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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The man convicted of blowing up the Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people, lives in relative luxury in a private four-room suite in Glasgow's Barlinnie prison, according to a November report in Britain's News of the World. Abdelbaset al Megrahi, serving a minimum 27-year sentence, has a color TV, VCR, stereo, personal computer, kitchen, floral curtains, framed art and unlimited telephone access. A prison official said the man must be isolated because of the nature of his crime, but that Barlinnie had a limited choice of such facilities.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Three out of four doctors recommend another doctor."

— Graffiti



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New law requires sellers to disclose historical status

Proposition A battle still being felt in community

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — Local real estate agents will be required under a new law to tell prospective home buyers if a house is considered historic.

The new ordinance, which passed Tuesday unanimously with no discussion among Santa Monica City Council members, is widely considered a protection for home buyers, many of whom have

complained they were suddenly saddled with development restrictions on homes they didn't realize were designated as historic.

Earlier this year, the political battle over historic designations reached a zenith in the campaign over Proposition A. That proposition would have allowed homeowners to determine if their home should be marked as historic, instead of leaving the decision up to City Hall, as is done now.

The March election pitted homeowners and developers, who

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John Wood/Daily Press

A man walks past Chinois on Main Street, right, on Wednesday. Chinois will expand into the old Imaginings Interior Design, middle, and Santa Monica Trading Company, left.

Chinois to go private with new dining room

New law sparks debate at City Council meeting

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — More than two decades after opening Chinois on Main Street, renowned chef Wolfgang Puck was given permission Tuesday to

expand and open a 48-seat private dining room next door.

The 5-1 vote by members of the City Council came after 22 members of the public addressed the council, most of them praising Puck as a businessman, an employer and a restaurateur.

As part of their action, council members passed a law which

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Christopher Rhodes, director of choral music at Santa Monica High School, on Wednesday leads the Samohi choir in "Irish Blessing" during a ceremony held in memory of students who have died. Dozens of students attended the ceremony.

A growing place: Students remember

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — Students gathered on the south lawn of campus Wednesday morning to remember lives that were tragically cut short.

A tree, dedicated to slain sophomore Deanna Maran, was recently planted on the sunny hillside near Pico Boulevard.

But the tree will also serve in memory for all Santa Monica High School students who have passed away — Cindy Cruz, William Lopez, Tori Eckhard, Charles Conway, Chris Carey and Randall Ramsey, to name a few.

During the half-hour ceremony, which was attended by dozens

of students and faculty, friends of Maran and Cruz' brother, Jaime Cruz, spoke about their losses.

"I wish we didn't have to be here today," said Cruz of his little sister, who committed suicide. "The planting of this tree acknowledges the loss here at Samohi of all the young folk that have died senselessly."

The tree is planted in an area where many Samohi students gather in the afternoon.

Friends of Maran, who was 15 years old when she was murdered Nov. 17, 2001, held back the tears as they talked about how they miss their friend known affectionately as "Lala," her family nickname.

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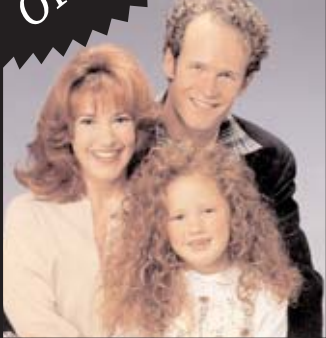
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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, December 11, 2003:

You have unusual charisma, and others cannot help but respond to you. In the professional and/or public realm, you could win an election you're so popular — if you were so inclined. With everything going for you, you have the ability to surge ahead professionally. You get the type of acknowledgment you want, be it a promotion or a pay raise. By fall 2004, your popularity floods into your social life. If single, you will certainly meet your share of mates or potential sweeties. Your circle of friends will expand. If attached, share more of your successes with your loved one. You become quite a team. Love flourishes in fall 2004. CANCER understands you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Enthusiasm marks your professional and personal lives. How you say what you feel could make a big difference in how a superior, boss or even a mate responds. Be sensitive to those around you. Plunge into work, as you will get a lot done quickly. Tonight: Get physical.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for a child, loved one or friend who might have been playing it rather low-key. Your way of verbalizing has much to do with the positive response you get. Start discussing a trip in the near future. Tonight: Away you go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A key partner might be overly enthusiastic about how to spend your money. You might want to say "no," but somehow, somehow, this person manipulates you into taking a strong action. Establish stronger boundaries. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You're upbeat but nearly rigid that you have things your way. Consider more carefully your options that surround a loved one. A conversation doesn't have to spill the beans, but you might be able to pick up a clue about the right gift for this person. Tonight: As you like it. You won't tolerate anything else.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ What you might want to do or buy for someone close just might not suit this person. Know that everything doesn't have to happen yesterday. An easy, observing approach will take you in a new direction, if you're willing. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Take charge, as you are the most likely to get what you want and need. You have a special way of telling others what you expect. Associates respond, as well as your family. Results revolve around friendship and teamwork. A child needs extra time. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your way of approaching family and others in general draws some very positive results. Realize that you might need to take the lead, even if you would prefer not to. Your instincts guide you down the right path. Excitement surrounds you. Tonight: Join friends for a late meal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Some simply like you, which is quite clear in what they say and what they do. Express your generous and giving side. Return calls. Your bright and happy manner could turn another's day around. Add more caring to your daily life. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others praise your work and your abilities. You might see this approval in the form of a bonus or a pay raise. Work with people individually, and you will gain as a result. Others appreciate your undivided attention. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your ability to relate to others comes out. Your understanding, which to many appears as wisdom, gives you a gentleness or wholeness that others delight in. Sort through the many invitations. Everyone wants the Goat! Tonight: Out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Realize when you have had enough of a situation and say "no." How you say no might make all the difference in the reception. A partner proves most instrumental as he or she explains what is on his or her mind. Tonight: Off to the gym.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Be careful about mixing business and pleasure. You might understand this fine line, but another might not. You find that others appreciate your efforts. Be as clear as possible with a special loved one. This person needs your attention. Tonight: Play as if the weekend was beginning.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

One of SMC's is the best coach of year

By Daily Press staff



Wendy Dreher

Santa Monica College women's volleyball coach Wendy Dreher has been named "2003 Southern California Regional Coach of the Year" and "Western State Conference Southern Division Coach of the Year."

Dreher, who led her team to the second round of the state play-offs this year, just finished her second season as women's volleyball coach at SMC. She also was named WSC Southern Division Coach of the Year in 2002.

Posting an 18-4 record, including playoffs, the 2003 team bested their 13-6 record last year. Among this year's standout players were outside hitter Katherine Shorey, who was named "Conference Player of the Year" and made the All-State and Southern California Regional teams, and setter Chelsea Baiz, who made the Southern California Regional Team.

Before taking over at SMC, Dreher had served as the first assistant at nearby College of the Canyons for three years. While at COC, the Cougars won back-to-back Western State Conference titles in 1999 and 2000.

Dreher played volleyball for California State University at Los Angeles, where she started at the opposite hitting position each of her four years. In her freshman season, the Golden Eagles finished fourth in the nation at the Division II level. She earned all honors for her performance during her senior year and is on the all-time career lists in block solos, block assists, and aces at CSULA.

Aside from coaching at SMC, Dreher, of Canyon Country, teaches fourth grade at Mint Canyon Elementary School in Canyon Country.

Red Cross driving toys to the needy

By Daily Press staff

For the 11th straight year, the American Red Cross of Santa Monica will be collecting toys to distribute to local needy families in time for the holidays.

Once again partnering with the Santa Monica Fire Department and KABC, the Red Cross will assist those who have been hard hit financially and might not otherwise receive any gifts. To participate, drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Red Cross' Santa Monica chapter at 1450 11th St. or of the any of the Santa Monica Fire stations between now and Dec. 24. For the location of additional collection sites, call the Red Cross of Santa Monica at (310) 394-3773.

Elks get creative with buns

By Daily Press staff

WEST L.A. — Santa Monica Elks held a hamburger and hot dog picnic at Wadsworth Veterans Hospital on Veteran's Day for hospitalized and homeless veterans. Eighteen Elks and five members of the "Emblem Club" hosted over 350 veterans with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw and soft drinks.

Robbie Robinson, chairman of the event, said the Elks got creative with supplies.

"We had 350 plates," he said. "When we ran out of plates, the veterans used hamburger buns as plates. When we ran out of hamburger buns, they placed a hamburger patty on a hot-dog bun. When we ran out of hot-dog buns, they used their fingers on the last few hot dogs."

Raedeon Kiesz, the group's leader, said the event had multiple purposes.

"This is a continuing event," Kiesz said. "For the hospitalized veterans, it was a change of pace from the hospital food. For the homeless, it was a feast."

Doug Randall, an Elk and employee at the hospital, said, "There are many homeless veterans that live on the grounds. They prefer the outdoors to hospital discipline."

Bob Jacobs, president of the Board of Trustees for the Elks, said, "It is a very satisfying event to bring a little cheer into the lives of these veterans, who have given so much of their lives in service to our country."

surf report

Solid WNW swell is in the water today. Although already past its peak, many spots with good WNW exposure (South Bay) will see surf running in the head-high range. Look for a steady fade in surf as we move through the day. There will also be SW swell slowly winding down with inconsistent 2-4' surf at best summer breaks, strongest in the morning.

OUTLOOK: For Friday, expect that the WNW swell will drop off rather quickly. Those waves fade further on Saturday, although new NW will have started to build by that time.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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SUNDAY	1:19	2.1	2:50	-0.3	7:38	6.0	9:15	3.7
MONDAY	1:45	2.3	3:23	-0.4	8:03	6.0	9:55	3.6
TUESDAY	2:11	2.4	3:57	-0.4	8:31	6.0	10:36	3.5
WEDNESDAY	2:38	2.6	4:34	-0.4	9:00	5.9	11:22	3.4
THURSDAY	3:07	2.7	5:43	-0.2	9:32	5.8	N/A	N/A
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The Q Line

The local school board is contemplating a new "gift policy" to make cash donations more equitable for all schools in the district. The proposal would no longer allow vast inequities like McKinley Elementary, which raised \$30,000 last year and Pt. Dume Elementary in Malibu, which raised \$300,000, to continue.

One side of the debate argues contributors to the wealthier schools might stop giving if 15 percent of the cash donation is put into a central pot to be distributed to less affluent schools, as the proposal suggests.

Others laud the proposal, saying the less affluent schools will finally get to reap the benefits of all contributions within the district.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is it fair that 15 percent of cash donations be distributed throughout all schools in the district?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

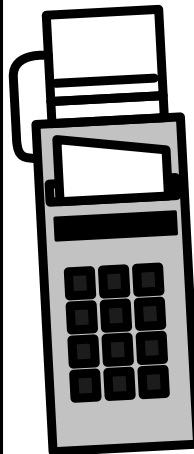
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LETTERS

Columnist off base

Editor:

Bill Bauer's latest verbal assaults on homeless people (SMDP, Dec. 5, page 4), and the agencies, particularly OPCC, working to eliminate the scourge of anyone living on our streets is another example of using his column to spread the misinformation and vitriol that has become his trademark. He begins by blaming the agencies and the city for the unfortunate death of a homeless man, and then continues to discuss our policies for providing services as if he is an authority on the subject. Neither is true.

For the record, contrary to Mr. Bauer's assertion that "anyone can receive basic services for years on end with no questions asked," people receiving services at OPCC's Access Center are required to register and provide information which is tracked through a computerized case management system mandated for all city-funded agencies. We are not interested in respecting our clients' anonymity. We are very interested in respecting their dignity. One of our greatest challenges is building trust with individuals who have learned to survive by isolating and disconnecting from other people. That takes time. Anyone with experience working with homeless people understands how long and difficult it can be to make a connection that results in someone changing their behavior and making better choices.

It is not a myth that more services do get more people off the streets. It's a fact. The No. 1 barrier to eliminating homelessness is the lack of affordable housing, combined with appropriate supportive services, especially for people living with mental illness or substance addiction. Safe and affordable housing is the most stabilizing factor in a person's life. Numerous studies have been conducted across the country and all come to the same conclusion — chronic homelessness can be eliminated with appropriate services attached to affordable housing. Santa Monica's Housing Authority has one of the most successful retention rates in permanent supportive housing in the country. It isn't a myth and isn't by accident. It happens because the same agencies Mr. Bauer continues to malign for their ineffectiveness are, in fact, extremely competent in getting and keeping people housed when the resources are available.

Yes, there are untreated, severely mentally ill and addicted people wandering the streets. Many are there as a result of being discharged from public institutions or other systems without adequate planning for where they will live or receive care for their illness. Some homeless people engage in anti-social behavior that is obnoxious and annoying, and residents and businesses are negatively impacted by their actions. We have never advocated that homeless people should be able to act anyway they want and not be held responsible for their actions. We have consistently advocated for not blaming all homeless people for the bad behaviors of a few, and for trying to understand the complexities of the problems of people living on the streets. The social service system is not perfect. We labor under constant pressure to solve some of society's most difficult problems — persistent mental illness, addiction, physical and sexual assault, and domestic violence — all manifested in the people we serve. We work with severely disabled people who have multiple needs and face multiple barriers in returning to lives of stability. There aren't enough resources to help everyone, and some individuals aren't ready to accept help from the services that are available. It's a system that is overwhelmed by need and limited by capacity.

The numbers of homeless people are increasing everywhere. Not because social service providers aren't doing their jobs, or because Santa Monica has made a commitment to shouldering some of the responsibility of trying to assist people living like abandoned animals on our streets. The numbers are increasing because other local municipalities have not done their fair share to develop and support housing and services in their own communities, because the federal government has failed miserably to provide the resources necessary to build and sustain adequate affordable housing and supportive services, and because we want quick fixes to complex social problems. The venom Mr. Bauer regularly spews from his column would be better directed at the elected officials in Culver City, Beverly Hills, Inglewood and Los Angeles to get them to take some responsibility for a regional problem. Continuing to act as if Santa Monica exists in a vacuum separate from the rest of Los Angeles County, and is somehow immune from the impact that redevelopment and policy decisions in other cities is having on us here, is what is responsible for the misery and death of people living on the streets. It is time for Mr. Bauer to stop blaming service providers for tackling the problems, while he just continues to endlessly whine.

John Maceri
Executive Director, OPCC

Bored with the Promenade

Editor:

Ms. Sackariason's piece on the survey of the Promenade was quite interesting. (SMDP, Dec. 9, page 1). Especially interesting was the idea of converting the alleys on either side of the Promenade to areas which could be decorated with murals and used by cafes now being forced out of the Promenade by escalating rents.

In her classic book, "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," Jane Jacobs made several points which went contrary to then popular belief. One of those points was that a street's attractiveness to the public had less to do with fancy decor and more with the mixture of activities taking place on that street. The more active a street — or public square — is, the more attractive it is to the general population.

Extrapolating from her book to Los Angeles, Rodeo Drive may be the single most glamorous street in the Southland — but it is also one of the most boring, especially

at night. Jacobs also pointed out, narrower streets — or alleys — by their concentration can be more lively than wider boulevards.

Walk around some of the narrower streets of Old Town Pasadena, and this is self-evident. Glamour is not the same as liveliness. And it is that sense of liveliness stemming from a mixture of populations, old and young, ethnic and not, rich and poor, which we need to cultivate, once more, in Santa Monica.

One of the reasons I moved to Santa Monica many years ago was the lunch counter at J.J. Newberry's, at the corner of Third and Arizona. Glamorous, it wasn't. Real and with an interesting mix of people, it very much was.

I also loved Woolworth's and the International Food Court, the latter near Broadway, for precisely these reasons. Do we really have to give away our city's cultural, ethnic, and economically diverse richness in the name of "progress?"

A very small piece of the puzzle might be a dropping of the puritanical ban on bicycles on the Promenade. Why do we only allow the police to use bicycles on the Promenade? Don't bicycles used by the rest of us also have hand brakes? Are the cops really so much safer for pedestrians than are other bicyclists? And wouldn't adding bicyclists to the mix of populations help enliven the Promenade?

For those of us who don't remember what the Promenade used to look like, a trip to nearby Westwood Village, with its mixture of individually owned stores, restaurants, and the like could help give us more of a vision of what we want here.

Otherwise, we'll turn into another Rodeo Drive. And, I suspect, even the denizens of that famous street tend to find it — dare we say it? — boring.

Joseph Hanania
Santa Monica

The perfect bachelor?

Editor:

Geez, what MORE could a girl want (Charles Springer's column, SMDP, Dec. 8, page 4).

A movie, and then what?

Let's go back and cuddle under the overpass I squat under?

Let's share a bottle of thunderbird?

Your shopping cart or mine?

Let's meet at the handout line and hook up?

And that ex wife. How dare she divorce him. The nerve of wanting to feed and house her children. She obviously didn't want to raise her kids under a bridge. Maybe she lost her kids to the system, not being able to take care of them alone! And how much child support HAS Charles paid?

And here's poor Charles, a victim since birth, that hasn't had to take responsibility for anything, including his own children.

Yeah, all my single girlfriends would line up for a night with him!

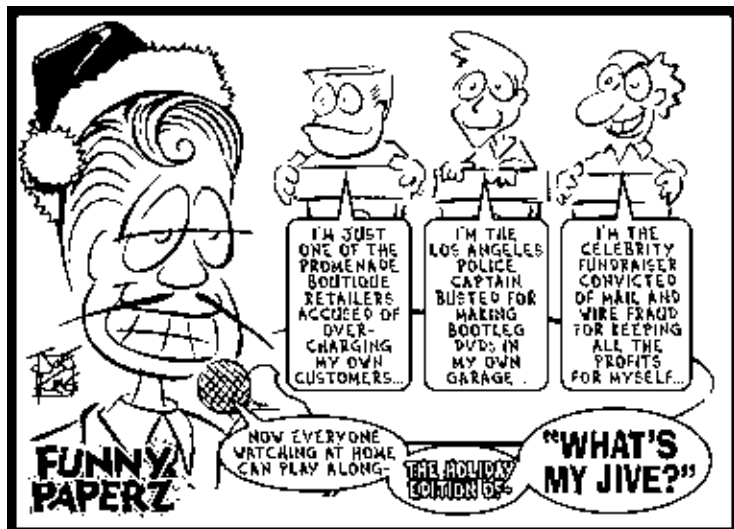
Lori Emerson
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A look at Kennedy's legacy

Editor:

I share Marilyn Brennan's deep distress with President Bush's policies (SMDP, Dec. 5, "Bush playing games with American lives," page 4). I dissent, however, from Ms. Brennan's view of President Kennedy's legacy. When we look at his record, as

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opposed to the hopes many had at the time, we find a radically different picture than the laudatory portrayal of many historians and mass media pundits.

Let's begin with Kennedy's policies toward Cuba. The illegal efforts to overthrow that government began in October 1959 during the Eisenhower administration. These included CIA bombing raids that originated from bases in the U.S. Kennedy escalated these attacks with a crushing embargo and terrorist campaign that included paramilitary operations, economic warfare and sabotage. He supported a national security directive "to engineer an internal revolt that would be followed by U.S. military intervention." Ten days before he was killed, he approved a CIA plan for "destructive operations" in Cuba by U.S. proxy forces that included terrorist attacks "against a large oil refinery and storage facilities, a large electric plant, sugar refineries, railroad bridges, harbor facilities, and underwater demolition of docks and ships" (see Noam Chomsky, *Hegemony or Survival*, pp. 80-90). The embargo and terrorist attacks have continued through eight U.S. presidents, and all violate international and U.S. law.

The Soviet missiles in 1962 must be seen in the context of this terrorist campaign against the Cuban people, who have a right to defend themselves against unprovoked aggression. The origins of the October 1962 missile crisis, therefore, and the Kennedy administration's efforts for a "peaceful" solution of a crisis it essentially created, derive largely "from the concerted U.S. campaign to quash the Cuban revolution" by terrorism and economic warfare (Thomas Patterson, "Cuba and the Missile Crisis"). The terrorism against the Cuban people was not unique, as Kennedy engaged in massive National Security State violence in Latin America and Vietnam (for documentation, see William Blum, *Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower*, pp. 125-167; and Noam Chomsky, *Rethinking Camelot: JFK, the Vietnam War, and US Political Culture*).

On the domestic front, in 1960 there were progressive changes in the air — inspired by the courageous anti-racist struggles of blacks. Attributing these changes to the Kennedy administration, however, is a profound distortion of the historical record. JFK was extraordinarily cautious when it came to the civil rights of blacks and other oppressed racial minorities, and essentially did nothing until forced by the militant actions of those oppressed.

It took the riot at the University of Mississippi in September 1962 in reaction to the enrollment of black U.S. Air Force veteran James Meredith, Bull Connor's hoses and police dogs attacking black children in Birmingham in the spring of 1963, thousands of arrests of Freedom Riders and other civil rights activists in 1961-63, the bombing deaths of four black girls in September 1963 in Birmingham, and hundreds of other acts of violence, to move Kennedy toward reform. He was behind the civil rights revolution, never in front of it. Throughout the entire period, he continued to nominate racist judges to the federal courts in the south and compromise with southern racists in Congress.

Kennedy traveled to Berlin in 1961 to pledge his support for those in East Germany who were oppressed by that regime, symbolized by the Berlin Wall. Not once did he travel to the south to stand in solidarity with black people living under apartheid terror there.

If we are to confront the current crimes and lies of the Bush regime in Washington,

we must begin by shedding the fantasies and delusions about past presidents, beginning with the assertion that "we among all the peoples of the world comprise the most peace-loving of nations" (President Woodrow Wilson, 1917). Ask Native Americans about that assertion, or ask the Latin American victims of Kennedy's state terrorism, the forerunner of U.S.-supported death-squad regimes in Argentina, Chile, El Salvador, and Guatemala, and the Contra war against Nicaragua. Let's stop sanctifying John F. Kennedy, and confront the violent legacy of "Camelot."

John Marciano
Santa Monica

Apology from columnist

Editor:

This is a public apology to the last person mentioned in my last column. I was very wrong for what I said in my column about you. You are all woman, a SUPERwoman as a matter of fact. I was very cruel and insensitive for what I wrote. You did not in any way shape or form deserve my angry words. You have always treated me with respect and friendship and in my arrogant pride I was totally blind to it. So I stand a fool drowning in his own folly. Superwoman, I apologize to you from my heart.

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**LOCAL**

Maran Foundation set up to teach non-violence

DEDICATION, from page 1

"It's probably been the hardest experience of my life," said Tim Livingston, who carried an injured Maran to the car after she was stabbed by another teenager at a party in Westwood two years ago. "To deal with death at the age of 15 is a life-changing experience."

Maran's parents, Harriet and Ilja Maran, who live in the Ocean Park neighborhood, attended the ceremony with their son, Ilja, who attends John Muir Elementary.

"It was good to see the kids," Harriet Maran said. "It's important."

Samohi teacher Bill Wishart, said he taught Lopez, who died quickly from leukemia two years ago, and Eckhard, who fell from a roof. Both students were juniors when they died.

"It's very meaningful for the students remaining here, it's an excellent way to express their grief," Wishart said. "It's really hard to take but I think our kids are really resilient."

The Maran family started a foundation in Deanna's name to teach non-violence throughout the community and the country. It seeks to build an active group of students, teachers, parents and community members who commit to teaching others about the symptoms of violence, how to prevent escalation of violence, and how to stop it entirely.

By connecting people to resources that educate students in grades K-12 about non-violent solutions, habits, and sensibilities, the Marans hope one day conflicts

will end in peaceful resolution.

Ilja Maran said the programs and scholarships will start locally. But in the future, he envisions the foundation to support programs throughout the country. Thousands of dollars have been raised since Deanna's death.

The first scholarship will be given out through Samohi this school year — the year Deanna would have graduated. It will award \$750 each to two seniors who most exhibit the qualities possessed by Deanna — sincerity, generosity, kindness and the concern for the welfare of others. A 600-word essay on the topic of "What I have done to contribute to a more just and non-violent community" is required and two letters of recommendation.

One scholarship will be dedicated to a Samohi senior in gratitude to the community's generous support immediately following Deanna's murder.

By keeping the story alive, the Marans hope that people, especially children, remember that the tragedy could have been avoided had an alternative been used to resolve the dispute. Deanna had a brief altercation with a 15-year-old girl at the party. Once party goes broke up the fight, the 15-year-old called her sister who came to the party and stabbed Deanna while dozens of teenagers looked on.

The Marans are using Deanna's murder, as well as other similar stories, as case studies to be taught by leaders in the community. The foundation's Web site is www.maranfoundation.org.

Neighborhood group warned about campaign contribution

LAW, from page 1

complained of excessive bureaucracy, against residents and preservationists, who said the aesthetic qualities of Santa Monica were in jeopardy. More than \$300,000 was raised in the campaign, mostly by supporters, who lost the election by 6 percent.

How money was raised and spent became such an issue in the election that Santa Monica resident and local property rights attorney Tom Larmore accused a neighborhood group of foul play. He claimed the North of Montana Neighborhood Association funded anti-Proposition A mailers but didn't file campaign disclosure statements before the election, as required by law.

The Fair Political Practices Commission said last month it had reviewed Larmore's allegations and was sending a warning to NOMA officials.

"Based on a review of the campaign statements, we have concluded that the committee had minimal activity and, thus, this matter does not rise to a level of seriousness warranting prosecution," states a letter from Mark Krausse, executive director of the commission. "However, we will be sending NOMA a warning letter regarding their conduct."

Doris Sosin, NOMA's temporary co-chair, said the group sent anti-Proposition A mailers with the intent of protecting the quality of life in their neighborhood, and because board members of the group agreed the issue was important.

"We did not do anything that was illegal and when we did it we were very cognizant not to use any kind of funding that came from the city," Sosin said.

Sherrill Kushner, a local attorney and former NOMA board member, said as soon as the lapse is reporting was brought up, her group corrected the matter.

"It was ignorance," she said. "We were not aware of the regulation."

Only two members of the public spoke on the ordinance at the council meeting, both praising the law as a step in the right direction for all sides.

Under the new ordinance, the owner or real estate agent representing a property being sold must disclose to potential buyers as soon as possible if it is designated as a landmark, a structure of merit, or if it contributes to a historic district. The law also requires property sellers to file a document with City Hall.

Tom Cleys, president of the nonprofit Santa Monica Conservancy and a local real estate financier, said before the new law, the situation was problematic because home buyers often purchased real estate before they realized there were limitations on properties.

"This basically solves that problem," he said. "The average home buyer is not as knowledgeable in acquiring real estate."

Local historian and Landmarks Commission member Roger Genser agreed, saying, "This ordinance really just directs the real estate industry to really make that disclosure ... It's really simple, straightforward."

LOCAL



Wolfgang Puck to expand Main Street restaurant

CHINOISE, from page 1

allows existing restaurants on Main Street to add private dining rooms if they receive what's called a "conditional use permit" from City Hall.

Currently, there's a limit on the number of restaurants on any given Main Street block and, without the new law, Puck would be unable to expand without taking space away from the 100-seat restaurant.

Instead, Chinois, which grosses about \$3.6 million each year and stands to earn another \$1 million with the expansion, will take over two adjacent businesses, said Bella Lantsman, Puck's business partner.

In his comments to the council, Puck, who flew in from New York for the meeting, said Chinois had grown beyond his expectations. The 2709 Main St. restaurant has about 50 workers.

"I think we thought we were going to build a little neighborhood restaurant only and it became a restaurant known all over the world," Puck said. Meals at Chinois cost about \$50 a person without drink or tip.

City Councilman Mike Feinstein cast the sole vote against allowing the expansion, saying it sets a bad precedent for Main Street.

"I voted 'no' because I believe such changes need to be made in a responsible, comprehensive manner in terms of revising the Main Street plan, not through spot zoning for an individual business," he said after the vote.

Local historian and Landmarks Commission member Roger Genser, who lives behind Chinois on Second Street, agreed with Feinstein. He urged council members to consider the impact on neighbors.

"It's a cumulative effect of all the things that the council has approved in recent time," Genser said, pointing to a noise ordinance that recently failed to earn council support, as well as other council actions. "There's a cumulative effect on the street."

Asked by Feinstein if the demise of neighborhood group Ocean Park Community Organization has had an impact on the awareness of the community, Genser said "yes" and added, "The impact is sort of like the sound of one hand

clapping. It's the business community without a response by the neighborhood."

But ultimately Genser's concerns were lost in a flood of praise for Chinois. Workers, attorneys, customers and others turned out to ask the council to support the ordinance, passed on by the Planning Commission in October.

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— **WOLFGANG PUCK**
Owner, Chinois on Main Street

In the end, the other five council members present — City Councilman Herb Katz didn't attend the meeting — voted to support the new ordinance.

"I think there is a need for this kind of private dining room in Santa Monica," said City Councilman Bob Holbrook, adding he recently encountered a shortage of private dining rooms in planning a large holiday party.

Puck must now have the project approved by the Coastal Commission, which oversees all development near the beach, and City Hall's Architectural Review Board, which also must approve local developments, before taking over the two retail spaces next door and beginning the transformation.

Lantsman, who is also the general manager at Chinois, said the new area will likely consist of a kitchen and one large room that is able to be divided into three smaller areas. Though it won't be connected to the restaurant, the private room will be simple, while still resembling Chinois, she added.

"I actually hope that we might be done within six months," Lantsman said.



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Investing 101: It's not too late to open an IRA



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By John Kim

One of the most effective ways to build funds to help you meet your financial goals is through an Individual Retirement Account, also known as an IRA. Have you considered the benefits of opening an IRA? A maximum annual contribution of \$3,000 has the potential to grow substantially over time, as all contributions and earnings compound in the account, tax-deferred. If you haven't already done so, there's still time to open and fund an IRA for 2002. You can make a maximum annual contribution of \$3,000 to your IRA, and an additional \$500 if you are 50 years old or older. Therefore, you could potentially contribute up to \$7,000 to an IRA this year.

Whether you choose a traditional or Roth IRA, the tax deferred compounding of your IRA funds can help you save more for retirement, on an after-tax basis, than the same amount of funds in a taxable savings account, as the chart below illustrates. Assuming a maximum IRA contribution — without catch-up — is made each year beginning in 2002, an 8 percent rate of return, and an ordinary income tax bracket of 25 percent, the comparison is striking.

THE IRA ADVANTAGE

This is an IRA that is deductible under certain circumstances, and that permits penalty-free withdrawals if you are over 59 years old — at which time your money is subject to ordinary income tax. The traditional IRA also offers favorable tax treatment on withdrawals for certain financial goals, such as homeownership and higher education.

Roth IRA is a non-deductible IRA that permits tax- and penalty-free withdrawals of contributions and earnings — if the

account is held for five years and you are over age 59. Contributions to a Roth IRA can be withdrawn at any time tax- and penalty-free.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR AN IRA?

When establishing an IRA, factors to consider include your age, adjusted gross income, current and projected tax brackets, and you and/or your spouse's participation in an employer sponsored retirement plan.

An individual who has earned income or whose spouse has earned income may contribute to a traditional IRA as long as the IRA account holder has not reached age 70 — by the end of the contribution year. Contributions to a Roth IRA may continue beyond age 70. For 2003, the annual maximum contribution to an IRA is \$3,000, or 100 percent of earned income, whichever is less. The annual catch-up contribution in 2002 and 2003 is \$500 for those 50 years old or older, making a possible total annual contribution of \$3,500.

No matter how old you are, if your adjusted income (AGI) is under \$95,000 (single) or under \$150,000 (joint), you may open and make a full contribution to a Roth IRA. Partial contributions are permitted if you are single and your AGI is between \$95,000 and \$110,000 (if married, between \$150,000 and \$160,000). There are no AGI limits for contributions

to a traditional IRA.

Roth IRA contributions are non-deductible under all circumstances. Deductibility of traditional IRA contributions from current gross income depends on your AGI and whether or not you and/or your spouse participate in an employer sponsored retirement plan. To determine your eligibility for a deduction on your traditional IRA contribution, contact your financial or tax advisor.

How do you decide which IRA is appropriate for you? Speak with your financial and/or tax advisor to learn more about the advantages of each account and to determine which type of IRA best fits your particular retirement goals and financial circumstances. They can provide you with a comparison between a Roth and a traditional IRA, which could help you make an informed decision suited to your particular retirement goals.

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STATE



Credit gets downgraded

BY TOM CHORNEAU

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California's already battered credit rating suffered another downgrade Tuesday from a Wall Street rating agency that criticized Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's decision to cut car taxes without any plan to pay for the move.

Moody's Investors Service took California's bond rating another step closer to junk bond status, noting the state's deficit will balloon by \$7.5 billion this year because of the car tax reduction, if no other steps are taken.

Agency analysts also note that little has changed since the Oct. 7 recall election. Despite the election of Schwarzenegger, the state has a "continuing inability to reach political consensus on solutions to its budget and financial problems."

The downgrade comes as lawmakers and Schwarzenegger enter a second week of negotiations over the budget balancing package the governor wants to go before voters in March. Schwarzenegger wants voters to approve a \$15 billion bond measure for paying off the state's deficit and a permanent spending cap on state spending.

As part of his evolving budget stance, Schwarzenegger also said Tuesday he is considering a suspension of Proposition 98, the landmark school funding guarantee that locks in education spending at 40 percent of the state's budget.

Schwarzenegger first mentioned the move, which education officials consider a dramatic reversal of a key campaign promise, during a CNN interview that aired Tuesday.

Rob Stutzman, a Schwarzenegger spokesman, said the budget crisis forced the governor to consider the move and argued that Schwarzenegger may not be breaking a campaign promise because a suspension might not mean a cut in school funding.

"You can try to cast it in any terms of you like, but suspension will be defined as a cut among teachers, parents and students across California," said Kevin Gordon, executive director of the California Association of School Business Officials.

After an initial tone of optimism Monday, meetings on Tuesday between Democratic leaders of the governor did not produce even a hint of an agreement.

"We haven't gotten to a point where he would give or we would give," said Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, D-Culver City, after an hour meeting with Schwarzenegger. "What we're trying to do is make sure what we're discussing is oranges to oranges. Everyone, I think, has a desire to get something done."

Wesson's mood was better Monday night after a similar session with the governor. But aides to the speaker said the latest spending cap proposal from the governor appeared to be even more restrictive than his original offer.

Stutzman also said the governor remained optimistic as talks are expected to continue Wednesday, although he also noted they are operating under the assumption that the deadline will be at noon.

While he would not disclose details of the meeting, Wesson did reference a growing irritation with the process.

"This time I had an opportunity to speak to him alone — eyeball to eyeball," Wesson said. "The signals that I got from him I don't view as being mixed. He indi-

cates that he wants to get this job done. I indicated to him what some of my frustrations are.

"We're going to try to put this thing together," Wesson said.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley has said that lawmakers now have until Wednesday to put a measure on the spring ballot without risking significant costs to county election officials. A number of lawmakers, however, suggested there could still be another change in the deadline.

Moody's action mirrors a downgrade imposed last summer by Standard & Poor's and a more recent poor rating from Wall Street's other big credit agency, Fitch Ratings.

California has suffered with the lowest credit rating among all 50 states for most of the last year.

Lower credit ratings could cost taxpayers millions of dollars in higher interest costs on the billions of dollars the state will likely need to borrow in the coming months. Further, if the state's credit falls below junk bond status, many major pension funds and other big mutual funds will be unable to buy California bonds, causing the state to pay even higher interest rates among smaller investors and even risk not being able to raise all the borrowed money it might need.

State Controller Steve Westly said Wall Street is sending "a signal of lost confidence" in the ability of California's leaders to fix their budget problems. "The rope dangling California over the junk bond pit has slipped another notch."

Westly has warned the state will run out of cash in June if lawmakers are unable to agree on a borrowing plan or some other option such as raising taxes or cutting spending.

Although Schwarzenegger had said for weeks that he had no backup to his proposed \$15 billion borrowing plan and spending cap, he moved quietly Friday to secure a backup — a plan to borrow \$10.7 billion approved by former Gov. Gray Davis and the legislature last summer to be done without voter approval.

The Davis plan had been challenged in court by a taxpayer group in September, who claimed the state constitution requires that kind of borrowing to be approved by voters. During the recall campaign, Schwarzenegger promised to bring the issue to the voters.

Although Democrats have said they are not opposed to the governor's borrowing plan, they are at loggerheads over the spending cap. Schwarzenegger's plan is much more restrictive and would require far deeper cuts in the near future than Democrats are willing to accept.

On another front, officials from cities and counties are also growing uneasy about the budget because of money they lost when the car taxes were cut.

Car tax revenue is used by local governments to pay for a variety of services, including public safety. As the governor and the Legislature debate the bigger picture budget questions, the growing cash crunch facing local officials is getting overshadowed.

Local officials plan a rally in the Capitol Wednesday aimed at drawing attention to their plight. Many of them have already drawn up layoff plans that include furloughs of police and sheriff officers, mental health providers and other services. Others have threatened lawsuits against the state unless the payments are made.

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Afghan children die during U.S. assault

By The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Six children were crushed to death by a collapsing wall during an assault by U.S. forces on a compound filled with weapons in eastern Afghanistan, a U.S. military spokesman said Wednesday, the second time in a week that civilians have died in action against Taliban and al-Qaida suspects.

The children died during a night attack Friday against a complex in eastern Paktia province where a renegade Afghan commander, Mullah Jalani, kept a huge cache of weapons, said U.S. Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty.

"The next day we discovered the bodies of two adults and six children," he said. "We had no indication there were noncombatants" in the compound.

Jalani was not at the site, 12 miles east of Gardez, but Hilferty said nine other people were arrested. He did not identify the adults that were killed or say whether they were combatants or civilians.

Hilferty said that U.S. warplanes and troops attacked the compound, setting off secondary explosions. The bodies were discovered the following day.

Helicopter crash a result of ground fire

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The crash landing of a U.S. helicopter near Fallujah was likely the result of ground fire by insurgents operating in the area, the military said Wednesday.

An earlier statement said the OH-58D Kiowa observation helicopter took fire Tuesday just south of the town and was forced to make an emergency landing, adding that the incident was being investigated. The two crew members were not injured.

On Wednesday, a military official who declined to be identified said a preliminary examination indicated the aircraft had been brought down by small-arms fire or a projectile fired from the ground.

It was the fifth U.S. helicopter downed in Iraq in just over five weeks.

Dems attack Dean, Gore

By The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.H. — Eight of the Democratic presidential candidates ganged up on front-runner Howard Dean and former Vice President Al Gore, hoping to take the luster off Gore's newly minted endorsement of Dean.

"We're not going to have a coronation," snapped Sen.

John Edwards of North Carolina in Tuesday night's debate.

The final faceoff of the year found Dean's rivals passing on their usual criticism of his policies, focused as they were on Gore's blockbuster endorsement. They appealed to the independent streak of voters here, and suggested the former vice president's support smacked of old-style party machine politics.

"To quote another former Democratic leader, I think elections are about people, not about the powerful," said Wesley Clark. "I think it was Al Gore who said that."

Dean fired back: "If you guys are upset that Al Gore is endorsing me, attack me, don't attack Al Gore. ... I don't think he deserves to be attacked by anybody up here. He doesn't; he's not a boss. He's a fundamentally decent human being. We share a lot of values."

The endorsement put the rest of the field on the defensive, arguing for their relevancy. "This race is not over," declared Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, weeks before the first votes are cast in Iowa's Jan. 19 caucuses and New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

Grand Jury indicts club owner

By The Associated Press

WARWICK, R.I. — Grieving families who for 10 months wondered whether anyone would be charged for a nightclub fire that killed 100 people finally got their answer when a grand jury indicted the club's owners and the tour manager for the rock band Great White.

Brothers Jeffrey and Michael Derderian, owners of The Station, and Great White tour manager Daniel Biechele were each indicted Tuesday on 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter — two for each victim of the Feb. 20 blaze.

"I understand that no grand jury finding would or could ever speak to the profound suffering and sorrow the victims and their loved ones have endured," said Attorney General Patrick Lynch. "Our mantra all along has been 'facts, evidence, the law.' Nothing else would be a factor. Nothing else was a factor."

Investigators said the band's pyrotechnics ignited flammable soundproofing on the walls of the one-story, wooden building in West Warwick in the opening seconds of the band's first song.

The statewide grand jury concluded the Derderians were responsible because of management negligence, and because they installed the flammable foam. Biechele was charged for setting off the stage fireworks.

All three pleaded innocent Tuesday in Kent County Superior Court and were released on bail.

Sen. Simon dies after heart surgery

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Paul Simon, the bow-tie-wearing missionary's son who rose from crusading newspaper owner to two-term U.S. senator and presidential aspirant, died Tuesday, a day after undergoing heart surgery. He was 75.

Simon was surrounded by family members at St. John's Hospital in Springfield when he died, according to a statement from Southern Illinois University, where Simon started a public policy institute after his retirement.

Simon had a single bypass and heart valve surgery Monday at St. John's Prairie Heart Institute, where he also underwent heart surgery in 1999. The cause of death was extensive bowel ischemia, in which blood stopped flowing to the intestines, causing the release of toxins into the body, said Dr. James Dove, the founder and president of the institute.

The southern Illinois Democrat's political career began with his election to the state Legislature in 1954 and culminated with his election to the U.S. Senate in 1984. He retired from Congress in 1997.

Simon announced in 1987 that he was seeking the Democratic nomination for president the following year. He suspended his campaign in April 1988 after having won only his home state's primary.

Borrowing still going to be cheap

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Near rock-bottom borrowing costs probably will stick around well into 2004, but Federal Reserve policy-makers may start to nudge them up in the summer as the economy continues its recovery, economists say.

In their final meeting of the year Tuesday, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues offered their most upbeat assessment of the economy in recent months. Some economists viewed that as a hint the central bank's three-year period of credit easing was coming to an end.

The economy is "expanding briskly and the labor market appears to be improving modestly," said Fed policy-makers as they decided to hold a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent.

The Fed "has put its seal of approval on the rebound story," declared Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Although Fed policy-makers repeated a commitment to keep rates at super-low levels "for a considerable period," the Fed's more upbeat comments about the economy and diminishing worries about falling inflation were viewed by economists as steps toward preparing Wall Street and Main Street for the possibility of higher rates in the future.

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Iranian human rights activist wins Nobel Peace Prize

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Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway — Iranian democracy activist Shirin Ebadi received the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize on Wednesday, saying it would inspire Iranians and women around the Muslim world to seek their rights and denouncing leaders who use Islam as a pretext for dictatorship.

Ebadi, the first Iranian and Muslim woman to win the Peace Prize, appeared at the award ceremony without the headscarf that Iran requires women to wear in public, in what many viewed as a silent expression of her battle for freedom.

An audience of hundreds, including members of the Norwegian royal family, rose to give the laureate a standing ovation after she was given the coveted Nobel gold medal and diploma.

The award "inspires me and millions of Iranians and nationals of Islamic states with the hope that our efforts, endeavors and struggles toward the realization of human rights and the establishment of democracy ... enjoy the support, backing and solidarity of international civil society," Ebadi said a speech after receiving the \$1.4 million award.

"Undoubtedly, my selection will be an inspiration to the masses of women striving to realize their rights, not only in Iran but throughout the region," she said, speaking in Farsi.

Ebadi also criticized the United States for using the war on terror as a pretext for violating human rights, pointing to the detention of hundreds of Muslim men at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without access to lawyers.

The 56-year-old lawyer, author and activist, Iran's first female judge, was named the 2003 Nobel peace laureate for her work in fighting for democracy and the rights of women and children. In 2000, she was jailed for three weeks on charges of slandering government officials and

banned from working as a lawyer after riling her nation's theocratic rulers.

Since winning the Nobel, Iranian reformers have looked to Ebadi to rally opposition to unelected hard-liners who oppose any change to the conservative Islamic system of running the country. Hard-liners have denounced her as a "Western mercenary" and she recently was given police bodyguards after receiving numerous death threats.

Last week, about 60 female hard-liners prevented Ebadi from making a speech at a women's university in Tehran.

Ahead of the ceremony outside Oslo City Hall, thousands of children sang for the laureate, with snow surrounding the building.

Ebadi, wearing a light-colored skirt and blouse, spoke during a solemn one-hour ceremony before an audience that included members of Ebadi's own family and Academy Award winning actors Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones. The ceremony also featured music performed live by an Iranian-Kurd folk music group.

"If the 21st Century wishes to free itself from the cycle of violence, acts of terror and war ... there is no other way except by understanding and putting into practice every human right for all mankind regardless of race, gender, faith, nationality or social status," she said, according to an English translation of her speech.

The other 10 Nobel winners, including six Americans, were to receive the awards for medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and economics in Stockholm, Sweden. J.M. Coetzee, 63, was to receive the literature prize, the second South African to pick up the award after Nadine Gordimer in 1991.

In her acceptance speech, Ebadi said despotism was incompatible with Iranian and Islamic traditions.

"Some Muslims, under the pretext that democracy and human rights are not compatible with Islamic teachings and the traditional structure of Islamic societies, have justified despotic governments and continue to do so," Ebadi said.

She said the plight of women in Islamic states and the lack of freedom and democracy is caused by "the patriarchal and male dominated culture prevailing in these societies, not in Islam."

Ebadi also took the United States to task for its human rights record.

She warned that threats to human rights also come from countries who have used the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks as pretexts for limiting freedoms.

"Regulations restricting human rights and basic freedoms ... have been justified and given legitimacy under the cloak of the war on terrorism," she said. She also criticized the world's failure to enforce U.S. resolutions calling for an end to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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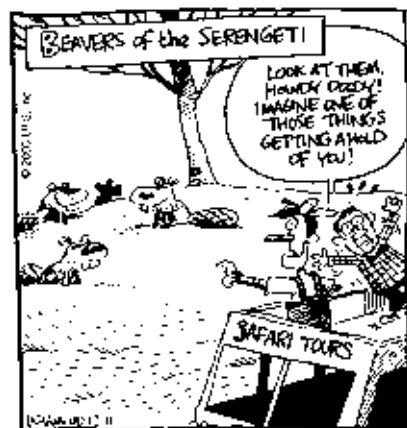


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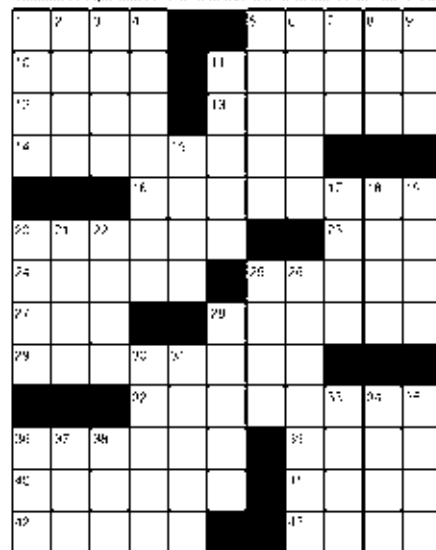
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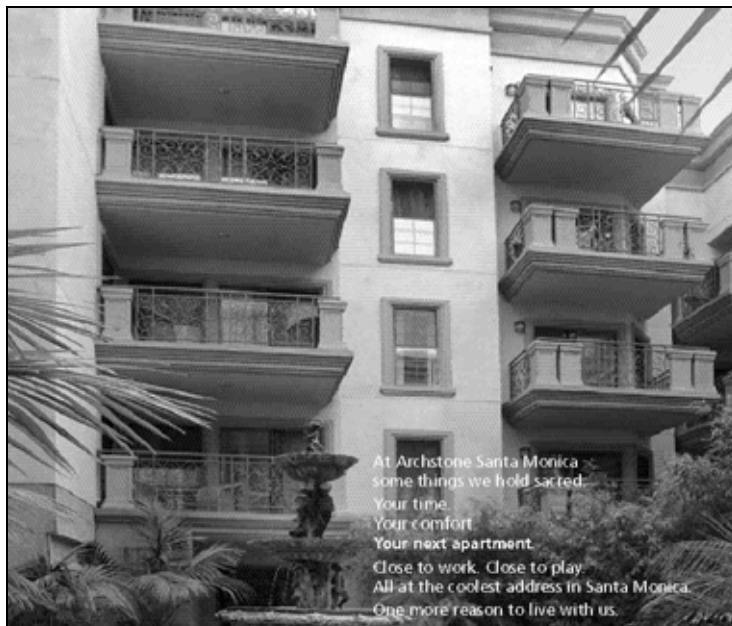
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Costello, Krall sing wedding song together in London

By The Associated Press

■ **TORONTO** — Jazz singer Diana Krall has tied the knot with her beau of one year, Elvis Costello, in a wedding outside London.

The couple married Saturday night in a ceremony at Elton John's castle, the Globe and Mail reported Tuesday.

About 150 guests, including Paul McCartney and Canada's consul general to New York, Pamela Wallin, were sworn to secrecy. Krall grew up outside Vancouver.

The 39-year-old jazz singer and Costello, 49, live in New York and have a home on Vancouver Island.

Krall's management company, Sam Feldman and Associates, did not return a call, and her music label declined comment on the report.

The marriage is a first for Krall. Costello's previous two marriages ended in divorce.

■ **NEW YORK** — Taye Diggs is joining his wife, Idina Menzel, in the Broadway musical "Wicked" on Christmas night for a four-week run.

Diggs will play Fiyero, the romantic lead in the show, which is based on Gregory Maguire's cult novel about the two witches of Oz. Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth star as the witches and Joel Grey plays the Wizard of Oz.

The 32-year-old actor replaces Norbert Leo Butz, who's on a leave of absence because of a back injury. Diggs will appear in "Wicked" through Jan. 18. Until he joins the cast, Butz' understudy, Kristoffer Cusick, will play Fiyero. Butz returns to the musical Jan. 20.

Diggs previously played lawyer Billy Flynn on

Broadway in "Chicago" and appeared in "Rent." His films include the movie version of "Chicago" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

■ **TORONTO** — Influenza is keeping David Bowie in bed and off the stage, forcing the postponement of two more concerts on the North American leg of his "Reality Tour."

The 56-year-old rocker has failed to make concert dates in Atlantic City, N.J.; Washington; Boston and Philadelphia since last week.

Bowie's managers and promoter Clear Channel Entertainment now hope to launch the North American tour Friday at Toronto's Air Canada Center.

■ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — American pianist and composer Keith Jarrett won the 2004 Sonning Music Prize, organizers of the award said Wednesday.

Jarrett, who will receive the \$80,645 award July 7 during the annual Copenhagen Jazz Festival, was cited for "having created his own unmistakable language through his exquisite fantasy and intelligence."

The 58-year-old artist, who is the second jazz musician to receive the prize, "has experimented and modernized (music) without rejecting tradition (and) is uncorrupted of the times and music's trends and caprices," according to the committee's citation.

The last jazz musician to receive the award, named after Leonie Sonning, was Miles Davis in 1984.

The Sonning Music Prize has been awarded annually since 1959 to an internationally renowned composer, musician, conductor or singer.

Previous winners include Igor Stravinsky, Leonard

Bernstein and Anne-Sophie Mutter, among others.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1945, Jarrett toured the world as a pianist with the Charles Lloyd Quartet in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He also toured with Miles Davis' electric fusion group. His recordings include "Facing You," "La Scala" and "Koln Concert."

■ **SHANGHAI, China** — Authorities suspect an asthma attack brought on by heavy drinking may have killed famed Taiwanese actor and stuntman Ke Shou-liang, whose body was found at the home of a friend in Shanghai earlier this week, newspapers reported Wednesday.

Ke, who once jumped China's Great Wall on a motorcycle, attended a series of banquets starting Monday evening and returned heavily drunk to the home of a friend in Shanghai at 4 a.m. Tuesday, the Shanghai Daily reported.

He was found dead later that morning, still fully dressed and with no signs of violence on his body, the paper said.

"Surplus consumption of alcohol may have led to his asthma attack," the paper quoted Shanghai police spokesman Fang Dinghua as saying.

Ke, whose last name was also spelled Kor, had starred in several films before becoming a stuntman.

His family was from China's Zhejiang province and many of his spectacles had strongly patriotic Chinese overtones. Ke won hero status in China in 1997 when he cleared the Yellow River on his motorcycle as part of celebrations of Hong Kong's handover from British rule.

Papers said Ke arrived in Shanghai last week to shoot a commercial and was planning a nationwide tour combining stunts and music beginning in May.

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