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Bail reduced in deal to remove supergraphic

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. -- A businessman who was arrested for wrapping a supergraphic billboard around a Hollywood building at Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue is free on bail after agreeing to remove the sign. The defense attorneys believe that the city's attorneys are trying to use their client as an example with an unusually large bail

amount for a misdemeanor case. Some critics believe this has everything to do with the Academy Awards being in town. But whatever the case, the huge supergraphic will not be an Oscar shadow come Sunday because the sign has been ordered to be removed by Tuesday, which means removal will need to begin Monday night. Kayvan Setareh, a 49-year-old man from Pacific Palisades, had his bail reduced from \$1 million to \$100,000 during a Monday hearing. The reduction came in exchange for his agreement to remove the oversized advertisement. "The stipulation requires that he remove 50 percent of the sign by tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. and then remove the balance of the sign tomorrow," said Deputy City Attorney David Shepherd. Setareh was arrested Friday and remained in jail through the weekend held on \$1 million bail. The advertisement covers eight stories and is advertising a movie called "How To Train Your Dragon." Setareh allegedly arranged to have the sign, known as a supergraphic, posted at one of Hollywood's busiest intersections. In the arrest warrant, the businessman is accused of three misdemeanor city code violations. [VIDEO](#)



Man Arrested After Faking His Own Death

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. - A former Calvert County cemetery owner, convicted of stealing more than one million dollars from 500 customers, has been extradited to Maryland from Harris County, Texas. Larry Deffenbaugh was arrested two weeks ago after the story of his flight from justice was profiled a third time on America's Most Wanted. Maryland prosecutors say the 58 year old former preacher faked his own death last May when he disappeared during a fishing trip with his brother on Chesapeake Bay near Virginia Beach. Deffenbaugh disappeared two days before a court date for violating his probation. He had been convicted in September 2008 and sentenced to 15 years in prison but the judge suspended the sentence and placed Deffenbaugh on probation. Facing the possibility of being ordered to prison for the full 15 years, Deffenbaugh allegedly faked his death. Authorities say an alert

viewer near Houston recognized Deffenbaugh from the AMW broadcast February 13 and called police. [VIDEO](#)



Pot in 5th graders Fruity Pebbles treat

San Francisco -- Police say a fifth grader brought special Fruity Pebbles treats to school on Monday: they contained marijuana. Police say they were contacted after several fifth graders at Stoneman Elementary School shared nibbles of the sugary treat. A couple of students told school staff, who contacted police and paramedics, said Pittsburg school superintendent Barbara Wilson. The student who brought the treats to school knew they contained pot, police say. The student had obtained the treats from her adult sister. The older sister told police she received the pot treats from a medical marijuana dispensary. Pittsburg police are investigating whether the sister had a legitimate card to obtain the pot. Lieut. Brian Addington of the Pittsburg Police Department said the students who tried the treat had ingested minute amounts of pot.

Chilean Quake Likely Shifted Earth's Axis, NASA Scientist Says

March 1 (Bloomberg) -- The earthquake that killed more than 700 people in Chile on Feb. 27 probably shifted the Earth's axis and shortened the day, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist said. Earthquakes can involve shifting hundreds of kilometers of rock by several meters, changing the distribution of mass on the planet. This affects the Earth's rotation, said Richard Gross, a geophysicist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, who uses a computer model to calculate the effects. "The length of the day should have gotten shorter by 1.26 microseconds (millionths of a second)," Gross, said today in an e-mailed reply to questions. "The axis about which the Earth's mass is balanced should have moved by 2.7 milliarcseconds (about 8 centimeters or 3 inches)." The changes can be modeled, though they're difficult to physically detect given their small size, Gross said. Some changes may be more obvious, and islands may have shifted, according to Andreas Rietbrock, a professor of Earth Sciences at the U.K.'s Liverpool University who has studied the area impacted, though not since the latest temblor. Santa Maria Island off the coast near Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city, may have been raised 2 meters (6 feet) as a result of the latest quake, Rietbrock said today in a telephone interview. He said the rocks there show evidence pointing to past earthquakes shifting the island upward in the past.



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House burned down as DIY insulation man drops cigarette



POLICE were surprised to be called out to a housefire in the early hours of Tuesday morning at Thornlands in Redland City. It is believed the blaze began in the ceiling of the house in Champagne Crescent after a man installing foam and cardboard for insulation dropped his cigarette. The middle-aged man and his father escaped unhurt but his mother suffered a burn to her arm. When fire officers arrived the blaze was well alight, and it took about half an hour to extinguish the flames. A Department of Community Safety spokesperson said the house was destroyed by the fire. It is not considered suspicious.

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