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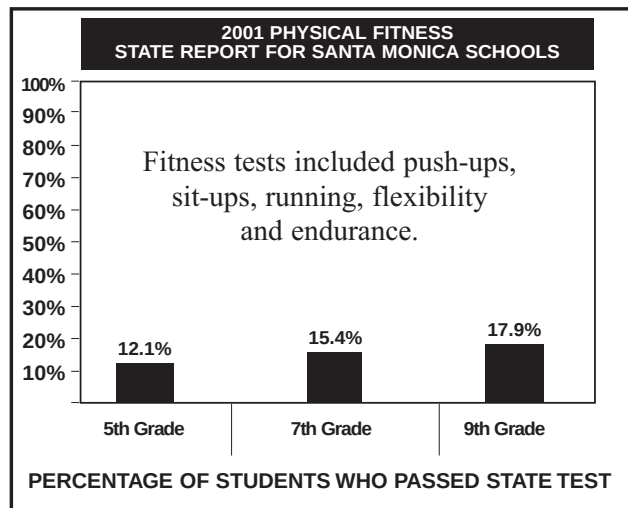
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Santa Monica students flunk California physical fitness test



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As shown above, local kids didn't fair very well in a statewide fitness test. Below, students' passion for fast food may be one reason the state has deemed California kids 'unfit.'



BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica students need to shape up, according to state officials.

With barely 18 percent of its ninth-grade students considered physically fit, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District still fared better than the rest of the state in a recent test.

Only 13 percent of ninth graders in Los Angeles County are considered physically fit. This year's Santa Monica-Malibu school district score is an improvement over 1999 figures. Those figures — the last scores available — had about 15 percent passing.

"We did better than average but that isn't saying much — the average was horrible."

— JOHN DEASY
Superintendent of schools

Educators are not taking visions of heavyweight, flabby youth lightly — they plan to make a series of recommendations at next month's school board meeting to improve physical fitness.

"We did better than average but that isn't saying much — the average was horrible," said John Deasy, superintendent of schools. "There's still a lot of room for improvement."

The test, given to fifth, seventh and ninth graders in 90

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Tourism officials find new hook

By Daily Press staff

Not just a house of cards, Santa Monica's efforts to lure Californians might now be called a hotel full of them.

The "LA Card" program combines the lure of cut-rate deals with the exclusivity of an insider game: you have to show up at a participating hotel to get one. Eight of them are in Santa Monica.

The card is the latest pot-sweetener from tourism officials aching to lure potential guests to Santa Monica and Los Angeles this winter. It offers deals on everything from 2-for-1 hotel rooms to cut-rate menu offerings.

The multi-million dollar regional advertising campaign is aimed at anyone who can get to Santa Monica by car — from Bakersfield, Fresno, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Sacramento and Monterey. The marketing will run in radio, print and advertorials through Jan. 16.

The LA Card is supposed to entice visitors to the area between November and February by offering reduced room rates at one of eight participating hotels. They include the newly renovated Georgian Hotel, Hotel Oceana, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Le Merigot Beach Hotel & Spa, the Fairmont Miramar

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You've got mail

First of its kind, Daily Press delivers via e-mail

By Daily Press staff

Readers can now get a photographic image of the Santa Monica Daily Press by computer.

In an electronic version of home delivery, the Daily Press is sending an "e-edition" through e-mail in a format called "PDF," which allows readers to see it exactly as they would in print. Subscribers can order the paper by e-mail and browse it for news, ads, photos, comics, and classifieds, just as they would the paper version.

The move is relatively rare amongst daily newspapers, made possible by a combination of the Daily Press' tabloid size and modern technology.

"It's a photo of the printed version," said Daily Press Publisher Ross Furukawa. "Readers will see more than just text; they will get well-designed pages including headlines, photos and ads."

Readers of the "e-edition" need only free software called Acrobat Reader, available online.

"Since we hit the streets Nov. 13, many people have asked us for home delivery," said Daily Press Editor Carolyn Sackariason. "The 'e-edition' is useful for

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Peace vigil planned for Monday

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Special to the Daily Press

Tragic teen deaths seem to plague Santa Monica year after year.

Last month, Santa Monica High School student Deanna Maran was stabbed to death at a party in West Los Angeles. At the beginning of the school year, a recent Olympic High School graduate was shot in Venice. And last year, three Santa Monica-Malibu Unified high school students died tragically, one from suicide.

Now a group of teachers, students, city officials and several community organizations are addressing the community's losses.

A "Community Peace Vigil" has been organized for Monday from 7-8 p.m., which will be a march from St. Anne's Catholic Church on Colorado Avenue to Douglas Park on Wilshire Boulevard — a procession that will take

about 20 minutes.

"This was a grassroots response — the immediate stimulus was a tragic student death at a party, but it's not just that," said Kathy McTaggart, an event organizer. "It's a response to all the loss we have experienced in this school district over the past few years."

"We wanted a way to come together and develop a community understanding of what is behind our problems and develop whole community solutions," she continued. "The vigil is just the first step."

Initially the idea for the vigil started at a small meeting of high school parents shortly after Maran's murder. The group wrote letters to many community organizations to help plan and participate in the vigil.

After the march reaches Douglas Park, there will be a brief ceremony. The city has organized Big Blue Buses to

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★★★★★ Others seek you out. Friends really want you to join them in what they view as an important project. Express your high energy both mentally and physical-ly. Continue to pitch in and help. Do you think that no one notices your efforts? You find out otherwise very soon. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Make calls and seek out advice. Your perspective changes when you hear from others. Brainstorm with a close friend whom you can count on being honest and supportive. Someone at a distance waves hello. Stop and do something for this person. Tonight: Take off ASAP.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Where recently others have been touchy or unpredictable at best, suddenly a change greets you. People now want to talk and explain their recent behavior. In fact, you might be scheduling talks at coffee breaks, over lunch and into the wee hours! Tonight: Make nice. Be understanding.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You find others most expressive. A key partner or friend wants to have a mind-meld over finances. This person seems unusually strong about his or her position. Discussions throw light and perspective your way. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Out and about.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Someone hears your playful comments. Perhaps this person would like you to work a little harder at making your point. Show your caring — don’t speak it. Gather your loved ones and go off and do something as a family. Choose your tree or start decorating! Tonight: Offer someone a back rub.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your efforts pay off big time! Express your feelings toward someone, in your nurturing manner. Someone delights you with his or her response. Let the child in you out, whether with youngsters or a loved one. Creativity surges with your happiness. Tonight: Celebrate with friends.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Hang close to family and your home. A discussion or dream might haunt you in the a.m. Find the person involved and straighten it out. Communication allows greater security and understanding. Get into a home project, whether it involves the holiday or not. Tonight: Out and about.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Balance your budget first thing. Free yourself up for a fun day with family and a loved one. You also might want to visit with neighbors and friends. Share in the natural hospitality associated with the season. You get an earful from someone. There could be a nugget of wisdom here and there. Tonight: Go caroling.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take a strong stand financially. Sit down and discuss with a partner or loved one what remains to be done with gifts and the holidays. Make a list together, discussing the most effective yet monetarily wise way to handle what’s left. Tonight: Chat the night away.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ When you wake up, remember this is the first day of the rest of your life. You might be slightly intimidated by what lies ahead. Ask for help and discuss your limits with someone. You could be surprised and delighted by someone’s responsiveness. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Step back and think a suggestion through. You might take a strong action, but you do get results. You cannot sit on your frustration much longer. Use care with finances, especially as you want to complete all your errands quickly. Rather, take your time. Tonight: Slow down ... please.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You know who and what you want. As a result, you get just that. You have unusual drive and high energy working with you. Friends cheer you on to success while giving meaningful suggestions. Don’t forget that party, whether you are going to it or giving it. Tonight: Where your friends are.



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— Goenawan Mohamad

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District to address state fitness scores

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percent of California school districts, measured physical fitness in six areas: cardiovascular endurance, percentage of body fat, abdominal strength, endurance, and overall flexibility. To be considered physically fit, the state requires students pass all six tests.

“There are some educators in the state and throughout the country that have expressed concern about the test. But as long as the state says this is what we need to do this is what we need to do.”

— CHRIS CARLISS
School district employee

But the state also has set up ranges called “Healthy Fitness Zones,” for students who demonstrate a certain level of fitness. Forty-eight percent of SMMU students fall within the healthy zone, according to the state.

However, the school district is contesting the state’s figures.

“There’s been a discrepancy in the numbers.

Some students did not complete all parts of the fitness test,” said Chris Carliss, a school district employee in academic services who will report to the school board next month on the district’s results. “Somewhere between Los Angeles County and the state there was a mix-up.”

According to the school district, 56 percent of the student body is within the healthy fitness zone. The two tests on which district children performed the worst involved a one-mile run, which tests aerobic stamina, with 48 percent passing, and on the push-up test, which tests upper body strength, with 46 percent passing.

However, there has been some concern among physical education teachers across the nation over California’s physical assessment criteria. Many believe it’s too stringent.

“There are some educators in the state and throughout the country that have expressed concern about the test,” said Carliss. “But as long as the state says this is what we need to do this is what we need to do.”

District officials will recommend to the school board that it should change its physical education program to include components of the state test to better prepare children.

At the beginning of the school year, the district will recommend that gym teachers test students on their physical fitness, based on the state’s criteria, to establish a “baseline.”

Students would then be encouraged to improve upon that level throughout the course of the school year, with a percentage of their overall grade based on the level of improvement.

“We want to focus activity, instructional activities, on fitness. We want to look at all the components of (the state’s) fitness test and incorporate them into our classroom practices,” said Carliss. “We need to use the fitness program as an assessment tool in our physical education program. And we need to do that throughout the



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica High School students walk around the track one recent afternoon. According to a recent statewide fitness test, local students did better than average, but are still ‘unfit’ in the eyes of the state and the district.

school year.”

Carliss said the low numbers are representative of a lack of interest and funding by the state in physical education.

“Unfortunately, physical education and its components are the first to be cut when there are budget deficits,” said Carliss. “And we have seen over the past 14 years cuts statewide to phys. ed.”

But Carliss is optimistic that students in the school district are interested in fitness, and he points to increased levels in extracurricular sports.

“Participation is up in after-school sports. The difficulty right now is finding the space to house all the activities available to kids,” he said.

And now the school district wants to create an intramural league for kids that don’t make the varsity or junior varsity teams.

“We’re trying to find a way to develop an intramural activity for those kids to encourage them to continue their sports activities,” said Carliss. “We are also working more closely with the city on a playground partnership. We want to open elementary playgrounds on week nights and weekends which should provide a little relief to allow more teams to use the fields.”

Vigil prompted by teen deaths

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take marchers back to St. Anne’s free of charge.

The vigil has been planned only for the past 10 days; formally it has existed only since last Friday. And planning will likely continue until Monday evening, McTaggart said.

“It started with the high school and with parents, but it spread very rapidly and very deliberately from there to include many,” said McTaggart. “It is a strong response and a beginning to a sustained effort to keep our young people safe.”

The Santa Monica Police Department also will participate in the march, said Lt. Frank Fabrega, the police department’s spokesman.

“We are attending the vigil to support the family and community,” said Fabrega. “Some

officers have said they will walk.”

The police department says overall crime is down city-wide. The recent teen deaths have all occurred outside of Santa Monica. And, according to Fabrega, violent crime — including gang activity — is down in the Pico neighborhood, where many residents have recently expressed concern about heightened crime.

“Crime overall is down throughout the city,” he said. “From the police department’s standpoint, crime is not up in the Pico neighborhood.”

As of Friday, the police said it does not plan to close any of the roads where the procession will travel.

For more information about the vigil and how to participate, call McTaggart at (310) 450-8338, ext. 339, or Betty Macias at (310) 458-8688.

Daily Press has a new ‘e-dition’

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people who want to read the day’s news before leaving the house. What’s even better is that the computer version is exactly the same paper that appears on the streets.”

The new “e-dition” is different from what many newspapers offer on their web sites because it allows readers and advertisers to see the entire content of the paper, instead of just a selected few news stories.

“On traditional web sites, the reader will get a news story and maybe a banner ad or two,” Furukawa said. “With this service, readers not only get the news of the day, but they also find out where the lunch special is down the street. There are no banner ads — only what you get in the actual paper.”

The “e-dition” service is simple and does not include a searchable archive of stories, which may be available later, he said.

A full page fits on a standard letter-sized sheet of paper, which can be printed out, or enlarged.

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The Daily Press will continue delivering 4,000 copies to more than 350 locations in Santa Monica, Monday through Saturday.

Call Angela at the Daily Press’ office (310) 458-PRESS (7737) or e-mail to: todaypaper@smdp.com, to sign up for your free copy.

Tourists can flash the card and get a deal

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Hotel, Hotel Carmel, Best Western Gateway and Hostelling International.

Guests will be handed an LA card upon check-in at a hotel. They’ll also get a flyer listing other bargains in the area.

“California has always been a critical market for us,” said Paul Hortobagyi, general manager of the Georgian Hotel. “Now, more than ever, is the time to build future relationships with these 30 million statewide travelers.”

The campaign has been launched by not only the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, but also chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Marina del Rey, Pasadena, West Hollywood and the State of California. Regionally, more than 100 hotels are participating in the LA Card program.

Visitors and card holders also



will get up to 15 percent off at Santa Monica restaurants, including i Cugini, Cezanne, Mariasol Restaurant, Ocean Avenue Seafood and Schatzi on Main. Retailers and attractions, including Magicopolis, Pacific Park and the Santa Monica Pier Carousel will offer 2-for-1 admission as part of the “LA Card” program.

Other places where flashing the card will pay off are Los Angeles Opera events, IMAX Theater at California Science Theater, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, area museums, Hollywood’s Laugh Factory, Universal Studios and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

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NATIONAL ODDS AND ENDS

The 'good book' part of pot plot

By the Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ga. — An inmate arranged for his mother to smuggle marijuana and rolling papers in a large-print Bible, Muscogee County Jail officials said.

Authorities said Jeffery Keith Powell allegedly wrote to his girlfriend requesting marijuana. The girlfriend arranged for Powell's mother to pick up the Bible, saying Powell complained the print was too small on the Bible she had given him earlier.

The mother paid a man \$80 for the large-print book, after the marijuana had been hidden in its binding, said Assistant District Attorney Crawford Seals.

Jailers, who had been tipped off that marijuana was making its way into the jail area where Powell was held, had read Powell's letter and were waiting for his mother's visit.

Michael Teasley, who sold the Bible to the mother, pleaded guilty Thursday to attempting to cross guard lines with drugs and received probation and a fine. The girlfriend and mother were not charged.

Tarantula spins web in library

By the Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Bookworms are a common sight in university libraries, but tarantulas will surprise anyone thumbing through the stacks.

A student and a library staff member discovered a female tarantula Tuesday spinning a web in the basement bookshelves of Indiana State University's Cunningham Memorial Library.

"We don't know how it got there," said Bill Mercier, director of ISU's public safety department.

Officials have said it was either a prank or a pet that got loose. Though they may frighten, tarantulas are generally not dangerous to humans because they feed mostly on roaches and crickets, according to The American Tarantula Society.

The spider was held in a clear cookie jar until public safety officers arrived. "We're wondering if there are some hatchlings somewhere," said Beverly Grubb, an assistant administrator at the library.

Apple doesn't fall far from the tree

By the Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — An Internet domain name once used by volunteers seeking to help out at last year's Republican National Convention is now being used by a company hawking smut.

The site, which was created for RNC volunteers or for those wanting to buy or sell GOP souvenirs, is now a backdoor to Internet porn sites such as "Porn Tryout" and "Sex Illustrated."

The site, which claims to contain "adult material not appropriate to be viewed by minors," offers a three-day pass to porn sites for \$2.95.

The original site was created by a local advertising agency for Philadelphia 2000, the nonpartisan, nonprofit host committee of the RNC. But when the site's registration expired last month, the dormant site was purchased by an Armenian company called Segod, the Philadelphia Daily News reported in its Thursday editions.

Beer, shotguns and NASCAR

By the Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new radio advertisement by business groups says Gov. Don Siegelman "must be crazier than a sprayed roach" for advocating \$160 million in taxes on businesses.

The ad comes as the Legislature, in a special session to fix a shortfall in funds for public schools, works on a compromise over raising taxes for businesses.

In the Business Associations' Tax Coalition ad, two beer-drinking buddies at the Talladega race track are talking about how Siegelman's tax plan would make attending the races unaffordable.

One says that "Governor Siegelman's running around the state like a scalded dog pushing his tax increase plan." The other says, "He must be crazier than a sprayed roach."

Bill O'Connor, president of the Business Council of Alabama and a member of the BATC, said the radio ads were meant as a humorous way to address a serious subject.

Siegelman said, "They are insulting the intelligence of the people of this state."

Karen Cartee, an expert in political advertising at the University of Alabama, agreed. "They're saying Alabamians do not care about anything other than beer, shotgun shells and NASCAR," she said.

The BATC is a coalition of 34 businesses of all types and sizes that lobby the Legislature.

Plumbers fail themselves

By the Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A busted pipe has delayed the opening of the Diplomat resort — owned by the national plumbers and pipe fitters union.

The United Association postponed its long-awaited opening after a pipe burst and drenched conference rooms on the second and third floors.

Sprinklers doused furniture, electrical panels, ceiling tiles and floors, forcing hotel officials to move the resort's opening date from Jan. 10 to Jan. 31 and displacing guests from at least three conventions.

Michael Van Dam, a spokesman for the hotel's financial adviser, said he did not know whether the union was responsible for the broken pipe work.

The union has more than 300,000 members. A union spokesman did not immediately return a phone call for comment.

The current cost of the resort, estimated at \$700 million to \$800 million, is more than twice the original budget. The hotel, originally planned to open Dec. 31, 1999, is more than two years behind schedule.



bin Laden's options for escape are narrowing

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. commanders believe they are quickly narrowing Osama bin Laden's options for escape from the mountains of eastern Afghanistan. Yet even as U.S.-backed tribal forces advance in the rugged Tora Bora region, no one seems certain whether bin Laden is even there.

"I don't know whether we're going to get him tomorrow or a month from now or a year from now. I don't really know. But we're going to get him."

— PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

"The honest answer is we really don't know," Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, said Friday.

If bin Laden is still there, he has little room to maneuver.

Afghan tribal forces, operating with a few dozen U.S. commandos and supported by American air power, are closing in from the north, and Pakistani troops stand

in bin Laden's way to the south.

U.S. surveillance planes, including high-altitude Air Force U-2s and an unmanned Global Hawk, are scanning the mountain passes to the east and west, and the al-Qaida fighters thought to be shielding bin Laden in Tora Bora are being targeted by relentless American bombing. Franks said those al-Qaida troops do not have enough ammunition, food or water to hold out indefinitely in the mountains.

"We can wait longer than they can," Franks told a news conference in Tampa, Fla.

Pentagon officials on Friday were reluctant to embrace the notion that bin Laden has been surrounded.

"We do not have his precise location," said Victoria Clarke, chief spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who left Friday on a trip to Central Asia to discuss the war on terrorism.

U.S. commanders have increased the number of Special Operations Forces in the Tora Bora area in recent days. They are now doing more than calling in U.S. airstrikes and advising the Afghan fighters. Franks said Friday they are engaged in direct combat with al-Qaida warriors. Other officials said they are ready to snatch bin Laden or other al-Qaida leaders if the opportunity arises.

Franks said he has a "plan in place" for dealing with bin Laden if he is captured alive. The four-star Army general would not discuss the plan in detail but said any senior al-Qaida leaders who are taken might be interrogated at U.S.-controlled sites inside Afghanistan or taken to U.S.



David Guttenfelder/Associated Press

Taking cover in a foxhole, an Afghan anti-Taliban fighter bursts into laughter as their tanks and U.S. airplanes strike al-Qaida positions in the White Mountains near Tora Bora, Afghanistan on Friday.

ships in the Arabian Sea.

Two special operations troops were slightly wounded Friday in an exchange of gunfire with al-Qaida troops in Tora Bora, a witness said.

Tora Bora was thought to be a hide-out for bin Laden because it contains many caves, some highly fortified and with accommodations that could enable him to hunker down for a long period.

Rumsfeld doesn't exclude any possibility, and he's insisting the U.S. military be ready for the unexpected. That's one reason why U.S. Navy ships are watching the waters off Pakistan's coast, in case senior al-Qaida leaders or top Taliban officials try to smuggle themselves out of the region.

Rumsfeld has not ruled out the chance that bin Laden may be in central Afghanistan, in the mountains north of Kandahar. On Thursday he said he assumes bin Laden laid plans for an alter-

nate hide-out in the event he had to flee Afghanistan. If he did escape, Rumsfeld said, U.S. forces would pursue him.

The U.S. Marines, meanwhile, are in the Kandahar area ready to grab any senior al-Qaida or Taliban leaders who might try to escape that southern city. With an eye out for the Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, Marines have blocked roads leading south from Kandahar toward the Pakistan border and west toward Iran.

President Bush on Friday said he remains confident of getting bin Laden, no matter how long it takes.

"I don't know whether we're going to get him tomorrow or a month from now or a year from now," Bush told reporters at the White House. "I don't really know. But we're going to get him." He reiterated that he doesn't care how bin Laden is brought to justice. "Dead or alive — either way," he said.

California unemployment: exceeds 1 million mark

BY SIMON AVERY
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — The number of Californians out of work topped 1 million for the first time in nearly five years in November, as the unemployment rate climbed to 6 percent, up from 5.8 percent in October, officials said Friday.

The last time California saw rates at this level was in September 1998.

The biggest job losses occurred in the manufacturing of electronic and industrial equipment. Combined losses in manufacturing, construction, transportation, wholesale trade, retail trade and services totaled 57,800, according to figures released by California's Employment Development Department.

Initial gains in the retail sector did not match expectations for the holiday buying season, posting a seasonally adjusted loss of 11,300 positions.

The EDD said the number of unemployed people in California reached 1,047,000 in November, an increase of 30,000 over the month of October and up 214,000 compared with a year earlier.

The last time the state recorded more than 1 million unemployed was in January 1997.

Despite the mounting number of jobless people in California, the rate of increase is slower than the national average, said Suzanne Schroeder, EDD information officer.

November's job losses were partially offset by a gain of 4,400 jobs in three sec-

tors: government, mining, and finance and real estate. On a seasonally adjusted basis, government added 3,200 positions.

The UCLA Anderson Forecast, a widely watched look-ahead on the economy released earlier this month, predicts that the state's unemployment rate will continue rising gradually and peak at 6.4 percent in early 2003.

"A lot of people coming to the job market in January will have to readjust their salary expectations," said Tom Thrower, general manager of Management Recruiters International in Oakland.

Executive recruiting firms have seen revenue drop by as much as 50 percent in recent months, he said.

"It tells you white-collar people are not being hired," he said.

Stefan Whitney, 24, of San Francisco was laid off from his public relations position with high-tech company Cobion in March and has been working intermittently since.

He said the competition is fierce for the few available positions and he feels his youth and short resume hurt his chances to find full-time work.

"It's been extremely difficult," said Whitney, who works for a temporary employment agency doing administrative work.

Despite his long quest for full-time work, Whitney said he's more confident now than he was in March.

"I have less anxiety now," he said. "This can't last forever."

States may seek area codes for cell phones and pagers

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States may seek new area codes exclusively for cell phones and pagers now that the government has lifted a ban on the practice, hoping to address the pressing demand for telephone numbers.

Area codes have multiplied to cope with the explosion in technology — the separate lines for computers, cell phones, faxes and pagers. Regions have responded to the demand by splitting up area codes among geographic areas or laying another area code over an existing one.

The Federal Communications Commission banned such "overlays" dedicated to specific kinds of technology in 1996. The agency enacted the ban because it considered separate area codes for cell phones and pagers unfair to wireless companies — people would have to dial 10 digits instead of seven to reach wireless customers.

But states including California, Massachusetts and Ohio have been asking for ways to prevent existing area codes

from running out of phone numbers, the agency said.

The commission will now hear proposals from states on how they intend to conserve area codes on a case-by-case basis, including plans to use technology-specific area codes.

"Allowing states such flexibility in how to address numbering issues is crucial," FCC Commissioner Kevin Martin said in a statement. "The states are on the front lines of this battle."

The FTC voted 4-0 on Wednesday to lift the ban.

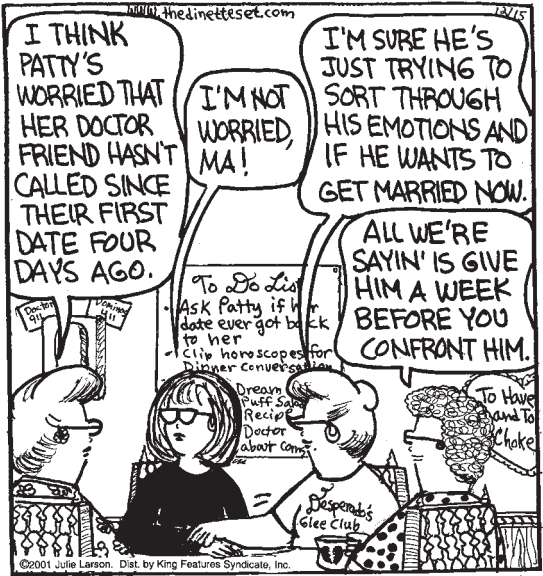
Wireless companies have opposed the device-specific area codes as inconvenient.

"The wireless industry is acutely aware of the need for additional numbers," said Tom Wheeler, president of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, the industry's top lobbying group. "But as we bring new services and new choices to consumers, we must not punish them with onerous or discriminatory requirements such as 10-digit dialing."

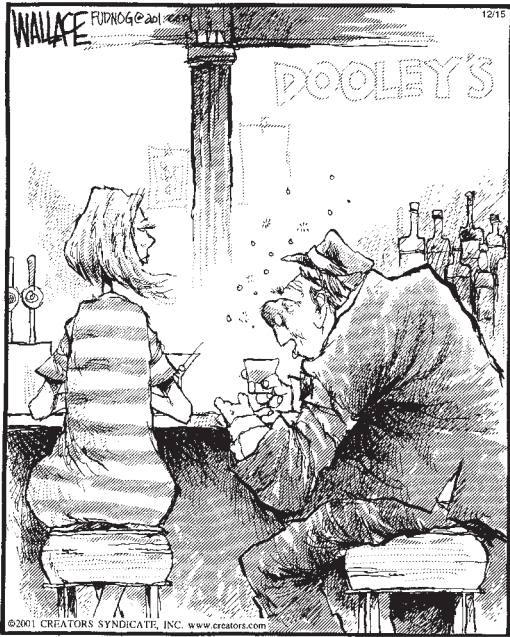


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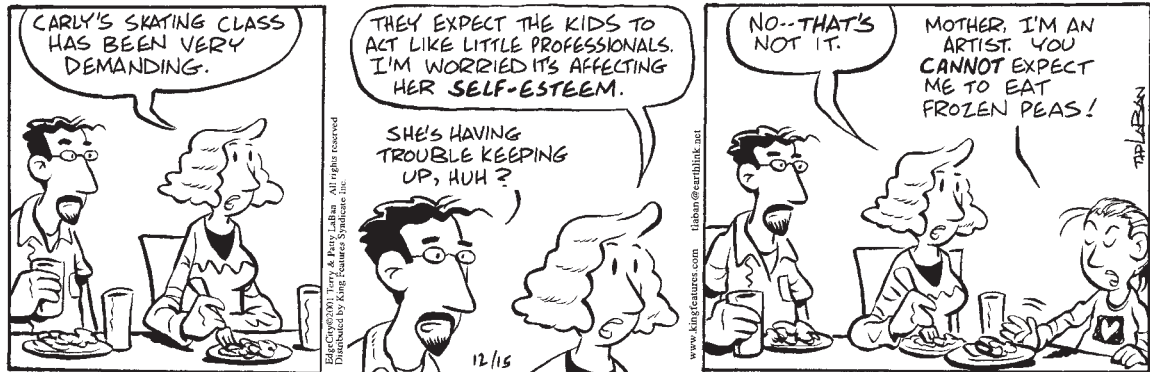
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by Chuck Shepard

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BACK PAGE

Roadkill program salvages moose for Alaska's needy

By the Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The moose calf loitered near its dead mother when Billy Dickerson Jr. and his nephew arrived to collect the carcass.

Dickerson and Cody Dyer parked their pickup truck near the sports center of Alaska Pacific University, in midtown Anchorage. Then they trudged through deep snow and dense woods behind the complex, heading up hill toward the dark form of the fallen cow. Startled, the calf bolted.

"I think it's big enough to survive winter," Dickerson said of the calf. He then turned his attention to the work at hand — salvaging the meat for charity.

It's an act repeated hundreds of times each year.

Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection Troopers coordinate a roadkill program that puts moose meat on the tables of poor Alaskans. Nonprofit groups, including churches, sign up to take turns collecting the remains of animals hit by cars and trains. Under the program rules, they must give the meat away to anyone who asks.

Other states have roadkill programs, but primarily for smaller animals like elk and deer, not moose, which can weigh half a ton or more. Maine is among the few Lower 48 states with moose and does give motorists first right to roadkills, then donates unwanted animals to the needy.

Charity takes priority in Alaska, where vehicles kill about 700 moose annually and trains kill about 120 a year. Those averages put the state behind only

Sweden, where 4,000 to 6,000 moose are road casualties each year, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Often, traffic collisions only maim moose, so authorities must shoot the animals. In the Anchorage area, that job frequently goes to Fish and Game wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, who shot the university moose after it was seen limping around the school grounds.

A trooper dispatcher then called Dickerson, 41, whose name was next on

T-shirt and slacks. Field dressing a moose in bitter cold releases a gush of steam that generates a lot of heat, he said.

By this time, his father, Billy Dickerson Sr., had pulled into the university parking lot with Cody's brother, Tyler Dyer, 19. The elder Dickerson's task was to pull the animal to his truck with a winch.

In the woods, Billy Dickerson Jr. and his nephews tugged hard on the rope. A half hour later, the moose was securely in

Brooks said 99 nonprofit organizations are signed up this winter in the area she manages.

Among them is Abbott Loop Community Church, a two-decade participant that averages 10 moose a year, according to member Steve Tandy. The meat is distributed through a community food pantry at the church.

"We always have lots of moose available to whoever wants it," Tandy said. "We never turn anyone away."

Participants occasionally are called to salvage black bears, Dall sheep or mountain goats, Brooks said. But the great majority of collisions involve moose. In Brooks' jurisdiction alone, 127 moose have been killed between Oct. 1 and Friday. That's about average for this time of year, she said.

But Sinnott, with Fish and Game, said he's shot more injured moose than usual in Anchorage this winter. Since Sept. 1, he has put down 20 moose, compared with an average of 15 for an entire year.

Sinnott attributed the rise in increasing moose numbers in the municipality — about 1,900 — a 17 percent jump from two years ago, but still far below the 1994 record of 2,200. Sinnott said the fluctuating population is due to an irregular cyclical pattern dependent on such factors as winter survival rates and snowfall levels that can drive more moose into urban areas.

"It makes sense that the more moose you have in town, the more people are going to hit them," he said.

"We always have lots of moose available to whoever wants it. We never turn anyone away."

— STEVE TANDY

Abbott Loop Community Church member

the contact list as a representative of the Anchorage Baptist Temple.

"This isn't for everyone," Dickerson said, tying a nylon rope around dead moose's neck.

A lifetime hunter, Dickerson estimated the 1,100-pound animal would yield 700 pounds of meat. But first, he and 14-year-old Cody had to figure out the best route to drag it through 300 yards of spruce. Otherwise, they'd be forced to cut it outdoors, not a pleasant prospect with the temperature at 15 degrees above zero and dropping as the sun set.

Dickerson was undaunted by the possibility, even though he was dressed only in

the bed of the truck. Next it would be butchered at Dickerson's house, then donated to the Anchorage Rescue Mission.

To spread the bounty, troopers run the roadkill program in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Fairbanks and the Kenai Peninsula, said Eileen Brooks, program coordinator for the Anchorage region and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

"It gives more folks a chance for free meat," said Brooks, known among colleagues as Queen of the Gut Pile. "A lot of people can't afford to buy steaks or even hamburger, at least judging from the calls I get."

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