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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The Sacramento Fire Department reported in November that a resident had dropped by the fire station on Granada Way in order to turn in a grenade he had found in his garage. It was later safely detonated. (As in many previous such episodes nationwide, Sacramento authorities requested that anyone who comes across a bomb or grenade should simply report its whereabouts, and not pick it up and, especially, not bring it to them.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its world premiere in Rome.

In 1914, Ford Motor Company greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing a chain to pull each chassis along.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Too clever is dumb."

OGDEN NASH
AMERICAN AUTHOR-HUMORIST (1902-1971)

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Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo
Santa Monica College's Kristine Jensen, a 6-foot-2-inch sophomore center from Copenhagen, Denmark, has her shot blocked by 5-foot-9-inch Janette Galindo of College of the Canyons during a game Wednesday night. Santa Monica lost 82-64.

Councilman denies conflict of interest

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

City Councilman Herb Katz defended his actions this week after questions were raised concerning his loyalties to Santa Monica's lucrative auto dealers.



HERB KATZ

Katz, an architect, for years has drafted remodels and expansions for the auto dealers. His wife manages the Mercedes dealership on

Wilshire Boulevard.

Still, Katz denied a conflict of interest in voting on city actions

that affect the dealerships, which last year generated \$5.1 million in sales-tax revenue for City Hall from new car sales alone.

"We have no financial interests in any of the dealerships," Katz said Thursday. "I am simply a hired gun, like an attorney would be."

The dealerships, located mostly on Santa Monica Boulevard, are pushing for a set of zoning-law changes that would allow them, among other things, to use empty lots for employee parking and to store inventory. The changes are scheduled to go before the City Council in August.

Katz on Tuesday asked his fellow council members to consider

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Goals spelled out for SM sobering center

Officials are still deciding on a suitable site for center

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — It will cost only \$200,000 a year to run a sobering center for public drunks in Santa Monica that, once built, is expected to save millions of dollars in emergency response and medical care.

That's the message Clare Foundation Executive Director Nicholas Vrataric delivered to city

officials this week during a discussion of the proposed sobering center, which will be modeled after a similar program in San Diego. Officials at Clare, a non-profit organization that assists drug and alcohol addicts, hope to run the center.

Vrataric said the sobering center likely would serve about 1,500 public drunks a year by giving them a place to sober up and seek treatment without consuming police and fire resources, and clogging hospital emergency

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Storm washed debris, sewage, even snakes onto beaches

BY LAURA WIDES

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The storm that pummeled California over 15 days sent tons of debris and millions of gallons of wastewater hurtling into the ocean, forcing officials to close dozens of beaches.

Tires, lumber and trees were piled 12 feet high on some shores in Ventura County. Lifeguards warned beachgoers to be wary even on the sand, as rattlesnakes could

be hiding under the driftwood.

"People come beachcombing and they should watch out," said Los Angeles County lifeguard Capt. Dan Atkins. "The snakes, they hibernate in areas that get cut away when the rain comes, and they just get washed out with the debris."

The storm prompted officials to close 74 beaches due to sewage spills and overflow as of Wednesday. Advisories were to remain in effect at dozens more through next week.

"Bacteria levels are all exceedingly high based upon all the information, so the best thing is to avoid contact with ocean water," said Bernard Franklin, chief of Los Angeles County's Recreational Health Department.

Much of the pollution was due to runoff from urban and agricultural areas. But mudslides also damaged aging sewer lines across the Southern California.

"Infrastructure is such a big issue statewide, but it's something

people just don't want to pay for. It's out of sight out of mind ... until you see raw sewage in the street," said Mark Gold, executive director of the nonprofit group Heal the Bay in Santa Monica.

Wednesday morning, a hillside north of Malibu collapsed, breaking a major sewer line and sending more than 1 million gallons of waste into a creek. The sewage was projected to reach Malibu's beaches by evening.

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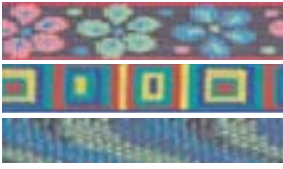
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Aim high and skip over someone's interference by looking at your ultimate goals, especially with this person. A project pays off. Your positive yet serious attitude speaks wonders. Your message will be received. Tonight: Where the party is.


GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others test their limits. Avoid getting caught up in their stuff. You'll be a lot happier if you do what you want to do. Play the conservative role with finances and bosses. Concern yourself with your public image and responsibilities. Tonight: Don't let another person squeeze or push you.


CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Investigate an opportunity that will help you grow and establish greater security. You understand much more than you realize about a troublesome situation or person. Claim your power and move past this hassle. Tonight: Off to a movie or to hear favorite music.


LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Work with others, but don't cave in to a power play. You want peace, but at what cost? Once you determine the answer to this question, you'll make suitable choices. One key person helps support you in the decision-making project. Tonight: Be a duo.


VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others could wreak havoc on your plans. Pull back and realize that only you can determine the course of your plans. Take a stand, honoring your priorities. Count on flak -- anything less will be a pleasant surprise. Tonight: Follow another's lead.


LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Concentrate and don't get too enthralled with the weekend. Otherwise, you might find the next few days devoted to work and not what you would like. Close your door, screen your calls and do what's necessary in order to accomplish your must-do's. Tonight: Clear the decks. Tomorrow you will want to be free.


SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Dealing with a money snafu can be easy if you use your creativity but at the same avoid any risks. Hop over problems in an unprecedented manner. Acknowledge your abilities by using them. Remember, you aren't like anyone else. Tonight: Continue using your unusual imagination, please.


SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Anchor in and refuse to be triggered by others. Your family could have your feathers ruffled. A serious conversation helps you jump over a problem. Security issues emerge. Decide how best to deal with an uproar. Tonight: Give serious thought to cocooning!


CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Though you might be reactive, you steer clear of a major issue. Speak your mind only after you have taken a personal inventory and thought through a knee-jerk reaction. Make calls. You cannot avoid a serious conversation. Tonight: Out on the town.


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Indulge yourself, though do use some discretion. Spending could be getting out of hand, as you decide to leave work and let go of a dreary few days. In fact, you could be ordering in and making plans at work. Tonight: Your treat.


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Where bosses could be difficult and others fussy, you appear to be on cruise control. Friends make a special effort to draw you into their plans. Why not? A meeting transforms into a weekend celebration. Tonight: Leader of the gang.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Employees honor local employer

By Daily Press staff

A senior-living complex has shown that not all employers look out for the bottom line first.

The employees of Renaissance at Ocean House spearheaded an event to honor their management for what they describe as great work in improving morale at the company.

Mayor Pam O' Connor, other city officials and company executives joined the employees in recognizing Tracey Flaherty and other managers at a ceremony at Renaissance at Ocean House on Thursday. Flaherty is leaving her position of executive director.

According to employees, Flaherty implemented programs to improve employees' morale. In these times when employees are made to pay for most of their benefits, Flaherty reportedly worked to guarantee that employees were remunerated for their service by providing a livable wage to all employees. She also convinced the company to pay for employees' parking and increased the number of senior residents at Renaissance at Ocean, which has resulted in increased employment and economic activity in the Santa Monica.

Cancer center offers new treatment options

By Daily Press staff

Local doctors hope radiation treatment for cancer patients will become more effective and tolerable.

The Santa Monica Cancer Treatment Center at 2428 Santa Monica Blvd. will be one of the first cancer treatment centers in the country to offer a new generation of optical tracking technology that allows doctors to deliver high doses of radiation with less complications. The new technology, with its increased precision, is expected to have a significant benefit for patients suffering from prostate cancer, breast cancer, and cancer of the head and neck, while producing the least damage to normal tissue.

The center's Dr. Lisa Chaiken said the new device "significantly reduces the margin of error while reducing setup time to less than three minutes."

The Santa Monica Cancer Center was established in 1988 to provide technologically advanced radiation treatment to the Santa Monica and West Los Angeles communities.

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SURF REPORT

On Friday, look for weak NW wind swell and a touch of Southern Hemi swell. Just about all spots are below waist high. Conditions are clean with light wind in the morning, building out of the WNW in the 6- to 10-knot range for the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	1:08	2.2	3:00	1.9	7:33	7.1	9:34	3.9
MONDAY	2:00	2.0	3:43	2.0	8:21	7.2	10:16	4.0
TUESDAY	2:51	1.9	4:27	1.8	9:09	7.1	10:58	4.1
WEDNESDAY	3:45	1.8	5:10	1.5	9:58	6.7	11:42	4.3
THURSDAY	4:42	1.8	5:52	0.9	10:48	6.0	N/A	N/A
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The **Q**Line

It's the beginning of the new year, and with it comes a whole new set of issues.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America should stay out

Editor:

I just have a few words for Thomas Kenny (SMDP, Jan. 12, page 4).

1. Osama bin Laden is not representing 1 billion Muslims, and as far as I know, he does not consider himself a Muslim.

2. For refreshing your memory, we made Osama bin Laden fight with the Soviet Union, and after that we lost control of him. The United States had a plan. They called it "green belt." It means to keep the Soviet Union out of warm water change Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan regimes Islamic. But the Soviets found out, and you know what happened.

3. About Kuwait. The question is why didn't we do anything when Hussien attacked Iran and killed 2 million people (1980)? Why didn't we do anything when he killed Kurds in Halabcheh (1988)?

4. About the Iran earthquake. I don't know how much we helped them, and how do you know that I.R. stole most of it, but I know that in 1953 they had a great liberal government and they kicked the Shah out of the country. But the CIA and some inside helper changed the government, and the Shah came back. Drandan lost their first and last liberal democrat governor, but people start fighting to make it happen again and finally those American (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, no religion ...) who sell lemonade, they don't care about who they are helping because they are helping a human, a kid like them, a father or a mother like their mother and I believe they don't care about religions. My friend, get over your religion. But I agree with you. We have to let people live their life because they can make a difference and they don't need our help. America should stay off of other countries' soil.

Al Doreza
Santa Monica

Here comes the sun

Editor:

I am scared. There is some big bright yellow thing in the sky. I've seen it before somewhere, but it's been so long, I can't remember where.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

What's the holdup?

Editor:

(Editor's note: This was originally addressed to the Santa Monica City Council.)

Last time I contacted you it was to try to aid the Aero Theater in obtaining their construction permit that was being held up by the planning department.

Well, I know at least one of you had an effect because they received their permit one week after my e-mail. And, after a long construction period, we have been happily attending their events for the past week. You should all forget a meeting one Tuesday night (sorry you missed Sideways and the author of the novel there) and visit the best venue for films in the westside. The seats, screen, sound equipment and projector make the films unbelievably great. The theater has been filled to about 50 percent of capacity and the after-discussions have been really interesting.

Now the new planning department problem is with the new Urth Cafe that has been under construction for five years and is getting a complete run around. Its main owner, Mr. Berkman, has been attempting to provide us a great eating establishment — there are two others in West Hollywood and near Beverly Hills — but is being held up by a picayune requirement on the paint color. The permit called for green, and they decided to do it in white. Well, you know the planning department is a hell hole, but this is really stupid. They are being forced to wait until March when they are ready to open now. The city is losing tax revenues for two months because of a dispute over paint color.

I hope there is something you can do about this to help the restaurant owner.

P.S. I have no economic interest in the Aero or Urth Cafe, just a big mouth.

Joe Pundyk
Santa Monica

Sunday Main Street market spells community

Editor:

This Sunday, Jan. 16, will mark the 10th anniversary of Sunday Farmers' Market on Main Street.

For 10 years, this spectacular Sunday gathering has afforded a generation of citizens and their children the ability to join in a magnificent public event centered around the notions of food, music and community.

It's a place to meet your friends and family amidst an amazing assortment of produce, foodstuffs, crafts, flowers and song.

Here, you can find all manner of public information and community notices. Your children can dance to music from every culture and country. Here, the smells of coffees, breads and roses, and the reverberations of music and laughter, all blend together into a tapestry appealing to each of the senses — serving notice that at least in this tiny part of the world, life is allowed its due peace and tranquility.

If the truth be told, this Sunday gathering place might actually be the last vestige of a real community and village life left to us by our development-crazed elected officials and their planners. They are often seen at the Sunday market at election time and for photo-ops, but for the most part, they are nowhere to be found. It's as if the place is too real for them.

In the chaos driven metaphor for life in which we find ourselves, the Sunday market is a respite, an oasis of meaningful things better shared with friends and neighbors.

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Schwarzenegger's redistricting plan is right on target



HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D.

Last week, Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata (D-Oakland) was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying: "With regard to redistricting, it's really an intramural game. I know people don't get up in the morning in my district, make coffee and then decide (they are) worried about redistricting."

In another article, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez (D-Los Angeles) referring to redistricting told a reporter: "If he (Schwarzenegger) calls a special election that is of no concern to the public and only to political insiders, then it's going to be more difficult for us to hold hands and walk down the aisle together."

I've never been more embarrassed to be a Democrat than when I read these two statements, which so clearly betrayed both leaders' elitist attitudes and insider status. Not only do they seem confused about what the Democratic Party stands for, but these elected officials also seem to have forgotten what it means to represent people.

And we have their gerrymandered districts to thank, since neither one had a race last year.

In November, Perata received 77 percent of the total votes cast in his district, and in the March primary, no Democrat chose to run against him, so he won 100 percent of the Democratic vote. Nuñez fared equally well. In the general, he won 85 percent, and in the primary, he, too, received 100 percent.

Admittedly, most people do not concern themselves with the details of redistricting, nor do they realize how profoundly it has affected their electoral choices over time, but most voters do know that their representatives never seem to have competition.

What is worse is that when their representatives do have competition, it's usually during the primary when the candidates try to outdo each other on ideological extremism and partisan rhetoric — the Democrats battle on the left and the Republicans battle on the right. A chasm develops where centrists in both parties and non-partisan moderates are ignored or ostracized, making turnout abysmally low and the ideologue the winner.

In last year's election, all of California's incumbents affected by redistricting who stood for reelection won — 51 members in the U.S. House of Representatives, 10 state senators and 56 state assemblymembers. Are they really all that good? And in the seats that were open due to term limits — 18 in the State Assembly and eight in State Senate — not

one changed party hands.

Simply put, voters are not able to affect their representation because competition doesn't exist. Unless an individual moves to a district that places them among a like-minded majority, they are unlikely to be heard through their vote.

Having analyzed four decades of California's redistricting plans in a recent political science quarterly (see: "It Pays To Pay A Professional: California's Redistricting Compromise of 2002" at www.larambrownphd.com/pas/july04-EOR.pdf), not only is the decline in competition marked after the 2002 redistricting plan, but it also becomes clear that the plans that brought the most competition were those that were done by "Special Masters" commissions comprised of former judges. This is not to say that judges are not biased in a partisan manner — because they are — but what makes them superior at redistricting is that they do not possess the same interest in incumbency protection as the members of California's legislature.

Suggestions to tie redistricting to term-limit extensions would actually bring back some level of rationality to our state government. Term limits were enacted to "throw out the career politicians" who kept getting reelected, but what the reformers back then didn't seem to realize was that gerrymandering was the problem.

If you have competitive districts, then

incumbents must either (a) represent their constituents well, or (b) face serious competition in the next election. Competition is the best term limit you can ever impose. It not only works to make the representative more accountable to the voter, but it also helps to reduce the number of ideologues in office, which means more work and less grandstanding in government.

Here's the Thing:

Elections should not be rigged prior to the campaign even beginning. The partisan registration in each district should be as balanced as possible, allowing for contiguous areas and minority representation.

Although I might have issues with some of Gov. Schwarzenegger's budget reforms — namely his suggested changes to Proposition 98 and the proposal for an across-the-board cut when the budget falls out of balance — I stand in support of his efforts to address redistricting.

Once again, as a moderate Democrat, I find that I am more pleased than angered by the governor's actions. I didn't vote for him in 2003, but I just might in 2006. As for Perata and Nuñez, my only hope is that they actually have to face an unrigged electorate one day. They might not find it as welcoming as the Democratic caucus.

(Lara M. Brown, Ph.D., is a political scientist from Los Angeles. She can be reached at larambrown@aol.com).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Over the years, the Sunday market has weathered attacks from a handful of residents who dislike the hub-bub. It has survived narrow-minded attacks from the business community, which sees it as competition for residents' money. It has traditionally received scant attentions from the police department. Its staff has had to handle most potentially negative situations on their own.

As if that were not enough with which to deal, the market must adhere to and meet the many standards of state and local organic market regulations that are as difficult to understand as they are to enforce.

For 10 years, the director and staff have managed to deal with all of this with professionalism and grace, while affording Santa Monicans an experience in and of which they can be proud.

This weekend will mark the final day for the "Mayor of this Community." Her name is Diana L. Rodgers. She works for the city of Santa Monica. It may be more accurate to say, that as market director, the city pays her but she works for you and me.

For 10 years, she has manned the parapets, weathered the storms and astoundingly petty politics, in order to provide us, one and all, with the real Santa Monica.

She and her staff reflect an old-fashioned attitude of commitment to community service.

Above all, there is Ms. Rodgers' sense of purpose. Every part of the Sunday market shows the breadth of her vision and the awesome range of her patience and capabilities.

There will be a celebration of the market's 10-year anniversary this Sunday. As usual, Diana will be there, running the show, for the last time.

If you have ever put your kid on a pony, or had one of Rich's omelets, bartered with Dick the Bread Guy, walked around with bags of organic goodies or saved your relationship or marriage with a Sunday bouquet of flowers; if you have shopped L'il Main Street, or sat on a blanket on the museum's lawn and watched your kids or your grandkids dance to the music or laugh and run in the freedom that is the Sunday market, please do stop by and join us in saying farewell Diana and thank her for being the real mayor of Santa Monica.

Mel Bloc
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY KEITH LOCKITCH

Reject environmentalist principles, not DDT

Unfortunately, survivors of December's tsunami are not yet safe from harm. They now face the threat of deadly diseases such as cholera and dysentery. But, as heavy rains create breeding conditions for disease-carrying mosquitoes, there is one threat they should not have to face: Malaria.

Though nearly eradicated decades ago, malaria has resurged with a vengeance and kills more than 1 million people each year. But its horrific death toll is largely preventable. The most effective agent of mosquito control, the pesticide DDT, has been essentially discarded — discarded based not on scientific concerns about its safety, but on environmental dogma.

The environmental crusade against DDT began with Rachel Carson's antipesticide diatribe "Silent Spring," published in 1962 at the height of the worldwide anti-malaria campaign. The widespread spraying of DDT had caused a spectacular drop in malaria incidence — Sri Lanka, for example, reported 2.8 million malaria victims in 1948, but by 1963 it had only 17. Yet Carson's book made no mention of this. It said nothing of DDT's crucial role in eradicating malaria in industrialized countries, or of the tens of millions of lives saved by its use.

Instead, Carson filled her book with misinformation — alleging, among other claims, that DDT causes cancer. Her unsubstantiated assertion that continued DDT use would unleash a cancer epidemic generated a panicked fear of the pesticide that endures as public opinion to this day.

But the scientific case against DDT was, and still is, nonexistent. Almost 60 years have passed since the malaria-spraying campaigns began — with hundreds of millions of people exposed to large concentrations of DDT — yet, according to international health scholar Amir Attaran, the scientific literature "has not even one peer-reviewed, independently replicated study linking exposure to DDT with any adverse health outcome." Indeed, in one study human volunteers ate DDT every day for more than two years with no ill effects.

Abundant scientific evidence supporting the safety and importance of DDT was presented during seven months of testimony before the newly formed EPA in 1971. The presiding judge ruled unequivocally against a ban. But the public furor against DDT — fueled by "Silent Spring" and the growing environmental movement — was so great that a ban was imposed anyway. The EPA administrator, who hadn't even bothered to attend the hearings, overruled his own judge and imposed the ban in defiance of the facts and evidence. And the 1972 ban in the United States led to an effective worldwide ban, as countries dependent on U.S.-funded

aid agencies curtailed their DDT use to comply with those agencies' demands.

So if scientific facts are not what has driven the furor against DDT, what has? Estimates put today's malaria incidence worldwide at around 300 million cases, with a million deaths every year. If this enormous toll of human suffering and death is preventable, why do environmentalists — who profess to be the defenders of life — continue to press for a global DDT ban?

The answer is that environmental ideology values an untouched environment above human life. The root of the opposition to DDT is not science, but the environmentalist moral premise that it is wrong for man to "tamper" with nature.

The large-scale eradication of disease-carrying insects epitomizes the control of nature by man. This is DDT's sin. To Carson and the environmentalists she inspired, "the 'control of nature' is a phrase conceived in arrogance, born of the Neanderthal age of biology and philosophy." Nature, they hold, is intrinsically valuable and must be kept free from human interference.

On this environmentalist premise the proper attitude to nature is not to seek to improve it for human benefit, but to show "humility" before its "vast forces" and leave it alone. We should seek, Carson wrote, not to eliminate malarial mosquitoes with pesticides, but to find instead "a reasonable accommodation between the insect hordes and ourselves." If the untouched, "natural" state is one in which millions contract deadly diseases, so be it.

Carson's current heirs agree. Earth First! founder Dave Foreman writes: "Ours is an ecological perspective that views Earth as a community and recognizes such apparent enemies as 'disease' (e.g., malaria) and 'pests' (e.g., mosquitoes) not as manifestations of evil to be overcome but rather as vital and necessary components of a complex and vibrant biosphere."

Ask the tsunami survivors if malaria is only an apparent enemy.

In the few minutes it has taken you to read this column, more than 1,000 people have contracted malaria and half a dozen have died. This is the life-or-death consequence of viewing pestilent insects as a "necessary" component of a "vibrant biosphere" and seeking a "reasonable accommodation" with them.

To stop this global health catastrophe, the ban on DDT must be rescinded. But even more important is to reject the environmental ideology on which the ban is based.

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LOCAL

Council warned about ‘appearances’ of conflict

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speeding up that process, which he said would benefit dealers and nearby residents. The debate over how best to accommodate the car dealerships, which are hemmed in by residential neighborhoods, has been ongoing for years.

The council voted against Katz's suggestion after learning it would pull city staffers off other projects and could delay a more comprehensive update to zoning codes by up to six months.

During the discussion, however, the possibility of a conflict was raised, and City Councilman Ken Genser asked for a legal assessment of the situation.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie explained there are two types of conflicts of interest covered by law. The first is a statutory conflict, where an official has a relatively direct financial stake, she said, adding Katz would have no statutory conflict in pushing ahead the zoning changes.

The second type of conflict, called the common law of conflicts, covers any situation where an official has competing loyalties. Therefore, this is more difficult to gauge, Moutrie said. She said she had advised Katz about a possible appearance of conflict.

"As to the common law of conflicts, I am not situated to judge when your internal loyalties are divided," she said. "You will have to judge that for yourselves."

"However, I routinely advise all of you when the questions come up not only about your own loyalties, which are not mine to know, but about appearances," Moutrie added. "And I uniformly caution all of you, as I have done in this case, that you must guard against the problem of appearance of divided loyalties as well as the actuality."

Nearly all of the members of the Santa Monica City Council have abstained from voting at one time or another because they felt their participation might constitute a conflict of interest.

Katz on Thursday defended his decision to remain on the dais.

"Nobody can stop me from making a living," he said. "As an architect, I also do a lot of mixed use, which includes retail and condos and apartments. I do custom houses. I do house remodeling. I do work for other cities, although not the City of Santa Monica. I do industrial. I do institutional, meaning school work. I've done churches. Having said that, if I am in conflict then I shouldn't be able to bring up or vote on anything that is constructed."

Katz, who said between 8 percent and 10 percent of his earnings come from work he does for the dealerships, added he and his wife, Brenda, are very careful not to discuss matters privately if doing so could violate his duties as an elected leader.

"I'll come home and say, 'Your project's doing very well, but I have a problem with blah blah,'" he said. But "not with the city (matters). Very careful with that."

Katz has been in a similar situation before. His previous wife, Ilona, who passed away from cancer in 2000, served for many years on the local college and school boards.

Katz's colleagues had differing takes on the councilman's ties to Santa Monica auto dealers, but most said it was best left to Katz to make the final determination.

"It's between him and the voters, and him and his own sense of whether he has integrity in the vote or not," City Councilman Bobby Shriver said. "Obviously he's concluded that he does, and I take him at his word."

Added City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor: "We all have to be careful ... and then we all are going to be judged by other people: The folks, the citizens, the people who work in Santa Monica. We make our individual decisions ... I don't think there's anything blatantly illegal going on."

City Councilmen Ken Genser and Richard Bloom, on the other hand, pointed to Moutrie's warning about the perception of a conflict.

"I think that [Katz's participation] had the appearance of conflict," Bloom said.

Added Genser: "Each council member has to make a decision based on the facts. I did hear Marsha (Moutrie) say very clearly that if there's an appearance, one should conflict out. I would now think that if one doesn't ... conflict out, I think that the council member should at least explain in some detail why they don't think the conflict exists."

City Councilman Bob Holbrook, on the other hand, defended Katz's decision to press ahead with the city's business.

"He's not initiating legislation," Holbrook said. "He's trying to get staff to start moving on this stuff that's been going on for years and years and years, and I'm worried about it too, frankly. When I talk to people in this town who own car dealerships, they're so fed up they're about to leave."



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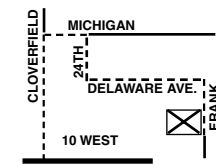
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Center to be modeled after program in San Diego

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rooms. Backers of the center hope to reduce homelessness by helping chronic drunks get off the street permanently.

"We do not see these people sober," said Patricia Scanlan, a program manager at Clare. "This would be an incredible opportunity to place these men and women in treatment. It's impossible to place someone who's intoxicated into a treatment program."

"These people want treatment," she added. "They want help. No one wants to live on the street drunk, eating out of a trash can."

A site still needs to be chosen for the Santa Monica sobering center, though officials said the old jailhouse behind City Hall is currently being considered. While that search continues, the City Council on Tuesday voted to model the program after a similar one in San Diego.

Public-safety and hospital workers in Santa Monica help between five and seven chronic drunks a day, according to a report prepared by city staffers. Ninety percent of those are homeless, and 20 percent have serious mental illnesses, according to the report, which indicates the fire department in 2003 responded to nearly 500 alcohol-related calls and police made more than 1,200 arrests for public drunkenness. The report acknowledges that overcrowding of Los Angeles jails means offenders rarely serve time.

Under the sobering-center model, public drunks could choose to spend eight or nine hours "sobering up" rather than going to jail. The inebriates also would receive a brief counseling session and be encouraged to enroll in a treatment program for alcohol addiction. Vrataric said the center could be run for about \$200,000 a year, much of which local hospitals would pay because of the resources that would be freed up.

"You're just going to open up the opportunity of saving lives instead of having drunks on those beds, inebriates on those beds," he said.

Julie Rusk, human services manager for City Hall, said other cities have found it often takes many visits to sobering centers before individuals with addictions make progress. A sobering center in Santa Barbara first opened with the rule that public drunks could only use the center three times before they would instead be taken to jail. Now, the center accepts up to 12 or 15 visits, Rusk said.

"It can take that long," added Rusk, who pointed to another sobering-center program that allows for five visits per month. "That doesn't mean that that one time when it works and someone's ready and the help's there that it isn't a really

important connection ...

"This is not something that's a panacea."

Still, officials are confident the sobering center will go a long way toward reducing homelessness in Santa Monica. The challenge, they said, will be to get neighboring communities to do their part.

The sobering center "should not be an invitation to other communities to bring people to Santa Monica or to dump people, which unquestionably has been a problem for us in the past," City Manager Susan McCarthy said.

City Councilman Bob Holbrook said police officers in nearby cities often refer homeless people to Santa Monica. He added that sometimes officers even drop them off in the city.

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— NICHOLAS VRATARIC
Executive director, Clare Foundation

"Can our police department deal with the other agencies to try and get that to stop?" Holbrook asked. "Is this something that our law-enforcement people can deal with, or is this going to be something that we politically have to deal with, with political leaders in the other cities?"

Santa Monica Police Department Deputy Chief Phil Sanchez said a multi-tiered approach is needed. He added it is very rare now for police departments to transport homeless people because of liability issues.

Meanwhile, Rusk said the city will raise the issue at an upcoming meeting of regional city leaders. Rusk pointed to a new urgent-care facility being built on the Westside and said officials working on that project were interested in possibly integrating a sobering center.

Though city officials have pointed to that center as a possible alternative to the sobering center in Santa Monica, City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who has championed the cause since being elected last November, said he hoped both centers would move forward.

"It seems to me there are still a lot of people on the streets and in doorways," Shriver said.



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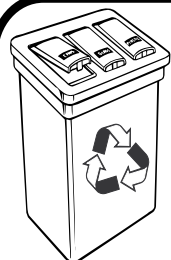
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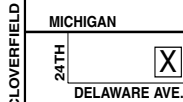
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Samuel Jackson delivers on social responsibility

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

With his electrifying portrayal of a contract killer in 1994’s “Pulp Fiction,” Samuel L. Jackson served notice that he was — just like it said on his character’s wallet — one bad mofo. And in the 10 years since then he’s backed it up with rousing turns in such films as “Jackie Brown,” “Shaft” and the newest “Star Wars” trilogy. So known is Jackson for his impassioned performances that comedian Dave Chappelle has gotten mileage out of spoofing the actor’s singular style in a series of riotously funny sketches. Jackson is at his full-throated finest again as a no-nonsense high school hoops coach in “Coach Carter.”

“Coach Carter” delivers strong messages about responsibility, character and teamwork.

QUESTION: How important is it to you that people who see the film be enlightened as well as entertained?

SAMUEL L. JACKSON: Very important. I believe in education, and it’s not often that I do something that has social significance. I think this is an interesting message to put out there to kids: Playing basketball, football, soccer or whatever you do in the school is an extracurricular activity. Getting an education is the one thing that cannot be taken away from you.

Q: The kids in the film can really play ball. Could you hang with them on the court?

SJ: No, I don’t play basketball. I play golf. They’re young. They can run and jump, though I can shoot free-throws better than they can.

Q: Grammy-winning singer Ashanti makes her acting debut in “Coach Carter.” Did the two of you spend much time together on set?

SJ: No we didn’t. I only saw her in the make-up trailer in the mornings. She’s actually quite good in the movie. Very natural. You don’t see any false or “actorly” moments the whole time you’re watching her, and I think that’s great. Most of my time was spent with the guys on the team, though.

Q: You mentioned the importance of education. What sorts of lessons about your craft do you try to impress upon actors just starting out in the business?

SJ: I try and show them how I respect the crew. You know their names, you know what their jobs are, and you treat them like they’re as important as the people who are on camera, because they are — they make the job happen. And I try to show them that status doesn’t mean you don’t remember who you are, where you came from or who the people are around you.

Q: You’re one of those actors who always seem to be working. Do you ever feel the urge to just take an extended vacation?

SJ: Everybody talks about this job like it’s ditch-digging — a killer. Yeah, it’s 16-hour days, but 14-and-a-half of those hours are spent in the trailer watching “Judge Judy,” eating sandwiches, reading books ... all kinds of stuff. So it’s kind of an easy job to go to. Plus, a lot of times you’re in places you’d never get to, or think



‘Coach Carter’ scores points on and off the court

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

It’s rife with sports-movie clichés and conspicuously light on novelty, yet “Coach Carter” still succeeds thanks to an inspirational story, some highly realistic and exciting basketball action, and a winning performance from Samuel L. Jackson, whose larger-than-life screen presence is well suited to the film’s demonstrative titular character.

“Coach Carter” is based on the true story of Ken Carter, a Southern California high school basketball coach who in 1999 suspended his then-undefeated Richmond High squad for failing to live up to academic standards. Director Thomas Carter (no relation to the coach) follows the same formula employed to great effect in sports movies such as “Hoosiers” and “Remember the Titans” — stress the importance of dedication, teamwork and honor; throw in some nail-biting game sequences; and make sure you’ve got a strong leader who refuses to back down from adversity.

Jackson is up to the challenge of taking a group of inner-city castaways and turning them into winners both on and off the court. Carter’s underprivileged kids are up against the usual challenges: Drugs, violence, absentee parents and a society that is all too willing to write them off. His charges are ably portrayed by a group of talented young actors that includes Rick Gonzalez (“Laurel Canyon”), Robert Ri’chard (“In His Father’s Shoes”) and Rob Brown (who made his stellar film debut playing a basketball phenom in “Finding Forrester”). Grammy-winning singer Ashanti makes an impressive acting debut of her own as the pregnant girlfriend of one of Richmond’s star players. Produced by MTV Films in conjunction with Tollin/Robbins (“Varsity Blues,” “Radio”), “Coach Carter” has all the elements in place to appeal to its youthful target audience. But with a slam-dunk performance from a veteran like Jackson, and a narrative rooted in timeless themes about sportsmanship, this movie is certain to score points with audiences of all ages.

(Rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material. Running time: 136 minutes)

‘Racing Stripes’ will have a short screen life

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

Cemeteries are filled with those whose hearts, although in the right place, simply did not function properly. So it is with “Racing Stripes,” a well-meaning but highly flawed family flick set in the world of thoroughbred racing that seems destined to be DOA in theaters this weekend.

Review There’s only so much referential humor, genre conventions and excrement gags a reasonable human being can tolerate, and here we get too much of all that PLUS David Spade and Frankie Muniz. There’s an audience for this tripe — namely, little kids who aren’t sophisticated enough to grasp the slick unconventionality of “Spongebob Squarepants.” Pity the poor caretakers of these budding pre-schoolers, for the 94 minutes “Racing Stripes” wastes cannot be reclaimed.

Stripes (voiced by Muniz) is a lost circus zebra taken in and raised by a horse farmer (Bruce Greenwood) and his daughter (Hayden Panettiere). This confused herbivorous hoofed mammal thinks he’s a horse and shares the barnyard with a gaggle of annoying critters, among them Goose (Joe Pantoliano), a pelican from Jersey with an unfortunate penchant for quoting famous cinematic mobsters, and a grumpy Shetland Pony named Tucker (Dustin Hoffman) who would have been far more appealing in a bottle of glue. Stripes is destined for a showdown against some real racehorses, and you don’t need to be an ace handicapper to accurately predict the outcome. As for the movie, well, it’s a loser by several lengths.

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Officials say better plan for capturing storm runoff needed

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Water district officials said they had been checking pipes in recent days, but the landslide took them by surprise.

"Often you can see some cracking, but we didn't see any of that," said Las Virgenes Municipal Water District facilities director David Lippman. He said the district was looking at ways to divert the sewage.

Late Monday, rainfall eroded a sewer pipe in the San Bernardino Mountains, spilling 4 million gallons of sewage into a state water project reservoir. Officials said the spillage amounted to less than 1 percent of the water stored in the lake and that standard treatment would make the water safe to drink.

Over the weekend more than 6 million gallons of sewage spilled into Los Angeles and Riverside county waterways.

And in Ventura County near Ojai, 700 feet of sewer system was washed away, sending sewage gushing into a stream. Officials hoped to reroute sewage by Saturday, said district manager John Correa.

Shahram Kharaghani, storm water program manager for the city of Los Angeles, said regional officials need to develop a better plan for capturing storm runoff.

Kharaghani said more water should be captured and used in parks, golf courses and schools rather than being left to run out to the sea. Other water should be treated and pumped back down into underground aquifers that serve as "nature's livers," he said.

He also said Californians need to change their trash habits.

On Wednesday, lifeguards in Venice Beach picked up dozens of tennis balls, tires and even a Christmas tree as they set up warning signs.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Setting sail for conservation

By Daily Press staff

A Santa Monica ocean conservation group, along with actor Ted Danson, today will christen a catamaran that will embark on an 11,000-nautical-mile, five-month voyage to document the threats facing oceans.

Danson will christen "The Ranger," a 71-foot catamaran, at 10 a.m. at the Harbor Promenade behind The Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Marina Del Rey.

The catamaran is one of the biggest in the world and will travel from California to Central America, Africa and Europe — stopping in key endangered marine zones to document marine wildlife and habitat.

The Ranger is owned by Oceana, an international marine conservation organization that works to protect the ocean from destructive industrial fishing practices and pollution.

Store dresses up tsunami effort

By Daily Press staff

The AdDress Boutique is hosting a four-day fundraiser beginning today for tsunami victims.

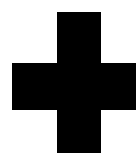
The fundraiser will last through Monday and will benefit Save the Children, a nonprofit organization that is providing immediate relief to the most urgent needs — shelters, food, drinking water, reuniting separated children with their families and protection.

Fashion clothing donated by stars including Sharon Stone, Natalie Cole, Cindy Crawford, Victoria Principal, Jackie Collins and Joan Collins, as well as designers Alberto Makali, Niteline, Nolan Miller, Tadashi, Veracity and Gilar, will be auctioned off in silent bidding. All proceeds of the auction will go to Save the Children, along with 10 percent of the profits from sales during the event.

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Fired worker's lawsuit over use of medical marijuana reinstated

By The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Court of Appeals has reinstated a lawsuit filed by a man who alleged that his employer failed to accommodate his use of medical marijuana.

Robert Washburn's employer, Portland-based Columbia Forest Products, fired him from its Klamath Falls mill after urine tests detected marijuana residue in his system.

Washburn suffers from neck pain and muscle spasms that disrupt his sleep. He obtained a state-issued medical marijuana registration card 1999.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court judge had tossed out Washburn's lawsuit, ruling that the state Medical Marijuana

Act doesn't require a company to make accommodations for workers with marijuana in their system.

But the Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that a positive drug test based on a urine sample does not prove that a worker used or possessed marijuana at work. It also found that the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act does not prohibit workers in Oregon from using marijuana for medical purposes.

But the court also found that Washburn's use of medical marijuana does not automatically entitle him to accommodation. Instead, the court said, an employer could argue that certain accommodations might be unreasonable or create an "undue hardship."

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Enforcing single-season seeds, Monsanto sues farmers

BY PAUL ELIAS

AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Monsanto Co.'s "seed police" snared soy farmer Homan McFarling in 1999, and the company is demanding he pay it hundreds of thousands of dollars for alleged technology piracy.

McFarling's sin? He saved seed from one harvest and replanted it the following season, a revered and ancient agricultural practice.

"My daddy saved seed. I saved seed," said McFarling, 62, who still grows soy on the 5,000 acre family farm in Shannon, Miss. and is fighting the agribusiness giant in court.

Saving Monsanto's seeds, genetically engineered to kill bugs and resist weed sprays, violates provisions of the company's contracts with farmers.

Since 1997, Monsanto has filed similar lawsuits 90 times in 25 states against 147 farmers and 39 agriculture companies, according to a report issued Thursday by The Center for Food Safety, a biotechnology foe.

In a similar case a year ago, Tennessee farmer Kem Ralph was sued by Monsanto and sentenced to eight months in prison after he was caught lying about a truckload of cotton seed he hid for a friend.

Ralph's prison term is believed to be the first criminal prosecution linked to Monsanto's crackdown. Ralph has also

been ordered to pay Monsanto more than \$1.7 million.

The company itself says it annually investigates about 500 "tips" that farmers are illegally using its seeds and settles many of those cases before a lawsuit is filed.

In this way, Monsanto is attempting to protect its business from pirates in much the same way the entertainment industry does when it sues underground digital distributors exploiting music, movies and video games.

In the process, it has turned farmer on farmer and sent private investigators into small towns to ask prying questions of friends and business acquaintances.

Monsanto's licensing contracts and litigation tactics are coming under increased scrutiny as more of the planet's farmland comes under genetically engineered cultivation.

Some 200 million acres of the world's farms grew biotech crops last year, an increase of 20 percent from 2003, according to a separate report released Wednesday.

Many of the farmers Monsanto has sued say, as McFarling claims, that they didn't read the company's technology agreement close enough. Others say they never received an agreement in the first place.

The company counters that it sues only the most egregious violations and is protecting the 300,000 law-abiding U.S.

farmers who annually pay a premium for its technology. Soy farmers, for instance, pay a "technology fee" of about \$6.50 an acre each year.

Some 85 percent of the nation's soy crop is genetically engineered to resist Monsanto's herbicide Roundup, a trait many farmers say makes it easier to weed their fields and ultimately cheaper to grow their crops.

"It's a very efficient and cost-effective way to raise soybeans and that's why the market has embraced it," said Ron Heck, who grows 900 acres of genetically engineered soybeans in Perry, Iowa.

Heck, who is also chairman of the American Soybean Association, said he doesn't mind buying new seed each year and appreciates Monsanto's crackdown on competitors who don't pay for their seed.

"You can save seed if you want to use the old technology," Heck said.

The company said the licensing agreement protects its more than 600 biotech-related patents and ensures a return on its research and development expenses, which amount to more than \$400 million annually.

"We have to balance our obligations and our responsibilities to our customers, to our employees and to our shareholders," said Scott Baucum, Monsanto's chief intellectual property protector.

Still, Monsanto's investigative tactics

are sowing seeds of fear and mistrust in some farming communities, company critics say.

Monsanto encourages farmers to call a company hot line with piracy tips, and private investigators in its employ act on leads with visits to the associates of suspect farmers.

Baucum acknowledged that the company walks a fine line when it sues farmers.

"It is very uncomfortable for us," Baucum said. "They are our customers and they are important to us."

The Center for Food Safety established its own hot line Thursday where farmers getting sued can receive aid. It also said it hopes to convene a meeting among defense lawyers to develop legal strategies to fight Monsanto.

The company said it has gone to trial five times and has never lost a legal fight against an accused pirate. The U.S. Supreme Court in 1980 allowed for the patenting of genetically engineered life forms and extended the same protections to altered plants in 2001. Earlier this year, a Washington, D.C., federal appeals court specifically upheld Monsanto's license.

"It's sad. It's sickening. I'm disillusioned," said Rodney Nelson, a North Dakota farmer who settled a Monsanto suit in 2001 that he said was unfairly filed. "We have a heck of an uphill battle that I don't think can be won."

Cattlemen file suit to stop Canadian cattle imports

BY BECKY BOHRER

Associated Press Writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — A cattlemen's group is suing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, saying the agency's plan to allow live cattle and expanded beef imports from Canada would pose a risk to both consumers and U.S. producers.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Billings by R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America, asks a federal judge to keep USDA from implementing the plan and to prevent the importation of "all live cattle of Canadian origin and all edible bovine meat products derived from cattle of Canadian origin."

The suit follows USDA's announcement last month that it will allow imports of cattle under 30 months and certain other animals and products from Canada,

including beef products, beginning in March.

Canadian officials announced Jan. 2 that it had confirmed a new case of mad cow disease.

"It's unbelievable that R-CALF has to remind USDA that the Animal Health Protection Act obligates the agriculture secretary to 'protect the agriculture, environment, economy, health and welfare of the people of the United States,' and specifically to prevent, detect, control and eradicate animal diseases," R-CALF USA President Leo McDonnell said in a statement.

Meghan Thomas, a spokeswoman with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit names as defendants the USDA, APHIS and the agriculture secretary.

R-CALF contends that the USDA plan would increase the risk of infection of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, in cattle in this country, as well as expose U.S. consumers to increased risk of a disease that people who eat meat contaminated with BSE can contract. The group also claims the plan will expose U.S. cattle producers to "severe economic hardship."

R-CALF claims that the market for cattle will be "adversely affected" by allowing the expanded trade.

When Canada reported a case of mad cow disease in May 2003, the United States banned such things as Canadian cattle, beef and beef products. Restrictions were later eased to allow imports considered at very low risk of BSE. And just last month, USDA said it planned to allow for even more expanded

trade, including the import of some live cattle.

In December 2003, a case of mad cow disease was found in Washington state in a cow that had come from Canada. That resulted in other countries closing their borders to U.S. beef.

Allowing the "commingling" of Canadian cattle and beef products with U.S. cattle and products, with no requirement that the beef products be labeled with their country of origin, "will likely interfere with or preclude the resumption of exports of edible bovine products from the United States," the lawsuit says.

R-CALF sued the USDA last April over the agency's plans then to allow expanded beef product imports from Canada. USDA agreed at that time to halt the action until it completed a rule-making process.

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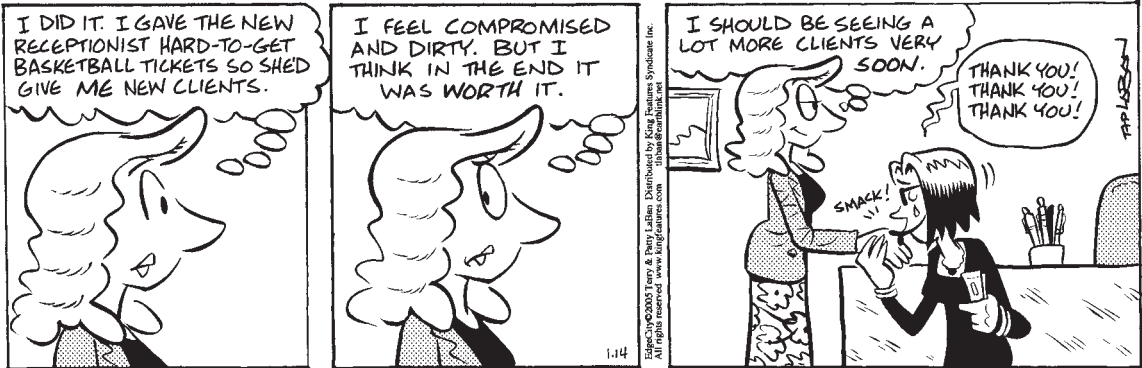
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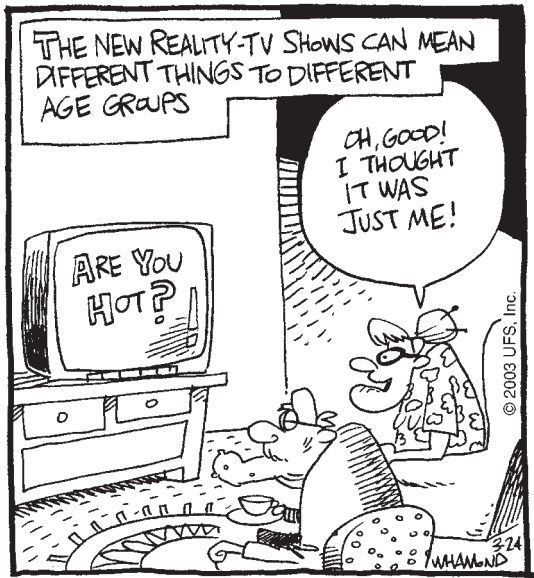
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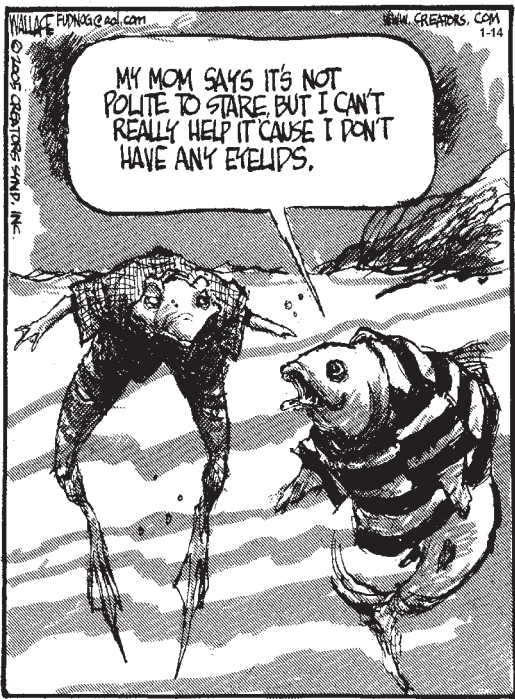
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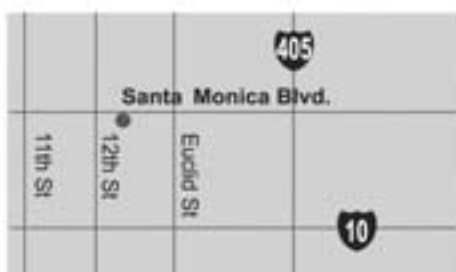
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