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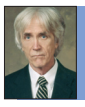
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A prison inmate named Calvin Miller, who was angry with a former partner in crime who had escaped conviction, called police in Kansas City, Mo., in 2003 with information that led them to reopen that cold case, and eventually the partner, Johnny Chapple, was convicted of murder (along with two others). However, also convicted was a fourth participant: Calvin Miller. While Chapple received a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, Miller got 17. (By the way, Miller's well-known nickname, acquired before any of this transpired, is "Cheesy Rat.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 The U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

2000 President-elect Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first black secretary of state.

WORD UP!

neologism \nee-OLL-uh-jiz-um\, *noun:* **1.** A new word or expression. **2.** A new use of a word or expression. **3.** The use or creation of new words or expressions. **4.** (Psychiatry) An invented, meaningless word used by a person with a psychiatric disorder. **5.** (Theology) A new view or interpretation of a scripture.

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STAND-UP GUY: **Comedian David Forseth plays to the crowd during 'Hump Day Comedy' at the World Cafe on Main Street.**

If these walls could laugh

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — "I'm not a comedian! I am a comic!!"

Laughter fills the air in this dark underground-style comedy club, located on an alley behind the promenade, as a "comic" known as "The Truck" is screaming his way through a stand-up routine. Flashing a book of Shakespeare's insults, The Truck is fully prepared for hecklers, in order to avoid pulling a Michael Richards.

It may not be on the same scale as its famous Hollywood counterparts such as The Improv, The Comedy Store and Laugh Factory, but the absence of prominence and prestige doesn't faze the audience at the Westside Eclectic, which packs the small room, devoid of any type of

See **BRINGING THE FUNNY**, page 18



Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

ALL HAIL: **New Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman gives a present to eighth-grader Jaimin Hislar, 13, during the PAL Holiday Workshop on Thursday.**

Top cop commits himself to Pico

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY — Of all the city officials and community members new Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman has met during his first week on the job, it was the mother of slain Santa Monica High School student Eddie Lopez who seemed to touch the 23-year-veteran of law enforcement the most.

"While I was only on the job for a few days, it was important for me to go out and talk to her and tell her that we are committed to finding the people

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High water mark

Surf's up, dude, but winds blow in

BY MAYA MEINERT
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH — The surf's up, but surfers may not be.

This weekend's waves are predicted to be as high as 15 feet in some places, which may sound like a surfer's dream. But because these waves are the result of a storm coming in from the Pacific Northwest, the waters are not expected to be very "surfable."

The storm is already being blamed for three deaths in Washington state, loss of power for about one and a half million homes and businesses in Washington and Oregon, and has prompted the cancellation of flights in both Seattle and Portland, according to the Associated Press.

Most waves will be 4 to 6 feet, at the shoulder. But Zach Solomon, a buyer and resident surf reporter for surf shop ZJ Boarding House on

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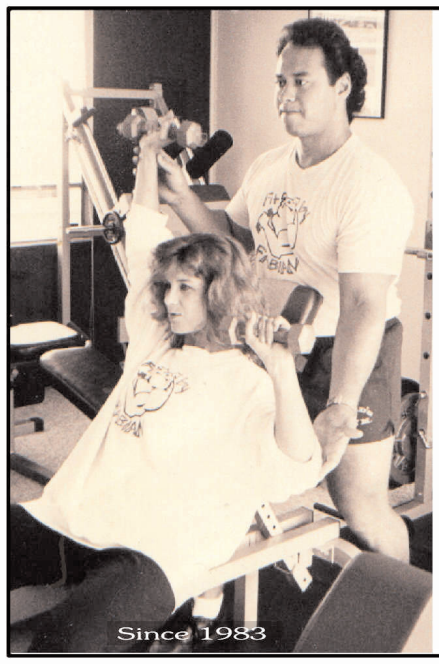
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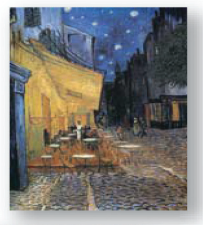
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THE WESTSIDE TODAY

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

Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Debbie Merrill's Inline Skate Group Class
2400 Ocean Front Walk, 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Beginner and advanced-beginner class. Walk-ins welcome.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
601 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
For details and tickets on this Santa Monica High School production, call (310) 458-5939.

Brentwood Country Mart's Holiday Events
225 26th St., noon — 2 p.m.

"All About Santa"
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 1:45 p.m.
For more information, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

"Red Chief!"
1404 Third St. Promenade, times vary
For more information, call the Promenade Playhouse at (310) 656-8070, ext. 17.

"Audition!"
1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
Tickets for this Rudie-DeCarlo musical can be purchased by calling (310) 394-9779, ext. 1 or by visiting www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006

Salsa Dancing at Casa Escobar
14160 Palowan Way, Marina del Rey, 9 p.m. — midnight
Free Salsa dancing every Sunday night. Lessons are available for $15 at 7:30 p.m.
For more information, call (310) 392-3493.

Lawn Bowling Lessons
Wilshire Boulevard and 25th Street, 10:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

"Cinderella"
1211 Fourth St., 6 p.m. — 7:20 p.m.
For tickets and details on this Rudie-DeCarlo musical, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2.

"The Nutcracker"
11301 Wilshire Blvd., Brentwood, 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The Westside Ballet Company will perform at the Wadsworth Theatre. Tickets are $25 on www.Ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit www.westsideballet.com.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



School board ruled by diverse group of officials

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — The new school board will perhaps be known as one of the most diverse collection of officials in district history.

That is what newly re-elected member Oscar de la Torre believes considering the demographics on the board, which include Barry Snell, an African-American, who was elected for the first time last month, and three Latino members, including de la Torre, Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vazquez.

The diversity goes beyond race and ethnicity, with representation on the board from both the low-income areas in the district (Pico neighborhood) to the wealthier sections (Malibu).

"It's just an extremely diverse board," de la Torre said on Friday.

De la Torre was elected as the new vice president of the school board on Thursday, the new board's first full regular session meeting. In one of the most exciting items on the mild agenda, de la Torre was unanimously elected as the vice president, replacing Kathy Wisnicki who was unanimously selected as the new president.

Fellow school board member Emily Bloomfield nominated Wisnicki for president, an expected choice considering she has been running the meetings in the past month in former President Julia Brownley's absence. Brownley was recently elected to represent the 41st district in the State Assembly. The motion for Wisnicki was seconded by de la Torre.

Snell nominated de la Torre to serve as the next vice president, and Escarce seconded his motion.

After the new officers were elected, the remaining members drew numbers from a basket to receive the seating order for the next year. With the members shuffling around, it was a scene similar to the game of musical chairs. In the two minutes of chaos, school board members greeted their new neighbors, and de la Torre and Wisnicki exchanged a hug.

When the dust cleared, the seating arrangement on the dais from the audience's left to right was Scarce, new member Kelly Pye who didn't budge, Leon-Vazquez, Bloomfield, Snell, de la Torre and Wisnicki.

"I'm really excited to begin the work of

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Sticking to his word

Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

Dan Merchant, AKA 'the Bumper Sticker Man,' makes his way down to the Santa Monica Pier to conduct interviews for his new documentary, entitled 'Lord, Save Us From Your Followers.' The film will examine faith in America, whether it unites or divides. Merchant, who has been working on the film for more than a year, is traveling around the country to speak with people.

Easing tensions at Samohi

History class focuses on more than facts

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI — Students stood in a circle here on Thursday night, passing around a big ball of rainbow-colored yarn, forming a web.

The purpose of the exercise was to show strength in numbers. Each student holding a piece of string represented a powerful and important link, and if one let go, the whole web would crumble.

These students know all too well the power one person can have. Each participated in Santa Monica High School's Freshman Seminar — "Facing History and Ourselves" — a history class that goes beyond memorizing names and dates by studying choices made and the consequences of remaining silent while those around you are unjustly persecuted and made to feel inferior.

By committing to be active in their communities, each student who held a piece of yarn was saying loud and clear that they would no longer stand by while others are mistreated.

So goes the success of the seminar.

"A lot of things were ridiculous, but as cheesy as some parts of the class were, you did find yourself taking away something from each lesson that helps make you a bet-

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ON THE WEB: Students at Santa Monica High School pass around a ball of rainbow-colored yarn to emphasize the strength one individual has to keep their community together.

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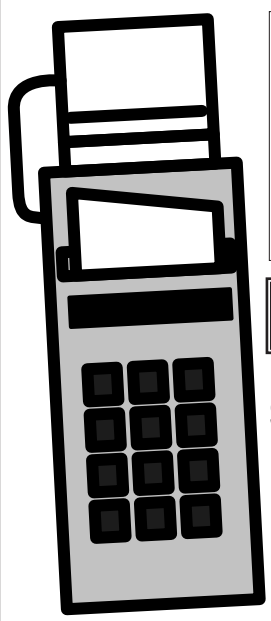
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The Q Line

Personality Plus In 2006

This past week, Q-line asked:
Who would you select as being Santa Monica's person, or persons, of the year, having had the greatest impact on life in our city, for better or worse?
Here are your responses:

✆ "First, I would give credit to the staff of the Santa Monica Daily Press for having the courage to print the facts, both good and bad, of what I refer to as the 'Santa Monica situation.' A 'situation' of constant confusion and controversy. Nothing gets past the eagle eyes of the Santa Monica Daily Press reporters. As far as selecting a person who has lent great personal impact on the City of Santa Monica this year is easy — no one."!

✆ "The person I would select for the greatest positive impact would be Valerie Hiss for her idea to rid the city of dog poop and, most importantly, her action of paying for and putting up the bag dispensers. This is commendable. Those I would select for the worst impact would be the City Council for increasing density in the Mid-City area with huge new housing complexes going up at a dramatic rate. Shame on them. As if traffic and parking are not already bad enough."

✆ "Person of the year has to be Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson, for not having the testicular fortitude to give Mr. Weller the justice he deserved. Here's a man who killed 10 people, hit 60 people and could not stop his car for two and half blocks. Yet, he's partying like it's 1899, because this judge does not have the testicular fortitude to see to it that Weller was at least given one night in jail."

✆ "I think Kevin McKeown should be voted in as the person who has done the most for Santa Monica. I know, personally, he has helped us a lot and we've had problems with some situations in our neighborhood and the only person who helped us was Kevin McKeown. He should be mayor."

✆ "Santa Monica's person of the year has to be George Weller. Weller was completely successful in murdering 10 innocent people while fleeing the scene of a felony hit-and-run. Although his crimes took place years ago, this year seems to be luckiest for him and the saddest for our community. Of course, the judge who sentenced him to probation is running for second place for person of the year. Since when are the courts concerned with how much it costs to imprison murderers? No one has ever shown consideration from the bench for my tax dollars before."

✆ "Kevin McKeown should definitely be named as person of the year in Santa Monica for 2006. Kevin is a person of principle, he's not just a person on the right side politically or just a nice guy. He's all those things. He is also a person of principle and was rewarded for that by some of the unprincipled people in Santa Monica in the election this year."

✆ "First, individually would be the voted private property hating, it-takes-a-village socialist Denny Zane. What a blessing to Santa Monica, having his philosophy destroying the simple life and replacing it with big city government control. But the best group award goes to, and there are so many feeding at the public trough, is the City Council. What a terrific bunch of socialist morons! Each competing to gauge as much money from the taxpayers to fund their ever-expanding socialist agenda at the expense of shrinking democratic freedoms."

✆ "An African American recently filed a lawsuit against the Community Corporation of Santa Monica for civil rights violations for denying him housing opportunities north of Wilshire. It's clear the two people with the greatest impacts on the lives of minority residents of Santa Monica are the executive director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica and the head of Santa Monica Housing Division, who have engaged in a policy of civil rights violations by dumping the low-income housing in the Pico neighborhood and refusing to develop low-income housing north of Wilshire."

✆ "(City Manager) Lamont Ewell would be a fine selection for the betterment of the City of Santa Monica. I think Lamont Ewell has done some excellent things to integrate the community better."

✆ "I think the person who made the greatest impact on Santa Monica this year is the woman who runs the Bayside District for putting up those tacky Christmas trees and poinsettias that are half dead."

Waffling is good, or maybe it's not



MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

One day last week, the headline of the Los Angeles Times read, "Bush refuses to be swayed by findings." At first glance, I wasn't sure what the headline referred to. Were they talking about weapons of mass destruction? Global warming? Evolution? It turned out they were referring to President Bush not embracing the report of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group.

I wasn't surprised, even though the President asked for this group's opinion and respects many of its members. It's not the first time he has refused "to be swayed by findings." President Bush is definitely not wishy-washy. He's not a "You know, you're right and I was wrong" kind of guy. Some criticize him for this aspect of his personality, but without it, I doubt that he would have been elected president.

In recent years, I've learned that the worst thing people in public life can be is wishy-washy. Apparently in politics, getting caught changing your mind is worse than getting caught stealing money from a charity while committing adultery. With a cousin. On Christmas. In the family room.

In the last Presidential election, John Kerry was blasted for being wishy-washy. Other politicians — and former military experts — initially supported the president and the war on Iraq, but changed their minds after they learned more of the facts. At times, these people have been criticized for being wishy-washy instead of congratulated for being open, and having the courage to admit they were wrong.

Since being wishy-washy is one of my most defining characteristics, I could never go into politics. I'm just not someone who always thinks I definitely know the right answer. And I think most people are like me in this respect. But politicians are a different breed from the rest of us. Their DNA must be different from ours. They're like those people who have that recessive gene that makes them snort when they laugh.

I can't categorically say that if I eat Italian food tonight instead of Chinese, I'll have a better dinner. I can't say that people should never respond with force, and I can't say that they always should. I can't tell you definitely at what age all children should be able to read or all adults should stop wearing shorts in public. But politicians somehow feel certain about all these things.

I think about things way too much to be a politician. I question my decisions. "Maybe I made a mistake" is a pretty frequent thought of mine. It's right up there with, "I hope I didn't hurt anybody's feelings." Politicians aren't introspective like that. They make a decision, and move on. I worry about things, and sometimes you can tell I've been worrying just by looking at my face. Politicians aren't supposed to look worried, no matter what. If they accidentally walked into the public restroom of the opposite gender, they'd try to convince everyone else in there that they were in the wrong place.

I apologize far too often to be a politician. If you and I were to accidentally bump carts in the grocery store, I'd probably apologize — even if it were technically your fault. That's not the attitude of a successful politician. He'd keep standing there with his cart, blocking the aisle for "as long as it takes to be successful." I just want to finish shopping and get out of the store. (If that makes me guilty of "cutting and running," so be it).

I recognize that a person who gets paralyzed with indecision would not make a great leader. But I'm not so sure that we should always be voting for the "decisive" people who refuse to change their minds and who have trouble admitting their mistakes.

Since most of us apologize, change our minds, and worry, shouldn't those who represent us do those same things? Acting human like this isn't considered a bad thing outside of politics. So, why shouldn't we want our political leaders to have the same characteristics that we like in our loved ones, our friends, and in ourselves?

We've tried it the other way for so long. So to paraphrase the Beatles, all I am saying is, give wishy-washiness a chance.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scams are alive and well this holiday season

The California Department of Consumer Affairs reminds holiday shoppers that they should never share their Social Security number, credit card account numbers, passwords, or any other personal financial information with someone they don't know. Scam artists contact their victims on the telephone, in e-mails and even through the postal mail.

Some of the recent scams that California consumers have contacted the California Office of Privacy Protection for assistance on include:

■ Hearing that you are the winner of a contest you never entered.

"It feels great to hear that you may have won something valuable, but if the contact person tells you that you have to give money in order to get something, think twice!" said Charlene Zettel, director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. "This is rarely legitimate."

Being told that you can go on a shopping spree on your credit or bank accounts as a so-called "Secret Shopper," then be reimbursed.

"The thief is trying to get access to your account numbers so they can go on a shopping spree and run up charges," said Zettel. "You will never be reimbursed, because that is not how mystery shopper companies operate."

■ Unbelievable mortgage refinancing deals, charitable organization holiday donations.

"Make sure you know who you're talking with by researching the company before doing any business or making a donation," Zettel warned. "Call corporate contact numbers and check to make sure addresses are real and not just a post office box. Always make sure you are confident that your contributions are being channeled into the organization, not a thief's pocket."

■ Marketing checks sent to you through the postal mail.

"This may seem like free money – a check that is written in your name with the simple instruction to sign it and the money is yours. Look at all of the small print – including the area where you endorse the check on the reverse side. Sometimes you'll find that the small print says your signature is authorizing a monthly deduction from your account or that you are financially responsible for sending money to that company."

■ Don't be fooled by these scams.

Never give your personal information to someone you don't know, unless you made the contact. Research the companies you do business with before you buy anything, making sure there is a real physical address and a valid telephone number with representatives that can assist you.

"The Department of Consumer Affairs wants everyone to shop with bright, alert eyes that are wide open to frauds and scams so they'll have safe and happy holiday shopping experiences," said Zettel.

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'Spark of Love' toy drive

The Santa Monica Fire Department and the Santa Monica Red Cross have joined together to bring some holiday cheer to local low income children and their families.

The occasion is the annual "Spark of Love" toy drive. Unwrapped toys, books and gifts can be dropped off at any of a number of "Spark of Love" collection sites no later than Saturday, Dec. 23. Volunteers will then distribute donations to local families and social service organizations in time for the holiday.

Sites where gifts, toys or donations can be dropped off include the Santa Monica Red Cross, 1450 11th Street; SMFD Station #1, 1444 7th St.;

SMFD Station #2, 222 Holister Ave.; SMFD Station #3, 1302 19th St. and SMFD Station #5, 2450 Ashland Ave.

Gifts and toys can also be dropped off at the Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. and at the Public Safety Building, 333 Olympic Dr. (behind City Hall).

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Spark of Love donation containers can also be found in Albertson's at 2627 Lincoln Blvd. and 3105 Wilshire Blvd. and at both Santa Monica CVS Drug stores, 2505 Santa Monica Blvd. and 1411 Lincoln. Toys. Toys and gifts can also be dropped off at US Bank at 23rd Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

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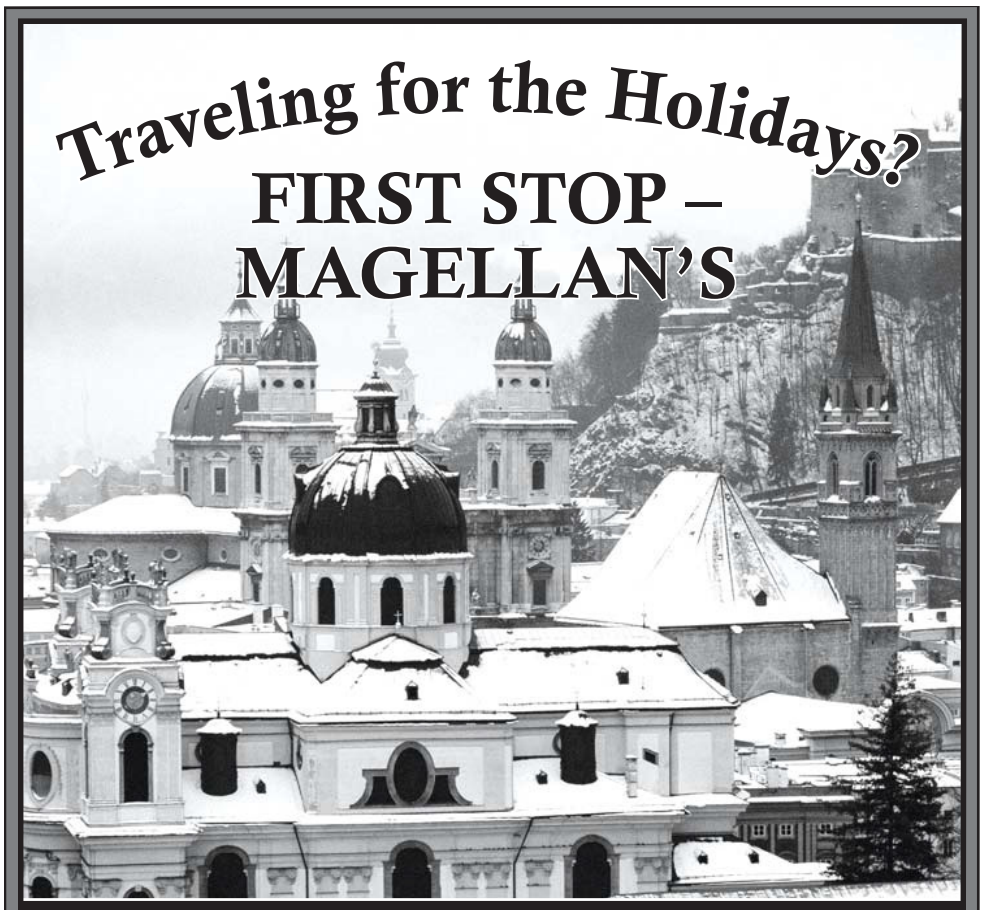
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Man indicted in alleged plot to sell secrets

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Business Writer

SAN JOSE — A Chinese engineer was charged Thursday with stealing trade secrets from a Silicon Valley company that made military training software and attempting to sell them to Asian governments.

Xiaodong Sheldon Meng, 42, a Chinese national with Canadian citizenship, was indicted on 36 felony counts, including the rare charge of economic espionage to benefit a foreign government and various violations of military technology export laws.

In an unrelated but similar economic espionage case, two other engineers pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing proprietary computer chip designs from four technology companies and attempting to smuggle them to China.

Prosecutors say Meng stole the code for software made by his former employer, Quantum3D Inc., that's used to train military fighter pilots, and tried to sell it to the Royal Thai Air Force, the Royal Malaysian Air Force and a company with ties to China's military.

Under U.S. law, anyone attempting to sell such information overseas must first obtain a license from the State Department and is subject to strict regulations. Meng never applied for such a license.

No foreign government or agent was named as a conspirator in the case, and prosecutors declined to discuss whether any of the secrets were sold or whether any foreign officials or agents knew about the alleged scheme.

In economic espionage cases, the law does not require proof of complicity by a foreign government, and investigators often don't know the extent of foreign involvement.

Meng's case marks only the third time in a decade prosecutors have charged someone with economic espionage to benefit a foreign government, the most serious crime under the Economic Espionage Act of 1996. A conviction carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Meng's defense lawyer, Angela Hansen, called the charges "baseless" and said in a statement the government has "misinterpreted innocent acts."

U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said the case highlights the threat U.S. businesses face from thieves looking to sell hard-won intellectual property overseas. Few cases allege intent to benefit a foreign government because it's difficult to prove, but he said U.S. companies are frequently targeted by overseas concerns.

"Silicon Valley understands full well the threat they are faced with here," he told The Associated Press. "It's not only a threat to the economic value of the products being produced, but in some cases it's a threat to our national security and military infrastructure."

In the second case, Fei Ye, 40, a U.S. citizen from China, and Ming Zhong, 39, a permanent resident of the U.S. from China, pleaded guilty in San Jose federal court to two counts each of economic espionage to benefit a foreign government as part of a deal with prosecutors. Ye and Zhong initially faced 10 counts each, and had been scheduled to go to trial in January.

They were charged with stealing confidential microchip blueprints and other trade secrets from their employers and attempting to smuggle them to China. The indictment alleges they planned to start a microprocessor company with the financial backing of various Chinese government agencies.

Ye and Zhong were arrested in 2001 at San Francisco International Airport, attempting to board a flight to China. Their luggage was allegedly crammed with thousands of pages of trade secrets stolen from four Silicon Valley companies — NEC Electronics Corp., Sun Microsystems Inc., Transmeta Corp. and Trident Microsystems Inc.

The indictment alleges the men, former employees of those companies, stole schematic drawings of computer chips under development, internal instructions for the design and layout of circuits and components, and other confidential information from the companies.

Documents seized from their homes included a corporate charter and a fundraising application touting the project's ability to raise China's stature in the field of integrated circuit design, according to the indictment.

Other documents allegedly show a panel of Chinese government officials had reviewed the company's business plan, deemed it feasible and encouraged agencies to provide financial support.

A business partner who tipped off the FBI told investigators the startup, called Supervision Inc., had received $2 million in funding from two Chinese cities, Hangzhou and Guangzhou, to develop the new microprocessor, according to an affidavit.

Both said little during Thursday's 40-minute hearing, and afterward declined to comment through their defense lawyers.

Ye and Zhong, who remain free on bail following their pleas, are scheduled to be sentenced April 23. Each face a maximum of 30 years in prison.

James Pooley, an intellectual property litigator and adjunct law professor at the University of California, Berkeley, said the conviction — the first of its kind — was a much-needed victory for the Justice Department.

"You're finding people who aren't just trying to take something opportunistically from their employer. They're going places, planning to take trade secrets, and combining secrets from many different places," Pooley said. "This shows the problem is real and it's big."

The only other case to allege economic espionage involved two researchers indicted in Ohio in 2001 for allegedly stealing genetic materials used for Alzheimer's disease research and funneling it to a Japanese government-funded corporation.

But the case fizzled after Japan refused to extradite one defendant, Takashi Okamoto, because a Japanese judge ruled he had not violated U.S. laws. The other defendant, Hiroaki Serizawa, pleaded guilty in the U.S. to a much lesser charge of making false statements to investigators.

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Generators at Diablo Canyon gain new life

The California Coastal Commission removed a proposed 9,000-acre conservation requirement while granting Pacific Gas and Electric Co. permission to replace life-extending generators at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

Diablo would have closed in 2014 if eight deteriorating steam generators weren't replaced.

PG&E agreed Thursday to conserve 1,200 acres surrounding the Point San Luis Lighthouse. The utility had originally agreed to conserve 620 acres but increased it to 1,200 acres to woo commissioners.

Commission staff and environmentalists argued that conserving land is necessary to offset the damage the plant's cooling system does to the ocean. The plant circulates 2 billion gallons of sea water each day, killing fish and crab larvae.

But commissioners questioned the fairness of conserving 9,000 acres. State law requires that any condition of approval have a direct connection to the project and be in proportion to its impacts.

PG&E said replacing the steam generators is merely a maintenance project causing no additional impact to the environment. The utility said conserving 1,200 acres was a gesture of good will to the community.

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SALINAS

Nursery convicted of negligence in truck crash

Bokay Nursery and its owner were convicted of negligence in a 2005 crash that killed a worker when the brakes failed on a company truck.

Jeff Nilsen was convicted in Monterey County Superior Court of felony violations of the state labor code for failing to properly maintain the company's trucks and provide adequate safety training for its workers, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Alfonso Tapia, 50, of Salinas died Feb. 17, 2005, after the brakes failed on a Bokay Nursery truck he was driving on steep Laureles Grade Road and the truck struck a tree.

District attorney's office and California Highway Patrol investigations determined Nilsen and his company knew of difficulties with the truck's air brakes but did not fix the problem.

Nilsen faces felony probation and up to a year in Monterey County Jail. He and Bokay Nursery also must pay $50,000 to cover the cost of ongoing training, maintenance and civil penalties for engaging in unfair business practices, the district attorney's office said.

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Pair gain freedom in deadly road rage case

Despite prosecutor objections, a judge freed two men convicted in a fatal road rage incident because of jail overcrowding.

Misael Ortega and Joshua Ellinwood, convicted of vehicular manslaughter, had been sentenced in October to 270 days in jail by Superior Court Judge Brian Hill.

This week, however, Hill released them and ordered them to wear electronic monitors. The district attorney's office said Thursday the judge's decision reflected concerns about crowding in the jail.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss argued that crowded conditions should not be used to determine if an inmate is released.

The defendants' explosion of road rage last year led to the death of Michael Neese as he walked along the sidewalk on Haley Street.

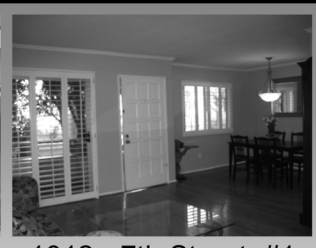
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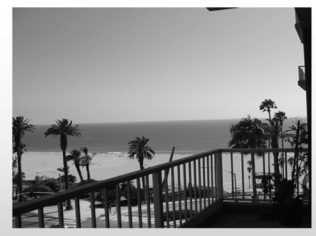

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Lawyer: No DNA found on device used to set deadly SoCal wildfire

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — An attorney for a man accused of starting an arson wildfire that killed five firefighters in October said Friday that testing indicated there was no DNA on the incendiary device linking his client to the blaze.

Mark McDonald, attorney for 36-year-old Raymond Lee Oyler, said the revelation came after he reviewed 1,500 pages of discovery from prosecutors over the weekend, including a lab report on the incendiary device found at the scene of the Esperanza Fire.

McDonald said the report indicated that no DNA could be recovered from the device.

Court documents have indicated that investigators found Oyler's DNA on incendiary devices left at arsons started on June 9 and June 10.

Those devices — matches wrapped around a lighted cigarette — were almost identical to the one used to start the Esperanza blaze, the documents said.

Prosecutors have been silent about their case, but arson experts have said they would likely try to prove the devices were created by the same person.

"We were anticipating a DNA result of some kind that would connect or disconnect Mr. Oyler to Esperanza. DNA was not collectable at Esperanza, so the question becomes, what is going to link Mr. Oyler to Esperanza?" said McDonald, who spoke with reporters outside court after a brief status hearing.

"I haven't received all the discovery, but as of now I'm more confident than ever that (Oyler's arrest) was a case of 'act now, ask questions later,'" he said.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Hestrin did not immediately return a call seeking comment nor did district attorney spokeswoman Ingrid Wyatt.

Oyler was charged Nov. 2 with five counts of first-degree murder, 11 counts of arson and 10 counts of use of an incendiary device after the devastating Esperanza Fire raced through the foothills near Banning, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

He appeared at the brief hearing Friday wearing a powder blue dress shirt and black slacks with his hands in cuffs. He spoke only briefly to answer the judge's questions and appeared tired and drawn.

Riverside County Superior Court Judge Jeffery J. Prevost set a Jan. 26 hearing date. Attorneys from both sides agreed they would likely set a preliminary hearing date at that time.

Oyler's mother, sister and the mother of his infant son attended the hearing but declined to comment. More than a dozen family members of the fallen firefighters also were present but also declined to speak with reporters.



Holloway's parents sue murder suspects; brothers sue 'Dr. Phil'

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The parents of an Alabama teen who disappeared last year while on a trip to Aruba with classmates filed a wrongful death suit Thursday against two brothers who were once suspects in the case — a day after the brothers sued the 'Dr. Phil' show.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Beth Twitty and Dave Holloway, claims that Deepak and Satish Kalpoe "intentionally, negligently, wantonly" caused fatal injuries to their daughter, according to court documents filed in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The couple is seeking a jury trial and unspecified damages.

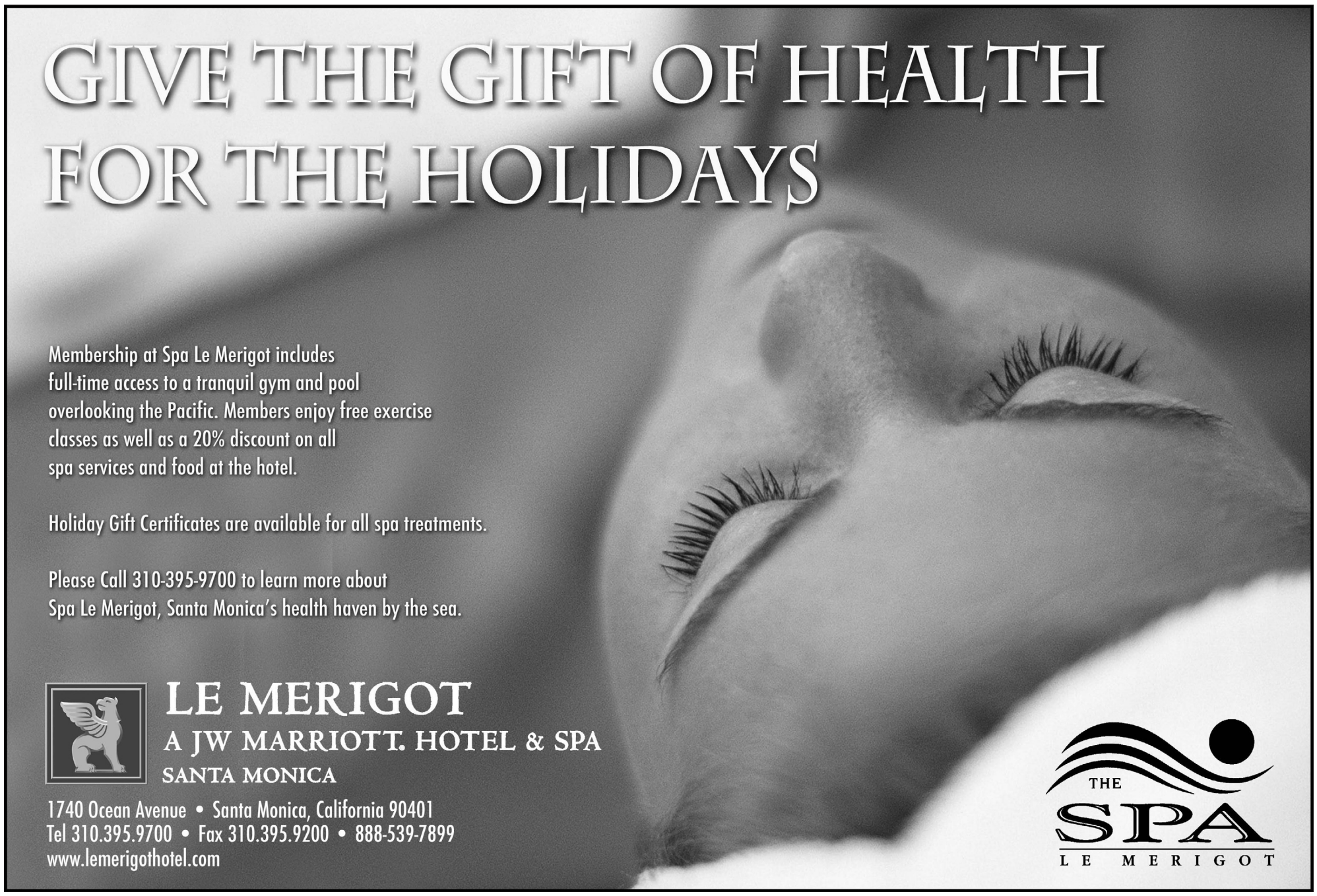
"There is no doubt in my mind that Deepak and Satish played a role in my daughter's death and should be held accountable," Twitty said in a statement. "It's unconscionable that they have not been punished so far."

An after hours call to the Kalpoe brothers' attorney was not returned Thursday.

The wrongful death lawsuit came a day after the Kalpoes, both residents of Aruba, filed suit in Los Angeles against television's "Dr. Phil" show alleging libel and slander.

The brothers alleged that a private investigator secretly recorded a conversation with Deepak Kalpoe and aired it on the nationally syndicated show. The show altered portions of the recording to "create false, incriminating, and defamatory statements that the plaintiffs engaged in criminal activity against Natalee Holloway," the lawsuit said.

The defendants named in the defamation lawsuit include talk show host Phillip McGraw, investigator Jamie Skeeters and CBS Television Distribution Group. Chip Babcock, an attorney representing all three defendants, denied the conversation was secretly recorded.



Cyclist Thomas indicted in steroids probe

BY DAVID KRAVETS AND PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writers

SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors sent a clear message Thursday to Barry Bonds and everyone else linked to the federal steroids investigation: lie to us, and we'll come after you.

Former world silver medalist cyclist Tammy Thomas, 36, was the latest sports figure and first athlete to be indicted for hindering the 3-year-old grand jury probe. She faces three counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

Thomas was ordered to appear in court Jan. 5. Each count carries a maximum of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

She did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Kevin Ryan, the U.S. attorney for Northern California, said Thursday's indictment, along with last month's obstruction of justice charges against track coach Trevor Graham, marks a new phase in the BALCO investigation.

"A third stage has begun as we bring charges against individuals who lied to investigators or committed perjury while testifying under oath to a federal grand jury," he said.

The first stage, Ryan said, netted guilty pleas from Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative founder Victor Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny. Also convicted was Greg Anderson, Bonds' personal trainer, who served three months and is back in prison for refusing to testify against Bonds.

Authorities suspect Bonds, like Thomas, lied to the 2003 grand jury when he said he never knowingly used steroids. An investigation of the San Francisco Giants slugger for perjury and possible tax-evasion charges is ongoing.

"On one level, the agents on the BALCO case and the U.S. Attorney's office were unfairly attacked for targeting only certain high-profile people," said Travis Tygart, general counsel for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. "Now, it appears obvious the only targets in the investigation were those who broke the law, and justice will be served on those who violated it regardless of their fame and notoriety."

The second stage involved the conviction of Patrick Arnold, the Illinois chemist who created the banned substances distributed by BALCO, Ryan said.

Thomas was banned for life in August 2002 after the performance-enhancing drug norbolethone, an obscure and previously undetectable steroid, was found in her urine.

"That was the first proof that there were these designer drugs out there," said Don Catlin, director of the UCLA Olympic doping lab. "It told me that there would be others coming."

Norbolethone originally was tested by Wyeth Laboratories in human trials during the 1960s as a potential treatment to help severely short people grow and for conditions causing weight loss. The company abandoned development of the steroid in the early 1970s, and it never was marketed.

It languished in obscurity until Arnold dusted off Wyeth's recipe and made new batches to boost athletic performance.

USADA didn't test for the steroid until Catlin determined Thomas had used it. This likely was the prelude to THG, the designer drug created by Arnold at the heart of the BALCO investigation.

Thomas' indictment adds cycling, a sport often associated with doping, to a probe that already has exposed steroid use in professional baseball, football and track and field.

The Yazoo City, Miss. native, was a silver medalist in individual sprint at the 2001 World Track Cycling Championships. Thomas always has maintained her innocence and said the results might have been triggered by contraceptives she was using.

The indictment accuses Thomas of lying when she told the grand jury in October 2003 that she never used performance-enhancing drugs. She also is said to have lied when she testified that she did not get illegal drugs from Arnold, who currently is serving a three-month sentence in a West Virginia federal prison.

Thomas was granted immunity from prosecution if she told the truth, according to the indictment.

She was subpoenaed to testify after agents raided the BALCO laboratory and allegedly found evidence linking her to steroid use.

Graham, a coach for track stars Marion Jones, Justin Gatlin and Tim Montgomery, was indicted last month for allegedly lying when he said he did not distribute steroids to his athletes or tell them where they could be obtained. He has pleaded not guilty.

Darryl Seibel, a spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee, declined to comment on the specifics of the Thomas indictment.

"We have continually stressed the need to bring more resources to bear in order to eliminate doping from every segment of sport," he said. "This is a national issue, and nothing less than an aggressive, sustained effort with significant leadership from the U.S. government will solve the problem."

AP Sports Writer **Eddie Pells** contributed to this report

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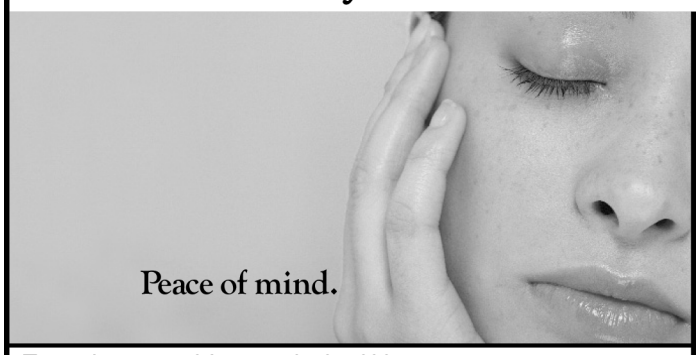
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING PART 9.04.10.20 ET SEQ. TO CHAPTER 9.04 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE PRIVATE DEVELOPER CULTURAL ARTS REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHING AN APPEAL PROVISION

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2212 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2212 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Part 9.04.10.20 et seq. to Chapter 9.04 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to establish private developer cultural arts requirements for development projects and establishes an appeals process. The Ordinance defines "development projects" as commercial developments having new gross floor area of 7500 square feet or more, commercial remodels or tenant improvements of 25,000 square feet or more that require approval by the Architectural Review Board, or residential projects of five or more units. Specifically excluded by the Ordinance are: cultural facilities, churches, temples, synagogues, and other buildings or structures used for religious worship; repair and reconstruction of any building damaged by flood, fire or other disaster; municipal facilities; and affordable housing units. The Ordinance requires developers of development projects to participate in the construction or installation of freely accessible on-site public artwork, provide cultural facilities or pay a Cultural Arts Development Contribution before a building permit for the project will be issued.

Developers wishing to satisfy the Private Developer Cultural Arts Requirement of the Ordinance through the construction or installation of on-site public art or through the provision of on-site cultural facilities must do so in the amount of 2% of the average square foot cost of construction of the development project times the project square footage. If the developer decides to make a Cultural Arts Development Contribution instead, the amount of that contribution is 1% of the average square foot cost of construction of the development project times the project square footage. The expenditure of money required to satisfy the requirements of the Ordinance may be reduced, in certain circumstances, by the amount spent to preserve an historic resource.

The Ordinance also sets forth the process for developing on-site art, including criteria for eligible artist and art work, eligible expenditures, application and review procedures, appeal procedures, and ownership and maintenance of the art work. It also sets forth the process for satisfying the ordinance requirement of providing an on-site cultural facility such as a museum, gallery or performance space. This approval process would require joint approval by the Arts Commission and the approving body for the larger development project.

Finally, the Ordinance establishes a City Cultural Arts Trust Fund for the design, acquisition, improvement, repair, conservation and insurance of an art work, for sponsoring or supporting cultural facilities, or for other equivalent artistic and cultural uses approved by the Arts Commission. The Fund will provide annual budget reporting in keeping with the community and cultural priorities established in the adopted Cultural Master Plan.

Ordinance Number 2212 (CCS) was adopted on December 5, 2005, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

Menopause hormones raise risk for breast cancer

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The millions of women who quit taking menopause hormones after a big federal study found that the pills raised the risk of breast cancer now have more reason to be glad they stopped.

A new analysis reveals that U.S. breast cancer rates plunged more than 7 percent in 2003 and strongly suggests that the reason is less hormone use.

"It's a big deal ... amazing, really," said one of the researchers, Dr. Rowan Chlebowski of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. "It's better than a cure" because these are cases that never occurred, he said.

About 14,000 fewer women were diagnosed with the disease than had been expected, researchers reported Thursday at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

Cancers take years to form, so going off hormones would not instantly prevent new tumors. But tumors that had been developing might stop growing, shrink or disappear, so they were no longer detected by mammograms, doctors theorized.

Cases dropped most among women 50 and older. The decline was biggest for tumors whose growth is fueled by estrogen.

When both factors were combined the drop was 12 percent.

The decline was seen in every single cancer registry that reports information to the federal government, and no big change occurred with any other major type of cancer. These are strong signs that the breast cancer decline is no statistical fluke or error.

A separate study by the American Cancer Society, currently in press with a medical journal, also documents the drop in cases. Lead author Ahmedin Jemal attributes two-thirds of it to a decline in hormone use and the rest to mammography use leveling off, resulting in fewer tumors being detected.

"We are really trying to look at the big picture," he said. "You cannot rule out the effect of screening."

Breast cancer is the most common major cancer in American women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. About 213,000 new cases are expected to occur in the United States this year and more than 1 million worldwide.

Incidence in the United States rose almost 2 percent per year from 1990 to 1998, then began to slightly decrease, said Dr. Peter Ravdin of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, who led the analysis presented at the Texas conference.

In July 2002, the federal Women's Health Initiative study was stopped after more breast cancers and heart problems occurred among women taking estrogen-progestin pills.

That led to new warning labels on the drugs and doctor groups urging women to use the lowest dose for the shortest time possible for hot flashes and other menopause symptoms.

Within a year, about half of women who had been taking hormones stopped. Prescriptions had been steady at around 22 million each quarter, but plummeted to 12.7 million in the last quarter of 2003, according to IMS Health, which tracks drug sales.

Breast cancer rates declined, too. In 2002, there were roughly 134 cases per 100,000 women — a 2.5 percent drop from about 137 the previous year. In 2003, there were only 124 cases per 100,000 women — about a 7 percent drop over 2002. That is the most significant decline in the breast cancer rate since records have been kept beginning in the 1970s.

Researchers saw an even stronger trend when they looked month-to-month. Cases dropped 6 percent in the first half of 2003 and 9 percent in the second half.

Preserving native cultures on bill for President Bush

By The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — President Bush has signed into law legislation that would establish grants for governments, colleges and other Indian educational organizations working to preserve native cultures and language.

The Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act, sponsored by Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., is named after a storyteller and linguist who died earlier this year after returning to New Mexico from an awards ceremony at the National Endowment for the Arts.

Martinez was honored at the ceremony with a National Heritage Fellowship for her stories and life's work preserving her native Tewa language and traditions.

New Mexico's congressional delegation said Thursday that the new law helps prevent the loss of an important part of New Mexico's heritage: American Indian languages that are rapidly disappearing.

"The languages will be preserved with attention and effort. Once lost, they will never be recovered," Wilson said. "The native languages were precious to Esther Martinez, and this bill is designed to help preserve them. It is a fitting tribute to her life's work."

Martinez, 94, taught her native language at schools in her hometown of Ohkay Owingeh, formerly known as San Juan Pueblo. She also helped translate the New Testament of the Bible into Tewa and compiled Tewa dictionaries for various pueblos, which have distinct dialects of the language.

According to Wilson's office, experts estimate that only about 20 of more than 300 pre-colonial indigenous languages will remain by the year 2050.

New Mexico is home to 19 pueblos and 3 tribes; there are six major languages and various dialects. Wilson said language is a key element of each community's identity.

The bill authorizes competitive grants through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish native language programs for students under the age of seven and their families.

The bill aims to help preserve indigenous languages that are still being spoken, increase support for language immersion programs to create fluent speakers and allow tribes and pueblos to develop their own immersion programs.

"For many years, tribes were discouraged from speaking their native languages and now many languages have disappeared. This legislation will help ensure native languages are preserved and passed on to future generations," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

Leaders trust terrorists more than their soldiers

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Tribal leaders and some political groups in the strife-ridden Iraqi province of Diyala are turning to terrorists and insurgents for protection rather than trust Iraqi soldiers and police, the commander of U.S. forces in that area said Friday.

"This sort of unity only worsens the sectarian divide and encourages further violence," said Col. David Sutherland, commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. He spoke to reporters at the Pentagon by a satellite video connection from his headquarters near the city of Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad.

"Public perceptions of corruption, inequity and fear are the driving force behind support to terrorist organizations," Sutherland added. "These are not new problems in Iraq but problems that developed out of a desire for personal and financial gain."

He said he is trying to turn that around by putting Iraqi police through more rigorous training, placing more U.S. advisers in the Iraqi army and police units and through Iraqi efforts to recruit a police and army force that better reflects the sectarian makeup of Diyala, which is about 55 percent Sunni, 30 percent Shiite and 15 percent Kurd.

Currently the Iraqi security forces in Diyala are predominantly Shiite, Sutherland said.

Sutherland said he is working out arrangements to expand the use of U.S. adviser teams with Iraqi security forces, reflecting the view of senior U.S. commanders that such an expansion can speed the development of competent Iraqi forces.

The Army is considering ways it can speed up the creation of two additional combat brigades.

The new brigades could be formed next year and be ready to be sent to Iraq in 2008, defense officials told The Associated Press. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans were not final.

The Army's chief of staff, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, told a commission Thursday that he wants to increase the half-million-member force beyond the 30,000 troops authorized in recent years. And he warned that the Army "will break" without thousands more active duty troops and greater use of the reserves.

Though Schoomaker didn't give an exact number, he said it would take significant time, saying 6,000 to 7,000 soldiers could be added per year. Schoomaker has said it costs roughly $1.2 billion to increase the Army by 10,000 soldiers.

Officials also need greater authority to tap into the National Guard and Reserve, long ago set up as a strategic reserve but now needed as an integral part of the nation's deployed forces, Schoomaker told a commission studying possible changes in those two forces.

"Over the last five years, the sustained strategic demand ... is placing a strain on the Army's all-volunteer force," Schoomaker said during a Capitol Hill hearing. "At this pace ... we will break the active component" unless reserves can be called up more to help, he said.

Accelerating the creation of two combat brigades would give the Army greater flexibility to allow units to return home for at least a year before having to go back to the battlefront. Brigades average 3,500 troops.

Since 2003, the Army has been restructuring in order to increase the number of brigades in each combat division from three to four. The purpose is to increase the pool of brigades available for troop rotations into Iraq and Afghanistan and to make each brigade more self-sustaining.

White House spokesman Tony Snow declined to characterize President Bush's response to Schoomaker's comments, but he said Bush "takes seriously any of the requests from the service branch chiefs."

Schoomaker's testimony and the new Army plans came as Bush continues his assessment of the Iraq war. Bush held three days of urgent meetings with top generals and other advisers. Federal agencies have presented their options to Bush and the White House National Security Council and are providing additional details and answering questions.

The military options being considered include a short-term surge in troops to stem the violence and an increased effort to train and equip Iraqi forces.

Speaking to reporters after the hearing, Schoomaker acknowledged that Gen. George Casey, the top commander in Iraq, is looking at several military options, including shifting many troops from combat missions to training Iraqi units.

Associated Press writers **Pauline Jelinek, Robert Burns, Anne Gearan** and **Anne Plummer Flaherty** contributed to this report.



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Search for missing climbers awaits storm break

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

COOPER SPUR, Ore. — A rescue team searching for three climbers missing on Mount Hood was riding out a massive storm in a remote mountain lodge overnight, hoping for a weather break Friday that would let them reach a snow cave near the summit that is the last known location for at least one of the three men.

Volunteers have braved blistering winds and blinding snowstorms to no avail since the trio was reported missing on Sunday from what was to be a two-day climb of the rugged north face of the 11,239-foot peak.

Hood River County sheriff's Deputy Chris Guertin, who is coordinating the search, said that under optimum conditions a rescue team might be able to reach the snow cave within four to six hours from the Cloud Cap Inn at the 6,000-foot level.

A cell phone signal from Kelly James, 48, an experienced climber from Dallas, Texas, that faded by Tuesday was the last sign of the men.

On Friday morning, two wives and a sister of the climbers appeared on morning news shows.

"They're not quitters," said James' wife, Karen, as she locked hands in a single grip with climber Brian Hall's sister, Angela, and Michaela Cooke, wife of Jerry "Nikko" Cooke, of New York.

"The most important thing about them is their spirit that they all share, and that they, they know what to do, and they plan so meticulously so that they can carry out the adventures that they have done all over the world," Hall's sister said.

Hall, also of Dallas, and Cooke headed down the mountain Saturday to get help, Kelly James said in a four-minute cell phone call to his family on Sunday from the snow cave. Neither has been seen since.

Thursday brought winds of 80 mph and more snow, and forecasters said conditions likely would worsen, making the summit area inaccessible until perhaps the weekend.

An attempt to use small, unmanned planes carrying cameras that can detect body heat was stymied Thursday when lenses fogged up because of precipitation, but more were sent in by Sno-Cat 9 miles to the inn Thursday afternoon.

The flights reached about 6,500 feet, said John Blitch, leader of the Colorado nonprofit group Aracar, which provided the planes. The planes will be kept outside to acclimatize them for a later attempt, he said.

Anticipating the fierce storm, authorities ordered journalists off the mountain to a lower ranger station.

Two search teams were out on the slopes Thursday. One team made it to a shelter on Cooper Spur at about the 7,500-foot level, according to sheriff's Sgt. Gerry Tiffany.

He said the weather outlook for the search on Friday was "very poor" with extreme avalanche danger. Winds of 100 to 140 mph were expected on the mountain, along with up to 18 inches of snow, followed by a sharp temperature drop, Tiffany said.

But he said the rescue operation expected fresh resources on Friday.

James' brother Frank, of Orlando, Fla., said that when Kelly James made the cell phone call from the snow cave, he did not actually say he was injured.

But Frank James said his brother and Hall had been climbing together for eight years and didn't climb without each other, and that Hall would not have left Kelly James without "a very, very, very good reason."

Guertin said rescue crews are committed to continuing the search at least through Saturday. "Time and weather are the issues now," he said.

Frank James said that after Saturday family members would urge that the search be continued if it could be done safely.

Authorities said a cell phone belonging to Kelly James was on briefly as recently as early Tuesday. But for more than two days the phone has not responded to engineers' signals, sent every five minutes.

But the "ping" recorded Tuesday suggested that James may have turned his cell phone off for a time to conserve battery power, a possibility that brought hope to family members.

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Infection may have killed off 2,500 ducks

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BOISE, Idaho — Officials still don't know why as many as 2,500 mallard ducks have died in a bizarre cluster along a southeastern Idaho creek bed, but preliminary test results indicate a bacterial or fungal infection could be to blame, a state game official said late Thursday.

More tests are now planned on water and grain, said David Parrish, supervisor for the Magic Valley region of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"We have some preliminary results," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It could be some type of bacterial infection or a fungal-related infection. But we haven't confirmed that for sure."

Parrish and members of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the state Department of Agriculture, the federal Homeland Security Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conferred by conference call late Thursday.

He declined to say specifically what was discussed, but didn't rule out that more ducks might die in the area.

"We may have a few more, but that's a little difficult to predict right now until we can determine the exact cause of the mortality," he said.

He said the die-off was not typical.

"It's fairly uncommon, especially in these types of numbers and in such a confined area," he said.

The tests were being performed at the Fish and Wildlife Service's national laboratory in Wisconsin, the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

The ducks mysteriously began dying last week around Land Springs Creek, near the remote town of Oakley, about 180 miles southeast of Boise. On Thursday, state workers cleared the last remaining duck carcasses from the area in pickup trucks. They brought the bodies to a nearby incineration site.

Migratory mallards from Canada and their local cousins staggered and struggled to breathe before collapsing, Parrish said. He said every mallard in a radius of several miles has died — approximately 2,500, up from an earlier estimate of 1,000.

"I've never seen anything like this in 20 years here," he said. "There were dead mallards everywhere — in the water and on the banks. It was odd; they were in a very small area."

The massive outbreak is puzzling scientists because only mallard ducks are dying. Golden eagles, geese, magpies, crows and other birds in the area all remain healthy.

In the past, small outbreaks of botulism have killed water birds in Idaho, but the disease quickly spreads among different species.

"Typically, you'd see this spread into other types of waterfowl as well," Parrish said.

Mark Drew, a wildlife veterinarian with the state Department of Agriculture, said earlier that investigators were not ruling out any cause of death, but bird flu virus remained unlikely.

The symptoms — bacterial lesions in the lungs and hemorrhaging in the heart wall — probably point to a bacterial infection, he said.

Drew said the ducks likely were exposed to a single contamination source and gathered at the creek, their mutual roosting point, to die.

No dead ducks have been spotted anywhere besides the creek. Investigators did not find any dead marine life in the shallow stream.

The ducks might have contracted a bacterial or fungal infection by eating grain treated with pesticides by local cattle farmers, Drew said earlier. Farming chemicals might also have spilled into the small spring-fed creek, which measures just 3- to 6-inches deep.

Farmland surrounds the backwoods waterway. A cattle feedlot is close by. Parrish said there are no factories in the area that discharge toxins into local streams and rivers. Wastewater does not run into the creek, he said.

The investigating agencies posted signs warning hunters not to eat any birds killed near the creek.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife won't be crying wolf

By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to offer the state of Wyoming a compromise aimed at ending the standoff over wolf management.

The federal agency proposes to designate a permanent area in northwestern Wyoming where the state would manage wolves as trophy game animals. The state could consider any wolves found outside of that area as predators that could be killed on sight.

Wyoming this fall sued the federal government for rejecting its proposed wolf management plan. Rather than designating a permanent trophy hunting area for the wolves, Wyoming has called for allowing the state game and fish department to change the area boundaries for trophy hunting as it sees fit to control the wolf population.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials will meet Monday with Gov. Dave Freudenthal to discuss their proposal. Lara Azar, spokeswoman for Freudenthal, said Friday the governor's office hasn't seen specifics from the federal agency.

Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena, Mont., said Friday that the federal proposal would incorporate parts of the state's plan while designating parts of northwest Wyoming a "permanent wolf area."

The boundary of the proposed permanent area would extend from Cody south to Meeteetse, around the western boundary of the Wind River Reservation down the Pinedale, west to the Alpine area and then back north to Yellowstone National Park.

"If Wyoming would make that a trophy game area, and manage for seven packs in that area, we could live with predatory status outside that area," Bangs said.

Bangs said his agency's proposal to designate a permanent area for the animals is biologically sound and would ensure a continuing population in the state.

He said the agency will propose that the state commit to managing seven packs of wolves. Together with another eight packs in Yellowstone, he said the proposal would ensure that 15 packs survive in the state.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.04.08.06.020 TO INCREASE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF GUEST ROOMS THAT CAN BE ADDED TO AN EXISTING HOTEL IN THE R2 AND R3 DISTRICTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2213 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2213 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Municipal Code Section 9.04.08.06.020(a)(2) to increase the maximum number of rooms that can be added to existing hotels in the R2 and R3 districts from 5% to 25%, based on the number of rooms that existed on January 1, 1995. In addition, the Ordinance amends Municipal Code Section 9.04.08.06.020(a)(3) to require that if a parking variance for additional rooms is requested, the applicant must submit a parking analysis which demonstrates that the increase in guest rooms will not result in an adverse parking impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

Ordinance Number 2213 (CCS) was adopted on December 5, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

Polygamist church sect leader headed for trial

BY JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press Writer

COLORADO CITY, Ariz. — Hours after the leader of a polygamist church sect was ordered to stand trial on rape charges, followers were saying little or nothing about it.

"We don't follow the news," said a woman in a long purple dress working behind the counter of a gas station in the center of town.

Colorado City and neighboring Hildale, Utah, are home to the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A judge ruled Thursday that FLDS leader Warren Jeffs can be tried on charges of rape as an accomplice, making headlines nationwide but barely causing a ripple in Jeffs' community.

A sign on a door of the gas station warned reporters against carrying cameras or recorders into the store in Colorado City, about 50 miles east of Thursday's hearing in St. George, Utah.

The FLDS faithful were distancing themselves from Jeffs' court battle, but not from the church leader himself. Dozens of shoppers at a nearby grocery store didn't respond to questions about Jeffs. Hildale Mayor David Zitting also declined comment.

Prosecutors have charged Jeffs with two counts of rape as an accomplice for allegedly forcing a 14-year-old girl to marry and have sex with her 19-year-old cousin in 2001.

Fifth District Judge James Shumate scheduled Jeffs' trial for April. The tall, lanky and soft-spoken Jeffs immediately pleaded not guilty to the felonies, which carry a penalty of up to life in prison.

Pale and gaunt in court appearances Jeffs, 51, hardly seems like the prophet of God his estimated 10,000 followers consider him to be. He sits quietly with a fixed, benign expression and smiles only slightly when he turns to see the dozen faithful church members attending hearings.

Jeffs has a reputation however, of an iron-fisted, inflexible leader who demands perfect obedience of church members, who believe he holds dominion over their salvation.

Since taking over the church in 2002, he has reportedly tossed countless men and young boys from the sect for acts deemed unworthy. Wives and children have been reassigned to other men and an unknown number of underage girls have been placed by Jeffs into arranged marriages with older men.

It's unlikely the faithful will hear much about Thursday's court proceedings, said Ross Chatwin, a former FLDS member who was forced out of the church nearly three years ago. Members lead an insular life and are prohibited from watching television, using the Internet or reading newspapers.

"Any faithful followers of Warren will not see any of this media attention," Chatwin said. "They will hear that all went well, the Lord has it hand ... and Warren is innocent."

Jeffs' defense team contends he is being pursued for his religious beliefs, which hold that polygamy will bring men and their wives glory in heaven. The belief stems from the early theology of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — the Mormons — although the modern church disavows the practice and abandoned plural marriage in 1890 as a condition of statehood.

In arguments Thursday, defense attorney Walter F. Bugden said Jeffs only presided over the 2001 wedding, urged the unhappy girl to accept her assigned husband and perhaps find love by having children.

"The state has overcharged Mr. Jeffs," Bugden said outside the courthouse. "And shame on the state."

Prosecutors say Jeffs used his position of trust as a prophet and former religious schoolteacher to arrange the marriage with the cousin she says she always disliked.

"She didn't have a choice," Deputy Washington County Attorney Ryan Shaum said. "The prophet, God's voice on earth, is telling her what to do."

The girl and her cousin united in an FLDS religious ceremony but never held a valid marriage license. She left the marriage and the church in 2004.

She is also suing Jeffs and the church in a multimillion dollar civil lawsuit, which was filed in December 2005.

The cousin has not been charged, and prosecutors again Thursday wouldn't say why.

At the trial next spring, Bugden said he will argue Jeffs offered counsel to the girl in a way that was no different from a priest, rabbi or marriage counselor.

"People are entitled to whatever religious beliefs they want," said Washington County Attorney Brock Belnap. "But religion is no excuse for child abuse."

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Hamas accuses Fatah of attack

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas and Fatah-allied gunmen exchanged fire in Gaza City and Ramallah on Friday, fanning fears of widescale fighting between the rival Palestinian groups a day after gunmen shot at the entourage of Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas.

The street battles in the Gaza Strip and West Bank came amid Hamas accusations that a powerful Fatah leader orchestrated the attack on Haniyeh. Leaders of both groups had warned in recent days that the spiraling violence threatened to bring the Palestinians to civil war.

The fighting cast a cloud over celebrations Friday to mark Hamas' 19th anniversary. However, the Islamic militant group pushed ahead with its rallies, and at least 60,000 people gathered at a stadium in Gaza City for a celebration Friday afternoon. Haniyeh was expected to make an address.

The fighting Friday in the normally peaceful city of Ramallah began when Hamas supporters marched toward the center of town, where Fatah-allied police were deployed in advance of the Hamas celebrations. A total of 32 people were wounded by stones and gunfire, including a man hit in head by crossfire, hospital officials said.

In Gaza City, masked Hamas gunmen waged battle with Fatah-allied police near a security post in the middle of the city. The four-minute battle sent civilians running for cover.

The Gaza battle, a block from the home of Mohammed Dahlan, came hours after Hamas accused the Fatah strongman of orchestrating the attack on Haniyeh at the Rafah border terminal.

That violence at Rafah on Thursday erupted after Israel temporarily barred Haniyeh from returning to Gaza after a tour of Muslim countries. Angry Hamas militants stormed the border terminal and engaged in a gunbattle with security forces stationed there who are loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, of Fatah.

After Haniyeh finally crossed, unidentified men began firing toward him in an attack that killed one of his bodyguards and wounded his son.

Ismail Radwan, a Hamas spokesman, said Dahlan "planned and organized" what he called a "cowardly assassination attempt" and said those behind the shooting "will not escape punishment."

Fatah spokesman Tawfik Abu Khousa dismissed the accusations and called for an official investigation.

"These accusations are posing a grave threat to Palestinian unity," he said.

Abbas aide Saeb Erekat, said Hamas had only itself to blame for the melee at the border crossing.

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First-grader Christian Saunders (left), 6, builds a gingerbread house on Thursday during the Annual Holiday Workshop at the Police Activities League in Mid-City. (At right) Stacks of gingerbread houses establish a sweet holiday mood.

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Tips for Santa's delivery service

The Postal Service offers suggestions on taking some of the hassle out of the mailing season.

With holiday mail volume expected to reach 20 billion packages and letters, the Postal Service wants to help make certain that packages arrive safely and on time. These simple recommendations will make a big difference for consumers.

"The rush of the season and the stress many families feel during this time of year can take some of the fun out of the holidays," said Los Angeles Postmaster James A. Smith. Following these recommendations will help make sure that those gifts you took care in selecting reach your family and friends on time."

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SM Pier will be open, despite crashing surf

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Main Street, said the waters will likely be stormy and choppy. He said if there is an onshore wind, where the wind pushes inland, surfing will not be good.

"Surfers despise an onshore wind," Solomon said.

He also said that sometimes storms move out and around California, and when they come back around, they push offshore winds along the ocean, which is good for surfing. But the predictions for this weekend's surf don't look so favorable.

As of Friday morning, Solomon hadn't heard much from surfers about the waves, and didn't really expect to.

"We won't get too many people talking about it when it's like this," he said.

In addition to choppy waves, surfers — and anyone else going into the water — will have to be careful of the rip currents associated with above-normal surf.

Also, high winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour at the beach and at sea will come along with the storm on Saturday. The winds should begin to die down on Sunday.

Both Saturday's and Sunday's morning high tides will be over 5 feet at the Santa Monica Pier, which is expected to remain open over the weekend, according to the Santa Monica Harbor Patrol.

"[The pier] stays open all the time," said harbor officer Dan Buchanan. "It only closes if there is really, really high surf."

He advised people not to get too close to the water if there is heavy surf or a high tide, but this weekend's waves probably wouldn't be too bad at the pier.

"There was a surf advisory issued last week, and with the storm coming in this weekend, we'll just have to wait and see," Buchanan said.

The high waves and rough waters will continue through the weekend, with no real break forecasted until Monday.

Earthquake shook up SM comedy club scene

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decoration. With Bud Lights all about the room, the audience appears as if they are mutual friends or colleagues who run in the same comedy circuit.

The Westside Eclectic is the newcomer to an existing, albeit small comedy scene in Santa Monica. Besides a few open mic nights and comedy nights at bars and cafes here and there, comedy clubs are an uncommon sight in Santa Monica.

"Down by the beach, people don't like to go indoors as much as other areas like in New York [City]," said Comedian Mark Schiff during a recent morning at the Coffee Bean on Second Street — two blocks from the Pacific Ocean. "A dark club in a beautiful environment like this is weird."

Typically, the best comedy clubs emerge in high-stress areas such as West Hollywood, Los Angeles and New York City. With its relaxed setting and breezy ocean backdrop, Santa Monica just doesn't fit that criteria, said Ritch Shydner, who wrote a book with Schiff entitled "I Killed: True Stories of the Road From America's Top Comics."

For the same reason Santa Monica isn't the home of comedy clubs, because of its resort-like feeling, the city — despite its being an entertainment industry heavyweight — also isn't a breeding ground for comedians.

A certain tough environment with hard-to-handle circumstances make comedians who they are, said Schiff. Comedy is the therapy for these comedians, many of whom experienced trouble in their youth. The audience has to connect with a comedian in order for that person to be successful — something decidedly more difficult when a comedian comes from a privileged background.

"The poor neighborhoods seem to produce the greatest amount of funny people," Schiff joked.

THE CLUB SCENE

Once upon a time, a famous entrepreneur by the name of Budd Friedman was hoping to capitalize on his success of opening one of the first comedy clubs in America — The Improv in New York City — by starting a branch club in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Improv opened in January of 1989, in the same space currently occupied by Hooters on Santa Monica Boulevard. The business, unfortunately, never caught on and following the Northridge earthquake in 1994, Friedman decided to close the Santa Monica club, said Dave Rath, a producer and manager who used to run the Santa Monica Improv.

"Fridays and Saturdays were always busy when I was there, but those kinds of businesses need more than two nights to sustain," Rath said on Friday.

Shortly after the original club flourished in New York City in 1963, Friedman expanded his business to Hollywood, where The Improv remains to this day.

Comedian and Writer Barry Sobel, who has appeared in numerous films, believes comedy clubs are on the verge of a comeback in Santa Monica.

"When you see places like the Westside Eclectic, you see that there could be a boom of comedy clubs in Santa Monica," Sobel said on Wednesday night, just before starting his act at the Westside Eclectic.

He bases his theory on the fact that many West LA residents seek comic relief, but don't want to drive all the way to Hollywood and waste time and money sitting in traffic for what should be a short trip. Sobel himself resides in a nearby West LA community and calls The Comedy Store his "home," but loves the fact that his gig at Westside Eclectic is so close to his residence.

Part of the reason why the Santa Monica Improv did not succeed could be due to location. It could be the same reason why The Comedy Store in Westwood also had to shut its doors, Sobel said.

The Santa Monica Improv and Westwood Comedy Store were around at the same time when the Hollywood Improv and Comedy Store were stealing the comedy spotlight in Los Angeles, he said. When tourists think comedy, they visit Hollywood, not Santa Monica.

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The party's over

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A string of balloons are caught up in electrical wires along Main Street this week.

Comedians cut teeth in some dark places

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Soble is hopeful that may soon change.

It's how all the comedy greats like David Spade, Robin Williams and Jerry Seinfeld got their starts.

The comedy club is a comedian's gymnasium. It's where they arrive every day to build their craft. It's where they work out and become stronger in their act.

Schiff started making the comedy club rounds in 1978 with friend Jerry Seinfeld. Before comedy clubs were around, the funny guys would perform at resort hotels, doing six to eight shows a night with little to no monetary compensation.

Some comedians had regular jobs, while others like Schiff managed to save money by paying low rent in his New York City apartment.

"We had a huge place for $350 a month," said Schiff, a New York native. "Me and the second roommate paid $25 a month. The third roommate paid $300 and he lived with us for seven years.

"That's how I survived. Coming up with stuff like that," Schiff said with a smile.

Friedman came around and opened the first Improv near Broadway, hoping to catch the actor and singer crowds who needed a place to hang out after their show, Schiff said.

"Budd really started the whole thing," Schiff said. "After people saw how it worked, someone else opened a comedy club."

Shydner started performing in coffee houses and pubs in Washington D.C. during the 1970s. Shydner, who lives in the San Fernando Valley, said the crowd was surprised to see him stand up during those open mic nights and perform comedy instead of belting out a tune.

"Now, people are really educated about stand-up comedy," Shydner said. "But back then, they weren't."

Shydner and Schiff, long-time friends, interviewed more than 600 comedians for their book. The book is a compilation of stories from famous comedians such as Carlos Mencia, Larry David, Tim Allen, Brett Butler, Jeff Foxworthy and Tom Arnold.

Shydner recently promoted the book on "The Howard Stern Show," when he told the story about Jay Leno and how he once tied up a woman in her New York City apartment at her request. Realizing that he had to move his car, which was parked in a New York City street, Leno left the woman tied up in the apartment. After moving his car, Leno realized he did not remember the woman's last name or her apartment number and roamed the building calling out her first name. When he realized he would not be able to locate the apartment, he left, knowing the woman had a roommate.

"The book is about the funny and not so funny things that happen to comedians," Schiff said. "It was the easiest book in the world to sell."

THE OTHER COMEDY LOCALES IN TOWN

For the past two years, the World Cafe on Main Street has held a comedy only night on Wednesdays.

The program was started by Comedian Carl DeGregorio and former World Cafe bartender Jay Larson, who wanted to reintroduce comedy in West Los Angeles.

Anywhere between five to eight comedians perform on any given Wednesday night. Over the years, audiences at the World Cafe have seen comedians who have appeared on late night shows and Comedy Central. The show attracts about 60 people on a good night.

Both DeGregorio and Larson perform in the show.

"We try to keep it fresh," DeGregorio said on Thursday. "We have a core roster that we try to rotate and we'll bring new people in."

BACK TO WESTSIDE ECLECTIC

Husband and wife team Mark and Alison Campbell opened the club in February. Mark Campbell, who has been in comedy for about 12 years, saw the location — in an alley immediately east of the promenade — as the perfect location.

The business offers comedy shows and classes teaching improvisation, writing and voiceovers.

Emily Paulson of Santa Monica has been in comedy for about 10 years, and has taken classes and performed at Westside Eclectic, including an improvisational show on Wednesday night. Comedy is a way for her to express herself artistically while making people laugh at the same time, the South Dakota native said.

What brought Paulson out to Santa Monica to pursue her comedic career?

"Location, location, location," she said.

"It's like heroine," she said of comedy. "Once you've tried it, you want more."

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Students learn the value of volunteering

FRESHMAN SEMINAR, from page 3

ter person," said Maisy McVicar, a sophomore at Samohi who joined a handful of her classmates to discuss the impact of the seminar, now in its second year at the high school.

Facing History and Ourselves is a required course for all freshman at Samohi to help students develop confidence in themselves, build tolerance for others and become active in their communities by studying events in history such as the holocaust and the eugenics movement. Students also discuss homophobia, racism and class division.

The new freshman seminar was created following a series of racially-charged incidents on campus, in which students of color began lashing out at one another. A group of teachers gathered to discuss ways in which this tension could be addressed. The freshman seminar, which continually evolves, was seen by some as being outdated and ineffective, creating the perfect opportunity for change.

Teachers looked at the success others had using the Facing History curriculum and decided to shape the seminar around that.

"Freshman seminar at that time was really about skill development, but there seemed to be a lack in focus and we felt there were more pressing issues on campus that needed to be addressed," said Mary Hendra, a former history teacher at Samohi who now serves as an advisor for Facing History. "We really felt the kids were struggling with issues of identity and division into groups and what that means when a community breaks down, because we really did have our community break down."

A group of teachers presented the plan to the school board in May of last year, and it was approved.

Last year, roughly 850 freshman participated in the Facing History class. Six chose to stay after school for close to three hours Thursday to share how the seminar positively impacted their lives.

"This made a big difference in how I view people," said Sophomore Dimitry Malkov. "Before, I was very judgmental. I was not as tolerant to others as I am now.

"I began to see people not as this dark gray group but as individuals."

UNDERSTANDING THEMSELVES

For freshman currently enrolled in the seminar, the curriculum has helped them better understand themselves by forcing them to consider what they would do if they were faced with the difficult decisions tackled by those in the past.

"You think identity is about just your personality, but it is so much more than that," said Freshman Valerie Wacker. "Identity is formed by how you view the world, how others view you …"

When asked if they had heard a racist, sexist or homophobic comment uttered on campus, all of the students said they had. When asked if they had laughed at a racist, sexist or homophobic remark, most admitted they had.

"It's hard to deal with that reality," said Sophomore Katherine Semel. "I'm embarrassed to admit it because this is my school, my community and I am supposed to be proud, and when we admit to something like that, it really wakes you up."

After discussing the class, students heard from Beverly Hills High School graduate Jennifer Chadorchi, the volunteer coordinator for the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, which helps feed the homeless.

Chadorchi said she was like many Samohi students in that she came from a loving family, had everything she could ever want and still wasn't satisfied.

"I took it for granted," Chadorchi said. "I felt entitled."

Then one day when she was 17, Chadorchi was driving in her new Range Rover that her parents bought for her when she noticed a line of people standing in the rain. Curious, Chadorchi went to investigate and discovered that the people were waiting hours for food.

"If someone told you to wait an hour in the rain for a Subway sandwich, you'd say 'no way' because you know you'll be fed in a few hours or something," Chadorchi said. "But these people didn't have that security."

Form that moment on, Chadorchi has lived to help others. She organized peanut butter and jelly sandwich drives in which she opened up her home to fellow students to help make sandwiches for the poor. Recently she organized a singles night at the Playboy Mansion in which she raised thousands of dollars for the needy.

"I want to communicate to you that if you feel passionate about something, just don't give a dollar, or five dollars ... give of yourself," Chadorchi said. "If I can just get one of you to commit to some cause, that would be incredible ... You'll get a lot of jealousy on campus. People will think you are just doing it for the attention or to get in good with a teacher, but you just have to remember the most important thing is that you are doing something because you want to help someone.

"Who cares what other people think?"

At the end of the evening, students held the ball of yarn and identified ways in which they could make a difference, from volunteering at local homeless shelters and starting service clubs and campus to getting friends involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

"(Freshman Seminar) has been more than just a history class," said Sophomore Sarah Gross. "It's more like a human behavior class. It forces you to look at the other side and how much decisions of the past still effect us today and are still relevant."

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Chief eyes more accountability for SMPD

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who murdered Eddie, and to let her know that we will do anything we can for her to make things better," Jackman said during an interview Thursday. "More than anything, I just wanted to reassure her that this police department is looking out for (the Pico Neighborhood), for her and her family, and we will continue to do so far as long as I am here."

It has been a hectic and emotional week for the new chief, who assumed control over the SMPD on Monday after serving with the Long Beach Police Department as deputy chief in charge of the investigations bureau.

Jackman, 47, a former Marine, has spent much of the last week meeting with his support staff, city officials and community members as part of his orientation. He has already met with the City Manager's Office to discuss efforts to address homelessness. He has also had discussions with his detectives, Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone and members of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, Jackman spent time with firefighters, children at Grant Elementary School and volunteers at the Police Activities League.

However, it was the meeting with Arminda Lopez that seemed to set the tone for Jackman's tenure.

"I am going to be a big advocate for that community," said the chief, alluding to the Pico Neighborhood, which has been the target of gang violence in recent years.

Lopez, who was 15 at the time of his death, was shot and killed in February by a suspected gang member while he was hanging out with friends near his home.

"I think the kids there deserve the same resources, if not more, than other parts of the city because they are doing without, and that includes my time," Jackman added. "I may not be able to bring city dollars, but I can bring my influence and ability to sway things. I am looking to keep crime as low as possible and we will do that by concentrating on parts of the community that have traditionally been ignored or neglected.

"That will make the community as a whole that much better."

Jackman's extensive background and commitment to youth is one of the main reasons he was selected by City Manager Lamont Ewell and members of a community panel charged with interviewing finalists for the position.

"He just seemed to be very honest, straightforward and personable," said Lorraine Sanchez, a board member of the community group Friends of Sunset Park and resident of Santa Monica since 1961. "I would like to see the Pico Neighborhood integrated into the city so that the problems of gang violence can be addressed by everyone, not just those in Pico or Sunset Park. This issue affects all of us and I think Chief Jackman understands this."

The chief said he believes that youth are the most important segment of the community because of their potential to make the city even greater.

"If we can keep them in school and out of trouble, we can keep them out of the justice system and make them productive members of society for the rest of their lives, instead of spending it in jail," he said.

During his 23 years in Long Beach, Jackman piloted an anti-truancy program — Kindergarten of Crime — in conjunction with the Long Beach Unified School District; negotiated and implemented a permanent school resource officer program in the school district; and secured a single-source donation of more than $75,000 worth of sports equipment for the Police Activities League in Long Beach.

"Police officers deal primarily with enforcement, but the entire community, officers included, can do intervention and prevention, which is why it is so important to be building relationships and collaborations from day one, and a lot of them are already here," Jackman said. "The level of commitment and involvement here is astounding, and for a police department and a chief to have that level of interest in a community, that is 90 percent of the battle."

Jackman was chosen after a two-month, nationwide search that was narrowed to seven finalists. He leaves behind a department of 1,500 employees and a budget of $173 million. The SMPD has 468 employees and a budget of nearly $60 million.

The chief has a B.S. from the University of the State of New York and an M.B.A. from the University of California at Irvine. He will receive a salary of $178,000 a year, city officials said.

Jackman replaces former Chief James Butts, who left the SMPD in August after serving 15 years at the helm, during which time he added more minorities to the force, introduced officers to the latest crime-fighting technology and oversaw a unit during which time crime dropped to its lowest level in Santa Monica in 50 years.

"It's kind of scary, because I now have the mandate of maintaining those high standards set by Chief Butts, but I think it's a great challenge and I think folks in the department are up to it," Jackman said.

Aside from having experience working with the SMPD, Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on regional solutions to gang violence, Jackman has also collaborated on efforts to address homelessness, a key concern for residents and business owners in Santa Monica, where on any given night there are roughly 2,000 people sleeping on the streets.

In 2004, Jackman developed a program to train officers on alternatives to cope with homeless and mentally ill persons and worked closely with mental health professionals to train more than 100 officers.

Jackman said he is still evaluating SMPD's resources and services offered, and in the next six months will be preparing a "gap analysis" for the City Council and Ewell that will give the public a better idea as to what Jackman's priorities are.

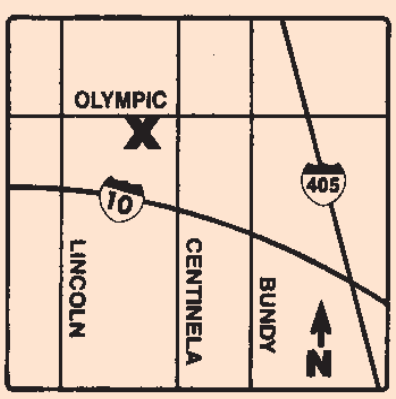
In the meantime, Jackman said he will be listening intently to residents, business owners, members of the SMPD and visitors to find out what they desire in a police department.

"If you come in and make change too fast, people reject it," Jackman added. "You need to be understanding of why things are so if you do have a decision to make, you can explain why things are and why you want to do them differently. I want people to buy into change, as opposed to me shoving it down their throats."

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City of Santa Monica

Please take notice that the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulations 12053(a)(3), 12053(c)(3), 12055(b)(3), 12055(b)(4)(a) and 12055(b)(4)(b) at its regular meeting of December 14, 2006.

These changes, as set forth below, will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in this newspaper.

CHAPTER 12.

EXEMPTIONS AND COVERAGE

12053. Exemption Procedures For Three Unit or Less Owner-Occupied Properties

(a) Filing of Application.
(3) If an application for an exemption has been denied or withdrawn the applicant may refile one hundred twenty (120) days or more after the denial.

(c) Standards of Proof. The applicant shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of evidence that:
(3) The owner has continuously resided at the property as his or her principal place of residence beginning at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the filing of the application for exemption.

12055. Recommendation of Hearing Examiner

(b) The hearing examiner's Recommendation shall include proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law consistent with the Recommendation. Such proposed findings and conclusions must refer to the following specific subjects:

3. Applicant's continuous occupancy of the subject property for at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the filing of the exemption application, or evidence of occupancy at another address, and the dates of such occupancy.

4. A specific conclusion of law that:

(a) the applicant has continuously resided at the property as his or her principal place of residence beginning at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the filing of the exemption application or

(b) the applicant did not reside at the property as his or her principal place of residence beginning at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the filing of the exemption application.

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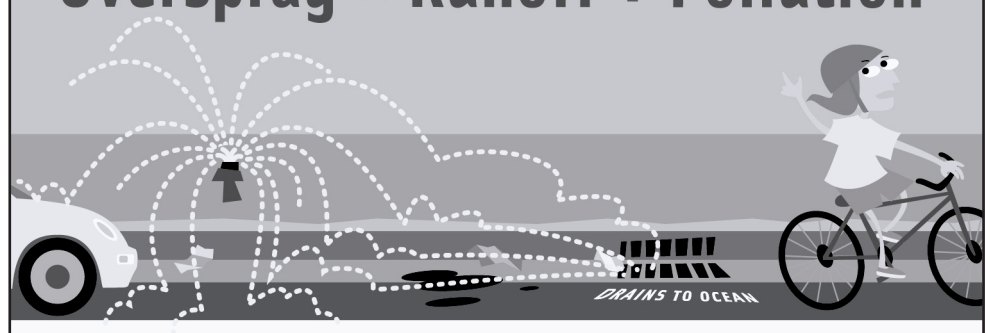
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Board approves interim report, sans CFO

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this next year and it's really a good feeling to have the confidence of the other members of the board and I look forward with working with all of them and my new vice president," Wisnicki said on Friday.

De la Torre echoed the sentiment, saying he was "honored to have the privilege of earning the trust of my colleagues and the board."

"This means I have more work on my plate and will be much more engaged in moving the district forward," he said.

The board also appointed members to serve as district representatives on various Los Angeles County committees. Snell will serve as the district representatives on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, and Pye will serve on the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization.

"This is an easy one," Wisnicki said of the LACCSD during the meeting. "I did this and I never heard from anyone."

CFO SEARCH ONGOING

Superintendent Dianne Talarico has conducted two interviews to find an interim replacement for Winston Braham who resigned last month as the assistant superintendent of business services and chief financial officer.

Braham resigned from his post immediately citing personal reasons.

Talarico is also seeking potential candidates from the state and employment firms.

Braham was employed in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District for about two years and resigned at a time when the district was preparing to submit its first interim fiscal report to the county.

At Thursday's meeting, the board approved the first interim report, which doesn't include information about a 5 percent teacher salary raise the board has yet to ratify. In Braham's absence, the report was prepared by Pat Ho, director of fiscal services, and Angelita Dalan, assistant director of fiscal services.

Financial Oversight Committee Chairman Paul Silvern said the district is sure to receive a positive certification from the LA County Office of Education since the first interim shows SMMUSD will be able to meet its financial obligation looking three years ahead. All that could change if the board approves the 5 percent teacher salary raise next month.

Talarico is planning to assemble a search team for a permanent replacement, who will most likely come on board after the end of this fiscal year.

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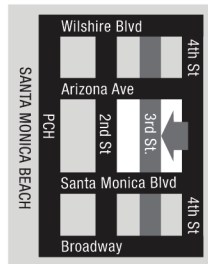


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BURN FITNESS

Beyond pot roast: New takes on slow cooking

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

When his boss asked him to oversee a slow-cooker recipe contest, Steve Shipley braced for the worst.

As a chef and director of culinary relations at Johnson & Wales University, Shipley had low expectations for this 1970s kitchen throwback. He figured he was in for countless unmemorable pot roasts and stews.

But after testing 100 recipes in two days, he was convinced he needed his own slow cooker. He now owns five.

"I didn't feel you could be creative with those," says Shipley, who is based at the university's Providence, R.I., campus. "But I was amazed with what these people came up with."

That's because despite a staid reputation, the slow cooker is a versatile tool that performs in surprising ways. Recipes ranging from breakfast to dessert abound online, and cookbooks dedicated to the subject flow regularly from publishers.

Shipley appreciates slow cookers for their do-ahead applications. Especially for parties and large dinners, he frequently will brown meat on the grill the day before, then let it finish slowly in the pot the day it is served.

He is most impressed by nontraditional applications, including many he saw while judging the recipe contest. Some entrants used the cooker to temper chocolate to make peppermint bark, or to slow simmer chutney.

That creativity also has impressed the editors at Taste of Home magazine, which is driven by reader-developed recipes.

Some people use them to keep food (such as mashed potatoes and stuffing) warm and free up space in the oven or on the stove, says Diane Werner, the magazine's food director.

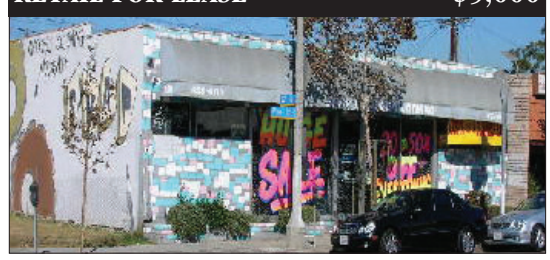
Similarly, smaller slow cookers can double as fondue pots filled with cheese, chocolate and marshmallow toppings, or be used to serve warm drinks (such as mulled cider), Werner says.

And slow cookers really shine at baked goods where a moist consistency is desired, such as steamed puddings and cakes.

It's not just cooking that's easier. Newer slow cookers have removable dishwasher safe pots. Some companies even sell plastic liners designed to cover the pot, reducing cleanup to tossing the liner in the trash.

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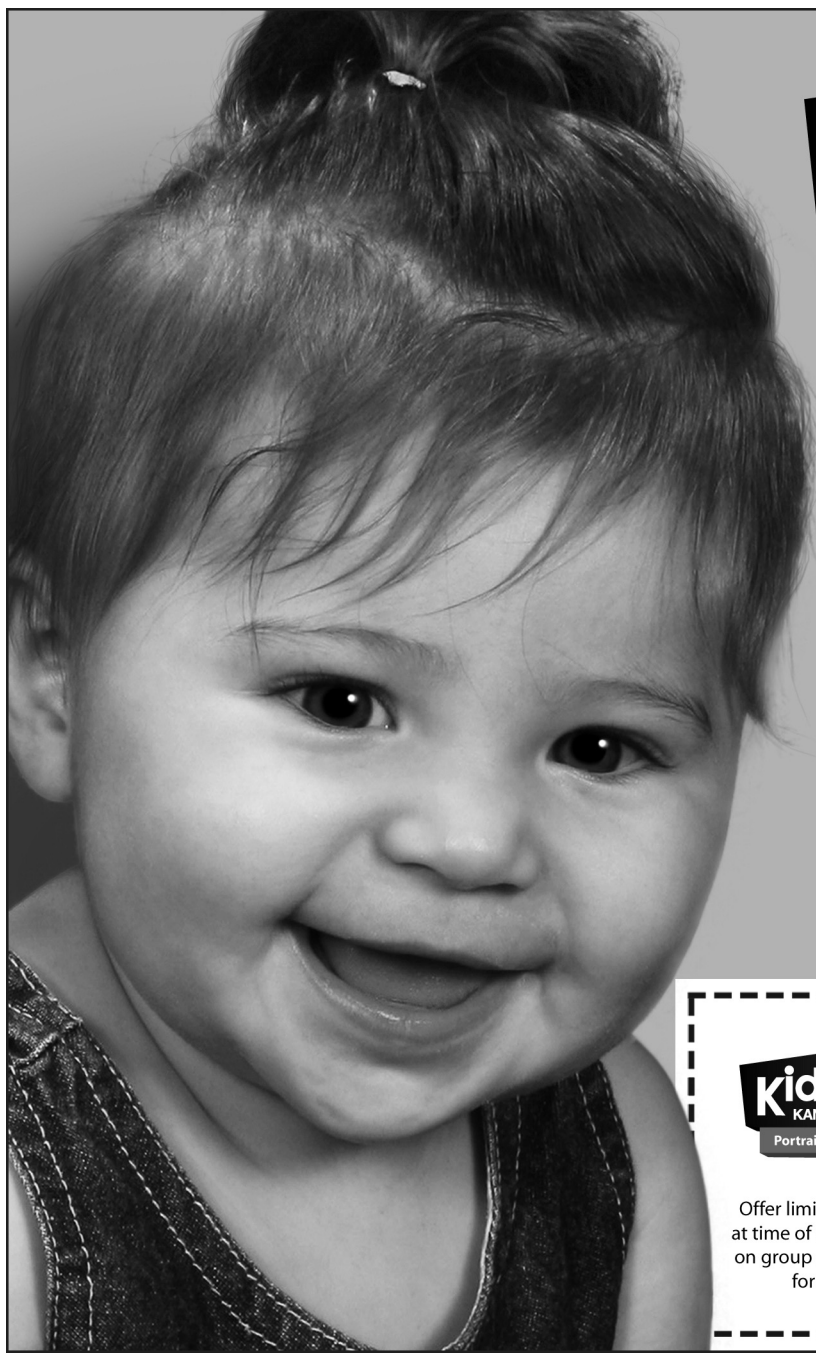
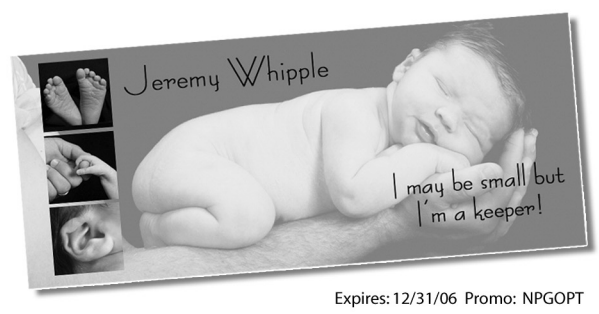

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Spaghetti and meatballs provide some comfort

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

Meatballs have an image problem.

People assume they are necessarily fattening, and that to be flavorful they must cook in sauce at a slow simmer for hours. People assume these things because plenty of recipes seem to prove them right.

Except that they're wrong. A great lowfat spaghetti and meatballs dinner can be on the table in about 30 minutes.

Part of the problem is the meat. Many meatball recipes call for combinations of pork and beef. They are tasty, especially if the pork is in the form of sausage meat. But the assumption is that the bulk of the flavor must come from the meat.

Switching to lowfat ground turkey allows the cook to fiddle with the flavors of the meatballs and draw more from the ingredients added to the meat and the sauce, such as herbs and garlic.

So in addition to the traditional meatball seasonings, such as basil and parsley, I added smoked paprika and four cloves of garlic. One egg and a slice of whole wheat bread was more than enough to hold it all together.

To speed the process along — as well as get some nice browning — I spritzed the meatballs with olive oil cooking spray, then baked them for 15 minutes before adding them to my sauce.

As for that sauce, I turned to my favorite near-instant blend of canned crushed tomatoes, oregano, basil and balsamic vinegar. There's plenty of room here for innovation, but be sure to keep the vinegar, which lends superb savory notes.

The meatballs simmer in the sauce just as long as it takes to cook the pasta. And the result is a quick, lowfat take on spaghetti and meatballs that never shortchanges flavor.

To cut the fat even more, use egg whites instead of a whole egg. And instead of ground turkey, buy boneless, skinless chicken breasts and ask the grocer's butcher to grind it for you.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

(Start to finish: 30 minutes)

For the meatballs:
Olive oil cooking spray
1 slice whole wheat bread
1 small handful fresh flat-leaf parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 1/4 pounds lean ground turkey
1 large egg (or equivalent egg substitute)

For the sauce:
28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Pinch salt

1 pound fresh or dried spaghetti or fettuccini

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with olive oil cooking spray.

In a food processor, combine the bread, parsley, salt, pepper, garlic, oregano, basil and paprika. Pulse for several seconds, or until the bread and parsley are finely chopped and the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add the ground turkey and egg, then use your hands to mix until well combined. Form the mixture 1-inch balls and arrange evenly spaced on the prepared baking sheet. Spritz the meatballs with cooking spray. Bake for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a large, deep skillet over very low heat, combine the crushed tomatoes, black pepper, basil, oregano, vinegar and salt. Cover and let heat while the meatballs bake.

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil.

Once the meatballs have finished, add them to the sauce, cover and simmer for 5 minutes.

Macaroni and cheese need not be from a box

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

Macaroni and cheese shouldn't have to come from a box to be quick, or from an oven to be good. And no matter how it's made, it doesn't have to be a total wash nutritionally.

But would a macaroni and cheese that met all three — speedy, stovetop and at least a little healthy — still be worth eating?

To find out, I started by rethinking the pasta. While some people object to the heartier taste and texture of whole grain pastas, they work well with thick sauces (which tend to obscure the differences that bother some people).

To that end, I also ditched the more traditional elbow macaroni. On the assumption that more cheese per noodle is better, I opted for spirals because the coils better trap sauces, especially gooey cheesy ones.

Since I obviously had no plans to skimp on the cheese sauce (after all, this is supposed to be comfort food), I wanted to add some greens to help balance the nutritional karma.

For this, I went for broccoli florets. Like pasta spirals, broccoli is great for trapping cheese sauces. A quick bath in boiling water before adding to the dish served as the perfect tenderizer.

That's where the healthy part ends.

Making the cheese sauce on the stove required a base that while thick, still could be poured over and mixed through the pasta. Creme fraiche (which looks and taste like a cross between sour cream and cream cheese) was perfect.

In a saucepan over medium heat, creme fraiche (sold in the cheese section of most grocers) melts quickly into a smooth and creamy sauce. To this, I added Cheddar cheese and a bit of red pepper flakes (for just a touch of heat).

Assembly is as simple as combining the parts — the pasta, the broccoli and the sauce — in a large bowl and giving them a quick toss. The result is perfect winter comfort food. Quick. On the stove. And just a little healthy.





City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2211 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING CHAPTER 9.72 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE CHILD CARE LINKAGE PROGRAM, THE CHILD CARE LINKAGE PROGRAM IMPACT FEE, AND ESTABLISHING AN ADJUSTMENT AND WAIVER PROVISION

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2211 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2211 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Chapter 9.72 to the Municipal Code to establish a Child Care Linkage Program. The Ordinance requires developers to pay a child care linkage fee or participate in the construction or establishment of child care facilities to mitigate the increased demand for child care attributable to and generated by development projects. The Ordinance applies to developers of residential, office, retail and hotel development projects as defined in the Ordinance. The fees required by the Ordinance will be applied to all development applications meeting the criteria for applicability that are determined to be complete after the effective date of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance establishes a Child Care Linkage Fee on a per square foot basis as follows: $5.27 for office projects; $3.77 for retail projects; and $2.64 for hotel projects. The fee for each residential unit developed is $111.00. For mixed use projects, separate fees will be determined per use and the total fee will be the sum for all uses in the building. The fee will be imposed and the amount calculated at either approval of any discretionary permit or, if there is not discretionary permit, of any subsequent permit up to and including building permits. The fee must be paid prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The fee will be automatically adjusted annually on July 1, beginning in 2007, by a percentage equal to the appropriate Engineering Construction Cost Index. The fee may also be adjusted periodically by resolution of the City Council.

The Ordinance provides that a developer may request a fee adjustment or waiver. The request must be based upon the absence of a reasonable relationship between the impacts of that development and either the amount of the fee charged or the type and cost of the facilities to be established or constructed in lieu of paying the fee. The grounds for such requests may include, but are not limited to, circumstances where the particular design and use of a workspace building area prevent the proposed project from generating the demand for child care facility spaces in the amount of the Child Care Linkage fee required by the Ordinance.

The Ordinance establishes a Child Care Linkage Fee Reserve Account that must be used solely for the purposes of collecting and disbursing the Child Care Linkage Fee. It establishes the parameters for the disbursement of funds from this account and requires that an annual report be submitted to the City Council.

The Ordinance also sets forth the process by which a developer may build a child care facility rather than pay the Child Care Linkage Fee.

Ordinance Number 2211 (CCS) was adopted on December 5, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

BASEBALL

Bonds' teammates appear happy to have him back with the Giants

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Rich Aurilia played alongside Barry Bonds for nine seasons, so San Francisco's new first baseman knows what to expect with No. 25 as he begins his second tenure with the team.

Bonds certainly has more on his plate now than he did when Aurilia last played with the slugger in 2003. Not only is Bonds 22 homers shy of breaking Hank Aaron's home run record of 755, he is still dealing with steroids questions surrounding his chase and the possibility he could be indicted by a federal grand jury on perjury charges.

"When I was here the first time there wasn't other outside stuff going on," Aurilia said Thursday when formally reintroduced by the Giants. "The way we all dealt with it — and we had the same core of guys for a few years — was that Barry helped us win ballgames. Everybody says 'Well, is he a good teammate? Is he a bad teammate?' In the clubhouse, he's a good teammate. He doesn't really bother anybody, he doesn't really put the guys down and I always got along fine with him.

"It's a thing where you just have to accept Barry for who he is. We all know the type of player he is."

The 42-year-old Bonds still wasn't officially back with the Giants, with the process taking longer than general manager Brian Sabean initially thought. Sabean hoped to have the $16 million, one-year contract finalized by week's end, but Bonds hadn't even scheduled his mandatory physical as of Thursday afternoon.

"Same old, same old," Sabean said. "It's been slower than I expected."

Aurilia signed an $8 million, two-year deal to return to the Giants. San Francisco also introduced new center fielder Dave Roberts and catcher Bengie Molina on Thursday at the ballpark. Roberts received an $18 million, three-year contract, while Molina is getting a $16 million, three-year contract.

Could star left-hander Barry Zito be next?

Sabean wouldn't say what he believes the Giants' chances are to land the 2002 AL Cy Young award winner, saying, "We're going to find out, I guess."

Zito is expected to command a six-year deal — or maybe even seven — probably worth more than $100 million. The New York Mets are considered a front-runner to sign him.

"We're in the free agent derby," Sabean said.

The Giants intended to get younger this offseason, but largely because of the market this winter have added several familiar veteran players around Bonds — with plans to give significant playing time to youngsters Todd Linden in the outfield and Kevin Frandsen in a utility infield role.

Having Bonds batting cleanup should give Roberts plenty of scoring chances. He will be the leadoff hitter under new manager Bruce Bochy, who worked with Roberts in San Diego the past two seasons.

Bonds has hit 85 of his homers against the Padres, his most against any club.

"It's hard to hold back a smile, really," Roberts said of his new teammate. "I had an opportunity to compete against him for so many years and dread him and Richie hitting behind him. ... It changes the whole dynamic of your team offense. I think it makes everybody better. He sets the tone for this baseball team. Everybody around him is capable of driving in runs and getting on base. That's why I think this is a tough lineup to beat.

"I think I'd be lying if I said it wouldn't be great to have an opportunity to play with, in my opinion, the greatest player to play this game."

FOOTBALL

Interceptions, accolades coming in bunches for Raiders' defensive back

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Nnamdi Asomugha heard the talk from his Oakland Raiders teammates at practice, from reporters in the locker room and from his friends at home.

When would he finally get an interception?

Now the defensive back who didn't intercept a pass in his first 48 games as a pro, is getting them in bunches. Asomugha's two picks last Sunday against Cincinnati gave him seven for the season, tied with New England's Asante Samuel and Jacksonville's Rashean Mathis for the NFL lead.

"You could throw him one right in between the 2 and the 1 when I got here, and he'd drop it," Oakland defensive tackle Warren Sapp said Monday. "We used to call him Roberto Duran — he's hands of stone."

Now Asomugha is holding on to almost everything thrown his way as evidenced by his remarkable one-handed grab against Carson Palmer in the second quarter Sunday. He also had an interception on the third play from scrimmage for his second two-interception game of the season.

The interceptions are getting Asomugha noticed and have made him a candidate for the Pro Bowl when it's announced later this month. But Asomugha also takes pride on shutting down receivers, which he's done often this season in Oakland's predominantly man-to-man to coverages.

"I knew interceptions are what everybody looks at, but a great defensive back can still be great without them," he said. "There's a lot of great defensive backs out there that make plays, but don't get the interceptions. You know, the thing that's big for me this year is the game's slowing down. And I think it kind of slows down when you study and prepare and you know what the guy is going to do and you know your ability and things like that."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wolverines get motivated to make a statement in Bowl

By The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Chad Henne stood in front of a roomful of reporters Thursday, speaking of the opportunity Michigan has to prove it's one of the nation's top college football teams.

Henne and his teammates also want to show that the Wolverines, who ended the last three seasons with bowl losses, know how to finish strong and can overcome having their national title hopes dashed.

All Michigan has to do is beat Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

Beating the Trojans will go a long way toward erasing the disappointment of their 42-39 loss to No. 1 Ohio State and that Florida — not the No. 3 Wolverines — will face the Buckeyes for the BCS title.

"We want to finish off on the right note," the Michigan quarterback said. "The last two seasons, we didn't finish."

The fourth-ranked Trojans also enter the New Year's Day test with plenty to prove after taking themselves out of the national championship picture with a loss to UCLA in their last regular-season game.

Each team believes it could have been playing for a championship and has plenty of motivation going into a Rose Bowl that could establish which is the top-ranked team next preseason.

"It's definitely like a national championship game at the Rose Bowl," Michigan senior defensive end LaMarr Woodley said. "You have two teams that had a chance to play for a national championship and we both got bad breaks."

With a win in Pasadena, the Wolverines would become only the second team in school history to finish a season with 12 wins. Michigan capped its 1997 national championship season with its 12th victory in the Rose Bowl against Washington State.

But in addition to etching its name in the school record books, a win would also provide the Wolverines' first postseason win since 2002, when Michigan knocked off Florida in the Outback Bowl.

Since then, the Wolverines have lost twice in the Rose Bowl to USC and Texas before finishing off last year's disappointing 7-5 campaign with a loss to Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl.

"We want to prove we can finish our year," said Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long, who announced Thursday that he will return for his senior year. "In past seasons, we haven't been able to win the bowl game, and we want to come out and prove that we're a great team and prove that we can play with the best and win, and that we can finish a season strong."

Michigan players said a win over USC would also lay the groundwork for 2007, which has the makings of another strong year. Besides Long and Henne, who also said he will be back, the Wolverines return a lot of talent on both sides of the ball.

The only major question mark for next season is junior defensive tackle Allen Branch, who has not announced his intentions.

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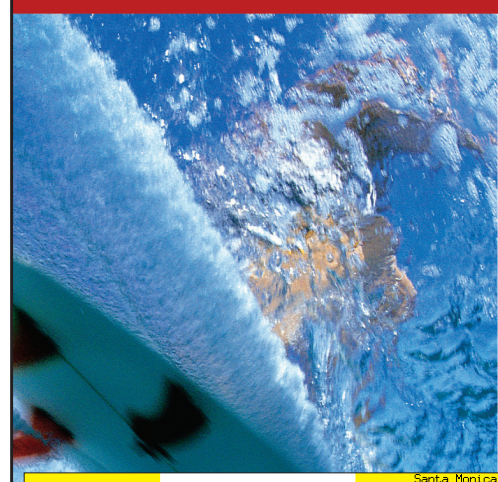
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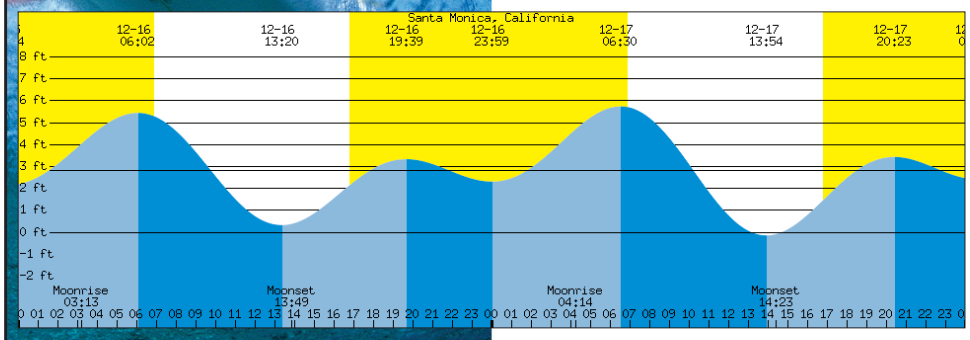
SWELL FORECAST (10-15 FT)

This swell should increase a bit, but this is also when we have a fairly good chance of seeing some weather. The surf is expected to start pushing west facing breaks nearer towards the DOH range--2-3 feet overhead though looks more like it. The rain, so far, isn't expected until the afternoon or evening.

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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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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	A	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+

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+

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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Leo, stay close to home

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)
★★★★★ Work with others, and you'll get results. Your fiery nature might be slightly tamed, but your impulsiveness still plays a role in your plans. A partner will do whatever's necessary to have a greater say. Let him or her — as you really don't have a choice. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Many people have different ideas. The way to learn to enjoy your many associates is to be open to their ideas. Go along with someone else's idea of a good time. Choose to do nothing halfway; give 100 percent. Tonight: Where the party is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Easy does it. You might have a lot of errands to run and people to touch base with. You need to feel accomplished and that you have achieved some important results. Your happier side emerges when dealing with a fun pal. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity merges to another level. You'll feel much different if you flow and don't buck trends. You don't need to have all the answers. Let the child in you out, and get into the merry quality of the season. Tonight: Ever playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Basics count. Listen to what others offer, but make it OK to stay close to home. Inevitably, good news will head in your direction. A child or loved one adds a lot to your life and happiness. Invite your kidlike side out. Tonight: Happiest staying close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your words drop on a willing listener or audience. Last-minute errands and visiting with neighbors and friends mark your plans. Relax and don't allow yourself to feel pressured. Others act in unexpected ways. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges. You might want to handle a personal matter differently. How you see someone could be very different from how he or she really is. Use this person's actions as an indication of where the distortion might lie. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You are all smiles as you approach life's adventures. Your creativity emerges, allowing greater flex and happiness. Others might unload even more responsibility on you. Loosen up and relax. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time, slow down and perhaps do something important for yourself. A caring person at a distance will have a greater impact on you than in the past. Listen to what he or she shares. Tonight: New vistas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Listen to your instincts when making important choices. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a vital or daily matter. Work as a team to accomplish more of what you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ A take-charge attitude helps you accomplish a lot more than in the past. Loosen up with others and enjoy yourself. Evaluate what might be happening. You see events and people differently than in the past. Tonight: Someone weighs heavily on your spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You act in an unpredictable manner. You might want to try something new, but could hit opposition because someone isn't as adventurous as others. New beginnings are possible if you have endurance and follow-through. Tonight: Where the music is — perhaps a holiday concert?

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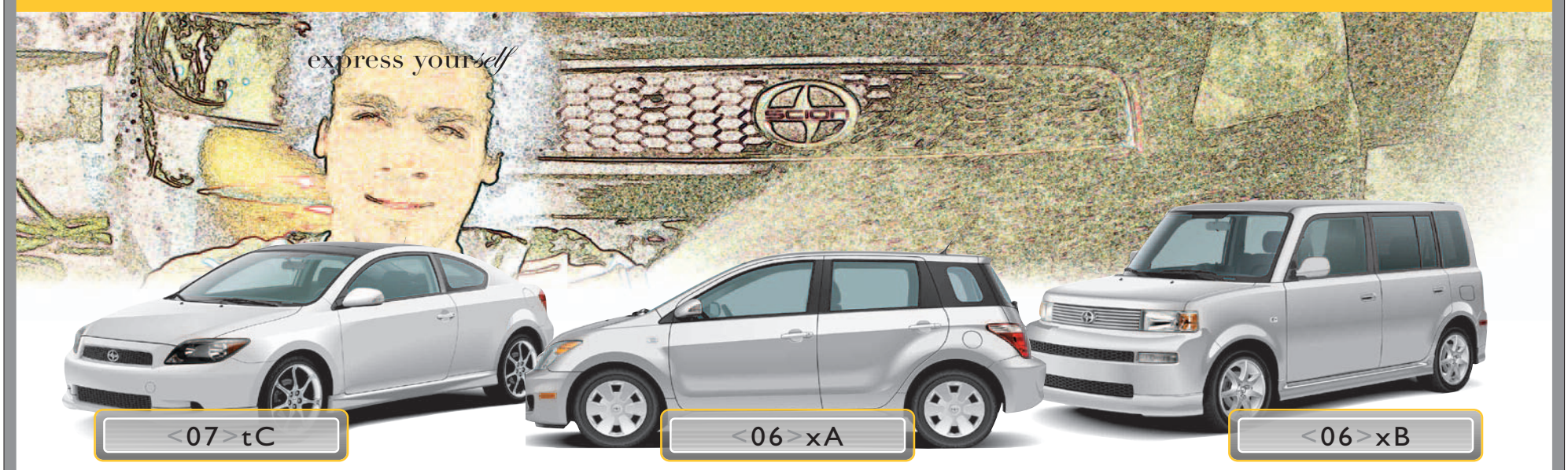
Anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901)
Comedian Bill Hicks (1961)
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This birthday year you develop a new style that draws positive events and people. Because you are optimistic and full of fun, others want to come in closer or become a greater part of your life. Do pick and choose new associates carefully, because often others aren't what they appear to be. You could be uncomfortable with this distortion. Honor who you are and head in the best direction for you. Often, you might change your path. If you are single, check out someone carefully before making this person your new sweetie.

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Passing prince

William joins Harry as part of Cavalry

He stood in line with the rest of them.

PRINCE WILLIAM was commissioned as an army officer on Friday, and shared the spotlight at the ceremony with his girlfriend, Kate Middleton.

With grandmother Queen Elizabeth II addressing the new second lieutenants and father Prince Charles taking the salute, William was one face in a crowd of cadets participating in "passing out" ceremonies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, following a 44-week commissioning course.

William's younger brother, Prince Harry, was commissioned at a similar ceremony earlier this year. Both of the young royals were assigned to the Blues and Royals regiment of the Household Cavalry.

"For those who are to be commissioned today and to those who will shortly follow, a great deal will be expected of you," the queen told cadets.

"You must be courageous yet selfless, leaders yet carers, confident yet considerate... These are very special attributes, but those whom you will command and your country too will expect nothing less. My prayer for your success and safety will follow you wherever you happen to serve."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Serving up celebrity dishes

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Writer

It's not your imagination. The food world really has become as much about the entertainment as the eating.

Beyond that, this star turn for food is all a matter of perspective. Either it's helped usher huge swaths of people into the kitchen — especially and most importantly children — or it's produced volumes of vacuous content that tethers people to the couch.

Whatever your opinion, the food celebrity machine can be counted on to churn out cookbooks by the dozens, usually with a sexy celebrity beaming from the cover, all but whispering, "For a good time, come cook with me."

To help you cut through the clutter, the AP has checked out some of the latest from the starry-eyed stacks.

"Jamie's Italy" by Jamie Oliver (Hyperion, 2006, $34.95)

Though Oliver has been criticized for wildly overexposing himself, especially early in his stardom in England, he nevertheless comes across as a genuine guy who is excited about food and wants you to feel the same way.

In his latest book, a gorgeous record of a summer he ate and cooked his way through Italy (while filming a companion television program), he wants you to get excited about porchetta and pasta and pesto and all manner of other Italian edibles.

It's hard to resist. The book is lusciously photographed and — true to Oliver's origins — the recipes focus on the rustic foods of the Italian countryside. Dishes such as sausage carbonara, white risotto with pesto, and tuna meatballs.

It's tempting to treat this as a travelogue, reading the dissertations on Italy and its food, as well as the stories behind the recipes, like a novel. The only distraction? Too many overly stylized, not-so-candid candids of Oliver interacting with the locals.

"Paula Deen Celebrates" by Paula Deen with Martha Nesbit (Simon & Schuster, 2006, $26)

Speaking of made-for-TV books. The latest from Deen, the Food Network's doyenne of Southern cooking, covers good (though rarely good for you — see the Krispy Kreme Bread Pudding) eats for all manner of celebrations, including Elvis' birthday.

It's hard not to like Deen's food. What's to dislike about ham hock pizza and country-fried steak with gravy?

These heart-stopping recipes are bookended by stories from Deen about celebrations from her life and the food that went with them. While the stories sometimes verge on over-the-top cute, that's a huge part of why fans adore Deen.

"The Kitchen Diaries" by Nigel Slater (Gotham Books, 2006, $40)

Another British import. This time it's Slater, a gifted food writer and author of the excellent and funny "Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger," recounting a year of eating according to the seasons.

Eating locally and seasonally (in other words, skipping tomatoes in February), is the rising mantra of the foodie crowd. Slater lives it. And in this diary, he tells (and with beautiful photos shows) how he does it.

"The Kitchen Diaries" is as much a cookbook as a story, and includes numerous recipes. Some are as simple as "a deli sandwich." Many of the entries are recipes unto themselves, such as the two-sentence June 12 entry that urges readers to use green olive tapenade, pinot grigio and Parmesan to create a "lazy-boy's" pasta supper for two.

"Tyler's Ultimate" by Tyler Florence (Clarkson Potter, 2006, $35)

What a celebrity cookbook ought to be. Florence, another Food Network star (and the one who is America's answer to Oliver) hits just the right balance of personality and appealing food.

The photos focus on the food (there's only a handful of Florence). The stories focus on the food (not on how wonderful life as a star is). Even when he's talking about his shopping trips, there's a lesson at the end (in this case, that seafood demands simplicity).

Nicely organized into chapters such as "surf" and "garden," the book richly illustrates Florence's simple fare. He doesn't break much new ground (there are plenty of "ultimate" recipes, as in "the ultimate grilled shrimp" or "the ultimate crab cakes"), but everything looks so good and so approachable (such as "the ultimate Greek salad with grilled calamari"), it doesn't much matter.

"Barefoot Contessa at Home" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter, 2006, $35)

Any cookbook that begins with a how-to on writing a grocery list likely is headed for rough terrain. But Garten quickly pulls it together by refocusing this, her fifth cookbook, on the flavorful comfort food (such as a Caesar club) for which she is known.

Garten's theme is how to use the kitchen to turn a house into a home. Coming home to her simplified shrimp bisque or seafood gratin certainly would go a long way toward that. Even her fruitcake cookies sound and look homey and good.

The only complaint: She does plod heavily into the territory Florence so deftly avoided. Much of her verbiage is spent reminding readers that she has a wonderful life in the Hamptons.

CUTS DEEP

ERIK CHOPIN was the biggest winner.

He dropped 214 pounds to reign supreme on NBC's "The Biggest Loser," and told The Associated Press in a phone interview Friday that before joining the show, he had considered undergoing surgery to slim down.

"I felt like I needed to go for the surgery but, really, I'm so glad I didn't. ... I knew the whole time, I honestly knew, I was copping out, I was quitting," said Chopin, a family man and deli owner from West Islip, N.Y.

Instead, Chopin went to a weight-loss ranch in California to film the reality show with 49 other contestants. On the finale earlier this week, he weighed in at 193 pounds to win the title and the $250,000 grand prize.

"It's surreal. I'm on top of the world," he told the AP. "It was such a long journey, probably the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. But it's just so rewarding. I'm getting paid now for something I needed to do. You know, I needed to get healthy."

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SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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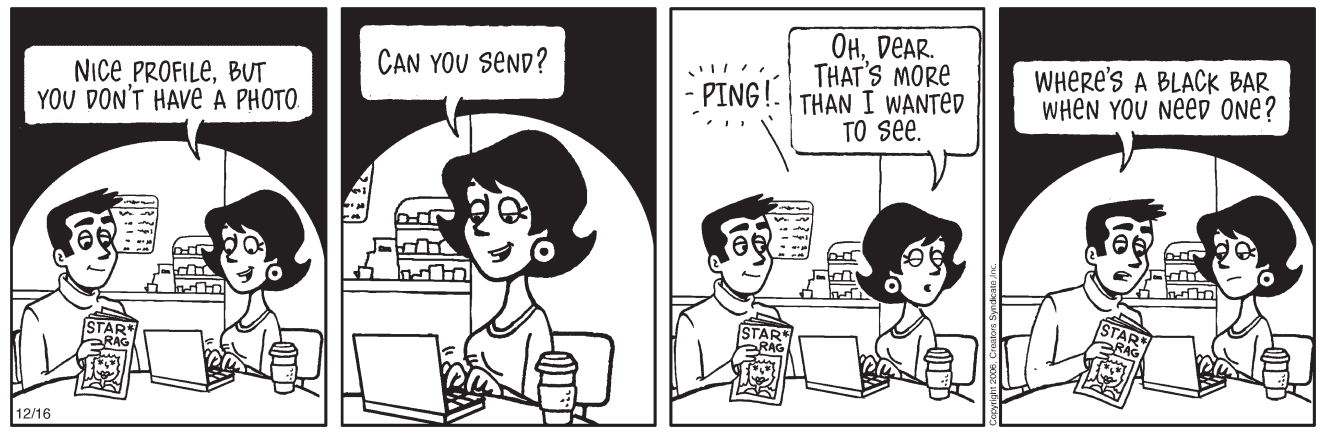
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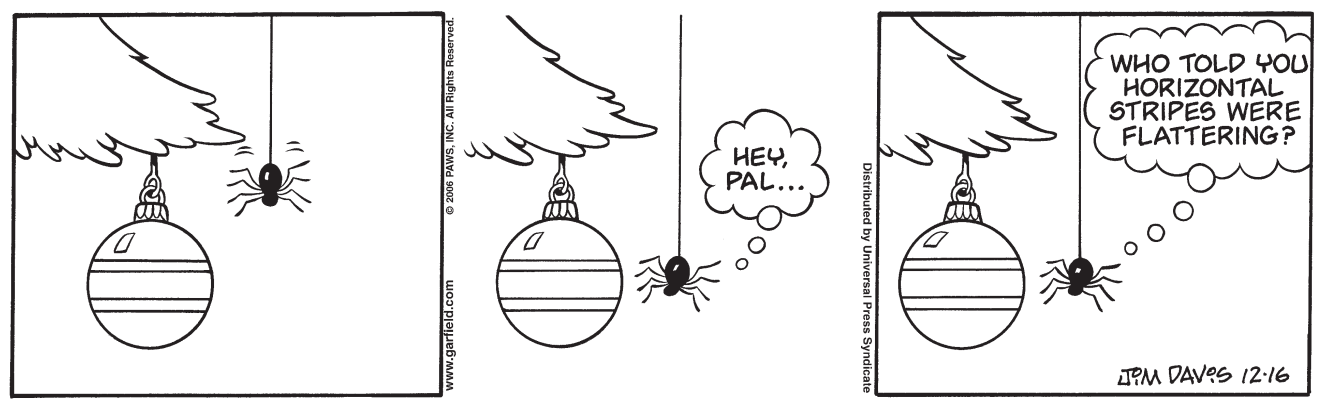
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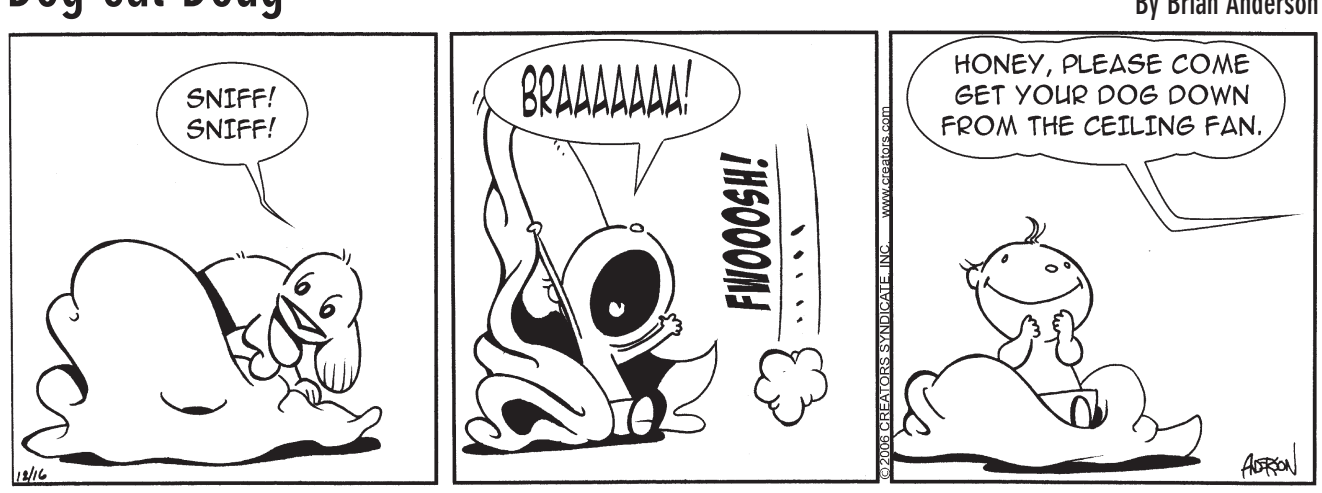
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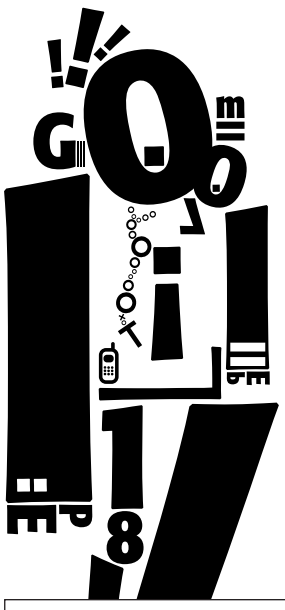
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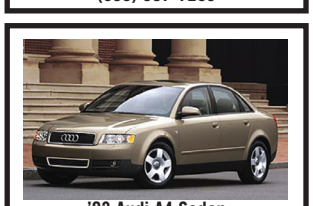
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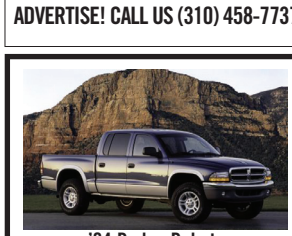


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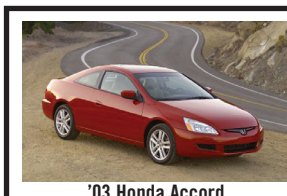
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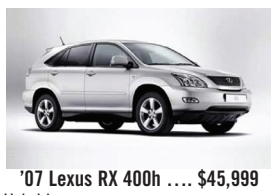


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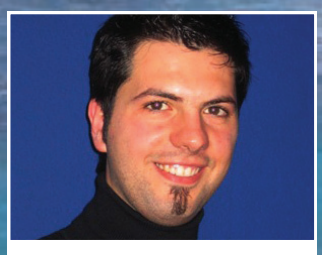
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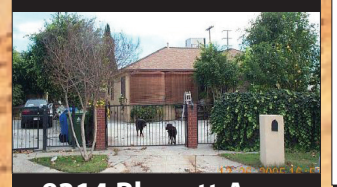
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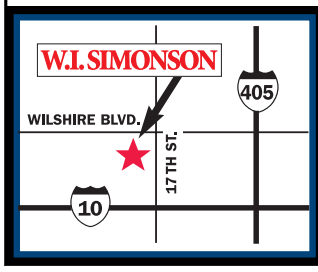
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