggling at least 100 illegal immigrants into the country, sometimes by driving them in his Border Patrol truck.

On Friday, Ortiz, 29, was sentenced to five years in prison in one of a spate of corruption cases involving Border Patrol agents at a time when the agency is on a hiring spree.

Prosecutors had asked for about three years, but U.S. District Judge John A. Houston decided a stiffer punishment was required for Ortiz, who pleaded guilty to charges that included conspiracy to bring in illegal aliens and making a false claim to U.S. citizenship.

“You violated the sacred trust of your comrades,” the judge said. “As a link in the chain, they depended on you.”

Ortiz expressed remorse: “I was blind at the time I made my mistake of smuggling.”

Critics say the corruption cases raise questions about the hiring process at the Border Patrol as it grows from 11,700 agents

now to 18,000 by the end of 2008 in an effort to tighten the nation’s borders.

“The more pressure there is to hire people quickly, the more dysfunction there is,” said Clark Ervin, former inspector general of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the Border Patrol.

So far this year, 25 Customs and Border Protection workers have been arrested on corruption charges. Eight have been convicted. Agency spokesman Todd Fraser said he did not know whether that marked an increase but noted it is a small percentage of the force.

The Border Patrol had found promise in Ortiz. A performance review in 2003 noted his “radiant, confident, poised and courteous demeanor,” Spanish fluency, exceptional grooming, punctuality and writing skills.

He had joined the Navy in 1998 after growing up in San Diego and working a construction job in Utah. During four years in the military, mostly aboard an amphibious assault ship, he collected awards including for good conduct.

Fraser said the agency had believed Ortiz was a U.S. citizen _ a job requirement _ and was unaware of his smuggling arrest, which took place shortly before he applied to the Border Patrol in October 2001. (He was accused of taking \$400 to try to smuggle two people across the border, but was never actually charged.)

“There were no red flags,” Fraser said.

Investigators found Ortiz was really born in Tijuana, Mexico. His attorney, Stephen White, said in court that Ortiz’s mother obtained the fake birth certificate when Ortiz was 3, and Ortiz said he grew up thinking he was a U.S. citizen.



City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2198 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 9.04.08.15.020, 9.04.08.15.040 AND 9.04.08.15.085 TO REVISE THE REVIEW PROCESS REGULATING THE CONVERSION OF ANY PORTION OF A FOOD USE TO ANY OTHER NEW OR EXPANDED USE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL ADJACENT TO THE THIRD STREET PROMENADE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2198 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2198 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) amends three sections of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to revise the review process regulating the conversion of any portion of a food use to any other new or expanded use located on the ground floor level adjacent to the Third Street Promenade.

The Ordinance provides that the conversion of any portion of a food use in existence as of January 24, 2006 in the BSC-1 portion of the BSC District to any other new or expanded use located on the ground floor level adjacent to the Third Street Promenade requires a conditional use permit. One of the following two findings must be made as well: (1) the proposed use would preserve the unique mixture of restaurants, retail and entertainment on the Promenade and maintain the vitality and diversity of the Promenade and the Bayside District; or (2) the strict application of the provisions of Section 9.04.08.15.085 would, due to unique site conditions or special circumstances, result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, not including economic hardships or economic difficulties for the business or property owner.

The Ordinance does not require a conditional use permit for the conversion of a food use if a portion of the food use is retained in accordance with the following criteria: (1) the minimum width of the retained food use is at least 1/2 of the existing restaurant frontage and 2/3 of existing outdoor dining frontage, but no less than sixteen feet, and the minimum depth of the retained food use is no less than 75 feet at any point as measured from the front property line; (2) any outdoor dining area associated with the food use is retained or reconfigured with the same or greater square footage; (3) if the outdoor dining area is reconfigured, it may be recessed into a portion of the building which remains open to the Promenade during the establishment's hours of operation provided the recessed depth does not exceed 20 feet, subject to review and approval of the Architectural Review Board (in its review, the Architectural Review Board must find that the proposal is compatible with improvements on the subject and immediately adjacent properties and that the design has the appearance and function of an easily accessible outdoor dining area that reinforces the Promenade's pedestrian oriented environment, encourages public interaction between the outdoor dining area and the street, and provides visibility to the outdoor dining area; the Architectural Review Board may restrict the recessed depth of the outdoor dining area into the building and require façade modifications in order to make these finding determinations); and (4) on corner lots, the retained food use must also be located adjacent to the public right of way intersecting the Third Street Promenade. Notwithstanding the above, the Ordinance provides that the conversion of any portion of a fast-food court in existence as of January 24, 2006 to a new or expanded retail use, or other non-food use, requires, without exception, a conditional use permit.

Finally, the Ordinance provides that reconfiguration of a food use in accordance with items (1) through (4) above will be considered a minor modification to any existing conditional use permit governing a good use operation on the Third Street Promenade, provided the primary activity of the establishment remains a restaurant with sit-down dining.

Ordinance Number 2198 (CCS) was adopted on July 25, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

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BIKE VALET, from page 1

program — a combined effort between the Santa Monica Farmers' Market and City Hall's transportation management division.

At no charge to City Hall or the customer, the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) is providing the bike valet service at the Sunday Farmers' Market indefinitely, said Jodi Low, manager of the Sunday Farmers' Market. The tips from the valet zone go to support the LACBC.

The bike valet started July 3. Morris said the city uses up to nine metered parking spaces — which individually can hold 12 bikes each — along Main Street in front of the market. Despite that the valet service can accommodate 108 bikes at one time, Morris one recent Sunday counted up to 120 bikes chained to trees, fences, meters and posts.

The service has proven to be effective and simple thus far — a valet parks the bike and gives the rider a number so he or she can retrieve the bike later.

Bicyclist Dennis Allard, who has used the bike valet service a few times, said the process ran smoothly for him, with no wait to park or retrieve his bike.

"I use my bike a lot for transportation and I get to the market every week by bicy-

cle," he said. "The bike valet parking is very efficient. It makes parking a bike at the market very convenient and secure."

Monica Howe, outreach manager for LACBC, estimated that the bike valets at the Sunday Farmers' Market park about 200 bikes throughout the six hours.

Howe said that although she did get a negative comment from one angry motorist about the usage of metered parking spaces, it was greatly superseded by positive comments from bicyclists or people who are now encouraged or inspired to ride their bikes to Main Street on Sundays.

Howe recalls the glow she felt when one passerby remarked, "Wow, Santa Monica is becoming a more bike friendly city."

The Santa Monica Cadets and Explorers, programs for youth run by the Santa Monica Police Department, have been on hand working security and keeping an eye on the bikes. However, the Cadets and Explorers won't be available indefinitely so another security source needs to be found, Low said.

The LACBC is currently providing the bike valet service on a volunteer basis, and according to Howe, it is still "up in the air" as to how the pilot program will continue.

Lucy Dyke, City Hall's transportation planning manager for City Hall, said a bike

valet is more appealing than self-service racks, as added security may make people more willing to ride their bikes. City officials are looking into buying similar racks and using a vendor to run the valet program, Morris said.

The LACBC's cost for the service is nominal, Howe said. The bike racks are on loan from the AIDS Lifecycle organization, which only uses them once a year. The bike valet requires six volunteers to park and watch the bikes.

Kastle Lund, executive director of LACBC, said it is a pleasure to provide the bike valet service for the people who truly appreciate it. If residents embrace the service and use it, that makes it worthwhile, she said.

This is the first time the LACBC has supplied the bike valet as an ongoing service. The service was one of LACBC's first fundraisers after it was founded in 1998. It typically volunteers at one-time events, such as the Bicycle Film Festival which was held last month in Hollywood.

Dyke said City Hall would like to add bike valets at other bike-saturated events, like the Santa Monica Pier and other farmers' markets.

Although it's more ecologically friendly to ride a bike rather than drive, there was

still a push among residents and businesses to open more parking for vehicles. In tandem with the bike valet service, City Hall made more parking available in the Ocean Park neighborhood. Low said the impetus for the pilot program was comments made in the Ocean Park Association's June 24 newsletter and letters published by OPA's president Ted Winterer. With Main Street merchant parking being taken up by farmers' market visitors, and more cars circling the neighborhood burning fossil fuels while looking for spaces, the lack of parking was economically and ecologically unfriendly, officials said.

As a result, free parking is now available on Sundays at the John Muir and Santa Monica Alternative schools at Fourth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard on the north side.

There also is validated parking at the beach available. Drivers are asked to go to the 2600 lot on Barnard Avenue, pay \$6 and tell them they are going to the farmers' market. They take the ticket and validate it at the farmers' market information booth. To get the \$6 back, exit the lot by 1:30 p.m.

The bike valet runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

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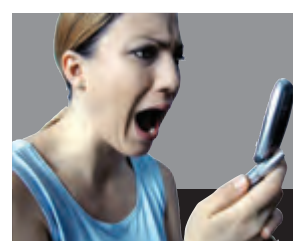
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Widow struggles for answers

SOLDIER'S SUICIDE, from page 1

vised explosive device, or IED. The force of the explosion slammed McClure into the wheel well of his Humvee, crushing several vertebrae.

He was the lone survivor. Following his recovery, McClure, who enlisted when he was 21, was sent home, never to serve again with the men who became his brothers. That was in April 2005. Just over a year later, on May 11, McClure would take his own life in the one-bedroom apartment in the north of Wilshire neighborhood that he shared with his new bride.

While he wasn't on active duty at the time of his death, McClure's widow, Laura Hanson, still considers the love of her life to be a casualty of war. She believes her late husband — like countless other soldiers returning home from battle zones overseas — committed suicide to escape the emotional and physical pain that comes with fighting a war — pain that torments one so much that they will take extreme measures to end it.

"I know he had a lot of guilt because he was the only survivor in his unit," Hanson, 33, an architect and designer, said shortly after McClure's death. "I know there were a lot of things that deeply affected him over there, things he saw, things he had to do to survive. I think they just haunted him to the point where he couldn't take it any longer. He just had a weak moment when he thought he could escape the pain."

SUFFERING FROM DISEASE

McClure didn't leave a suicide note. He wasn't the type to write letters. But Hanson believes the cause of his death is clear — post traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, an often-debilitating mental condition that can produce a range of unwanted emotional responses to the trauma of combat or any other life-threatening situation.

It can emerge weeks, months or years after an episode, and if left untreated, it can severely affect the lives of not only victims, but their families as well.

Of the more than 250,000 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars already discharged from service, about 12,500 have been in Veterans Administration counseling centers for readjustment problems and symptoms associated with PTSD.

The number of victims suffering from the disease has dramatically increased since PTSD was first diagnosed following the Vietnam War, according to the National Center for PTSD, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"There has been a steady influx in the last nine years of patients seeking treatment for PTSD," said Dr. Leslie Martin, director of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Outpatient Services at the VA in Westwood where McClure sought treatment following his return. "During that time the number of our patients has increased from 34 to 800. People are slowly coming into the program as they find out what exists."

With awareness about the harmful effects of PTSD lacking, along with federal funding to properly address the disorder, Hanson is hoping that by sharing her late husband's story, more attention and resources can be directed towards treatment. Just because the wounds are not visible doesn't mean they are less deserving of care, she said.

"I know that Ananda would have wanted me to speak out," Hanson said. "That's the kind of person he was, very passionate about what he believed was right."

And that included the war on terror. "Ananda believed strongly in the military and the mission he was involved in," Hanson said. "He loved the men he served with. The reason he volunteered was because a friend of his was going and he didn't want him to go alone."

DEPRESSION SETS IN

People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience, such as an IED attack, through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping, and feel detached or estranged. The symptoms can be severe enough and last long enough to significantly impair the person's daily life.

For McClure, it was no different. Not only did he suffer daily from the debilitating pain of nerve damage from the explosion but also the constant horror of it.

When Hanson first met her husband in December 2004, she said it was "love at first sight. The two were introduced to one another at Ma'Kai, a restaurant on Broadway and Ocean Avenue. Hanson said she was immediately charmed by the tall, dark and handsome man who seemed to be the

antithesis of metrosexual. He was tough, chewed tobacco and loved doing "Mind Eraser" shots.

However, he had a sensitive side as well, a product of a rocky childhood in Maui when he was separated from his mother at the age of 5 and forced to live with Hare Krishna monks in India. He stayed there until he was 15, enduring a decade of abuse, Hanson said, which seemed to make him more sensitive to the suffering of others.

The two married in February 2005 during a small ceremony on a beach in Malibu. It was McClure's second marriage, the first occurred when he was in his 20s which produced two children.

"He had a tremendous outlook on life, which I admired even more once I learned about some of the hardships he had to endure growing up," Hanson said. "He just seemed so outgoing. He loved his children, his friends ... We really brought out the best in each other."

McClure, a former bouncer at Renee's on Wilshire Boulevard, also was a friendly face for those who attended the local bar. His name, Ananda, actually means "divine bliss" or "happiness" in Sanskrit.

"Always ready with a joke and a firm handshake and a smile, Ananda was a fixture (at Renee's) even after he stopped working there," wrote good friend Eric Passchier. "Ananda was an amazingly intelligent and generous man ..."

Things changed slightly after his injury, friends and family said. While still a passionate, fun-loving family man who enjoyed hanging out with loved ones, McClure would sometimes fall into episodes of deep depression, during which he would pull out a picture album comprised of photos from the war. One photo was of an Iraqi fighter he killed at close range during combat.

"That haunted him a lot," Hanson said of the killing. "He would constantly have nightmares. He'd talk in his sleep. It was always something that had to do with the war ... There were times when he would just shut down. He would watch his children playing basketball and he'd want to join in, but he couldn't because of his injuries. I know that hurt him."

TREATMENT

Martin, who could not confirm nor deny that McClure was a patient at the VA, said she hears stories similar to his every day during group therapy sessions, the preferred method of treatment. During the sessions, veterans of 14 different wars talk openly with those who are experiencing the same symptoms about their difficulties adjusting to everyday life after spending time in a war zone.

"It's very hard sometimes for people to stop playing the warrior role," Martin said. "No two people react the same way with PTSD and that has a lot to do with the whole tapestry of a person's life up to the moment of the trauma. Earlier experiences have a great deal to do with how the person deals with adversity."

Martin said vets who are injured have an especially tough time readjusting to civilian life. They are confronted with having to form a new identity, particularly if they can no longer do the things they used to. Some have to give up their jobs and can no longer work, putting further strain on their relationships at home.

"There are those who wanted to be a career marine, but at the age of 20 or whatever, they're hurt by an IED and now that will never happen," Martin said. "We have many people who find their injuries to be a major source of depression."

While critics argue that the federal government has failed to dedicate adequate resources for the treatment of soldiers, thereby limiting the services the VA provides, Martin said a lot of work has gone into enhancing programs to help those suffering from PTSD. There are family support groups, psychosocial education, emotions management, substance abuse rehabilitation and recovery, plus relapse prevention. There is also assistance for those with sleep disturbances.

"Of course we never have enough funding," Martin said. "But that's something we cannot control. Our focus is on being very creative with the resources we have and hiring quality people to provide services. We've come along way from when we first started and we continue to knock ourselves out trying."

Martin said her staff is like a bunch of bulldogs — once they sink their teeth into a patient, they never let go. She does admit that some slip through the cracks, as it is up to the vets to maintain treatment.

"We are deeply saddened when something happens to one of our vets," Martin said. "We definitely go through a mourning period in which we ask ourselves what we could

have done to prevent (a death or suicide). But we can't be in everyone's heads and hearts 24/7. Our energy is better spent on what we can do."

THE DAY HE LOST CONTROL

McClure was a regular at the VA, attending meetings every Tuesday, Hanson said. During the week in which he took a handgun and shot himself, McClure overslept and missed his session.

Hanson was in Paris with her mother on vacation when she heard the news. One of her girlfriends had stopped by the newlyweds' apartment to check up on McClure and found his body lying on the couple's bed. The bullet is still stuck in a window frame.

"I was devastated," Hanson said as she sat on a couch in the apartment she shared with McClure. "I just broke down crying. I couldn't believe it happened. He had been making plans for us when I got back. We were going to have a bigger (wedding) ceremony ... There were no signs that he was going to do this."

Hanson said before she left, McClure was depressed because of all the medications he was forced to take. He started to develop an intense ringing in his ears, something which may have sent him over the edge.

"He hated taking drugs. He did everything he could not too. Eventually he just stopped," she said.

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

As the days pass, it becomes easier to cope with the loss, Hanson said. There are good days and bad, but she has managed to keep herself busy with work. She's spent a considerable amount of time with friends, sharing stories about her man.

"It's hard not having him here," she said, fighting back tears as she looked upon a black leather chair she bought for McClure to help ease his back pain. "Sometimes I'll be just fine and then I'll remember something he said or I'll pass by some place where we used to go and I'll start crying. It's tough, but I know with time it will get better."

Hanson said she struggles to understand why McClure took his own life. She knows he was in a lot of pain, but his selfish act has caused so many others to hurt as well. When talking with other vets fighting with depression, Hanson begs them to never go down that road.

McClure believed the only reason he survived that attack in Iraq was to meet Hanson, she said. Now that he's gone, Hanson feels as if she has a purpose — to educate others before they too lose a loved one to PTSD.

"If I can be an advocate, then that's what I'll do," she said. "I know that he would have wanted us to stand up and speak out against the way our government is treating our veterans. He loved the military. He loved the stability and the sense of finally belonging to a real family."

"Now I feel like I've inherited that family and it's my duty to look out for them, just as he is up there smiling, looking down on me."

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Economy cools a bit amid high energy prices

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The economy throttled back in the second quarter as consumers and companies turned cautious amid surging energy prices. Wall Street rallied on the hope that a break in two years of interest-rate pain may be in sight.

The nation's gross domestic product advanced at an annual rate of just 2.5 percent in the April-to-June period, less than half the pace of the previous three months, according to Friday's economic snapshot released by the Commerce Department.

The first quarter's lively 5.6 percent growth rate — the fastest in 2 1/2 years — reflected energetic spending and investment by people and businesses alike.

But in the second quarter, Americans felt the pinch of \$3-a-gallon gasoline prices and higher interest rates.

"This expansion is getting a little frayed around the edges because of consumer exhaustion," said economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics. "Consumers are losing that extra mojo to spend" now that the slowing housing market is making people

feel less wealthy, he said.

Still, stocks shot up. The Dow Jones industrials gained 119.27 points to close at 11,219.70. That helped the index post its best weekly point gain since May 2005.

Spending on home building nose-dived in the second quarter, contributing to the slowdown in GDP, which measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

The second-quarter's performance — weaker than the 3 percent growth rate analysts were forecasting — marked the slowest pace since the final quarter of 2005. That's when the economy, suffering fallout from the devastating Gulf Coast hurricanes, expanded at a feeble 1.8 percent pace.

Even though the economy cooled in the second quarter, inflation heated up.

An inflation gauge closely watched by the Federal Reserve showed that core prices — excluding food and energy — advanced at a 2.9 percent pace in the second quarter — far outside the Fed's comfort zone. That was up from a 2.1 percent growth rate in the first quarter and marked the highest inflation reading since the third quarter of 1994, when core inflation rose at a 3.2 percent

pace.

The inflation reading was taken before the latest run-up in energy prices. Oil prices, which had hit a record high in late April, soared to a new closing high of \$77.03 a barrel in the middle of July.

In a separate report mined for inflation clues, the Labor Department said employers' costs to hire and retain workers climbed 0.9 percent in the second quarter, up from a 0.6 percent advance in the prior quarter.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress last week that he is concerned about rising inflation, but he also said that the Fed believes moderating economic activity will eventually lessen inflation pressures.

Given that assessment, Wall Street investors and some economists believe the Fed might take a breather in its two-year-old rate-raising campaign at its next meeting, on Aug. 8.

Some economists, however, continue to predict that rates will be boosted again at the August meeting to ward off rising inflation; after that, they think the Fed may move to the sidelines.

"This whole situation creates even more of a dilemma for Bernanke, who has to weigh the clearly slowing economy against accelerating and now uncomfortably high inflation," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

On the one hand, the Fed doesn't want to hoist rates too much and cripple the economy; on the other hand, it doesn't want to take a respite too soon and let inflation get out of control.

The downshift in economic growth comes as President Bush is getting low

marks from the public for his economic stewardship.

Consumers, a major force shaping overall economic activity, had a smaller appetite for spending in the second quarter. They boosted spending at just a 2.5 percent pace, down from a 4.8 percent growth rate in the first quarter. Much of that weakness reflected cutbacks on big-ticket goods such as cars.

Businesses also tightened the belt.

Spending on home building fell at a 6.3 percent pace in the second quarter, the deepest dip in nearly six years. Rising mortgage rates are clipping demand.

Businesses sliced spending on equipment and software at a 1 percent pace, the first cut in just over three years.

The government also issued annual revisions that showed the economy grew at an average annual rate of 3.2 percent from 2003 through 2005, or 0.3 percentage point less than previously estimated.

Growth in the second half of this year is expected to stay subdued at a pace of around 2.5 percent to 3 percent, some economists said.

Even with the second quarter's deterioration in growth, economists said chances of a more serious backslide into a recession remain fairly low at this point. "If you just looked at the deceleration from the first quarter, you would think the economy tanked," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "It did not."

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Good grief! Peanuts may be few and far between

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, Ga. — U.S. peanut farmers are expected to produce their smallest crop since 1915, but there still should be enough to supply consumers with jars of peanut butter and nutty chocolates without significant price increases.

The small crop is a result of farmers responding to low prices, higher production costs and now drought.

Large peanut crops in 2004 and 2005 created a surplus that depressed spring contract offers, prompting farmers to reduce their peanut acreage while increasing the amount of land devoted to other crops, such as cotton.

Then dry weather set in, threatening to make an already scaled-back peanut crop even smaller.

"There are two simple reasons: economics and drought," said Dallas Hartzog, a peanut agronomist at Wiregrass Research and Extension Center in Headland, Ala.

U.S. peanut acreage dropped to an estimated 1.3 million acres this year, from about 1.7 million last year — the second largest peanut crop on record, according to the Agriculture Department.

The large supply going into 2006, plus low prices and spiraling costs for fuel, fertilizers and pesticides, provided fewer incentives for planting peanuts, agriculture officials said.

So, growers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina planted 22 percent less than last year. Those in Virginia

and North Carolina planted 18 percent less, while those in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas planted 20 percent less.

A drought is plaguing the crop across most of the peanut belt. More than half the fields in Texas, Oklahoma and Alabama report very short soil moisture, and 44 percent of Georgia's fields have reported very short soil moisture.

But experts say peanuts have a potential to rebound if they receive adequate rainfall in August and early September.

"Our crop right now is struggling," said John Beasley, a University of Georgia peanut agronomist. "But there's still time for this to turn around."

Joe Boddiford, a Screven County peanut farmer and member of the Georgia Peanut Commission board, said he's running his irrigation systems around the clock and staying up at all hours to repair them.

The diesel engines that run his pumps burn \$16,000 worth of fuel every 10 days, he said.

"That gets discouraging," he said.

Armond Morris, the peanut commission's chairman, said irrigation ponds that have always had enough water are running dry and farmers and rural homeowners are having to dig their wells deeper to continue drawing water from the aquifers.

"It's an awful situation," said Morris, who farms in south-central Georgia's Irwin County. "It's so sad to think that all this irrigation water and all this high-priced fuel is going to take any profits that any farmer could hope to have."

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Rice plans return to war-torn region

BY THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli warplanes fired missiles at dozens of targets across southern Lebanon overnight Friday, including buildings that were reduced to rubble and a Hezbollah base where long-range rockets were stored, the military said.

In Malaysia, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said she will return to the Middle East to meet with Israeli officials to try to bring an end to the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which has entered its third week. Rice didn't say when she would return, but she had been expected to return to the region this weekend.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was also en route to Washington where his spokesman said he would seek a U.N. resolution to resolve the conflict during talks with President Bush. The spokesman, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, said Britain hoped a U.N. resolution could be in place by next week.

Israeli defense forces said aircraft hit a total of 130 targets in Lebanon on Thursday and early Friday, including a Hezbollah base in the Bekaa Valley, where long-range rockets were stored, and 57 Hezbollah structures, six missile launching sites and six communication facilities.

Israeli jets fired missiles at a three-story building near the southern Lebanon market town of Nabatiyeh, destroying the building and killing a Jordanian man who was hit by shrapnel in a nearby home, Lebanese security officials.

The building housed a construction company believed to be owned by a Hezbollah activist, the officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk with the media. The strike also wounded four children nearby, they said.

Israel also destroyed two buildings in the village of Kfar Jouz near Nabatiyeh, and civil defense teams were struggling to rescue people believed buried in the rubble, witnesses said.

Warplanes pounded roads in southeastern Lebanon, a Lebanese army checkpoint in Ansar village and a castle in Arnoun village near the Lebanon-Israel border. Israeli jets fired more than 30 missiles at suspected Hezbollah hideouts in hills and mountainous areas in the southern part of the country, security officials said.

Meanwhile, the guerrillas continued to launch rockets into northern Israel on Friday, with 10 fired at the towns of Ma'alot, Karmiel and Safed by midmorning, the army said. No casualties were reported.

At least 438 people have been reported killed in Lebanon since fighting broke out between Israeli forces and Hezbollah guerrillas, most of them Lebanese civilians. But Lebanon's health minister estimated Thursday that as many as 600 civilians have been killed so far in the offensive.

Thirty-three Israeli soldiers have died in the fighting and 19 civilians have been killed in Hezbollah's unyielding rocket attacks on Israel's northern towns, the army said.

The army said Friday that Israeli troops have killed about 200 Hezbollah guerrillas since fighting began more than two weeks ago. Hezbollah has reported far fewer casualties.

Israel launched its offensive in Lebanon on July 12, after Hezbollah guerrillas overran the border, killing eight soldiers and capturing

ing two others. Israeli forces opened an earlier offensive in the Gaza Strip on June 28, three days after Hamas militants attacked Israeli army post in southern Israeli, killing two soldiers and capturing another one.

Hezbollah and Hamas have both demanded the release of Hezbollah and Palestinian prisoners in return for freedom for the three Israeli captives, but Israel's government has refused.

Israel decided on Thursday not to expand its ground battle with Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon for now, but the Cabinet authorized the army to call up 30,000 reserve soldiers in case the fighting intensified.

Rice had said earlier that she was "willing and ready" to return to the region to work for a sustainable peace agreement.

"I do think it is important that ground-work be laid so I can make the most of whatever time I can spend there," she said at a news conference Friday.

Israel radio and the Haaretz newspaper reported that Rice will fly to Israel on Saturday night to discuss the Mideast crisis. Haaretz said she plans to meet with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Sunday. Israel's foreign ministry and the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv declined to comment.

The United States, adopting a diplomatic stance that has not been embraced by allies, has been insisting that any cease-fire to the violence must come with conditions. Otherwise, Rice and other U.S. officials have said repeatedly, they fear just a repetition of the on-again, off-again violence of recent years.

During a meeting in Rome on Wednesday, Rice faced strong demands from European governments for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon. She won extra time for Israel's military campaign against Hezbollah, arguing for a "sustainable" cease-fire, one that would allow Lebanon's government to assert its authority over Hezbollah's control of southern Lebanon and diminish the influence of Syria and Iran in Lebanon's affairs.

Bush has suggested he would support the offensive for as long as it would take to cripple Hezbollah. He also sharply condemned Iran for supporting the guerrillas.

In his meeting with Bush on Friday, Blair's spokesman said the British prime minister would try "to increase the urgency, the pace of diplomacy, in identifying the practical steps that are necessary to bring about a cease-fire on both sides."

"We want to accelerate discussions that are going on among the international community, identifying those who would serve in a stabilization force, and increase the tempo of putting that stabilization force together," the spokesman said.

Fierce ground battles that raged Wednesday in the Lebanese border villages of Bint Jbail and Maroun al-Ras appeared to have abated, with U.N. observers reporting only "sporadic fighting" there Thursday. Early Friday, Israel ground forces were fighting guerrillas in Bint Jbail, but no casualties were reported.

On Thursday, the Israeli military installed a Patriot interceptor missile battery north of Tel Aviv, saying it believes the area could be in range of missiles that Hezbollah has obtained from Syria, Israel Defense Forces said. The Patriot system can intercept long-range missiles fired at Israel but not the short-range Katyusha rockets, hundreds of which have been fired by Hezbollah from southern Lebanon.

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Tour champ Landis focused on proving he’s not a doper

BY PAUL HAVEN
Associated Press Writer

MADRID, Spain — Sounding more defiant than the day before, eyes flashing and voice steady, Floyd Landis looked into the cameras Friday and said he would prove he “deserved to win” the Tour de France.

In his first public appearance since a positive test for high testosterone cast his title into doubt, the American cyclist said his body’s natural metabolism _ not doping of any kind _ caused the result, and that he would soon have the test results to prove it.

“We will explain to the world why this is not a doping case but a natural occurrence,” Landis said from the Spanish capital.

The day before, in a teleconference from a location in Europe he did not disclose, Landis said he didn’t cheat but had no idea what might have caused his positive test on the Tour’s 17th stage, where he staked his stirring comeback in the Alps.

During that Thursday call, Landis sounded downcast and heartbroken, saying he expected to clear his name but never his reputation. His demeanor was decidedly more fiery Friday, when he sat before a buzzing news conference and lashed out at the media for characterizing his plight as a drug scandal.

“I would like to make absolutely clear that I am not in any doping process,” said Landis, wearing a baseball cap turned backward and a white shirt with the name of his Phonak team. “I ask not to be judged by anyone, much less sentenced by anyone.”

Landis is still awaiting results from a backup sample, which would clear him immediately if found to be negative. But his lawyer, Luis Sanz, said he fully expected the backup test to come back with the same result, since the elevated testosterone was produced naturally by Landis’s body.

And the 30-year-old cyclist said Friday that he would

undergo additional testing to prove that “the levels that I’ve had during the Tour and all my career are natural and produced by my own organism.”

Until those tests are conducted, Landis said, “I ask not to be judged, or much less to be sentenced by anyone.”

But Landis saved his most aggressive tone for the defense of his title as Tour de France champion.

“I was the strongest guy. I deserved to win, and I’m proud of it,” he said, wearing a red-and-black baseball cap turned backward and a white shirt with the name of his Phonak cycling team.

Landis appeared to lose any chance of victory during a disastrous 16th stage of the Tour, then broke out with one of the greatest performances in history the next day. After winning the 17th stage, he submitted to a drug test _ standard for a stage winner _ that showed an “unusual level of testosterone/epitestosterone.”

Phonak suspended Landis after the International Cycling Union notified it Wednesday of the result, and he could stripped of his title and fired from the team if he does not clear his name.

Landis, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, said he was shocked when told of the initial positive result. He said he had been tested six other times during the tour, and many other times during the year.

A homecoming parade planned for Landis next week in Ephrata, Pa., has been put on hold pending more test results, organizer Rich Ruoff said Friday. As many as 10,000 people and 500 cyclists were expected at the event.

The news of Landis’ test has rocked the cycling world, already under a cloud following a wide-ranging doping investigation in Spain that led to the barring of several of the world’s leading cyclists from the Tour.

On the eve of the Tour’s start, nine riders _ including pre-race favorites Jan Ullrich and Ivan Basso _ were ousted, implicated in a Spanish doping investigation. Their names turned up on a list of 56 cyclists who allegedly had contact with a Spanish doctor at the center of the probe.

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						Kansas City (De La Rosa 2-2) at Texas (Millwood 10-6), 5:05 p.m.					

Wie needs to rein it in to make title run

BY ERICA BULMAN
AP Sports Writer

EVIAN, France — Michelle Wie’s biggest problem at the Evian Masters may be her own strength.

The 16-year-old from Hawaii is poised to make a serious run at her first victory as a professional, sitting just one shot behind leader Karrie Webb after shooting a 2-under 70 in the third round.

But if Wie is to win, she’ll likely have to improve her performance on the 17th hole — where she has struggled to control her tee shots all week.

“It’s like I became the Hulk on that hole or something,” Wie said.

She bogeyed the hole on Friday for the second time in the tournament, along with a par there in the second round.

Her tee shot on the 17th went 30 yards farther than she intended and into the rough. She then chipped out over the flag and onto the opposite edge of the green. She missed her putt by 6 inches, settling for bogey.

“There’s no reason that I should have gone that far,” she said. “I got a bad-lye second shot. The shot felt good when I hit it but it just kept on going.

“It was just weird but tomorrow I’ll get it. I’m not going to leave this tournament until I’ve birdied it.”

Wie is at 11-under 204 for the tournament. She had shared the lead with Webb and Lorena Ochoa after the second round, the fourth time she had a share of the lead as a professional.

Webb (69) dropped a total of three shots on the 12th and 13th holes, but compensated with six birdies to finish the day at 12-under 204.

“It was another good start but I seemed to struggle through the middle holes,” Webb said. “I putted pretty well and was comfortable on the greens. But it’s only the third round. There’s a long way to go. There are a lot of low numbers to be had out there.”

It is the 30th time Webb has entered the final round with at least a share of the lead. She won 19 of those times, finished second seven others and third once.

“I’m not really bothered about being in the lead,” she said. “There are a lot of great players behind me and with a one-shot lead. I feel I’ve got to attack. It’s not like protecting a three- or four-shot lead.”

Webb made four birdies in the front nine, and another on the 10th hole before stumbling on the 12th and 13th. However, she was able to regroup and birdie the 18th.

“It’s probably the mental work I’ve done over the last eight months,” she said. “Definitely I’ve been more concentrated on that the last eight months.”

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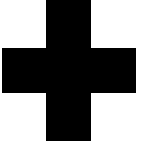
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LONDON



RADCLIFFE

Daniel Radcliffe will strip off his Harry Potter eyeglasses and robes for his London stage debut next year.

The 17-year-old actor, who plays the bespectacled schoolboy wizard in the Hollywood adaptations of J.K. Rowling's novels, will star as a troubled stableboy in Peter Shaffer's "Equus."

The play delves into the psyche of a boy named Alan Strang who blinds six horses with a metal spike. The production is scheduled to open next March in the West End theater district, said spokesman Peter Thompson.

"It is an extraordinary play, and he's very much looking forward to the role," Radcliffe's spokeswoman, Vanessa Davies, said Friday. "He is maturing as an actor and beginning to take on new and challenging roles."

In one scene the actor playing Strang is required to simulate sexual ecstasy while riding a horse naked. But Davies said nudity was not the focus of the play.

Richard Griffiths, who plays Harry's Uncle Vernon in the films, is lined up to play the psychiatrist who interviews the troubled youth.

LOS ANGELES

'Celtic Tiger' is snarling



FLATLEY

Michael Flatley has won a court ruling that allows him to sue a woman who claimed he had raped her.

The state Supreme Court ruled Thursday that Flatley's \$100 million extortion and defamation lawsuit against Tyna Marie Robertson can proceed to trial.

Flatley, 48, is the former star of the Irish dance spectacle "Riverdance." He has gone on to create his own shows, "Lord of the

Dance," "Feet of Flames" and "Celtic Tiger."

The lawsuit was triggered by a January 2003 letter Flatley received from the woman's attorney alleging the dancer had raped her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2002.

In the letter and on subsequent phone calls, Robertson's attorney, D. Dean Mauro, threatened to file a sexual assault lawsuit unless Flatley agreed to a "seven figures" settlement, according to court papers.

Police declined to press criminal charges and Flatley said the sex was consensual.

Robertson then filed a \$33 million civil sexual assault lawsuit in Illinois, but it was later dismissed. Flatley countered with a lawsuit claiming extortion, fraud and defamation.

Lawyers for Robertson and Mauro argued that the lawsuit brought by Flatley should be thrown out because the letter was a settlement offer and was protected under the First Amendment.

The state Supreme Court rejected the argument.

"Mauro's communications constituted criminal extortion as a matter of law and, as such, were unprotected by constitutional guarantees of free speech or petition," the six-member panel wrote.

An after-hours call to Mauro's lawyer, James Holmes, was not immediately returned.

LAS VEGAS

Drew drawn to holding 'em



BARRYMORE

Now that Drew Barrymore doesn't have to stay in character, the actress says she's ready to learn poker from the pros.

Barrymore, who stars in "Lucky You," a movie set at the 2003 World Series of Poker, said she missed out on lessons given to other actors by pros such as Doyle Brunson because she plays a lounge singer who doesn't know much about gambling.

"Now that I don't have to stay true to the movie for my character, I'm planning to pick up

as many tips as I can from the experts so I can go home and kick my friends' butts," the 31-year-old actress said.

Barrymore, who starred in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and the "Charlie's Angels" movies, appeared at the actual World Series at the Rio hotel-casino to promote her new film, also starring Eric Bana and Robert Duvall.

"Lucky You" is set for release Sept. 8. Poker pro Jennifer Harman plays a role, while a handful of other pros such as Sam Farha and Chris Ferguson make cameo appearances.

Barrymore said she holds regular \$20 or \$100 buy-in home games with friends and members of her boyfriend Fabrizio Moretti's band, The Strokes.

But she doesn't plan to follow actress Jennifer Tilly into playing poker for a living.

"I really couldn't do that. I made a \$200 bet the other night (on blackjack) and I was like thinking it was the craziest thing on the planet," she said.

NEW YORK

Suri sure sounds like a looker



TOMKAT

TomKat's daughter, Suri, hasn't been seen in public since her April 18 birth. But a second sighting has been reported, this time by Jada Pinkett Smith.

"She's one of the sweetest babies I've ever met in my life," Pinkett Smith tells People magazine. "She's an absolute beauty and she's Daddy's little girl."

Pinkett Smith and her husband, Will Smith, have visited Suri twice, both times at Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' mansion in Beverly Hills, Calif., People reported on its Web site.

"She's the cutest little baby. She's got a head full of black, beautiful hair," the 34-year-old actress tells the magazine. "She's beautiful and they're very happy and they need to be left alone."

A spokesman for Cruise said that the couple will introduce their daughter to the world "at their discretion and not anybody else's."



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The Ant Bully
10:40, 12:45, 3:10, 5:20, 8:00, 10:15

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
10:50, 1:00, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50, 11:45

Miami Vice (R)
10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:35, 7:30, 8:40, 10:40, 11:30

My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20, 11:25

Pirates of the Caribbean:
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11:50, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00

Superman Returns (PG-13)
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Wordplay (PG)
2:35, 7:35

An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
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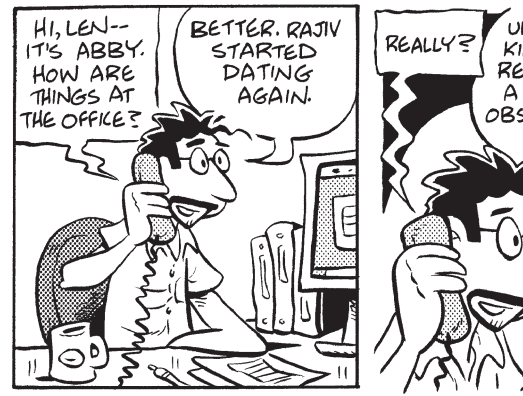
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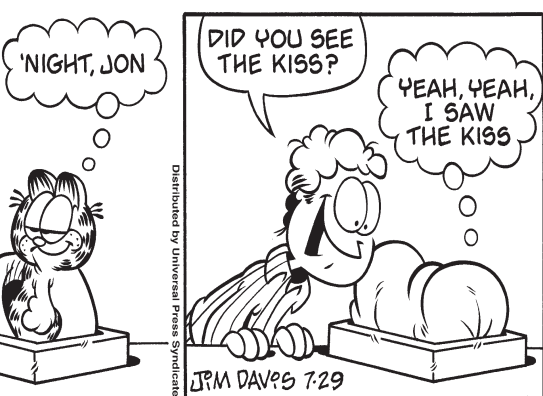
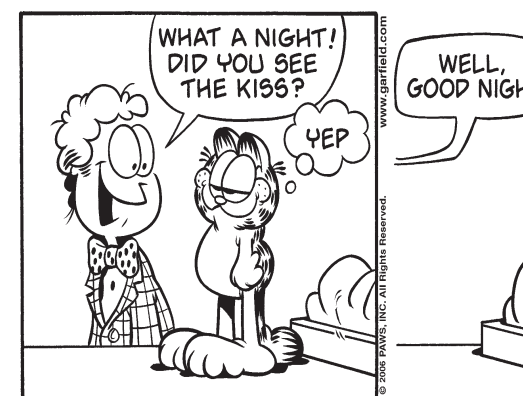
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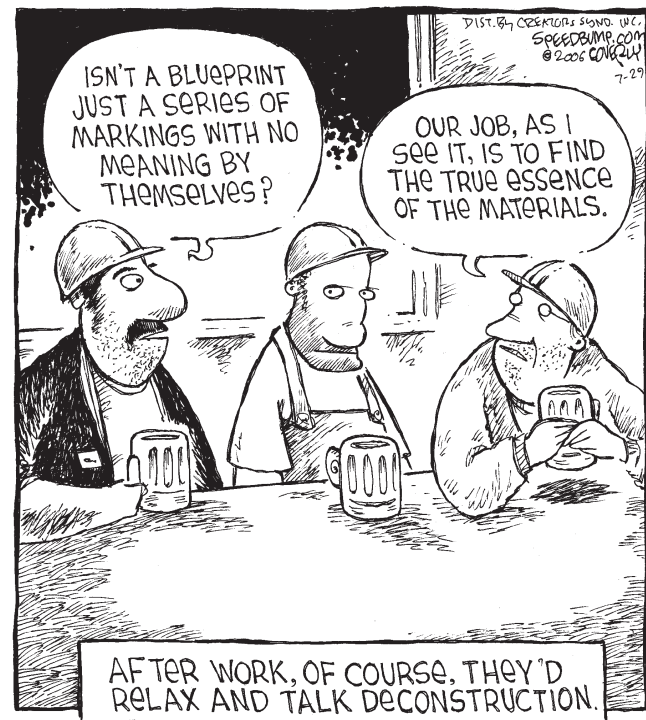
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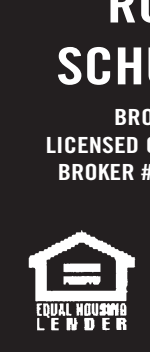
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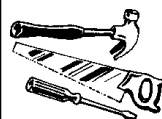
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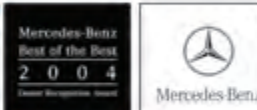
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