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**EU Launches Antitrust Probe into Apple's iTunes**

(ET) —The deals Apple Inc. struck with record labels to stock its European iTunes stores may violate European Union (EU) competition rules, regulators said on April 2. Cupertino's Apple operates separate iTunes stores for each European country, each with its own prices and artists. Although French shoppers can travel to Italy and purchase a CD from a retailer, they cannot shop online at Italy's iTunes store without a credit card issued by a bank with an address in Italy. Regulators say the intent of the inquiry is to open the market so people can shop freely throughout the EU.

**UCLA Analysts Back Economic Forecast of 'Soft Landing'**

(ET) —The Anderson School of Management at UCLA released its first 2007 forecast on April 2. According to the Anderson Forecast, the California and U.S. economies are headed for a "soft landing" because trouble in the housing sector alone is not enough to trigger a recession. In the California forecast, economist Ryan Ratcliff expressed concern about two aspects of the economy: consumer spending and the state budget. If problems develop in either area in conjunction with the housing slump, then the state could slide into recession, he said. But Ratcliff concluded that neither of those scenarios was likely.

**Fast Passes and Parking Cards For Sale on the Internet**

(BCN)—Prepaid parking cards for San Francisco are being sold in \$20 and \$50 denominations and like Muni Fast Passes, which cost \$45 for an adult, they are sent to the buyer's home free of any shipping and handling costs. The parking passes can be used at most parking meters throughout the city. Fast Passes allow commuters to use any form of public transportation in the city for a month. More information is available by visiting the website at [www.sfmeta.com](http://www.sfmeta.com).

**Santa Clara Moves Ahead on 49ers Stadium Study**

(BCN)—On April 3, the Santa Clara City Council set dates for public meetings about the 49ers football stadium plan, hired consultants who are familiar with complex redevelopment and stadium financing, and opposed a state Senate bill that would forbid local governments from helping finance stadium projects when they involve moving a team from one city to another in the same region. On April 10, the council plans to discuss a report from the team outlining the economic benefits of a stadium. On April 24, the team is scheduled to present its formal proposal, and on May 1, city staff members will present a study on the redevelopment area, including Great America, examining how much the city can expect to generate in property taxes—an option for how the city can help finance a stadium.

**Foothill College Names New President**

(BCN)—Foothill College in Los Altos Hills chose a new president on April 2 when Foothill-De Anza Community College District trustees unanimously confirmed Judy C. Miner. Miner had been recommended to the trustees by district Chancellor Martha Kanter after a nationwide search by a 16-person committee. Miner has been a district administrator since 1988, is currently De Anza College's Vice President of Instruction, and was acting De Anza president in the 2003-04 academic year. Miner will become Foothill president on July 1. She has a doctorate in education from the University of San Francisco and master's and bachelor's degrees in history from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

San Francisco's New Academy of Sciences Goes 'Green'

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The California Academy of Sciences is still constructing its new "green" facility combining innovative architecture and energy efficient design, but the new one-of-a-kind museum has already been dubbed by experts to be a technological marvel.

The new building and research facility is slated to open in the fall of 2008 in Golden Gate Park and is expected to draw more than 2 million people a year. The \$430 million dollar project is more than half finished three years after the 90-year-old museum had been closed for visitors and demolished.

"We are on schedule and on budget," said Chris Andrews, Director of the Steinhart Aquarium. "We'll start to move in the building at the end of October or November this year and we are very excited about it."

The new Academy will house Steinhart Aquarium, Morrison Planetarium, and the Kimball Natural

Museum.

Some of the old favorites such as the African Hall Diorama and the alligator's swamp have been revamped. The new African Hall Diorama will showcase live snakes and reptiles, and a large window will allow viewing of African penguins swimming and waddling at the penguin habitat.

One of the most distinctive features of the new Academy is the "living roof" which rises 40 feet in the air and includes mounds and hills planted with native grass and plants. The grass-covered roof will be supported by undulating steel beams.

According to building architect Renzo Piano, the roof's design is like "lifting a piece of the park and putting a building under it." A portion of the roof will be accessible to visitors providing an up-close view of the rooftop environment.

Another dramatic feature will be a four-story rainforest inside a glass dome. The only other dome of its kind is located in Italy. It will be the first



GREEN MUSEUM: Workers finish construction of the rainforest dome on the roof of the new California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.



A bird's-eye view of the new California Academy of Sciences

in the U.S. and the largest living rain forest display in the world.

Inside the glass dome people will be able to stroll along a spiral ramp that will wind to the top of the dome introducing them to rainforests from Borneo, Madagascar and Costa Rica. According to the Academy, the ramp has such tight curves and complex geometry that a rollercoaster manufacturer was hired to shape the steel.

Opposite the rainforest dome another similarly sized dome is being constructed to house the new Morrison Planetarium. Imitating the tilt of planet Earth at a 23-degree angle, the Morrison Planetarium sphere is constructed over the museum's 212,000-gallon living coral reef tank.

The new planetarium will be filled with state of the art exhibits and

digital technology. "When the new Planetarium opens next year we'll push the limits once again with both new technology and new content," said the new Director of Morrison Planetarium Ryan Wyatt.

According to the Academy's Stephanie Stone, some of the building's new features include remote-controlled windows which provide natural ventilation and can open and close automatically to ensure enough natural light and airflow in the building.

In addition, the planted roof will provide insulation for the building which will keep the building cool during the summer months and warm during the winter reducing the need for air conditioning and heating.

"The new museum reflects our mission to protect the planet and the

natural world and we want to make sure we build the new museum as 'green' and as sustainable as possible," said Stone.

Saltwater for the aquariums will be piped in from the Pacific Ocean and the aquarium water will be purified and recycled. 60,000 photovoltaic cells mounted in the glass canopy of the roof will provide clean energy and thus reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.

Dr. Carol Tang from the Academy added, "Once again we are in a phase where a lot of scientific breakthroughs are happening, but in these days we strive to understand the world around us by connecting people to the natural world, and to understand our human impact, and what is the future of all [of us]."

Dennis the Menace Returns to Monterey

Community comes together to replace stolen statue at popular playground

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A newly recast bronze sculpture of Dennis the Menace was installed last week to replace the original statue which was stolen from the Dennis the Menace Playground in Monterey in October of last year. The statue honors the main character of the popular comic strip which is published in more than 10,000 newspapers around the world.

After the statue disappeared last year, a \$5,000 reward was offered for its return. After a thorough but unsuccessful search in the waters of El Estero Lake and in other locations, Monterey City Manager Fred Meurer started to make plans to make a replica of the statue and have Dennis the Menace back in the park as soon as possible.

"Dennis the Menace is more than statue," Meurer said to The Epoch Times. "A lot of folks don't realize the importance of the presence of Dennis at the park." The morning the statue disappeared, Meurer went to the park and found a little girl devastated when she didn't find Dennis in his usual spot. "She always went to the park before going to her cancer treatments at Stanford Hospital, to rub Dennis the Menace for good luck," Meurer said.

Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala is one of many people who appreciate the "sprit of wonder and the joy Dennis the Menace brings to the park." In the ceremony to unveil the statue, Della Sala expressed to The Epoch Times his delight to have Dennis back and described the statue as "a treasure for people of all ages."

Della Sala described Dennis the Menace as a good little boy who, from time to time, gets into trouble.



Monterey mayor Chuck Della Sala gives a high-five to the newly replaced Dennis the Menace statue.

With his smiling face, his hand raised, and his arm clenching a teddy bear, "Dennis is the innocence and the mischievousness that we all enjoy; he brings us the binding essence of community that we all seek in life."

**The Community Comes Together to Bring Dennis Back**

After reading in the news about the plans to re-cast the statue, the Willis W. and Ethel M. Clark Foundation, founders of the California Test Bureau, now known as CTB McGraw Hill, approached the City of Monterey and offered a donation to pay for the expenses. The Clark Foundation

presented an \$8,200 check to the city to pay for the new statue.

The Clark Foundation is devoted to promoting the improvement of children everywhere and "this was a reason, but not the reason" why the Clark Foundation wanted to help, said the Clark's daughter June Duran Stock. Stock, who was present at the ceremony to unveil the new statue of Dennis the Menace, added that "the Foundation is dedicated to promoting different projects that are related to the community. This particular one, when it came along, just seemed so appropriate and we feel quite privileged to have the opportunity to participate in this."

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UCSF Reports Breach in Computer Security

Bay City News

University of California, San Francisco officials are notifying about 46,000 of its students, faculty and staff that their personal information may have been put at risk.

"We notified them by email today. Letters are going to go out to people this week as well," said UCSF spokeswoman Corinna Kaarlela.

A possible compromise in the security of a computer server is to blame for the breach, Kaarlela said.

While the server did not contain any patient information, it did include the names, social security numbers and bank account numbers of students and employees of UCSF and UCSF Medical Center who have been affiliated with the institution over the past two years.

There is no evidence that any specific information was accessed, according to Randy Lopez, co-chief information officer for UCSF's Office of Academic and Administration Information Systems.

The breach in security was identified in March and the server was immediately taken off-line, according to UCSF. The FBI has been notified and will be involved in the investigation.

UCSF is also hiring an electronic security company to audit its security practices, according to Kaarlela.

Students and staff with questions can call (415) 353-8100 or e-mail [isecurity@ucsf.edu](mailto:isecurity@ucsf.edu). A Web site has also been established to provide advice and information and can be accessed at <http://oaais.ucsf.edu/notice>.

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