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Second murder suspect may not be charged

Community grieving over Samohi student murder

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The teenager who fought with slain Santa Monica High School sophomore Deanna Maran at a party Saturday has been arrested in connection with her murder but is no longer in police custody and may not be charged.

The unidentified 15-year-old's sister, Katrina Sarkissian, 17, had been charged with murdering Maran. But she collapsed Sunday during police questioning and died a few hours later. Her cause of death is expected from the Los Angeles Coroner's Department by the end of the week. Sources say the accused girl took sleeping pills, possibly to avoid murder charges.

Witnesses say that about 10:30 p.m., Maran, who was standing in the street in front of the house where the party was held in West Los Angeles, fought with the 15-year-old suspect. Partygoers broke up the fight, but another one ensued shortly after with Sarkissian, the suspect's older sister. Maran, 15, was subsequently stabbed

with an unknown weapon, according to police. Instead of calling for an ambulance, Maran's friends drove her to Santa Monica Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

Sarkissian and her 15-year-old sister were arrested about 2 p.m. Sunday. But after collapsing, Sarkissian was rushed to UCLA Medical Center where she died at 5:26 p.m., police said.

The unidentified 15-year-old was released to her parents Monday and is scheduled to be in court within 15 days, according to Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Jack Richter. It is unclear whether she will be tried as an adult or if the charges will be dropped entirely, he added.

"Just because she got into a fight with the girl doesn't mean that she had a part in her death," Richter said, adding juveniles usually are released to their parents. "Generally, unless they are a threat to society they are released and I don't believe she was charged with the murder itself. Apparently it was the 17-year-old that actually had done it."

Meanwhile, parents, students and the community are still reeling from the shock of losing Maran, who was an honors student and member of the track, volleyball and water polo teams.

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Andrew H. Fixmer/Special to the Daily Press

The Westside Food Bank warehouse in Santa Monica usually houses more food to distribute to the 65 different agencies in the area. The organization is sponsoring a food drive to keep the working poor and homeless fed through the holidays.

Not enough food to go around

Food banks spread thin; no turkeys for working poor and homeless this year

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

No need to look 3,000 miles away for effects of the terrorist attacks and subsequent market downturn, say local food banks.

Many community service agencies say they are struggling to fill the void left from diverted resources sent to help families in New York and Washington D.C., and the cut-back in donations attributed to the shrinking economy.

Also, increased unemployment — caused by everything from fewer people flying to fewer visiting — has left more people in southern California without work than in five years, causing the number of families depending on charity to swell, activists say.

"We feed the homeless — the lowest wrung of society — to seniors living on a fixed income," said Kimm Baersch, development director at the Westside Food Bank. "But the majority of our food goes to working poor families."

And the working poor, many of whom were the first cut at local airports and hotels, are swarming to local food pantries for relief.

"Many of these people before had to ask themselves 'Do I want to pay rent or buy

food this month?' and now they can't do either one," said Baersch. "Nobody should go hungry. There is plenty of food, it just takes a shift in the public's perception to get it to them."

But with increased need for aid at home and abroad, many community agencies are seeing their supplies spread thin, and many food bank officials say they will be unable to serve a traditional holiday dinner.

"This year it doesn't look like we'll be able to give out turkeys for Thanksgiving," said Jim Teutimez, an administrator for St. Ann's Catholic Church, adding St. Ann's feeds about 100 families a week. "Every year someone always comes through with a few turkeys, but not this year."

The amount of food the church distributes to families varies each week depending on how many people are in need and the amount of reserves they have available.

"There has been an influx of people who are out of work, and we have seen the number of people coming into our community center increase because of that," said Teutimez. "We're feeling the pressure but thankfully we have so far been able to take care of everybody."

The Ocean Park Community Center has seen a 50 percent drop in the number of turkeys donated this year.

"But it's way better than nothing," said Barbara Mork, project director at the center.

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Painting thrashed by forklift

By the Daily Press Staff

A Santa Monica woman has sued an Aspen moving company this month because a fine art painting she owns was allegedly torn apart by a forklift truck.

Darlene Vare filed her lawsuit against Aspen-based Columbine Moving and Storage Co. on the claim that her oil canvas titled, "Dream of Love," painted by 19th Century Italian artist Francisco Vine, was "severely damaged when a forklift truck was driven into the painting," the suit says.

As a result the painting sustained holes and tears to the canvas and the frame, and it diminished in value, Vare claims.

"Well, being in business 24 years, this happens," said Bill Ortmann, owner of Columbine Storage.

Vare's suit says Columbine handled the shipping of the art from her Aspen

home to her residence in Santa Monica. The painting was supposed to have a \$30,000 insurance policy on it in case it was damaged, the suit says.

But the suit claims there was no shipping insurance and Vare is seeking actual damages, along with exemplary and punitive damages, which are awarded on an increased scale.

Her suit also wants a jury trial and said she has suffered "emotional distress."

Ortmann, however, said his company contracted with Federal Express to ship the art. FedEx is not named in the suit.

"I don't think this is frivolous," Ortmann said. "I just think she is going up the wrong tree."

Ortmann, who was served a few weeks ago, also said Vare is still a "valued" customer and still uses his storage services.

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Excess marks your actions, Sag!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Good will marks most of your actions and statements today. The spirit of Thanksgiving touches all those around you. Stop and visit with an older relative or friend. Someone close to you might not have plans for the holiday. Make sure this person will be OK. Tonight: Get into the long-weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** All eyes turn to you for direction and leadership. Clear out work leftovers before you launch into Thanksgiving preparations. Don't forget to invite a special friend, who could otherwise be all alone. A last-minute demand could be aggravating, but it needs a response. Tonight: Be, perhaps, too responsible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Accept someone's offer. You know this person means well and knows how to make you smile. Romance builds for those open to the warming of a relationship. Be direct. Don't hem and haw. This person responds to clear messages. Tonight: Be clearly spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Deal with another's wild ideas directly. The two of you could be dangerous once you start brainstorming. You might be taken aback by another's responsiveness. Think twice before accepting an offer. Make sure you're both speaking the same language. Tonight: Let spontaneity guide you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Once more, someone surprises you, or actually shocks you. This person expresses a high energy level, though anger plays a major role in his reactions. Step back and take a hard look at your interaction here. What do you want from him? Tonight: Flow into the holiday mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** A last-minute problem could toss others into confusion. Focus on getting the job done, be it at home or at work. Others depend on your high energy and ability to follow through. Still, don't allow a friend to take advantage of your good will. Share your holiday mood. Tonight: Start doing what you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Another might be too direct for your taste, though you find his overture flattering. Handling this person takes more than your share of diplomacy. You could suddenly feel left out if you push too hard. Others react to how you approach this person. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Handle a family member directly. He often irritates you. Carefully review a situation that involves a child who might be unusually fragile. Tossing your hands in the air in frustration won't cut it. Assume greater responsibility. Tonight: Schedule some personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Excess marks your actions, but you don't care! Whatever you do, you do it with great theatrics. You say what you mean, and you mean what you say. People understand you. Check in with cohorts. Make sure everyone has plans for Thanksgiving. Tonight: Join a friend on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You tend to be generous on holidays. Demonstrate your thoughtfulness. Someone at work might need some help or something special. Ask the right question, and you'll get the right answer. Clear your desk before you take off. Don't forget an important call. Tonight: Stop and visit with a friend on your way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Be direct, especially if another hems and haws. You want answers. Let others know what you expect. Be prepared for someone to share more of his feelings. You also could be surprised at what you hear from others. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Indulge someone at a distance. You will find that both of you have a way of cheering each other on. You might even decide to spontaneously take off and join this person. Your perspective changes because of a parent's or boss's thoughts. Take your time. Refuse to rush. Tonight: Get some extra Zzz's.



WEATHER

Today ... Partly cloudy with a high of 72°F — Winds from the North Northwest at 7mph

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QUOTE of the DAY

“I have learned more from my mistakes than my successes.”

— Sir Humphry Davy

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LOCAL



Autopsy of murder suspect pending

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"Every parent needs to know about this," one parent said of the tragedy.

Grief counselors are helping students and parents understand how such a tragedy could have occurred. Parents met with faculty and counselors Monday night at the Santa Monica High School to search for answers.

Even police investigators wonder what went wrong and if Sarkissian really took her own life.

"It's a rather odd situation but we are talking about kids here. They don't have an understanding of our mortality," Richter said. "I guess things just escalated to a point that got out of control."



Deanna Maran

Hollywood may add gateway tower to its attractions

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Motorists cruising through Hollywood may soon see another attraction: a 30-foot-high glass tower.

Planners approved the project Monday and area leaders hope the tower will join other famous Tinseltown landmarks such as its hilltop sign and walk of stars.

The tower will sit on a median where Franklin and Wilcox avenues meet Cahuenga Boulevard. It will have three sides with water cascading into a fountain. The word "Hollywood" will be illuminated and run down the tower's sides.

The project also will include new bus stop benches, a garden and street lights.

The estimated cost of the project is \$658,000 and will be paid from a mixture of private and public funds.

The project was approved by a public works board but still needs the go-ahead from the City Council. Work could be completed in about six months, said planners.

One of the main goals, area residents said, is to drive crime away. The corridor has been known to harbor drug dealers and prostitutes but crime has dropped 50 percent over the past three years.

"We're turning the area around," said Merle Singer, president of the Yucca Corridor Coalition, a group of area property owners and others who have led the effort to clean up the streets.



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

St. Ann's Catholic Church usually gives turkeys away to the hungry for Thanksgiving, but because of the terrorists attacks the free birds are few and far between. The church feeds about 100 families a week.

Food drive continues through holidays for hungry, homeless Santa Monicans

FOOD BANK, from page 1

"We're very thankful we at least have these."

The community center, which serves 200 individuals daily, searches Santa Monica streets for the homeless, and helps them find shelter and a free meal.

"It looks like there are more families coming in (resulting) from a loss of income or because there is no income. There have been a significant number of layoffs in the area and Santa Monica isn't a cheap place to live," said Mork, adding the outreach center recently cut back giving sack lunches from all day to 9 a.m. to noon. Yet the center now gives out the same number of lunches during the restricted hours as it did during the day-long program.

"I'm very worried," said Mork.

At the 8,000-square-foot warehouse owned by the Westside Food Bank — which provides packaged and perishable food to 65 social service agencies in Santa Monica, Venice, Culver City, West Los Angeles, Inglewood, and West Hollywood — a new walk-in refrigerator sits largely empty, and the freezer won't be able to hold meat and other perishable items until it can be repaired.

To rejuvenate its supplies, the organization is holding a food drive until late next month at its 22nd Street warehouse, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

or at any number of bins stationed at local businesses.

The Westside Food Bank said it supplies 70,000 people each year with food — half of whom are children — on an \$800,000 annual budget.

"One extra can of tuna a week can make a real difference," said Baersch. "I mean how many latte's can we buy before we realize the same amount could really make a difference (feeding the poor)?"

SANTA MONICA FOOD BANKS

Where to make donations:

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1710 22nd Street
(310) 828-6016, ext. 11

St. Ann's Catholic Church:
2013 Colorado Blvd.
(310) 829-4040

Ocean Park Community Center:
1616 7th St.
(310) 450-4050, ext. 128

LETTERS

It's the cars, stupid

Editor:

Pedestrian gets hit by car on Montana Avenue in spite of new curb extensions, crosswalks and even construction zones. Some of my new neighbors and city councilman Kevin McKeown think the only way to stop bad driving and indifferent pedestrians is more traffic calming.

Guess what? It is obviously not working and it isn't stopping the reckless driving and the pedestrians who chronically dart out into Montana Avenue traffic. The obvious answer is traffic ENFORCEMENT — yet not one person you interviewed suggested more police presence.

There is no greater "traffic calmer" than a \$200 or \$350 ticket. The sooner Montana Avenue area residents and councilmen such as Kevin McKeown figure that out, all our streets will be safer for everyone.

— Bill Bauer
Santa Monica

Refreshing daily

Editor:

I love the sense of humor of the paper: "Serving Santa Monica since Tuesday." (reminds me of a radio station where I worked called KSAN. Written on the plaque outside our financial district building was "A San Francisco Tradition since 1968"... but that joke was a lot funnier in 1978 than it is now ... please forgive me.)

The other funny thing was reading in the very first issue, on the CROSSWORD page: "Yesterday's answer." Hmmm. Thanks anyway for the freebie without me having to do any work!

Keep picking it fresh.

— H. Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Parking information now available on city web

By the Daily Press Staff

Finding parking just became easier in Santa Monica, with the help of a new section of the city's website at <http://parking.santa-monica.org>. Maps, driving directions, addresses, hours of operation and parking rates are listed for the city's 36 parking lots and structures in the downtown, mid-city, Main Street, the beach or the Santa Monica Pier areas. A printable map also is available to take on the road with you. The new parking information section, which includes details about the Tide Shuttle and Beach/Pier Shuttle, can be easily accessed from the "Quick Index" on the city's home page, as well as from the navigation bars located in the "Residents" and "Visitors" centers.

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NATIONAL

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Bride dies in church on wedding day

By the Associated Press

READING, Pa. — A 67-year-old bride collapsed and died on her wedding day inside the church where she was to be married.

The processional had just begun Sunday and Mary Beaumont was waiting to enter the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary from a side entrance when she collapsed in a hallway. Her fiancée, Frederick Nordstrom, 71, was waiting at the altar.

"It was a very, very sad event, one of the saddest of any ministry experience I've ever had," said the Rev. George H. Goodrich Jr., the pastor who was to preside at the wedding.

An autopsy Monday concluded that Beaumont died of heart failure.

It was to have been a second marriage for both Beaumont and Nordstrom. Beaumont's husband died in 1999. Nordstrom's wife died in 1998.

Beaumont and Nordstrom met through the Reading Junior League and began courting after their spouses died. They moved into the same apartment building together, living in separate apartments.

Watercraft operator dies in high-speed collision with flying duck

By the Associated Press

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — A man dashing across a lake on a customized personal watercraft at about 55 mph was killed in an apparent collision with a flying duck.

Leon Resnick, an employee of Riva Yamaha, was testing the water jet-propelled craft Thursday on a lake about 20 miles north of Fort Lauderdale, investigators said Monday.

A co-worker who was watching turned to pick up a radar gun to check Resnick's speed, and when he turned back Resnick was no longer aboard the craft.

Resnick, 31, of Hollywood, died of a blow to his head, the Broward County medical examiner's office said.

"Our theory is that the bird was airborne and clocked him in the head," said David Bamdas, an owner of the dealership.

At the speed Resnick was traveling, the 10- to 15-pound duck "might as well have been a cinder block," Bamdas said.

The bird's carcass was found nearby and there were feathers on the water bike's handlebars, said Broward County sheriff's spokesman Hugh Graf.

Gummin' it up in York

By the Associated Press

YOE, Pa. — Puffed up with pride over an unintended mention of its unusual name on Bazooka Bubble Gum wrappers, a tiny York County borough has named the pink, chewy product its official gum.

The action was prompted by the uncommon spelling of the idiomatic salutation "Yoe!" on a series of 75 Bazooka Joe comics in gum wrappers currently on sale.

The spelling is the same used by Yoe Borough, home to about 1,000 in one-fifth of a square mile.

"However inadvertent it may have been, our borough's name has been used as an attention-getting greeting by Bazooka for the past four years," said Sam Snyder, Yoe Council president. "It is important for the borough to acknowledge Bazooka and say 'Yoe! back at ya.'"

The gum, which has been wrapped in the comics since 1953, is made by The Topps Co.

Topps officials said that "Yoe!" was supposed to be a greeting that recalled the "Rocky" movies, as in, "Yo! Adrian."

Elephant recount

By the Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Jonas, an African elephant at Lisbon Zoo, will be among those having to adapt to the new euro currency.

Jonas is the latest in a long line of elephants at the zoo that ring a bell when a coin is placed in their trunk by visitors. As a reward, Jonas gets a tasty snack from a keeper.

The keepers have taught him to accept only coins of 20 escudos or higher, which are silver in color. Anything smaller he tosses away.

But on Jan. 1, Portugal and 11 other European Union countries switch to a common currency, the euro, and the escudo coins will be phased out.

The nearest equivalent to 20 escudos is the 10-cent coin, which is a pale bronze color.

"It'll be a problem but he'll just have to learn to work with euros," said Manuel Silva, one of his keepers. "He'll learn quickly."

NATIONAL



Economy continues to struggle; no sign of rebound

BY LISI DE BOURBON

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — An important gauge of future U.S. economic activity rose 0.3 percent in October, though analysts cautioned it was premature to suggest the slumping economy is poised to rebound.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Index of Leading Economic Indicators edged up to 109.4 in October, following a 0.5 percent decline in September and a 0.1 percent drop in August.

The index indicates where the overall U.S. economy is headed in the next three to six months. It stood at 100 in 1996, its base year.

The economic fallout from the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington was responsible for the precipitous

decline in September, said Ken Goldstein, economist for the New York-based Conference Board.

But that drop, the largest one-month decrease since January 1996, wouldn't have been as sharp absent the attacks, thereby improving the October reading, he said.

"If (the attacks) make September look worse, it would then follow that they're making October look better than it actually was," he said.

Goldstein said the housing and labor sectors, two components of the index, continued to struggle in October. But that weakness was offset by a recent rise in stock prices and the Federal Reserve's interest rate cutting campaign, he said.

The central bank has cut rates 10 times this year to shore up the economy, and is expected to cut rates again when it meets next month.

But Michael Swanson, senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis, downplayed the impact of the Fed's actions.

"We can control monetary policy, but that doesn't necessarily make people feel better off instantaneously," Swanson said. "What we can't control and what people put more value on is employment and factory orders."

In a separate report released earlier Tuesday, the Commerce Department said the U.S. trade deficit narrowed by a record amount in September to \$18.7 billion. Although the deficit in manufactured goods rose, it was offset by huge payments by foreign insurance companies due to the attacks.

The Conference Board is a nonprofit research and business group, with more than 2,700 corporate and other members around the world.

Terrorist leaders have \$25 million pricetag on their heads

BY MATT KELLEY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military hopes that Afghans seeking a \$25 million reward, not American soldiers, will creep through caves hunting for top al-Qaida terrorist leaders.

The bounty offered for Osama bin Laden and his top aides, plus additional reward money from the CIA, should encourage "a large number of people to begin crawling through those tunnels and caves, looking for the bad folks," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

U.S. special forces and CIA operatives for some time have been spreading the word on the ground that money would be given to Afghans who cooperate with the campaign to get bin Laden and Taliban leaders. Starting Sunday, the rewards also were publicized on Air Force radio broadcasts and in leaflets dropped over Afghanistan, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Tuesday.

The U.S. hunt for terrorist leaders has already met with some success. The Nov. 14 airstrike on a building south of Kabul that killed al-Qaida's military chief, Mohammed Atef, also killed another 50 al-Qaida members, several senior Taliban officials, and an undisclosed number of Taliban fighters, said a U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

At a Monday news conference, Rumsfeld also said the United States would not allow Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar to leave his hometown of Kandahar, even if the anti-Taliban forces surrounding the city offer him safe passage. Rumsfeld added that he hopes Taliban and al-Qaida fighters holding the northern Afghan town of Kunduz are killed or captured, not released.

"The idea of their getting out of the

country and going off to make their mischief somewhere else is not a happy prospect," he said. "So my hope is that they will either be killed or taken prisoner."

Speaking on the 44th day of U.S. bombing in Afghanistan, President Bush said the military was closing in on bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "The noose is beginning to narrow," Bush said.

"If our military knew where Mr. bin Laden was, he would be brought to justice," Bush said following a Cabinet meeting. Asked whether he had evidence that U.S. forces were closing in on bin Laden, Bush said, "It's going to be hard to tell you that without compromising the search, except I can point to the map of Afghanistan, where more and more territory are now in friendly hands."

Rumsfeld was more cautious. "As enemy leaders become fewer and fewer, that does not necessarily mean that the task will become easier," he said. "People can hide in caves for long periods. This will take time."

He denied reports that U.S. intelligence has defined a narrow search area for bin Laden and his associates.

"To try and think that we have them contained in some sort of a small area I think would be a misunderstanding of the difficulty of the task," he said.

If the job of finding bin Laden falls to the U.S. military, it will require different kinds of troops than the special operations forces now in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld said. He did not elaborate, but other officials have said an infantry unit like the Army's 10th Mountain Division might get the assignment.

Rumsfeld said the special forces in Afghanistan — now numbering several hundred — had not yet pursued any

Taliban or al-Qaida leaders into neighboring Pakistan. "If one of those folk that we particularly wanted was known" to be crossing a border, "we might have an early intensive consultation with the neighbors," he added.

To spread word of the \$25 million reward for getting bin Laden and a "select few" of his lieutenants, the U.S. military is dropping local-language leaflets over Afghanistan "like snowflakes in December in Chicago," Rumsfeld said.

Intelligence officials believe bin Laden is in a rural area of the country, not under northern alliance control — meaning either southeast of Kandahar or around cities like Jalalabad in the east.

In the past, bin Laden has traveled with

at least a small, armed security force, and he's believed to now use people as couriers, because he knows the United States can eavesdrop on his phone conversations.

Although bin Laden might try to flee Afghanistan, many believe he is more likely to go underground. During the war against the Soviet Union in the 1980s, he spent millions from his personal fortune to create a network of underground hideouts and fortified bunkers out of an ancient network of water trenches.

Rumsfeld said he would travel to Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the Army Special Operations Command, on Wednesday to receive a briefing on special operations and talk with troops.

Chicken and rum may go a long way in Island elections

By the Associated Press

CASTRIES, St. Lucia — As St. Lucia prepares for elections next month, a family feud is brewing between a prominent political figure and his son, who is forming a satirical political party.

Humorist Christopher Hunte, 27-year-old son of the foreign affairs minister, has formed the Staff Party as an alternative to politicians who he says try to woo voters by offering them "chicken and rum." The Staff party's symbol is a rum bottle.

The younger Hunte offered his party's own "stupid" promises for the Dec. 3 election, such as granting St. Lucians holiday after holiday. He also proposed setting up a register of people who commit fraud "because they get away with it all the time."

His father, Julian Hunte, who also is the campaign manager for the governing St. Lucia Labor Party, said last week that he was he was embarrassed by his son's actions.

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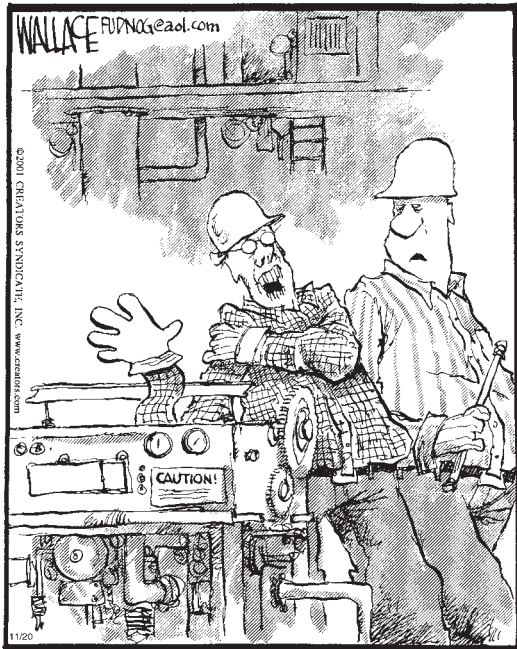


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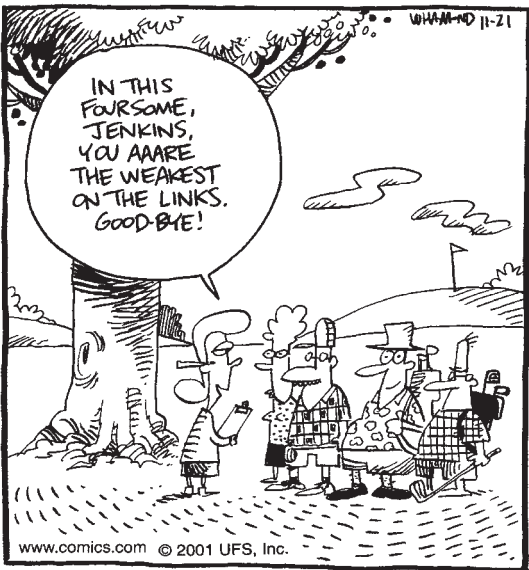
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 - 7 Study feverishly
 - 11 Matador's foe
 - 12 Will name
 - 13 Connects
 - 14 Tacks on
 - 15 Takes care of
 - 17 Indiana city
 - 20 Restrains
 - 23 Epoch
 - 24 Like some miniseries
 - 26 Conducted
 - 27 Millinery buy
 - 28 Social page word
 - 29 Fellows with flies
 - 31 Break
 - 32 Play a banjo
 - 33 Hotel features
 - 34 Singer Franklin
 - 37 Traffic jam sound
 - 39 Get back
 - 43 Goad on
 - 44 Wake up
 - 45 Monopoly card
 - 46 Gasp for breath
- DOWN
- 1 Go below the horizon
 - 2 Actor Wallach
 - 3 Had a bite
 - 4 Popular cow name
 - 5 Buffalo's lake
 - 6 Finished
 - 7 Flirt with, British-style
 - 8 Sunset shade
 - 9 Succor
 - 10 Wife's title
 - 16 High-landers
 - 17 Fancy parties

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Yesterday's answer

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- 19 Football star of the '20s
- 21 Deli need
- 22 Flight units
- 24 Motif
- 25 Battle
- 30 Hid in the shadows
- 33 Strips for breakfast
- 35 Snare
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- 37 Paul Newman film
- 38 Mine yield
- 40 Ump's call
- 41 Exploit
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Loose body parts lying around

Mohegan Lake, N.Y. — Jack Wilke filed a lawsuit in August against the police in Reedsburg, Wis., because, when he asked for his wife's "personal effects" back after her suicide, they gave him only a container holding some actual internal organs. And as part of a Charleston, W.Va., wrongful-firing lawsuit, it was revealed in August that the box of remains of murder victim David Allen Williams, which the medical examiner sent to his sister in 1998, were by mistake deer bones, which the sister unknowingly had cremated. And the parts (nose, scalp, teeth) that startled a woman when she found them in her attic in September were later revealed to be her late husband's souvenirs of his 1981 plastic surgery.

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BACK PAGE

Singing condoms weapons in AIDS war

BY BEN HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey — To wear a condom or not to wear a condom?

That is the question Turkey's Health Ministry is posing to young people, enlisting Shakespeare, Chinese history and a chorus of singing condoms in an effort to spread awareness about the dangers of AIDS.

With the help of UNICEF, the ministry has produced a handbook to educate young people on the dangers of AIDS and the importance of condoms — often a taboo subject in a country that is largely Muslim and conservative, but where sex

before marriage is becoming more common.

Officials say the book marks a departure from the ministry's usual dry, factual style.

"It's a new approach. We're trying to address young people in a jokey style that they will identify with," said Dr. Unal Ertugrul of the ministry's department for monitoring sexually transmitted diseases.

The book, which will be handed out free to young people in universities, cafes and cinemas, aims to address what authorities see as a dangerous ignorance about contraception and sexually transmitted diseases.

Titled "Never Without My Guardian

Angel," the handbook's cover features a chorus of condoms singing a verb conjugation: "I protect, you protect, he protects, we protect."

The booklet combines information about AIDS and practical tips on protection against the disease with a series of slogans that draws on sources from Shakespeare to folk songs.

"Embrace me, hug me, wrap me in a condom," one slogan reads, adapting a folk song.

"To wear or not to wear, that is the question," reads another, playing on Hamlet's soliloquy.

There is also a history section.

"How did we get like this?" a young

condom asks its grandfather.

In reply, the elderly condom runs through the history of male contraception, from Chinese silk paper and Egyptian papyrus, through Europeans fumbling with fish bladders, to the invention of latex.

The book's approach is lighthearted but it aims to address a serious information gap about sexually transmitted diseases. A recent study by Ankara's Hacettepe University found that just 14 percent of Turks use condoms.

Turkey only introduced sex education in state schools last year. Turkey had about 1,200 registered cases of AIDS as of June, Ertugrul said.

Stone Temple Pilots lead singer arrested in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — The lead singer of the alternative rock band Stone Temple Pilots spent 12 hours in a Las Vegas jail Monday after getting into a fight with his wife at the Hard Rock hotel-casino.

Scott Weiland, 38, and the rest of the band performed at the Hard Rock Monday night. Another show was scheduled for Tuesday.

"The concerts are on, and nothing has been canceled," said Tanya Tumminia, a Hard Rock spokeswoman.

Weiland was booked into the Clark County jail at 2:26 a.m. Monday on one count of domestic battery after a fight with his wife late Sunday in a room at the Hard Rock, Las Vegas police said.

He posted \$3,000 bail and was released about 2:30 p.m. Monday after the mandatory 12-hour jail stay required following a domestic violence arrest, the Las

Vegas Sun reported Tuesday.

Las Vegas police officers arrested Weiland after speaking with him and his wife, Mary Weiland, 26. She had bruises on her left and right biceps.

Weiland, who has a history of drug addiction, argued with his wife in their room at the Paradise Road hotel about 9 p.m. Sunday over a prescription he was going to have filled, police said.

The couple's 18-month-old son also was in the room, according to a police report.

"He wanted to leave the room to pick up a prescription. He has a history of drug use, and I was scared of what might happen if he took those pills," Mary Weiland said in a police report.

"He tried to remove me from the door and, as time went on, he got more physical with me by hitting me

against a wall and stepping on me."

Scott Weiland said in the report that a doctor prescribed the medication for torn cartilage in his knee. He said he tried to persuade her to move away from the door.

"She was very physical and verbally abusive," he said in the report.

Scott Weiland also said he told his wife during the argument that they should get a divorce, the report states.

Mary Weiland called hotel security personnel, who called the police.

Weiland has been arrested in other cities on drug-related charges and has spent several months in jail. He was released from jail in January 2000 and, after a stint in drug rehabilitation, married model Mary Forsberg in May 2000 in Los Angeles.

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