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A SM judge considers granting the Goldmans O.J.'s stolen wares

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE A Santa Monica Superior Court judge on Tuesday said he will consider a

motion by the father of murder victim Ron Goldman to seize the sports memorabilia that O.J. Simpson allegedly tried to steal from a Las Vegas hotel room last week.

Judge Gerald Rosenberg gave Goldman's lawyer, David Cook, one week to travel to Nevada and document the items the former USC tailback is accused of stealing to see if they actually belong to Simpson, and if so, should be auctioned off to pay the roughly \$38 million he still owes the Goldman family after a civil court jury found him liable for the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her

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friend Goldman.

Simpson was acquitted in criminal court of the 1994 murders but was ordered by a civil court jury to pay \$33.5 million, which has grown with interest. The award remains largely unpaid.

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2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Michael Levine, author of "Broken Windows, Broken Business — How the Smallest Remedies Reap the Biggest Rewards," will speak at the Fairview Branch Library.

Montana Avenue Branch book club

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The group will discuss "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," by Ismael Beah.

Square 'em up

11338 Santa Monica Blvd., W. L.A., 7:15 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

The Heels and Souls Square Dance Club is conducting dance lessons at Felicia Mahood Center. First lesson is free; \$4 per person thereafter. Singles welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007

Feminist book group

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

"Are Men Necessary? When Sexes Collide," by Maureen Dowd will be discussed.

SPARK! an Evening of Storytelling

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

"Spark Celebrates Six Years" features seven personal stories culled from the best stories performed over the last six years at SPARK's regular monthly series at The Powerhouse Theatre. The event will be followed by a reception with the cast and producers. Admission is free and open to the public. Seating in the MLK Jr. Auditorium is first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 396-3680, ext. 5.

'Food for Thought'

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library and Co-Opportunity Market present "Pilates Exercise and How It Can Benefit You," with Eve Kerrigan, owner of Reform School Pilates, as part of their "Food For Thought" series every month.

Computers course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:15 p.m. — 9:45 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a low-cost computer class in MS Office XP. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a semester course on floral design. Instruction includes principles of floral design, basic sales, customer relations and basic business practices. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

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717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing with laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress, and promote a more positive mental attitude. For more information, call Kim Selbert at (310) 471-5773.

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CSU, UC pay hikes could hurt students

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. Higher education leaders tackle financial issues this week with California State University trustees considering paying top brass more while University of California officials look at raising professional school fees.

At Cal State — the nation's largest four-year system with more than 400,000 students — trustees meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in Long Beach are set to vote on raising executive pay by nearly 12 percent, a proposal that has been widely criticized.

Administrators say the raise is necessary to help close a 46 percent pay gap between CSU executives and their counterparts elsewhere in the nation.

"We compete for university presidents and senior executives of the university system in a national marketplace," said Board of Trustees Chairwoman Roberta Achtenberg. "Our executives are much sought after. Their level of excellence is widely acknowledged and we need to compensate them appropriately, at least in a way that's competitive with our comparison institutions."

But opponents say the raises are a bad idea at a time when student fees have been steadily increasing.

"It's jumping out at us as another example of what are really chronically misplaced priorities," said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association.

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, who sits on the boards of both CSU and UC because of his office, wrote in a letter to Achtenberg and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed that the pay raises are "ill-timed and unwise" and "will most assuredly arouse the ire of students, faculty and the Legislature."

Executive pay has been a thorny issue in public higher education, with the 10-campus University of California taking heavy criticism last year for quietly paying top officials millions in undisclosed perks.

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A MOTHER'S ANGUISH: Esperanza Seirano, the mother of Alicia Medina, who has been missing since July, gets emotional while speaking about her daughter at City Hall on Tuesday.

Cops want help in search

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The family of a Santa Monica woman missing since July said they are worried about her whereabouts and are desperate to find her.

"We haven't heard from her in about three months and that makes us worried," said Robert Calderon, the son of Alicia Serrano Medina, who was last seen in the home she shares with Calderon on the evening of July 2. "This is not in her character. We want her to return home so we can all live peacefully."

Santa Monica detectives investigating the disappearance said Tuesday that they have exhausted all of their leads and are asking for the public's help. Police said they have searched homeless shelters and hospitals throughout Los Angeles County and have made contact with Medina's friends in Mexico.

Medina, 52, who stands at 5-feet, 1-inch tall, has brown eyes and brown hair, and weighs roughly 150 pounds. She



MISSING:
Alicia Serrano Medina

may be in West Los Angeles, police said. Since her disappearance, there have been possible sightings of Medina in the West Los Angeles area of Inglewood Avenue and Braddock Drive. So far,

there is no evidence of foul play, officers said. Medina left behind her car, passport and money.

"She just vanished," said Lt. Dan Salerno, who is leading the investigation. "We know she had a male companion. We spoke to him and he has no idea where she is."

The companion is not considered a suspect, according to Salerno.

When asked to describe his mother, Calderon bluntly said she is "short and very mean." Pushed to explain his remark,

Calderon described his missing mother as "tough."

Medina, who was unemployed at the time of her disappearance, is a homebody who seldom liked to go out and spend money, Calderon said.

"She would pretty much sit at home all the time," Calderon said.

As he spoke, Calderon's grandmother could be heard sobbing.

"We all feel like her," Calderon said. "We're all sad and just want her back home."

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Police chief makes a Mass appeal

Editor:

(Re: "Cops' chain reaction is bad for our city," Sept. 18).
The commentary (by Alex Thompson) was critical of the policies and procedures of the Santa Monica Police Department in regulating traffic laws.

The Santa Monica Police Department is charged with maintaining a safe traffic environment for everyone. The monthly Friday night Critical Mass rides were brought to our attention by several citizens who called for assistance due to traffic disruptions and intersections being blocked by citizens on bicycles. Our officers monitor each Critical Mass ride to ensure the safety of everyone involved. During each Critical Mass ride, bicyclists — who act as amateur traffic officers — stop motorists who have a green signal in order to allow hundreds of bicyclists through an intersection. The bicyclists who ride through red traffic signals violate the law and create an extremely dangerous situation. They also cause significant disruption to the traffic flow on adjacent streets. During previous Critical Mass rides, many people have stopped our officers and understandably demand that they enforce the applicable traffic laws. Our officers have observed near collisions between Critical Mass riders and other legitimate and legal users of the roadway.

The Critical Mass group normally rides through the downtown area around 7 p.m. on Friday evenings, in a densely populated area traveled by thousands of pedestrians and motorists. Each ride consists of anywhere from 200 to 300 cyclists. There has never been an identified pre-planned route and, therefore, participants blindly follow whoever is in the front of the group which occasionally splits into multiple groups.

Mr. Thompson has told us that there are no leaders of the group, making it very difficult for us to coordinate any type of plan to minimize traffic disruption and the possibility of injuries. The lack of leadership results in a very chaotic and disorganized ride.

We have met with representatives from Santa Monica Critical Mass, including former Santa Monica Mayor Michael Feinstein and Alex Thompson himself. These meetings have been held to better understand the purpose of the rides and to make suggestions as to how they might conduct this monthly ride in a safe manner. Santa Monica has a history of hosting popular events such as 10K races. The event coordinators are required to apply for permits due to traffic safety concerns. They present a traffic plan, streets are temporarily closed and traffic control officers are deployed. Once the plan is approved, it is our responsibility, along with the event coordinators, to maintain a safe venue for the participants, as well as the citizens, commuters and pedestrians who are not part of the event. We also recommended to Mr. Thompson that the ride take place on the beach bike path, which could safely accommodate the number of riders who participate.

These suggestions have been rejected by Mr. Thompson.

The city of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Police Department encourages and supports many activities and events, including bicycling. Further, the Santa Monica Police Department has one of the largest contingents of bicycle officers of any city on the West Coast. We clearly understand and support the idea of alternative transportation.

We offer again publicly, our desire to work with the leadership of Critical Mass to achieve a safe event. However, our primary concern and responsibility will continue to be public safety for everyone in our community.

Timothy J. Jackman
Chief of Police. SMPD

Guest Commentary

Lee Hamilton

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Politicians' snail pace is by design

THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF REASONS the public standing of the United States Congress rests at historic lows. Chief among them, I believe, is the widespread conviction that Congress simply can't get much worthwhile done: Not on Iraq, not on health care, not on any of the myriad issues that perplex and trouble the average American.

Wander into any conversation on the topic and you'll get an earful about why this is so: Too much partisanship; too much arguing for argument's sake; too many special interests; too much political division in the country. One thing you're unlikely to hear, though, is the mundane but inarguable truth that Congress simply isn't set up to be efficient. It moves by inches for a very good reason — it was designed for deliberation, not speed.

Now, don't get me wrong. There really is too much destructive partisanship on Capitol Hill. There are too many people in Congress who confuse their party's talking points for productive debate. Capitol Hill can find itself so hemmed in by lobbyists and the expectations of campaign donors that progress becomes impossible. And when the country is up for grabs with divided government and a near-even split in the Congress, making progress is tough.

Yet it is also true that by its very nature, Congress is inefficient — and though we might be disappointed sometimes that it can't act faster, in general, we're better off as a result.

Think about how Congress was designed by our Founders. They wanted to ensure that the body was representative of the American people, and that it provided a forum for reasoned exploration of the issues besetting the nation — in other words, they wanted reflection and deliberation before action. So they created the Senate and the House, which not only provide two different means of representing the country, but also require that everything happen twice.

Each piece of legislation must move through subcommittees and committees in both houses, must go through both rules committees, must be debated on the floor of both chambers, must go through a conference committee and get final approval in both chambers, and then must go before the President. This is an arduous trek for a bill, and it makes for an endless variety of ways in which legislation can be amended or stopped outright. It also, however, provides an opportunity to consider thoroughly the implications and potential effects of each potential law.

Beyond its structure, Congress is an immensely complex institution. Power there is dispersed — to leadership, to committee chairs and ranking minority members, to members acknowledged to be experts in a particular field, to especially successful

fundraisers. Then the Senate adds a layer of complexity: There, the ability to filibuster a measure means that effectively it takes 60 votes, not a simple majority, to pass legislation on controversial topics. This is an extremely high bar.

Moreover, Congress' very representativeness is at once its greatest strength and its greatest weakness. This is now such a diverse nation that the assumptions about public policy prevailing in a congressional district in Utah or Mississippi will be very different, if not diametrically opposite, from those in Los Angeles. Congress is where those varied points of view must grapple with one another, and where all the many private interests at play in the country get their say.

THERE REALLY IS TOO MUCH DESTRUCTIVE PARTISANSHIP ON CAPITOL HILL.

To get a sense of what can happen when Congress does act speedily, look no further than the law authorizing National Security Agency surveillance that was passed just before the August recess. It was only after the bill had been signed into law that many members of Congress learned they'd given the NSA much more expansive warrantless surveillance powers than they'd believed. Likewise, recall the shock of members when they learned that in just its first decade the Medicare prescription bill was going to cost hundreds of billions of dollars more than they'd been led to believe. These bills were hurried through Congress at such a pace that they never got the detailed consideration they needed.

The truth is, Congress deals with the toughest issues in the country. Its job is to understand them thoroughly, weigh the beliefs and interests of an astounding variety of Americans, and consider carefully how to move forward. Passion and speed are not conducive to good legislation; on the whole, we want to use the brakes on the process provided by the Constitution and by congressional structure.

The next time you complain about the sluggishness of Congress, think about it. It's not all bad.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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'Juice,' your public no longer awaits you

I WISH I HAD BEEN WRITING THIS column back in 1994 during the O.J. trial because I wanted someone to point out how hard it was to believe that any man (not just Simpson) would cut his kids' mother's throat and leave her body in the front yard for them to find the next morning. That man would have to be crazy. And O.J. Simpson may be a lot of things, but crazy isn't one of them.

That's what I thought until this weekend, when he was booked on suspicion of armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and burglary in Las Vegas. Now I'm thinking he just might be out of his mind.

He was in town to serve as best man at a friend's wedding and it was supposed to be a joyous weekend (so much for that idea). It all started to go wrong once O.J. found out that a memorabilia dealer was in Vegas and in possession of some very personal items belonging to him, which were supposedly stolen from his mother. Reportedly, O.J.'s plan was to "show up with a bunch of boys and take my (stuff), and they can't do nothing about it." This is where he lost me — mainly because he's a 60-year-old man. A geezer old enough to be a grandfather is going to get a gang of guys and go gather up his goods? Has he been watching too many Clint Eastwood movies? Maybe I'm wrong, but I'm of the opinion that when somebody steals from you, you know they stole from you, you know where they are, and you know they have your stolen stuff on them — you call the police. That's precisely why we have police.

But not O.J. As he put it, "the police, since my trouble, have not worked out for me," and that when he calls the police, "it just becomes a story about OJ." But unlike his road rage incident, his ticket for speeding a boat through a manatee zone, or his stealing satellite TV, this time it's all right for the story to be about O.J. because this time, O.J. was actually the victim.

Unfortunately, O.J. has an express ticket on the crazy train (next stop: Clark County jail), so he apparently decided to conduct a sting operation where he would confront the memorabilia dealer and make him either return the items or O.J. would call the cops. He decided to handle it on his own first because, as he put it,

"I'm at the point where I don't rely on the police."

That plan may have worked had it not been for the fact that two of O.J.'s "boys" allegedly had guns on them and one of O.J.'s "boys" (the one who first informed O.J. the memorabilia dealer was in town) made a tape recording of the incident. So when the tape is played back, O.J.'s sting operation has all the elements of and sounds suspiciously like an armed robbery. What's more, O.J. apparently admitted everything to Las Vegas police and even gave an interview to an AP reporter about the incident saying, "this is not a case about O.J. stealing anything." His favorite cereal has to be Cocoa Puffs, because clearly O.J. Simpson is cuckoo.

At this point, the main legal issue will be the guns that were allegedly in the room at the time of this incident and whether or not O.J. knew the guns were going to be there. And somewhere in heaven, the late, great Johnnie Cochran is scratching his head wondering, "didn't you learn anything from your impromptu chats with Detectives Lange and Vannatter? Don't you remember that rarely has anyone gotten in trouble for saying too little? For your own sake, why can't you just shut up?"

After his acquittal, O.J. Simpson was supposed to go away, that was the deal. Whatever he did (if he did it), he got away with. So he was supposed to take his young daughter and son far away from Brentwood, where they have a shot at a normal life, get them through college, and do what every other parent does: Make their kids the priority in their life and live vicariously through them. He had run the risk of losing them forever as he rotted away in prison, but 13 years later, he seems to have forgotten all about that in a useless attempt to prove how tough he is to a couple of guys who, in the grand scheme, don't mean anything to him.

Now he's remembering that there are a lot of people who want to see him behind bars by any means necessary and realizing that he's once again in danger of losing the only things that should really matter to him: Sydney and Justin.

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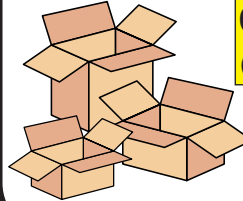
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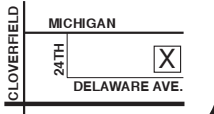
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Legal scholar makes cut as dean

By The Associated Press

IRVINE After a public brouhaha, renowned legal scholar Erwin Chemerinsky will head the new law school at the University of California, Irvine after all.

The frequent commentator on constitutional law signed a contract earlier this month to become the dean of the new Donald Bren School of Law only to have the offer abruptly rescinded last week.

Chemerinsky publicly said UC Irvine Chancellor Michael V. Drake withdrew the offer because he was "too politically controversial" due to his outspoken liberal views and that some board members were concerned about his politics. Drake has insisted that Chemerinsky did not lose the job because of his politics.

The dramatic turnaround was set into motion when Drake traveled to North

Carolina over the weekend to meet with Chemerinsky, who has taught at Duke University since 2004. The men had marathon talks over several days and aired out some "miscommunication and misunderstanding."



WHEN WE GOT EVERYTHING CLEARED UP BETWEEN US, THE DISTANCE WAS GONE.

Michael V. Drake, UC Irvine Chancellor

In a joint teleconference Monday, the duo lavished praise on each other, but declined to detail the nature of their chats. Both said they were eager to put the past behind.

"When we got everything cleared up between us, the distance was gone," Drake said.

Chemerinsky agreed. "We were able to really see that what may have been significant differences weren't actually differences."

Their newfound coziness is in stark contrast to the public fallout after Drake reversed his decision to hire Chemerinsky. In

surfaced that Michael Antonovich, a long-time Republican member of the county Board of Supervisors, asked two dozen people in an e-mail about how to prevent Chemerinsky's appointment.

Chemerinsky's dismissal prompted some faculty members to accuse Drake of quashing academic freedom.

Drake defended his earlier actions Monday.

"I was at a place last week where I needed more comfort. I have developed that comfort and we're ready to move forward," he said.

Chemerinsky recently represented CIA agent Valerie Plame. His appointment must be approved by the UC Board of Regents.

The new Donald Bren School of Law will be the first new public law school in California in 40 years and is expected to welcome its first class in 2009.

CSU, UC leaders consider professor pay hikes

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On the agenda for that system's governing board of regents, meeting at UC Davis Tuesday through Thursday, is a change in professional school fees that could have students at flagship campuses paying more than students elsewhere in the system.

Previously, fees had been raised on a year-by-year basis; a new system sets fees on a three-year basis to make it easier for students to plan a budget.

Several professional schools are asking for increases of

7 percent, which is in line with previous years, but some schools are asking for more. Officials at UC Berkeley's law school want increases which would take fees to \$41,000 by 2010-11, compared to \$35,000 proposed by the law school at UC Davis. Berkeley's business school would charge \$41,000 by 2010-11 compared to \$31,000 at UC San Diego.

School officials say they need the extra money to maintain quality considering cuts in state funding. They note the increases would be accompanied by increased financial aid and law schools would have loan forgiveness programs

to encourage students to take up lower-paying public service jobs.

Opponents say the fees could deter low-income students and are out of step with UC's mission as a public university.

Also on the regents' agenda is approving a salary for legal scholar Erwin Chemerinsky, who was reappointed dean of UC Irvine's new law school this week after a series of events that saw him appointed and then jettisoned by UC Irvine Chancellor Michael V. Drake.

Chemerinsky has said Drake told him the offer had been withdrawn.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2006 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2005-10) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2005 and the subsequent Program Year 2006 Action Plan, submitted to HUD in May 2006. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 28, 2007. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Gigi Decavalles-Hughes at the above address by September 28, 2007.

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LOS ANGELES
Fed judge sentences man in phony \$29 million scheme

A money manager who fleeced fellow Korean-Americans out of \$29 million in a phony investment scheme was sentenced to more than seven years in prison.

Won Charles Yi, 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz on Monday to 87 months in prison and he was ordered to pay \$28.8 million in restitution to individual investors and \$2.4 million to Wells Fargo Bank.

Yi, owner of now-defunct C-plus Capital Management, pleaded guilty earlier to four counts of bank fraud, 11 counts of mail fraud, two counts of investment adviser fraud and two counts of criminal forfeiture.

Prosecutors said C-plus Capital Management raised millions by inducing members of the Korean-American community to invest funds with a promise of large returns. Yi and his associates told victims their money would be invested in publicly traded companies and Regulation S offerings.

Investors were given bogus monthly account statements showing gains in their accounts, and the victims could view the false account statements on an elaborate Internet site, Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul G. Stern said.

Ultimately, Yi and his associates fled to Seoul, South Korea. Before fleeing, Yi and an associate overdrew Wells Fargo accounts by more than \$2 million, prosecutors said.

Yi was arrested in South Korea in April 2005.

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SAN DIEGO
Closing arguments heard in activist's trial

A prosecutor labeled environmental activist Rod Coronado "a recruiter and a mentor of arson" in his closing argument today in San Diego while a defense attorney called him an innocent practitioner of free speech.

Both sides dwelled on Coronado's remarks to a San Diego audience in August 2003 a few hours after a \$50 million condo project burned down nearby, apparently in an eco-terrorism attack. He showed the crowd how to make a Molotov cocktail out of an apple-juice jug.

Coronado was charged in February 2006 with a single count of distributing information on explosives, destructive devices and weapons of mass destruction with the intent that his listeners commit illegal acts of violence. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison under sentencing guidelines imposed after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The prosecutor focused on Coronado's writings and speeches, from calling arson "a very sacred power" to encouraging activists to cause "maximum destruction."

AP

TORRANCE
Judge wants fondled women to get theirs

A Redondo Beach doctor convicted of fondling female patients was ordered to pay two women more than \$115,000 in restitution.

Superior Court Judge Michael Vicencia on Monday also scheduled a hearing to determine if Mahendra Udani, 55, violated his probation by continuing to practice medicine.

Udani was sentenced in May to two years in jail for his misdemeanor convictions on eight sexual battery counts, eight sexual exploitation counts and two counts of simple battery. The jail sentence was stayed pending appeal.

Vicencia also ordered the gastroenterologist to surrender his passport and not practice medicine.

Udani groped two female patients in his Redondo Beach office and Torrance hospitals in November and December 2004.

Udani must pay \$77,092 to one of the victims, who has a lawsuit pending against him, and \$38,232 to the other, the judge said Monday. The money is to cover therapy, medical fees paid to Udani and more than \$40,000 in legal fees they shared for an attorney they hired to determine restitution.

Udani has 30 days to pay the restitution.

Prosecutors told the judge Udani should be jailed because he allegedly gives the false impression that he's allowed to practice medicine. The directory at his office building still designates him as a medical doctor in violation of the court's order, prosecutors said.

Udani's attorney Harland Braun said Udani has not earned any money as a doctor and he is merely introducing his former patients to the doctor who took over his practice.

SANTA ANA
Ban on medical marijuana dispensaries challenged

Claiming it conflicts with California law, a medical marijuana group filed a lawsuit challenging Anaheim's new ban on pot dispensaries.

The Qualified Patients Association suit also claims the city's ban violates the civil rights of disabled people, the group's attorney, Tony Curiale, said.

Superior Court Judge David Thompson, who temporarily blocked enforcement of Anaheim's ban, will decide Sept. 28 whether he will forbid enacting the law until a trial decision.

Anaheim joined a dozen or so Orange County cities that have banned or are considering outlawing marijuana dispensaries. The Anaheim City Council unanimously approved an initial ban on dispensaries in July.

Under Proposition 215 approved by California voters in 1996 and a follow-up 2003 law, which clarified the law and ordered counties to issue identification cards to patients, marijuana can be given to people with doctor authorization.

Thompson issued a temporary restraining order Sept. 4, two days before the law was to go into effect.

Federal law still forbids marijuana possession.

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BEVERLY HILLS
Luxury shopping center sold for \$275M

The luxury Two Rodeo outdoor shopping center, featuring such upscale stores as Tiffany & Co., Lalique and Versace, has been sold for \$275 million.

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IF YOUR RETIREMENT IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS AWAY, THEN IT'S TIME TO START MAKING SUBTLE ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR INVESTMENT MIX.

If you have at least 10 years to go until you plan on retiring, you still have the advantage of time on your side. One of the most basic principles of investing is putting your money into different investment vehicles and then leaving it there so you can reap the benefits of long-term returns. With more than 10 years to invest, you might be able to afford to take on a little bit more risk with your investments. While equities — such as stocks — have an inherent risk of losing money, they also have a history of providing significant returns over a long period of time. Just keep in mind that past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Probably the biggest advantage of getting an early start is the benefit of compounding earnings. Based on the investments in your retirement portfolio, the money you put in has the potential to earn more money for you — whether



Market Matters

Brian Hepp

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through interest payments, dividends or other means of growth. In many cases, those earnings can be reinvested into your portfolio, further enhancing the total value of your savings and allowing your money the opportunity to “make money” for you.

If your retirement is less than 10 years away, then it's time to start making subtle adjustments to your investment mix. Hopefully, at this point, you're not just getting started, but rather taking a look at how your investments are allocated and making sure they appropriately match your risk tolerance, your investment objectives and your relatively short time horizon. Because you have less time to work with, you still want to have some investments that offer growth, but you also want to begin looking at preservation of principal through fixed income alternatives such as bonds, which may provide a little more stability in your portfolio and help reduce your overall risk.

Finally, at some point, you'll reach that day that you once thought was so far off. When you find yourself officially in the position to retire, you will have a whole different outlook on those funds you have set aside for just that purpose. Instead of making contributions to your retirement funds to help them grow, you'll be looking to maintain income from those investments. You'll likely begin taking distributions from them to pay for your day-to-day expenses. A thorough review of your investments will help you clearly see just how much you have saved.

Financial preparation for retirement is something that is different for every individual. To make sure that you're on the right track, take the time now to assess your own situation and see what you can do to make sure you're ready when it's time for you to retire.

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VOGUE

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Allison Vasak, 10, mugs on the catwalk in her Macy's attire during the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Santa Monica's "Christmas in September" at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel last Thursday.

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Prose and condos: What to know

Simon says: "Here are some things to think about when buying a condo in Santa Monica, Brentwood or another Westside Los Angeles neighborhood:"

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN BUYING A CONDO

Condominiums have made home-ownership affordable for many people. This is particularly the case on the Westside of Los Angeles, where the prices of single family residences are prohibitive to even the most well-heeled professionals. There are, however, many things to consider when buying a condo in these areas:

EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE:

Approximately half of all condominium and townhouse buildings on the Westside have earthquake insurance included in the homeowner's dues.

Pros:

This protects the owners from having to come up with funds to pay for repairs, should an earthquake occur. Price of construction per square foot in Santa Monica, Brentwood and other Westside neighborhoods can be anywhere from \$150 to \$300. This makes a complete rebuild on a 1,000-square-foot condo at the very least \$150,000 up to \$300,000. Often the insurance provides funds for replacement housing should the homeowners need to move out during reconstruction.

Some, not many, buildings were completely torn down and rebuilt after the Northridge Earthquake in 1994.

Cons:

Earthquake insurance can be very costly. Premiums tend to be significantly higher for buildings that are looking for new coverage as opposed to buildings who signed on for coverage 20 years ago. The deductibles can be upwards of \$250 to \$500,000 — much higher than what most buildings in Santa Monica suffered during the Northridge Earthquake in 1994. Personal Assessment Insurance can be had for a maximum of \$50,000 per condominium. You would be covered in an instance where your 10-unit condo building had \$500,000 worth of damage.



Simon Says

Simon Salloom
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The federal government often supplies subsidized loans at very low interest rates for disaster victims. Many buildings in Santa Monica had to go through years of court action before their insurance providers would give them assistance. Earthquake Insurance FAQ's:

All of the units in a condo building need to subscribe to the Earthquake Insurance policy. Coverage cannot be given to units on an individual basis.

PET POLICY:

Most condominium buildings have a restriction on pet size. Smaller buildings and townhouses tend to be more liberal, while large buildings are more conservative.

Pet size restrictions tend to be by poundage and number of pet limits. The most common is two dogs or cats under 20 pounds each. Other buildings have 30- and 40-pound limits. The average Labrador is over 40 pounds.

If you have a pet or plan on getting one, make sure you read the CC&R's on pet restrictions. The CC&R's are the rules that govern the Homeowners Association.

Pet Policy FAQ's:

If a homeowner breaks the rules with regards to pet size or number, the pet will be mandated to leave the building. If the pet does not leave, the HOA can place liens on the property and or force court action to have either you or your pet forbidden entry.

AMENITIES:

Many people enjoy the idea of amenities such as pools, sauna, 24-hour guard gated access. For many residents of these buildings, these amenities never become truly valuable. There are thousands of residents of local condo buildings

who use the building pool about once a year. Additionally, in Santa Monica and Brentwood, there are many local gyms that do a better job of motivating you. So, if you are going to buy in a building with amenities, and therefore, higher homeowners dues and purchase prices, make sure you are going to take full advantage of them.

I should also mention that if you are looking to live in a luxury building, say, an ocean view condominium, none of the above applies. You are going to have amenities whether you like them or not and enjoy using or not using every minute of them.

RESERVES:

After the Homeowners Dues are collected and used to pay debts to the different vendors, the leftover money is put into reserves for the building. Funds from the reserves can be used in case the building needs a new roof or upgrades to the hallways and common areas.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONDO AND A CO-OP:

In a condominium, the owner owns the space inside the walls individually and the common areas collectively as part of a group. It is a pure form of homeownership, with the same rights and responsibilities of a single family home. A co-op is owned by a cooperative that issues shares to the building and the right to occupy a given unit. As the owner, you own shares in the building, not the space inside the walls. Your right to occupy a particular section of the building is usually issued via a lease term that renews every 50 years or so. About 95 percent of the multi-unit inventory in Los Angeles (Brentwood) and Santa Monica is condos. In New York City, the majority of units are co-ops. The difference between buying a condo or a co-op in Santa Monica and Los Angeles is that buyers of co-ops tend to have less financing options available to them. You also have to be "approved" by the board. Here on the Westside, the boards are pretty liberal in contrast to the stories you might have heard about New York City co-op boards.



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Horn o' plenty: Traffic hits cities

Commuters waste one week each year just getting to work

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Drivers waste nearly an entire work week each year sitting in traffic on the way to and from their jobs, according to a national study released Tuesday.

The nation's drivers languished in traffic delays for a total of 4.2 billion hours in 2005, up from 4 billion the year before, according to the Texas Traffic Institute's urban mobility report. That's about 38 hours per driver.

"Things are bad and they're getting worse," said Alan Pisarsky, a transportation expert and the author of "Commuting in America."

"We've used up the capacity that had been bequeathed to us by a previous generation, and we haven't replaced it," Pisarsky said.

The study summed it up this way: "Too many people, too many trips over too short of a time period on a system that is too small."

The study estimates that drivers wasted 2.9 billion gallons of fuel while sitting in traffic. Together with the lost time, traffic delays cost the nation \$78.2 billion, the study estimates.

High gasoline prices appear to have cut into optional driving but not commuting to work, said David Schrank, an associate research scientist at the Texas Transportation Institute, which is part of Texas A&M University.

"We're really not seeing drops in the peak travel times," said Schrank, a co-author of the study.

About three-quarters of all commuters drive alone to work, according to census data.

The study provided detailed information on traffic congestion in the nation's 85 largest metropolitan areas.

The Los Angeles metro area had the worst congestion, delaying drivers an average of 72 hours a year. It was followed by Atlanta, San Francisco, Washington and Dallas.

The least congested metro areas were Spokane, Wash.,

and Brownsville, Texas, where drivers were delayed an average of eight hours a year.

The study offers a menu of options for addressing congestion, including adding roads or lanes where needed, improving public transportation and changing driving patterns through flexible work schedules, telecommuting and carpooling.

"The problem has grown too rapidly and is too complex for only one technology or service to be 'the solution' in most regions," the report said.

Atlanta has the second worst congestion in the country, though there has been some improvement, according to the study. In 2005, Atlanta drivers wasted an average of 60 hours a year in traffic delays — down from 70 hours a decade earlier.

A 2005 task force appointed by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue called for directing more resources toward mitigating traffic congestion in the Atlanta area.

The region's population is growing so fast that planners are having a tough time dealing with the increase in automobiles, said Jane Hayse, chief of transportation planning for the Atlanta Regional Commission.



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Stick a filter in it, Bush

Environmentalists may sue president over emissions

BY DAVID AMMONS
AP Political Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. Western environmental groups said Tuesday they intend to sue the Bush administration if states are not given federal waivers to combat auto emissions.

The Western Environmental Law Center, representing climate-change groups in California, Washington and Oregon, told the Environmental Protection Agency the activists will sue the government in 180 days if the administration doesn't allow tough new tailpipe standards to go into effect.

The three states, along with New York and other populous states, want to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are caused by cars and light trucks. The new standards, recently upheld by a court in Vermont, would take effect in 2009.

Tom Geiger, of the Washington Environmental Council, said the EPA has vowed to make its decision on the federal waivers this year, but that

activists fear foot-dragging and will continue to gird for a lawsuit.

California already has filed a similar official notice of intent to sue and a variety of plaintiffs will unite in the litigation if it comes to that, Geiger said.

A number of Western states have banded together to combat greenhouse emissions in the region, including emissions from power plants and cars.

California's pioneering effort to limit tailpipe emissions has been adopted by Oregon, Washington, Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The federal government can pre-empt the field, or allow states to adopt more vigorous standards.

"Near and long-term environmental, economic and public costs are mounting in California, Oregon and Washington," the group said.

The organization is acting on behalf of Friends of the Earth and the Center for Biological Diversity in California; Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Wild and 3Estrategies, and environmental activist Angus Duncan in Oregon; and Climate Solutions, Environment Washington, Northwest Energy Coalition and the Washington Environmental Council.

Geiger said the 13 states with California standards account for close to 40 percent of the U.S. auto market. The standards would require automakers to reduce emissions by 25 percent

NEAR AND LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC COSTS ARE MOUNTING IN CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON."

Western Environmental Law Center

California first requested a federal waiver more than 20 months ago. In a letter to EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson on Tuesday, the Western Environmental Law Center complained about the department's delay.

from cars and light trucks and 18 percent from sport utility vehicles.

Transportation-related pollution, including cars, planes and ports, make up about a third of all global warming pollution, the group said.

Man cops to killing Grand Canyon tourist

BY PAUL DAVENPORT | Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX A man pleaded guilty Tuesday to murdering a Japanese tourist during a 2006 visit to the Grand Canyon, admitting to stabbing and robbing the victim after luring her off a main trail by offering to guide her to scenic canyon waterfalls.

Randy Redtail Wescogame, a 19-year-old member of the Havasupai Indian Tribe, had been indicted in December on charges of murder, robbery and kidnapping in the death of Tomomi Hanamure, 34, of Tokyo.

In an agreement with prosecutors, Wescogame (pronounced wes-COG-ah-me) pleaded guilty before a federal magistrate to a reduced charge of second-degree murder and

faces a life prison sentence without the possibility of release if his plea is formally accepted by a federal judge. Sentencing was set for Jan. 14.

Hanamure's father, two other relatives and a friend traveled from Japan to attend Tuesday's court hearing. They declined to comment.

Hanamure, who was traveling by herself, was killed during a visit to the Havasupai Reservation, which includes part of the Grand Canyon and is a popular tourist destination. The reservation is a separate jurisdiction from Grand Canyon National Park.

Hanamure was reported missing May 9, 2006, a day after she went hiking to the Havasupai Falls after checking into a lodge on the reservation.

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(Left to right) Yesid Torres, Antonio Calvo and Luis Villafanma — Arhuaco Indians from Colombia's Sierra Nevada Mountains — are filmed along the Santa Monica beaches on Monday for scene in the upcoming movie "The Chosen One," being directed by comedian Rob Schneider.



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A mulligan for the 'sleeved' sect

With tattoos, it's not really easy come or easy go

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It seems the only thing more painful than getting a tattoo is getting one removed.

"It almost feels like you're getting electrocuted," said Abel Perez, a software architect in Marina del Rey who started receiving tattoo removal treatments last month. "It's pretty bad."

The demand from people looking to rid themselves of unwanted body art has increased substantially in recent years — as has the demand for people to ink them up. Thankfully, for the former, advancements have been made in tattoo removal technology, according to Scot Heckmann, the president of Laser Away, a clinic offering the procedure in Santa Monica.

The procedure — which can take years, depending on the size, region and color of the tattoo — is removed with a laser that breaks down the ink particles in the skin and actually pulls the ink to the surface. The color of the tattoo slowly begins to fade over a period of about eight weeks, at which point the client can return for another go-around.

The timetable depends most on the colors of the tattoo — black is easiest to remove, while red, blue and green take additional treatments because the colors closely resemble skin pigmentation. The lasers are "taught" to be attracted to pigment different from the skin.

Yellow has proven nearly impossible to remove.

Dr. Alex Kaplan, who runs the Tattoo MD Laser Clinic in West Los Angeles, conducts a 20-second procedure using something called the "Q-Switched" laser. Rather than burning it off, the ink in the tattoo is removed by microfracturing.

It takes several rounds of treatment to fully remove the tattoo.

"It's more of an acoustic effect," he said. "As the ink is fractured, it's small enough in the body and insole to carry away."

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Sometimes, it seems impossible to get rid of an unwanted tattoo.

Danielle Clark has been trying to get rid of a 12-year-old tattoo on her ankle for the past two years, visiting doctors in UCLA and New York for treatments.

Today, there are faint remnants of the flower vine tattoo, splashes of pink and green scattered on her ankle. Clark said she is planning on starting treatments at Laser Away.

Those who have undergone the process of removing tattoos attest to it being extremely painful. Lauren Alonzo, a model from Arizona who flies to Los Angeles every few months to undergo a round of treatments at Laser Away, said the procedure is 20 times more painful than actually getting the tattoo.



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SKIN DEEP: Jessica Herrell, a registered nurse, uses a laser to remove a vine of flower tattoo on Danielle Clark's ankle at Laser Away on Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

Alonzo said on Tuesday. "It's not a surface pain like it would be for a tattoo."

An art form known to date back at least 5,000 years, a tattoo boom began about 30 years ago when it was thought to be original and unique. The tattoos slowly started losing its originality as more and more people were seen branded with the art, Heckmann said, noting that many teenage girls once inscribed a tattoo above their rears because they felt it was cute and sexy. Today, 15 to 20 percent of women probably have a tattoo in that region of their body, he estimated.

"It kind of lost its originality," Heckmann said. But according to Karina Mayorga, the owner of Ink Ink tattoo parlor in Venice, there has actually been more interest in tattoos, thanks to the popularity of reality shows "Miami Ink" and "LA Ink," both of which air on TLC. "It's done more to promote our business than anything else," the 16-year tattoo artist said.

Inscribing a tattoo can take from as little as three minutes to 30 hours, depending on the size, region and complexity of

the art piece. Tattoos done on the lower lip, armpit and penis take the longest to complete, Mayorga said.

For those unhappy with their tattoo, Laser Away offers the removal procedure for \$25 a square inch and it usually takes an average of six treatments to complete the process. The company has been around for nearly two years and has six locations in Southern California, including the Santa Monica clinic, which opened last week.

For the past two years, Alonzo has been receiving tattoo removal treatment for three tattoos — a peace sign on her lower left stomach; a Japanese symbol on her back; and a heart on her toe. Alonzo got her first tattoo when she was 14 years old, a rebellious act she shared with her then 18-year-old sister.

As an actress and model, having a tattoo can be troublesome when it comes to finding work.

"You always have to disclose to the agency what tattoos you have and where they are," she said. "Every time I see (the tattoos), I get angry."

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Goldmans want O.J.'s Rolex, memorabilia

FROM SIMPSON PAGE 1

Meanwhile, in Nevada on Tuesday, prosecutors filed formal charges against the fallen football star, alleging Simpson committed 10 felonies, including kidnapping, in the armed robbery.

Since he took the case last year, Cook said his clients have received \$1,932 and “some odd coins” from residuals collected through Simpson’s film career, which included the “Naked Gun” series, “The Towering Inferno” and “Capricorn One.”

Simpson, who has been in the spotlight recently for writing the book “If I Did It,” in which he gives a hypothetical description of the Brentwood murders (the Goldmans’ own the publishing rights and have since added “Confessions of the Killer” to the title), was sitting in a jail in Nevada on Tuesday when District Attorney David Roger filed five additional felonies against him — bringing the total to 10 — including kidnapping and conspiracy to commit kidnapping, according to court documents.

Another man facing similar charges in the case said he believes the former football great was set up. He said the memorabilia dealer who tipped Simpson off that he may have had some of his collectibles recorded the hotel-room confrontation that led to Simpson’s arrest.

“It sounds like a setup to me,” said Walter Alexander, 46, on ABC’s “Good Morning America” on Tuesday. He said Simpson had thought the memorabilia belonged to him

after getting a call from the dealer.

Meanwhile, one of the memorabilia dealers who spoke publicly about the incident on Monday, describing Simpson and a group of men coming into a hotel room “commando style,” was hospitalized with chest pains, according to new reports.



I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CLIENT IS NOT THE MOST POPULAR PERSON, BUT HE HAS A RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED.”

Ronald Slates, attorney for O.J. Simpson

Bruce Fromong was transferred to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. There is no word on his condition.

Simpson was arrested Sunday on charges suspicion of assault and robbery with a deadly weapon. He faces the possibility of life in prison if convicted in the robbery at the Palace Station casino. He was being held without bail and was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday.

Witnesses and authorities have said that they don’t believe Simpson had a gun, but that some of the men with him during the confrontation did. Simpson has said he wasn’t armed and that he went to the hotel simply to retrieve property that had been stolen from him.

In court in Santa Monica, Cook accused Simpson of “sitting on a treasure trove of

sports memorabilia,” while ignoring the mutli-million dollar judgment against him, going so far as to deliberately conceal his earnings by funneling checks through corporations in which his children sit on the board of directors.

But both Cook and Simpson attorney Ronald Slates said they were not certain what the items were that are being held by Nevada police. Slates said it was unclear whether Simpson owned any of the items.

“I need to know more,” Judge Rosenberg told Cook, giving him until next Tuesday to come up with a list of the memorabilia, which Cook said he could easily obtain from authorities and members of the media. “I need to know, specifically, what the items are and if there is some connection to Simpson that these belong to him.”

Cook, who did his best to cast Simpson as a wealthy man earning \$400,000 a year from four different pensions, also filed a request to get a watch Simpson was photographed wearing. The photo appears on the celebrity Web site TMZ.com. Cook said the watch appears to be a Rolex Submariner and sells for \$5,000 or more.

Judge Rosenberg told Cook it would be his responsibility to obtain the watch and have it appraised. He set an Oct. 16 hearing to determine whether the watch should be exempt from the judgment.

The judge also ordered Cook to do more research on Simpson’s income to determine if the former running back was financially able to pay the Goldmans the \$50,000 he earned last year for giving 2K Sports permission to use his likeness in a video game.

Cook argued Simpson was wealthy, citing a 2003 tax form indicating income of \$400,000. He also said Simpson has four pensions — three for his NFL, TV and movie work and a private stock account worth more than \$2 million.

Slates painted a different picture, saying Simpson, whose pensions are protected under federal law, was spending quite a bit of money taking care of his three children, including two of whom are in college.

“I understand that my client is not the most popular person, but he has a right to be protected,” Slates said during a news conference in front of the courthouse.

Slates said Simpson has made several offers to settle, which Cook replied it would be “a cold day in hell” before that would happen.

“It is inconceivable that the father of a murder victim would sit and haggle,” Cook said.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Police contend Simpson is being treated fairly

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS News conferences, a slew of felony charges, a perp walk in handcuffs and detention in a holding cell without bail — it’s clear authorities aren’t giving O.J. Simpson any celebrity breaks.

Police insist such treatment is prudent for a man whose name is synonymous with a slow-speed chase from officers in a white Ford Bronco. But legal experts are questioning whether Simpson is being singled out for extra-tough prosecution in his casino-hotel robbery case as payback for his murder acquittal more than a decade ago.

“It is regrettable that America has not gotten over the O.J. Simpson criminal case,” said Carl Douglas, who was co-counsel with Johnnie L. Cochran in Simpson’s 1995 criminal trial.

“The fact that he is being held without bail seems unfair and over the top,” Douglas said. “O.J. has always been able to satisfy his obligations to the court. He cooperated with the authorities in this case. He is not a flight risk. And he certainly can’t hide anywhere.”

At least six plainclothes policemen, accompanied by a handful of hotel security guards, arrested Simpson on Sunday at The Palms casino-hotel. He was accused of leading an armed heist of sports memorabilia. Simpson said he was only reclaiming possessions that had been stolen.

“By our standard, there was no major show of force,” Sgt. John Loretto said.

Simpson was handcuffed and taken in a police vehicle to the Clark County Detention Center to be booked on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a

deadly weapon. If convicted of the charges, he could get up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Simpson became inmate number 2648927.

Justice of the Peace Douglas Smith, who made the decision to hold Simpson without bail, was “concerned about the flight factor” and because Simpson had no ties to the Las Vegas area, said Judge Nancy Oesterle, who addressed reporters on Monday.

Yale Galanter, Simpson’s lawyer, said he was preparing a bond motion and will ask for Simpson’s release on his own recognizance when he appears in court Wednesday for his scheduled arraignment.

“If it was anyone other than O.J. Simpson, he would have been released by now,” he said.

Galanter said he plans to fight the case vigorously, declaring, “We are definitely on the attack.”

Police said they were giving Simpson no special treatment _ other than keeping him separated from the rest of the general prison population for his own protection.

In June 1994, Los Angeles police gave Simpson a day and a time to turn himself in to face allegations he had killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. It was a courtesy, said then-prosecutor Marcia Clark, often extended to celebrities or those with no criminal record.

Instead, Simpson jumped in an SUV, apparently with a loaded gun and ready to commit suicide, and led police and media helicopters on a dramatic, televised chase before surrendering.

“The Bronco chase was a nightmare,” said

Clark, now a special correspondent for “Entertainment Tonight.” “Certainly he has abused that courtesy, so I would not expect anyone to extend it to him again.”

In a clear misstatement, Capt. James Dillon said Friday at a news conference that, because Simpson was involved, police were being extra careful to conduct “a thorough, biased and competent investigation.”



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Yale Galanter
Simpson's lawyer

But some think it might have been more than a slip of the tongue.

Jerry Reisman, a New York lawyer who represented O.J. Simpson in the early 1990s in business and real estate matters, said the public and law enforcement “are looking for some sort of conviction for those who want justice for Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman. Everyone wants to be the one that gets him.”

Experts also raised questions about the decision to release a man who police said carried a gun in the alleged holdup of two collectors at a Palace Station casino hotel room.

Walter Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., was released without bail, despite facing charges

almost identical to Simpson’s. Legal experts said that may indicate his testimony could be key to convicting Simpson.

An apparent audiotape of O.J. Simpson’s standoff with men he accused of stealing his memorabilia begins with the former NFL star demanding, “Don’t let nobody out of here.”

“Think you can steal my s--- and sell it?” the voice identified as Simpson’s said, in a recording released by celebrity news Web site TMZ.com.

A big hurdle for prosecutors will also be determining who owned the memorabilia _ everything from cleats worn by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana, to autographed baseballs, and Simpson’s Hall of Fame certificate.

Bruce Fromong, one of the sports memorabilia dealers who said he was robbed, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” on Monday that the items did not belong to Simpson.

“If you’re asking did they once belong to him, yes, they did,” Fromong said. “But these were things that belonged to him a long time ago.”

In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica returned \$33.5 million in judgments against Simpson in a wrongful-death lawsuit by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman’s father, Fred Goldman, said he intended to file requests in Los Angeles Superior Court on Tuesday to obtain ownership of the seized sports memorabilia for sale to satisfy the judgment.

“We’re going to presume that the bulk of the stuff is probably in police custody,” Cook said Monday by telephone.

Hill-hooray

Former mayor Webb says Clinton is most experienced hopeful

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER Former Mayor Wellington Webb says he signed on to Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign because he thinks the New York senator, more than any of the other Democratic hopefuls, has the experience to help her lead the country.

"As an American citizen, my main concern is who has the ability, the capacity to move this country in a different direction immediately," Webb said Tuesday.

Clinton's campaign announced Monday that Webb would serve as one of several national co-chairs advising the campaign.

Webb said he admires Clinton's rival, Sen. Barack Obama, and is friendly with other Democratic candidates including New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Sen. Chris Dodd. Webb, who is black, said he made his decision based on who had the best ability to govern the country and said neither race nor gender, nor his strong support for former President Bill Clinton, was a factor.

"In the West, we support the people that we think have the best capacity to do the job," said Webb, who served as mayor for 12 years.

Another former Denver mayor, Federico Pena, is serving as a co-chairman of Obama's campaign. Webb will serve as a Clinton campaign co-chair with about a dozen other lawmakers and officials including New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine and U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui of California. Clinton spokesman Isaac Baker said Webb, former president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is the first co-chair from the mountain West, and the campaign valued his expertise both in the region and on urban issues.

On the Republican side, former Gov. Bill Owens, Sen. Wayne Allard and Attorney General John Suthers have taken on honorary leadership roles with Mitt Romney's campaign. Independent pollster Floyd Ciruli said the GOP race is still more wide open than the Democratic race which may prevent more politicians from issuing endorsements now.

He said handing out co-chair jobs to state and municipal lawmakers help campaigns build support among party faithful during the primary season and he said co-chairs can be assured a good seat near their candidate at the convention. Later, if the candidates are successful, he said, they could also be in a good position to recommend people for jobs in the administration.

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Wellington Webb
Former Mayor

Ciruli said the endorsements by Webb and Pena shouldn't be a surprise. Even though Pena served in two cabinet positions under President Clinton, Ciruli said he was a relative political newcomer when he was elected mayor so it makes sense that he would align himself with the "outsider" candidacy of Obama. Ciruli said Webb, a former state lawmaker and city auditor, has been more active in the national Democratic Party and more aligned with the "pragmatic" branch of the party.

"I think the choices fit both their political careers and temperaments," Ciruli said.

Woman pleads not guilty in the case of brown lawn

By The Associated Press

OREM, Utah A 70-year-old woman arrested in a dispute over her brown lawn pleaded not guilty Tuesday, then stood by as a Los Angeles lawyer waved handcuffs for the cameras outside court.

"I ask the citizens of Orem: How many of you would like to have your great-grandmother taken from her home with bruises and blood and placed in handcuffs for failing to water her lawn?" Gloria Allred said.

"Let's bring sanity back to law enforcement," she said.

Betty Perry is charged with resisting arrest and failing to maintain her landscaping, both misdemeanors.

She was arrested July 6 after failing to give her name to a police officer who visited her home.

During a struggle, Perry fell and injured her nose. She spent more than an hour in a

holding cell before police released her.

The mayor and City Council apologized, and the police department said the incident could have been handled differently. But the city attorney still is pressing charges against Perry.

She pleaded not guilty and will return to court Oct. 11.

Allred is a noted feminist who has been involved in several high-profile cases, including representing Amber Frey, the girlfriend of Scott Peterson, who was sentenced to death for the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci.

A state investigation found Officer James Flygare acted properly in arresting Perry after trying to get her to cooperate.

Perry's water had been turned off for about nine months, at her request, although she was living at the house at the time of the arrest. Orem has a shut-off policy for people who are away for extended periods.



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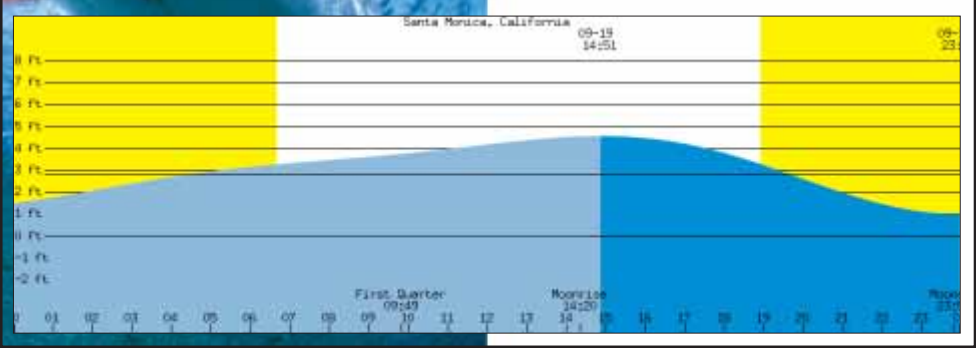
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

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ns -- no sample taken



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NFL

Offense flounders, but 'Niners are 2-0

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA Like any coach who values his job, Mike Nolan will take an iffy victory over an impressive defeat any week.

So he sees no problems with his San Francisco 49ers' improbable 2-0 start that can't be fixed — even though Nolan knows it'd be tough to look much worse while winning than his club did the last two weeks.

"It was a week of inconsistency again," Nolan said. "Just like I said last week, it's nice to come away from a win with things to work on."

Nolan called a "Victory Monday" at the 49ers' training complex, canceling team meetings and limiting his players to light workouts after returning from a 17-16 victory in St. Louis in which they managed just 186 total yards and eight first downs. San Francisco is off to its first 2-0 start since 1998 despite failing to gain 200 yards in either win.

Though the 49ers were dominated in most statistical categories again Sunday, they thrived with what looked like a series of remarkably good breaks: Nate Clements alertly forcing Torry Holt's fumble through the end zone; Frank Gore's remarkable 43-yard scoring run on fourth down; and Dante Hall's boneheaded misplay of a Niners punt, setting up Joe Nedney's winning field goal with 3:23 left.

Nolan knows all about the ugly details, but he doesn't want fans or his players to forget about that zero in the first-place 49ers' loss column after four consecutive losing campaigns.

"People expect — now they're expecting to win, so they're talking about how you (won)," Nolan said. "I don't recall anybody talking about that in the last two years. What that tells me is expectations are changing, and that means the most to me. If we're starting to talk about what kind of win it was, bring it on."

MLB

Aging Wells gives Dodgers a shot

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES David Wells knows his baseball career is almost over.

In fact, Wells thought he was finished last month when the San Diego Padres let him go.

"Yeah, absolutely," the 44-year-old left-hander recalled. "I sat home for three weeks, waited for a phone call. I went surfing, did the family thing, hung out with my sons. That's what you do, prepare for life after baseball, prepare for hunting season."

Although Wells believed he could still get the job done, he knew why the phone didn't ring right away _ he had an 0-3 record with a 14.33 ERA in his final four starts with the Padres, leaving him 5-8 with a 5.54 ERA in his 21st big-league season.

Finally, the pitching-desperate Los Angeles Dodgers paid a call, and Wells has provided the spark they needed on and off the field to remain in contention for a play-off berth.

"He's a big-game guy who's in the middle of something," pitching coach Rick Honeycutt said of Wells, 3-0 with a 3.91 ERA in four starts with the Dodgers. "He's got

The Niners' struggles didn't dampen the fun for defensive tackle Bryant Young, who has been to the heights of a Super Bowl title and the lows of a two-win season in his 14 years in San Francisco.

"We haven't been in this position in a long time," Young said. "We can't let our guards down. In the two wins we have, we didn't play our best football all around, (but) this league, it's something different now. Sometimes you're going to win ugly."

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Mike Nolan
head coach, San Francisco 49ers

Nolan saw plenty of blame to go around for his offense's struggles under new coordinator Jim Hostler, but the problems emanate from quarterback Alex Smith, who has a 69.1 passer rating without even throwing an interception. He's 26-of-48 for 252 yards — fewer than every full-time NFL starter except Buffalo's J.P. Losman.

In St. Louis, Smith threw just two passes in the direction of tight end Vernon Davis, who has been vocal about wanting the ball more. Nolan still has plenty of faith in his third-year quarterback, whose effectiveness has been limited by a struggling offensive line.

"I expect Alex to do his job and help us win the game," Nolan said. "He hasn't been a big turnover guy, but he's expected to make plays."

new life, new energy. He's a gritty veteran who's been there before.

"Our team needed somebody who we felt could go out there and give us a chance to win with. We needed new fire. And he's brought a looseness with him. His style is somewhat contagious. We can be a quiet team, and he's got some personality."

And Wells has also had success in the heat of a pennant race, as evidenced by his 39-25 lifetime record in September.

"Extra weight and a sense of humor," teammate Nomar Garciaparra replied with a smile when asked what the player known as Boomer has brought to the Dodgers. "I've played against him for so long _ he's such a competitor. And he's a great guy to have around the clubhouse. He just brings his own personality, which we all love and embrace."

Wells, scheduled to make his next start Tuesday in the nightcap of a doubleheader at Colorado, has been especially good in his last two outings, taking a perfect game into the sixth inning of a 6-2 win at San Francisco, and giving up four hits and three runs in six innings in a 6-3 victory over the Padres.

Wet for PETA

Naked Silverstone gets out of pool for TV spot

An animal rights group says **ALICIA SILVERSTONE** appears naked in a television ad promoting vegetarianism that was to debut Wednesday in Houston. The 30-second ad was to air about two dozen times in Houston on Wednesday, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said. PETA said Houston was picked for the commercial's launch because it is often high on lists of cities with unhealthy eating habits. Houston was named the sixth fattest city in the nation by Men's Fitness magazine this year. Silverstone is shown emerging from a swimming pool and talking about the benefits of being a vegetarian. She obscures the view of her body with her arms as she gets out of the pool, PETA said. "I wasn't always a vegetarian, but I've always loved animals," the 30-year-old actress said in a statement. "Physically, the effect has been amazing." Silverstone's screen credits include "Clueless" and "Batman & Robin."

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Puff mommy

'Weeds' matriarch Parker adopts baby from Africa

MARY-LOUISE PARKER has adopted a baby girl from Africa, her spokeswoman confirmed to People.com. When asked for comment Tuesday, Parker's spokeswoman, Tamar Salup, referred The Associated Press to the Web site. Parker, 43, has a 3-year-old son, Will, with ex-boyfriend Billy Crudup. The actress stars on Showtime's offbeat comedy "Weeds" as a newly widowed mother of two who starts selling marijuana to maintain her family's comfortable suburban lifestyle. Parker co-stars with Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford," which opens in theaters Friday. She won an Emmy Award for "Angels in America." She has won two Golden Globe Awards, one for "Angels in America," the other for "Weeds," and had a recurring role on NBC's "The West Wing." Her screen credits also include "Fried Green Tomatoes," "Boys on the Side" and "The Client."

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OH, NEVER MIND

THE SEX PISTOLS are reuniting for a concert to mark the 30th anniversary of their only album, "Never Mind the Bollocks." All four original members – John Lydon, Steve Jones, Paul Cook and Glen Matlock – will play a one-time concert at London's Brixton Academy on Nov. 8, the band announced Tuesday on the music Web site <http://www.nme.com>. The punk pioneers, who once sang there was "No Future," split in 1978 but reformed in 1996 and played together again in 2003. Last year they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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4:35, 7:00, 9:20
Dragon Wars (D-War) (PG-13)
2:25, 4:55, 7:10, 9:40
Ratatouille (G)
1:55
Silk (R)
2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

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3:10 to Yuma (R)
1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
Brave One, The (R)
1:25, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45
Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15
Stardust (PG-13)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
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Death at a Funeral (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
King Kong: a Fistful of Quarters, The (PG-13)
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
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2 Days in Paris
(Deux jours a Paris) (R)
1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
I Want Someone to Eat Cheese With (NR)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
In the Shadow of the Moon (PG)
1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
King of California (PG-13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

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Fierce People (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
Hairspray (PG)
12:20, 3:00
Halloween (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30
Nanny Diaries, The (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
5:40, 7:50, 10:00
Shoot 'Em Up (R)
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Superbad (R)
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Actress Alison Sweeney (1976)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are full of energy and moving so fast that you could be creating sparks wherever you run. A power play might be very uncomfortable, and handling it could be equally as tough. Stretch and find answers. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Relate on a one-on-one level in order to achieve the results you'd like. If you are tired or need extra help, ask a partner to pitch in. Jealousy could arise between different bonds. Use your diplomacy skills. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others determine the end results. You still need to relax. Others will make adjustments as long as they are not cornered. Be aware that many people could be acting out. Weigh foundations, security and a relationship. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You still might be focused on getting the job done. You might be pushed beyond your limits. As a result, you could snap or become accident-prone. Stop. Sip a cold drink of water. Center yourself. Tonight: Be available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be far more vulnerable than you realize. Are you pushing yourself too hard? Your finances could play a role. Avoid risk of any type – emotional or financial. You will be far happier if you do. Let your enormous creativity out. Tonight: Chill out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might feel that others are trying to push your buttons. Actually, people are just being themselves, though you might feel pressured by their actions. Revise your thinking and re-center. The end results will be better. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be willing to chat and open up. You might not like everything you hear, but it might be important to listen. Sometimes hearing the opposite point of view could prepare you or help you structure a stronger concept. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Listen to your instincts with a money matter rather than what others think. Do less and be more in touch with your needs and goals. If you feel constricted, relax and do nothing. OK? Tonight: Join a pal or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Though you still might be energized on some level, you feel under siege professionally. Others could challenge you left and right. If you relax, internalize and understand the issues around you, your approach might be different. Tonight: Pay bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take your time dealing with others. In fact, you might want to pull back and assume a low profile. You might need to transform several feelings until you understand what is going on. Trust a judgment. Tonight: Decide to go out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to decide to do something very differently from in the past. Others seem to be critical and a touch difficult. You might be bouncing through several situations trying to appease different people. Tonight: Vanish! You need a break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Allow others to take the lead, knowing ultimately that you are in control of your life. Don't allow someone to push you or coerce you into taking an action you would prefer not to. Tonight: How about a ballgame?

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Difficulty
GOLD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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8	9	5	7	6	2	3	4	1
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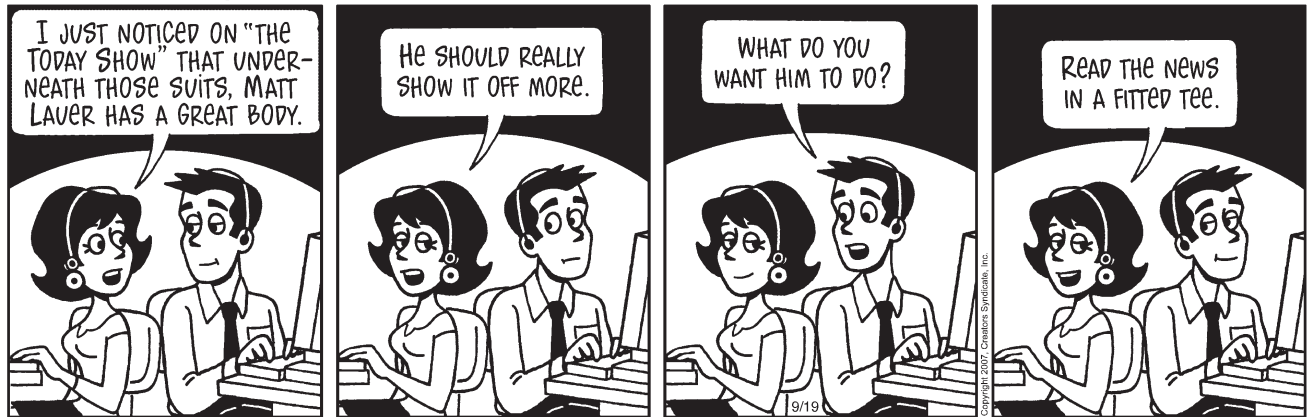
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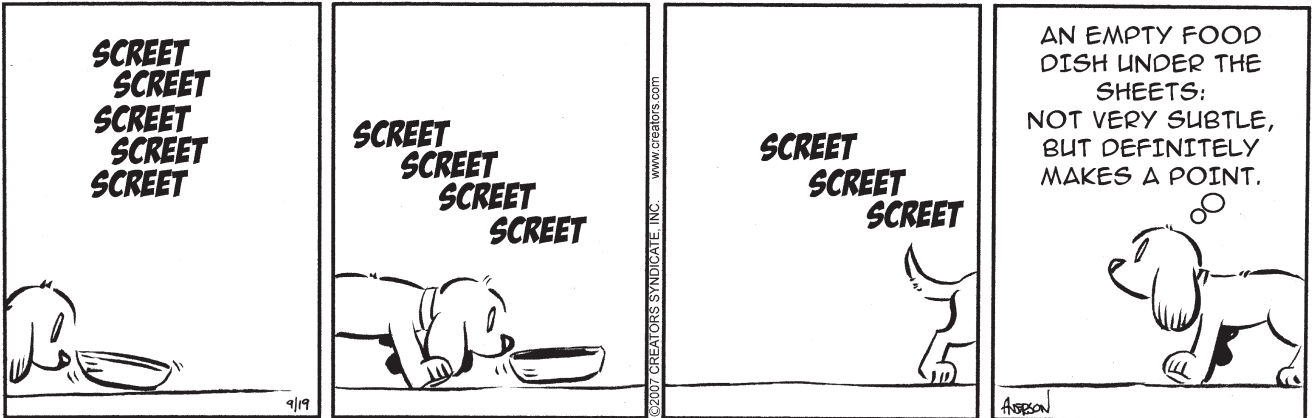
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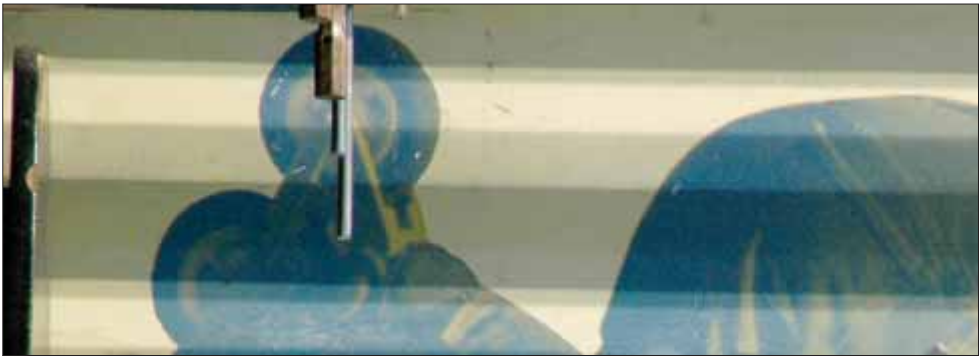
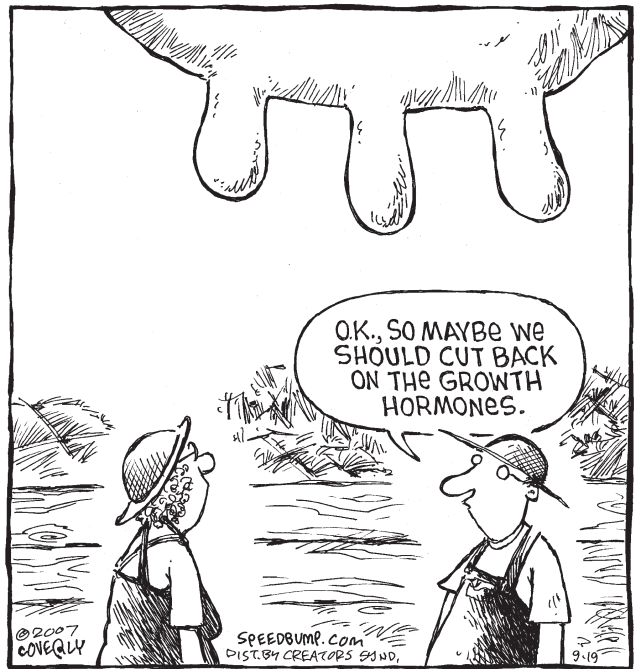
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Oasis setting
- 7 Weary word
- 11 Cure-all
- 12 Marching band instrument
- 13 Chad's place
- 14 Counterfeit cops
- 15 Space station of the 1970s
- 17 Sea dog
- 20 Bakery workers
- 23 2001 biopic
- 24 Habitual hoarder
- 26 Huck's pal
- 27 Pen fill
- 28 Marital promise
- 29 Opens a lock
- 31 Wee bite
- 32 Annoyance
- 33 They may clash
- 34 Fenway Park team
- 37 Agitate
- 39 Choose
- 43 Minnow's home
- 44 Quarterback Dan
- 45 Jason's ship
- 46 On cloud nine

DOWN

- 1 "Traffic" org.
- 2 Pole worker
- 3 Letter starter
- 4 Be real
- 5 "Casa-blanca" role
- 6 Serving aid
- 7 Set upon
- 8 Heavy-footed
- 9 Mayor Beame
- 10 —
- 16 Jazz phrases
- 17 Took notice

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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Companionless
- 19 Warming up for exercise
- 21 Police-car feature
- 22 Ceases
- 24 Heaped
- 25 Small worker
- 30 Carry too far
- 33 Superfluous
- 35 One or two
- 36 Milky gem
- 37 Place to relax
- 38 Craggy hill
- 40 In shape
- 41 Wallet bill
- 42 Scepter

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, addiction experts at an American Medical Association meeting discussed whether to consider "video game addiction" as a distinct mental illness (ultimately deciding to await further study), but one month later, in Reno, Nev., a couple in their early 20s were arrested and charged with abusing their two toddlers by ignoring them for long stretches of time while playing the game Dungeons & Dragons. According to prosecutors, Michael and Lana Straw had plenty of food in their house, but both babies were found severely malnourished and ill in a home marked by squalor except for the expensive computer equipment that occupied the couple nearly all their waking moments.

■ Prolific Fetishists: Maeyasu Kawamura, 60, indicted in Osaka, Japan, in June (8,000 stolen pieces of women's clothing); Shigeo Kodama, 54, arrested in Hiroshima in February (3,977 panties, 355 bras); a 27-year-old man, accused by police in Waukesha, Wis., in May (1,500 pairs of teenage girls' shoes); Chih Hsien Wu, 43, charged in Fort Collins, Colo., in May (1,300 undergarments belonging to Colorado State University women); Garth Flaherty, 24, charged in Pullman, Wash., in March (1,500 women's undergarments, weighing 93 pounds); Kevin Parrett, 51, sentenced in Faulkton, S.D., in May (800 women's undergarments); Dan Trompke, 37, sentenced in Kearney, Neb., in August (more than 500 women's undergarments).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1692 Giles Corey is pressed to death after refusing to plead in the Salem witch trials.

1777 First Battle of Saratoga/Battle of Freeman's Farm/Battle of Bemis Heights.

1778 The Continental Congress passes the first budget of the United States.

1796 George Washington's farewell address is printed across America as an open letter to the public.

1862 American Civil War: Battle of luka - Union troops under General William Rosecrans defeat a Confederate force commanded by General Sterling Price.

1863 American Civil War: Battle of Chickamauga.

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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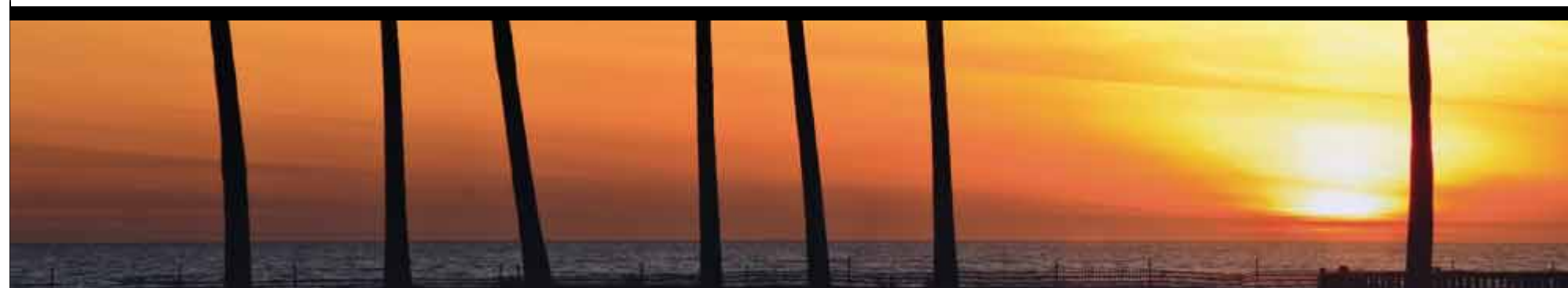




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