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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Morgan Conatser, 29, was arrested a short time after making his way awkwardly out to the parking lot of the Guitars and Cadillacs store in De Queen, Ark., in November, with a guitar stuffed inside his clothes. The manager initially stopped Conatser, recovered the guitar, and let him go, but decided to call the sheriff's office when he realized Conatser had probably also hidden a wireless sound system in his pants.

■ Derek Pierson Jr., 21, was arrested in Shreveport, La., in November after allegedly attempting to rob a convenience store. He was an easy collar, as he had somehow not noticed that among the customers waiting in line at the cash register was uniformed police officer L.J. Scott, of the armed robbery task force.

■ Jeffrey Turpin, 41, was arrested in August in Wytheville, Va., for malicious wounding of a woman after chasing her across two farms on a tractor. According to a witness, when the woman fell, Turpin dropped the tractor's bucket to the ground and rolled it over her, breaking her leg.

■ Three women were arrested in Columbus, Ga., in September and charged with forcing a pregnant teenager to drink turpentine, which the three (and several other family members) had heard would induce an abortion.bz

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

Lizard Kings

Ohio State fans (above, left to right) Johnny Tarpy, Sarah Malatesta and Laura Ortlip are stunned — much like their Buckeyes — as they watch their favorite college football team lose the national championship game to the underdog Florida Gators at The Shack Restaurant & Bar on Wilshire Boulevard. (At right) Florida fan Richard Wettermann makes like an alligator while watching the game with members of the Southern California Gator Club at Hooters of Santa Monica in downtown.

Florida handed Ohio State a surprising 41-14 thrashing in the title game, staged in Glendale, Arizona.



Digging in for affordable housing

Council can expect some opposition to ordinance waiving review process

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A temporary ordinance that exempts certain affordable housing projects from public review — drawing fire recently, even though it's been in effect since 2003 — will go before the City Council tonight for the first step toward per-

manent implementation.

Under the ordinance, any projects slated for development in multi-family districts that are 50 units or less and dedicated entirely to affordable housing will be exempt from Development Review by the Planning Commission.

Those same types of projects planned for development in the

Main Street Special Commercial, Special Office Commercial and Industrial Conservation Districts will also be exempt from the Conditional Use Permit requirement. The Planning Commission typically attaches conditional uses to developments to mitigate identified adverse impacts.

The proposed ordinance has been widely criticized by residents who feel that the city should not eliminate a public review process on develop-

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Accused shooter blames cousin

Defendant's alibi based on viewing racy, sexy videos

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE — The attorney for a 21-year-old Santa Monica man on trial for attempting to murder two undercover police officers argued here Monday that his client is the victim of mistaken identity, that he was at home watching racy videos when the shooting took place.

Rather than arresting Michael German Espindola, Santa Monica detectives should have paid more attention to his cousin, who is truly responsible for firing at least three shots at officers and whose DNA was found on the handgun recovered in an apartment shared by the two men, said defense attorney David Diamond.

"Mr. Espindola is not that man who committed this horrific crime," Diamond said during an opening statement in which he portrayed Espindola as a former "SM17" gang member who had dropped out after cooperating with police on a double homicide at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park.

"If there is anything worse than firing at a police officer," Diamond added, "it's charging the wrong person with this (attempted) murder."

Espindola has plead not guilty to two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a firearm, one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle and one count of unlawful firearm activity.

In addition, prosecutors claim Espindola committed the crimes to

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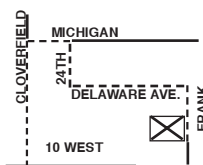
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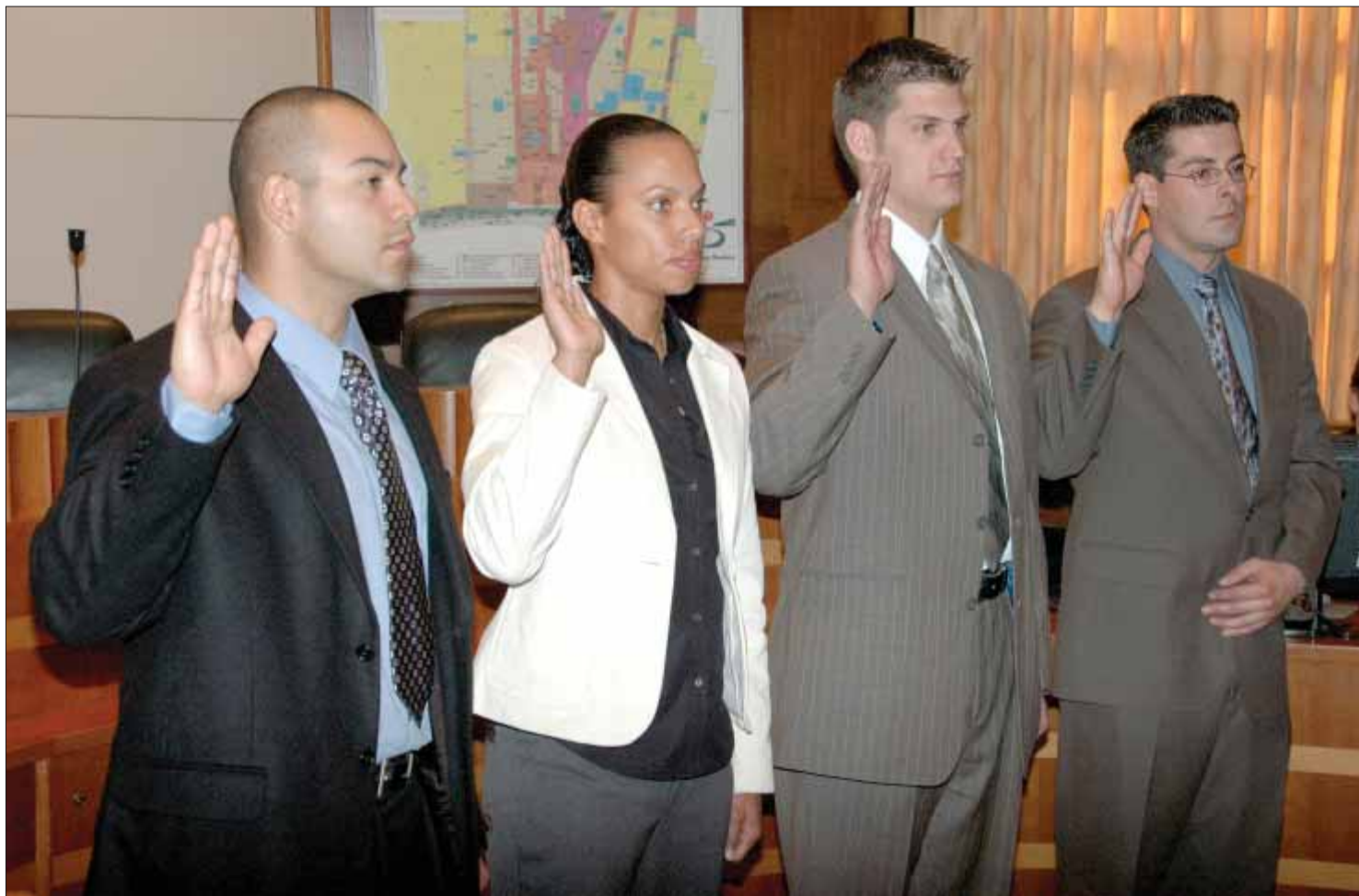
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1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds it's weekly luncheon with guest speakers.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





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SWEAR WORDS: The Santa Monica Police Department's newest officers are sworn in Monday morning at City Hall. (From left to right) Luis Armendariz, 24, Noell White, 32, Joe Cortez, 23, and Dean Hodges, 31, vow to protect, honor and serve..

New cops on the block

New police chief instructs SMPD officers on merits and symbolism of wearing a badge

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Four new police officers were sworn into the Santa Monica Police Department on Monday during Timothy Jackman's first ceremony as the chief of Santa Monica.

The new officers — Dean Hodges, 31, Joseph Cortez, 23, Noelle White, 31, and Luis Armendariz, 24 — took their oaths at a ceremony in City Council Chambers, where more than 30 people from the department welcomed their new junior colleagues.

The new officers appeared excited to join the force and to serve and protect the residents of Santa Monica. For many, being a police officer was a childhood aspiration.

Hodges, of Tarzana, wanted to be a police

officer like his father. As an officer with Santa Monica, he aspires to involve children and families more in the community. He chose Santa Monica because "it's a strong community that has positive results and a good foundation."

Hodges has worked with the LAPD since 2002.

White came all the way from Maryland, serving as a police officer for the Montgomery National Capitol Park Police for six years before making her way to Santa Monica.

"I thought it was a good department to work for," White said. "I wanted to travel from coast to coast."

Armendariz, of South Gate, wanted a career where he could wake up every day and

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DOLING OUT DOUGH

PD payday: Mayor wants to throw cash at recruits

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa wants to offer signing bonuses to lure officers to the Police Department.

The mayor proposes giving \$10,000 to experienced officers who transfer from other police departments and \$5,000 to new recruits who complete training and a probationary period, his spokesman Matt Szabo said.

Villaraigosa unveiled his \$1 million proposal during Monday's swearing-in ceremony for the first LAPD recruitment class of 2007. It must be approved by the City Council.

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It's no wonder the jury is out

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COURTHOUSE — For some, jury duty can be a real bitch.

It can be an even bigger pain for the jury delinquents who ignore repeated summons and are called to court to explain themselves before a judge, or risk paying a \$250 penalty.

On an unseasonably hot Monday afternoon, eight Southland residents, accused of ditching their civic obligation time and time again, sat in a quiet, air-conditioned courtroom waiting their turn to tell the judge why they skipped out on jury duty.

One month each year, the LA County Juror Services orders the residents who were supposed to appear at Santa Monica Courthouse for jury duty to go before a judge and explain themselves. Juror Services summons a different pool of delinquents once a week throughout the month before they head to another courthouse.

Only residents who ignored four notifications to appear for jury duty are ordered to appear.

The excuses are generally the same: "I never got my summons in the mail" and "I threw it away because I didn't think it was important," according to Espie Van Beek, administrator for LA County Juror Services.

On Monday, 164 residents were supposed to have appeared before the judge. Eight showed.

"This is what we usually get," said Van Beek, as she glanced at the poor turnout inside the courtroom.

Those 156 people who failed to show will be hit with a \$250 fine since they exhausted all four chances to redeem themselves. Second-time offenders who ignore the juror process again will pay \$750, and third-time offenders will have to cough up \$1,500.

For those who took the time out of their day to beg forgiveness, the judge will usually assign them a future date to serve and suspend the \$250 fine if they pull through on their promise, explained Van Beek. But sometimes, the judge may not be in a forgiving mood and will order the delinquent juror to pay the fine on top of serving.

Luckily for those who showed on Monday, Judge Gerald Rosenberg was in a generous mood.

Nearly everyone who appeared before Rosenberg was assigned another date and even given the chance to appear at a court-

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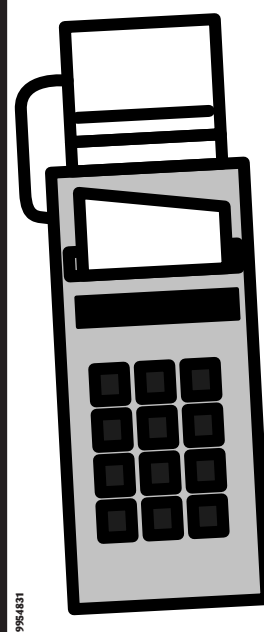
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Momentum building too fast

Editor:

It is with great concern that I write today. My apprehension is concerning Community Corp. and the buildings that they have constructed and the projects that they have planned for the future.

I have lived in Ocean Park for over 30 years and, quite frankly, had not even heard of Community Corp. until one evening, I heard multiple gunshots and called the police to voice my concern. I was told that the incident was related to a building owned by Community Corp. I later read a story about this building in the local paper concerning a young woman that had been raped at that same building. I called the Community Corp. and asked them about this building and other buildings – the attitude was, “we know what’s right for the city, take it or leave it.”

After reading other articles in our local paper, I was made aware of the building under construction at Main and Pacific streets. I have visited this project several times and feel it is way out of scale for the area. Why should this agency be allowed to build so many buildings and not have the same rules and regulations that a private builder would have to abide by? These projects are having a profound effect on our city in several ways – the school district will have to absorb the children at a great cost to the property owners and the crime rate will be altered by the demographics of these buildings.

As a homeowner, I would suggest that (City Hall) stop this low-income building frenzy, take a deep breath and think about the cost of this social engineering and how it will effect our city in the future. Why not think about the senior citizens that live in Santa Monica and not low-income individuals from outside of Santa Monica?

It is my belief that most residents of Santa Monica have no idea who or what Community Corp. is until they find a monster building going up next door ... then, it's too late.

Richard C. Wechsler
Santa Monica

Better ways to soak up funds

Editor:

When I read the article (“City Hall looks to soak up sun,” Jan. 4, page 1), I had to check to make certain that it wasn’t some sort of sly joke. Is the city of Santa Monica really paying a consultant almost half a million dollars to find 50 Santa Monicans who want to install solar equipment on their roofs? Why not just give the first 50 people \$10,000 apiece to install solar equipment? Maybe 100 people at \$5,000 each? Maybe \$5,000 tax rebates to the first 1,000 property owners? How about 20,000 subscriptions to “Home Power” magazine and let their residents figure out their own path to saving energy and replacing fossil fuels with sun power?

A cursory check of available resources (online, library, vendors both local and national) would have revealed that there is an abundance of information available on this subject. There are dozens of solar equipment sellers and contractors more than willing to give free consultations and recommend equipment or full systems to fit any budget. The industry has an ongoing certification process to educate installers (usually qualified electricians) in the proper methods to calculate the equipment sizes needed and to install the equipment within the applicable building codes.

A city engineer could have easily used these resources to propose a few budgeted sample systems to give Santa Monicans an idea of what they might spend and how they might save on their electric and gas bills. There is plenty of help available from commercial sources and at the county, state and federal level to accomplish this without wasting money on outside consultants.

Whoever OK’d this consulting contract was obviously out in the sun way too long.

Joe Bates
Venice



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Baby boom a bust

I LOVE GARDENING. I LIKE GETTING MY hands covered in dirt and muck, and making something beautiful grow out of ugliness. I love to plant bulbs, partly because I love to see them bloom, but also because by the time they bloom, I have long forgotten the aches and pains of digging trenches; the sore back from the long hours spent arranging what look like giant cloves of garlic, that will eventually become dark green leaves and solid reds and yellow and purples of the flowers. Then, I’ll be able to simply enjoy them.

That was until the world went warm. It used to be that one could plant bulbs in the fall and they would sprout the following spring. There would be a solid three months, at least, between the planting and the blooming. There would be rains and cold and blustery days that cried out for hot chocolate and homemade beef stew.

This year though, it seems that Mother Nature is playing a joke on us all. We’ve had hardly any rain, barely a cold snap and it has jumbled everyone’s schedule. From the bulbs I planted, there are now sprouting weak and unstable stalks. The cherry trees on the Mall in Washington D.C. are blooming months early, and every tree, plant and shrub is confused by the unseasonably warm weather.

Blue Mountain — the largest ski resort in Ontario, Canada — has had such a mild winter that it had to close for the first time ever. Each week, there is a new report about the glaciers melting, the polar bear habitat being eroded, the ice caps disappearing and the gulf stream shutting down and the effect it will have on Europe and the fisheries of the Bering Sea.

Hollywood is even getting in on the news, with the movie “Happy Feet,” the issue of over-fishing and its effects on the ecosystem was a kids movie with a message — we have a planet and we need to take care of it.

Researchers announced last month that the White Dolphin of China is now extinct. This the first large water mammal to go extinct since the Caribbean Monk Seal was over-fished to extinction in the ’50s.

I AM BOTHERED BY MANY THINGS IN this world, most of which I can do little about but complain, bemoan and move on with my life. The fact that China has an inability to properly shepherd their country’s natural resources is well beyond my control. Same goes for the African and Asian continents and their overpopulation and disease-ridden states. Oh hell, the whole world is beyond my control except for my little plot of land that is owned mostly by the bank.

Former President Jimmy Carter wrote a book entitled “Our Endangered Values.” In

it, he addresses the twin African problems of man’s impact on the environment and lack of health care. On the one hand, he explores the responsibility we have as humankind to protect our environment and sustain it. On the other hand, he explores the need for the people of Africa to learn basic hygiene to reduce the suffering from the many horrible diseases and conditions they are suffering from in that troubled part of the world.

Clearly, the former president is a man of intelligence and insight, yet nowhere in his book does he comprehensively resolve the problems. We have two issues. One, protect the environment to sustain life on this planet. Two, minimize the suffering of those people who are on it.

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The sad reality is that we are taxing the systems of the planet beyond their capabilities to compensate. Nature has a way of keeping all things in balance, but man is skewing that balance through over-population. This is a result of birth rates, but also of advances in medicine. Yes, we have the capability to alleviate suffering, but we also have the ability to limit our reproduction. Socially, one is acceptable and one isn’t.

That is sad, and it is a mistake.

WE SHOULD NOT BE SAVING LIVES, IF only so that they can continue to reproduce and not be self-sustaining. It is morally wrong for us to overburden a planet that has limited resources, out of some vain idea that all people should be allowed unlimited reproductive rights.

I think we should alleviate suffering, but I also think we should have a very strong message along with it about contraception.

The planet will survive. Mankind may not. We may reproduce ourselves right into extinction, and no one knows what else we’ll bring along for the ride, like the White Dolphin.

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Saving the planet one garden at a time

The 3rd Annual Green Gardens Tour – Santa Monica, featuring home gardens which are becoming ecologically sound in Southern California’s climate, has been set for Saturday, April 28. The tour offers demonstrations of sustainable techniques and practices along with the sublime beauty of green gardens throughout Santa Monica, all of which emphasize the tour’s motto, “Sustainable is Attainable!”

All proceeds from the tour support the Virginia Avenue Project, which offers free performing arts and tutoring programs that nurture children growing up under difficult circumstances.

The Green Gardens Tour is growing in popularity with gardening enthusiasts and with those interested in doing positive things for the environment. The tour balances beauty with knowledge, emphasizing cutting-edge green ideas and technologies with an understanding that home gardens take many steps to becoming fully sustainable.

What makes the Green Gardens Tour a friendly tour is the committee of landscape professionals and garden enthusiasts who serve as docents at each garden. Their in-garden advice, as well as green information and publications, means that each tourist walks away with easy-to-understand information that can be put into action in their own garden. Demonstrations of simple gardening techniques and technologies are scheduled at each garden.

What makes the Green Gardens Tour beautiful is the choice of gardens which demonstrates that green gardens can be lush, colorful, and inexpensive – much less expensive than gardens which rely on too much water and too much of the home gardener’s valuable time.

Tickets and information are available at (310) 264-4224, or at www.VirginiaAvenueProject.org.

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Going to the clinic

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HIKE FOR DISCOVERY

Hike For Discovery (HFD) is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's new adventure fundraising program that prepares people to experience a natural wonder in a special way. The Greater Los Angeles Chapter will be taking a hike into the Grand Canyon May 17-20.

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For their consideration ...

The City Council is scheduled to take action Tuesday on an ordinance that would exempt all affordable housing projects with 50 or fewer units from the standard development review requirements called for in multifamily neighborhoods and select commercial and multi-use districts, negating opportunities for public input.

This week's Q-Line question:

Is City Hall on the right track by easing the review process for affordable housing projects, or does Santa Monica have more than its share already?

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Housing ordinance is really nothing new

HOUSING, from page 1

ments that have the potential to not only change the landscape of the neighborhood, but to affect property values of the surrounding homes.

Presented as an amendment to the zoning code, the provision is meant to speed up the affordable housing approval process and give developers the comfort of knowing that their project will most likely be approved if it falls under the ordinance. This reassurance aids developers in the competitive world of public funding.

Developers will still be required to submit their plans to the Architectural Review Board [ARB].

"It enables them to know with relative certainty when they can go forward and how long it will take," said Eileen Fogarty, Planning and Community Development Director. The ordinance was first implemented for the test phase in 2003 and the Planning Commission voted last month to recommend permanent implementation to the City Council.

"What was surprising to me was how few people spoke out when it came before us in the Planning Commission," said Chairman Gwynne Pugh. "There were a wide range of people who spoke highly in favor of the idea that affordable housing be promoted."

In the past few years, at least two projects utilized the exemption. In May of 2005, the ARB approved the design for a 36-unit development on Centinela Avenue near the 10 Freeway. The ARB approved the design

for a 44-unit development on the corner of Pacific and Main streets in 2003.

Critics have been vocal as the ordinance moves closer to permanency, upset that the city would take away a public review process for projects that, in many cases, are partially funded by the city and taxpayers.

"If the chief of police can't buy a car for officers without City Council approval, why should the staff be able to spend \$8 million for a low income housing project without the council or public having any voice in the spending of their money?" asked Matt Millen,



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an attorney in Santa Monica. "The public should have input as to where these projects are going to be placed, how big they are, and what the impacts are on schools and parking."

Public participation has proven successful in the past in preventing unwanted developments and renovations from moving forward, said Barney Alff, of Ocean Park, citing how Macerich's original proposal to renovate Santa Monica Place was shot down.

"That got shut down beautifully due to citizen participation," said Alff.

But supporters say this ordinance is consistent with the goals of making Santa Monica an affordable place for everyone, especially its workforce, who have to commute 20-30 minutes each day. Many of these workers are teachers, students and nurses, according to Pugh.

The proposed exemption is just one of the policies that make Santa Monica an attractive city in which to develop affordable housing. Developers of these projects are awarded other benefits, including density bonuses and housing fee discounts.

fication and I think that's wrong," said Josephs, president of the Friends of Sunset Park, which has not taken a position on the ordinance.

Even though certain projects will bypass the Planning Commission if the ordinance is approved, those projects will still be open to public participation, said Joan Ling, executive director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica [CCSM], the largest producer of affordable housing in Santa Monica.

CCSM held more than 20 community meetings for the 44-unit development on the corner of Pacific and Main streets.

Ling believes the zoning issues about the scale of the project, parking and traffic issues cannot be handled on a project basis. City officials need to tackle those issues on a policy level.

"If people don't like the density, the parking, those are things that should be dealt with on a citywide policy level," she said.

Mayor Richard Bloom voted for the ordinance in 2003 when it was presented to the City Council for the interim. Bloom has received a large amount of correspondence from both opponents and supporters, but feels the proposed ordinance has a positive future in Council Chambers.

"I think this certainly has a strong chance of passing, based on the history of supporting affordable housing," said Bloom on Monday.

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Officers to keep the beat

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feel good about himself.

"I checked the other departments and the way this department interacted with the community was very admirable."

Before he read the code of ethics, Jackman gave the new officers and the veterans in the department a lesson about the importance of the badge — that it's more than a shiny and flashy piece of metal, Jackman said as he proudly held up his own new SMPD badge. The badge is full of symbolism — the weight represents the expectations that society has of the officers and the seal represents the residents that the officers are served to protect.

The new chief has awarded more than 400 badges in his career.

Jackman talked about how police officers are portrayed as the good guys in the movies. Unfortunately, there is also a perception of police officers as being the bad guys, with the badge being a sign of oppression.

"I never forget that [we are the good guys] and I never want you to forget that we are the good guys," Jackman said.

DOLING OUT DOUGH

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The LAPD fell short of its recruiting goal last year because of transfers, retirements and an inability to attract new officers. The city managed to recruit more than 500 officers in 2006, but more than 360 were lost through departures.

The city has budgeted 1,000 more officers over the next several years.

"The money is there to hire 1,000 new officers," Szabo said. "The mayor's said his priority is to get those officers on the street."

He asked the officers to reflect and remember why they are police officers every time they pin the badge to their uniform.

"This has been my life for the past 23 and a half years," Jackman said. "I take this responsibility very deeply."

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Beachhead revisited

A dramatic turn in local temperatures, with a high approaching 80 degrees, sent people back to the beaches on Monday. The good vibrations may not last, however, with forecasts calling for highs to dip back below 60 degrees by the end of the week.

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Tactics questioned

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further the activities of a criminal street gang.

Espindola has been held on \$2.4 million bail and could face life in prison if convicted, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The shooting occurred around 5 a.m., near the corner of 20th Street and Pico Boulevard on Feb. 2, 2006.

SMPD Officer Walter Ramirez, who had been on the force for just over three years at the time, was driving an unmarked police vehicle with his partner when they slowly rolled up on a dark blue van parked in a driveway in the Pico Neighborhood, police said. The two officers, who were not in uniform, were assigned to burglary suppression.

As they got near the van to get a closer look at the occupants, a Latino man came out from the front of the van and fired six shots, one of them striking Ramirez in the right wrist, causing a "through and through" wound, according to police. The bullet just missed Ramirez' partner, who ducked when he heard the bullets fly.

The officers did not return fire. Instead, they drove quickly from the scene, radioed for help and parked at a nearby restaurant and waited for an ambulance to arrive.

Officers responding to a call of shots fired, surrounded the van and arrested Espindola's stepfather, who was in the driver's seat. A SWAT team was sent to Espindola's apartment building in the 1900 block of 17th Street near Santa Monica College. A few hours later, at around 6:15 a.m., officers were able to negotiate the surrender of Espindola and his cousin.

In his brief opening statement, prosecutor Frank Tavelman told jurors that at least two SMPD officers identified Espindola — not his cousin — as the trigger man, including one of the officers who was shot at, and that a gun used in the crime was found in the apartment Espindola shared with his mother, step-father, younger brother and his cousin.

"We feel confident you jurors will be able to make a decision that is beyond a reasonable doubt," said Tavelman, as he urged jurors to "keep an open mind."

While a handgun found in his apartment has been linked to the shooting by ballistics, there is no DNA evidence that proves Espindola was the shooter or had ever come in contact with the gun, Diamond countered.

No fingerprints were found on the weapon and Espindola did not have gunpowder residue on his hands, said Diamond, as he too asked jurors "to keep an open mind" and consider the possibility that the SMPD detectives investigating the case "got it wrong."

IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORSE THAN FIRING AT A POLICE OFFICER, IT'S CHARGING THE WRONG PERSON WITH THIS (ATTEMPTED) MURDER."

David Diamond
Defense attorney

Diamond said he plans to call a computer expert to testify that Espindola was using his computer at the time of the shooting. He plans to also call a DNA expert, and Espindola's mother and younger brother, who said they saw Espindola at his computer after being awakened by gunshots.

'17' REASONS

Wearing a dark blue dress shirt and dark slacks, Espindola sat in his chair and closely monitored the proceedings on Monday, occasionally writing notes on a yellow piece of paper while whispering to his attorney. He appeared pale and clean shaven with closely cropped hair — looking more the part of an innocent high schooler than a seasoned gang member on trial for attempted murder.

His appearance was in stark contrast to a photo of Espindola that the prosecution showed to jurors. In the picture, Espindola is wearing a flannel, long sleeve shirt and baggy khakis. His hair is shaved and he has a thick mustache and long goatee.

In other photos of Espindola in jail, tattoos of the number "17," along with "Santa Monica," were clearly visible, evidence that Espindola was, or at one time, part of a street gang in Santa Monica known as "SM17," said Tavelman.

In pretrial motions, Tavelman suggested that Espindola may have fired on the officers because he thought they were rival gang members looking to kill him, or he may have done it to regain the trust of his fellow gang members.

While questioning his first witness, Sgt. Gary Herman, a 25-year-veteran of the SMPD, Tavelman tried to paint a picture of Espindola as a gang member who had several contacts with law enforcement, Harman in particular.

Herman was the supervising officer on the night of the shooting and said he had observed Espindola and his stepfather at the Ralph's parking lot and on Cloverfield Boulevard shortly after they left the grocery store. At that time, Espindola waved at him.

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Lineup in question

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"It was a friendly wave," Herman said. "Not the one finger kind."

When he heard shots had been fired and that a blue van was involved, Herman said he knew immediately it was Espindola and his stepfather, and dispatched officers to their apartment. He then said he met with the injured officer and his partner, who picked Espindola out of a photo lineup.

During cross examination, Herman admitted that he lost sight of the van for about 15 minutes after it left the Ralph's parking lot, but located it on Cloverfield Boulevard, where he said Espindola waved at him.

"You lost sight of the vehicle. Is it possible that there could have been a change in occupancy?" asked Diamond.

"Yes," Herman replied.

Diamond also questioned why Herman did not show the officers who were shot at pictures of Espindola's father in the photo lineup, suggesting that Herman had already made up his mind as to who the shooter was.

Diamond tried to suggest that the targeted officers may have been fired upon because they were in an unmarked car, driving slowly in known gang territory and questioned Herman as to why officers with only five years on the job between them would be assigned to such a duty.

"They are two of our best guys," Herman said of the officers.

"They drove into an ambush," he added. "They were innocent. They had no control at all, except maybe not coming to work that day."

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Squeaky image to uphold

Bus driver Andrew Campos, of Metro, stops to clean his vehicle's windows on Main Street, across the street from the Santa Monica Civic Center. Buses are back in business carrying students this week, with most schools — including those in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified District — returning students from winter break on Monday.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A fistful of dollars: City Hall can't go it alone

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas – items routinely passed that have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The City Council is expected tonight to spend more than \$1.18 million on a handful of contracts with private firms that will provide a wide range of duties city staff cannot do themselves or would be too costly.

Contracts range from a \$486,510 agreement with ICF International, LLC to monitor gases generated from the former landfill under portions of the City Yards and Stewart Street Park, to an additional \$16,949 for an amended contract with Martin & Chapman for services rendered during the Nov. 7 municipal election.

The anticipated expenditures come as the City Council continues to debate the way in which city staff recommend contracting with private firms. Elected officials Saturday called into question a matrix used by staff that takes into account whether or not City Hall has the personnel needed to complete a task; if there is enough equipment available and if not, how much would acquiring it cost; if benefits are issued and at what cost; and if knowledge of Santa Monica is crucial to performing the task at hand.

Councilman Ken Genser said he would like City Hall to be more socially responsible in its decision-making and look to do as many jobs in-house so that the best benefits are offered to workers instead of being “like Wal-Mart.”

Contracts will continue to be discussed as City Manager Lamont Ewell looks for the council to develop a comprehensive policy towards contracting, which will include when City Hall should hire consultants.

PASSING GAS

The largest contract expected to be approved is the \$486,510 agreement with ICF to monitor emissions from the former landfill located under the current City Yards and part of Stewart Street Park.

Currently, a gas extraction and treatment system has been installed and is fully operational, meeting all permit requirements set forth by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Los Angeles County Department of Health, according to a city staff report.

The extraction system was installed in July 1998. The contract is for two years, with a third option not to exceed \$261,648, for a total of \$748,158 over three years to operate, maintain and monitor the extraction system.

WATERWORKS

PumpMan, Inc. could be the beneficiary of a \$248,000 contract if the council approves the expenditure tonight. The contract is for one year and calls for PumpMan to provide water pump maintenance and repairs to the city's wastewater system. The estimated cost for the first year is \$248,000, which amounts to \$873,000 over a three-year period.

City Hall owns several wastewater pumping stations and runoff diversion systems, all operating around the clock — except for the diversion plants, which are shut down during storms — and require routine pump maintenance, troubleshooting/repair and replacement parts.

PumpMan is currently providing the same services.

BEING A GREAT TENANT

With a staff that has outgrown City Hall, the council has to often rent space in local, privately-owned buildings. The council tonight is considering amending a lease with Metropolitan Pacific Capital, LLC so that the proper improvements to the building can be made.

The amendment is not to exceed \$170,000. Currently, City Hall receives a tenant improvement allowance of \$38 per square foot. Tenants improvements have included new electrical wiring and fixtures, fire alarms, plumbing, computer wiring, flooring, walls, doors and paint.

City Hall has been able to save over \$30,000 on the improvements, however, the cost of upgrading the building at 1433 Fourth Street is more than anticipated.

The building currently houses the Civil Engineering and Architecture Division.

PRINTING A PRETTY PENNY

What would Big Blue Bus be if riders had no idea when or where to catch a lift?

To make sure riders are informed of routes and times of departure, the council is expected to award Positive Existence, Inc. a one-year contract of \$125,000 for the printing of bus schedules. The schedules show the locations of bus stops, routes, transfer points, fare information and special holiday schedules.

Positive will be required to print the schedules using recycled paper and soy or vegetable based inks in accordance with the Sustainable City Plan.

CLEANING THE MOST BELOVED ATTRACTION

Keeping the pier pristine is a difficult job given the millions who visit it each year, which is why the council is expected to hire The Resource Collection for janitorial services. Resource was selected out of 13 firms who applied for the job.

The one-year contract is for \$110,100, with two additional one-year renewals for an estimated total of \$343,500, according to a city staff report. The contract is subject to living wage increases.

KEEPING IT REAL ESTATE

Keyser Martin Associates, Inc, a real estate consultant working on The Village development near City Hall, is asking for a contract extension in the amount of \$25,000 for services rendered. The firm has provided real estate economic analysis and negotiation assistance between the Redevelopment Agency and the developer of The Village.

POSTMARK

The council is being asked tonight to amend a contract with Martin & Chapman in the amount of \$16,949.56 to reflect additional services rendered during the last election. It seems the consultant hired a mailing house to send out voter information guides to residents and wants to get reimbursed.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

Tonight will not be all about spending money. The council will be asked to accept a \$35,000 grant from the California Endowment for a statewide homeless community court conference. Homeless Czar Ed Edelman secured a commitment from the endowment to fund the conference following City Hall's establishment of a community court, which will open sometime this month or in February.

The conference is scheduled for March 29 and is intended to attract those who are interested in innovative solutions to homelessness that supplement those of the homeless courts. The conference is co-sponsored by City Hall, the endowment, the State Administrative Office of the Courts, the Center for Court Innovation, Public Counsel and RAND.

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Ditching duty can be costly

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house closer to their homes. “Show up and I’ll suspend your fine,” Rosenberg said.

Several people said they never received the summons in the mail because they had long since moved from the address where the notification was sent. Joseph Martinez, of Gardena, said his notices were all mailed to his former address in Mar Vista.

Martinez was surprised during an October day when he opened a letter from LA County Juror Services ordering him to appear before a judge.

“It said I had to be here, so I said to myself, ‘I better get there,’” said Martinez, before the hearing.

Rosenberg reassigned him to serve at the Airport Courthouse next month.

One man raised his voice at the judge, claiming that his doctor had sent letters that he was unable to serve because of a medical condition. The man said he has been in treatment for three years and asked the court stop “harassing” him.

The judge, staring at the most recent letter from the doctor, questioned the man, raising the fact that the original summons was sent in 2002, more than four years ago.

The medical condition includes heart complications, a broken ankle and a troubled knee, the man said. Eventually, Rosenberg dismissed the man from jury service.

The experience on Monday was a first for many of the juror delinquents. For others, the entire jury duty system was

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a completely new experience.

An Israeli man appeared Monday after each of his original summons notices were mailed to a Los Angeles address where he lived for three weeks before moving to Sherman Oaks.

The man asked Rosenberg questions about jury duty — the amount it pays and what “duty” actually entails.

“You will enjoy it,” Rosenberg joked. “You get \$15 a day. You get paid bupkis.”

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Koreans are eyeing LA

Real estate in Los Angeles district going fast following the lifting of investment cap

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Choung Yang-suk just bought a condo in the city's Koreatown district — far from her home in South Korea — and plans to retire there in a few years to be near her two grown children.

Choung is among a growing number of Koreans scooping up real estate in the United States and elsewhere after the overseas investment cap in their country was lifted.

Koreans are expected to invest nearly \$2 billion in U.S. residential property in 2006, up from \$1.27 billion in 2005 when such investments were mostly limited to large Korean corporations, said Brian Shaffer of the International Real Estate Trade Organization.

Worldwide, Koreans could spend at least \$4 billion on overseas homes in 2007 as a result of the changes made in May that allow individuals to make as much as \$1 million in foreign investments, analysts said.

Many of the purchases are being prompted by the strength of the Korean won against foreign currencies and by the economic and political stability offered in some other nations, analysts said.

Much of the money will likely be directed to U.S. cities with large Korean populations, including San Francisco, New York and Atlanta, to take advantage of lower home

prices stemming from the weakening U.S. housing market.

Observers said the lion's share of the money will be invested in Los Angeles, which has one of the world's largest Korean populations outside the Asian nation.

"It could very well release a tidal wave of investment into Southern California, particularly Koreatown," said Peter Morrison, a

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Choung Yang-suk

demographer with the Rand Corp. think tank who has studied home-buying patterns among immigrant groups.

Investors are snatching up the property as long-term investments or as future homes for themselves.

For Koreans with family members in Koreatown, buying homes in the district two miles west of downtown Los Angeles is a particularly attractive proposition. The five square mile swath features hundreds of Korean-owned businesses. Few English language signs are visible along its wide boulevards.

"Koreatown is very convenient for me since I only speak Korean," Choung said

through an interpreter. "This is where my people live and I can go to the market or shops without speaking English."

Southern California also has an abundance of banks and brokers catering to Koreans to aid the purchases.

One Koreatown-based lender, Wilshire State Bank, created a special division for overseas borrowers and has closed its first mortgages since the investment caps were lifted, bank executive Gene Sheen said.

Sheen met the borrowers at investing seminars he stages in Korea.

Until May, Korea enforced tight investing

rules to stem capital flight after the Asian financial crisis of 1997. Only large firms and individuals with special permits could buy property abroad.

But with South Korea's currency, the won, now near nine-year highs of about 930 to the U.S. dollar, government officials have decided to encourage Koreans to spend money abroad, hoping to take some air out of the currency to benefit exporters.

In 2007, Korean officials intend to allow citizens to invest as much as \$3 million in overseas property. If President Roh Moo-hyun gives his approval, caps would be dropped altogether by 2009.

Gates starts Consumer Electronics Show with vision of a wired home

BY MAY WONG
AP Technology Writer

LAS VEGAS — For more than a decade, Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates and others in the tech industry have touted a vision of a connected lifestyle, in which digital content can move across devices throughout the home and be taken on the go.

It's been a slow march. But as Gates kicked off the International Consumer Electronics Show late Sunday, the industry has come further than ever in delivering on that concept.

"Every year represents a lot of progress," he said in an interview Sunday with The Associated Press.

The improvements have taken many forms.

Building the underlying networks. Developing the technologies to get devices to communicate. Creating the hardware that can handle the digital data. Returning to the drawing board when there were flops. And finally, getting the backing of entertainment sources to embrace this new era of media consumption.

But more work remains, Gates said. "There's still a lot to be done there, especially when you get into rights-oriented content and how simple that can be made so the creative people are happy with it and yet the flexibility (for consumers) is there," he said.

In his 11th annual speech headlining the world's largest tech convention, Gates highlighted how Microsoft's latest creations and partnerships aim to make it easier for people to navigate, consume, share and manage different kinds of content.

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Terrorism fears fizzle

Trio in a cargo truck was misunderstanding

BY KELLI KENNEDY

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Three Middle Eastern men in a cargo truck sparked a brief terrorism scare at the Port of Miami until officials determined their freight was harmless and the incident had stemmed from a simple misunderstanding.

The port's cargo area was shut down Sunday and a bomb squad moved the truck away from public areas to scan it for radioactive materials. Nothing unusual was found, officials said.

The men in the truck — two Iraqis and one Lebanese national — were in local police custody, but authorities said no federal charges were expected. Officials initially said the men, all permanent U.S. residents, had been caught trying to slip past a checkpoint at the port's entrance.

The truck's contents — electrical automotive parts in a 40-foot container — matched the driver's cargo manifest, said Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Nancy Goldberg.

A port security officer became suspicious when the truck driver could not produce proper paperwork in a routine inspection to enter the port about 8 a.m., Goldberg said.

The driver also indicated he was alone in the truck, though security officers found two

other men in the cab, she said. The two passengers, ages 28 and 29, were a friend and a relative of the 20-year-old Iraqi driver, she said.

"Due to a miscommunication between the gate security personnel and the truck driver, we believe there was a discrepancy in the number of people in the vehicle," Goldberg said. "This, and the fact that one of the individuals did not have any form of ID, raised our level of concern."

THE PORT'S CARGO AREA WAS SHUT DOWN SUNDAY AND A BOMB SQUAD MOVED THE TRUCK AWAY FROM PUBLIC AREAS.

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security were called to the scene, along with federal and local law enforcers, "in an abundance of caution," Goldberg said.

More than 20 pallets containing spools of wire and other automotive parts taken from the truck were being scanned, but no radioactive material had been found, said Jose Ramirez, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman.

The three men do not appear on any ter-

rorist watch list, said Barbara Gonzalez, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman. Their identities were not released and their employer was unknown.

The Port of Miami is among the nation's busiest. More than 3.6 million cruise ship passengers traveled through in 2005. Its seaport services more than 30 ocean carriers, which delivered more than 1 million cargo containers there in 2005.

Passengers in the normally busy cruise ship area of the port were unaware of the official bustle in the cargo area. When told of

the situation, some said they thought it probably made boarding lines longer. But officials said Sunday's long lines were normal.

"I feel freaked out," said Connecticut resident Allie Tetreault, 23, who was waiting to board a Caribbean cruise when she heard about the security alert. "That's not good to hear right before you are going on vacation."

Associated Press writer Phil Davis in Tampa, Fla., contributed to this report.

San Francisco bishop to steer Utah Catholics

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A San Francisco bishop is moving to Utah to lead the state's 200,000 Catholics.

The Rev. John Wester, 56, was introduced Monday as bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, succeeding Bishop George Niederauer, who was promoted last year to archbishop of San Francisco.

Wester, who was an auxiliary bishop in California, pledged to promote "beautiful liturgies, sound faith-education programs, loving and compassionate service to the poor ... and parishes that flourish."

Catholics make up less than 10 percent of Utah's population. The statewide diocese has 63 parishes and missions.

Wester's appointment came from the Vatican. He will be formally installed during a Mass on March 14 at the Cathedral of the Madeleine.

During a news conference, he mentioned the "wonderful relationship" between the diocese and Utah's dominant faith, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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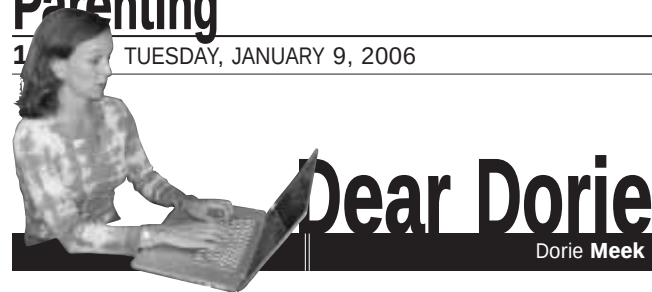
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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

Worn out in her son's wake

Dear Dorie,
What have I done wrong? Why can't we get our 8-month-old son to sleep earlier than 11 p.m.? When he does go to sleep, he only stays down for about two hours or so. I can't second-guess myself now, but I am a little concerned.

I am not always thrilled with their idea of letting him cry it out. Is there anything I can do to help this without resorting to ignoring his cries?

Pooped Parent

Dear Parent,

You have done nothing wrong! You are one of the majority of parents out there who have a challenged sleeper. Society doesn't warn us about this part of parenting — they tell us that we'll get a good night's sleep after a few months and, as most parents know, that just isn't true.

Falling asleep can be eased by establishing a familiar bedtime routine and sticking to it.; 11 p.m. is definitely a late night for an infant — you may have to begin your ritual as early as 6 p.m. just to get that bedtime closer to 8 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.

Staying asleep is another matter. As soon as he wakes up, check "the big 8." Is he cold, hot, wet, dirty, hungry, thirsty, gassy or just grumpy? Establish a consistent response for you and your husband that focuses on meeting any need that you can see and then gently reminding your son that it is time to go back to sleep. Comfort your son and reassure him that, "It's time to sleep, the world is still sleeping, etc." This will help both you and he get back to some zzzs.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Fine-tuning intuition

Parental instinct is learned skill

Intuition is an unexplained phenomenon interchangeably known as instinct — a perceptive insight or impression. Intuition is a very natural process and one that you can train yourself to recognize and act on. Each of us is developing our own parenting style day by day — one that suits our own desires, needs, interests and personality. As we work out our own personal parenting style, our greatest tool will be a finely tuned intuition.

Carly Simon wrote a song called "Mother's Intuition" with the lyrics: "She's smart enough; she's wise enough, to add up two and two. A Mother, with her intuition, will know just what to do. A Mother has a feeling ..." Simon understood her song describes what each parent has within them — the ability to listen to their heart instead of opinions of well-meaning outsiders. A parent is best qualified to know what is best for their child. Intuition always has our best interests at heart.

How do you recognize your intuitive gift? Below are several ways you know your intuition is speaking to you. It's like getting direct knowledge without relying on any evidence or rational thought.

1. When you have a feeling, and you sense your hair is rising on the back of your neck, letting you know that you are in some kind of danger.
2. You know something is bothering your child even though he says everything is "OK."
3. It's the feeling you have when your child is ill and you sense it even though you're not with your child.
4. It's a nagging feeling deep in the pit of your stomach that tells you something is just plain wrong.

I've heard stories from my clients telling me they knew or sensed something was not right with their child. At first, they didn't know what, but when the phone rang and the school nurse told them their child is ill and needs to go home, they

understood the source of their discomfort. Is this coincidence? I think not. Your intuition is working for you all the time. It's not a paranormal activity, it's actually a natural instinct that can be refined and relied upon.

Intuition can be improved, developed and tuned into all day long. Listen daily to that tiny inner voice that is telling you something. I once had a car accident because I didn't listen to this tiny voice. As I was driving, I heard, "go to the right lane." I whispered to the voice that it didn't make sense as I was going to make a left turn a couple of blocks ahead. Moments later, a car hit mine. Now, I listen to my inner voice without second-guessing what it tells me. I understand that was my guidance and I could have avoided a lot of grief had I just listened to it.

Recent studies have found that people who actively use their intuition make accurate assessments of people, surroundings and events in mere moments. And studies have further shown that the assessments made, when evaluated, are quite accurate. Trust in their own intuition and you provide yourself with a gift of self trust and a strengthening of your intuitive powers.

Think of this inner voice as your "parenting partner" and turn to it when you have decisions that matter in your life. Test your intuition out each day by asking yourself, "What road should I take home from work?" "What would be healing vitamins for me to take this morning?" "What's the correct way for me to behave during my weekly meeting?" Inwardly asking yourself questions daily helps to build up your courage in accepting your own inner voice of advice. Act on your instincts. The more you do this, the more you benefit from its guidance for you and your family members.

LINDA MILO is "The Parent-Child Connection Coach." For more information, visit www.empoweringparentsnow.com. To book a free parent coaching session, write linda@empoweringparentsnow.com.

Free Workshop Reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA —An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of December at various Santa Monica locations.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Thursday, January 18th at the Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday, January 20th

at the Santa Monica Main Library 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Tuesday, January 23rd at the Montana Avenue Library The classes on Tuesday and Thursday 7:15pm to 8:45pm & Saturday Morning 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college. Ron Caruthers the President of the College Planning Network is a continuous guest of KUSI TV News, Author of "How To Give Your Child A 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke", and an instructor at Palomar and Mira Costa colleges.

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Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 11:00 a.m., babies up to 2 years, current session Jan. 9 – Feb. 13.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, current session Jan. 2 – Feb. 6
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., 0 - 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
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Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – 4:30 p.m.- separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630

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Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
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FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05; 12:30 p.m. - playgroup for babies born since March 2006. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net

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Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am - ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

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Di's death revisited

The inquest into the 1997 crash that killed British princess resumes with plea from sons

BY JENNIFER QUINN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — The long-awaited British inquest into Princess Diana's death in a 1997 car crash in Paris resumed Monday with a plea from her sons that conclusions be reached quickly.

"It is their desire that the inquest should not only be open, fair and transparent but that it should move swiftly to a conclusion," said a letter from Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, private secretary to the princes, which was read at the opening session.

Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, a retired senior judge and member of the House of Lords, presided at the preliminary hearings at the Royal Courts of Justice, which concentrated on procedural issues. She ruled that all sessions would be open to the public, and that the deaths of Diana and Dodi Fayed

would be examined together.

Under British law, inquests are held when someone dies unexpectedly, violently or of unknown causes.

The full inquest, which was swiftly adjourned in 2004 shortly after it began, is expected to take place later this year, nearly a decade after the couple were killed in a car crash in a Paris tunnel. The inquest was put off until the French investigations were completed.

"The French procedure did not allow us to use their documentation until the main investigation was complete," Butler-Sloss said.

A two-year French investigation, a three-year Metropolitan Police inquiry and repeated legal action by Fayed's father, Harrods department store owner Mohamed al Fayed, have delayed the inquests by nearly a decade.

Diana's former private secretary, Patrick

Jephson, said Monday that he hoped the inquest would put an end to conspiracy theories.

"At its best the inquest will show us that this sad matter is now settled and that we can concentrate on remembering the princess in an entirely positive light as Princes William and Harry obviously want us to," Jephson told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Al Fayed pressed the British authorities to hold Monday's hearings in public and had threatened legal action if they did not.

Diana's sister Lady Sarah McCorquodale was in court, as was al Fayed.

The early hearings were originally going to be private, but Butler-Sloss decided otherwise, saying public interest in the case was overwhelming. Nearly 70 seats have been reserved for the media. An additional 50 seats have been set aside for the public, who will have to line up to see the early proceedings.

Late last year, a sweeping British police inquiry that cost nearly \$8 million dismissed allegations that the princess was the victim of a murder conspiracy. The inquiry, headed by Lord Stevens, the former chief of the Metropolitan Police, said the chauffeur in the 1997 crash was drunk and driving at a high speed to elude pursuing photographers. Stevens' report largely confirmed previous findings by French investigators.

When the full inquest begins, Stevens' report "will assist in identifying the scope," according to the inquest's Web site, but Butler-Sloss will assess what evidence is relevant and which witnesses to call.

Diana, 36, and Fayed, 42, were killed along with chauffeur Henri Paul when their Mercedes crashed in the Pont d'Alma tunnel in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997. The only survivor, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, was badly hurt.

Al Fayed rejected Stevens' report, calling it a cover-up.

"For nine years I have fought against overwhelming odds and monstrous official obstructions. I will not stop now in my quest for the truth," he said in a statement.

ON THE NET

■ **Lord Stevens' report**
<http://www.met.police.uk>
■ **Inquest home page**
<http://www.butler-sloss-inquests.gov.uk/index.htm>

Bush optimistic that U.S., European trade can resume with 'will and hard work'

BY FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is optimistic the United States and Europe can resume free trade talks, although he says it will "take a lot of will and a lot of hard work."

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso came to Washington for a Monday meeting with Bush in an attempt to jump-start the talks, which collapsed in July over deep differences on farm subsidies.

Before leaving for Washington, Barroso said "the moment of truth" for settling World Trade Organization negotiations "is fast approaching, and the U.S. holds the key to making a deal possible in 2007. The alternative, a delay of several years, would come at a high price for all."

The negotiations broke down in a disagreement over how much the European Union, the United States and other wealthy countries should reduce the farm subsidies and tariffs that poorer nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America say prevent them from selling their agricultural goods abroad.

The United States was criticized for refusing to cut the government handouts it pays American farmers. Washington partly blamed the standstill on the European Union for refusing to make deeper cuts in tariffs on agricultural imports.

Bush, speaking of the trade talks and of Barroso's visit, said Thursday: "I believe we can get a deal done. It's just going to take a lot of will and a lot of hard work to do it. ... Trade is the best way to help poor nations develop their economy so that people can realize the benefits of wealth moving throughout their society."

Barroso will also meet with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Supporters of a trade deal are eager to find a resolution to the impasse. The Democrat-controlled Congress will consider this year whether to extend Bush's authority to negotiate trade deals that can be submitted to Congress for simple yes-or-no votes without amendments.

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Hoo dat: Pygmy owl is being considered for select breeding

By The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona wildlife officials may soon start breeding pygmy owls in an effort to reverse the birds' dwindling numbers.

Five male and five female owls now living in a wildlife rehabilitation center north of Phoenix are being considered for captive breeding.

Next month, an advisory board of scientists and recovery experts will meet in Phoenix to discuss captive breeding and other possible steps to increase owl numbers. If the board chooses to support captive breeding, pygmy owls could begin being bred this spring. Many species have been helped by captive breeding, including the California condor, the peregrine falcon, the Sonoran pronghorn and the whooping crane, which had been on the verge of extinction.

State and federal officials say pygmy owls are

good candidates for captive breeding because their numbers are low and because many young don't survive after leaving the nest.

"We think it would be a quicker way to improve population numbers than to rely upon breeding in the wild and the inherent dangers that come with living in a wild situation," said Chantal O'Brien, research chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Since 1997, surveys have found no more than 41 pygmy owls in the Arizona wild during a year. Last year, 28 were found in southern Arizona.

Authorities captured the 10 being considered for captive breeding last June out of concern that they would die during that period's extremely dry weather.

Officials would want to gauge the program's success for at least two years before releasing any owls.

Police investigate death of Trojans kicker Danelo

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police said there was no evidence pointing to suicide in the death of Southern California kicker Mario Danelo, whose body was found about 120 feet down a rocky cliff.

“I have no indication per se that it was a criminal event,” Lt. David Pierson, commanding officer of the LAPD Harbor Division detectives, told the Los Angeles Times. “But we exhaust all leads to ensure that we’re making the right categorization of the case.”

Pierson said investigators had information that Danelo was out with friends Friday night and that he was last seen around midnight. His body was found Saturday afternoon near Point Fermin lighthouse in the city’s San Pedro section.

Pierson said police had no information as to whether Danelo had been drinking and that there was no evidence he committed suicide. Martha Garcia of the Los Angeles Police Department said the body showed signs of traumatic injuries.

Someone flying a remote-control airplane noticed something at the bottom of the cliff and a friend hiked down to the beach and discovered the body, Pierson said.

Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey said investigators did not find a surf board, scuba-diving tanks or anything else to indicate Danelo might have been down there for any of the recreational activities common to the area.

Humphrey said over the years a handful of people had fallen from the cliff.

“It’s entirely possible that he fell,” Humphrey said.

Atop the cliff are signs forbidding

entrance. They warn of unstable, slippery surfaces and steep drops. A bouquet of flowers and candles were left at the scene by onlookers late Saturday.

Danelo, the 21-year-old son of former NFL kicker Joe Danelo, made 15 of 16 field goals this season and led the Trojans in scoring with 89 points. The junior made two field goals in the Rose Bowl on Monday to help USC beat Michigan 32-18.

“HE WAS ONE HECK OF A KICKER. HE WAS A KEY INGREDIENT IN OUR SUCCESS THE PAST TWO YEARS.”

Pete Carroll
Trojan’s Coach

He only missed two field goals in his career, going 26-for-28, and was 127-of-134 on extra points. In 2005, he set NCAA single-season records with 83 extra points and 86 attempts.

Speaking on behalf of Trojans coach Pete Carroll, USC spokesman Tim Tessalone said: “We were stunned to hear about this tragedy. This is a great loss. Mario was a wonderful young man of high character.

“He was one heck of a kicker. He was a key ingredient in our success the past two years. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Trojan family go out to the Danelo family.”

Mathematically improbable? Caltech finally notches a win

BY KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Nobody understands the laws of probability better than the cerebral players at Caltech. The Beavers finally won — their first NCAA basketball victory since 1996.

However, here’s another hard number: They still have a string of conference defeats dating back almost 22 years.

Coach Roy Dow and his squad of brainy — as opposed to brawny — Beavers beat Bard College of New York 81-52 on Saturday night, ending a mathematically improbable run of 207 consecutive NCAA Division III losses.

“It was a combination of a sense of relief and happiness for the kids. They were euphoric,” said Dow, in his fifth season as the coach.

Travis Haussler had 27 points and eight rebounds, and Matt Dellatorre added 24 points and eight rebounds in the romp over Bard.

“We expected to win a game, but not like this,” Dow said, a bit astounded at the surprisingly easy victory.

The win also was Caltech’s first in 60 games overall, including non-NCAA foes.

With a 1-207 record in their last 208 NCAA contests, the Beavers next hope to end an even longer losing streak, 245 consecutive defeats in Southern California

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play going back almost 22 years. They haven’t begun league play yet this season.

“We still have to get that other streak,” Dow said. “It will be difficult. We lost a lot of players from last year’s team.”

The California Institute of Technology, which has a student body of some 850, is renowned for its programs in science and math, and for being lovable losers in its athletic programs.

Albert Einstein lectured at Caltech, Linus Pauling was a professor and 31 Nobel Prize winners either have taught or studied on the small campus in suburban Los Angeles. The school has extremely high admission standards and puts arduous academic demands on the students.

So while the school attracts some of the nation’s best and brightest, it doesn’t necessarily draw the athletically gifted. Like all Division III schools, Caltech doesn’t give athletic scholarships, and many of Dow’s players didn’t so much as play varsity basketball in high school.

Among the handful of fans at the game Saturday night were the school’s new president, Jean-Lou Chameau and his wife, Carol Carmichael, who had arrived from Singapore just a couple of hours before tipoff.

“They were the first ones who came across the floor and extended congratulations,” Dow said with obvious pride.



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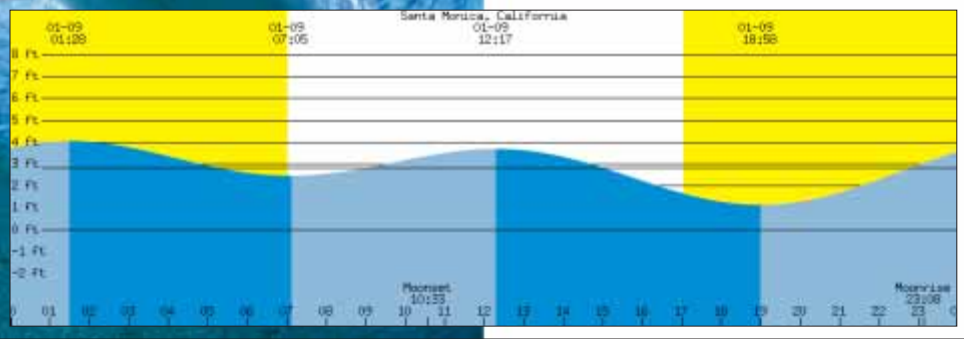
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
The bulk of this swell should have passed, but chest to head high around west facing breaks seems like a reasonable call. Winds should diminish somewhat as the tide remains reasonable. Weather overall is looking quite ideal for January, which will be changing on Wednesday.

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January 2, 2007

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 13

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 28

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 13

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state’s Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	D
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	C	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	B	C
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	B	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	C
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	B
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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Brainstorm, Aquarius

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ As you run into opposition this morning, you might feel as if you are a stalled steamroller. Not for long! Take a deep breath and start over this afternoon. Though others certainly have different views, they might not be as incompatible as you thought. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ This morning, every creative idea or venture backfires. What is going on? A child or loved one might be touchy as well. Use the afternoon to work on what seems doable. Once you get going, relax. Tonight: Tackle another overdue project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ No matter which way you turn this morning, you tumble into one obstacle after another. You might decide to go back to bed! This afternoon, with some imagination, you might feel as if you are living a different day. Tonight: Toss in a little more fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ If you are too tired to deal with difficult people, walk the other way. Either call in or find an activity that flows. By the afternoon, though you might be behind a closed door, invisible or not, you'll flourish. Now that's better. Tonight: Do what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You know what a recent risk or gamble costs. Don't even think about anything that might be somewhat off-beat. This afternoon, relax and return calls. Connecting with others allows greater give-and-take. Clear out errands. Tonight: Find a friend and visit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Though you should be king of your lair, not so this morning. Events, attitudes or people in general keep undermining you. Let it go, as all will change. This afternoon, balance your check-book and decide if you want to work overtime. Tonight: Revamp the budget if need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ The smart Libra might not appear on the scene until the afternoon, when the Moon slides into your sign, making you a star. Though not everything you touch will be magical, your perceptions change. A positive attitude flourishes once more. Tonight: Just ask or do!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Though you zero in on what you want, unanticipated obstacles head your way. You cannot be too sure of your finances right now. Stop and don't rush. Make sure every detail has been looked at. Tonight: Time just for the Scorp.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ As responsibility upon responsibility appears to fall on your shoulders, you might question just how much more you are willing to accept. Consider enlisting a friend or two. It helps when others pitch in. You actually might enjoy yourself. Tonight: Be where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ What you believed was a piece of cake, you find out is otherwise. You also could be causing yourself problems. Stop and check in with yourself. What is bothering you? Tonight: Dinner out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you watch and listen this morning, you might see more than your share of chaos. What is clear is that you cannot change those around you. Stop and see what remains obscured from others. Herein lies the solution. Tonight: Find an expert or two. Brainstorm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You watch as someone's good intentions are misread by someone who could have a heavy impact on this person. A discussion in the p.m. with this person might help him or her see another path or answer. Tonight: Favorite person night.

Born Today

President Richard Nixon (1913)

Singer Joan Baez (1941)

Actress Susannah York (1942)

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Happy Birthday!

You might need to become less dominant this year, even if you would prefer otherwise. When in the planning phases of a project, trip or even a discussion with in-laws, many unexpected reactions emerge. It would be wise to understand where you are coming from. Responsibilities still demand your attention, but with self-knowledge, your capacity to work and choose increases. If you are single, you could meet someone in your daily travels. Though ultimately this person might not be the right one, you'll enjoy him or her. Don't tie the knot this year.

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Teen on a tear

Rihanna is the toast of Barbados Awards

RIHANNA has won the top entertainer award for the second consecutive year at the Barbados Music Awards.

The 18-year-old R&B singer, who was born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on this Caribbean island, won several other categories including best album for “A

Girl Like Me” and best song for the Top 10 single “Unfaithful.”

“I am always delighted to win awards, but it’s especially great to win awards at home,” she said. “I’m actually working on my third album, so you will be seeing and hearing a lot from me in the upcoming

months.”

She closed the event by performing “Unfaithful” for a capacity crowd Friday night that included her mother, Monica Fenty, and Prime Minister Owen Arthur.

Rihanna, who moved to the United States from Barbados in 2005, edged

out Mary J. Blige and Beyonce for the best female artist of the year award last month at the Billboard Music Awards.

In November, she received the best R&B award at the MTV Europe Music Awards. She won the same category at September’s Music of Black

Origin awards in London.

Her albums, “Music of the Sun” and “A Girl Like Me,” were released on the Def Jam label. Island Def Jam Group is a unit of Universal Music Group, a subsidiary of Vivendi, a French media and telecommunications company.

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Float on: Emmy winner takes the reign

Two-time Emmy winner **PATRICIA CLARKSON** will reign as the 2007 celebrity monarch for the Krewe of Orpheus, the extravagant parade group organized by New Orleans native Harry Connick Jr.

Celebrity monarchs lead

Orpheus each year. Past monarchs include Whoopi Goldberg, Glenn Close, Stevie Wonder, Toby Keith, Laurence Fishburn, Dan Aykroyd, Little Richard, Delta Burke, Travis Tritt and James Brown.

“As our city rebuilds and

rediscovers itself, it could not be more fitting that Patricia Clarkson be honored by the Krewe of Orpheus and our city,” said Sonny Borey, the krewe’s captain, in making the announcement last week.

Clarkson, a New Orleans

native, will lead 30 floats that will roll Feb. 19. Mardi Gras is Feb. 20.

The 47-year-old actress won two Emmys for HBO’s “Six Feet Under.” She was nominated for an Oscar for 2003’s “Pieces of April.”

AP

Billionaire’s bash something to build on

The billionaire owner of 84 Lumber could have only one 84th birthday party, so **JOE HARDY**’s children were determined to make it one to remember.

Christina Aguilera sang “Happy Birthday” to Hardy, who turned 84 Sunday, and Bette Midler performed

with an orchestra. Robin Williams was the after-dinner performer.

“When they told me I was going to Semi-colon, naturally I said, ‘Why? Am I being punished?’” Midler quipped, referring to Nemacon Woodlands Resort, Hardy’s posh resort and spa in south-

western Pennsylvania, where the party was held.

The celebration ran from 2 p.m. Saturday until 2 a.m. Sunday, so the 500 guests – including Gov. Ed Rendell, former Gov. Tom Ridge and Pittsburgh Steeler Troy Polamalu – could ring in Hardy’s birthday as the

clock struck midnight.

After Williams’ performance, the comedian joined Hardy for a quiet chat in the cigar bar as the other partygoers danced to music provided by a disc jockey, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Monday.

AP

SIMPLY IRRESISTABLE

ROSIE O'DONNELL says Donald Trump is a man obsessed.

“It’s the way I look. He can’t resist. I love when people say you’re fat like you don’t know,” O’Donnell joked Monday on ABC’s “The View.”

“... It’s always the first comment of someone who disagrees with you if you happen to be on the plus side.”

Trump has been hurling insults at O’Donnell since she criticized his news conference with Miss USA Tara Conner last month. Trump announced that Conner would be allowed to keep her title, which had been in jeopardy because of underage drinking.

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12:50, 3:50, 7:15, 10:15

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4:15, 7:25, 10:40

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12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:45

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Happily N'Ever After (PG)

12:05, 2:10

Night at the Museum (PG)

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Pan's Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)

1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

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Letters From Iwo Jima (R)

12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

Little Children (R)

4:10, 9:45

The Queen (PG-13)

1:40, 7:10

Volver (R)

1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15

MAIN'S CRITERION THEATRE

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Casino Royale (PG-13)

12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

Charlotte's Web (G)

11:40am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

Code Name: The Cleaner (PG-13)

12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

Eragon (PG)

11:10am, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Freedom Writers (PG-13)

11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30

Rocky Balboa (PG)

11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

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Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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The Meaning of Lila

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IT IS, IF YOU'RE A VIRUS.

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Garfield

HEY!

MY HEADACHE IS GONE!

I'M BACK

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GOING DOWN IS THE SCARY PART. THE LANDING'S A PIECE OF CAKE. LET'S GO!

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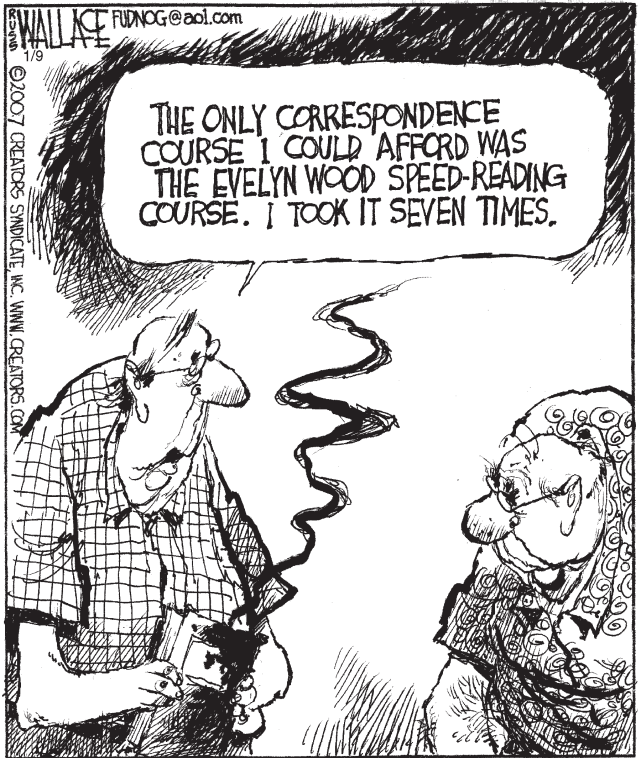
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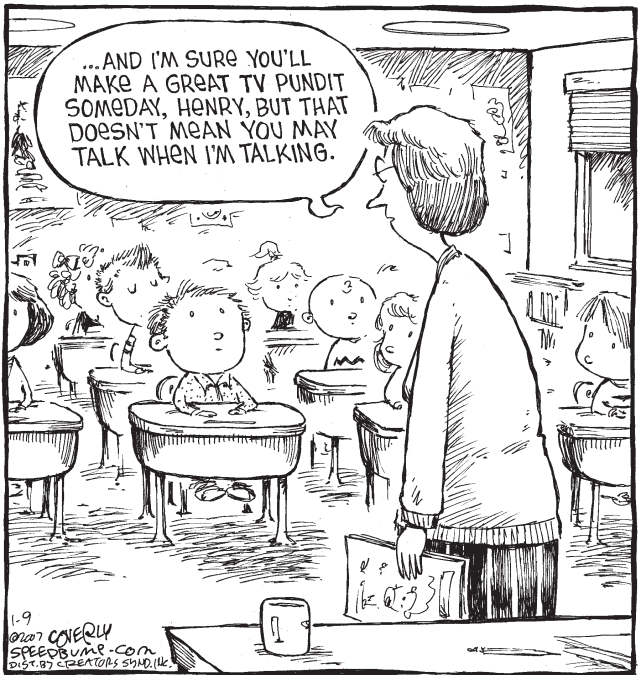
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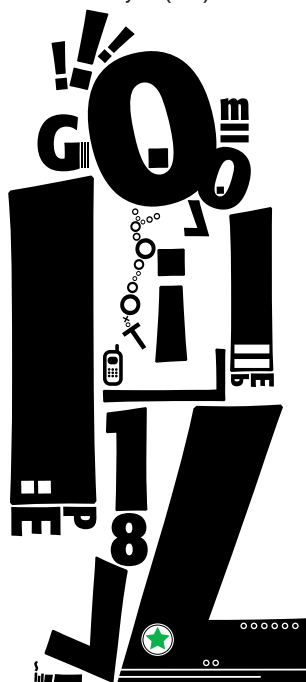
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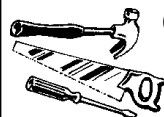
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