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UC protest turns into riot

Update 9:14 -- Demonstration hits streets; windows are broken, trash cans set ablaze. Video (Zennie).



Infusion crackdown hits

Uprouar ensues as state agency warns bars not to alter alcohol with veggies, spices and fruit.



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S. Korea's Kim skates to record score; Rochette third. Gallery. Weir upset | Day 14 pics | More

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76% health care hike stuns businessman

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Obama challenges Republicans on health care
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New guy in Reese's life?; Sir Anthony disses 'souless' Paris. Dish!

Day In Pictures



Wet elephant, sumo scrum, cow belle. DIP!
Previous DIP

So that pillow fight'll cost you \$35K



There's a big cleanup tab for the feathery fun had by many on V-Day. And cash-strapped SF wants organizers to pay.

Photos from the Great S.F. Pillow Fight

Oakland ends unequal ticketing policy



Official says practice of issuing tickets for certain violations in some neighborhoods while issuing courtesy notices in others is ended.

Johnson: Policy was just another Oakland failure (2/25) Oakland parking ticket policy called 'not fair'

Rain coming, will be nasty for P.M. commute 9:30 AM

E. Coast storm cuts power to 800,000 (pics) 9:00 AM

LAPD reserve officer fatally shoots his son 7:05 AM

Stogies, booze on ice after hockey gold (pics) 4:32 AM

Dugard, family file claims against Calif 7:40 AM

'Growing Pains' actor an apparent suicide 4:26 AM

British politicians fall victim to Twitter scam 7:25 AM

9:21 AM BERKELEY: Raw Video Of Berkeley Riot: bit.ly/dqr9xO (ktvu)

9:21 AM Strong storm prompts evacuations in Southern California: LOS ANGELES ? About 200 homes were ordered evacuated toda... bit.ly/dogIrV (mercnews)

9:21 AM Ferocious fire at oceanfront Hampton Beach hotel destroys block of businesses: HAMPTON, N.H. ? A fire that started... bit.ly/bu3ESn (mercnews)

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Friday, Feb 26, 10 am
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco



Mariah Carey
Friday, Feb 26, 8 pm
Oracle Arena, Oakland



Noise Pop W/ Atlas Sound
Friday, Feb 26, 8 pm
Great American Music Hall, San Francisco

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The treasure hunt master of S.F.



Giving strangers \$100 isn't easy



Just how bitter and cynical are you?



Montanas' Wine Country villa (pics)

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Henderson arrives tomorrow

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DPW wants flash pillow fighters to pay \$35,000

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By Mission Loc@l 02.26.10 at 7:35 AM

in Alameda
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Prop. 8 suit may get cameras

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Oscar preview?

"Hurt Locker" swept the BAFTAs, but you probably won't see these dresses on the red carpet in LA.

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'Cop Out' is just that

With this action comedy, director Kevin Smith has given us 110 worthless minutes, a bad formula movie like every other bad formula movie.

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Deep hole in Denver

Biedrins shows life early but misses most of his shots as W's fall to the Nuggets.

Cust is back in his comfort zone with A's
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| Nasdaq | 2233.31 | -0.91 | -0.04% |
| Dow | 10324.13 | +3.10 | +0.03% |
| S&P 500 | 1103.04 | +0.10 | +0.01% |

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Basket springs up from flat piece of felt

With his Avva felt bread baskets, Berkeley designer Josh Jakus show that he knows how to fold 'em so they hold 'em.

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