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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In September, health officials in Macerata, Italy, rescued a 57-year-old woman identified only as Carmela, after a brother reported he wouldn't be able to keep delivering food to her. It turns out that Carmela had become fearful of influenza 26 years ago, had sealed the windows of her apartment, and had not ventured out the entire time except to collect the food her brother left at her door. She weighed about 65 pounds and had hair 7 feet long, and workers required respirators to enter the home.

■ Peggy Sue Hesskew, 44, was arrested in Kerrville, Texas, in November after she made a down payment to a hit man (actually, an undercover police officer) for a contract on her ex-husband. She made the contract even though the Kerrville Daily Times had reported the day before that police were on the lookout for a woman who had been asking around town for hit men. "You don't get the paper?" asked the magistrate when she was arrested. "I was out of town," she said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 332nd day of 2006.
There are 33 days left in the year.

1942 Nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

1979 An Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

WORD UP!

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To be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or to avoid committing oneself to anything definite.

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STATE

Lifeguards respond to crash at sea

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAN PEDRO — A small plane crash off the coast here over the holiday weekend claimed the life of a man instrumental in introducing the Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle to the United States.

Los Angeles County Fire Department units and Ocean Lifeguards responded to the Saturday afternoon call about a quarter-mile off the coast of White Point County Beach.

David Hermance, 59, of Huntington Beach, reportedly crashed an Interavia E-3 plane around 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, according to officials with the county fire department.

"It's a high-performance aerobatics plane you can use for stunts," said Ian Gregor, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. "He was practicing aerobatics."

The crash reportedly occurred

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Puffing in peace

WARNINGS: No fines issued as smoking ban takes effect



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LUCKY STRIKES: Santa Monica Police Explorer Frank Cornejo, 19, hands out brochures to smokers on the Third Street Promenade last Friday, warning smokers they are subject to \$250 fines for firing up in public places targeted by the sweeping restriction approved by City Council last month.

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The anti-puff campaign went into effect on Thanksgiving Day, but enforcement was nonexistent over the four-day weekend, allowing smokers to light up without fear of repercussions.

Though the ban on smoking in public areas went into effect on Nov. 23, Santa Monica Police officers do not plan to write the hefty \$250 fine for violators until after Jan. 1, said Public Information Officer Capt. Alex Padilla.

"For the first couple of months, we're giving just a verbal warning and advice, especially in the downtown area," Padilla said Monday.

"After the first of the year, we'll definitely start handing out tickets."

Notification, not citation, is usually the case when the city passes local ordinances that keep tourists in the dark until news spreads, Padilla said.

Smoking is now prohibited in most outdoor places, including public parks, beaches, the Santa Monica

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Taking the long road

The Santa Monica High School Junior Varsity cross country team shapes up recently along the Santa Monica Boardwalk.

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Targeting deadbeats

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The county is making "slow, steady progress" toward ensuring that divorced or absent parents pay proper child support, but is still securing less than half of what's owed, officials said.

Officials helped collect 45 percent of what parents owed their children, up from less than a third in 2000, when state authorities prompted Los Angeles County to reform its system, county child services chief deputy Steven Golightly said this week.

Golightly said underfunding by the state is keeping the agency from collecting more child-support payments. The county's child-support case-

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Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Winter Wine Samplings

Sheraton Delfina, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Artisan cheeses and breads, along with different tapas from our kitchen will be served in conjunction with the wines.

Holiday Bazaar

Olympic collection, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Over 50 vendors will be on hand to help you with your holiday shopping.

Congresswoman Jane Harman's film screening and discussion on 'Iraq for Sale'

Mar Vista Public Library, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
U.S. congresswoman Jane Harman cordially invites you to join her for a film screening and discussion on 'Iraq for Sale: The War of Profiteers.'

Invitation to Groove

Sheraton Delfina, 7 p.m. - Midnight.
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NATIONAL

It's a strange world out there — just ask Ripley's

By The Associated Press

Believe it or not, another collection of Ripley's oddities has been published.

"Ripley's Believe It Or Not!: Expect ... the Unexpected" is the third volume in the series and features all-new examples of just how weird the world can be.

The new volume has hundreds of facts and photos about offbeat people, unusual animals, unfamiliar customs, bizarre happenings and fantastic feats — as well as some fantastic feet, including those of the Californian with size 29-1/2 feet and the woman in China who functions normally although her feet face backward.

Here are some oddities that readers are free to believe or — well, you know:

■ A carbon-filament 4-watt light bulb has been burning in the Livermore, Calif., fire department since 1901, making it the world's oldest-known working light bulb (and perhaps the only one with its own Web site: www.centennialbulb.org.)

■ In 2005, a 25-year-old man from Calgary, Alberta, caught a boiled egg, thrown from 275 feet away, in his mouth.

■ A letter mailed to a town in Germany in 1718 was finally delivered — in 2004.

■ In Switzerland, some mountain glaciers are wrapped in aluminum foil during the summer to keep them from melting.

■ A 26-year-old Croatian woman fell 40 feet from her apartment window in 2005 and survived after landing on her feet.

■ The mouth of a hyena is so tough that the animal can chew a glass bottle without being cut.

■ A woman in Kent, England, won a loudest scream contest by reaching 129 decibels, about the level of a pneumatic drill.

■ And a slice of singer Justin Timberlake's half-eaten French toast fetched \$4,000 on eBay. But that included syrup and a fork.

ON THE NET

Ripley's Believe It or Not!
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All up in their grill

Members of the Santa Monica Police Department investigate the scene of a multi-car accident at the intersection of Colorado Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard on Monday, shortly after noon. While none of the injuries were deemed life threatening, one of the occupants was transported to a local hospital after complaining of chest pains, according to SMPD Capt. Alex Padilla.

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CONSENT AGENDA

New cop cars getting tricked out

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little discussion from elected officials or the public, having been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The Santa Monica Police Department could be brought up to speed with equipment for its new fleet of vehicles if City Council approves a \$1.4 million purchasing order tonight.

As part of the city's plan to phase out all outdated vehicles, the SMPD is expected to receive a fleet of patrol cars, specialized emergency response vehicles and administrative vehicles over the next three years. The contract expected to be approved tonight would authorize AirWave Communications Enterprises Inc., of San Mateo, Calif., to equip the new cars.

Each of the vehicles would come ready with warning and emergency lighting equipment and a police radio. Certain cars would also sport prisoner transport systems, computers and cameras, depending on their usage.

Airwave was one of three companies that submitted a proposal in response to a request filed in October. It beat out the competition by exceeding criteria in pricing, qualifications, experience and workmanship standards, according to a staff report.

Authorizing an agent licensed in installing police equipment is expected to be considerably less expensive than asking the equipment's manufacturer to perform the same task. The manufacturer offers dis-

counts on equipment to vendors, but the markdowns are not available to customers, such as the city, according to the report.

"Therefore, utilizing the services of a company that specializes in equipping police vehicles will reduce costs and provide a higher quality installation that will help extend the life of the equipment installed in the vehicle," said Acting Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks.

Approximately \$387,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund will help pay for the new cars' equipment needs during fiscal year 2006-07. Funding for subsequent years will be appropriated by council and will not

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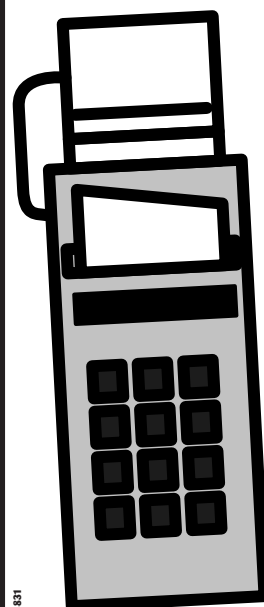
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EDITORIAL

Let's hear what Weller had to say

Few could blame the victims and all those touched by the Farmers' Market tragedy of three years ago for wanting a piece of the man responsible, but even a piece has proven elusive.

The collective frustration left in the wake of George Russell Weller's Buick LaSabre — the car he used to plow through the bustling open-air marketplace on Arizona Avenue, killing 10 people and injuring 68 others — only mounts as subsequent civil court trials get postponed, defendants get dismissed and the man at the center of it all gets probation.

Making matters worse, through it all, there has been no word from Weller.

Due to reports of his declining health, Weller was excused from appearing at his criminal trial, and even his sentencing, despite being found guilty on 10 counts of manslaughter. Throughout the ordeal, victims and witnesses testified as to what Weller said following the catastrophic crash. Meanwhile, members of Weller's family spoke to the remorse that the 89-year-old still feels today, more than three years later, though no one outside his 25th Street home would have any way of knowing that.

LA Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson concluded after the trial that Weller "displayed enormous indifference" to human life and seemed to care only about himself following the accident, going so far as to lie to police to protect himself. So what's to change the public perception of Weller that he remains stubborn and defiant?

At the Nov. 20 sentencing, Weller's nephew, Dr. Robert Bone, said that his uncle accepted responsibility for the accident and has expressed remorse. It just took him a couple years "to understand the extent of the tragedy."

Still, the victims don't know that to be true.

With his criminal trial now behind him and his sentence to five years probation in the books, the time is right for Weller's family and friends to come forward and reveal what George Russell Weller said to them in relation to the crash. At least give the victims the satisfaction of hearing an apology in Weller's own words. They deserve that much.

Meanwhile, the uncomfortable silence continues, with Weller's defense team appealing the guilty verdict, further prolonging any semblance of healing and closure. The attorneys are only feeding the perception that Weller is detached from the events of July 16, 2003, and has indeed moved on, living out the rest of his days at home.

The victims' calls for justice, if not a little symbolic bloodletting, are to be expected in light of losing loved ones to a tragic incident that not only might have been prevented, but one for which no one seems to have been made accountable. The Weller family should step forward, issue a statement in the words of Weller, and let the criminal case stand so that the victims can likewise get on with the rest of their lives.

Snuff cigarettes and pass the pot



WHAT'S THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

I'm a smoker. Well, I used to be. I grew up in a household where my father smoked three packs of Viceroy a day and my brother smoked three packs of Marlboro reds. I grew up hating the smell, the dirt from the ashes and the fact that my clothes smelled like I was a smoker. My godmother was a fierce smoker, and so were her sister, brother and daughter.

This was the late '60s and early '70s, when seemingly everyone around me smoked but my mother.

I swore as a young man that I wouldn't smoke. That lasted right up until it was "Casablanca" night in college, freshman year. I can remember the night as clearly as if it happened yesterday.

This was on the East Coast, so everybody had overcoats and hats. So of course, when you're going to see the quintessential Humphrey Bogart movie, you have to don the entire look. And who could possibly look like Humphrey Bogart, wearing a fedora and overcoat without a cigarette — a Lucky Strike, specifically.

There I was, in the hallway as we gathered, and my best friend took a pack of Luckys, shook it just so — in that way that a seasoned smoker can — to get just one or two cigarettes to pop out, and he said to me, "Come on, you gotta have one." And that was all it took.

I was off and running on a two-pack-a-day habit for the next 10 years. I love smoking. I wish I could have just one, every now and then. But I can't. I'm a smoker. If I have one, I'll have a carton by the end of the week. My law partner can have just one. I hate him for that.

It's an addiction all right ... a mighty hard one to quit. It took me many tries to finally quit. I like to say that I just woke up one morning and I was done. Which is true for the final time I quit. But there were many, many, many "This is my last cigarettes" and "I'm never smoking agains."

I think I lived with so much nicotine in my house as a kid that I was a smoker from the get go. If the studies are right, that second-hand smoke can harm you, then, certainly having two smoke-breathing nicotine fiends in my house helped me get the addiction in the first place.

I'd like to blame them all for the years I spent smoking. But the honest to God truth is, I made the decision to smoke. Sure, the environment I grew up in was a contributing factor, but that was my parents' choice. They chose to raise me in a tobacco-filled house. But I'm the one who chose to put a Lucky

Strike in my mouth and suck deep.

Cigarettes are legal to buy, to own and to smoke — just not in public anymore.

On Nov. 23, 2006 — Thanksgiving Day — the outdoor smoking ban went into effect in Santa Monica. How ironic that on the day that celebrates the friendship of the Indians and the pilgrims, Santa Monica turned its back on the gift the Indians gave us.

I also find it very ironic that this is the same city that decided marijuana possession for personal use should be the lowest enforcement priority of the police department. As a city, we are more concerned with our ability to take a joint than to smoke a butt. That's irony, folks.

For the record, marijuana is one arm of the War on Drugs that our country is fighting, tobacco is not.

Tobacco farming is a multi-billion dollar, global enterprise. It provides incomes for thousands of people and has played a major role in our development as a nation. Globally, it contributes to the development of most Third World economies.

Marijuana is also a multi-billion dollar, global enterprise. It provides incomes for thousands of people and contributes to the development of many Third World economies. Tobacco is virulently addictive. Marijuana doesn't appear to have the same addictive properties.

The intelligent voters recognize that pot is just like drinking. Some like it, some don't. Some outgrow its use, some don't. Most people who smoke pot will eat a bag of Doritos, two pints of ice cream and go to sleep. It seems to me that most of us who have tried pot outgrow it. The fact that it is illegal is irrelevant to its use by most people.

Drinking is a legal drug. Most people don't abuse alcohol. Some people drink every day, others once a year. Some pot smokers smoke every day, others once a year. Drunk driving causes far more accidents than people who are high on pot. Yet we spend millions of dollars each year to regulate alcohol use, and in trying to eradicate pot use. We have laws against drunk driving, and driving under the influence. Billions of dollars are spent by the liquor industry to get us to drink, and billions of dollars are spent annually to get us to limit our drinking.

It seems like the voters see a reality that the politicians don't. The voters see that pot use is a minor issue, and the politicians see that tobacco smoking is a major issue. At least it's enough of an issue that they can get some "good press" off of it, by looking to be "tough on smoking."

Does any of this make sense? Not to me. I don't understand why we are criminalizing a legal product and essentially legalizing an illegal product.

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COMMUNITY BRIEF



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day and his daughter Teagan work the runway for the Coalition of Clean Air's fourth annual fashion show. The elder O'Day sports a Timberland black wool jacket and Norm Thompson khaki pants, while Teagan O'Day models an Eco-baby organic cotton dress and hand-crocheted beanie by Hats by Diane.

Clearing the air through fashion

By Daily Press staff

Over 15 of California's top public officials walked the runaway for The Coalition for Clean Air's fourth annual fashion show, "Clean Air. . . Always in Fashion" at the Wilshire Ebell Club on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The event comes on the heels of the new state legislation mandating a 25 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and features representatives modeling the latest eco-friendly garments in support of the Coalition's programs. In addition, two dresses from this year's "Project Runway" designed by residents Jeffrey Sebelia and Vincent Libretti, were on display and auctioned off. A wedding dress, designed by Andrae Gonzalo from last season's "Project Runway," was also sold. "Whether you are rich or poor, live in Northern or Southern California, we all deserve to breathe clean air," said actress/activist Kathy Najimy. "I am honored to help the Coalition for Clean Air in its mission to restore clean, healthful air to our state." For 35 years, the non-profit Coalition for Clean Air has worked to restore clean air to California. With offices in Sacramento, Los Angeles and Fresno, it is focused on reducing pollution and strengthening the California environmental community. For more information go to www.coalitionforcleanair.org or call (213) 630-1192.

The Q-Line

Sticks and stones ...

Recent racially heated outbursts by Oscar winner Mel Gibson and Michael Richards, best known as "Seinfeld" neighbor Kramer, have thrust racism back into the headlines in recent weeks. While some would argue such hate speech is only newsworthy because they are anomalies, others could conclude that similar feelings still simmer in many of us.

This week's Q-Line questions asks:

Are the Gibson and Richards rants the isolated feelings of two Hollywood racists, or is racism still rampant in Los Angeles County?

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'FIRING' AN OLD TRUCK

Council will be asked to add approximately \$7,000 onto an existing purchase order to replace a 1986 aerial ladder truck, which officials say was no longer cost effective to maintain.

The new payment to KME Fire Apparatus, which is constructing the new 100-foot aerial ladder truck, would then reach a total of \$790,000.

Additional funding will allow the company to enhance the truck in order to make it consistent with existing equipment.

... AND MORE TRUCKS

New trash disposal trucks might soon roam city streets if council awards an approximately \$884,000 bid to Boerner Truck Center to provide four refuse trucks.

The purchase will be made possible through the Solid Waste Fund and the Vehicle Replacement Program.

Boerner Truck Center was one of two companies that submitted a bid based on competitive pricing and the type of the truck available.

Officials were seeking proper haz-waste management

City Manager Lamont Ewell plans to submit a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board if council approves a resolution tonight.

The grants are awarded to municipalities every year to enhance their programs to deal with the management of motor oil, oil filters and household hazardous waste. The city of Santa Monica has received 17 grants — called the Used Oil Recycling and Household Waste Grant — over the past 15 years, totaling approximately \$883,000.

A City Council resolution, which is valid for three years, is required with every grant application.

In the past, the city has used the grants to run informational campaigns, to purchase oil collection containers for Santa Monica residents and to host a regional forum on Used Oil Recycling.

Previous grants have also allowed the city to operate a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center where residents and small business owners bring used motor oil and filters for disposal.

VALET RESTROOMS

In conjunction with Bayside District Corporation, the management company that oversees Downtown Santa Monica, various city departments worked together to implement the Premier Promenade Restroom

Pilot Project from July 1 to Sept. 30.

Council will be asked to approve approximately \$179,000 to continue the three-month project to June 30 of next year. The project aimed to collect information to advise in the planning and design of several future public restrooms that the city will begin constructing in spring of next year.

The project provided attendants for the women's restroom in Parking Structure 4 and the men's restroom in Parking Structure 3 for 17 hours a day, seven days a week.

Approximately 11,629 public opinion surveys were submitted by restroom patrons who gave their take on the restroom cleanliness, lighting, location, safety and attendants. Approximately 97 percent of respondents said the restrooms met or exceeded their expectations.

Implemented simultaneously with the restroom pilot project was a trash collection pilot project on the beachfront area. In order to reduce beach trash, Chrysalis employees collected waste directly from beach patrons. The cost to run this pilot program, budgeted for \$100,000, exceeded the contractual services line item by \$25,000.

Council will be asked to pay the additional \$25,000 to Chrysalis.

STUDYING THE HOMELESS

A citywide evaluation of Santa Monica's homeless continuum of care is expected to receive an additional \$10,000 in funding, if approved by council.

The city has authorized The Urban Institute to conduct an evaluation of homeless continuum of care "to produce a description of current homeless service delivery system and recommendations for a refined vision of service delivery and action steps over the next five years," according to a staff report.

The additional funding was needed for more quantitative data analysis and travel expenses for on-site presentations of findings.

This is the first time the homeless system is being evaluated since the 1980s.

COUGHING UP MORE RENT

The rent the city charges to The Richlar Partnership to lease a four-acre piece of property at 2715 Exposition Blvd. will increase to approximately \$809,000 a year, from \$207,000.

Council will be asked to approve the rent increase on the property it acquired from Southern Pacific Transportation Company in 1989. The rent increase is retroactive to July 1 of last year, and the renter has agreed to make partial payments to cover the difference until Dec. 31 of next year.

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Smokers get warned

NO SMOKING, from page 1

Pier, Farmers' Markets, the Third Street Promenade, waiting areas such as bus stops and ATM lines, outdoor dining and bars, and within 20 feet of any window or entrance of a public building.

After the ban went into effect on Thursday, there were still people lighting up across downtown, either out of defiance or unaware that smoking was no longer allowed.

On Monday, a middle-aged man was smoking a cigarette on Second Street during his work break. The man, who chose to remain anonymous for fear he would lose his job, comes to the city from Ontario twice a week and usually smokes in front of his car.

"I haven't been told by anyone that I can't smoke here," the man said as he took a puff. "I feel the city is invading people's privacy too much. As long as you respect those who don't smoke, it shouldn't be a mandatory thing."

Jason Lesley, of Culver City, was smoking on Santa Monica Boulevard on Monday while he walked with a friend toward the Third Street Promenade. When he spotted a police officer, Lesley's thoughts soon turned to whether or not he was allowed to puff outside.

But the police officer did not stop him, he said.

"I respect the smoking ban," Lesley said. "It's a nasty habit. I want to quit."

Lesley, who comes to the city every day for work, is not sure where he is allowed to smoke and believes some signs or literature would be helpful.

"I would be frustrated if I get stopped by a police officer and there's no signs around," Lesley said.

Though no signs have been posted yet, Bayside District Corporation, which manages Downtown Santa Monica, has handed out informative brochures created by the City Attorney's Office to restaurants about the smoking ban. The Santa Monica Police Department is also working with area hotels on ways to educate guests.

Whether tourists will be cited after enforcement picks up following the new year will be up to the officers involved, Padilla said.

"We believe when we have tourists from another country, we will enforce appropriate

measures to advise of municipal ordinances," Padilla said.

BANNING SMOKING ACROSS THE STATE

Santa Monicans who think they live in the city with the strictest anti-smoking regulations should think again.

The city council in Belmont, located 23 miles south of San Francisco, is in the process of drafting what would be the strictest anti-smoking regulations in the country.

The city's ordinance would ban smoking in virtually every place except for detached single-family homes.

The city of Calabasas, located 24 miles north of Santa Monica, near Woodland Hills, enforced its smoking ban on public areas beginning March 17.

In the three months that Ray Soria, a code enforcement officer, has worked in Calabasas, he has never had to issue a citation, which fines first-time offenders \$100 and second-time violators \$500.

"Any action to prevent environmental tobacco smoke is a good thing," said Dimitri Stanich, spokesman for the California Air Resources Board, a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency. "We know that ETS [Environmental Tobacco Smoke] is responsible for all sorts of different kinds of diseases. It has a more severe impact on children and the elderly and it actually has been strongly correlated with breast cancer in premenopausal women."

The California Air Resources Board identified ETS, also known as "second-hand smoke," as a Toxic Air Contaminant on Jan. 26 of this year. The fact that the board officially identified ETS as a Toxic Air Contaminant means it will begin a mitigation process by analyzing different measures to prevent ETS exposure.

"The staff is going throughout California to look at sources of tobacco smoke, where it accumulates and looking at ways to diminish public exposure," Stanich said.

The board would only consider banning smoking statewide as a last resort, Stanich said.

"We feel less regulation on the books is better," he said. "We think educational outreach might be more effective."

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PLANE CRASH, from page 1

about 400 feet off the coast. Within minutes, area lifeguards located Hermance, who sustained massive head trauma in the crash, according to an incident report by LA County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman.

Hermance, an engineering executive for Environmental Engineering at Toyota Motor Corp. in Gardena, was dead at the scene. The National Transportation Safety Board has

yet to determine the cause of the crash into the water.

A search for debris and more victims continued on Sunday, when the experimental plane was found submerged in more than 70 feet of water. Officials confirmed there were no other occupants on board.

A representative of Toyota Motor Corp. did not return calls requesting comment.

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County on offensive

DEADBEATS, from page 1

load is more than a quarter of the state's cases, but the county receives only about a fifth of

California's \$1.2 billion annual enforcement budget for child support, he said. "The amount of money the county gets is the strongest determinant of how that county's going to perform," county child support director Philip Browning said.

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Shelters provide stability for children of immigrants

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

FULLERTON, Calif. — Life in a government-run shelter for illegal immigrant children might not sound very inviting, but for 16-year-old Sandra it's a vast improvement from what she left behind in Guatemala.

For starters, she has enough to eat and nobody beats her. She even gets to study, a luxury she hasn't had since leaving school in third grade.

She's been on her own since she was 10, when she fled an abusive home in Guatemala. She was picked up by U.S. immigration authorities two months ago while trying to enter the country illegally through the Arizona desert. She's among two dozen children at the shelter in Fullerton, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

"I feel more protected here than I've ever felt. It's like I'm a young girl again," said Sandra, whose last name could not be disclosed because she is a minor in government custody.

What happens when unaccompanied children are picked up varies by their country. Mexican children generally are sent straight back to their home country. Those not from Mexico are housed in shelters while the government decides whether to release them to family living in the United States, deport them or put them in foster care.

The shelters, meant to be a temporary refuge, resemble college dorms, where the children take English classes, receive medical care and play soccer at local parks.

"This is like a hotel," said Edwin, a 17-year-old Honduran detained while trying to cross the Arizona-Mexico border.

Before 2003, the children were often put in juvenile detention centers. They lived more like criminals than schoolchildren, and the conditions prompted lawsuits. Congress intervened and assigned the care of unaccompanied children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which revamped and expanded a sparingly used shelter system.

While day-to-day life is better, civil rights and legal groups criticize the system for not preparing children for the legal process awaiting them.

After being released, thousands don't show up to their immigration court hearings because of confusion about the process or fear they'll be deported. Many who don't show up would be eligible for U.S. residence because they were abandoned or abused in their homeland.

Sandra, who says her father beat her so

often that she fled her home, could get a green card if she is able to convince a judge of the abuse and years on her own.

Civil rights groups say children like Sandra need legal help to navigate the immigration system.

"Most never apply for a legal status they are eligible for because nobody helps them," said Peter Schey, an immigration lawyer in Los Angeles who specializes in minors.

A majority of the 7,800 immigrant minors who passed through government custody last year were teenagers from Central America, though countries of origin span from China to Iraq. Their reasons for coming vary, from seeking work or reuniting with family to fleeing violent street gangs.

On average, they spend between 45 and 60 days at a shelter in Arizona, California, Washington, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, New York or Florida.

Anti-illegal immigration groups say they are sensitive to the plight of children, but argue there are few situations that warrant allowing them to stay here. They are particularly unsympathetic to minors who come to be reunited with family members who themselves came here illegally.

If their parents "break the laws, and in doing so they broke up their families, it's their obligation to fix it," said Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Fear of deportation pushes some children to flee the shelters, even though by law they can't be sent home until after a hearing or agreeing to leave the country.

Lynda Scarlino, program director at the Fullerton shelter, said children close to 18 are particularly jumpy because they know as an adult they can be immediately deported.

Elsa, a 17-year-old Guatemalan who is eight months pregnant, is worried she'll be sent home. Her parents still are in Guatemala; she came to work and support them. She hopes she'll be released to a brother living in Phoenix before she turns 18.

Children can be released to adult relatives, regardless of their immigration status, if case managers at the shelters deem them capable providers.

No matter what, Elsa said, she can't attempt to do anything before she has the baby, who if born in the United States will be an American citizen. But the baby's status doesn't remove the possibility that Elsa could be deported.

"It's better for me to wait," she Elsa. "If I leave here and they catch me again it will be worse."

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Police use video, picture book to fight meth

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

MERCED, Calif. — Authorities here are taking a new approach to halting the spread of methamphetamine in rural areas, speaking in a familiar language to the Hispanic laborers who are often recruited to manufacture the drug.

Their just-say-no tools? A docudrama in Spanish that features flashy kingpins and a pumping nortena soundtrack, and an accompanying fotonovela — a graphic novel format popular in Mexico. Police from Tennessee to Colorado have requested copies of the film and picture storybooks in hopes of holding their own screenings in Latino neighborhoods.

While meth is produced nationwide, California's Central Valley remains a primary distribution point for the drug, according to a U.S. Department of Justice report released last month. Increasingly, big Mexican drug cartels are gaining ground over smaller regional meth rings, and setting up one

of their labs can be an attractive and lucrative alternative to backbreaking work in the fields.

"I've known people related to family members who thought cooking meth was an opportunity to get ahead and get a piece of the American dream," said Virginia Madueno, a public relations executive in Merced, a small city about 130 miles southeast of San Francisco. "I've seen what it has done."

"We were trying to get that message across to a population that has a very low literacy level and that's really isolated," she said. "So we thought, 'Aha! a fotonovela.'"

Like installations of a Dickens novel, fotonovelas are serials that often feature the same characters — truckers with a heart of gold, or secretaries trying to get ahead — who experience life's dramas in a pocket-sized, picture format.

In the bilingual, full-color booklet Madueno conceived, readers experience the dangers of the drug trade through one fictional family.

The plot is relatively simple: Jose, a farmworker, loses his

job and is recruited by a drug lord to cook meth at his house. He hides the backyard lab from his pregnant wife, Maria, and his young daughter, Raquel, who dies of chemical exposure at the film's tragic conclusion.

The first run of 15,000 copies of "No Vale La Pena," or Spanish for "it's not worth it," was soon exhausted, said Ben Duran, a leader in Merced's Latino community. More were printed, and it's now available at Hispanic supermarkets across California.

"Then we thought, 'What if we make the book come alive?'" said Duran, who used time off from his job as president of a community college to play the part of the drug kingpin.

Last year, Duran petitioned a California congressman for funds, contacted the Merced County sheriff, and started plotting to produce a film based on the same story, but styled to look like a Mexican soap opera.



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Chinese HIV cases have jumped nearly 30 percent in 2006

BY ALEXA OLESEN

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — Two months before the end of 2006, China's reported number of HIV/AIDS cases already is nearly 30 percent higher than for all of last year, with intravenous drug use as the biggest source of infection, the Health Ministry said last week.

The increase in reported cases indicates that China is doing "more testing and more reporting and also that the epidemic continues to grow in many parts of the country," said Joel Rehnstrom, coordinator for the China office of UNAIDS, the United Nations' AIDS organization.

After years of denying that AIDS was a problem, Chinese leaders have dramatically shifted gears in recent years, promising anonymous testing, free treatment for the poor and a ban on discrimination against people with the virus.

President Hu Jintao signaled the new approach by appearing on national television in late 2004 chatting and shaking hands with AIDS patients. Rehnstrom said reported HIV cases have been steadily increasing at a rate of about 30 percent annually since 1999, but the real number of HIV cases in China is likely four to five times the reported figure.

The United Nations said Tuesday in its annual report on the epidemic that an estimated 39.5 million people are now living with the AIDS virus worldwide as infection rates and deaths from the disease continue to mount.

The reported number of cases in China grew to 183,733 by Oct. 31 this year, up about 28 percent from 144,089 at the end of last year, the Health Ministry said in a report posted on its Web site. Of the reported cases, 40,667 have developed into AIDS, it said.

"Each new HIV infection is a tragedy," Rehnstrom said. "The government needs to focus its efforts on ... trying to stop the spread of HIV and to trying to bring the spread of HIV under control as soon as possible by controlling HIV transmission among injecting drug users and sex workers."

Ripe for changes

NO BLEMISHES: Geneticists out to rid world of apple scab

BY JIM SUHR

Associated Press Writer

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Schuyler Korban knows the apple has come a long way since the forbidden fruit got Adam and Eve tossed from the Garden of Eden.

People have cultivated such a love for apples that only the tastiest, crunchiest and most blemish-free make it to supermarkets.

Now Korban, a University of Illinois plant geneticist, believes he and colleagues at Rutgers and Purdue universities have hit upon something that could shake the industry to its core: They've developed a variety resistant to apple scab.

The fungal bane of growers worldwide, apple scabs are dark lesions or blemishes that render the fruit unsuitable for market, relegating it to use in cider.

"Apple scab is the worst nightmare of a grower," said Mike Ellis, an Ohio State University plant pathologist. "If you don't control apple scab, you don't produce apples. If they lose 10 percent of their good apples, they've lost their profit."

Even so, the apple developed by Korban and his colleagues — called the "Juliet" — could face tough challenges.

Orchard growers are notoriously fickle when it comes to trying new things in a U.S. market that, according to the U.S. Apple Association, produced 9.8 billion bushels of apples last year.

And attempts since the 1940s to market scab-resistant apples have failed, mostly because of taste.

Juliet's skeptics include Dennis Ringhausen, president of the Illinois State Horticultural Society, whose family runs two southern Illinois orchards that produce 10,000 to 20,000 bushels annually of various apple varieties.

"The Juliet might be a beautiful apple, but if it doesn't taste worth a darn I'm not going to plant it," Ringhausen said.

What's more, he said, controlling apple scab "is not that

big of a deal if you watch what's going on" and apply chemical sprays that he acknowledges are expensive, some running \$300 a gallon.

Korban claims Juliet makes a juicy leap over its predecessors: The largely red variety with some green undercolor tastes good, with less sugar than the Fuji but enough balance of sugar and acid to be considered full-flavored.

"This one has a very outstanding quality," Korban said of Juliet, which he said stays on the tree longer, can be kept in cold storage for six months and ripens two weeks after Red Delicious, making it more marketable as a late-season apple.

Juliet could save growers money, cutting chemical sprayings by 60 percent, he said. It also has shown resistance to other apple nemeses, such as powdery mildew and fire blight, while reducing susceptibility to another fungal pathogen that causes cedar apple rust.

"There's no such thing as a perfect apple. But growers always seem to come up with excuses" for pooh-pooing new varieties, Korban said. "They're just never given a chance."

"Some growers in the U.S. don't pick up on it before it becomes more popular somewhere else. They're more followers than leaders."

Korban said a French nursery has acquired the rights to grow and market the Juliet in Europe. And because Juliet is being pitched as an organic apple, Korban said, that nursery is seeking certified organic growers in the United States to produce it.

"This interest by a commercial nursery is what's going to give it a bigger push" in the U.S., Korban said.

Shannon Schaffer, spokesman for the apple association, said it would be great if the industry found a way to grow a successful scab-resistant apple.

"But it's important the apple still have the consumer attributes — great taste and great crunch," Schaffer said. "If the consumers are not going to buy it, it's not going to do the industry any good."

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You'll want to see a clean and safe physical environment with organized space for play (inside and out), as well as a cheerful atmosphere. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure, so follow your instinct about where your child would be happy. You'll also want to look for age-appropriate routines and materials. Definitely secure and call references — if they don't provide them, walk away — period!

Above all, watch the children in the program. Quality child care oozes happy and confident children. That's the stuff you really want to see. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.



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Leaders of member countries hope to address more of the alliance's weaknesses at the summit, including serious transport deficiencies. Some members have agreed to buy the alliance four C-17 transport planes, according to U.S. officials.

The department's policy prohibits shooting at moving vehicles states "unless deadly force is being used against the police officers or another person present, by means other than a moving vehicle."

"Once we get towards Labor Day, the temperatures up there prohibit us from getting too far on the paving," Glavan said.

Jail inmates knit for needy

By The Associated Press

LOGAN, Utah — Jail inmates are spending hours knitting caps, blankets and booties for children around the world.

“We might all be criminals,” said David Evans, 25, of Blackfoot, Idaho, “but some of us have big hearts.”

The pastime at the Cache County Jail in northern Utah began about two years ago. The handmade crafts go to a group called Save the Children or to humanitarian efforts organized by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Inmates have knitted more than 300 hats this year, about half with matching booties. They also have stitched mittens and small blankets.

“We are like an army,” said Jane DeSpain, a Mormon Relief Society president who organized the project. “There are humanitarian projects going on all over the world. They are part of that.”

Jail officials said they were wary about putting knitting needles, a potential weapon,

in the hands of inmates. But there have been no incidents. The needles are counted and collected before 30 to 40 prisoners return to their minimum-security blocks.

“Anytime you are doing something good for someone else, you are improving yourself,” said Capt. Kim Cheshire, jail commander. “That isn’t just for the inmates; that’s for the rest of us.”

One man created a large hat that resembled the one worn by the cat in Dr. Seuss’ “Cat In The Hat.” It stretched more than 3 feet, with broad red and white stripes and a braided tassel. Folded beneath was a child’s hat to match.

Justin Paz, 19, of Logan recently was making a blue baby blanket. As his tattooed hand worked the needles, he thought about the child, probably a boy, who would snuggle with it.

Paz said he’s hooked on a hobby that is “helping somebody.”

“Honestly, when I get out, I’m going to buy one of these,” he said of the knitting tools.

Wal-Mart adds 11 states to its generic drug plan

By The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart will make its \$4 generic prescription plan available in 11 more states Tuesday, expanding the program to all of its 3,810 pharmacies nationwide.

Wal-Mart started the discount program in Florida in September and had expected to expand it in January, but instead followed a faster timetable and expanded it to each pharmacy it operates in the United States.

Effective Tuesday, joining the program will be 811 pharmacies in Colorado,

California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The program is not available in North Dakota because Wal-Mart does not operate any pharmacies there. The retailer leases space to pharmacies in North Dakota.

Wal-Mart also has expanded the plan to include 331 generic prescriptions available for up to a 30-day supply.

Retailing rivals such as Target and BJ’s Wholesale Club have launched similar programs.

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SURF CONDITIONS

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This storm-driven swell should peak with chest high + sets around west facing breaks, having tight, 10-second periods. The tide will be at manageable levels, but winds are expected to wreck the short-period waves coming in.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW WIND SWELL OVER NEXT 48 HOURS BUT RAIN AND WIND...

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **November 14, 2006**

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QUICK STATS
for the last 28 days

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/35
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12/35

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Beach Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Saguit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bell 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 Lachasse and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqui)	F	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Powers State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Powers Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marino del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Pose Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of B&W jetty)	D	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile west of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Revise perspectives, Sag

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

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Take your time moving past an issue, especially as you keep getting new insights. Reach out for others at a distance. Friends mean well but could add to the confusion. Listen more. Tonight: Take your time. Remember, you don't have to do anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Understand more of what you need. You seem happier and more in touch with your feelings than in the past. Deal with others more directly, and let them have more insight. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You take a stand and move forward in your life. Think positively. You might want to work through a problematic issue that means a lot to you. Evaluate and head in a new direction. Your fiery side comes through in a dynamic manner. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to think in terms of growth and new beginnings. Your ability to read between the lines needs to emerge. For some, you might need to go in a new direction. New perspectives open doors and allow new beginnings. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ A partner will take you in a new direction if you are willing to revise your thinking and attitude. What do you really have to lose? Consider options that surround a particular event. Let your imagination flow, but tame ideas with worthwhile feedback. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Pressure could build. You might be tired and withdrawn from recent personal events. You might have revised your perspective or actually made a physical change on the home front. Understand what is happening. Tonight: Say yes.

Born Today

Actor Judd Nelson (1959)

Politician Gary Hart (1936)

Model Anna Nicole Smith (1967)



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Get plenty of R and R. Your imagination takes you where you might be too tired to go. Do accomplish what you must, but don't take on anything else. You could be tired and drawn, especially when dealing with someone close. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let your imagination come forth. You might find that you have an unusual reservoir of creativity and thought. Understand what needs to happen within your immediate circle. Add new direction and focus to an adventure. Tonight: Don't restrain your mind — but perhaps your actions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to anchor in and find answers. Understand that it is OK to be tired. You need to head in a new direction. Listen to others and find out what might be motivating them. Tonight: Revise certain perspectives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Speak your mind and get to the bottom of a problem. Your inner dialogue could change considerably. Work with a partner directly, even if you find that this person is negative. Allow more feedback in a meeting. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Expenses could set you back on your haunches, which actually might be the best place to be right now. Someone might be more difficult than necessary. New beginnings come through honest reflection and re-evaluation. Tonight: Take a hard look at your spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign empowers you. Consider your options, because you might be upset by someone else's demands. Know when to say "enough." Others bend to your requests more easily right now. Timing, my Fish, use timing. Tonight: What would make you happy?

Happy Birthday

You will be more concerned with your domestic life than in the past. Allow greater flourish and high energy, and willingly say goodbye to the tried-and-true. Investments that impact your security and well-being need to be scrutinized. You will be able to express yourself with greater creativity if you flow. If you are single, opportunities will knock on your door. Be open to possibilities. If you are attached, your relationship needs to become an even higher priority.

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WHAT'S UP, CHUCK?

ELTON JOHN left the stage briefly during a week-end concert in Brisbane after being struck by a bout of nausea.

John left the stage without a word about two hours into his Sunday concert. He was gone for about five minutes, the Australian Associated Press reported Monday.

When he returned, the 59-year-old pop star used an Australian colloquialism to explain that he had left the stage to vomit. "I thought I'd better chunder in the toilet (rather) than all over the front row," he was quoted as saying.

Apparently feeling better, John closed the show about 45 minutes later.

AP

Ax that Tosh's M-16 guitar is yanked off auction block amid uproar

Organizers of a film festival in Jamaica have shelved plans to auction a guitar shaped like a M-16 rifle that was once owned by reggae legend Peter Tosh after his sons protested the sale.

Bidding for the guitar, which Tosh, one of the founders of the

Wailers, once said that he used to "scare all vampires," was scheduled to start Sunday on the eBay.

Allison Young, a publicist for the Flashpoint Film Festival, confirmed that the weeklong auction was postponed. She said

two of Tosh's sons, who live in the United States, contacted the festival's organizers.

"The family is trying to resolve who really owns the guitar, the estate or his girlfriend," she said.

Tosh, who posthumously won a Grammy for best reggae recording for his album, "No Nuclear War," was killed at the age of 42 by robbers who broke in to his home on Sept. 11, 1987.

Marlene Brown, Tosh's former girlfriend, put the guitar up for auction in October.

AP

Gyllenhaal's 'Baby' seems like a keeper

Maggie Gyllenhaal has won the best actress award for her performance in "Sherrybaby" at the 17th annual Stockholm International Film Festival.

"Sherrybaby," directed by Laurie Collyer, was named best picture. Collyer won the Bronze Horse award for "a pure and heartbreaking work about survival and dignity," the festival jury said Sunday.

The film follows a young woman recently released from prison who tries to reconnect with her young daughter while confronting her old life and drug abuse.

"It takes you on a desperate quest for love, through a landscape of struggle, guilt and broken dreams which at times is hard to watch yet impossible to forget," the jury said.

Ryan Gosling, 26, was named best actor for his role in Ryan Fleck's "Half Nelson."

Gyllenhaal gave birth to a daughter, Ramona, in October. The 29-year-old actress is engaged to actor Peter Sarsgaard.

AP

ENTERTAINMENT

Mary and Joseph on road again in 'Nativity'

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING
Associated Press Writer

Was the box office for Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," that 2004 show-biz shocker, a fluke? Or did it reveal a massive and neglected audience for reverential fare?

We'll learn more from the box-office receipts for "The Nativity Story," New Line Cinema's holiday gift that brings elegant Christmas-card scenes of Jesus' birth to life on screen.

Christians will presumably flock to "Nativity," even though the same Time Warner unit bears responsibility for those "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" movies. Home video and inevitable TV repeats in future Decembers will enhance proceeds.

Director Catherine Hardwicke ("Thirteen," "Lords of Dogtown") says she sought "epic intimacy" to evoke "another time and beautiful landscape." Strikingly austere vistas in Morocco and Italy represent the first-century Holy Land.

The 10-nation cast boasts Oscar nominees Shohreh Aghdashloo ("House of Sand and Fog") as Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist; and the magnetic Keisha Castle-Hughes ("Whale Rider") in

the primary role of her cousin Mary. (As it happens, Castle-Hughes, 16, is now pregnant out of wedlock.)

Oddly, Jesus' ministry and crucifixion have provided ample movie material while his birth is largely ignored, apart from cheapos for the church-basement market. Perhaps that's because this, possibly the most famous story ever told, lacks suspense.

The movie's historical consultant, the Rev. William Fulco of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, endorses mild "higher criticism" of the Bible in a publicity handout that will rile fundamentalists.

The accounts in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke "are not completely compatible," Fulco says. Since "very little was known of the events," he explains, "the stories were developed using what is called midrash, a sometimes creative reconstruction of events based on what is actually known, elaborated from clues" in prior writings.

Screenwriter Mike Rich ("Finding Forrester," "The Rookie") is devoutly Christian. Since he turned the minimal scriptures into 94 minutes, how does "Nativity" compare with the Bible?

Rich follows a largely literal replication of Matthew and Luke. Unlike some of Gibson's "Passion" embroidery, the elaborations emerge naturally from the biblical and cultural background.

SPECIFICS:

- Rich emphasizes the characters' Jewishness and, unlike with Jesus' passion, the only villains of the Nativity were the Romans.
- The show bears a PG violence warning because it begins with the Romans' slaughter of the innocents so the paranoid King Herod can eliminate youngsters who'd threaten his reign (see Matthew 2:16-18).
- Rich similarly presents Nazareth villagers as living on the economic margins, suffering from ruinous Roman taxes.
- Mary might have been as reluctant to wed Joseph, as Rich supposes, since it was probably an arranged marriage.
- It's certainly plausible that the holy couple, as here, would have been afraid, confused and worried rather than serenely accepting the miraculous unwed pregnancy that would have scandalized small-town neighbors. (Rich fully accepts Mary's virginity.)

TRIVIA

HOW MANY WISE MEN WERE THERE?

The Bible never says, only noting that the group brought three gifts. Inevitably, though, Rich shows the traditional trio crossing trackless desert while Mary and Joseph struggle toward Bethlehem.

"Nativity" has the wise men following a literal star, actually a notable conjunction of heavenly bodies such as occurred in 7 B.C. and 5 B.C.

The film ends with a voiceover as refugee Mary defiantly proclaims that God "has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts; he has put down the mighty from their thrones." (Luke 1:46-55).

Omitted for some reason is the baby's presentation in the temple and Simeon's prophecy, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. ... for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:22-39).

■ This on-screen Joseph is roughly Mary's age. There's a common Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox view that he was much older, to undergird belief that Mary remained perpetually virgin even after Jesus' birth.

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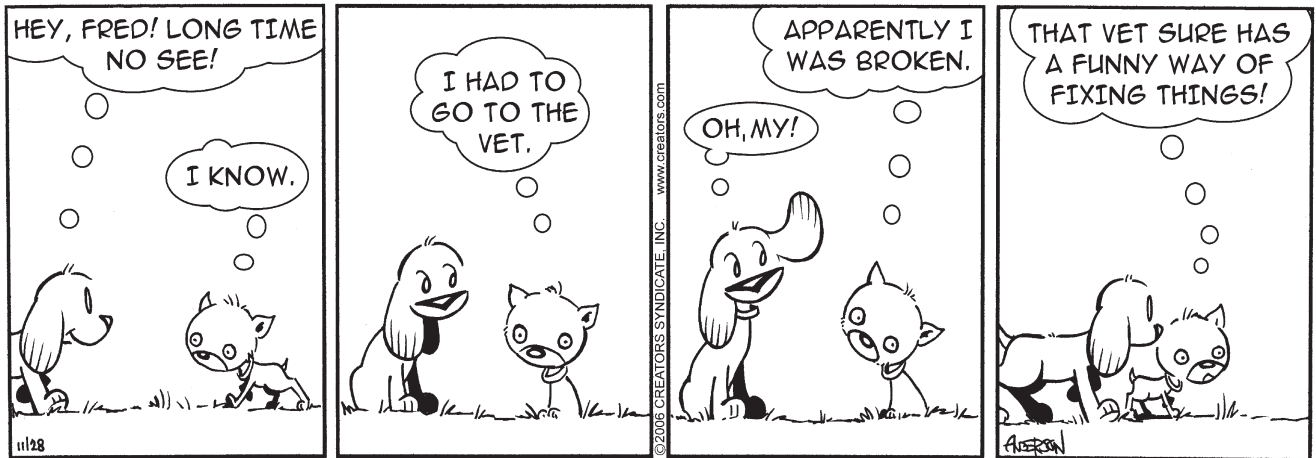
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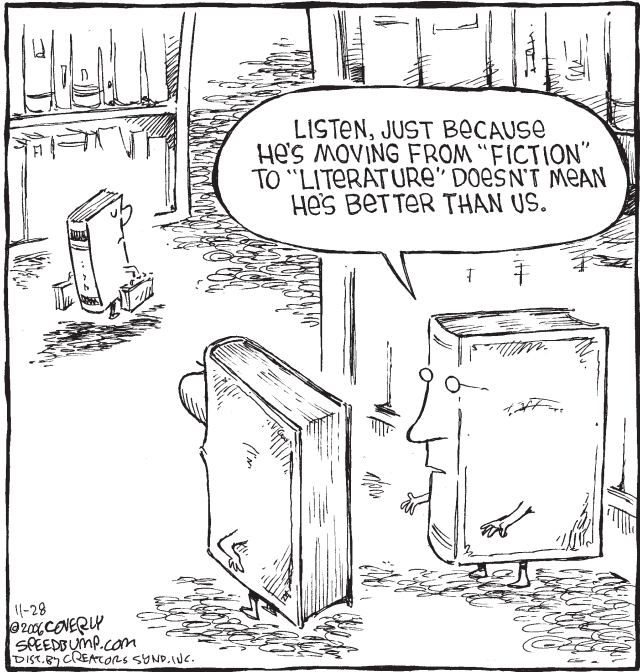
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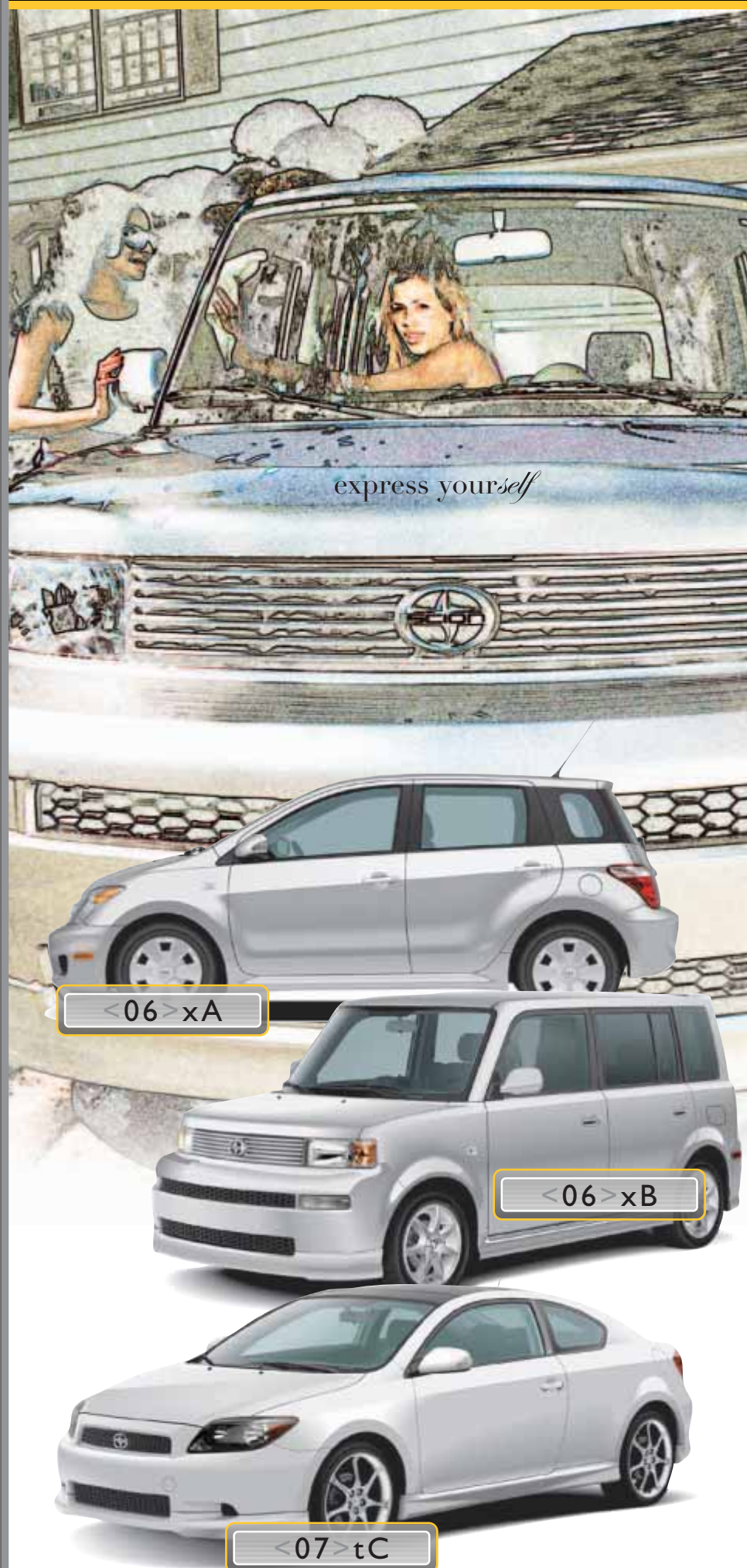
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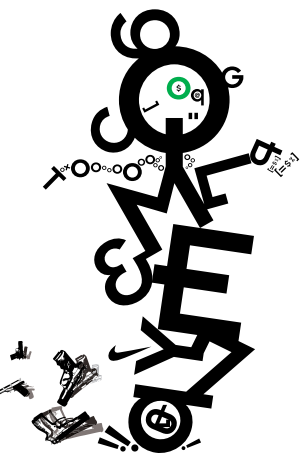
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THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent 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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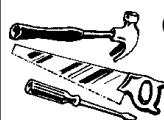
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