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Election laws to be given teeth; level playing field

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

Local elections may be meticulously regulated, but the laws are all gums and no teeth, according to the city attorney.

If a candidate violates Santa Monica's campaign laws, currently they would be punished under an umbrella misdemeanor ordinance, typically paying only a small fine.

Now the Santa Monica City Council has directed the city attorney to draft criminal and civil sections for each ordinance, instituting strong penalties in time for next year's upcoming elections.

"The current (election) code was adopted a number of years ago and for whatever reason, an enforcement provision wasn't included," said Marsha Jones Moutrie, city attorney. "When you set policies by ordinance, usually you want to include some kind of enforcement provision. It's fairly standard."

As elections have become contentious here, they also have grown expensive. By most accounts, a candidate that does not raise more than \$100,000 doesn't have a real shot at winning a city council seat.

To combat election financing pressures, Mayor Michael Feinstien, has recommended stronger public financing by the city.

"Public financing is the new policy direction we have taken," he said. "My feeling is that the

role of public financing in and of itself is the direction the city, if not the country as a whole, should be going."

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— MARSHA JONES MOUTRIE
Santa Monica city attorney

Currently, candidates get three public debates and a one-on-one candidate interview repeatedly aired on city television, channel 16, along with a five-minute candidate video streamed through the city's web site.

"We need to increase the floor for public

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Linwood Fenderson washes away city grit from the sidewalk on Wilshire Boulevard Tuesday morning with a heavy-duty power sprayer.

California uses star power to jump-start tourism

BY SIMON AVERY
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — California dropped a few names and some big bucks into its latest ad campaign aimed at boosting the state's slumping tourism.

Gov. Gray Davis unveiled a 30-second television commercial Tuesday featuring actors Clint Eastwood and Jack Nicholson that urges people to start traveling again following the September terrorist attacks in New York.

"Get out there," says a leisurely Eastwood from the Pebble Beach golf course.

Nicholson weighs in from courtside at Staples Center in Los Angeles. All work and no play "makes Jack a dull boy," he says with his trademark grin.

The ad, which also features world champion freestyle skier Glen Plake and restaurateur Michael Chow, will run in California and Mexico as part of a \$7.5 million campaign, the second round of tourism marketing by the state since the attacks.

In October, the government spent \$5 million on print, radio and TV ads — its first attempt ever at encouraging Californians to enjoy their own state.

Immediately following Sept. 11, California saw a 50 percent drop in tourism. The numbers have bounced back

but are still 10 percent lower than last year, according to the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency.

Davis said the latest campaign is more upbeat than the dreamy, sunset tone of the first. It's designed to be a shot in the arm to the hospitality industry, which has lost thousands of jobs in the last three months, he said.

"American soldiers are fighting overseas and we're fighting back here to restore the economy," he said before debuting the ad at a red-carpet ceremony outside

Grauman's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

California's Economic Development Department is funding the promotion with existing money, the governor's office said. Davis has proposed \$2.24 billion in cuts to the current state budget after forecasts that the next budget could produce a \$12.4 billion deficit.

Locals on Hollywood Boulevard said they supported the marketing campaign.

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Company sues Lakers' Koby Bryant

By the Associated Press

Lakers star Kobe Bryant was sued by an engineering company that claims he owes \$362,156 for helping remodel his Pacific Palisades property.

The suit was filed Friday in Superior Court and made public Wednesday. It claims that Bryant hired Calex Engineering to excavate, grade and perform other work at the site. The company "fully performed its contract obligations" but is still owed money, according to the suit.

Two similar lawsuits were filed against Bryant by other

companies in September and October.

Bryant's lawyer said the allegations are without merit and will be fought.

The contractors "filed claims far in excess of the value of the work performed," attorney Rick August said.

"Whether it's because of Mr. Bryant's celebrity or otherwise," the contractors have tried to collect "far more than they're entitled to," August said.

Other contractors have been paid, he said.

"Mr. Bryant has and will continue to pay all legitimate claims for work done on his property," he said.

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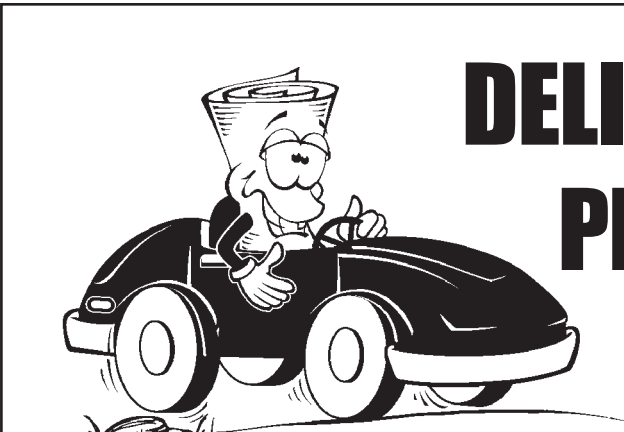
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 **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
 ★★★★★ Stay on top of a situation. Understand more of what a boss expects by asking poignant questions. A friendship grows because of your support and caring. Schedule time with a dear friend or loved one. You’ve got a lot to talk about. Tonight: Out and about.

 **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
 ★★★★★ Excitement surrounds communication. A partner softens up considerably because of news that you share. Greet the unexpected with a smile, and so will others. Do what you can to help people relax and not get into the holiday panic. Do the same for yourself! Tonight: Check out the music store.

 **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
 ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly on a one-on-one level. Support somebody in last-minute changes. Someone’s nerves are fried; this person needs your help. Your words of support and your nurturing style can make the difference between success and failure. Tonight: Be a duo.

 **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
 ★★★★★ Others greet you in unexpected and positive ways. A child or new friend shares his or her strong feelings. Don’t be surprised by your reaction. You might not have realized how strongly you felt until this very moment. Feelings expound. Tonight: Follow someone’s wishes.

 **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
 ★★★★★ You deal with unanticipated curves well. In fact, with your generous nature, you don’t take others for granted and you appreciate efforts from those around you. Let a family member or roommate know when you will have time for him or her, rather than keep putting this person off. Tonight: Buy something special for dinner.

 **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
 ★★★★★ Someone admires you. If you are open, more could develop with this relationship. Consider alternatives surrounding this person carefully. Increase a child’s self-confidence through building his or her ego and plugging self-criticism. Tonight: Be naughty and very, very nice.

 **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
 ★★★ You might be trying to finish off last-minute touches or ideas for the holidays. Don’t forget to spend some money on yourself! Why not buy that item that you covet? Laugh with a family member who has an uncanny sense of humor. Tonight: Pass the eggnog, please.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
 ★★★★★ Don’t count on others coming through as you expected. Though feelings should not be in question, you might feel insecure. Your softer and more affectionate nature emerges with more knowledge and understanding. Be spontaneous, especially with a neighbor or relative. Tonight: Leap and the net will appear.

 **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
 ★★★ Expenses could easily shock you. You’re overspending. Perhaps you are going overboard rather than expressing your feelings, and possibly your insecurities. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with finances. You know when enough is enough. Follow through using self-discipline. Tonight: Think before spending.

 **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
 ★★★★★ The unexpected does occur. You could surprise yourself by what you do and say. Clear out a problem before it becomes an albatross. Your spontaneity allows someone to express his or her affection. Do something together, even if it’s for just a short while. Tonight: Keep smiling.

 **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
 ★★★ Take a deep breath and carefully think through a decision that involves someone whom you put on a pedestal. Let this person know just how important he or she are through words as well as actions. You gain insight about this person, yourself or both. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.



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QUOTE of the DAY

“When we talk to God, we’re praying. When God talks to us, we’re schizophrenic.”

— Lily Tomlin

CORRECTION — In a story that ran Dec. 17, the address of City Hall was incorrect. Those interested in seeking a position on the Third Street Promenade task force should submit their applications to 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA., 90041.

In a story that ran Dec. 18 regarding auto dealerships, a car dealer was misidentified. His name is Dan Sheridan.

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LOCAL



\$9M Palisades Park project pays off through award

By Daily Press staff

There's a reason why Santa Monicans flock to Palisades Park — it is a nationally recognized landscape.

The city of Santa Monica has announced that the renovation of Palisades Park has won an American Society of Landscape Architects honor award.

San Diego-based design firm Wallace Roberts & Todd accepted the award recognizing the work that went into the design and construction of the city's \$9 million beach improvement group project, which renovated the north part of the park and the Santa Monica beachfront from the pier south to Bay Street.

Thirty entries were submitted for the honor award, and only Palisades Park was selected for recognition by the ASLA. The beachfront part of the project also was recognized, and received a 2001 merit award from the ASLA.

This is not the first award for the project. In May, 2000, the renovation of Palisades Park won the prestigious Royce Neuschatz Award for historic landscapes from the Los

Angeles Conservancy. The project also has been featured in several design publications.

Palisades Park was originally dedicated in 1892. Notable features of the 14-block-long linear green space include the Rose Garden, Pergola, craftsman-era stone gates, the senior center, and Camera Obscura. Numerous other monuments and statues are located within the park expanse.

New elements as part of the renovation include "The Beacon," a dramatic wood-plank overlook at the California incline, the "Millennium Wall" located at Inspiration Point, the Veterans' Memorial near Arizona Avenue (dedicated on Veterans' Day 1999), three restroom buildings, a jogging path, and replaced fencing.

The project was funded through a combination of city and Los Angeles County Proposition A (Safe Neighborhood Parks Act) dollars, and was designed in collaboration by the San Diego office of Wallace, Roberts, and Todd, artist Jody Pinto, and architect Maris Peika. Valley Crest Landscape completed the construction improvements in October, 1999.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A couple spends Tuesday afternoon looking at the Pacific Ocean from one of the numerous landmarks at Palisades Park, which has recently won an architectural award.

Councilman Holbrook not running for re-election

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financing so that all excess fundraising just becomes the frosting on the cake," Feinstein said. "But the basic message of each candidate gets out there no matter how much they raise."

"Until I can get a \$100,000 together, which usually takes me and a couple other people pooling our resources, I can't get the necessary mailers out. But without that kind of money you can't do any kind of significant campaigning."

— BOB HOLBROOK
City councilman

Those who have run before complain that the \$250 donation limit on candidates is the root of the problem. To raise the necessary money, some candidates have said they must either campaign for a lot of individual contributions, which requires a lot of time, or they have to accept soft money from organizations and political parties.

"Until I can get a \$100,000 together, which usually takes me and a couple other people pooling our resources, I can't get the necessary mailers out. But without that kind of money you can't do any kind of significant

campaigning," said Councilman Bob Holbrook. "Most of my colleagues have had to make significant concessions to raise that kind of money."

Holbrook has said he will not run for re-election next year when his current term is up, saying late council meetings and the high cost of elections have worn him out.

"If you're just an average working person, you don't have that kind of backing," he said. "You just don't stand a chance."

Feinstein would like to level the playing field through public financing. He believes the city should enact laws similar to the governor's race. When a candidate demonstrates grassroots support by receiving 200 contributions of \$5 or more, they receive public funding.

"It's really an incentive to contribution limits," he said. "By gaining a certain number of small contributions showing grassroots support, on that basis, you receive some level of public support."

Councilman Herb Katz said Santa Monicans for Renters Rights has skewed local elections by hiring professional fundraisers and campaign staff. Without their backing, Katz said, a candidate would be outspent and non-competitive.

"Raise the (donation) ceiling and let everybody run," he said. "That way we can meet the funding of SMRR and compete."

The council has asked the city attorney to study whether donations could be tied to a cost of living index so donation levels could be raised, along with the cost of running an election.

None of the proposals would take effect until the next election cycle in 2002.

"We don't like to make changes just before an election," said Moutrie. "We don't want council members to change anything just before an election because we don't want to fuss with the rules just before a new election begins."

Sewage spill closes one mile of Laguna Beach

By the Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH — Surf's off-limits at part of Laguna Beach, where a 4,400-gallon sewage spill on Monday closed about a mile of the city's beaches, an area that will remain shut until testing shows it is safe to the public.

Tree roots blocked an 8-inch sewage line forcing 6,000 gallons of human waste into back yards, streets and a storm drain, which discharges onto the beach, said Orange County Health Care Agency spokeswoman

Monica Mazur. Workers recovered about 1,600 gallons.

Monday's spill closure is the ninth this year in Laguna Beach and the 50th countywide. Last year, the city agreed to pay a \$60,000 fine imposed by state water officials and has since raised sewer rates and spent millions rehabilitating its aging system.

Swimming in sewage-tainted water can cause gastrointestinal problems such as nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; eye, ear, nose and throat infections; and viral diseases such as hepatitis.

Stars come out to help tourism in Los Angeles

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"I'm not particularly afraid of travel myself. But this is a good idea. Popular people can be opinion leaders," said Robby Downing, a student living in Los Angeles.

"It can't hurt," added Jerry Perchesky, an L.A.-based actor who travels regularly up to Monterey Bay to see family. "But a lot depends on

the economy."

Tourism is California's third largest industry, worth \$74.9 billion annually, and it generates \$5 billion a year in tax revenue. It employs more than 1.1 million people.

The latest ad follows a similar promotional effort by New York, which featured celebrities Barbara Walters, Billy Crystal, Woody Allen and Robert DeNiro.

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STATE

City to considers paying \$1.5 million for airport P.R.

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The commission that oversees the Los Angeles International Airport has given the go-ahead to pay a public relations consultant \$1.5 million even though the airport faces a financial crisis following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Airport commissioners have slashed some programs but earlier this month agreed to pay up to \$1.5 million to a public relations firm that is loyal to Mayor James Hahn. The company's boss, Chuck Winner, hosted three fund-raisers for Hahn when he ran for mayor earlier this year. He and some of his employees gave more than \$20,000 of their own money to campaign.

The airport agency hired Winner & Associates in late 1998 to promote the now-defunct \$12-billion LAX expansion plan. Some critics say the public relations firm is no longer needed because Hahn scrapped the master plan created by his predecessor, Richard Riordan, and called for a new alternative.

Airport commissioners ordered the extension of the firm's \$9 million contract even after staffers cut the item out of the budget. Some council members are infuriated that the commission suggested to extend the contract and not use the money for other means.

"What is this contract for?" said Councilwoman Ruth Galanter. "The

Riordan plan is ostensibly dead, so there's no reason for them to be disseminating information about that. And the Hahn plan is not invented yet. So there's no reason for them to disseminate information about that."

Hahn's deputy mayor dispelled the myth that Hahn has manipulated the airport board to keep a campaign donor on the city ledger.

"It's an odd argument for critics to make that it's a quid pro quo for someone that has been on contract and working for the airport for a number of years," said Deputy Mayor Matt Middlebrook.

Airport Commission President Ted Stein said the public relations contract is needed because if expansion plans move rapidly there needs to be an organization that can deal with the public and media. Stein said his agency will only spend as much of the \$1.5 million as needed.

The City Council plans to review the contract Tuesday.

Most airports are struggling financially as travel figures dropped after Sept. 11. LAX faces a \$127 million in the current fiscal year. But Winner said he is not robbing the city and believes his firm is doing a good job.

"Anyone who's making that accusation doesn't know me—that's flat-out wrong," Winner said. "If we weren't doing a good job, I promise you no one would be coming back to us."

Big money politics hits CA governor's race

BY ALEXA HAUSSLER
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Their numbers are growing on America's campaign trails: rich businessmen like Michael Bloomberg and Jon Corzine with millions — even billions — of dollars to burn on a political race.

Voters in California are seeing the phenomenon in the 2002 governor's race. Two wealthy investors — former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and businessman Bill Simon — are seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

Rich candidates may have the edge in buying TV commercials, but analysts say they are also under greater scrutiny for potential conflicts of interest and face the challenge of convincing voters they care about them.

"Voters may not think that you are empathizing with their day-to-day problems," said Mark DiCamillo, director of California's Field Poll. That creates "an additional burden to justify what makes you qualified to run for governor."

This is not a new trend; rich Americans have sought political office since the days of George Washington, a wealthy planter. Many succeed and others have spent fortunes failing.

Lately, however, personal campaign spending has soared to a new level.

Media mogul Bloomberg, a Republican, spent a record-shattering \$68.9 million — or \$92.60 per vote — to

get elected mayor in New York. That is the most spent by any U.S. candidate short of a White House contender.

Corzine, a Democrat and former partner at the investment bank Goldman Sachs, spent more than \$60 million of his own fortune to win a Senate seat in New Jersey last year. That is nearly as much as Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot spent on his failed presidential bid in 1992.

Criticism of such wealth is inevitable: Former President Bush, for example, took heat when he could not name the price of a loaf of bread and seemed puzzled by a supermarket checkout scanner. Big money also sparks calls for campaign-finance reform.

"There are always going to be wealthy candidates, but from our perspective the problem is that they can often dissuade other good candidates from entering the race," said Jim Knox, executive director of California Common Cause, a political reform group.

California has seen its share of wealthy candidates, including Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein. Millionaire losers include Michael Huffington, Darrell Issa, Ron Unz and Al Checchi.

Riordan and Simon have said they will not rely solely on their own money to finance their campaigns. Simon has so far raised more than \$3.8 million, including some \$600,000 of his own money. Riordan, who spent about \$6.3 million of his own money running in Los Angeles in 1993 and 1997, has collected more than \$4 million.



New York cathedral perishes in fierce fire

BY DIEGO IBARGUEN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A fierce fire damaged the century-old Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Tuesday, filling one of the largest churches in the world with smoke and threatening its rare 17th century tapestries just a week before Christmas.

The flames that broke out at the massive Gothic stone structure were confined to a gift shop, which was destroyed. But as much as 3 inches of water covered the floor of the nave.

Bishop Mark Sisk said Christmas services would go on, but other seasonal events — including two performances of Handel's "Messiah" — were left in doubt. The cathedral is the principal church of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

As many as 200 firefighters battled the blaze. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

"We were just crying all the way down here," said Margaret Hurwitz, whose son, Nicholas, 12, attends the Cathedral School, on the grounds of the cathedral. "You know, after the World Trade towers, you want something to be secure. This is where we came that day."

The extent of the damage was not immediately clear, but Sisk said two of six Barberini tapestries that hung inside the nave were severely damaged. The textiles, part of a set of 12 made on the official papal looms, depict the life of Jesus Christ.

"This is a big part of my world, taking care of these tapestries," said a distraught Marlene Eidelhut, director of textile conservation.

The fire was reported about 7 a.m., an hour before the first Mass of the day, and was believed to have started in the gift shop, which lost its two-story-high wooden roof. Flames climbed high into the sky, and black smoke billowed from the cathedral.

The blaze was brought under control after about 2 1/2 hours, but the upper reaches of the cathedral's nave were full of heavy smoke.

None of the more than 150 stained-glass windows appeared to be damaged.

Two Masses are traditionally held on Christmas, each of which typically attracts as many as 5,000 people. Thousands of people visit the cathedral each day, and it holds 30 services a week.

"My suspicion is that once they get the smoke out of the cathedral, the most services possible will resume," said Jere Farrah, a spokesman for the cathedral. He said it was too early to say how long that might take.

The building is in the Morningside Heights neighborhood on the edge of Harlem, a few blocks from Columbia University. The Encyclopedia of New York City describes it as the nation's largest cathedral. It is big enough to hold two football fields.

Farrah described the church's stone structure as "indestructible."



Associated Press

Actress Pamela Anderson, right, leaves a Los Angeles courthouse with an unidentified private security guard following an appearance in court concerning a custody dispute with ex-husband Tommy Lee on Tuesday. Lee is fighting for custody of his two children in a nasty custody battle that has the rocker challenging ex-wife Anderson's allegations that Lee is an unfit father who exposes his children to danger.

Giant panda gives birth

By the Associated Press

TOKYO — Mei Mei the giant panda has given birth to a male cub, the fifth of the rare species born in Japan, a zoo official said Tuesday.

The 6.65-ounce cub was born Monday at the Adventure World Park zoo in western Japan, park official Takuya Okada said. Both Mei Mei, who weighs 224 pounds, and her cub are in good condition, he said.

The cub is the fifth panda born in Japan since 1985, and brings to six the number of pandas in the country.

The cub was the second born to the 7-year-old Mei Mei, who gave birth to a female last year at Adventure World in Wakayama, 280 miles southwest of Tokyo, after being artificially inseminated in China.

Mei Mei conceived the cub born Monday after mating with Eimei, a panda loaned to the park from China.

Components failed preflight check before flight 587 crash

BY JONATHAN D. SALANT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The components that keep an airplane's nose up and the aircraft from swaying failed to work during a preflight check of American Airlines Flight 587, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday. The plane crashed last month soon after taking off from Kennedy Airport.

NTSB investigators, after reviewing the plane's maintenance logs, said the problem was resolved when a mechanic reset the computer that controls the pitch trim, which helps keep the nose up or down, and the yaw damper, which controls the rudder to reduce movement from side to side.

Aviation consultant Jim McKenna said safety investigators will focus on those components of the Airbus A300-600. "They'll take a very close look at it," McKenna said.

The NTSB said that the vertical stabilizer — or tail fin — and the attached rudder fell off the plane, as did both engines.

The Nov. 12 crash killed all 260 people on board and five on the ground.

Following the accident, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered inspections of the tail, which is made from lighter-weight, nonmetallic composites.

The NTSB is conducting ultrasound and other inspections of the vertical stabilizer and rudder, and is developing a plan for additional tests of the composites.

Maintenance records showed that the vertical stabilizer and rudder last were inspected visually in December 1999, and no problems were reported, the NTSB said.

Board investigators reported that they found no evidence that the engines broke apart, sending shrapnel into nearby control systems, nor any evidence of a collision with a bird. There also was no evidence that there was a fire or a malfunction.

NTSB investigators again reported that they have found no evidence of a terrorist attack. All the evidence continues to indicate that the crash of Flight 587 was an accident, the board said.



Associated Press

New York City firefighters hose down remnants of a five-alarm blaze on the north side of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Manhattan's upper Westside in New York on Tuesday. The early morning fire was contained by firefighters before reaching the main nave. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is reported to be the largest Gothic cathedral in the world.

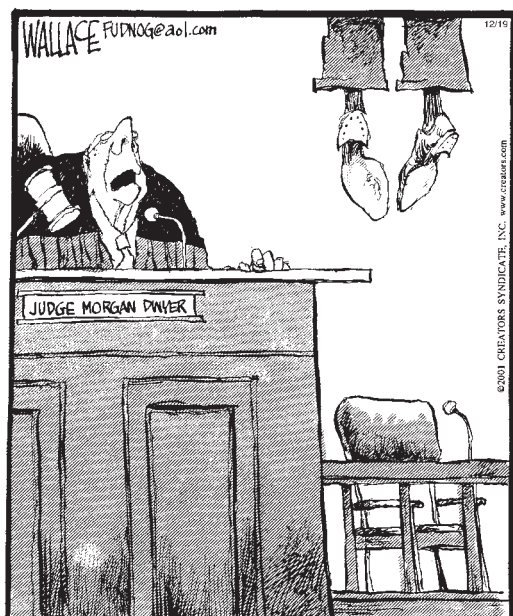


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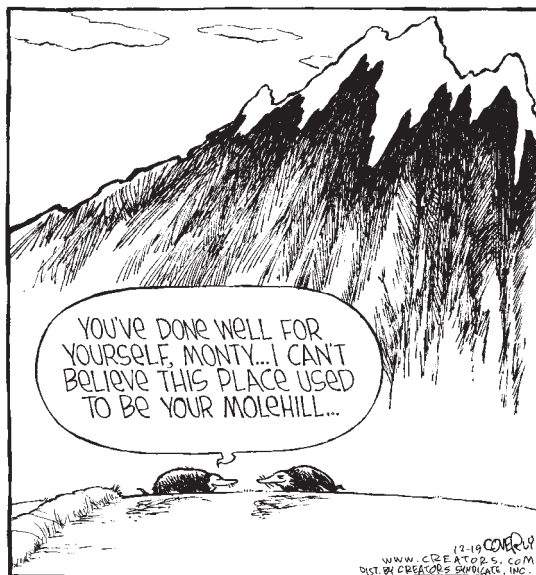
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- 39 Fond person
- 43 Not busy
- 44 Completely
- 45 Bar order
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- 2 King beater
- 3 Gun
- 4 Like a hermit
- 5 Carry
- 6 Hearty dish
- 7 Writer Nelson
- 8 White pebble
- 9 Flightless bird
- 10 Collector's goal
- 16 Met highlights
- 17 Deadly
- 18 Concert venue
- 19 Expensive wrap
- 21 Airs
- 22 Gushes forth
- 24 Jury members
- 25 Select
- 30 One in front
- 33 Rorschach creations
- 35 Join the regatta
- 36 Writer Ferber
- 37 Little lie
- 38 Lyric poem
- 40 Balderdash
- 41 Summer on the Seine
- 42 Fishing aid

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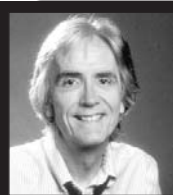
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by Chuck Shepard

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ODDS AND ENDS

Santa Claus kid booted from mall

By The Associated Press

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — A 6-year-old boy who dresses up like Santa Claus and doles out presents has been told by a local mall to take his holiday cheer somewhere else.

"I was cuter than their Santa," Joel Demmon declared Monday.

The 4-foot-2 first grader has been donning a red suit and flowing white beard for two years and giving away presents at malls and stores, said his mother, Tracey Demmon.

Joel gets the toys from dollar stores and fast-food restaurants.

The boy cried after an employee of Bellis Fair in north Bellingham ordered him out on Friday, saying he was competing with the mall's own Santa and creating liability issues by giving out toys, his mother said.

But Bellis Fair spokeswoman Mary Vermillion said the would-be St. Nick got the boot "in fairness to everybody who wants access to the mall, so we avoid any unfortunate situations." Vermillion said it had nothing to do with a fear of competition.

Joel has continued his gift-giving elsewhere in Bellingham, a town of about 60,000 located about 90 miles north of Seattle.

Prison inmate unsatisfied with menu

By The Associated Press

PELHAM, Ga. — Reinforcements were dispatched to Autry State Prison to quell a two-hour disturbance that may have been sparked by an inmate angry over the quality of a chicken dinner.

"It appears they were incited by one particular inmate who was complaining that his chicken was not thoroughly cooked," Scott Stallings, a spokesman for the Georgia Department of Corrections, said Monday.

Stallings said the prison staff isolated the disgruntled inmates to one floor of a cellblock on Sunday night and locked down the prison's other 1,175 inmates.

During the dispute, the inmates damaged lights, broke off sprinkler heads, broke windows and set fire to mattresses, he said. Stallings estimated damages at less than \$10,000.

The angry inmates refused to return to their cells until 36 tactical squad members entered the cellblock. No injuries were reported.

"It appears it was just a spontaneous thing," Stallings said. "It appears it was just his complaint about the chicken. But you'd be surprised how things we might consider insignificant on the outside can be a real problem in a prison setting. These are tough people. They're not in prison for making rational and evenhanded decisions."

An investigation will be launched, Stallings said.

Is 'darg' a word?

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — It was all in a darg's work for Brian Cappelletto, who is the newly crowned World Scrabble champion.

The Chicago options trader won the championship on Monday in Las Vegas thanks in part to his use of the 19-point Scottish word darg — a task or days' work.

Cappelletto, 32, dashed Montreal music professor Joel Wapnick's hopes for repeating as world champion, winning three games to one in the best-of-five finals.

Cappelletto, the 1998 U.S. national Scrabble champi-

on scored 50 points with vozhd, a word for a supreme leader in Russia. He also scored 44 points with jerrid, a wooden javelin.

Cappelletto won \$25,000 as champion of the biennial world event. The national championship also is held in alternating years. Wapnick, 55, won \$10,000. The final game score was 447-338.

About 300 people watched the finals at the Venetian hotel-casino. Nearly 90 experts from 40 countries competed in 24 rounds over three days.

Bessie in the water bed

By The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Here's the ultimate in cow comfort: a bovine water bed.

Cow water beds are designed much like human water beds — the bed surrounds the cow in cushy softness while supporting it when it lies down. The idea is based on the belief that comfortable cows produce more milk.

"The stalls with the water beds fill up faster than the other stalls," said John Marshman of Chenango County, who has installed 75 water beds in his barn. "Cows are just like everybody else. When they figure out something is more comfortable, that's where they'll go."

Doug Ford, a sales representative at Fisher Farms in Lenox, said that when a cow gets up from a water bed, another cow immediately gets in and lies down.

"Sometimes, they'll stand there waiting for a cow to leave so they can get in on the water bed," he said last week.

The water beds are made by a company called Georgia Duck and sold through Relative Products LLC in Reedsburg, Wis. They have been sold in the United States for about three years.

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