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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In elections for sheriff, Chris Abril was elected in Polk County, N.C., despite his arrest in August on years-old charges of statutory rape (which Abril said he'd straighten out as one of his first orders of business), and Rick Magnuson was soundly defeated for sheriff of Aspen, Colo., after "all of my skeletons (were) exposed," he said, in the course of the campaign. Among the skeletons was a stint in alcohol rehab; his unauthorized use of a criminal database; his onetime letters to Osama bin Laden as part of an "art project"; and (also as an art project) the video he made of himself masturbating into a hole in the ground in the Mojave Desert.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 Former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

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SPORTS



Gonna live forever? BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — The stars are coming to town.

The new kid on the American Basketball Association block, the Hollywood Fame, will finally host the Big Valley Shockwave tonight in its home opener at Santa Monica College's Pavilion, where the team will play each of its home games this year.

The Hollywood Fame is an appropriate name for a 5-2 team that is owned by a star-studded list of celebrities, including main stakeholder A.J. DiScala, former husband of "Sopranos" star Jamie Lynn Sigler; Geoff Stults from "7th Heaven" and "The Break-Up"; Stacy Kiebler of

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Getting his 'Freak' on BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — Former NBA bad boy Dennis Rodman will be making an appearance at tonight's home opener for ABA team Hollywood Fame.

Rodman will be filming an episode of his yet-to-premiere reality show "Geek to Freak" at the game, specifically focusing in on the halftime show, when the subject of the episode is expected to perform

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RODMAN

Call of the wild

ON GUARD: Drinking over the holidays can be too tempting

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Eat, drink and be merry, but most of all, be safe.

That's the message being sent by law enforcement, elected officials and activists looking to cut down on the number of alcohol-related deaths this holiday season.

"We are in the deadliest time of year right now," said April Snook of the local chapter of Mothers Against Drunk

Driving. "We see more accidents because of alcohol during the holiday period that starts on Thanksgiving and ends just after New Year's.

"This is when we see the most (driving under the influence) deaths and we are right in the middle of it."

Last year, there were 265 people killed and more than 7,000 injured in alcohol-involved crashes in Los Angeles County, with more than 39,500 arrests for DUI, according to the California Highway Patrol.

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Virgin cocktail recipes

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While no figures were available for November and December of last year, law enforcement officials said the holiday season is a dangerous time and would be on the lookout for drunk drivers.

"On behalf of the thousands of law enforcement officers throughout

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IN THE MIX: A spirited Brooke Thayer, 22, pours a drink on Thursday for one of her patrons at Rusty's Surf Ranch on the Santa Monica Pier. With many parties over the holidays, the temptation to drink can be too much for those looking to kick the habit.

Name game: Hanukkah or Chanukah?

Common debate over Hebrew title

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Oy! It's Chanukah, not Hanukkah, silly.

The name for the famous Festival of Lights — a Jewish holiday beginning at sundown today — has

appeared in two different forms in news publications, textbooks, television, the Internet and just about everywhere else, begging the question: What's the deal, is it spelled Hanukkah, or Chanukah?

"The better way to spell it is with a 'ch,'" said Rabbi Jeff Marx of Santa

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Monica Synagogue on Thursday.

The combination of the letters 'C' and 'H' closely correspond to the correct pronunciation of the holiday. But since many gentiles may have difficulty pronouncing the word, which sounds like

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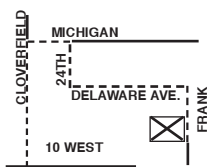


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Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 15, 2006

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Santa Monica Place mall, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Chanukah Celebration

Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.

Between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, Robbi Halpern and Simch Orchestra will be playing live. The Menorah lighting will take place at 8 p.m.

Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive

Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.



CORRECTION — In Monday's Community Profile article regarding KCRW music director Nic Harcourt ("Perking up ears every morning," Dec. 11, page 1), it was incorrectly stated that Harcourt and BBC radio DJ Steve Lamacq were currently co-hosting a show entitled "Music Exchange." The two no longer host the show together.

Putting the screws to global warming

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

PACIFIC PALISADES — This year, menorahs across the nation will be aglow with environmentally friendly light bulbs.

More than 500 synagogues across the United States are expected to participate in the campaign "A Light Among the Nations" — comically referred to as "How Many Jews Does It Take To Change a Light Bulb" — to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save the environment one small step at a time.

Launched by the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the campaign will encourage synagogues to hand out or sell compact fluorescent light bulbs during their Hanukkah ceremonies after sundown tonight.

"Climate change is always a big part of our agenda," said Barbara Lerman-Golomb, executive director of the COEJL, an organization that connects environmentalism with Judaism. "The idea of changing a light bulb is a small step that can lead to greater action."

Compact fluorescent light bulbs consume 75 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb and last eight times longer. The average fluorescent light bulb will save its owner \$55 in energy costs during the lifetime of that bulb, according to officials at the COEJL.

COEJL estimates it will sell 50,000 light bulbs through this campaign into the new year, Lerman-Golomb said on Thursday.

The goal of the campaign is to encourage Jews to not only make changes in their lifestyles, but to approach their legislators about adopting more sustainable energy policies.

"Once they become aware of the problem of how much energy we use in the country and at home, they could possibly be interested in making bigger changes, such as buying energy efficient appliances ... or buying a more energy efficient car," Lerman-Golomb said.

Many synagogues will incorporate the fluorescent light bulbs into the Hanukkah ceremony, using tear drop-shaped fluorescent bulbs on the menorah, including the eternal light.

One of the synagogues participating will be the Kehillat Israel, a reconstructionist congregation, in the Pacific Palisades.

Part of Rabbi Steven Reuben's sermon today at Kehillat Israel will focus on global warming.

"The Jewish community needs to take responsible action immediately to help stop the devastating effects of global warming," Reuben said. "Climate change is causing climate injustice around the world."

"As Jews, we cannot stand idly by as others suffer."

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Don't drink the water

A runner passes by a sign warning about the dangers lurking in the ocean following rainfall last weekend. More showers are expected through this weekend, with high temperatures dropping into the mid-50s.

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Ad executives lost Focus

Two former heads of a local media agency and their lawyer get prison sentence for fraud

BY JESSICA ROBERTS

Special to the Daily Press

LOS ANGELES — Two top executives of a Santa Monica-based advertising agency and their attorney have been sentenced to time in federal prison, ranging from 21 months to five and a half years, for their parts in a fraud scheme that cost Sears and several media companies more than \$40 million.

Thomas Edward Rubin, the former chief executive of Focus Media Inc., was sentenced to five and a half years, while Thomas Patrick Sullivan, the company's former chief financial officer, received three and a half years. Former attorney Geoffrey Mousseau was sentenced to

21 months in prison.

The three men were convicted by a jury in June. Rubin was found guilty on 25 felony counts and Sullivan on 27 counts, including conspiracy, fraud, bankruptcy fraud and money laundering. Mousseau was convicted on six counts, which included conspiracy to commit fraud and fraudulent concealment of property from a bankruptcy.

Prosecutors said there were two phases of the crimes, which were perpetrated against Sears, Roebuck & Co., Universal Studios, ABC, NBC, Warner Brothers and others.

When Focus Media began to have financial trouble in 1999, they billed Sears for

money that should have gone to media outlets for ads. Instead, prosecutors said, Rubin and Sullivan used the money to pay off company and personal debts.

"The first phase is taking all the money," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Rane Katzeinstein. "Then, the victims did a number of things to try to save themselves and save the money and prevent harm ... at that point, Mousseau participated in a scheme with Sullivan and Rubin to further take more money."

Over a one-year period, Focus Media received more than \$50 million from clients, but paid less than \$10 million to media outlets. Of the missing \$40 million, approximately \$12 million went to pay Rubin's personal liabilities.

"Sears paid for the advertising and the

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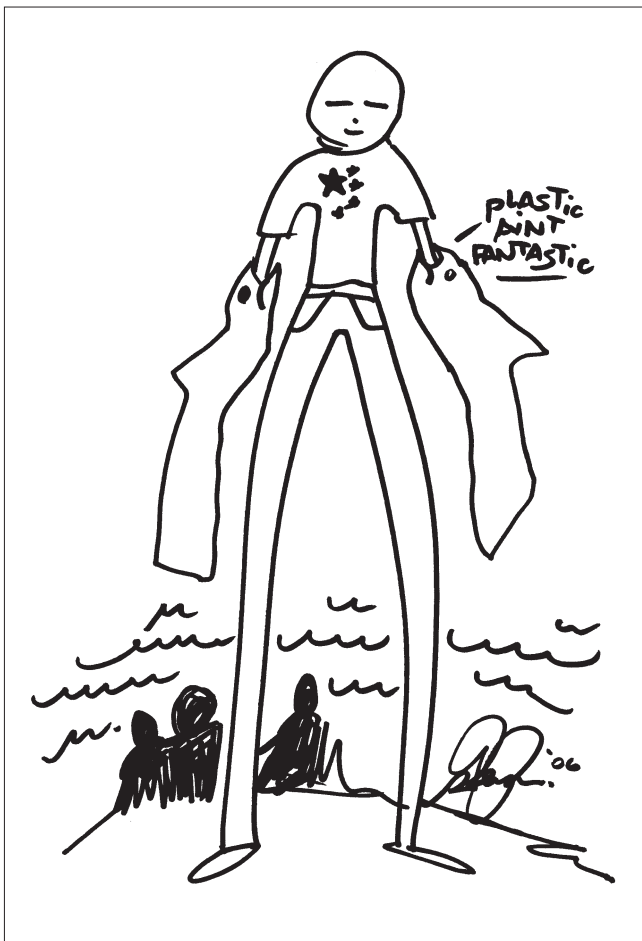
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dishing on the Dogtown dilemma

Editor:

Stop the insanity; my blood pressure is up after reading the follow-up article regarding the Horizon Surf Shops Landmark status update ("Museum in Dogtown?," Dec. 13, page 1). In the article, two well-known Santa Monica lefties are quoted. Jacob Samuel stated he stood out on the street and collected 86 signatures in four hours. Who knows what the petition said, and most people don't have clue and will sign anything, so big deal. I find the whole situation beyond ridiculous. The place is an old building with no redeeming features. Randy Wright, the current owner, has no connection to the building's past, and until recently, didn't even sell skateboards. This is a demeaning abuse of a very important process and is being used as a tool by certain extremists that like to manipulate just about everything that transpires in this city. This whole thing makes no sense and could prevent the person that has owned this property for almost 50 years from upgrading the area with a mixed-use building that is environmental-friendly.

Mr. Wright was offered a space in the new building and some type of commemorative monument was to be installed. So what's the problem?

R. Chace

Santa Monica

Traffic solution suggestions

Editor:

Regarding Miriam Syrquin's letter to the editor ("Seeking answers on traffic agenda," Dec. 13, page 4):

The author seems to want to vent all of their traffic frustrations on Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl. Rosendahl has been in office for little over a year and has made real proposals to alleviate an intolerable traffic situation that he inherited. The number of people working in Santa Monica has grown dramatically and because of this growth, traffic going into Santa Monica in the morning and leaving Santa Monica in the evening is in gridlock. It seems to be the heaviest contributor to Westside traffic woes. A number of Rosendahl's LA City Council District 11 constituents have stepped up to working with him to better understand what can be done, both short-term, as well as long-term, to help solve Westside traffic gridlock. I suggest that Miriam, as a Santa Monica resident, do the same with Santa Monica City Council members.

Right now, I see Bill Rosendahl as part of the solution, not the problem.

Martin Rubin

West Los Angeles

Bush White House remake of 'Reality'

THE
SOAP BOX
BY BENNET KELLEY



In the 1994 comedy "Reality Bites," a group of recent college graduates struggle with the clash between the world of their imagination and the world as it really is; with the lead character questioning, "why things just can't go back to normal at the end of the half hour like on the 'Brady Bunch?'" In the 2006 remake, however, the movie is transformed into a tragedy as the setting moves from Houston twenty-something's to the Bush White House, where President Bush continues to wait for "Brandy Brunch" resolutions.

Throughout his administration, President Bush has governed based on an ideologically predefined world. For example, tax cuts were always the answer, regardless of whether we had a budget surplus or deficit or if the economy was in a recession or recovery; and, of course, Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, was behind 9/11 and must be deposed.

In 2006, however, reality bit hard as all of the White House's delusions and propaganda were finally overwhelmed by the desperate reality of the situation in Iraq. Approval of Bush's handling of the Iraq War fell from 41 percent in December 2005 to 27 percent this month, as the chasm between the chaos in Iraq and White House propaganda became obvious.

For President Bush, such gnawing realities were not limited to Iraq as White House delusions and propaganda were exposed by harsh realities throughout 2006. For example, in a telling statement during a 2001 joint press conference with President Bush after the fall of the Taliban, Russian President Putin warned that the Taliban was not defeated, but had made the strategic decision to abandon Kabul and, as a result, "we should not be deluded on that score. Quite a serious amount of work is still ahead."

The administration's ideological obsession with Iraq, however, required that it divert resources and attention away from the "serious ... work" in Afghanistan. In 2006, the consequence of this decision became apparent as the Taliban came back — killing more coalition troops this year than during the first 18 months of the war and taking control of substantial territory — pushing the nation towards a "tipping point."

President Bush also deluded himself into believing that he could prevent the two remaining members of the "axis of evil"

from advancing their nuclear weapons program by essentially doing nothing. The Bush administration adhered to its ideological aversion to engaging either country and, instead, foolishly relied on the leadership of other countries to protect it. That strategy might be fine for Luxembourg, but it is reckless for the world's sole superpower, and we now face greater risk because of a nuclear North Korea and, potentially, Iran as a result.

At home, President Bush still clings to the cake-and-it-too tax cut economics his father once labeled "voodoo economics." As retiring Senator Jeffords explained, this administration's "belief that tax cuts will solve any problem is uncompromising, unyielding, and, sadly, undeterred by past experience." While Bush chose to ignore the reality of record deficits, voters did not as it was a factor in independent voters abandoning the Republicans in the 2006 election.

The Bush administration also chooses to ignore, suppress or alter scientific conclusions that are inconvenient, most notably its continued insistence that the fact and causes of global warming remain uncertain. The Bush administration maintains this position even when the National Academy of Sciences joined the science academies of the G8 nations in declaring that "there is now strong evidence that significant global warming is occurring" and is primarily attributable to the use of fossil fuels.

This year, however, Al Gore's award-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" exposed this issue and the Bush administration's failure to act despite warnings of "serious adverse societal and ecological impacts by the end of this century" to millions of movie-goers. As a result, polling indicates that global warming is now viewed as the nation's top environmental problem and was important to the decision of half of the 2006 voters.

Last week's release of the findings of the Iraq Study Group, whose first word are "[t]he situation in Iraq is grave and deteriorating," was a fitting coda to a year in which the Bush administration's delusions repeatedly were overwhelmed by reality. The significance of the report extends beyond Iraq, however, because the administration's response will be an important test of whether President Bush will emerge from his ideological cocoon and address the real world or instead continue to dangerously wait for a "Brady Bunch" resolution.

In the movie "Reality Bites," the characters eventually grow up and face reality. We can only hope for the same in this tragic sequel.

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Bush pulled us all in



In the movie “Godfather III,” Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) tries to go legit, but circumstances (and the need to sell more popcorn) won’t let him. He complains bitterly, “The more I try to get out, the more they pull me back in!” That’s how I feel about President Bush. The “Decider” was supposed to tell the nation about his new direction for Iraq, but now he says it’ll be in January and he won’t be rushed. It’s only been 1,322 days since “Mission Accomplished,” so what’s the hurry? But since the Baker-Hamilton report, 35 more Americans have died in Iraq.

The more I try not to let Bush infuriate me, the more he pulls me back in!

I fear W’s incapable of change. At a press conference once, he was asked what mistakes his administration had made. He said he couldn’t think of one. Not one. His people are good at slogans though. The latest is “Looking Forward,” which means, “Let’s not take responsibility for who got us into this hell?” There have been so many slogans it’s hard to keep up: “Operation Iraqi Freedom,” “Bringing Democracy to the Middle East” (how about trying it in Saudi Arabia?), “As the Iraqis Stand Up, We Stand Down,” and “We’ll Leave When the Job is Done,” though I’m never sure what the job is. One really needs a slogan scorecard. Fortunately, we’ve got Fox News.

W’s reaction to the Baker-Hamilton report was a little coarse. Of course, I’m taking him at his word that he actually read it. Maybe there was a pop-up version, or maybe it was on books on tape. I wonder if he counts it in his reading contest with Rove. He claims he’s read 60 books so far, including, as he puts it, three “Shakespeares.”

Bush also claims to “use the Google on the Internets.” His curious mind likes Google because he can see satellite photos of the Crawford ranch. It’s a shame he didn’t use “the google” before the invasion to find out the Sunnis and the Shias have hated each other for 1,300 hundred years. Maybe we wouldn’t have invaded.

I should be more sympathetic toward W.,

but it’s not easy. Today, there was another mass abduction in Iraq. If Bush sends more troops, they’ll be referees in a civil war with bull’s-eyes on their backs. His poll numbers are lower than any president at any time during Vietnam. One person in five thinks he’s doing a good job. One in six think Elvis is still alive.

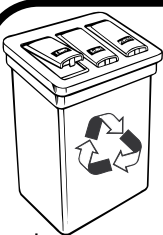
W confides to friends that he identifies with Truman and Lincoln, who also waged unpopular wars. But, as opposed to giving out no-bid contracts, Truman sent war profiteers to jail. (Lucky for Halliburton they weren’t around back then.) And Lincoln, well, there’s the famous Lincoln Memorial of him in thoughtful repose. Maybe W’s statue could be on the stationery bike. Or how about one of him playing air guitar at John McCain’s birthday party while New Orleans drowned?

I’m not surprised by W’s reaction to the Study Group. He can only listen to those who agree with him. Is that a good quality for a president? Before the war. Gen. Shinseki predicted we’d need hundreds of thousands of troops to succeed. His reward? Forced retirement. W’s not happy with one of the authors of the report, James Baker — Bush 41’s Secretary of State. It seems a tad ungrateful because Baker was the man who helped 43 “win” the election in Florida. But I suppose it’s like the old saying, “What election have you stolen for me lately.”

Pappy Bush recently broke down in tears in what was supposed to be a happy occasion, Jeb’s farewell to the Florida legislature after two terms as Governor. Pappy’s tears may have been for Junior, who, according to Pat Buchanan, by going into Iraq, “committed the worst strategic blunder in the history of the United States.” Three thousand dead Americans, 20,000 wounded, many disabled for life, hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis and two trillion dollars squandered. And for what? That brings tears to my eyes too.

It’s been a rough month for W — the election, firing Rummy and Baker-Hamilton. On the other hand, it’s been a rough six years for the rest of us. Please, let’s never forget this was W’s war. And now we wait until after the first to hear from the “Decider.” But I might have to skip the big speech. I can feel it in my gut he’s going to send more troops. A la Michael Corleone, “The more I try to get out, the more he pulls me back in.”

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CRIME WATCH

Criminal out to smell nice

SATURDAY, DEC. 9, AT 6:40 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1200 block of Pico Boulevard for a report of auto burglary. A man had heard a strange noise outside his home and discovered the suspect breaking into his car. The suspect fled the scene after stealing a navigation system from the victim's car. Officers detained the suspect at the corner of Euclid Street and Pico Boulevard, where he was positively identified by the victim. Upon further investigation, officers discovered the suspect was responsible for several auto break-ins around the area on the same day. Other victims identified the stolen items, which included a cell phone charger, a bottle of cologne, DVDs and a checkbook. He was arrested and charged with burglary. He was identified as Jose David Ortiz, 21, of Los Angeles. There was no bail set because he is on probation.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5, AT 10:55 P.M.

Santa Monica Police Officers responded to 432 Wilshire Blvd. — Chevron Gas Station — for a report of a man acting irrational and refusing to leave private property. The suspect left before officers arrived because he noticed the attendant was on the phone with police. The officers later detained the suspect at the 1200 block of Fourth Street. When officers noticed the suspect holding a cell phone, they began questioning him about how he had attained the cell phone. They determined the suspect was in possession of stolen property when the story of how he received the cell phone began to change. He was arrested and charged with receiving and/or being in possession of stolen property. He was identified as Nick Bradden Andros, 40, a transient from Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$22,964.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8, AT 6:45 P.M.

Officers responded to a report of strong arm robbery at the 1400 block of Fourth Street. A woman was walking along Fourth Street when the suspect reached from behind and grabbed a cell phone out of her hand. The woman ran after the suspect for a few blocks until the suspect threatened to harm her. When police arrived at the 1400 block of Alley 2, located between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway, the suspect admitted she had stolen the cell phone, but threw it away and was unsure of its whereabouts. She was arrested and charged with strong arm robbery. She was identified as Anna Lisa Polk, 18, of Long Beach. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

Compiled by staff writer Melody Hanatani

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Panel hears from prison rape victim

BY ANDREW GLAZER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Suffering years of violence and harassment as a transsexual in Mexico, Mayra Soto sought asylum in a more tolerant U.S.

But the trauma continued here. She was detained in an immigrant detention center in Los Angeles and forced by a guard to perform oral sex on him with the threat of violence, she said.

Soto's story, relayed tearfully to a bipartisan federal panel Wednesday, was one of many testified under oath of guards taking advantage of immigrant detainees.

The guard in Soto's case eventually pleaded guilty to sexual assault and served a six month sentence. But Soto told The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission — whose eight members include presidential and congressional appointees — that her punishment was much worse: Guards moved her to a cell with accused murderers and rapists, she claimed.

"I took this as another form of retaliation," said Soto, 33, sobbing. "I still don't know how they could justify placing someone as feminine as me in the same unit as murders and rapists."

The two-day hearing in a federal courtroom is the sixth held by the commission nationwide, but the first to focus on sexual abuse of immigrants held in federal detention facilities.

The panel, led by a federal judge and made up of business leaders, academics and human rights workers, was formed by Congress in 2003 to find ways of deterring prison rape — a crime that has claimed an estimated 1 million victims in 20 years, according to the commission.

Unaware of their rights, unable to speak English and afraid that speaking out could hurt their chance at freedom, immigrant detainees are one of the populations most vulnerable to abuse by guards, immigrant advocates testified Wednesday.

Nationwide, some 23,000 undocumented immigrants are held in the facilities — some for years at a time — awaiting word on their right to stay in the U.S.

Hearings by the commission in five other cities have focused on juvenile victims, what corrections officials can do to prevent prison assaults, and how to streamline the reporting, investigation and prosecution of the crime. The committee is expected to report its findings to the president and Congress by early 2008.

Asa Hutchinson, a former congressman and Department of Homeland Security undersecretary, on Wednesday recommended better tracking of prisoner abuse in immigrant detention facilities. He said he unsuccessfully tried to find a clear number of complaints and charges.

"If I cannot find it, than an NGO can't find it and we don't have the appropriate tracking needed," he said.

A Florida advocate for immigrants' rights detailed allegations of more than a decade of sexual abuse of Haitian immigrants detained in a Miami facility by guards. Cheryl Little testified that anyone who complained was deported or transferred to remote facilities away from lawyers, family and friends.

"Anyone who wore a uniform had free access to women," said Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, quoting a detainee.

Also testifying was a children's rights

advocate from San Francisco, who said a female guard was allowed to make repeated advances on a 17-year-old immigrant detained in a youth facility, even after he complained to authorities.

The teen eventually returned to his home country in January to avoid further time in the facility.

The most dramatic testimony came from Soto, the only victim to speak at Wednesday's hearing.

Outside the courtroom, the Orange County hairdresser — who has been granted a temporary right to stay and work in the U.S. — said she hoped the pain of recalling her trauma in public would lead officials to make changes.

"It's very painful for me, it brings back the fear, the trauma, the pain," Soto said. "But I think they need to know what is happening."

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LOS ANGELES

City collects unexpected gift

A man who died 16 years ago and left \$442,173 to the city, but only \$1 to each to five siblings, had his gift accepted by the city.

The City Council voted Tuesday to accept the bequest from Theodore DiFiore, who was 79 when he died Nov. 17, 1990, in a modest downtown apartment. The council and mayor will decide how the money will be spent.

DiFiore's handwritten will from 1976, which was updated several times before his death, specified that the city get his money and each of his five siblings was to receive \$1, attorney Robert Pasquinelli said.

"I think he was just an ornery guy and why he chose the city of Los Angeles, I don't have any idea," Pasquinelli said. "It was an interesting probate in that for years the city didn't know what to do with this."

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SoCal fence company faces charges amid immigration probe

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — For seven years, a Southern California fence-building company has been under the microscope for allegedly hiring illegal immigrants. Now, the company is landing in criminal court.

Golden State Fence Co. was scheduled to be arraigned on criminal charges at 9 a.m. Thursday in San Diego, said to Christine Friedman, clerk for a federal judge hearing the case. Also being arraigned were Melvin Kay, Golden State's president and founder, and Michael McLaughlin, another company executive.

The government first audited the company's employee records in 1999 and launched a crim-

inal investigation after a second audit in 2004.

The following year, government agents raided the company's Riverside headquarters and concluded that 110 employees there were unauthorized to work — including three who the company had been ordered not to employ after the 1999 audit.

Carol Lam, the U.S. attorney in San Diego, scheduled a news conference Thursday "regarding a corporate employer that hired unauthorized aliens" but her office declined to elaborate.

It is extremely rare for a company to be criminally charged with hiring illegal immigrants, said Steven Camarota, research director of the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C., a group that advocates tighter immigration controls.

"You have to show a kind of criminal conspiracy," said Camarota. "The mere hiring of illegals is not enough."

Golden State, which has at least seven offices in Southern California, declined to comment on the investigation Wednesday. The company said last month that it enrolled in a voluntary federal program to verify workers' immigration status in December 2005 and encouraged other fencing companies to do the same to create "a level playing field in the industry."

Golden State, which currently employs 750 people, saw sales soar from \$60 million in 1998 to \$150 million in 2004, according to a biography of Kay provided by the company. Among its projects: construction of part of a 14-mile border fence in San Diego in the late 1990s.

Golden State built 6,100 feet of the 15-foot-high fence near the Otay Mesa border crossing in San Diego, completing the work in February 1998, said Jay Field, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which awarded the contract. Federal authorities and the company have said they found no evidence that illegal immigrants worked on the border fence.

Kay founded Golden State with "five employees, two trucks and a forklift" in the 1980s after his Idaho sawmill business failed, according to a biography issued by the company. McLaughlin worked at the sawmill, followed Kay to California and married Kay's oldest daughter.

The biography said Kay pays "rank-and-file laborers" about \$15 an hour.

HP CEO Hurd asked to explain major cashout before scandal

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The congressional panel investigating Hewlett-Packard Co.'s boardroom spying probe has demanded that CEO Mark Hurd explain \$1.37 million worth of options he exercised just before the scandal became public.

Hurd's cashout Aug. 25 — before HP disclosed the spying tactics in a Sept. 6 regulatory filing — did not appear to be part of a prescheduled program, the panel's ranking members, Reps. John Dingell and Bart Stupak, both Democrats from Michigan, said in a letter to Hurd publicly released Wednesday.

The activity came the same day Hurd was questioned by HP's outside attorneys investigating the circumstances surrounding the ill-fated effort to ferret out leaks by board members to the news media, the letter stated.

The congressmen asked Hurd to explain the reason for the transaction, seeking an answer on "whether executives are cashing in ('bullet dodging') while in possession of potentially damaging material facts that shareholders do not know."

Dingell and Stupak also asked in the letter to "please inform us whether any other HP officers or directors engaged in similar transactions during this period."

He was given until Dec. 21 to comply

with the request. He testified Sept. 28 before the Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

HP said in a statement that it would comply with the panel's request.

Hurd and seven other HP executives and insiders cashed out options between Aug. 21 and Sept. 5. The company has previously said the transactions were unrelated to the scandal.

They fell within a three-week window each quarter when executives are allowed to sell shares after earnings are announced, HP said.

On Aug. 25, Hurd exercised options on 100,000 HP shares, about 6 percent of the total stock compensation package he received

at the time of his hiring. The August sale netted him a profit of about \$1.37 million, according to the filings.

The cashouts have also prompted attorneys who are suing top HP executives and directors over the scandal to add insider-trading claims to the lawsuit in California on behalf of all HP shareholders.

HP's stock price has remained relatively buoyant throughout the scandal, though the uproar has led to a purging of its top ranks and felony charges against two ousted HP insiders — former Chairwoman Patricia Dunn and former ethics chief Kevin Hunsaker — and three outside investigators, Ronald DeLia, Matthew DePante and Bryan Wagner.

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Real estate sideshow

Once home to a cult, California's 'Holy City' in the hills is for sale

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

LOS GATOS — In the hills of California, ghost towns stamp the dusty ground where madmen once stalked gold. Holy City is one of them — and it's for sale.

Decades before computer chips sent real estate prices soaring in nearby Silicon Valley, the Santa Cruz Mountains housed an infamous Depression-era commune and tourist trap with an oddly ill-fitting name.

Now, after 40 years of benign neglect, the 142 valuable acres where a mostly forgotten white supremacist with a gift for gab and making a buck once has gone on the market for \$11 million, carrying with it a religious story not fit to print in any Bible.

"Bad, good or indifferent, there is a history here, and my hope is that somebody will take that history and spin it into a good thing for the future," said Jim E. Miller, the real estate agent who is selling Holy City for three elderly investors who have owned the property since 1966.

Finding such a big swath of developable real estate in the San Francisco Bay area is unusual enough. But the listing has also resurrected curiosity about the roadside compound lorded over during the 1920s, '30s and '50s by William E. Riker, a former necktie salesman and palm reader. Fires, time and a freeway have reduced to a few ramshackle

buildings the site where Riker's disciples sold food, gas, haircuts and his "Perfect Divine Christian Way" doctrine on the main route between Santa Cruz and San Jose.

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But plenty of people still remember the billboard proclaiming it as "Headquarters For The World's Most Perfect Government." Nine Santa Claus statues lined the road outside Holy City, which Riker incorporated in 1926, while the grounds held a dance hall, an observatory, a radio station Riker used to air his views, and outhouse-sized church steeples where visitors could watch penny peep shows.

Betty E. Lewis, a local historian and

author of "Holy City: Riker's Religious Roadside Attraction," recalls driving by Holy City as a child and that it resembled "a sideshow more than anything else."

"My father didn't want to stop there," she said. "He thought it was in bad taste."

Riker, who referred to himself as "The Comforter" and "The Emancipator," preached racial segregation, ran for governor four times and instructed his followers — who never numbered more than 300 or so — to maintain celibacy.

But like many leaders, Riker had a different standard for himself. He lived at Holy City with his fourth wife, and while encouraging disciples to renounce worldly possessions, he drove Cadillacs.

His behavior frequently drew the attention of state and federal authorities. The California agency that regulates charities investigated his finances; and in 1931, the Federal Radio Commission revoked the station's license, finding KFQU "was not operated in the public interest." The government also charged him with sedition in 1942 after he was caught corresponding with Adolf Hitler.

He was never convicted, though, and by the end of World War II, the construction of a freeway that bypassed Holy City made his empire irrelevant. After a long period of decline, the land fell out of Riker's control in 1960 and he converted to Catholicism in 1966, three years before his death.

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Farmers bristle as officials suggest lettuce link to E. coli

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Farmers bristled Thursday at suggestions by federal health officials that lettuce may have caused the E. coli outbreak linked to Taco Bell that sickened 71 people on the East Coast.

The growers said federal authorities were too quick to assign blame and needlessly jeopardized their produce sales by saying lettuce was the likely culprit.

“They should do their research before they start smearing products,” said Tom Russell, president of Salinas, Calif.-based grower Pacific International Marketing. “Each time they do it, they drive prices down.”

Dave Daigle, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Federal officials said Wednesday the most likely source of the outbreak was lettuce. The statement came several days after investigators failed to confirm Taco Bell’s previous suspicion that green onions were behind the problem.

The outbreak apparently has run its course after 71 confirmed cases of the disease in five states, primarily New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. No new cases have been reported by the CDC since Dec. 6.

Lettuce that might have sickened diners has been eaten or thrown away, so health investigators were not been able to test it directly, federal health officials said.

Still they deduced it was “the most likely vehicle” for the contamination based on interviews with patients about what they had eaten at Taco Bell and other investigative work.

Lettuce is included in 70 percent of the menu items at the Mexican-style chain based in Irvine, Calif. The company said it took precautions on Dec. 9 by changing its suppliers of lettuce and cheese in four states.

Taco Bell has declined to name its previous suppliers. It said the lettuce was grown in the West but refused to specify a location.

Nearly three-quarters of the country’s lettuce is grown in California, with most of the rest coming from Arizona, said California Farm Bureau Federation spokesman Dave Kranz.

Kranz said lettuce was being grown in many parts of California in mid-November, when the E. coli outbreak began, so it’s impossible to pinpoint its source.

Growers insisted they have been vigilant about testing their land, fertilizers and crops.

“There’s a vast myriad of things that we do as it relates to good agriculture practices,” said Mitch Ardantz, a spokesman for Santa Maria-based Bonita Packing Inc. “We take it extremely seriously.”

Growers of leafy vegetables have amped up safety practices even more since an E. coli outbreak earlier this year killed three people and sickened more than 200 others who ate contaminated spinach, said Tim Chelling, spokesman for Western Growers.

Mars scientists split on idea for NASA’s return to moon

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The chief scientist behind the twin Mars rovers said he supports a human presence on the moon, but hopes the journey won’t dead-end there.

Earlier this month, NASA announced its plan to return to the moon will include establishing a lunar outpost for a permanent human presence by 2024. Eventually, the space agency said, it wants to land humans on Mars.

Steve Squyres of Cornell University said that while it makes sense to start with the moon he fears that budget overruns will ground humans there and foil a manned mission to Mars.

“The best way to explore Mars is with humans,” Squyres said Wednesday during an American Geophysical Union meeting.

Scientists have long been intrigued with the Red Planet and the question of whether it can support microbial life. The fascination went into overdrive last week when researchers reported finding evidence that liquid water may still gush up to the frigid surface as occasional spurts.

NASA’s decision to focus on lunar exploration is “ill-timed” given that the Mars missions have revealed a great deal about the planet’s ancient history, said Kenneth Herkenhoff, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist who is on the team managing the new Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

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The Reconnaissance Orbiter, which slipped into orbit earlier this year, has beamed back detailed images of the ice-rich deposits on Mars’ north pole that show the region underwent recent climate change, Herkenhoff told the AGU meeting.

Meanwhile, the durable rovers, which have been exploring opposite ends of the planet since 2004, continue to amaze scientists with geologic discoveries. Most recently, Opportunity examined cliff faces resembling those found at Zion National Park in Utah while Spirit saw for the first time a water ice cloud floating through the winter sky.

“The recent cuts in the sciences from NASA is not good,” Herkenhoff said. “We’re currently drowning in data and more is expected. We need more graduate students involved, not fewer.”

Ray Arvidson, deputy principal investigator for the rovers, said the emphasis on the moon could prevent future missions to collect a sample from Mars or land a super rover on the Martian surface to probe for further evidence of water.

“It would just be unfortunate to lose momentum with all these very exciting Mars discoveries,” he said.

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Democratic senator in critical condition

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson was in critical condition early Thursday after undergoing emergency surgery just weeks before his party was to take control of the Senate with only a one-vote majority.

Johnson, 59, suffered stroke-like symptoms Wednesday during a telephone interview with reporters, but the nature of his illness remained unclear.

A person in George Washington University Hospital's media relations office said the hospital was preparing to announce that Johnson's condition was critical. The employee, who declined to be identified because a formal statement was pending, would not describe the type of surgery.

The surgery lasted past midnight

Wednesday, and was disclosed by another official who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing the sensitive nature of the subject.

Apart from the risk to his health, Johnson's illness carried political ramifications. Democrats emerged from last month's elections with a 51-49 Senate majority. If he were forced to relinquish his seat, a replacement would be named by South Dakota's GOP Gov. Mike Rounds.

A Republican appointee would create a 50-50 tie, and allow the GOP to retain Senate control.

President Bush learned about Johnson's illness when he awoke Thursday morning, said first lady Laura Bush. "We're praying like I know all the people of South Dakota are for his very, very speedy recovery," Mrs. Bush told CBS's "Early Show."

Johnson, who turns 60 later this month, was admitted to George Washington

University hospital at midday after experiencing what his office initially said was a possible stroke.

His spokeswoman, Julianne Fisher, later told reporters that it had been determined that the senator had suffered neither a stroke nor a heart attack.

Several hours after she spoke, Dr. John Eisold, the Capitol physician, called that into question with a statement of his own.

"Senator Tim Johnson was admitted to the George Washington University Hospital today with the symptoms of a stroke. He is currently under the care of physicians at the George Washington University Hospital."

Fisher and Eisold both said they did not intend to issue further updates on Johnson's condition until Thursday.

Johnson became disoriented during a conference call with reporters, stuttering in

response to a question.

Before he ended the call, Johnson appeared to recover and asked whether there were any additional questions.

Fisher said he then walked back to his Capitol office but appeared to not be feeling well. The Capitol physician came to his office and examined him, and it was decided he should go to the hospital.

He was taken to the hospital by ambulance around noon, Fisher said.

"It was caught very early," she said.

In its earlier statement, Johnson's office had said he had suffered a possible stroke and was "undergoing a comprehensive evaluation by the stroke team."

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada went to the hospital to check on Johnson. He called Johnson a "dear friend to me and to all of us here in the Senate."

Part of Rainier National Park to reopen for visitors this weekend

By The Associated Press

ASHFORD, Wash. — Visitors will be able to walk, bike or ski into the southwest corner of Mount Rainier National Park beginning this Saturday, but they'll have to leave their motor vehicles outside the flood-damaged park, which has been closed since early November.

Business owners in Ashford and other areas near the park's southwest entrance persuaded park officials to allow visitors to hike up State Route 706, the main route through the park, to the Boundary Trail and West Side Road.

The state highway, which runs alongside the Nisqually River at lower elevations, was washed out during the flooding and three sections must be repaired before vehicle traffic can return. Park officials say access to Longmire and Paradise will remain closed until at least March.

Officials closed the park Nov. 6, when 18 inches of rain fell in 36 hours, swamping roads and bridges and cutting power and sewer lines. It was the park's first closure since nearby Mount St. Helens' massive May 18, 1980, eruption, and the shutdown has been

the longest at Mount Rainier since all national parks were closed during World War II.

Park officials have estimated damages at nearly \$30 million. The park has already spent \$791,000 on repairs and is waiting for Congress to approve money to cover the rest of the damage.

The limited reopening won't give tourists access to the park's popular winter locations like Paradise, but Ashford businesses are happy with the park's holiday gift to them.

"I think the park has done a good thing for us," said Jeremy Foust, president of the

Mount Rainier Visitor Association.

The West Side Road — a mile hike from the park entrance — is popular for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, but skiers are still waiting for snow on the road. The road is one of only three areas in the park where mountain bikes are allowed.

Park spokeswoman Lee Taylor said bikers will be permitted to ride up the Nisqually Road to the West Side Road, but will not be allowed on other trails.

The usual \$15 park entry fee will be waived during the limited access program.

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DENVER: Ready for Democrats?

Denver officials say the city and state can handle demands of the National Convention

BY JUDITH KOHLER

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — This one-time cow town at the foot of the Rockies is two time zones and 1,500 miles away from the power centers of New York and Washington, but city and state officials say it can handle the demands of 35,000 visitors and the intense spotlight that would come with the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Denver, they point out, has played with the big boys before.

The city hosted Pope John Paul II and hundreds of thousands of people for World Youth Day in 1993. In 1997, it hosted several world leaders for the Summit of the Eight.

"That's something that's been noticed and is a very critical part of the process," said Debbie Willhite, executive director of Denver's convention host committee.

Denver and New York are finalists for the 2008 gathering. The two biggest obstacles Denver faces are union support and raising the estimated \$55 million in cash the event will require.

Labor, traditionally a key constituency of the Democratic Party, has raised questions about Denver, pointing out it has few unionized hotels.

Mayor John Hickenlooper has acknowledged that raising the cash is likely to be Denver's biggest challenge.

But Denver's backers say the city — with a

population of about 557,000, and another 2 million or so in nearby counties — has the facilities and the experience to handle the logistics.

Willhite got a good look at the area's accommodations as executive director of the White House's planning for the 1997 summit.

"And it's only gotten better: more hotels, more downtown development," Willhite said.

A new 19-mile light-rail line has made hotels in the southeast metro area more accessible.

More than 19,000 hotel rooms are within 20 minutes of the Pepsi Center, the downtown basketball and hockey arena where the convention would be held, Willhite said. About 18,000 rooms are needed because many delegates and officials are expected to share accommodations, officials said.

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Hickenlooper said the city is used to hosting tens of thousands of visitors on weekends and busy sports nights. Denver has NFL, NBA, NHL and major league baseball teams that play in three venues, two of them within

a few blocks of each other in central Denver.

"We sometimes have 130,000 to 140,000 people coming in," Hickenlooper said. "There are over 300 restaurants in Denver."

Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., said Denver is more than ready for prime time. As state natural resources chief during the pope's 1993 visit, Salazar handled permits and other accommodations.

"That was a half million people," Salazar said.

Willhite and Hickenlooper say the city is working to resolve the union and funding issues.

Workers in at least one downtown hotel have won permission to organize, thanks in part to influence from the city, which helped finance the hotel with bonds.

Willhite said the convention committee is negotiating with the unions on contracts for work at the convention.

In November, the Colorado AFL-CIO passed a resolution approving Denver's bid. The Denver Area Labor Federation, which represents about 80 unions, originally opposed bringing the convention to Denver but has changed its stance to neutral.

Leslie Moody, president of the Denver federation, said her counterparts in other cities remain leery of Denver because they usually patronize only unionized hotels.

"We're just trying to encourage them to be open, to use the leverage of the convention to help unionize," Moody said of other unions.

Amanda Cooper, spokeswoman for Unite Here, which represents 90,000 unionized hotel and special-events workers nationwide, acknowledged that Denver's lack of unionized facilities will matter to union members.

Brutal weather stymied rescue crews effort for missing men

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

Associated Press Writer

COOPER SPUR, Ore. — Despite an army of rescue crews and plenty of high-tech equipment, the search for three missing men on Mount Hood has come down to the whims of Mother Nature.

Searchers on Wednesday said brutal winter weather has raged across the top of the mountain and stymied efforts so far, with winds up to 100 mph expected as a new storm settles in Thursday.

Rescuers have marshaled helicopters, airplanes, unmanned drones, heat sensors and cell phone signal tracking devices — but none of it does any good unless rescue climbers can get high enough on the 11,239-foot volcano.

"Man and machine are at their limits there," said Capt. Christopher Bernard of the Air Force Reserve's 304th Rescue Squadron.

Plans Thursday call for two staging camps on the north and south sides of the mountain so teams could head to the summit quickly if the weather breaks.

"We have hit a brick wall at 8,500 feet," Hood River County Sheriff Joe Wampler said at the end of Wednesday's search.

The three seasoned climbers — a pair of Texans and a New Yorker — carried a cell phone they used to let their families know they were in trouble.

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Historians say trial will not hinder Jeffs

BY JENNIFER DOBNER

Associated Press Writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — About a dozen followers of a polygamist leader filed into a courtroom Thursday as a judge began hearing brief testimony before deciding whether Warren Jeffs will stand trial for his role in the marriage of a teenager to her older cousin in 2001.

She was not expected to attend, after testifying last month that the ceremony was the “darkest time of my entire life.”

Jeffs, head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with rape as accomplice. A judge must decide if there is probable cause to move the case to trial.

Security was enhanced outside the courthouse, with police posted on cliffs and parking prohibited next to the building.

“They’re peaceful people. They just want to get along,” St. George police Sgt. Craig Harding said of Jeffs’ followers. “They just happen to believe in having more than one wife and that’s where the rub comes.”

The outcome isn’t likely to lessen the 50-year-old Jeffs’ popularity. The FLDS sect traces its roots to early Mormon theology, which promoted plural marriage. The modern Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints disavows polygamy and renounced the practice in 1890 as a condition of Utah’s statehood.

The FLDS, however, consider themselves “fundamentalist Mormons” who continue to believe polygamy will bring glory in heaven. They also consider Jeffs a prophet of God with dominion over their salvation.

“Prosecution will actually strengthen his position as a leader,” said Martha Bradley, a University of Utah professor and author of a history of government raids on the FLDS community. “You just can’t underestimate the power of becoming a martyr.”

Authorities rounded up and imprisoned FLDS church members in the 1940s and 1950s, but the prosecuted returned home to the community on the Arizona-Utah state line as heroes, Bradley said. The persecution also strengthened the community’s resolve to continue its religious practices.

Bradley predicts that pattern will repeat, even if Jeffs is tried and convicted of the two first-degree felony counts that could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

Washington County prosecutors contend Jeffs forced a 14-year-old girl to marry her 19-year-cousin in 2001. The union resulted in sexual relations that also occurred without her consent, the now-20-year-old woman said in a court hearing last month.

Jeffs is also charged with multiple felonies in Mohave County, Ariz., but won’t face those charges until after the Utah case is complete.

At the helm of the FLDS church since 2002, Jeffs disappeared from public life in 2004 after lawsuits filed against him and his church alleged abuses of some members. Criminal charges in Arizona and Utah followed in 2005 and 2006. Earlier this year, Jeffs was named to the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted list.

Jeffs was arrested Aug. 28 in a traffic stop on Interstate 15 just north of Las Vegas, Nev. He is being held without bail in the county’s Purgatory Correctional Facility.

Nevada wildlife workers separate locked up elk

By The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — It’s not all checking hunting and fishing licenses. Sometimes the issues are bigger. Like when a Nevada game warden was handed the chore of figuring out who to separate two bull elk who locked horns while sparring and couldn’t untangle them.

The saga began Nov. 21 when a rancher in Reese River Valley spotted the two elk.

By the following day, the animals were gone and the rancher assumed they had separated.

A week later, according to Nevada Division of Wildlife biologist Tom Donham, the rancher was out looking for some of his cows and saw the elk again.

This time, he called the wildlife department and Donham, game warden Brian Eller and Bureau of Land Management wildlife biologist Bryson Code headed out to see what they could do.

When they reached Indian Valley, south of Austin, it was Nov. 29, one week after the elk were first seen.

“When we arrived where the rancher had last seen them, we found them pretty quickly. They were both lying on the ground and one of them was in a very uncomfortable looking position with his head directly above the others head and his nose pointing straight up to the sky,” Donham said.

Eller said he wondered if they had survived their ordeal.

“Once we found out they were alive, I was hoping they couldn’t move and would

stay where they were. That didn’t happen. When they ran off, I was hoping that they could not go very far. That didn’t happen either,” he said.

The elk may have been sparring at the outset, but Donham and Eller say they used teamwork to run for nearly a mile to evade the newcomers. “It looked like they had been doing it all their lives; serious cooperation if I’ve ever seen it,” Donham said.

After two unsuccessful attempts, Donham was able to get a tranquilizer dart into one of the elk. With one down, the other could not run, but was also partially tranquilized in order to separate the two.

Eller and Code helped hold the elk down while Donham used a hand saw to remove part of an antler off one of them.

“As soon as they were apart, the bull that hadn’t gotten a full dose jumped to his feet and Bryson, Brian and I quickly gave him all the room he wanted. He went off about 30 yards and lay down for about 10 minutes before finally walking up the hill and over the ridge, none the worse for wear” Donham said.

The other elk was treated with antibiotics and eventually walked off as well after the tranquilizer had worn off.

“If these two bulls had not been discovered, and we never got the call, they more than likely would have both died. Watching the bulls walk away, and knowing that we likely saved them from a slow death was definitely one of those moments that makes this job rewarding.”

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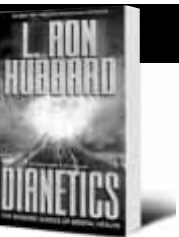
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SMPD to hold sobriety checkpoint

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the state who will be working overtime during the holidays, I ask for the public's help — call 9-1-1 if you see a drunk driver," said Christopher Murphy, director of California's Office of Traffic Safety.

To spot a drunk driver, watch for those straddling the center of the road, zigzagging across the road, erratic braking and driving slower than 10 miles per hour below the speed limit.

In efforts to protect local residents from inebriated driv-

**"This is a terrible time
for any alcoholic."**

DAVID ROLSTON
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AT THE CLARE FOUNDATION

ers, the Santa Monica Police Department will be stepping up patrols and setting up sobriety checkpoints throughout the city. The first checkpoint will be conducted today on the 1200 block of Ocean Avenue.

The SMPD last conducted a DUI checkpoint in September on the 3200 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. In just over four hours, a total of 888 cars passed through, 284 vehicles were screened and one person was arrested for drinking and driving, as well as for being in possession of a controlled substance. Eight drivers were given citations and seven vehicles were towed for a variety of offenses.

The checkpoints are part of the national campaign — "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" — which is aimed at educating and bringing awareness to the community about the dangers of drunk driving. Checkpoints are funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety.

"During the holiday season, we are always wanting to keep the community safe and make sure people understand the importance of not driving while intoxicated and using a

designated driver," said SMPD LT. Alex Padilla.

AAA is again offering free rides to the public as part of its "Tipsy Tow" service, which runs from Dec. 29 until New Year's Day. Drivers can have their cars towed to their home. The first seven miles are free.

Padilla encourages those who are too drunk to drive to either call a friend, take a taxi or just walk.

JUST SAY NO

The holidays can also be a dangerous time for those struggling with alcoholism. Many may be tempted to drink as they are surrounded by family members and friends who are serving alcohol at parties and during dinners.

"This is a terrible time for any alcoholic," said David Rolston, director of programming at the CLARE Foundation, a Santa Monica-based drug and alcohol recovery center founded in the late 1960s. "I preach to everyone I know, please don't serve alcohol at Christmas. It's not necessary. You can have a great time with family and you don't have to serve beer, wine or egg nog."

Rolston said the pressure to drink has less to do with the availability of alcohol and more to do with one's relationship and role within the family. Alcoholics may revert back to their role as the "drinker" or may be pressured by family members who are most comfortable when relatives who are fulfilling their roles, whether that be the drunk or the achiever or the comedian.

"We find that in treatment, six months to a year later that individuals who have changed tremendously will find it difficult to go back into the family setting," Rolston said. "A lot of people want to go home for the holidays, but some just can't."

For those who are fighting to remain sober, Rolston said they must put themselves in a different environment when alcohol is introduced.

"You have to decide today, right now, that you are not going to drink so when a trigger fires off, you are prepared to deal with it," Rolston said.

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MAKE IT A DOUBLE

The California Highway Patrol, Office of Traffic Safety and the California Restaurant Association want people to have fun over the holidays, but remind people to drink responsibly. For designated drivers and those who just plain abhor alcohol, here are a few virgin cocktails to keep the parties rolling.

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3/4 cup peach sorbet
1 cup sparkling water
1/3 cup orange juice
3/8 teaspoon almond extract
crushed ice

BLEND SORBET, juice and extra until smooth; stir in sparkling water; pour over crushed ice and serve.

TOMMY O'COLLINS

1/2 cup cub soda
1 teaspoon rum extract
1 1/2 tablespoons lime juice
1 to 2 packets sweetener
1 to 2 ice cubes

COMBINE INGREDIENTS in blender; blend on high for 10 seconds until light and frothy; pour over ice into tall glass; makes an 8-ounce serving.

BALD BISHOP

1 ounce chilled orange juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 1/2 ounces lemon juice
De-alcoholized burgundy or other non-alcoholic wine

FILL TALL glass halfway with ice; add orange juice, lemon juice and sugar; top off with burgundy.

TROPICAL NOT-A-COLADA

3/4 cup unsweetened pineapple juice; 1/2 banana; 2 to 3 packets of sweetener; 1 teaspoon lime juice; 1/4 teaspoon coconut extract; 3 to 4 ice cubes.

COMBINE INGREDIENTS in blender; blend on high for 30 seconds until smooth and creamy; pour into fancy glass and serve with a straw.

Claims total about \$40 million

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advertising ran," said Katzenstein. "The actual loss to Sears is the amount it had to pay a second time. The media outlets didn't get paid and Sears shouldered some of their loss by making a settlement with them. Universal also made a settlement."

After Sears and other clients acquired court orders to prevent Rubin and Sullivan from using money they had received from those clients, the two men violated the orders to write severance checks to themselves — \$3 million for Rubin and more than \$250,000 for Sullivan — with the help of Mousseau, prosecutors contend.

Mousseau has since been disbarred, according to his attorney.

During the sentencing, U.S. District Judge Gary Feess said Rubin, who had an annual salary of up to \$1 million, "killed the goose that laid the golden egg."

Mark Overland, defense attorney for Sullivan, said he thought the sentencing was harsh in terms of relative guilt.

"He [Sullivan] didn't profit at all," said Overland. "Everybody realized Rubin was more culpable, but I thought the disparity between Sullivan's sentence and Rubin's sentence didn't really reflect the difference in culpability."

Feess didn't buy Overland's claim, saying Sullivan "was involved in the whole thing."

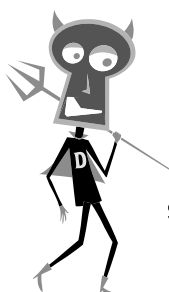
Punishment in this case is not yet complete: Feess has said he will order the defendants to pay restitution and he has scheduled a hearing for Jan. 29 to determine the amount.

The claims are approximately \$40 million, but the court's order for personal payment will be based on the defendants' ability to pay.

"We believe the restitution will be at least \$14 million for Sears and Universal," said Katzenstein.

The case was investigated jointly by the United States Postal Inspection Service and IRS Criminal Investigation Division, which received assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Owners feel certain the Fame will succeed

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“Dancing with the Stars”; and singer, former Mr. Jessica Simpson and “Newlyweds” star Nick Lachey. The list also includes current and former professional athletes like former NBA star John Salley, former MLB All-Star Brady Anderson and Baltimore Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller.

In an industry where team turnover rate is high — with many ABA teams coming and going as compared to their NBA counterparts — the owners are certain that this Hollywood story will not end in a sad breakup.

Part of the reason is the roster, rich with former NBA players, Division 1 NCAA standouts, and athletes who have played professionally overseas in Europe.

The team also has an experienced leader in Don Casey, the former Temple University head coach who spent 18 years in the NBA, serving as both assistant and head coach for the likes of the LA Clippers, New Jersey Nets and the Boston Celtics.

Mainly, the team will survive heartbreak because of good management and effective marketing, DiScala said.

“Minor league baseball has done phenomenally well because it’s family fun entertainment and affordable,” DiScala said on Thursday. “[The ABA] needs management and some marketing and some dollars, and that’s what we’re doing on the league level. I thought it would be fun to own and show how to run a real team.”

The partnership with Santa Monica College is expected to bring in quite a sum of cash for the community college. The Pavilion, which can hold about 800 people, usually draws between 100 and 200 fans during an average college basketball game. The Hollywood Fame owners hope to attract closer to 500 or 600 per game.

Tickets, ranging from \$10 to \$25, are relatively inexpensive compared to NBA games. SMC students are awarded a discount price of only \$5.

“Anytime we’re exposing people to our college campus, it’s great for us,” said Rhonda Hyatt, athletic director at SMC. “We have a great little campus and a great academic program.”

The team was originally going to play its home games at the LA Sports Arena and then the Santa Monica Civic Center, but financing would not allow such a thing to happen.

“Everyone said California is the land of community colleges,” said Mike Casey, vice president of operations at Hollywood Fame and son of Coach Casey. “There are not that many usable junior colleges.”

Casey is sure the venue will attract a good crowd of basketball fans from West LA.

“LA is a huge market,” he said.

THE OWNERS

It took a little over five months to produce an ABA team for DiScala. With Casey and better management coming on board in the ABA, DiScala believes the league will have the personnel needed to survive.

One of the new faces expected to change the image of the league, to make it more attractive to NBA and European scouts, is Tom Doyle, the new president of the ABA.

Anderson spent 15 years in Major League Baseball, playing the majority of his career for the Baltimore Orioles, and retired in 2002, ending his career at a Triple A team in Portland. He was brought out of retirement

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with the dance team.

The show is about bringing the inner freak out of a geek, said Mike Casey, vice president of operations at Hollywood Fame. Each episode focuses on a different introverted “geek” and helps the subject to let their “freak” free.

The episode to be filmed today will focus on Eric, a 20-year-old knife salesman and tournament level video game fanatic. Eric has been practicing for the past few weeks with the Hollywood Fame dance team in preparation for tonight’s halftime show, when he will play the role of the team’s “hypeman” and excite the crowd.

“They’re trying to make this kid break out of his shell,” Casey said.

The show’s producers approached the Hollywood Fame during its search for a sporting event in which they could have easy access.

The episode will show Eric warming up and rehearsing prior to the game, as well as his halftime performance.

“Geek to Freak” will air on HDNet, the first television network that broadcasts all of its shows in 1080i high definition format. The network is owned by Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, and Philip Garvin of Colorado Studios.

“Dennis Rodman is such a name,” Casey said. “We need to go after every possible angle to get more people in the seats. Whether Dennis is playing in the NBA or not, people still book him for events and he’s still popular.”

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when he got a call from his friend DiScala, who informed him about a new venture into a minor league basketball team.

“I love the idea of giving certain athletes [the opportunity] to fulfill their dreams,” Anderson said on Thursday. “Some slip through the cracks and don’t get a chance to be seen. This league and team especially provide the opportunity.”

Anderson should know, he’s a prime example of the value of a farm system. He spent two and a half years in the minor league system, working on his craft, before making his way into the majors. “I needed the minor leagues to fulfill my talent as a player,” he said.

“People develop at different paces,” Anderson said. “You look at our team and we have some really talented athletes.”

Anderson doesn’t have any concerns about whether or not this team has what it takes to last because his expectations are realistic. There is a place for the ABA with the NBA D-League, he said.

The former centerfielder has been approached several times about investing in minor league teams. What is different about co-owning an ABA team is the greater amount of influence Anderson has on the team.

During practice, Anderson helps train the players and provides consultation on what it takes to be a professional athlete. The main difference separating a minor league athlete from

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Urban outfitted

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Santa Monica College fashion students show off their recent creations during the “Freeway LA MODE 2006 Fashion Show,” spotlighting students’ cutting-edge designs in four categories — red carpet, cocktail, resort and contemporary — in front of the SMC Theatre Arts Building. More than 90 garments were shown by the students. All outfits were designed and created by approximately 25 fashion students.



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ABA partners with SMC

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a major league player is not athleticism, but state of mind. “The difference between mediocrity and greatness is small,” he said. “It has to do with the mental approach to the game.” Unlike the NBA where players sport expensive flashy deals, one of the highest paid players in the ABA league makes a little over \$1,000 a week.

THE COACH

After retiring from coaching five years ago, Casey continued his relationship with the NBA by becoming the executive vice president of the Coach’s Association. It wasn’t easy to get back into the swing of things, but Casey finally adjusted to the ABA scene. The corporate NBA jets and private drivers were replaced with a bus and a bus driver. “I was concerned about going into the gym, about getting back into the rhythm,” he said. Coaching in the ABA and college is a whole different ball game from the NBA, where his influence on the team was dictated by the owners. In college, Casey was the “control factor,” as he calls himself. He awarded the scholarships and had his pick of players and assistant coaches. Some of the Hollywood Fame players have a shot at the NBA, and Casey sees part of his job as getting the NBA and European scouts to notice his guys, to open their eyes and convince them that the ABA is a gold mine for fine athletes. He is also trying to convince some of his former col-

leagues in the NBA to take head coaching jobs in the ABA. “Players like to play for NBA coaches,” he said.

THE PLAYERS

The team includes former New York Knicks guard Jamison Brewer, who played at Auburn University, and former UCLA standout Billy Knight, who has played in the European league teams since graduating from college in 2002. Knight decided to move back home this year to stay close to his family after his father passed away recently. The Hollywood Fame knocked on the door and presented an opportunity to play close to home for the Westchester native. Playing for an ABA team has been a completely different experience than Knight’s days at UCLA when thousands of fans would cram into Pauley Pavilion to watch the Bruins play. The big venues in college have turned into high school gymnasiums and junior colleges. “The energy level is a whole lot different,” Knight said on Wednesday. “You have to get the energy from yourself instead of from the crowd.” Though Knight would eventually like to play on an NBA team, his immediate goal is get as much exposure as possible and eventually play on an NBA summer league team. “I might not get on the NBA, but I want to get on the NBA summer league team and try to go as far as I can.” Tip-off for tonight’s Hollywood Fame game is set for 7:05 p.m. at Santa Monica College.

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Eight days and nights for Festival

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“h-kanukkah,” the alternative spelling of Hanukkah materialized. “English speakers don’t know how to pronounce Hebrew,” said Marx. “Not everyone can make the “ch” sound.” Regardless of how it’s pronounced, there is only one meaning for the Festival of Lights — the right to be different. “It’s a holiday about not assimilating into the host culture,” said the rabbi. The holiday can trace its roots to more than 2,000 years

ago, when the Jews rebelled against Syrian rule. The well-known story of Hanukkah involves the story of the Maccabees, a group of Jews who rebelled against the Syrians, who needed oil to rekindle the menorah that was to burn eternally. There was only enough oil to light the Menorah for one day, but it miraculously continued for eight days and eight nights, hence the time period for which the celebration is observed, according to Marx. “It’s a holiday to proudly proclaim we’re Jews,” Marx said.

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Dreidels are more than for child’s play, many are designed for display

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NEW YORK — “Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made you out of clay.” So goes a well-known children’s song from the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. A dreidel (pronounced DRAY-dle) is a four-sided spinning top, and these days, toy dreidels are more likely to be made from plastic than clay. But there are also collectible dreidels, designed to be displayed rather than spun, that are crafted from wood, metal, porcelain, silver and even ceramic, which is, basically, clay. The one thing all these dreidels have in common is that each side of the spinning top bears a different Hebrew letter. Each of the letters — nun, gimel, hay and shin — stands for a Hebrew word in the sentence, “Nes gadol haya sham,” which means, “A great miracle happened there.” The miracle took place in the second century B.C., when Jews survived an attempt by the Assyrian Army to wipe them out. To celebrate, the Jews rededicated their temple and lit a candelabra there with enough oil to last for one day. The oil miraculously burned for eight days. The holiday of Hanukkah, which begins on Dec. 15 this year, is celebrated by lighting candles for eight nights. The Jewish Museum in New York City sells a variety of dreidels in its gift shop — <http://shop.thejewishmuseum.org/museum> — from 25-cent toys and fabric dreidels for babies, to miniature works of art. Here is a selection, including dreidels that resemble flow-ers, musical instruments and even Russian nesting dolls.

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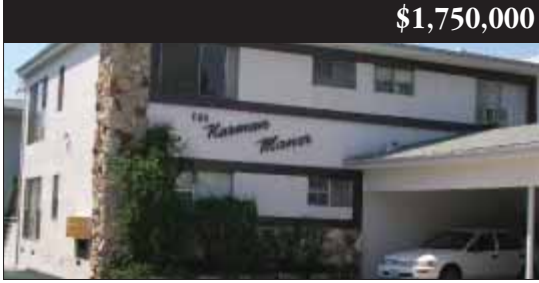
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Gunmen kidnap dozens in Baghdad

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen in military uniforms kidnapped dozens of people Thursday from a major commercial area in Baghdad, the second mass abduction in the capital in a month, and nearly 30 people were killed or found dead elsewhere in Iraq.

The attackers drove up to the busy al-Sanak area in about 10 sport utility vehicles and began rounding up shop owners and bystanders. Two police officers said 50 to 70 people were abducted, but the Interior Ministry declined to give a number, saying it was still under investigation.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, a suicide car bomber slammed into an Iraqi army check point, killing a soldier and a civilian and wounding nine other people, police said.

Police in the mostly Shiite Wasit province southeast of Baghdad also found 17 bullet-riddled bodies including five that were dumped in a flour mill in the town of Wahda.

Three other bodies were found elsewhere in a volatile area southwest of the capital.

The violence underscores the difficulties the Iraqi government faces after it unveiled a plan to assume responsibility for security in Baghdad, allowing U.S. forces to move to the periphery of the capital, by early next year.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the United States should to deploy 15,000 to 30,000 more troops to control the sectarian violence and give moderates within the democratically elected government the stability they need to move Iraq in the right direction.

“The American people are disappointed and frustrated with the Iraq war, but they want us to succeed if there’s any way to do that,” McCain, a 2008 presidential hopeful, said

at a news conference with the other legislators at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad’s heavily fortified Green Zone.

Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, meanwhile, took over the command of the Multi-National Corps-Iraq from Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli. The new No. 2 general in Iraq said the main challenges in Baghdad were sectarian violence and car bombs, and he stressed the effort to end the attacks needs to be multipronged.

“This is not just a military solution,” he told reporters after an outdoor handover ceremony in front of one of Saddam Hussein’s former palaces at Camp Victory. “It’s a combination of diplomatic, economic and military programs that have to move forward in Baghdad.”

The al-Sanak area — one of the capital’s main commercial districts — holds stores selling auto parts, agricultural equipment and the small power generators that are ubiquitous in Baghdad due to severe power shortages.

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MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

By Hamp Simmons
Special to the Daily Press

Most people look at Santa Monica and see a quiet, gentle seaside community, but not this week. This edition of the Palette rips open the curtains to reveal the Santa Monica you never knew. And lies beneath that calm exterior? Art! We'll show you what happens when an arrogant fairy queen gets a taste of her own medicine and while other publications dig through celebrity dirty laundry, we've got Robert Rauschenberg's clean shirts. And for the more daring readers, you can explore the underside of our city up close and personal at the Santa Monica Scramble Scavenger Hunt.

Les Fleur Des Saints
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Choreographer Cati Jean digs deep beneath the surface as she explores the African Diaspora through music and dance, fusing cultures to create a unique experience. Jean is best known for her French-inspired cabaret at King King in Hollywood and the performance at Highways will undoubtedly display the same incandescent creativity.



"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Santa Monica Civic Light Opera Humanities Center Theatre
Santa Monica High School
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You have heard about Pyramus and Thisbe haven't you? If not, learn all about their shocking affair this weekend at Santa Monica High School's Humanities Center Theatre. "Midsummer" is one of Shakespeare's most accessible plays, a perfect introduction to the classics for anyone. And while Robin Goodfellow's antics in the forest are shockingly outrageous, even the youngest audience members will hoot with laughter when Titania falls in love with a man with the face of an ass.



Rauschenberg's Clean Laundry
Tuesday — Saturday, 11 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. through Jan. 20
Bobbie Greenfield Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., B6 (Bergamot Station)
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Bobbie Greenfield has the skinny on art giant Robert Rauschenberg this weekend. Not content to simply air his dirty laundry, the gallery places his clean shirts on exhibit in "Robert Rauschenberg: 28 Shirtboards." While traveling in Italy and Morocco in 1952 and 1953, Rauschenberg created quite a bit of dirty laundry, but the laundered shirts offered him material for a series of surrealist inspired works when he discovered the cardboard backing inside each clean shirt provided an interesting and easily transportable backboard for collages.



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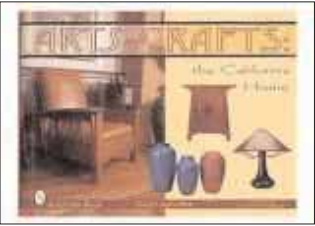
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The year that was in memorable TV

As the year draws to a close, American TV viewers reveal their top picks for the most memorable TV moments of 2006 in a poll conducted by TiVo Inc., the company that created the digital video recorder (DVR). These are the moments that got America talking, from the shocking to the hilarious and stopped viewers in their tracks, becoming the subject of water-cooler conversations, Web site and blog chatter, and, in some cases, pop culture phenomena in their own right.



TiVo commissioned a survey through the poll company Synovate to find out what moments Americans remember as the highlights of 2006.

Top TV Moments of 2006 Survey Results Rank:

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3. Oprah tells author James Frey he betrayed readers
4. Sara and Grissom get together on "CSI"
5. Faith Hill's reaction to Carrie Underwood's win at "CMA Awards"
6. Kirstie Alley's bikini reveal on "Oprah"
7. "Will & Grace" series finale in which their kids start dating
8. Kate and Sawyer get together on "Lost"
9. Rosie O'Donnell's debut on "The View"
10. Connie Chung attempting a sultry serenade of Maury Povich

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More than a 'Play' thing

L.A. Theatre Works' The Play's the Thing will air "Another Time" by Ronald Harwood, starring Lars Carlson, Jeffrey Jones, Stacy Keach, Alice Krige and Miriam Margolyes, on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 p.m. to midnight on 89.3 KPCC. Alternating between 1950s Cape Town and contemporary London, this human and complex drama weighs the price that a gifted musician's single-minded devotion to his art exacts upon his relationship with his family.

Next Saturday, Dec. 23, from 10 p.m. to midnight on 89.3 KPCC, The Play's the Thing will air "Twentieth Century," by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, in a new adaptation by Ken Ludwig, starring Jeff Perry, Nancy Bell and Harriet Sansom Harris. This classic screwball comedy set aboard a luxury train en route from Chicago to New York was a smash hit on Broadway in 2004. Successful and egomaniacal Broadway producer Oscar Jaffe has transformed a chorus girl into a leading lady who in turn has left him in the dust. Now down on his luck, Oscar pulls out all the stops to persuade the newly famous and temperamental star to return for one more show. The broadcast includes an interview with Ken Ludwig.

L.A. Theatre Works' radio theater series, The Play's the Thing, airs locally every Saturday night. To get a full schedule, go to the L.A. Theatre Works Web site at www.latw.org and follow the link through the "Radio Theatre Series" heading and then "Episode Guide" or go directly to www.scp.org for KPCC.

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Shiner host an 'Extravaganza'

This weekend, laughs abound at the "The Shiner Holiday Extravaganza." The "Extravaganza" is an all-improvised show featuring "Dasariski" on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m.

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Santa Monica College's Continuing and Community Education is currently registering students for a new six-week playwriting course, "The Magic of the Theatre: Writing for the Stage," which begins Jan. 2.

The class will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at SMC's Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Dr.

Students will get the opportunity to explore the art of dramatic writing through exercises in creating ideas, characters, dialogue, action and conflict, and in finding the writer's voice. They will also write a one-act play, or a portion of a full-length, and have the opportunity of having the works read by professional actors.

The cost of the class is \$95. Students can register by calling (310) 434-3400 or by going to <http://comm.ed.smc.edu>.

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FOOTBALL

Moss' injury opens new player opportunities

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders brought back receiver Doug Gabriel on Wednesday three months after trading him to New England as insurance for Randy Moss' ankle injury.

Gabriel had been slated to start in Oakland before being traded to New England for a fifth-round pick just before the beginning of the season. He was cut this week by the Patriots and claimed by the Raiders because Moss is questionable for Sunday's game against St. Louis. Receiver Jerry Porter has also missed the last three games with an injured hip.

Gabriel is expected to join the Raiders on Thursday and could be used Sunday against the Rams.

"Doug is insurance for us right now," coach Art Shell said. "So, that's where we are with that. I don't know if we'd have made that move if those guys all were healthy and ready to go."

Gabriel playing sparingly as a backup in his final four games with the Patriots. His season took a drastic downturn in the ninth game after he lost a fumble in a 17-14 loss to the New York Jets. He had 24 catches in the Patriots' first nine games, but only one in the last four.

Moss' ankle injury in last week's 27-10 loss to Cincinnati gave Ronald Curry a chance at sustained playing time for one of the only times this season. Usually used in three-receiver formations, Curry played nearly every down after Moss went out early in the second quarter.

"Pretty much I could count the snaps before last week that I was in," Curry said. "But when you play a lot, you kind of lose track."

Curry responded by catching eight passes for 99 yards and a touchdown, the most catches for a Raiders receiver all season. Curry is second on the team with 37 catches for 487 yards. Moss leads in both categories with 42 receptions for 553 yards.

Curry became quarterback Aaron Brooks' No. 1 option in Cincinnati and the two quickly developed a rhythm together.

"A lot of plays were called where I got the ball and just made plays," Curry said. "The plays were there to make and Aaron continued to come to me. I felt like he got into a comfort zone and was able to move around a bit and I was able to get open."

Curry has been waiting for this chance as he worked his way back from two torn Achilles' tendon injuries.

Curry was one of Oakland's top young receivers in 2004 when he started 12 games and set career highs for receptions (50), yardage (679) and touchdowns (six). Before tearing his Achilles' tendon in early December, the former North Carolina quarterback had supplanted Jerry Porter as the Raiders' biggest downfield threat.

Curry reinjured the tendon in the second game last season and missed the rest of the year. He arrived in camp in July ready to play, but the Raiders kept him on the physically unable to perform list for most of the preseason.

He has spent most of 2006 as the third receiver, shuttling in and out during passing situations.

"He's playing a role he probably didn't prefer at first," Brooks said. "But he is going about his business. He has no ego problem. He's going out there and just working, working his butt off. You see the results. You get an opportunity and he's going to make the best out of it. That's what he did, so I am extremely proud of him."

BASEBALL

Dodgers go 'old-school' as playoff push continues

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — A trio of 30-something "old-school guys" — Jason Schmidt, Luis Gonzalez and Mike Lieberthal — donned their new Los Angeles Dodgers' jerseys Wednesday as part of a roster overhaul that management hopes will push the team deeper into the playoffs.

"This is another step the organization is taking to fulfill its promise to the fans to win and win now," owner Frank McCourt said.

Schmidt's deal is worth \$47 million for three years, Gonzalez will get \$7.35 million for one year, and the 34-year-old Lieberthal signed a one-year deal to back up catcher Russell Martin.

"I know a lot of the hitters in the league. I can help him from that respect," said Lieberthal, who left the Philadelphia Phillies after 13 seasons. "It's probably tougher to play every day than it used to be. I had a few injuries last season. I feel great now."

The 33-year-old Schmidt spent the last 5 1/2 seasons with the San Francisco Giants, going 11-9 with a 3.59 ERA in 32 starts during 2006. He knows the fans will have something to say when the Dodgers and Giants

play next season.

"I hope there wasn't too much hate along the way," he said. "I apologize for all that."

The 39-year-old Gonzalez batted .271 with 15 homers and 73 RBIs for Arizona last season, the ninth time in the past 10 years that he has appeared in 145 games or more. The five-time All-Star committed only one error in 150 games in left field.

"It's good to have a couple of old-school guys around, and I'm one of them," he said. "Tommy (Lasorda) didn't even have to give me the speech. I'm very excited to be bleeding Dodger blue."

Gonzalez said he harbors no bitterness toward the Diamondbacks.

"It was a good opportunity for us to part ways," he said. "There's no greater satisfaction for an athlete to go to a team in the same division and win a title. The payback for me will be winning."

For Lieberthal, the move is a homecoming. He was born in suburban Glendale and went to Westlake Village High. His family had season tickets to the Dodgers in the 1980s, when his favorite player was Dodger catcher Steve Sax.

"The Phillies were like family to me," he said. "It's different, even when you're coming home."



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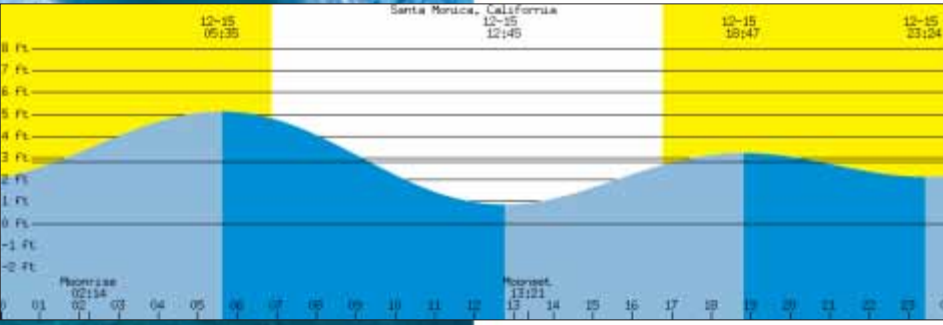
SWELL FORECAST (6-9 FT)

The swath of NW energy that's hitting NCal right now. This is from a system that's been traveling quickly across the northern hemisphere, originating off the coast of Japan. High pressure to the south of this system pushed the storm track higher, which increased the angular spreading decay quite a bit for SoCal. Still, we are expecting some 14-16 second periods from about 300-310 degrees that, for breaks with good westerly exposure, should result in sets running head high to a few feet overhead.

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **December 5, 2006**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 31

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 13

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	ns	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	D
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	C	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	D
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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Anchor in tonight, Leo

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Sometimes you expect way too much from yourself. With certain events and opportunities, you might feel like you are on overload. Directly express what is on your mind. Others need to understand your perspective. Tonight: With a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Knowing that you will be free once you accomplish what you must drives you. A partner or social occasion will be far more pleasant if you can relax and enjoy it. A friend might startle a partner, as well as you. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your creativity flows during the daylight hours. You see life from a different perspective. Listen to what is being shared and put in your two cents. With as much as you have been giving this week, fatigue arises at the close of the day. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Come from a centered and direct point of view. You might want to try something differently or approach it with more zest. Realize your options. Add your unusual resourcefulness, and you'll come up with a nearly foolproof idea. Tonight: Into the whirlwind of life and living.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your communications need to be as direct and concise as possible if others are to hear you. Much confusion surrounds a key associate who might be in such a whirlwind that he or she cannot get it. Tonight: Anchor in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Evaluate your budget from a different perspective. Know what expenses you can cut and what you must go for. Communicate with a bright partner who sees life far differently from you. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You'll have more impact in the daylight hours than in the evening. Know when you need to walk away from a problem. How you express yourself and your choices will impact the response. Don't kid yourself. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take time to listen to someone who might have a lot on his or her chest. Though you might be emotionally forlorn by what you hear, know that it isn't the final decision or response. Begin talks when others can relax. Tonight: As you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want to do in the daylight hours. If you feel like you have to get it all done at once, you might not be far from wrong. You will need some downtime. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take charge if you need to, but also be willing to delegate jobs left and right. Sometimes you take on too much and feel overburdened. Dig into plans; talk through problems. Don't let someone's criticism get the best of you. Tonight: Enjoy your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your vision could lighten up a tough situation. Money surprises might not be comfortable, but you will deal with them. Aim for more of what you want. Listen to strong feedback, whether you like it or not. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not see the big picture, but events will force you to take another gander. A partner gives you meaningful feedback, whether you want to hear it or not. Listen to someone's opinions without judging him or her to be wrong. Tonight: New vistas.

Born Today

Roman Emperor Nero (37)

Actor Don Johnson (1949)

Oil magnate J. Paul Getty (1892)



Happy Birthday!

You have a personal style that can open up possibilities if you let friends and ideas flow. You will flourish as a result. You might need substantial downtime to recycle and handle what could be tossed on your plate. Don't feel guilty about pulling in and taking precious time alone. Often, you will have many demands. You are entering a new luck cycle in which achievement becomes your middle name. If you are single, check out someone carefully before you get involved. This person might not be all he or she seems to be.

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Ono you don't Chauffeur for Yoko arraigned for larceny

A judge set bail at \$500,000 Thursday for a chauffeur for **YOKO ONO** after a prosecutor said he tried to extort \$2 million from John Lennon's widow and "had people on standby waiting to kill" her.

Koral Karsan, 50, was arraigned in Manhattan Criminal Court on a first-degree attempted grand larceny charge. Assistant District Attorney Maureen O'Connor told Judge Tanya Kennedy that Karsan had threatened to kill the 73-year-old Ono and demanded \$2 million from her.

"He had people on standby waiting to kill the victim on his orders," O'Connor said.

Kennedy set Karsan's bail at \$500,000 bond or \$250,000 cash, and gave prosecutors 72 hours to examine the source of the

money once the defendant posts it. O'Connor sought a high bail because she said the Turkish-born Karsan was an "extraordinary flight risk." He had been in the country for about 10 years, had family, property and contact in Turkey, and "there is no doubt he would flee," she told the judge.

Karsan's lawyer, Patrick Kevin Brosnahan, said his client was not guilty and "will vigorously dispute these charges."

"There are other issues between my client and the complainant," Brosnahan said. He refused to elaborate. Karsan, who was arrested Wednesday, disputed the allegations. As he was being led out of a police station he said Ono was trying to stop him from pursuing a sexual harassment case. Ono's

spokesman denied it.

"That is completely false. She's the victim here," spokesman Elliott Mintz told the New York Post. Police said Karsan had threatened to circulate embarrassing photos of Ono and spoke of killing her and her son, Sean Lennon.

Ono reported the plot, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said. Ono's security staff told detectives that Karsan, who lives in Amityville, wrote her in a rambling note that he had secretly photographed her and made audiotapes of her in private moments. Karsan warned he would make the material public if she didn't pay him, police said. Mintz said Karsan had worked for Ono for at least six years, driving her on an almost daily basis when she was in New York.

"She is one woman who has been through enough," Mintz told The Associated Press. "For an employee – especially a trusted employee who drove her – to attempt a shakedown has left her just absolutely shocked."

Police said that on Dec. 8, the 26th anniversary of Lennon's slaying, Karsan dropped off the note and a photo of Ono in nightclothes at the Dakota apartment building, where the former Beatle once lived with her and where she still lives. They said Karsan talked about killing her, her son and himself during a later conversation with one of her associates, which was recorded by investigators. The audiotapes of Ono were apparently recorded while she was speaking on a phone in the car with Karsan at the

wheel, Mintz said.

"You're reminded that this takes place around that time of the anniversary, when she is in a particularly vulnerable position," Mintz said. "It just adds insult to injury. This one's really cold."

On the night of Dec. 8, 1980, Lennon was returning with Ono to the Dakota from a recording studio when Mark David Chapman opened fire with a .38-caliber revolver, hitting him four times. Fans observe the anniversary of Lennon's death by gathering at Strawberry Fields, a section of Central Park opposite the Dakota. In the past, Ono and Sean Lennon have placed candles on the windowsill of the apartment as a message of support.

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Jolie, Pitt on the road to adopt again

ANGELINA JOLIE says she and boyfriend Brad Pitt want more children, and will likely adopt their next child to try to balance their "mixed-race family."

Jolie and Pitt have three children: 5-year-old Maddox, adopted from Cambodia; 23-month-old daughter, Zahara, adopted from Ethiopia; and 6-month old daughter, Shiloh, who was born to the couple in May.

"I want Mad (Maddox) to know that as our family grew and we all came together, we didn't just start having children, biological children," the 31-year-old actress said Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"Yes, we have Shiloh and it's been a wonderful experience, but we want to find another brother or sister in the world for our family." She added: "I'm on the pill."

Jolie said it's important to balance how their children perceive their family.

"You know, now the questions are more when you have a mixed-race family, do you balance the races so there's another African person in the house for Z?

So there's another Asian person in the house for Mad? Shiloh has Brad and I she can look at," the actress said. "What's best for the children as they grow? ... We don't just want to have different children from different countries. That's not the point," Jolie said.

The couple and their three children were photographed for the upcoming issue of People magazine. She said Pitt, who will be 43 on Monday, is a conscientious father and partner.

"He really enjoys them,"

Jolie said. "He woke up very, very early this morning and let me sleep in because I had this interview. ... Dealing with the two girls and bottles and food, which is not easy to do, on his own, for quite a few hours this morning so I could rest. ... He's just a really great partner, a great, great man."

Jolie co-stars in the upcoming Universal Pictures drama "The Good Shepherd" with Matt Damon and Robert De Niro.

AP

The 'View' not so rosy for O'Donnell

Rosie O'Donnell says she's sorry for mocking spoken Chinese on "The View," but an association that represents journalists from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, including Chinese American, says it wasn't enough.

In a Dec. 5 segment, O'Donnell joked about how Danny DeVito's recent – and seemingly drunken – appearance on the ABC daytime talk show had become international news.

"You know, you can imagine in China it's like 'ching chong, ching chong chong,

Danny DeVito, ching chong chong chong, drunk, 'The View,' ching chong," the 44-year-old comedian said.

On Thursday's show, she told the audience: "To say ching chong to someone is very offensive, and some Asian people have told me it's as bad as the n-word. Which I was like, 'Really? I didn't know that.'"

Karen Lincoln Michel, president-elect of Unity: Journalists of Color Inc., said O'Donnell's remarks "really didn't sound like an apology to me."

Lincoln Michel said

Unity was waiting for Barbara Walters, who created the show, to respond to a letter asking her to publicly acknowledge that O'Donnell's remarks were "patently offensive."

"I think by allowing Rosie O'Donnell's cheap jabs at Chinese Americans to go unchecked, then the network is essentially condoning racial and ethnic slurs," Lincoln Michel told the AP in a phone interview.

Unity said it represents more than 10,000 journalists nationwide.

AP

BALDWIN'S BATTLE

It would have been made in a fraction of a second, but a never-taken photograph of acting's Baldwin brothers became a decade-long legal dispute.

The case went to court Wednesday on Long Island when jurors heard from photographer James Edstrom. He says the family cost him \$100,000 by backing out of a planned picture of all four brothers: Alec, Daniel, Stephen and William. But their mother, Carol Baldwin, and her lawyer, Neil Greenberg, say there never was a clear deal.

The case goes back to 1996. According to Edstrom, Carol Baldwin agreed to arrange the picture as payment for his work organizing a fundraiser for her breast-cancer charity, now the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Care Center at Stony Brook University Medical Center.

Edstrom estimated he could have made \$100,000 by selling the rights to the image. But he said the family went back on the agreement and let another photographer take the photo. Edstrom, also a publicist, said Alec Baldwin told him, "I'm not going to give this to a paparazzi."

"I started crying," Edstrom said. "I was in shock because that was my payday."

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7:30

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6:30

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Babel (R)

1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20

The Departed (R)

12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:45

The Good German (R)

12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30

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Apocalpyto (R)

10:30am, 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40

Blood Diamond (R)

10:10am, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30

Deja Vu (PG-13)

11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:50

The Holiday (PG-13)

10:50am, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00

The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)

10:00am, 11:40am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15

Unaccompanied Minors (PG)

10:20am, 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45

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Bobby (R)

1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55

Shut Up & Sing (R)

1:15, 7:00

Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)

4:15, 9:45

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Breaking and Entering (R)

1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

The History Boys (R)

1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50

Little Children (R)

1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

The Queen (PG-13)

1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

Spike & Mike's Sick and Twisted Animation (NR)

12:00 am

MAIN'S CRITERION THEATRE

1313 3rd Street
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Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R)

12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Casino Royale (PG-13)

12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30

Charlotte's Web (G)

11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Eragon (PG)

11:00am, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20

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Difficulty
SILVER

	9	4	6				2	
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

1	6	2	9	4	7	8	5	3
4	5	3	1	6	8	9	2	7
9	7	8	5	2	3	6	4	1
2	8	4	3	9	6	7	1	5
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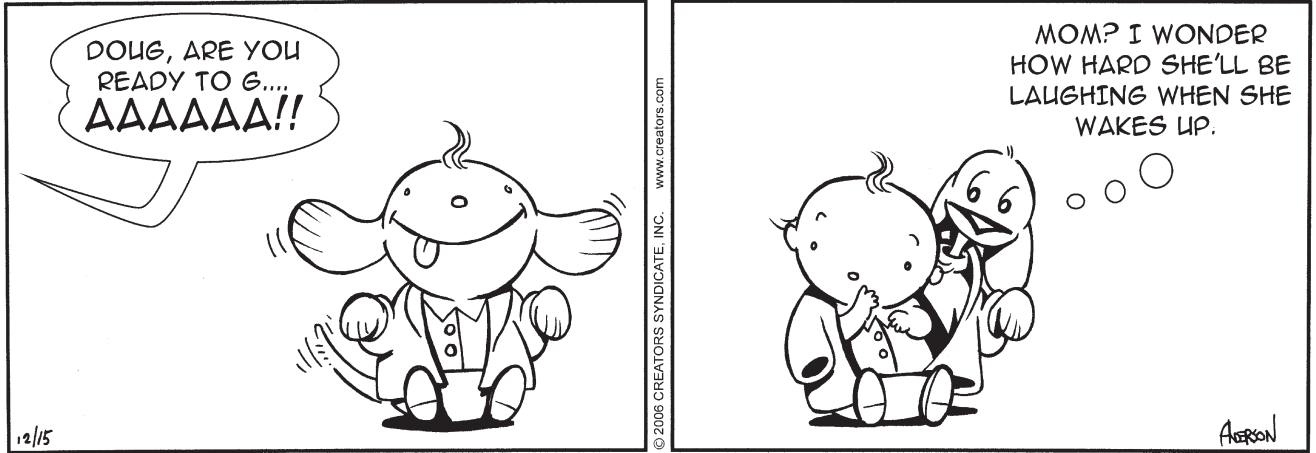
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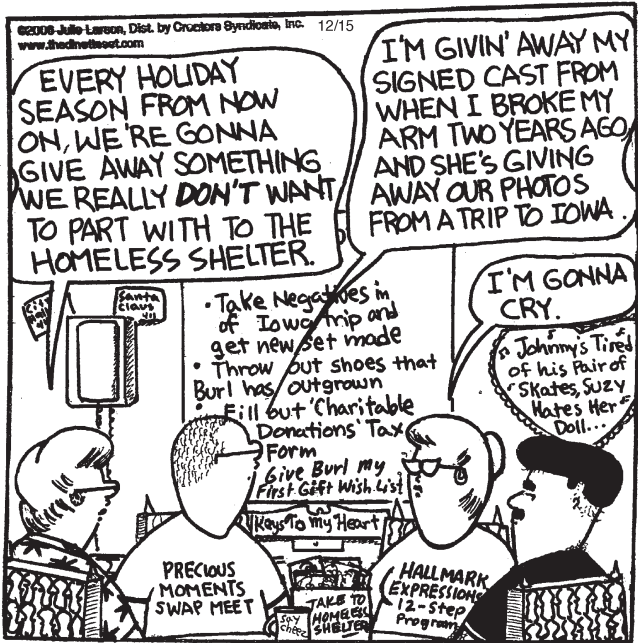


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SUMMONS
(Citacion Judicial)
CASE NUMBER SC088327
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso Al Demandado): Robert Morin; Susan Morin and Does 1-100, inclusive. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo Está Demandando El Demandante): Mary Ann Smith and Michael Graham
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): MARVIN E. KRAKOW, ESQ. (SBN 81228), 1801 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 1520 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 Telephone: (310)229-0900 Date (Fecha): OCTOBER 27, 2006 JOHN A. CLARKE, Clerk (Secretario) by R. GAM-BOA, Deputy (Adjunto)
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CASE NUMBER BC319095
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso Al Demandado): Arturo Feliu, an individual, PWI HOLDINGS, INC., a Nevada Corporation d.b.a. VERACRUZ ENTERTAINMENT, PANAMERICAN WORLD INVESTMENTS, LLC and DOES 2 -50, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo Está Demandando El Demandante): MARGARITA R. DEL VALLE
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