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Rising rents force restaurants from Third Street Promenade

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

The owner of the restaurant Matisse has sold the remaining six months on his lease and next week plans to auction off every possession inside the space. Mark Mahallati, the owner of the Third Street Promenade establishment, said he's closing up shop because he can no longer afford the rent.

"The problem is corporations and chains came in and pushed the rents up to where only corporate America can afford it," he said. "Small independent operators, like restaurants, just can't afford to pay \$10 a square foot."

Matisse's rent was \$21,000 a month. To break even, the owner said he would have to do \$200,000 a month in business -- a figure even his successful restaurant could not meet.

In three months, the Promenade has lost three restaurants. Seven others have moved or shut down in the past two years. Santa Monica's city council has deemed the worsening restaurant climate an emergency situation.

The city froze all restaurant leases on the Promenade this week to stop the hemorrhaging, deciding that such rents shouldn't be allowed to rise sharply as leases expire. But store owners say it's too little too late.

"This isn't the same Promenade," said Mahallati. "And it won't ever be the same again."

Landlords say the city's regulations are only going to hurt business and scare new businesses away.

"Now is not the time to be intervening -- the restaurants are only a little nervous. But because of this action owners are afraid to rent to restaurants now, because they are afraid they will be stuck." said Bill Tucker,

**"This isn't the same Promenade,
and it won't ever be the
same again."**

— MARK MAHALLATI
Owner of Matisse restaurant

Promenade property owner and Bayshore District Committee Board Member. "The living wage ordinance has made things tough on restaurants. But we're seeing the economy turning around, so this (moratorium) isn't needed."

Tucker contends bigger restaurants are having a

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Auctioneers tag Matisse restaurant property Friday for Tuesday's liquidation sale. Rising rents have forced some restaurants on The Third Street Promenade to go out of business.

Fans and musicians mourn George Harrison

BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press Writer

Paul McCartney called him "my baby brother." A fan thought him "quiet and nice and powerful." Musicians and music lovers on Friday mourned George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle" who fit in famously, if not always happily, alongside



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Beatle George Harrison, who died at 58 in Los Angeles Thursday after a battle with cancer, is seen in this Dec. 2, 1963 file photo.

his more colorful bandmates.

"I am devastated and very, very sad," McCartney told reporters outside his London home. "He was a lovely guy and a very brave man and had a wonderful sense of humor. He is really just my baby brother."

Harrison, at 58 the youngest Beatle, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at a friend's Los Angeles home after a battle with cancer, longtime friend Gavin De Becker told The Associated Press late Thursday. Harrison's wife, Olivia, and son Dhani, 24, were with him.

"He left this world as he lived in it, conscious of God, fearless of death, and at peace, surrounded by family and friends," the family said in a statement.

With Harrison's death, two Beatles survive: McCartney and Ringo Starr. John Lennon was shot to death by a deranged fan in 1980.

The Beatles were four distinct personalities joined as a singular force in the rebellious 1960s, influencing everything from hair styles to music. Whether meditating, dropping acid or sending up the squares in the film "A Hard Day's Night,"

the band inspired millions.

The story of the Beatles was as much a story of their fans: the rebels who identified with Lennon, the girls who fell for Paul, the little kids who adored Ringo.

Harrison's appeal was harder to define. He wasn't the cleverest Beatle, that was

John. Paul was the cutest and Ringo the most lovable. But something about Harrison — the mysticism, the quiet competence, even the moodiness — endeared him to fans and musicians alike.

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Bah hum 'bugs'!

J Crew Christmas trees booted from store

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Reza Marashi was the Grinch that stole J Crew's Christmas trees.

The Los Angeles County Agricultural Inspector confiscated the clothing store's trees on Tuesday from the Third Street Promenade, fearful that they were infested with bugs.

It turned out they weren't. But agricultural commissioners were unapologetic,

saying the trees hadn't passed through inspection once they hit the California border. And the tree vendor in Michigan never bothered getting the shipment certified.

Los Angeles agricultural commissioners say they got a tip from headquarters in Sacramento that the trees never passed through inspection — something that has to be done for every fruit, vegetable and plant that crosses the state line.

About a half dozen trees were removed in Los Angeles J Crew stores, said LA County deputy agricultural com-

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High rent squeezes another restaurant

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harder time staying on the Promenade because of the sheer size and shape of their spaces, with the depth from front to back. Most patrons want to sit by the street. Smaller restaurants, with large outdoor dining sections, are doing fine and remaining strong, he noted.

"I think for a big space there is a differential in rents. In the smaller spaces, I don't know if such a differential exists," Tucker said. "Smaller restaurants have smaller spaces and are able to stay at par."

The city contends it has a long history of regulating the Promenade. When a glut of restaurants choked the Promenade six years ago, the city enacted a plan to

attract retailers to balance out the equation. Now, they say, similar regulation is needed to protect existing restaurants and attract new ones.

However, landlords contend that the city's regulation was not what brought in the retailers or turned the Promenade around.

"The city did regulate in the past, the marketplace turned itself around. Market forces over time have a way of equalizing things," said Tucker. "We're seeing restaurants failing because of the general state of the economy, but as that improves so will the general state of the Promenade."

As the character of the Promenade changed, so too have the people who frequent it. The crowds became

younger, and the locals all but disappeared.

"The whole idea was to give the Promenade a European feel. The absence of the restaurants will destroy that feeling," said Raul Da Costa, part-owner of Promenade restaurant Yankee Doodle. "Without that synergy, this will become just another mall," Mahallati quipped. "Or a Rodeo Drive."

Both businessmen agreed the damage has been done and the only way to bring the rents down is to either chase out the retailers or subsidize small business rents - a fate neither businessman thought plausible.

But don't worry about Mahallati's Matisse. With the proceeds from the auction and his lease buyout, Matisse will re-open soon -- this time in West Hollywood.

J Crew Christmas trees rejected by commission

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missioner John Schrader. Agricultural officials say such trees could have brought in certain pests like the Japanese Beetle or the Gypsy Moth, which could set off an infestation in California native plants.

"This sounds like the shipper in Michigan didn't know better," Schrader said. "Our goal is to protect consumers

and our economy because it's these types of pests that could end up in the basin where all of our crops are grown. We try to prevent pests and diseases from entering the state."

Each vehicle that crosses the state line is stopped to inspect plants and fruit. Aircraft cargo at state airports are inspected as well. Somehow, J Crew's trees slipped through the checkpoints undetected.

Residents shouldn't be concerned that their Christmas trees or wreaths are infested, officials say.

"Don't worry about bugs coming out of your trees," Schrader said.

J Crew officials in New York said the company used a new tree vendor this year for its Christmas trees. Now they plan additional steps to make sure their California trees are bug free.

Saudi royals sued by estranged wife of sheik

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Saudi King Fahd and his brother Prince Abdul Aziz were sued in federal court Thursday by the estranged wife of a high-living sheik for allegedly conspiring to help him avoid paying her \$216 million ordered by the court.

"It's an outrage," attorney Marvin Mitchelson said after filing the U.S. District Court suit on behalf of Sheika Dena Al Fassi, who separated from Sheik Mohammed Al Fassi in 1983 and was awarded an \$81.5 million piece of the sheik's multibillion-dollar fortune in Superior Court.

Sunset Boulevard. The \$2.4 million mansion was destroyed by arson on New Year's Day in 1980.

Shortly after the initial judgment, Al Fassi fled the country with their four children, according to facts recounted in the decision by the California 2nd District Court of Appeal. In the next five years, the mother was allowed to see her children only once.

She was awarded custody of the children but could not see them because the sheik continued to move them from country to country. Mitchelson said Al Fassi married two more wives while legally separated from the sheika. They never divorced.

In 1988, the court decision said, Al Fassi pressured his

wife to sign a settlement agreement in which she gave up most of her millions in exchange for visitation rights with the children.

"I signed these documents because I believed that when I did, my children would finally be given back to me," said Dena Al Fassi, who lives in Italy.

But the children were not returned to her, according to the court, and she has since seen them only six times in various countries "under tightly controlled conditions."

Al Fassi lives in Egypt with the children who are now grown.

Mitchelson represented the sheika in her original lawsuit.

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—DENA AL FASSI
Former wife of Sheik Mohammed Al Fassi

A message left after business hours Thursday at the Washington, D.C., Saudi Arabian Embassy was not immediately returned.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a petition by the sheik and a California appellate court upheld the award in June, according to the lawsuit. The original award has grown to \$271 million with interest, and Dena Al Fassi has been unable to collect it, Mitchelson said.

The new suit claims breach of contract and conspiracy, claiming Dena Al Fassi fell victim to the Saudi king and his brother, who allegedly aided and abetted her husband to avoid paying the money he owes her.

The suit claims the king and prince, through Saudi Arabian custom and tradition, provide all of Al Fassi's financial resources and are obligated to pay all his debts and obligations. Mitchelson said he would try to serve the king and prince through the Saudi Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The appeals ruling last summer authorized enforcement of an award dating back to the days when Al Fassi outraged home owners in Beverly Hills by painting brightly colored genitalia on Italian marble statues and installing plastic flowers outside his 38-room mansion on



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STATE

California tries to lure tourists from within

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Californians these days are seeing dreamy, romantic TV commercials inviting them to visit ... California.

The ad campaign, with the theme "California: Find yourself here," marks the first time state tourism officials have run a promotion aimed at encouraging Californians to enjoy their own state.

The goal is to make up for the drop-off in international and out-of-state tourism attributed to the recession and the terrorist attacks.

"All of our ads up until this point have been trying to attract people into California."

— **NORMAN WILLIAMS**
Assistant secretary of marketing for California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency

Across the country, state and local officials are trying revive their tourism industries as travelers postpone or cancel travel plans.

New York has launched a star-studded campaign featuring Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and other natives such as Barbara Walters, Billy Crystal, Woody Allen and Robert DeNiro. And the nation's capital is appealing to Americans' patriotism with a campaign with the theme "Be Inspired."

The first ad in the \$5 million California campaign features images of couples walking on the beach at sunset and picnicking in the Napa Valley under the words "Find yourself ... laughing."

"I love it. It's so much of what we

sell," said Daniel Howard, executive director of the Napa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau. California's wine region is usually a must-see site, but like the rest of the state, it is experiencing a drop in travelers since Sept. 11.

Immediately after the attacks, California saw a 50 percent drop in tourism. The numbers have climbed back somewhat since then but are still 10 percent lower than last year, said Norman Williams, assistant secretary of marketing for the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency.

"It's primarily in hotel reservations and attractions. A lot of it has to do with a fear of travel," Williams said.

The state had no breakdown on overseas, out-of-state and in-state tourists.

The first ad in the California campaign, featuring couples, debuted during Thanksgiving week and is expected to reach 90 percent of the state's residents.

"All of our ads up until this point have been trying to attract people into California," Williams said.

The ads are "reassuring, comforting, which is what we need now. It sends the message that it's comforting to travel together," Howard said.

The tourism industry is California's third largest-employer, with more than 1.1 million workers, and brings in about \$75.4 billion annually.

The city of San Francisco saw a drop in hotel occupancy rates of nearly 40 percent over the previous year, said Laurie Armstrong, spokeswoman for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau. In response, the city has started its own ad campaign to lure Northern California visitors.

Similarly, Leslie Goodman, senior vice president of strategic communications at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, said the theme park is promoting deals for Southern Californians to make up for a loss in distant visitors.

"People aren't canceling their vacations, they're deferring them," Goodman said. "They're saying, 'Hey, we can have a great time right here at home.'"

Orange County men indicted in golf scam

By the Associated Press

SANTA ANA — Two men have been indicted on federal charges of bilking \$8 million out of golfers with the promise of testing expensive golf clubs.

Mitchell Gold, 44, and Jonathan Cohen, 29, enticed people from Alaska to New York to place security deposits of up to \$1,300 with Platinum Pro Tour and State of the Art Golf in order to test new golf clubs, according to a federal indictment released Thursday.

The two companies took deposits by credit card from 1998 through 1999. The victims were told that if they liked the clubs, the sets would be customized for their use at a cost of about \$2,500, the indictment said. The security deposits were to be returned when the clubs were returned.

But federal prosecutors allege Gold, a San Juan Capistrano telemarketer, and Cohen, a telemarketing employee from Tustin, sent the victims cheap clubs and would not refund deposits.

Both men were indicted on 20 felony counts of fraud by wire, mail and telemarketing. Each faces a maximum sentence of 200 years in prison, if convicted on all counts.

Gold and Cohen were indicted in September on an unrelated telemarketing charity scam and accused of stealing \$27 million.

NATIONAL



Former Beatle passes on at age 58

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George Harrison never cared for all the attention. He preferred being a musician to being a star, and at one point soured on Beatlemania — the screaming girls, the hair-tearing mobs, the wild chases from limos to gigs and back to limos. Like Lennon, his memories of the Beatles were tempered by what he felt was lost in all the madness.

"There was never anything, in any of the Beatle experiences really, that good: even the best thrill soon got tiring," Harrison wrote in his 1979 book, "I, Me, Mine." "Your own space, man, it's so important. That's why we were doomed, because we didn't have any. We were like monkeys in a zoo."

Still, in a 1992 interview with The Daily Telegraph, Harrison confided: "We had the time of our lives: We laughed for years."

Peers enjoyed his company. He was close to Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne.

When he and buddies Dylan and Petty formed the Traveling Wilburys in the late 1980s, Harrison seemed to rediscover what he once loved about the Beatles: a gathering of friends committed to music and carefree about individual glory.

Harrison wasn't a guitar hero like Clapton or Jimi Hendrix — that wasn't what the Beatles stood for. But his work, modeled on Chuck Berry and Carl Perkins among others, was essential.

He often blended with the band's joyous sound, but also rocked out wildly on "Long Tall Sally" and turned slow and dreamy on "Something." His jangly 12-string Rickenbacker was featured in "A Hard Day's Night" and helped inspire the Byrds, who used the instrument on their groundbreaking, folk-rock hit "Mr. Tambourine Man."

Although his songwriting was overshadowed by the great Lennon-McCartney team, Harrison did contribute

"When I joined, (Lennon) didn't really know how to play the guitar; he had a little guitar with three strings on it that looked like a banjo."

— GEORGE HARRISON

Testimony in a 1998 court case against the owner of a bootleg Beatles' recording

such classics as "Here Comes the Sun" and "Something." He also taught the young Lennon how to play the guitar.

Harrison's public image was summed up in the first Beatles song he wrote, "Don't Bother Me," which appeared on the group's second album.

At their first recording session under George Martin, in 1962, the producer reportedly asked the young musicians to tell him if they didn't like anything. Harrison's response: "Well, first of all, I don't like your tie."

He was even funny about his own mortality. As reports of his failing health proliferated, Harrison recorded a new song — "Horse to the Water" — and credited it to "RIP Ltd. 2001."

"George was a best friend of mine," Starr said in a statement. "We will miss George for his sense of love, his sense of music and his sense of laughter."

Harrison was born Feb. 25, 1943, in Liverpool, one of four children of Harold and Louise Harrison. His father was a former ship's steward and a bus conductor.

At 13, Harrison bought his first guitar and befriended Paul McCartney at school. McCartney introduced him to Lennon, who had founded a band called the Quarry Men — Harrison was allowed to play if one of the regulars didn't show up.

"When I joined, he didn't really know how to play the guitar; he had a little guitar with three strings on it that looked like a banjo," Harrison recalled of Lennon during testimony in a 1998 court case against the owner of a bootleg Beatles' recording.

"I put the six strings on and showed him all the chords — it was actually me who got him playing the guitar. He didn't object to that, being taught by someone who was the baby of the group. John and I had a very good relationship from very early on."



Nick Ut/Associated Press

Preview Joan Flint from the United Kingdom, places a rose on The Beatles star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Harrison became interested in the sitar while making the 1965 film "Help!" and introduced it to a generation of Western listeners on "Norwegian Wood," a song by Lennon from the "Rubber Soul" album.

Among his compositions were "I Need You" for the soundtrack of "Help!"; "If I Needed Someone" on "Rubber Soul"; "Within You, Without You" on "Sgt. Pepper"; and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" on the White Album.

Late in 1966, after the Beatles had ceased touring, Harrison went to India, where he studied the sitar with Ravi Shankar.

"He was the first musician I knew who developed a truly spiritual side, and he was generous with his time to both charity and to friends," said Mick Jagger, who joined the Beatles on one Maharishi visit but soon lost interest.

By the late '60s, Harrison was clearly worn out from being a Beatle and openly bickered with McCartney, arguing with him on camera during the filming of "Let It Be."

As the Beatles grew apart, Harrison collaborated with Clapton on the song "Badge," performed with Lennon's Plastic Ono Band and produced his most acclaimed solo work, the triple album "All Things Must Pass."

Harrison's hit "My Sweet Lord," later drew Harrison into a lawsuit, which he lost, by the copyright owner of "He's So Fine."

A second Harrison project led to legal problems. Moved by the starvation caused by the war between Bangladesh and Pakistan, Harrison in 1971 staged two benefit concerts in New York and recruited such performers as Starr, Shankar, Clapton and Dylan.

Although millions were raised and the three-record concert release won a Grammy for album of the year, allegations emerged over mishandling of funds and the money long stayed in escrow.

Despite the occasional hit single, including the Lennon tribute song "All Those Years Ago," Harrison's solo career did not live up to initial expectations. Reviewing a greatest-hits compilation, Village Voice critic Robert Christgau likened him to a "borderline hitter they can pitch around after the sluggers (Lennon and McCartney) are traded away."

Harrison's family life was steadier. He married Olivia Arias in 1978, a month after Dhani was born.

The next year, he founded Handmade Films to produce "Life of Brian." He sold the company for \$8.5 million in 1994.

For all his disparagement of the material world, Harrison kept a steady eye on the bottom line, an attitude set to a sharp rock riff in his song "Taxman."

"The thing that pleases me the most about it is that young people like it," Harrison said in an interview with the AP. "I think the popular music has gone truly weird. It's either cutesy-wutesy or it's hard, nasty stuff. It's good that this has life again with the youth."

Key dates in life of George Harrison

By The Associated Press

Feb. 25, 1943 — Harrison is born in Liverpool, England, to Harold and Louise Harrison.

August 1958 — He joins the Quarrymen, a group that includes schoolmate Paul McCartney and John Lennon.

1959 — He joins McCartney, Lennon and Stuart Sutcliffe in a band called the Silver Beatles.

August 1960 — The band, now called the Beatles, goes to Germany, quickly becoming a popular local act.

May 9, 1962 — Producer George Martin, of EMI subsidiary Parlophone, signs Beatles to first record contract.

October 1962 — Beatles' first single, "Love Me Do," becomes a top-20 hit in Britain.

February 1963 — "Please Please Me" becomes the Beatles' first chart-topping song in Britain. The band's first album, also called "Please Please Me," is released the following month.

Dec. 23, 1963 — "I Want to Hold Your Hand" becomes the band's first U.S. release; weeks later, it is their first song to top the Billboard charts.

February 1964 — Beatles appear on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and immediately become the biggest band in America.

July 1964 — First Beatles film, "A Hard Day's Night," is released.

Jan. 21, 1966 — Harrison marries model Patti Boyd.

Aug. 29, 1966 — Beatles play last live show, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

1967 — "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," considered the band's magnum opus, is released.

November 1968 — Harrison releases "Wonderwall Music," an experimental, all-instrumental film score, his first solo recording and first LP for Beatles' Apple label.

1969 — Harrison's song "Something" is No. 1 hit in United States for the Beatles.

April 10, 1970 — McCartney announces he is leaving the Beatles, prompting the band to split up.

1970 — Harrison releases solo album "All Things Must Pass."

Aug. 1, 1971 — Concert for Bangladesh is held at Madison Square Garden with friends including Ringo Starr, Bob Dylan and Ravi Shankar. Three-LP live recording produced.

Nov. 2, 1974 — Harrison becomes first Beatle to stage solo world tour.

Sept. 7, 1976 — He loses lawsuit by copyright holders of Ronnie Mack's "He's So Fine," who claim it was basis for Harrison's "My Sweet Lord."

June 9, 1977 — Harrison divorces Boyd, who later marries Eric Clapton.

Aug. 1, 1978 — His son Dhani born.

Sept. 2, 1978 — Harrison marries Dhani's mother, Olivia Arias.

1979 — He establishes Handmade Films to produce Monty Python's "Life of Brian."

July 1981 — Harrison's tribute to John Lennon, "All Those Years Ago," featuring McCartney and Starr, peaks at No. 2 in United States.

January 1988 — He hits No. 1 in the United States with "Got My Mind Set on You."

1994 — Handmade Films sells for \$8.5 million.

November 1988 — Harrison releases "Traveling Wilburys: Volume One" with Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and Jeff Lynne.

June 1998 — Harrison discloses that he has been treated for throat cancer.

Dec. 30, 1999 — He suffers a collapsed lung as he is stabbed several times by deranged man who breaks into his home near London.

July 9, 2001 — He confirms that he had radiation treatment in Switzerland for a tumor.

Nov. 29, 2001 — Harrison dies of cancer.

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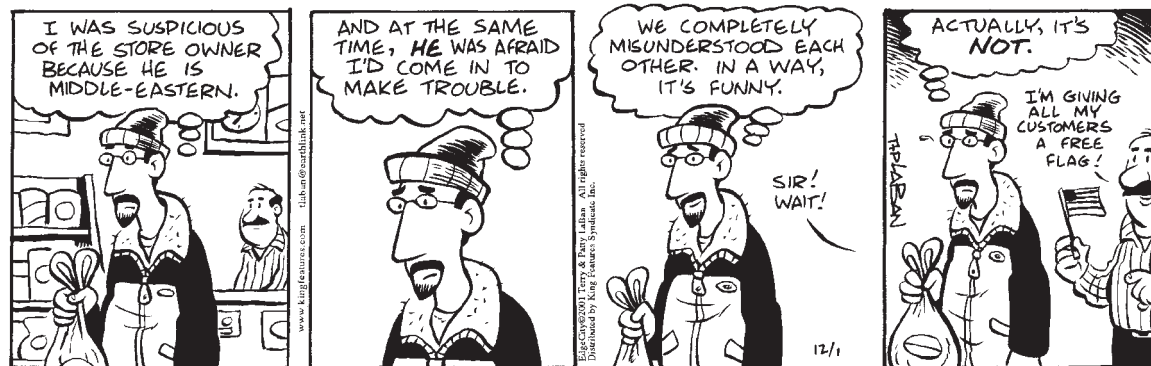


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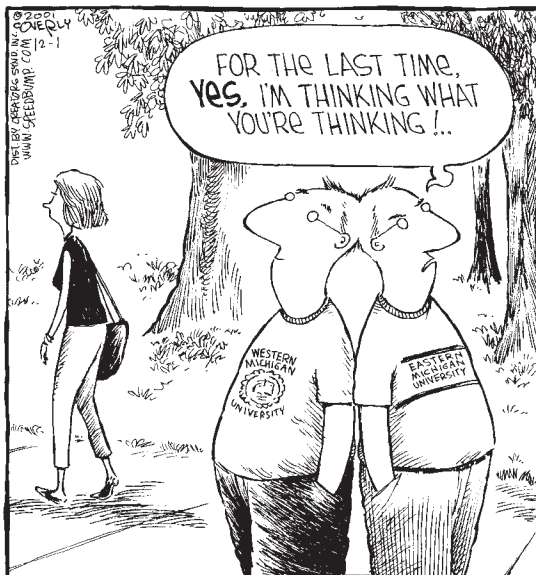
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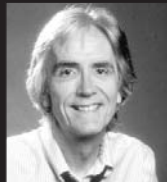
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by Chuck Shepard

This time it was consensual

• Sudanese-born gynecologist Darwish Hasan Darwish dropped to his knees and praised Allah after he was found not guilty by a jury at Preston (England) Crown Court in October on a charge that he had raped a woman whom he had put under hypnosis. The woman later gave birth to his child, which was assumed for years to have been her husband's, until her husband, who is a plumber, installed a sauna in the Darwish home and noticed a resemblance between one of Darwish's daughters and his own. The jury apparently believed the sex might have been consensual, but among the things the judge did not permit jurors to know was that Dr. Darwish had already been convicted of having sex with patients under similar circumstances nine times.

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ODDS & ENDS

Collectible cars 'hot wheels'

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An award-winning collector's stable of classic cars is being downsized.

Four famous race cars from Bruce Meyer's garage are being turned into a set of Hot Wheels collectibles by toy maker Mattel Inc.

Meyer, who has been collecting classic cars since 1964, has scored blue ribbons at major shows for his meticulously restored hot rods and race cars.

Carson Lev, director of design for Hot Wheels racing and collector products, said the Mattel unit makes two types of cars: toys for kids priced about \$1 each, and pricier collectible models for adults.

The four-car Meyer Gallery set costs \$39.95.

Although the individual Hot Wheels collector cars cost as little as \$8 when new, demand for highly collectible models can send prices soaring. A rare Hot Wheels model of a beach bomb Volkswagen bus done in the early 1970s recently sold for a reported \$72,000.

Mattel has produced more than two billion die-cast Hot Wheels cars since 1968.

Robbers sand wedged into custody

By the Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Two masked men who tried to rob a convenience store probably didn't expect any trouble from a soggy mop and a golf club.

Richmond County police say a couple that owns Comet Gas & Service thwarted a robbery Wednesday by drubbing two men who tried to empty the cash register.

"I did what I had to do," said Byung Hui Kwon, who clubbed one man over the head with a sand

wedge while husband Sim Chong used a mop to fend off the other.

The couple's son, Peter Chong, said his mother started the fight.

"What got her mad is them thinking they can just put on masks and, without earning anything, just rob anybody that easily," Chong said. "We work hard. The only day we close is Christmas Day."

The two suspects fled and were found in a nearby hotel. Samuel Hudson, 18, and William Carter, 17, were charged with armed robbery.

Desperate for the horse to return

By the Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Life just hasn't been the same since the disappearance of a popular horse — made of fiberglass — that used to watch over a Tucson store.

Dastardly desperadoes rustled the life-sized horse, which had stood atop OK Feed and Supply's porch roof for decades.

Manager Alta Arnold said she's been getting calls every day since the recent disappearance of the horse. Some callers are angry, others offer condolences and some say they've had to make up stories for their upset children.

One elderly woman who called was angry because she had gotten lost. The woman, who missed her turn, had always used the horse as a landmark.

A field of lights

By the Associated Press

HYSHAM, Mont. — A Montana cornfield has lit up with 8,000 miniature lights declaring, in a 120-foot-long message, "Merry Christmas U.S.A."

"With this September 11th deal, I just thought

let's put the USA in there too, kind of be patriotic," said Hysham businessman Mark Manning, who put up the display.

The cornfield is beside Manning's house on the edge of Hysham.

Manning said laying the 80 strings of 100 lights on a plywood base took about 50 hours. Circuit breakers popped at his house when the display was first tuned on, he said.

Just before Christmas, the sign will stay lighted all night, he said.

"I'll know within a month" what the extra lights do to the power bill, he said. "I'm sure it will be a little more than normal, but that's all right, too."

Car stolen in San Francisco with boy in back seat

By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A 6-year-old boy was in the back seat of a car that was stolen Friday after the child's mother left it parked with the keys inside while she went into a store.

San Francisco police put out a statewide bulletin to try to locate the green Isuzu Rodeo.

Okorie Scarbor was sitting in the back seat when the car was stolen about 4:50 p.m. from the South of Market District, said San Francisco Sgt. Michael Cesari.

His mother, Rachelle Paige, had left the keys in the car while she went inside Butler's Uniform, Cesari said.

When Paige came out, the car was gone.

The license plate number is California 4HAA490.



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