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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In October, the Tennessee Supreme Court finally dashed Knoxville prosecutors' hopes of convicting Thomas "Zoo Man" Huskey as a serial killer in a case News of the Weird first mentioned in 1992. Courts had tossed out Huskey's confession (the centerpiece of the case), finding that the incriminating statements were made not by Huskey but by "Kyle," his alter ego, and although Huskey himself had been given a Miranda warning, "Kyle" had not. ("Kyle" supposedly had a grudge against Huskey.) "Zoo Man" (named because a zoo was the venue for some of the crimes) is nonetheless serving 66 years in prison on other charges.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 357th day of 2005.
There are eight days left in the year.

On Dec. 23, 1805, Joseph Smith Jr., principal founder of the Mormon religious movement, was born in Sharon, Vt. In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can always spot a well-informed man — his views are the same as yours."

ILKA CHASE
AUTHOR, ACTRESS AND HUMORIST

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BAYWATCH: LAPD Sgt. Dana Adam works from his 'mobile command post', which pulls out from the trunk of his police car, while stationed in Venice. Adam was planning strategies for how best to deal with unusually high waves and flooding.

LAPD issues warnings amid high surf

By Daily Press staff

THE COASTLINE — Authorities are warning residents who live in coastal areas that they might have to evacuate in the next week due to high surf and flooding.

Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton issued an advisory on Thursday to people in the communities of Venice and Playa del Rey that possible flooding may occur through the end of the year.

The coastline communities are currently experiencing a series of large swells, which has produced large surf ranging from 15 to 25 feet, with larger sets. The swells are being created by a storm hundreds of miles away in the Pacific Ocean.

It is anticipated that the biggest surf will occur between Dec. 27-31, during high tide, between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m., authorities said.

"Although our entire coastline is at risk, the area of Pacific Avenue to the East, Westminster Avenue to the North, and the Marina del Rey Main Channel to the South are most susceptible to moderate to severe flooding," Bratton warned. "This could result

in the need for residents and businesses in this area to evacuate voluntarily."

The LAPD's Pacific Division is currently reviewing its evacuation and traffic plan, which will be used should substantial flooding occur. Additionally, the American Red Cross is working on shelter

should the need arise and sandbags are available at no cost at local fire stations.

"While I do not want to cause panic, I do want to remind everyone to remain alert should flooding occur and evacuation become necessary," Bratton wrote in a memo to law enforcement agencies.

Chain-link offense: Act disturbs peace

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — Police armed with bolt cutters snapped the chains off an escape artist here on Thursday after several witnesses thought he was choking to death.

Tim "Eric" Hanneman, who has a street performing license with the city of Santa Monica, also was issued a citation for "performing an act that can cause serious bodily injury." He will have to appear

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Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

Escape artist Tim Hanneman (seated) gathers himself after police officers used bolt cutters to free him from chains in which he entangled himself for a performance.

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The option to choose among three city housing proposals proved no option at all for some elected leaders, who want a "non-simplistic" financial analysis concerning City Hall's biggest residential real estate deal.

Meanwhile, others felt the information City Hall provided was enough to make an informed decision about what the only option could be — the Related Companies of California's proposal to create at least 298 housing units at the Village, part of the city's \$120 million Civic Center plan.

In the end, the Santa Monica City Council decided at the Tuesday, Dec. 13 meeting to put off choosing among the three proposals to develop the Village until city staff has presented adequate

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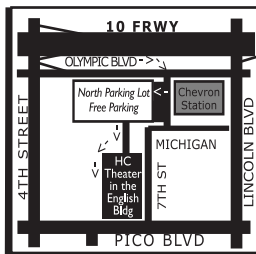
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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might feel very pressured by what is happening, though friends try to be helpful. Keep your eyes open and don't lose sight of your immediate objectives. Others want to participate, and they let you know it. Tonight: Your popularity soars.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might need to use your imagination to clear out some last-minute projects or errands. A boss, older friend or relative does his or her best to make life easy for you. Think positively. A trip could be in the offing. Tonight: Finish up any last-minute shopping.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your spirit and happiness express a childlike quality that endears you to many. Let the spirit permeate through you as if you were a kid. A dear friend or loved one could be testy. Remember, many people have a difficult time with the holidays. Tonight: Go caroling.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ As usual, the Moon Child does everything he or she can to make others happy and comfortable. Others seek you out. Don't forget that special person in your life. Schedule some time alone in the next few days. Tonight: Invite others over for cheer and eggnog.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You feel pressured by people and what you need to do. As a result, you could be racing around. Why not take some time for a special hello to those you never really talk to on a personal level? Don't expect to slow down. Tonight: Only fatigue can stop you.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You could be taken aback by last-minute expenses. You might have planned well, but some unexpected item might cost more than you'd originally anticipated. Use your creativity to make up the difference. Tonight: Finish wrapping presents.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds a glamorous element to your magnetism. Allow your love of life to emerge with a friend or loved one. You might want to sit on Santa's lap and let the child in you out. Tonight: As you wish.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Stop fretting and start relaxing. If you can take today off or do something special for yourself, do so. Sometimes the energetic Scorpion can get tired. A secret needs to remain just that. Take a walk or do yoga. Tonight: Vanish.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Friends and daily associates bring much pleasure. Express your feelings to those you care about. Often, you take it for granted that those close to you know how you feel — don't. Don't take any financial risks. Tonight: Celebrate the night with friends.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Last-minute details could keep you busy. Others also request that you appear at different parties, celebrations or get-togethers. You seem to be able to get everything done if you relax and smile. Tonight: Out and about.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your mind could drift to distant places and people, especially if you are not traveling this holiday season. You are unusually content. Share that special quality. Make calls and reach out to others. Tonight: Listen to some favorite music. Let your mind relax.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Deal with others on an individual level. A partner or dear friend expresses his or her caring. You might be a bit shy. Still, express yourself. Others cannot guess how you feel. Be vulnerable. Tonight: Be a duo.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ring the kettle slowly: Contributions are down

By Daily Press staff

The season of giving is falling flat this year. The Salvation Army Southern California Division reports that contributions in the traditional red Christmas kettles are down 5 percent from last year. In 2004, the Salvation Army Southern California Division’s Christmas kettle campaign brought in \$1.9 million.

“Spare change dropped in a kettle can turn into a significant amount that allows the Salvation Army to help area families make ends meet all-year round,” said Major Paul R. Seiler, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Southern California. “The money collected stays in the community in which it’s donated so while we acknowledge donors have been extremely generous this year, we encourage the continued support in order to assist the neediest in our communities.”

Each year, during the holiday season, more and more people look to The Salvation Army for assistance. The Salvation Army expects to serve more than 350,000 people in the Southern California area this year. Many of them will be families, homeless women and children, older adults, the transient and the unemployed. In order to serve the needs of each individual, The Salvation Army Southern California will be serving dinner, handing out toys, distributing food baskets and raising money to help support the work of the Salvation Army.

Elks host kids-only Christmas bash

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks made sure a group of needy kids got their fill of Christmas cheer.

The Elks hosted a Christmas party for 176 underprivileged children earlier this month. Santa Claus and two of his elves were on hand to help and each child received a Christmas stocking and a Beanie Buddy from Santa’s elves. Each stocking contained an apple, an orange, peanuts, candy. A clown was on hand to make everyone laugh. The kids sat on Santa’s lap and gave him their Christmas wishes. They were given a wrapped gift that was appropriate for a boy or girl of their age. Ice cream cones also were given out as an extra treat.

Invitations were given to the elementary schools and to the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club, who distributed them to underprivileged children. The \$3,000 for the entertainment and gifts came from donations from the individual members.

The Christmas tree in the lobby shows the names of the individual donors, including Art Nabeour, who has donated the Beanie Buddies for the last six years. The Santa Monica Elks have been holding the event for more than 50 years.

Restoration Commission still in ‘Bloom’

By Daily Press staff

Richard Bloom is keeping his sights set on healing the bay for two more years. Bloom, a Santa Monica Councilman, has been re-elected to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a Los Angeles-based state organization that monitors implementation of efforts to ensure the long-term health of the bay and its watersheds.

Bloom was re-elected on Dec. 15 to a two-year at-large term on the 34-member commission, which also includes members from the Ballona Creek, South Bay and Malibu Creek watershed areas and from the city of LA, state, county and regional agencies and two public members with environmental and public interest backgrounds. While serving at-large, Bloom will continue to represent Santa Monica, one of the Ballona Creek watershed cities.

“I have a ‘deep bench’ of fellow council members and city staff in Santa Monica who are putting the bay restoration plan into action through our sustainable city efforts and by demonstrating leadership in urban runoff and storm water management,” Bloom said. “As an example, within the next three years, Santa Monica expects to divert 100 percent of dry weather urban runoff flows from our beaches and the bay. Our resources and expertise are valuable to the commission.”

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS				
DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM				
BEAR MOUNTAIN				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 6	LIFTS OPEN 6/12
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				
JUNE MOUNTAIN				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 20"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30am - 4:00pm	RUNS OPEN 35	LIFTS OPEN 6/16
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Obstacles				
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 60" - 84"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 24/48
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				
MOUNTAIN HIGH				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 10"-10"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 10	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Machine Made, Wet, Thin Cover				
MT. BALDY				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 0"-1"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 0	LIFTS OPEN 0
CONDITIONS: N/A				
SNOW SUMMIT				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 7:30 am - 9:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 8	LIFTS OPEN 8/13
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				
SNOW VALLEY				
NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12"-12"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 5	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

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TUESDAY

LOW TIDE: 5:07AM 3.0FT

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6:50PM 0.3FT

11:07PM 4.9FT

WEDNESDAY

LOW TIDE: 6:20AM 3.1FT

HIGH TIDE: 2:16AM 3.6FT

7:30PM 0.7FT

11:52PM 4.3FT

THURSDAY

LOW TIDE: 8:01AM 3.0FT

HIGH TIDE: 3:03AM 3.8FT

8:12PM 1.0FT

12:52AM 3.8FT

FRIDAY

LOW TIDE: 9:47AM 2.6FT

HIGH TIDE: 3:42AM 4.1FT

8:54AM 1.4FT

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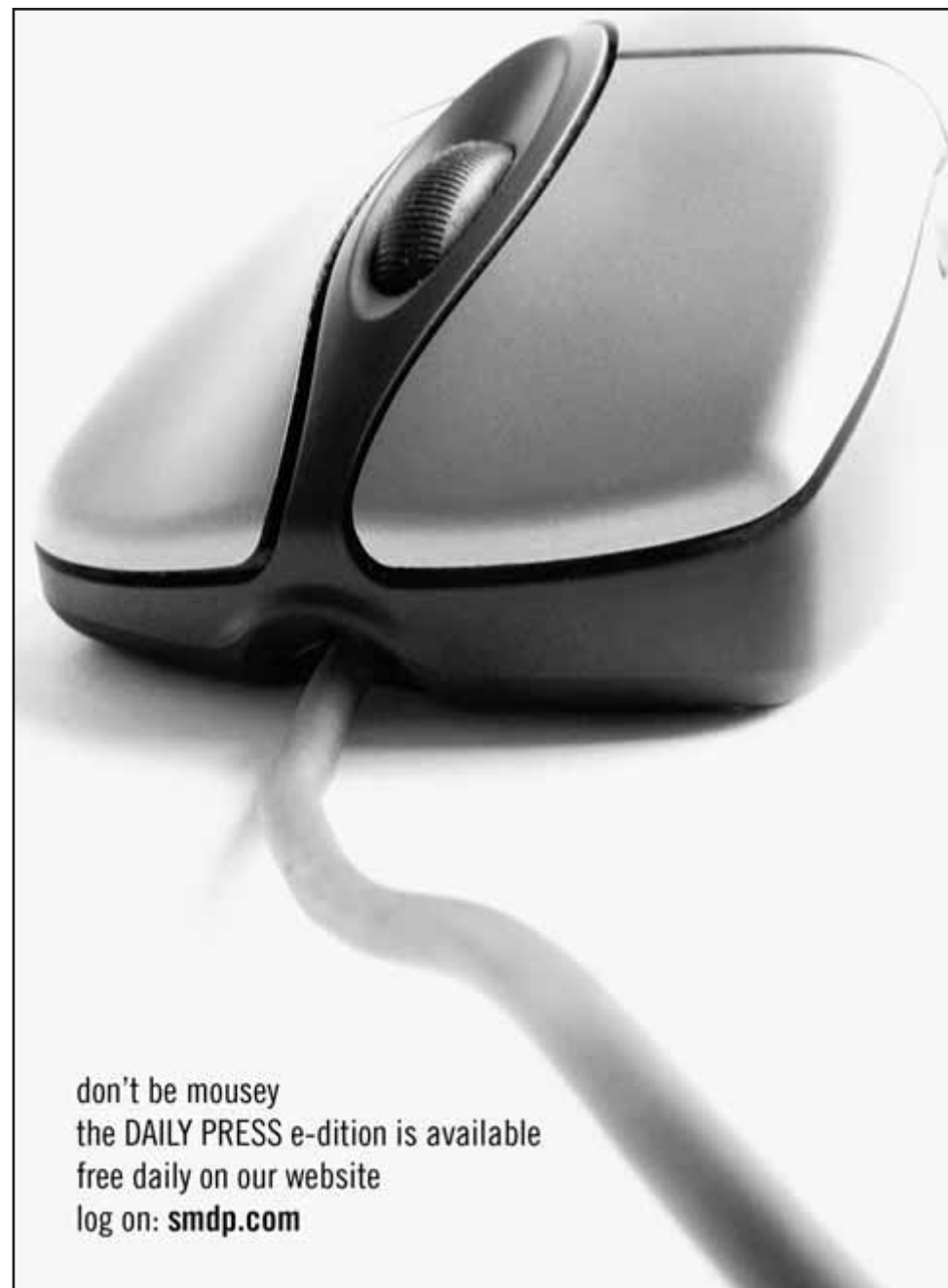
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is Bush not on trial?

Editor:

Saddam Hussein is being tried for the murder of 140 people. This atrocity was carried out in retaliation for an attempt to assassinate him by people from that area.

When will the Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld/Rice cartel be tried for the murder of over 30,000 Iraqis — “more or less” — and the over 2,000 (and still counting) Americans? Among some other ridiculous reasons for this atrocity was Bush Junior’s wish to retaliate for Saddam’s attempt to assassinate Bush Senior. Saddam, by the way, is alive and well.

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Gorging on gas is a personal problem

Many consumers are angry about alleged price gouging at the pump, and politicians are listening. States with anti-“price gouging” laws are investigating and prosecuting complaints, while Washington is discussing a federal anti-“price gouging” law. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist promises that “if the facts warrant it, I will support a federal anti-price gouging law.”

But there are no facts that could warrant such a law, because there is no such thing as “price gouging” by private businesses.

The term “price gouging” implies that gas stations have an ability to forcibly inflict harm on us — but they do not. Any price we pay for a gallon of gasoline — whether \$1 or \$3 — we pay voluntarily, based on the value of the gasoline to us. If we think we are spending too much on gasoline, we are free to drive less, to buy more fuel-efficient cars, to use carpools or busses, or to travel by bicycle or on foot. Gas station owners cannot force us to buy gasoline — they can only offer us a trade, which we are free to accept or reject.

But, one might ask, without anti-“price gouging” laws won’t owners of gasoline charge the absolute highest prices they can? Absolutely, and they have every moral right to do so — just as consumers of gasoline have every right to pay the lowest prices they can find. Gas station owners are not our servants. They are producers who spend money, exert effort, and assume risk to bring a product to market. They own the gasoline they sell, and like any property owner they should be free to set the terms of sale.

Since we pay the lowest price that we can find for gasoline (and never more than it is worth to us), and gas stations sell gasoline for the highest price they can get (and never less than it is worth to them), the price of gasoline is a reflection of mutually beneficial trade — the essence of proper interaction under capitalism. For a gas station owner to charge what the market will bear is no more “gouging” than it is for a computer programmer — or a cashier — to negotiate for the highest salary he can get.

Since the prevailing price of gasoline is the result of trade, it reflects not the arbitrary “greed” of gas station owners, but the facts of the market: The producers’ costs, competition, and what cus-

tomers are willing to pay. The reason that gasoline prices are higher after a natural disaster, for instance, is that the fact of relatively scarce supply leads various purchasers of oil and gasoline to compete to buy it, and bid up its price. Those who buy it are those who value it most, to the extent they value it most — like highly efficient factories overseas, or Americans providing for their most crucial transportation priorities.

Anti-“price gouging” laws prevent producers and their customers from trading at mutually beneficial prices — sacrificing their interests to the interests of those who wish to avoid the “hardship” of paying prices higher than they are used to. By what right can the government force producers to set artificially low prices and prevent consumers from bidding up the price to get the gasoline they are willing to pay for? By what right can the government demand that factory owners be deprived of the oil they are able to pay for — and their customers of the cheap products they happily purchase at Wal-Mart?

Anti-“price-gouging” laws are a particularly vicious form of price controls. Like all price controls, they deprive businesses of earned profit, promote shortages, and discourage future production. But they also forbid the indefinable: “unconscionable” prices, the meaning of which cannot be known until after the ruling of some bureaucrat. This added uncertainty discourages producers from being in business, period — especially in times of emergency, when “gouging” claims are most rampant. If a federal “price gouging” law is passed, will gas station owners do everything possible after the next natural disaster to remain open for business — will private contractors from other states rush to bring generators, food, and debris-clearing equipment? Or will they not bother for fear that the prices they set will be declared “unconscionable?”

The real threat to individual rights and justice is not the so-called price gouging of free individuals, but the price-control gouging of a coercive government. We must fight this threat by asserting, unequivocally, that gas station owners have a right to charge whatever prices they choose.

(Alex Epstein is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine.)



CRIME WATCH

By Daily Press staff

Victim hides in trunk from knife-wielding transient

At 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Santa Monica police responded to the 2400 block of Main Street regarding unknown trouble. Apparently, the driver of the vehicle had locked himself in his trunk because he was being threatened by a suspect with a knife. Witnesses said they saw the suspect yelling at the victim and they called police. When officers arrived at the scene, the suspect was detained and the witness came out of the trunk and stated that the suspect for an unknown reason displayed a knife and made verbal threats of bodily harm to the victim. Can Daliro de Jesus Moran, 45, transient, was arrested for making criminal threats and exhibiting a weapon in a rude and threatening manner. Bail was set at \$50,000.

At 9:50 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, the Santa Monica police responded to the 700 block of Montana Avenue, a Starbucks, regarding a burglary investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the employee, who said the suspect walked into the store and removed some items from a shelf, a sandwich and a soft drink. The suspect began to eat and drink the items when he was told he had to pay for them. The suspect walked around store and put the items in his backpack and left failing to pay for them. He fled on a bicycle and was later detained in the 900 block of Montana Avenue by responding officers. Thorne Robert Radel, 47, of Los Angeles, was arrested for commercial burglary. Bail was set at \$20,000.

At 10:52 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, the Santa Monica police responded to the 100 block of Santa Monica Place mall, Robinsons May, regarding a theft investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the security guard, who said he had placed an employee under arrest for theft. Apparently the employee had given a stolen gift card to a friend in the amount of \$100, and the friend would use the card. Denise Mychel Young, 18, of Inglewood, was arrested for grand theft and conspiracy. The second suspect, a minor, was arrested for using a fraudulent stolen card and both released to a parent. Young's bail was set at \$20,000.

At 10:45 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, the Santa Monica police responded to the 2200 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a grand theft investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the employee who said that earlier in the day they received a credit card purchase for a baby stroller valued at \$670.89. The caller said a relative would pick up the item later in the afternoon. The employee conducted a credit card check, and it was determined the owner of the credit card had not given permission for it to be used. At approximately 3:10 p.m., a person entered the store and asked for the baby stroller and at the time the police were on scene and arrested Sherman Louis Hicks, 42, of Los Angeles, who was booked for attempted grand theft and commercial burglary and an outstanding warrant. Bail was set at \$71,098.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, the Santa Monica police responded to the 2500 block of Wilshire Boulevard, Jinja Massage, regarding anonymous complaints of prostitution taking place at the location. An undercover officer knocked on the door and was asked what he needed. He asked for a massage and was allowed into the location. Once he paid the \$50 fee, he was taken into a back room and asked to lay on a massage table. During the massage, the woman giving the massage pointed at her genital area and asked the officer if he wanted it. The officer replied how much, at which time she said \$100. The officer then gave a pre-determined signal and the additional officers came inside the location to assist. Yu Shu Shin, 37, of Los Angeles, was booked for prostitution. Bail was set at \$2,000.

At 1:53 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, the Santa Monica police responded to the 1000 block of Fourth Street regarding a strong arm robbery investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the victims, who said that while they were on foot the suspects approached them and demanded their purse and wallet. Once the suspects acquired the items, they fled. The responding officers stopped the vehicle and after a field show up conducted, Gary D. Gomez, 35, of Santa Monica and Larry Theoplios Kemp, 33, of Los Angeles, were arrested for strong arm robbery. Bail was set at \$50,000.

This police report was prepared by Daily Press Staff Writer Ryan Hyatt.



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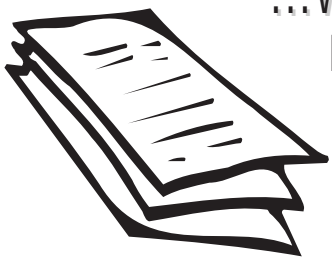
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Officer Cain Mora (left) reacts as his name is called by Lt. Frank Fabrega for a raffle prize during the Police Holiday party on Wednesday. TV legend June Lockhart and Lauralee Asch, who volunteered at the event, lend their support.

Performer's struggles attract police attention

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in court so authorities can determine whether or not his act is safe to perform.

A large crowd had gathered around Hanneman, who was laying on the ground in a straight jacket, handcuffs and had chains wrapped tightly around his body and neck. When his neck turned nearly black and his face purple, several onlookers called 9-1-1. Santa Monica Police officers and paramedics arrived at the scene and asked Hanneman to remove the chains, which he declined to do.

So Santa Monica Police cut them for him. That was despite the keys to the padlocks being just feet away.

While Hanneman was upset that police cut the chains, which he said cost \$1,500, he understood why they did it.

"I don't hold any grudges, they are just doing their job," he said. "I hate for that to happen, to tie up emergency services."

Officer Semko told Hanneman he was worried that he was dying and cut the chains to help him.

Hanneman, a self-described escape artist who lives in Las Vegas and occasionally performs in Santa Monica and Venice, said this isn't the first time onlookers have called 9-1-1. But it was the first time authorities actually cut his chains.

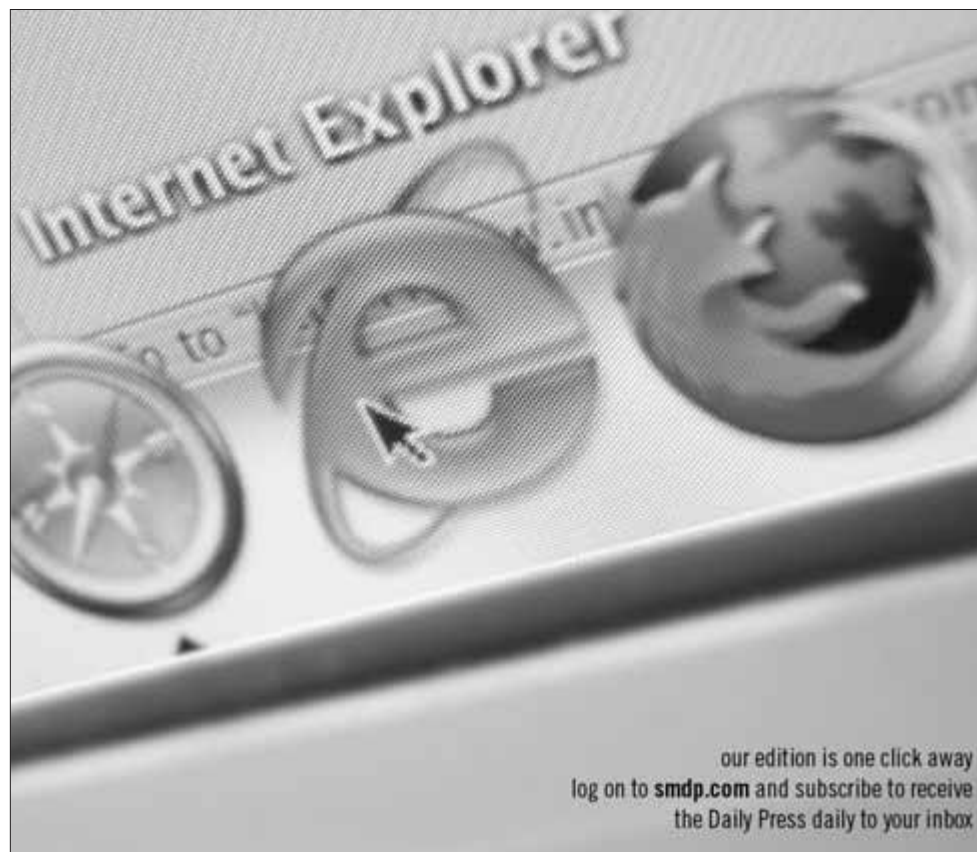
But Santa Monica Police officer Arnold said this time was different.

"I've seen you out here before and I've never seen your neck turn black and your face turning purple," officer Arnold told Hanneman.

"I was fine," Hanneman responded.

"The paramedics say you were not," officer Arnold replied, adding that Hanneman's contusions and scrapes on his face weren't normal.

"I'm not a normal guy," Hanneman answered.



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LOCAL



Council shelves Village approval until February

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financial information that will allow them to understand why staff's recommendation to go with Related's concept may be the best.

"There are no proposals on the table here," said Councilman Bobby Shriver. "We need to see the financial proposal, because it's the financial material which will show us what will allow them to do it."

Shriver and other councilmembers were concerned about staff's presentation of the three schematic proposals to develop the Village, in part, because they varied considerably in the number of units each offered.

Based on the information staff provided, Related's would allow 165, or 51 percent, of the housing units to be affordable. To attain the 325 total units requested by elected officials, however, Related wanted a building height adjustment from 56 to 65 feet.

The proposals by two other companies — Bridge/BRE and Castle & Cooke — fell considerably short of desired guidelines. BRE claimed that in order to have the 325 units and associated affordable housing, building heights would have to be raised to 80 feet. Castle and Cooke claimed one of the Village's buildings would have to be 120 feet tall.

The point Shriver and other councilmembers raised was that Related's proposal might in fact be the best, although councilmembers wouldn't know for sure until they reviewed the financial analysis backing each proposal.

"How do we know which proposal is best?" Shriver said. "Obviously, Related's looks the best, but I can't say I understand it looking at these charts."

Meanwhile, some councilmembers said enough information was available to make an informed decision.

"I respect the intellectual curiosity, but I wonder if we need that level of detail to make a choice tonight," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "These firms are very well respected, and I doubt they would put

anything forward that they couldn't do."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie explained to the council that, according to city law, it's staff's job to sift through proposals, conduct an analysis of each, and present their recommendation to elected leaders.

She also indicated that there might be proprietary information, or company secrets, that developers may not want their competitors to see, if such information were available publicly through the disclosure of project financial information.

While there were seven members of the public set to speak, only two chose to do so at the meeting.

One was Joan Ling, executive director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a non-profit group which would work with developers on the Village's affordable housing component.

Ling told the council she reviewed Related's financial information related to the project and was confident theirs was the best option.

"It's believable and financially feasible," Ling said.

The other speaker was Bill Witte, president of Related's California operation. Witte told the council that despite their concerns, his company's proposal was sound, based off of successful developments in Los Angeles.

"I'm willing to meet with you and discuss any aspect of the proposal," Witte told the council.

The council voted in favor of reviewing more detailed financial information about the proposals, within the legal purview, before making a decision.

Judy Franz, City Hall spokeswoman, said the project proposals, with the financial information, would likely not return to the council until February.

"What would you like to see?" said Jeff Mathieu, director of City Hall's resource management division, seeking council input.

"I want to see what Joan Ling has seen," Shriver said.



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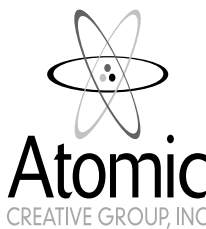
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Notion of a wet Mars doesn't hold any water

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — Two new studies are challenging the notion that the desolate Martian plains once brimmed with salty pools of water that could have supported some form of life.

Instead, the studies argue, the layered rock outcrops probed by NASA's robot rover Opportunity and interpreted as signs of ancient water could have been left by explosive volcanic ash or a meteorite impact eons ago.

That would suggest a far more violent and dry history than proposed by the scientists operating Opportunity and its twin rover, Spirit, on the other side of the planet.

The new scenarios, published in Thursday's journal *Nature*, paint a rather pessimistic view of whether the ancient Martian environment could have supported life.

In 2004, the six-wheeled Opportunity parachuted to Mars three weeks after Spirit landed on the opposite side of the planet. Opportunity touched down on Endurance Crater in the Meridiani Planum region and began examining numerous rocks and minerals for geologic evidence of past water.

After two months of surveying, scientists announced that chemical and geological clues gathered by the rover showed liquid water once coursed over the rocks and soils at that spot on Mars. Scientists

suggested the rocks were deposited there by wind and water.

But the new studies reached different conclusions from the same data.

The sediment deposits appear to have formed from volcanic ash that reacted with small traces of acidic water and sulfur dioxide gas, said geochemist Thomas McCollom of the University of Colorado at Boulder. McCollom hesitated to say whether the Mars rover science team was incorrect, but rather, he said their interpretation was "less likely."

"It's tough to put together a story to fit the geochemistry in the kind of scenario that they proposed," McCollom said.

In a second paper, geologist Paul Knauth of Arizona State University proposed another alternative. The rock patterns studied by Opportunity suggest the deposits were produced by a sudden surge of rock fragments, salts and sulfides from a meteorite impact, Knauth said.

In response, the Mars mission's principal investigator, Steven Squyres of Cornell University, said his team stands by its original interpretation. Squyres said Opportunity has since examined other layered outcrops that bolster their theory that the planet once was warm and wet.

The solar-powered rovers, managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, have long outlasted their primary, three-month missions and are operating on overtime.



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STATE BRIEFS

Buzz kill: Shopping center snuffs out menorah

By The Associated Press

PASADENA — In an effort to eliminate all religious symbols from the shopping center, management of Paseo Colorado is ending an annual Hanukkah menorah display. But the mall’s towering Christmas tree stays: Paseo Colorado managers said the tree isn’t a religious symbol. The shopping center has displayed the 13-foot-tall menorah — sponsored by Chabad of Pasadena, a Jewish congregation of about 300 people — for the past three years. The menorah is not allowed because religious symbols are not appropriate in the commercial center, which has no religious affiliation, said Colleen Dunn, regional general manager for Ohio-based Developers Diversified Realty, which manages Paseo Colorado. “As for the tree, it’s not religiously affiliated,” Dunn said. “It’s just holiday decor that’s become part of the decor this time of year. Our focus is on Santa Claus, which has no religious affiliation.” The synagogue’s Rabbi Chaim Hanoka said he was disappointed that the shopping center eliminated the menorah display, and he’s perplexed by Dunn’s statement that the Christmas tree is not religious. “You can call it whatever you like, but just about anybody in the world calls it a Christmas tree,” he said.

Vandal makes amends 32 years later

By The Associated Press

SAN DIMAS — A vandal’s conscience has gnawed at him for decades. Shull Elementary School received a \$2,500 cashier’s check with a three-sentence unsigned note confessing to vandalizing the school 32 years ago. It was addressed to Principal Chris Ann Horsley. “Approximately 32 years ago, myself and a group of local kids broke into a classroom and vandalized the room terribly. I have felt guilty for far too long and want to give something back to the school that I personally took from. I am sorry for any grief that I caused anyone at that time,” the note read. It was signed: “A Regretful Baby-Boomer.” The school, which opened in 1960, doesn’t have records dating back to 1973, Horsley said. But second grade teacher Delphine Kiser, who has worked at Shull for 33 years, remembers a break-in into her classroom during her early years. A window was broken and papers were scattered. Horsley said she doesn’t plan to investigate the donor’s identity. “The person wanted to be anonymous,” Horsley said. “We’re very grateful for someone taking personal responsibility for 30 years ago.”

Deputy gets four years for fatal DUI

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — A former Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputy was sentenced to four years in prison for the drunken driving death of his best friend. Phil Steyerman, 31, was behind the wheel when his car, traveling at about 120 mph, slammed into a tree, killing passenger David Robison, 28, of Rancho Santa Margarita on Jan. 12, 2003. Prosecutors said Steyerman’s blood-alcohol level was more than twice the .08 percent level at which a driver is legally intoxicated. Minutes before he was sentenced Wednesday, Steyerman turned to face Robison’s friends. “To David’s family and friends, I want to apologize for what I caused them and put them through.... I never meant for this to happen,” he said. Deputy District Attorney Camille Hill said Steyerman should be sent to prison because he had driven recklessly after drinking at least twice before. He avoided being cited by showing police officers his badge, the prosecutor said. Besides the four-year prison sentence, Orange County Superior Court Judge Patrick Donahue ordered the former deputy to pay \$10,000 restitution to Robison’s parents. Steyerman pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter.

Man convicted of killing teens in highway assault

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — Jurors convicted a man for the killings of two teenagers whose Ford Mustang was peppered with bullets in what prosecutors said was a botched carjacking or mistaken case of road rage. Lanny Woosley, 23, was convicted Wednesday of the first-degree murders of Christopher Heyman, 17, and Blake Harris, 18, who were shot Jan. 18, 2004, on the Haven Avenue overpass of Interstate 210 while driving home from a party. Woosley claimed he was simply driving along when his passenger, Alexis Jimenez, whipped out the gun and opened fire for no reason. Jimenez was shot and killed by Colton police during a carjacking two days after the murders. Jurors on Thursday convicted Woosley of the murders under the theory that he aided in them, but the panel acquitted him of allegations that he pulled the trigger. Jurors said they weren’t convinced prosecutors had the evidence to prove Woosley was the gunman. “I do think (the gun use) would have been a symbolic victory,” Deputy District Attorney Kent Williams said. “But practically speaking he is going to prison, where he belongs, for the rest of his life, and the world is a better place for it.”



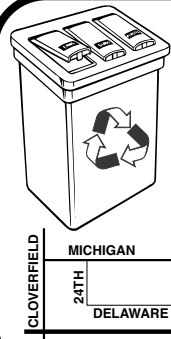
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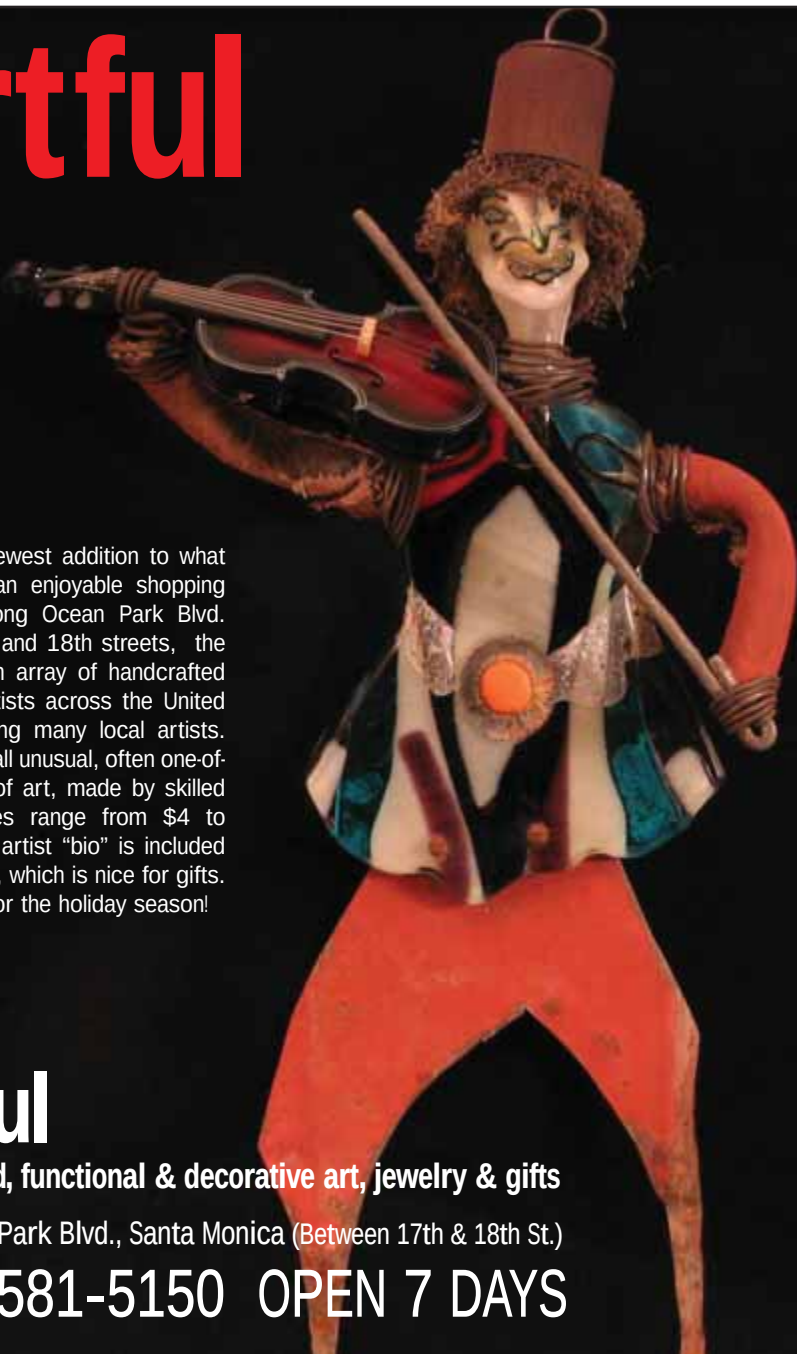
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‘Rumor’ has it Reiner’s lost it

BY DAN DUNN
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THE MOVIE: Rumor Has It
THE DIRECTOR: Rob Reiner
THE STARS: Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine, Mark Ruffalo

REVIEW

What happened to Rob Reiner? For 10 years (1984-1994) the guy was an absolute stud, directing great movies such as “The is Spinal Tap,” “Stand by Me,” “The Princess Bride” and “A Few Good Men.” He virtually disappeared in the mid-90s, however, and in the five years leading up to this one he made just two pictures, both

lousy — “The Story of Us” and “Alex & Emma.” Alas, “Rumor Has It” does not represent a return to form for Reiner. On the contrary, it appears that the erstwhile Meathead’s baffling transformation into Nora Ephron with male pattern baldness is now complete. Jennifer Aniston fails to excite (again) as a listless obit writer who discovers that her clan may have been the inspiration for “The Graduate.” This is the impetus for a meandering self-discovery junket that leads Aniston into Kevin Costner’s bed. Yep. And it’s all about as appealing as watching yet another septuagenarian male star seduce an actress half his age. OK, maybe not HALF, but Jen still LOOKS young. Shirley MacLaine is a delight in a film that doesn’t boast very many.

(Rated PG-13. Running time: 96 minutes)



MENA SUVARI

Suvari stronger after rough year

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Actress Mena Suvari has had a challenging year both personally and professionally, but reflecting back on it, she said she’s a better person and actress for it. Recently divorced from director Richard Brinkmann, the 26-year-old appears to have the self-reflection and wisdom of a Hollywood veteran. And her experience on the set of “Rumor Has It,” where she plays Annie, has helped her realize how fortunate she is — particularly having the opportunity to work with legendary actors Shirley MacLaine, Kevin Costner, Jennifer Aniston and veteran director Rob Reiner.

“It was really one of the best times I’ve

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‘Ringer’ doesn’t offend, entertain

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press



REVIEW

THE MOVIE: The Ringer
THE DIRECTOR: Barry W. Blaustein
THE STARS: Johnny Knoxville, Brian Cox, Katherine Heigl

On the surface, the storyline for this Farrelly Brothers-produced comedy appears to be, at best, distasteful: Working stiff Steve Barker (Johnny Knoxville) and his sleazy con of an uncle, Gary (Brian Cox), conspire to win money fixing the Special Olympics by having Steve, a former track star, pose as a mentally challenged athlete.

Ah, but director Barry W. Blaustein and his notoriously naughty producer pals have wisely gone to great lengths to treat the disabled with respect and dignity, earning a stamp of approval from Special Olympics representatives who’ve claimed the movie represents “an incredible opportunity to change attitudes.” For that, the filmmakers are to be commended. Too bad “The Ringer” does nothing to change negative attitudes about Johnny Knoxville’s dubious acting skills. Thanks to his former MTV show “Jackass” Knoxville can certainly weather a kick to the nuts as well as any star in Hollywood, but that skill in itself — while showcased in “The Ringer” — is not going to win him any Oscars or redeem an unfunny comedy.

(RATED PG-13. RUNNING TIME: 94 MINUTES)



Carrey can’t carry ‘Fun’

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: Fun With Dick and Jane
THE DIRECTOR: Dean Parisot
THE STARS: Jim Carrey, Tea Leoni

The title of this so-called comedy is a misnomer, because “Fun with Dick and Jane” is anything but. Indeed there are far more suitable words to describe what it’s like spending 90 minutes in a movie theater watching this yuppie couple degenerate into common criminals: “Arduous,” “unpleasant” and “exhausting,” to name a few. You can throw in “disappointing” as well, especially if you happen to be a fan of the usually reliable funnyman Jim Carrey and/or screenwriter Judd Apatow, most recently of the hilarious “40 Year-old Virgin.” Both miss the mark badly in this ill-advised remake, and everyone else involved follows their lead. In the weeks leading up to the film’s release, the Hollywood grapevine had this project pegged as troubled by squabbles between Carrey (who doubles as producer), his co-star Tea Leoni, Sony execs and director

Parisot. Reportedly, the film was being re-edited as recently as three weeks ago. The unflattering innuendo apparently is true, because “Dick and Jane” suffers mightily from post-production stress syndrome. Dick Harper (Carrey) becomes the fall guy when his employer, a media conglomerate headed by a standard issue corporate villain (Alec Baldwin), collapses in Enron-like fashion. Having been publicly disgraced, Dick is virtually unemployable — save for a woefully unfunny segment that finds him working as a greeter at a discount shopping center. Desperate, he and his materialistic wife Jane (Leoni, a blank canvas that receives nary a brushstroke throughout) turn to crime. It’s petty stuff at first, but eventually they graduate to high-stakes heists culminating in a revenge sting so lame-brained, the guys from “Dumb & Dumber” might well have dreamed it up. In case you forgot, Carrey played Lloyd Christmas in the Farrelly Brothers’ 1994 laugh-fest. This Christmas, however, there ain’t nothing funny about Jim.

(RATED PG-13. RUNNING TIME: 90 MINUTES)

Good humor women: ‘Rumor’ girls form bond

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

If they weren’t two of the most high profile actresses in Hollywood, one might mistake Shirley MacLaine and Jennifer Aniston as stand-up comedians. They recently unveiled their two-woman show to a group of journalists in Pasadena, where their latest film, “Rumor Has It,” is set. Whether it’s on or off screen, the two women — 35 years apart in age — clearly share the bond of good humor.

QUESTION: Jen, there’s been a lot of press lately that you have baby news. What’s the deal?

JENNIFER ANISTON: You guys, with all of this, I should have 10 children by now, married five times, maybe with women and men (laughs)... Good God.

Q: Shirley, your personal life has been covered like Jen’s is now. Any thoughts?

SHIRLEY MACLAINE: If I was her, I would slug most of you. (Laughs). Now, the real truth as opposed to the rumors, because all of you guys for the last week have been asking what is the nastiest rumor, here’s the truth: Vince Vaughn prefers older women. (Laughs) ... The truth is I’m basically

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Olympic tale flames out

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press



THE MOVIE: Munich
THE DIRECTOR: Steven Spielberg
THE STARS: Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffrey Rush

Perhaps the least Spielbergian of all its celebrated director’s films, “Munich,” while still a solid effort, falls short of lofty expectations. The source of the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis cannot be easily elucidated in any rational way, and the director — working from a script credited to Eric

Roth (“Forrest Gump”) and Tony Kushner (“Angels in America”) — appears to have gotten tripped up by confusion and good intentions. “Munich” chronicles a purported vengeance mission by a deep-cover death squad — Israel’s response to Palestinian slaughter of 11 of its Olympic athletes at the 1972 games in Germany — but does so unevenly. In a conspicuous effort to avoid the appearance of bias, Spielberg presents all sides as moral equals and righteous warriors (well, except for the French). His movie suffers as a result of his lack of conviction. Action sequences are compelling and production value high. Strong performances all around, the best among them from star Eric Bana as the conflicted Mossad agent assigned to lead the Israeli assassins and Geoffrey Rush as the plot’s mastermind.

(RATED R. RUNNING TIME: 167 MINUTES)

Box office aside, '05 a blockbuster

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

Five things I really enjoyed about the cinema in 2005:

- 1) Documentaries. Talk about an embarrassment of riches. There were great docs aplenty in theaters this year, among them “March of the Penguins,” “Murderball,” “Inside Deep Throat,” “Rock School,” “Grizzly Man,” “Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room” and “The Aristocrats.”
- 2) Rachel McAdams. In 2005, McAdams proved to be more than just another “Mean Girl.” The stunning Canadian-born thesp lit up the screen as the leading lady in the hit comedy, “Wedding Crashers,” opposite Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson. Next came a knockout performance in the well-received thriller, “Red Eye.” She added the exclamation point to her breakthrough year in the just-released ensemble dramedy, “The Family Stone.”
- 3) “Actor’s Actors.” 2005 was a very good year for don’t-wanna-be movie stars and their fans: Philip Seymour Hoffman and Catherine Keener both deserve Oscars for “Capote,” and Keener is an absolute delight in “The 40-Year-Old Virgin.” Loved David Strathairn’s spot-on portrayal of Edward R. Murrow in “Good Night and Good Luck,” and the enchanting Maria Bello is unforgettable in “A History of Violence.” Other unheralded faves include Sam Rockwell (“The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy”); John Hawkes (“Me and You and Everyone”); Joan Allen (“The Upside of Anger”); and Paul Giamatti (“Cinderella Man”).
- 4) Jude Lawlessness. Jude Law was freakin’ everywhere in 2004. “Alfie,” “Closer,” “The Aviator,” “Lemony Snicket’s,” “I Heart Huckabees” ... hell, I think he even played the best man in my cousin’s wedding video. Though Sean Penn might beg to differ, the world needed a break from one of its finest actors in ’05 and, thankfully, that’s just what we got ... well, with the exception of that silly “nanny” affair.
- 5) The movies. I didn’t see everything, but I saw more than enough to anoint ’05 a pretty good year in film. In addition to the aforementioned, my favorites include “King Kong,” “Walk the Line,” “Brokeback Mountain,” “A History of Violence,” “Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit,” “Crash,” “Munich,” “Batman Begins,” “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” “2046” and “Hustle & Flow.”

Malick’s ‘World’ could stand some explanation



BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: The New World
THE DIRECTOR: Terrence Malick
THE STARS: Colin Farrell, Christian Bale, Q’Orianka Kilcher, Christopher Plummer

After an extremely promising first act, director Terrence Malick’s dream-like exploration of the founding of

Virginia’s Jamestown settlement in 1607 gradually falters beneath the weight of burdensome dramatic shortcomings. Malick, a mythic figure in his own right, has made just four films, including this one, in a career spanning 32 years, and there isn’t a one in which he fritters away much time on exposition. While the director’s fondness for metaphysical reflection and aversion to traditional narrative form are characteristic of his sparse oeuvre, even his most devoted disciples might concede that this latest project would have been markedly improved had Malick provided more historical context.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Pier hosts beast of an exhibit

By Daily Press staff

Man and beast will be featured in a new photography and film exhibit, which is located in a temporary museum on the beach.

Ashes and Snow, an exhibit of more than 100 large-scale photographs and three 35-mm films showcasing the relationship between man and animal as captured by artist Gregory Colbert is coming to the Santa Monica Pier in January.

The exhibit is housed in the world’s first Nomadic Museum, built using more than 150 shipping containers. The museum was designed by Japanese architect Shigeru Ban.

The exhibit will run Jan. 14 through May 14. Exhibition hours are: Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.; and Monday is open for groups by appointment.

Admission is \$15 adults; \$12 seniors and Santa Monica residents with ID, \$10. Students with ID and children 6 and under are free. Special group and educational rates are available.

Tickets are available at 866-468-7619, and the Ashes and Snow box office at the Nomadic Museum during regular exhibition hours.

Taking ‘Sides’ through dance

By Daily Press staff

A local dance company is featuring a dance performance dealing with the complexities of human relationships.

B.E. Productions presents “Sides,” an evening of duets with choreography by Rebecca R. Levy and Eryn Schon.

“Sides” will study the balance of relationships in three intimate duets by engaging man with woman, stranger with stranger and mother with daughter. Woven together, each piece reveals shared moments unique to each pair.

“Sides” will premiere Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 21 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Miles Memorial Playhouse, located at Lincoln and Wilshire boulevards. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and dance resource center members.

B.E. Productions, founded in 2004, is an L.A.-based dance/arts company born from eight years of collaboration between Eryn Schon and Rebecca Levy. The mission is to explore the creative process collaboratively while using connections between people to expand the boundaries of art. Past shows include Max10, Church Project, Heartbeat, Anatomy Riot and Trace.

Levy was born in Boston and holds her BFA in dance from Cornish College in Seattle, WA. She currently teaches dance at South Pasadena high school, Le Studio and the Cresenta-Canada YMCA.

Schon was born in Willits, Calif. where she danced through childhood, studying modern, ballet, jazz and choreography. She holds BFA in dance and has performed her pieces as far away as Indonesia as well as locally. In addition to choreographing and dancing, Schon raises orchids and practices yoga.

B.E. Productions is a non-profit company under the fiscal agency of the dance resource center of Los Angeles.

For reservations, call (310) 837-7710.

Still, there are worse places one could end up getting lost than in a Malick movie, and it’s hard to imagine a more splendid tableau than the untarnished New World rendered by director of photography Emmanuel Lubezki.

Colin Farrell is effectively rugged and remote as Capt. John Smith, the soldier of fortune who must choose between his love for the beautiful Native American princess Pocahontas (newcomer Q’Orianka Kilcher in a stunning debut) and duty to King and country.

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Newspaper hands Kate Moss video to police

BY BETH GARDINER
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — The tabloid that printed images allegedly showing Kate Moss snorting cocaine has turned over the videotape to police, a senior staffer at the newspaper said Thursday.

Moss lost contracts with H&M, Burberry and Chanel after the Daily Mirror published the pictures in September. The 31-year-old supermodel later apologized to “all the people I have let down” and checked into an Arizona rehabilitation clinic.

Police said at the time they would investigate the allegations, taking into account the impact on impressionable young people.

No one at the Daily Mirror was willing to comment on the record, but a senior staffer who refused to be identi-

fied said the newspaper had turned over the secretly captured video to police under a judge’s orders. It allegedly showed Moss taking drugs with her then-boyfriend Pete Doherty, the troubled singer of British rock band Babyshambles.

Police refused to comment.

Moss has begun a career comeback. She shot an advertising campaign for designer Roberto Cavalli, and she was to appear in a television ad for cell phone-brand Virgin Mobile.

French Vogue devoted its December issue to Moss, with the cover tag line, “Scandalous Beauty.”

The Vogue issue was Moss’ third major magazine cover since the cocaine scandal broke. She appeared on the November issue of W and the December edition of Vanity Fair, which asked in a headline, “Can she come back?”

Suvari keeps growing

SUVARI, from page 10

Aniston, MacLaine play for laughs

MACLAINE/ANISTON, from page 10

having a ball and she’s the one taking all the gaff.

Q: Jen, are you OK with that?

JA: Oh yeah, we worked that out a long time ago.

Q: Shirley, how much of your role was in the script?

SM: Oh, I made up all of the lines. None of that was in the script. Rob (Reiner) is so grateful. (Laughs). I don’t know, some of them I remember doing, some I don’t. I don’t remember much of anything more. You should all respect that state of bliss. (Laughs).

Q: Shirley, how do you feel when Rob Reiner calls you an icon?

SM: Oh hell, they are calling Paris Hilton an icon. It doesn’t mean a thing. It’s because I’m still walking upright and haven’t fallen over and haven’t succumbed to some disease or killed myself or ended up with some mogul.

Q: Do you think the press of your break-up with Brad Pitt will die down soon or does it have a life of its own?

JA: I don’t know. I would have thought it would have (died down). There are so many magazines now and I think they are just so desperate to fill them. The demand is greater and they are just going nuts, taking anything, rehashing stories.

Q: Jen, did Jessica Simpson’s divorce take the heat off of you?

JA: It did. Isn’t that disgusting?

SM: Maybe we can get Elton John to divorce David Furnish.

had,” Suvari said. “Realizing every day where you are in your life and how far you’ve come and all of a sudden you are at this place. You are given this wonderful opportunity.”

Suvari, who has typically played the pom-pom toting cheerleader (“American Pie” and “American Beauty”), has grown up. She’s satisfied in knowing she’s proved to Hollywood that there’s more to her repertoire than playing what she described as a “Lolita-esque teenage girl.”

“I haven’t done much comedy and in this business because it’s very much like if you haven’t done it you can’t do it,” Suvari said.

Beyond the opportunity to explore a new depth to her acting, Suvari said her “Rumor Has It” role has taken her away from being typecast as the ditzy high school sex symbol. And now, she’ll be looking for more roles that challenge her — she’d like to do more comedy and test her talent in action films. There are similarities to Suvari’s personal life and her role as Annie, who plunges into marriage without really thinking too much of it. Suvari, who married Brinkmann (18 years her senior) at age 21, was reluctant to talk about her divorce, but certainly it’s been a year of reflection.

“I think most people are so used to going and doing — go go go, do do do — then all of a sudden, you have moments when you stop and you reflect and you blow your own mind,” she said. “I identify with the struggle (Annie) went through — going through life — having a lot inside that she never connected with and then all of a sudden, you stop and it all kind of comes out.”

The best Christmas present for Suvari is that the film, due out on Dec. 25, will do well at the box office.

“Unfortunately, I have to think about the business aspect of this industry,” she said.

Her plans for 2006? A clean slate.

“I’m encouraging the personal growth, learning more about myself and not being afraid.”

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Christmas rush home won't include migrants

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — For the third straight year, fewer illegal immigrants are returning to Mexico from Arizona for the holiday season, likely fearing tightened borders will make it too tough to re-enter the U.S., a Mexican consular spokesman says. "It is happening," said Rodolfo Aguilar, a spokesman for the Mexican consulate in Nogales, the busiest port of entry between Arizona and the Mexican state of Sonora.

Mexican immigration figures show a trend of decline in the number of late-year southbound crossings through Nogales since 2003, as well as through all but one of the four other ports of entry between the two states, Aguilar said.

"Mexican authorities do not check everyone who comes into Mexico. But I think the trend is clear," he said.

More Mexican nationals who are in the United States without proper documentation probably are staying rather than going home for the holidays because of their concern about being able to cross the border again, given continuing federal efforts to strengthen border security, Aguilar said.

"There might be another explanation," he said. "But we're not sure."

The records' start and end dates vary for each year and encompass more than just the holiday period, which is celebrated in Mexico from Dec. 16, with Las Posadas, through Christmas, New Year's Day and the Jan. 6 Dia de los Santos Reyes (the Three Kings), when gifts are exchanged.

Mexican immigration figures showed that 141,412 paisanos, or "countrymen" — a reference often used in Mexico to describe migrants working in the United States — entered Mexico through the Nogales port between Nov. 24, 2003, and Jan. 11, 2004.

The number fell to 61,981 at Nogales between Nov. 18, 2004, and Jan. 9, 2005.

Figures from Nov. 1 of this year to Dec. 14 show only 17,896 going through the Nogales port.

Entries also fell at Agua Prieta, San Luis Rio Colorado and Naco, climbing only at Sonoyta — all of which have much fewer crossings than Nogales.

Sonia Coronado, 28, who has lived in Tucson for more than six years, all but one year illegally, said she's staying put this holiday "because it's very difficult for a person to come back."

"There's more vigilance on the border than before," she said.

Coronado of Tepache, Sonora, has entered the United States three times — twice guided by a smuggler and once after driving home for the holidays and returning legally with a one-year, now-expired visa.

The first coyote took her through a rank tunnel beneath Nogales frequented by drug- and people-smugglers when she was five months pregnant with the oldest of her three daughters.

Her journey to Phoenix and Tucson included being held in a safe house on Nogales' outskirts, crammed in a refrigerated cargo trailer with about 60 people, then locked for two days in a filthy Phoenix-area house with even more people before a cousin paid \$600 to free her.

Only her oldest daughter knows her family in Mexico, Coronado said through a translator, and going home is "worth it because it's your family."

"But in the long run it's not worth it because how much harder is it for you to risk everything just for that short time at Christmas to be with your family?"

Mexicans with similar status in the United States have indicated in interviews that many "prefer to stay and not risk going and coming back," Aguilar said. "They prefer the contrary, that the families unite with them in the United States."

Arizona has had the most illegal entries in the nation in recent years, and the federal government is continuing to expand Border Patrol resources: 640 of 1,700 new agents will be allotted to Arizona by next October.

Last week, the House approved an immigration enforcement bill calling for 700 miles of new border fence, triggering outrage in Mexico.

Immigrants' rights advocates said they believe but can't prove that fewer illegal immigrants are returning to Mexico for Christmas because of re-entry difficulties, and federal spokesmen said enforcement agencies don't track numbers of vehicles or people leaving, or citizenship.

"I don't know how you'd gauge it," said Kathryn Rodriguez, coordinating organizer for Derechos Humanos, a Tucson-based border rights coalition. "I know that's the reality." In previous years, people "used to just buy a ticket and go home for Christmas and then cross through the desert" to return, she said.

"From our experience, most of the folks that we work with are all staying here for the holidays," said Jennifer Allen, director of the Border Action Network, another immigrants rights organization based in Tucson. "They're definitely staying for fear of not getting back in."

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U.S. beef producers court Japanese consumers

BY HANS GREIMEL
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — American beef producers unveiled plans Thursday for a public relations blitz to win over Japanese wary of mad cow disease but said it will take at least three years to reach the shipment levels seen before the 2003 import ban.

Japan partially lifted the two-year ban on U.S. beef imports on Dec. 12. But U.S. ranchers still “have a higher hill to climb” in convincing Japan’s finicky consumers the meat is safe, said Philip Seng, head of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

Seng said it would be at least three years before American exporters reach the 2003 level of about 300,000 metric tons (330,000 U.S. tons) of beef sold in Japan. Next year, producers are targeting

100,000 metric tons (110,000 U.S. tons), or just a third that amount.

“I hope I’m wrong, I hope it’s more than that,” Philip Seng said at a Tokyo press luncheon where U.S. tenderloin was served with french fries and spinach. “The image of the U.S. industry has suffered immeasurably.”

U.S. producers are eager to re-establish a foothold in what had been their most lucrative export market before it was shut out after the first case of mad cow disease was discovered in the U.S. herd.

But American beef still faces a struggle in Japan, where consumers are particularly sensitive to safety concerns. Some restaurants are reluctant to market American meat until they are sure the public will be receptive.

A survey earlier this month by the

Kyodo news agency showed about 75 percent of Japanese unwilling to eat U.S. beef because of mad cow fears, compared with 21 percent saying they would consume it.

Eating beef from cattle infected with mad cow disease, the common name for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, can cause the fatal brain disorder variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans.

Seng outlined plans to win over Japanese wholesalers and consumers with advertisements, trade shows, town hall meetings, endorsements from Japanese who eat U.S. beef and tours of American processing facilities for Japanese buyers.

He declined to say how much his organization was planning to spend on the campaign.

U.S. producers face other hurdles in the new restrictions Tokyo has placed on

resumed imports, Seng said.

Japan will only allow meat from cows younger than 21 months, and U.S. producers must also follow strict guidelines, such as removing dangerous cow parts, including brains and spinal cords. That severely limits the amount of U.S. meat eligible for export.

Beef consumption in Japan has meanwhile dropped by 10 percent during the ban, meaning the size of the overall market is smaller, Seng added. In the intervening years, Australia displaced the United States as the top beef exporter to Japan.

The first shipment of U.S. beef in nearly two years, 4.6 tons from California, arrived in Japan last week. That shipment was bought by Marudai Food Co., which said it will use the meat for sampling and testing, not for sale to consumers.



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Nun convicted of defacing missile silo remains defiant

BY MATT APUZZO
Associated Press Writer

DANBURY, Conn. — A pacifist nun convicted of using her blood to deface a Colorado missile silo said after her release from federal prison Thursday that she has no plans to stop protesting.

Ardeth Platte, 69, and Sisters Jackie Hudson and Carol Gilbert were convicted in 2003 of obstructing national defense and damaging government property.

They cut a chain link fence surrounding a Minuteman III silo in northern Colorado, then used baby bottles to draw a sign of the cross in their own blood.

Because she has a long history of such protests, Platte got the longest sentence and was the last to be released. She spent more than two years in Danbury Federal Correctional Institution.

Some of Platte’s fellow prisoners worried that, if she kept protesting, she would die in prison. But Platte said she won’t stop working, even though that might mean a longer sentence next time. And she’s not worried about dying behind bars.

“So be it,” she said. “It’s my religious commitment. I don’t know how long I’m going to live.”

The site the nuns were accused of dam-

aging held weapons that could be launched within 15 minutes of a presidential order, court documents said.

“The charges remain bogus,” she said. “It was, ‘If you’re not with us, you’re against us.’ And be assured, I would never stand with this government in any kind of killing.”

The nuns are members of the Dominican Sisters order in Grand Rapids, Mich. They said their protest was a symbolic disarmament, prompted by an imminent war with Iraq because the United States has never disavowed nuclear weapons.

“God forgive us for what we are doing in this country,” she said.

Platte insists that she will not pay the government any restitution, which her sentence includes, because too much of every dollar is spent on war and defense.

“These Catholics have not understood, or studied deeply enough, the stance against the crimes of the government,” Platte said Thursday.

After a breakfast of wheat toast with jelly at a Danbury diner where supporters gathered to celebrate her release Thursday, Platte left for Baltimore and the Jonah House, a Catholic organization dedicated to nonviolence and social and political resistance where she will stay for now.



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Major Chinese city rushes to protect water supplies

BY JOE MCDONALD

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — China’s southern business capital of Guangzhou rushed to ensure water supplies Thursday as a toxic spill from a smelter flowed toward the city of 7 million people 60 miles north of Hong Kong. A smaller city nearby stopped drawing drinking water from the contaminated river.

It was China’s second environmental disaster in a month and came as authorities were trying to minimize the impact of a chemical spill in a northeastern river nearly 2,000 miles away. That toxic slick disrupted water supplies to millions of people in China, and reached the far eastern Russian city of Khabarovsk on Thursday.

The Khabarovsk government, however, said it would continue supplying running water to the city of 580,000 because pollution levels in the Amur River were within an acceptable range. Officials had earlier warned people against drinking tap water.

Guangzhou and the nearby manufacturing center of Foshan were ordered to “start emergency plans to ensure safe drinking water supplies to their residents,” the official Xinhua News Agency said. The report didn’t say what the cities were told to do.

The area is one of China’s most densely populated and is a center for the factories that supply its booming export industries.

The spill into the Bei River north of Guangzhou forced another city, Yingde, to stop using river water Wednesday, Xinhua reported. The city of 210,000 people, north of Guangzhou, was drawing supplies from a nearby reservoir through a hastily installed mile-long pipe. Officials in Yingde were dumping reservoir water into the river to dilute the toxins.

The city of Shaoguan, about 50 miles upstream from Yingde, cut running water for eight hours Tuesday. The Bei flows into the Pearl River, which passes through Guangzhou and empties into the South China Sea west of Hong Kong.

A Guangzhou water department spokeswoman said only one of the city’s seven water plants is close enough to the river to be affected. The woman, who responded to a telephone call to the department’s press office, would give only her surname, Zheng. Phone calls to the city government and environmental bureau on Thursday morning weren’t answered.

The government said the spill from a smelter in Shaoguan pushed up levels of the heavy metal cadmium in the Bei to 10 times acceptable limits.

Toxic spill from China reaches Russian city

BY YURAS KARMANAU

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KHABAROVSK, Russia — A toxic spill from China reached Khabarovsk on Thursday, and the region’s governor appealed for calm in the Far Eastern Russian city, where residents have crammed their apartments with bottles, pails, pans and even bathtubs full of fresh water.

The dreaded slick, which extends for 110 miles, entered the city limits five weeks after a chemical plant explosion in China’s northeast spewed 100 tons of benzene, nitrobenzene and other toxins into the Songhua River. The Nov. 13 accident shut off running water to the city of Harbin’s 3.8 million people for five days.

The Songhua becomes the Amur in Russia, and Natalya Zimina, a spokeswoman for the regional administration, said levels in the Amur were normal and water supplies to the city of 580,000 would be maintained.

The slick has been floating downstream and entered Russian territory last week. It could take four days or more to pass through Khabarovsk, but experts warn the ecological effects will last longer. Benzene and nitrobenzene are heavier than water and they are settling on the river bottom or sticking to the ice.

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The Songhua merges into two other waterways, eventually reaching Khabarovsk to become the Amur. The Russian city’s citizens crammed their apartments with bottles, pails and bathtubs full of fresh water as their governor, Viktor Ishayev, appealed for calm. He said authorities had “done everything we could to safeguard and filter the water and we do not plan to cut off water to Khabarovsk.”

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The twin disasters highlight China’s chronic environmental problems and the precarious state of its scarce water supplies.

China has suffered a series of such disasters, from toxic spills in rivers to the release of chlorine and other poison gases. Accidents often are blamed on lack of required safety equipment or officials’ refusal to enforce environmental rules that might hurt local businesses.

The accidents are an embarrassment to the government of President Hu Jintao, which has promised to clean up environmental damage from China’s 25 years of breakneck economic growth.

The government says China’s major rivers are badly polluted with such industrial chemicals. It says millions of people live in areas without adequate supplies of clean drinking water.

On the Bei River, the government has set up 20 stations to monitor water quality, Xinhua said.

Beijing has tried to ease tensions with Moscow over the spill, sending tons of activated carbon to Khabarovsk for use in water filtration plants. Chinese technicians built a dam meant to keep the toxins out of another river used by the city.

“We express our regret for the possible impact and difficulties the Russian side may have in dealing with this issue,” said Qin Gang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. “But we have been very quick to respond and to take measures to prevent or to minimize the pollution’s impact in our cooperation with Russia.”

Rozhkov, an engineer from the Far East Meteorological Agency.

Tons of carbon are being used to filter out contamination from water supplies taken from the Amur River, which normally provides the city with all its water.

“We have done everything we could to safeguard and filter the water and we do not plan to cut off water to Khabarovsk,” said Governor Viktor Ishayev. He appealed to inhabitants of the city “to keep calm.”

Officials have set up a telephone hot line to field calls from worried residents who have filled their apartments with bottles, pots and pans and even baths filled with water.

Irina Zakonnikova’s family stopped using tap water on Thursday, even though callers to the hot line were assured that it was “absolutely safe” to wash and cook with running water.

“We are trying to keep ourselves from panicking but of course there is fear,” she said.

“Residents have stocked up on water and this should be enough to last them for two to three days,” said Vladimir Ott, the regional chief of the Federal Natural Resources Service.

The regional administration has already banned fishing on the Amur — possibly for up to two years — and residents such as Zakonnikova have filled their freezers with frozen fish.

Judge says he saw no evidence Saddam, co-defendants beaten

BY MARIAM FAM

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The trial of Saddam Hussein and his co-defendants adjourned Thursday until Jan. 24, completing a day of testimony in which an investigating judge said officials never saw evidence verifying Saddam’s claims he was beaten while in U.S. custody.

American officials denied Saddam’s allegations as “completely unfounded.” Saddam, in turn, denounced those denials as “lies” and said “the marks are still there.”

Five witnesses testified during the two-day session that started Wednesday. Saddam and seven co-defendants are on trial for the deaths of more than 140 Shiites after a 1982 attempt on Saddam’s life in the town of Dujail, north of Baghdad.

In a theatrical exchange becoming increasingly common at the trial, an assistant prosecutor asked to resign and the defense team threatened to walk out. Saddam also mocked President Bush’s claims that Iraq had chemical weapons.

When the court gave the former leader an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses, Saddam instead used the time to expand on earlier assertions he had been abused in custody. He claimed that the wounds he suffered from the alleged beatings had been documented by at least two American teams.

On Wednesday, Saddam told the court he’d been beaten “everywhere” on his body, insisting “the marks are still there.” He did not display any marks and did not elaborate on the alleged beatings except to say some wounds took eight months to heal.

On Thursday, Saddam said American denials that he was beaten could not be believed, noting that no weapons of mass destruction had been found in Iraq despite Bush’s prewar claims that Saddam was harboring such weapons.

“The White House lied when it said Iraq had chemical weapons,” Saddam said. “I reported all the wounds I got to three medical committees. ... We are not lying, the White House is lying.”

But Investigative Judge Raid al-Juhi, who prepared the case against Saddam and forwarded it to the trial court in July, told reporters that neither the defendants nor their lawyers had ever complained about beatings. Officials never saw signs of beatings, he said.

“The defendants receive complete and very good health care by the authorities in charge of the detention. No ordinary Iraqi receives this kind of care,” he said.

The first witness to testify Thursday spoke from behind a curtain and had his voice disguised. He said he was 8 during the killings in Dujail. He said his grandmother, father and uncles had been arrested and tortured, and he never saw his male relatives again, implying they had been killed.

Saddam said the court should not depend on the testimony of witnesses who were children at the time of the alleged crime, and one of his defense attorneys got the witness to admit he had not been arrested and did not see any dead bodies.

Saddam’s half brother and co-defendant — Barazan Ibrahim, who was head of the Iraqi intelligence services during the Dujail killings — had a heated exchange with prosecutors, accusing them of belonging to the Baath Party, Saddam’s former party, in an effort to discredit them in the eyes of Iraqis.

One assistant prosecutor threatened to resign over Ibrahim’s allegations, but the judge would not allow it.

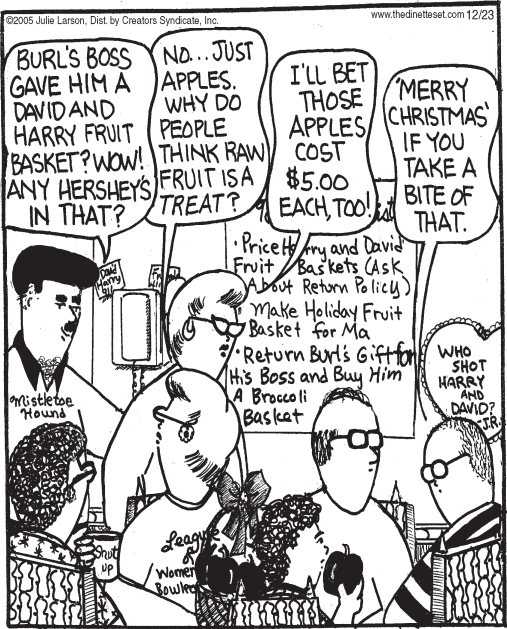
“The biggest insult I’ve gotten in my life was being accused of being a member of this bloody Baath Party,” the prosecutor said.

The judge at one point told Ibrahim to speed up his answer, and Ibrahim responded: “Don’t oppress me. I passed through this experience in the past. During the interrogation I used to be asked questions that need one hour to answer and they wanted a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer. When I used to answer he used to slap me in the face while my hands were tied from behind.”



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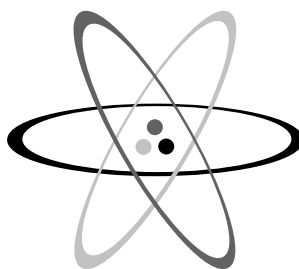
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Me, myself & I: Zellweger free and clear of Chesney

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Renee Zellweger's marriage to country crooner Kenny Chesney never existed — at least in the eyes of the law.

The couple's union has been annulled by the Los Angeles Superior Court, according to documents obtained this week by the television show "Extra." Publicists for Zellweger and Chesney did not return calls to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

An annulment is a judicial declaration that a marriage never legally existed.

In California, an annulment may be granted when either party in the marriage is under 18, of unsound mind, bound to a previous marriage or if the consent to marry was obtained by fraud or force.

In court papers filed last September, Zellweger listed "fraud" as the reason she was seeking an annulment after four months of marriage.

The Oscar-winning actress later issued a statement saying the term was "simply legal language and not a reflection of Kenny's character."

Zellweger, 36, and Chesney, 37, wed in a small ceremony on the Caribbean island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands in May. It was the first marriage for both.

BARNSTABLE, Mass. — The Cape Cod house once owned by writer Jack Kerouac is up for sale.

In 1966, Kerouac, best known for "On the Road," moved with his mother from Florida to Hyannis. The hard-drinking writer had just finished "Sartori in Paris." After his mother suffered a stroke, Kerouac married his third wife, childhood acquaintance Stella Sampas, at the house on Nov. 18, 1966.

By 1967, the Kerouacs had moved to Lowell, where the writer was born. At least three other families have owned the Cape Cod house since then, according to property records.

James Upton, the present owner of the three-bedroom, two-bath house, said that with his three children now grown, he no longer needs the space. He bought it in 1986 for \$115,000 and is now asking \$356,000.

Upton said the future owner should not expect to find any literary treasures.

"I've already checked the attic for manuscripts," he told the Cape Cod Times in an interview published Wednesday.

LOS ANGELES — Oscar-winning composer Bill Conti will take his 18th turn as musical director at the Academy Awards.

Conti, who won an Oscar in 1983 for the original score of "The Right Stuff," will conduct the Academy Awards Orchestra during the Oscar program, held at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre on March 5, 2006, producer Gil Cates announced Wednesday.

Conti won three Emmy Awards for his work on Academy Awards telecasts.

His film credits include "The Karate Kid," "The Thomas Crown Affair," "Broadcast News," "Private Benjamin" and several "Rocky" films.

NEW YORK — Al Sharpton, who was previously in talks with CBS to star in a sitcom, says he's not interested in being a TV star after all.

"I haven't done the things I've done to be in a sitcom," Sharpton told the News & Observer of Raleigh, N.C.

The Democrat, who has run for president, mayor of New York and the Senate, was earlier this month reported to be working with CBS on a pilot tentatively titled, "Al in the Family" — an allusion to the Archie Bunker classic '70s show.

"I'm not interested in being Archie Bunker, I'm looking forward to becoming George Bush," Sharpton said,

alluding to a possible future presidential race.

The 51-year-old activist-minister said there had been discussions with Paramount Television, but those talks had ended. The show was to have been about a family with "conflicting social and political views."

SANTA FE, N.M. — Lawyers for David Letterman want a judge to quash a restraining order granted to a Santa Fe woman who contends the CBS late-night host used code words to show he wanted to marry her and train her as his co-host.

A state judge granted a temporary restraining order to Colleen Nestler, who alleged in a request filed last Thursday that Letterman has forced her to go bankrupt and caused her "mental cruelty" and "sleep deprivation" since May 1994.

Nestler requested that Letterman, who tapes his show in New York, stay at least 3 yards away and not "think of me, and release me from his mental harassment and hammering."

Lawyers for Letterman, in a motion filed Tuesday, contend the order is without merit and asked state District Judge Daniel Sanchez to quash it.

Letterman's longtime Los Angeles lawyer, Jim Jackoway, said Nestler's claims were "obviously absurd and frivolous."

Nestler's application for a restraining order was accompanied by a six-page typed letter in which she said Letterman used code words, gestures and "eye expressions" to convey his desires for her.

She wrote that she began sending Letterman "thoughts of love" after his "Late Show" began in 1993, and that he responded in code words and gestures, asking her to come East.

The motion to quash the order contends the court lacks jurisdiction over Letterman, that Nestler never served him with restraining order papers, and that she didn't meet other procedural requirements.

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