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THE MAKING NEW FRIENDS ISSUE

City leaders talk money

Sen. Feinstein highlights State of the City address

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

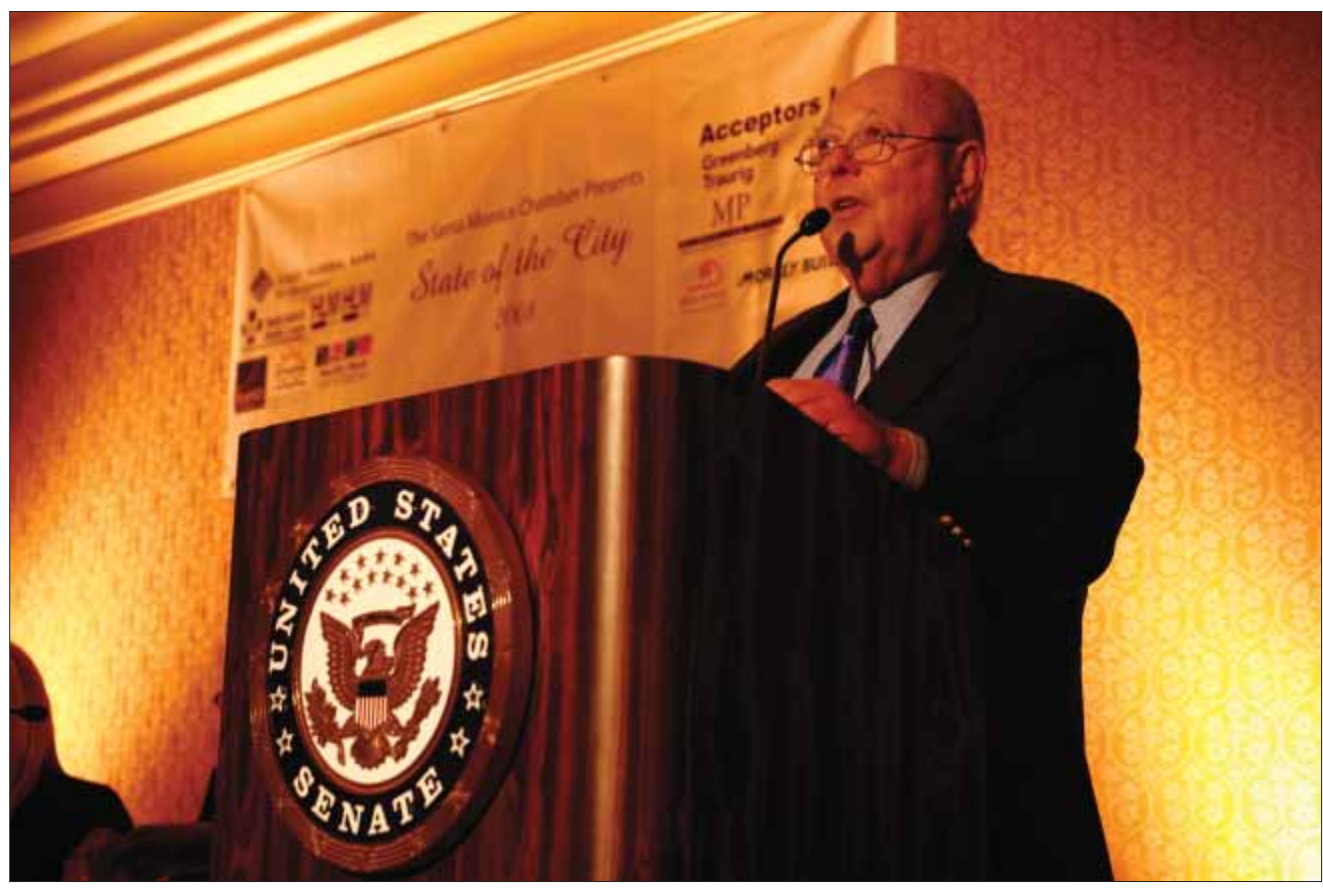
DOWNTOWN National economic trends have trickled down to Santa Monica, a city experiencing less than fruitful times with sales tax revenues declining and the tourism industry seeing warning flags pop up, possibly a sign of harder times to come.

Such concerns were mentioned during a panel discussion at the first ever State of the City address, a Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Tuesday afternoon.

The discussion on the economic matters of the city brought together local business and city leaders, with a panel including Mayor Herb Katz, Chamber President Laurel Rosen and board Chairman Tom Larmore, Bayside District Corp.'s Executive Director Kathleen Rawson, who manages downtown Santa Monica, and Misti Kerns, the chief executive officer of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We know the economy is precarious," Katz said. "We live in a vibrant city that is diverse ... and with any kind of cooperation, we should be able to weather (the recession)."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., rounded out the list of speakers by discussing national issues and how they affect Santa Monica locally. Approximately 300 business owners, civic leaders and residents attended the event, Rosen said on



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STATING IT CLEARLY: Mayor Herb Katz speaks during the State of City luncheon held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Tuesday. Economic concerns took center stage during the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.

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File photo

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS: Treesavers held a series of protests in the months leading up to the Landmarks Commission's decision.

Historical designation denied

Landmarks Commission rejects request to preserve trees

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The efforts of a group of environmental activists to historically preserve 153 ficus trees in downtown Santa Monica failed on Monday night, possibly setting the stage for a litigious showdown that could determine the outcome of a contentious tree removal plan.

The Landmarks Commission rejected a request by the Santa Monica Treesavers to historically and culturally designate a series of large canopied ficuses on Second and Fourth streets, an attempt by the ad hoc organization of residents and business owners to keep the trees from being uprooted.

The so-called Treesavers have collectively

been mobilizing the past four months to pull the plug on the removal of 54 ficus trees from the downtown area, part of City Hall's plans to improve and beautify Second and Fourth streets from Colorado Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard. The streetscape improvement project calls for the transplantation of 31 ficuses to elsewhere in the city and the destruction of 23 trees that have been identified as structurally deficient and unlikely to survive a move.

The turn-of-events on Monday evening following an emotionally-charged public hearing in City Hall is likely to revive a lawsuit by the Treesavers, which alleges City Hall violated state law by failing to submit an environmental impact report. A few days

before the project was set to start in October, a Los Angeles County judge issued a temporary injunction against City Hall, halting work crews from removing any of the trees. The environmental activists put the lawsuit on hiatus after they filed a petition to designate the trees as landmarks late last year.

"We preferred that would never have happened in the first place," Jerry Rubin, one of the leaders heading the ficus movement, said on Tuesday of the lawsuit.

The Treesavers were scheduled to meet on Tuesday night to discuss their options with attorney Tom Nitti, options that include filing an appeal to the commission's decision,

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1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
 The Montana Avenue Branch Library will discuss Daniel Gilbert's smart and funny book on human nature, "Stumbling on Happiness."

Green Living Workshop

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
 Barent Roth, from Sustainable Works, leads this six-week workshop on living green. The workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation and travel, and shopping and food. To register, contact Barent Roth at (310) 458-8716, ext. 1 or rothbarent@smc.edu.

Home Staging Accrediting Class

530 W. Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
 The Sheraton Delfina will host a 2 and 3-day course in Home Staging training. To find out more and register, call (800) 392-7161 or visit www.StagedHomes.com.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008

'Enjoy the Arts without Going Broke!'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
 Representatives from LA Stage Alliance, Gold Star Events, the Big Blue Bus and other organizations will show how to get the biggest bang for your buck of Southern California's arts and cultural destinations.

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402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
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'Choosing the Quiet'

1227 Second St., 5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
 Maurizio Barattucci's solo show, "Choosing the Quiet" will open at Emeritus College. Barattucci taught at the Art Department of Santa Monica College for 30 years and retired recently. The exhibition will be shown until February 29, 2008. For more information on this free event, call (310) 434-4306.

What's New This Week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
 A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

Meet other patients in the pits

2200 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
 The Neuro-Endocrine Tumor Center's Pituitary Patient Support Group is held bi-monthly at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Tonight's speaker will be Pejman Cohan on "Understanding the Pituitary Gland — Improving Your Health." For more information, visit www.neuro-endo.org or contact Sharmyn McGraw at (949) 515-9595.

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.



Brownley honored by school group

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SACRAMENTO The California League of High Schools (CLHS) has just honored State Assembly member Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, as their "2008 Legislator of the Year."

The award was presented on Jan. 12 at the league's Annual Conference in Monterey — "High Schools as Learning Communities: Engaging Students to Close the Achievement Gap." The conference was attended by 800 high school teachers and administrators.

CLHS selected Brownley "as a result of her proactive, practical approach to crafting legislation that benefits student learning and students' futures."

They noted legislation she authored in her just-completed freshman year to make instructional materials pricing more transparent, and to require alternative measures by which high school students unable to pass the California High School Exit Exam could still demonstrate competence and receive their diploma.

"With the serious budget challenges that we face this year, especially in education, it was inspiring to observe the commitment to educational excellence that is shared by the teachers and administrators attending this conference," Brownley said. "These amazing educators give me hope that we can all work together to succeed in bringing opportunity to every child and successfully close the achievement gap."

CLHS is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to improving the professional knowledge of high school educators so that all students may experience academic and life success.

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Photo courtesy Trapeze School New York

LOFTY AMBITIONS: Trapeze School New York plans to open a location for the acrobatic art on the Santa Monica Pier in the coming months.

Flying high over the pier

Trapeze School New York plans Santa Monica location

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Santa Monicans might soon be flying high.

Building on the success of his trapeze schools in New York City, Boston and Baltimore, Jonathon Conant is planning to offer lessons in the acrobatic art on the Santa Monica Pier.

The Trapeze School New York is slated to open a fourth location at the heart of the

pier, on a 9,000 square-foot vacant lot between Pacific Park and the Playland Arcade. An opening date has not yet been announced but Conant estimates it could happen as soon as next month. It will take about a week to install the 32-foot tall rigs.

The addition of the trapeze school is a welcomed addition, complementing the

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Rep. Waxman to question EPA on recent emissions ruling

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A key House Democrat said Monday he plans to question EPA officials about why the agency refused to allow California to require reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks.

At least 16 other states were prepared to

implement the same limits had the government issued the waiver California needed to set the standards, which would have been the first in the nation.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson naming

seven high-level managers he wants to interview. They include Margo Oge, director of the office of transportation and air quality, and Brian McLean, director of the office of atmospheric programs.

Waxman wants EPA to agree to a schedule for transcribed interviews or depositions by Wednesday. EPA spokesman Jonathan Shrader said the agency would work with Waxman's

committee to schedule the meetings.

EPA has missed deadlines set by Waxman and Sen. Barbara Boxer to turn over documents supporting the waiver denial.

EPA says it is still working to collect the documents. Waxman asked EPA to establish by Wednesday mutually agreeable deadlines to produce the records



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A thank you note to Santa Monica Editor:

Dear Santa Monicans, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity during the 15th Annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. In cooperation with the Santa Monica and Los Angeles fire departments and ABC/7 News, this year's campaign was able to run smoothly and provided underprivileged families with a happy holiday experience when times are not so easy.

This year saw some very trying economic times for all of us. Nevertheless, we collected over 3,000 donated toys from the wonderful people that live and work here. With our own needs just below 1,000 toys (where we had families pick them up during the holiday season), we stocked up the upcoming year's emergency toy supply we keep on hand for children affected by disasters, such as house and apartment fires.

We still donated nearly all of the remaining 2000 toys to other communities where their needy children received toys, sporting goods, games and gifts for the holidays.

Once again, thank you all for your generosity and compassion this holiday season. Not only were we able to provide smiles to many children here in Santa Monica and a huge relief to many needy families, but you also affected the hearts of children around the entire county of Los Angeles. Our heartfelt thanks from all of us at the Santa Monica Red Cross for your support of the Spark of Love Toy Drives and for making the 2007, campaign such a success.

Sincerely,

Cory Russell
Coordinator, Santa Monica Red Cross chapter
Spark of Love Toy Drive

So long, Mr. Martinez Editor:

Good riddance to SMC's provost in charge of planning, Marvin Martinez ("Moving up in the world," page 3, Jan. 10). The residents of Santa Monica should rejoice the fact this idiot won't be able to foist any more of his ill-conceived "plans" on the city. This is the man that told me in September that the corner of 20th and Pearl Street is not a residential area. It's amazing to me how someone with a degree in urban planning can't tell the difference between a residential and a commercial neighborhood.

One of SMC's goals should be to try to mitigate the college's impact on the nearby residents. Unfortunately, under Mr. Martinez's leadership, SMC has never had more of a negative impact on their neighbors. Instead of planning for SMC's inter-campus shuttle buses to pick up and drop off the students at the site of the campus, as common sense would dictate, Mr. Martinez decided to use the neighbor's residential street corners as SMC's new shuttle bus depots. The result of this plan (the one Mr. Martinez seems most proud of) was a traffic and safety nightmare, the loss of more residential parking to the college, and the degradation of the nearby properties. In the eight years I've lived next to SMC I have never had to endure the type of impact that Mr. Martinez's shuttle bus plans have caused my family and my tenants this past semester. Nobody should ever have to battle though a crowd of 50 loitering students to get to their home, no matter how close to the college they may live.

If the person who takes over as SMC's provost in charge of planning has any regard for SMC's neighbors it will be more than what was shown by Marvin Martinez. Good neighbors don't bring convoys of buses and thousands of students over to the residences next door; they make accommodations for them at their ever-expanding campus. Don't let the door hit your ... ass on the way out of Santa Monica Marvie.

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Beyond the dream of a true visionary

MILLIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED BY Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the historic Aug. 28, 1963 march on Washington. But how many have heard King's "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" remarks at New York's Riverside Church on April 4, 1967, one year before he was assassinated? His powerful insights offer us an historical perspective from which to analyze the present U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq.

In his speech King addressed the promise that emerged in the 1960s as the country was moved by the courageous efforts of civil rights activists to confront the racism and poverty afflicting the nation. He talked of "a shining moment in that struggle.

It seemed as if there was a real promise of hope for the poor — both black and white — through the Poverty Program. Then came the build-up in Vietnam, and I watched the program broken and eviscerated ... [in] a society gone mad on war, and I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as Vietnam continued" to take funds away from this domestic struggle. "So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

King realized the Vietnam War "was doing far more than devastating the hopes of the poor at home. ... We were taking the young black men who had been crippled by our society and sending them 8,000 miles away to guarantee liberties in Southeast Asia which they had not found in Southwest Georgia and East Harlem. ... I could not be silent in the face of such cruel manipulation of the poor [and] could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos ... without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today, my own government."

What Dr. King concluded about U.S. aggression in Vietnam could be said of Iraq: "It should be incandescently clear that no one who has any concern for the integrity and life of America today can ignore the present war. If America's soul becomes totally poisoned, part of the autopsy must read 'Vietnam.'"

In addition to addressing the horrific destruction the U.S. visited upon Vietnam, King voiced his deep concern about what the war was doing to our troops there as well — a message from the past that resonates with what Iraq war veterans are telling us: "I am as deeply concerned about our own troops there as anything else. For

it occurs to me that what we are submitting them to in Vietnam is not simply the brutalizing process that goes on in any war where armies face each other and seek to destroy. We are adding cynicism to the process of death, for our troops must know after a short period there that none of the things we claim to be fighting for are really involved."

King took a key step in political consciousness when he asserted that the Vietnam War was merely "a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit, and if we ignore this sobering reality ... [we] will be marching and attending rallies without end unless there is a significant and profound change in

American life and policy." He urged us to understand that "when machines and computers, profit and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

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He challenged us "to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies" that starkly laid bare "the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth [as] capitalists of the West [invest] huge sums of money in Asia, Africa and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries. ..." He concluded with an warning that we continue to deny at our peril: "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Our illegal and immoral invasion and occupation of Iraq is a human catastrophe that has left an estimated 1 million people dead and driven another 4 million from their homes. What better way to honor Dr. King than by confronting this heinous violence and struggling with the implications of his powerful and profound assertion: "I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism."

JOHN MARCIANO, Professor Emeritus, State University of New York, was Dr. King's co-host and driver when King visited Buffalo, N.Y. on November 9, 1967. He lives in Santa Monica.

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A little brotherly advice for Reggie

ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS WAS BORN in Shanghai, so he was legally not allowed to have a brother. At his surprise 25th birthday party, he told his friends that didn't matter any more because we were his brothers.

I'll never forget that because it made me grateful for my three big brothers and the lessons I learned from them. They taught me to be loyal, they taught me sometimes you have to hit first, and they taught me to never play myself (for the slang impaired, that means never make yourself look bad). I don't know if former USC running back Reggie Bush has a big brother, but he really needs one now. So I'm offering Reggie this brotherly advice: you're playing yourself right now. Knock it off.

I understand where your head is at Reg. You grew up in San Diego, so you had Hollywood dreams. You came to LA where, by the age of 19, you became a star at USC. You played in two national championship games by the age of 20, winning one of them. You were a Heisman Trophy finalist as a sophomore and won the award as a junior. And you enjoyed all the nubile, hard-bodied benefits of being a high profile LA bachelor. And I ain't mad at'cha for that, little brother. But that was college, where the worst thing that could happen to you if you messed up was you would lose eligibility (like coach Pete Carroll would ever let that happen). Now you're a professional, you just can't have the off-the-field distractions you had back in school because there is too much money at stake.

I've got to hand it to you, your pro career started with a bang. The only NFL player who had more than your \$5 million in endorsements by this point in his career was Peyton Manning with \$10 million, and you became the signature athlete on the New Orleans Saints before you ever played a single minute of pro football. Why? Because coming out of college, you were a winner. But the big difference between (ahem) amateur athletics at USC and professional sports is that winning is much more difficult. It's also tougher to earn the respect of NFL players. They don't care about your Heisman, they care about your work ethic and your dedication to your team. But when you miss a month of off-season workouts so you can shoot commercials in LA, that tells your teammates

you're not with them. When you take off for Madrid to film a spot with futbol star David Beckham, that tells your coaches that you're not focused on football. And when you miss games because of an injury which may have been prevented by working out harder in the off-season, you've played yourself.

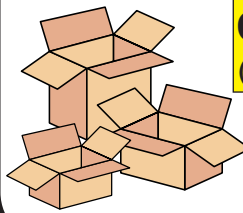
Your biggest problem though isn't the way you're handling (or not handling) your football business, little brother. Your biggest problem is how you're handling your personal life. I won't even get into the whole issue of accepting favors while you were at USC because I don't care about that. The university isn't owed an explanation or anything else, for that matter. You more than lived up to your end of the deal on the field and if the university wants to pretend it didn't know you were getting special treatment, then let them have their hypocrisy.

No, your biggest problem is that you are seriously considering marrying Kim Kardashian. Never mind that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is trying to turn players into boy scouts, do you realize what being married to an amateur porn star is going to do to your endorsement deals? I'm not saying your wife needs to be Polly Pureheart, but she should at least be good for your image. The fact that footage of your queen to be engaging in sex acts is readily available on-line for \$4.95 and she put her lovely lady lumps on display in Playboy is most certainly not good for your image. Neither is the fact that she's been "linked" with (and I'm sorry to do this, little brother): The Game, Nick Cannon, Benji Madden, Nick Lachey, Joe Francis, Fabolous, Terrance Howard, Evan Ross, and Ray J — and none of them ever gave her a ring.

A lot of guys think about it, but very few actually do it. Dennis Rodman and Dave Navarro tried with Carmen Electra; Tommy Lee, Kid Rock, and Rick Solomon tried with Pam Anderson; even Sean Penn tried with Madonna — and they all played themselves. Because you can't turn a hoe into a housewife, even if she's a "socialite" from Beverly Hills.

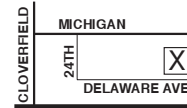
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Do you think Measure R is good for the area or just another attempt to get tax payers to foot the bill for education?

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Employers provide insurance for pets

BY CANDICE CHOI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK At a time when employers are scaling back on costly health benefits, pet insurance is gaining popularity as an employee benefit.

Veterinary Pet Insurance, the nation's largest pet insurer, saw its corporate accounts balloon from 15 to 1,600 in the past six years. About 15 percent of Veterinary Pet Insurance's policies, or about 50,000, now come from its corporate accounts.

The growth of this perk comes as pets occupy an increasingly prominent place in the American home. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, pet owners spent an estimated \$9.8 billion on veterinary care in 2007, up from \$7.1 billion in 2001.

Pet owners are spending more on sophisticated care to give animals some comfort or a few extra years when illness strikes. The cost of a surgical veterinarian visit was \$453 for dogs and \$363 for cats in 2006, the most recent figures available, but treating a pet for an illness like cancer can cost several thousands of dollars.

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Vice president of insurance at PetHealth

Pet insurance is still relatively rare, with only about 2 percent of pets in the United States insured. Another major pet insurer, PetHealth Inc., expects that figure to grow to about 10 percent over the next decade as options for animal medical care grow. PetHealth, based in Oakville, Ontario, saw revenue from all policies jump to \$4.3 million in the third quarter, up 12 percent from the previous year. While corporate accounts are growing, the vast majority of policies are still signed up through veterinary offices, retail outlets and animal shelters.

Noninvasive procedures like MRIs, CAT-scans and endoscopies have become relatively common for animals, with many pet owners looking to screen for illness early on. Though rare, owners can now even get organ transplants and pacemaker surgeries for cats and dogs.

"Veterinary science has grown in leaps and bounds. Treatments and therapies that were not available are now available," said John Warden, vice president of insurance at PetHealth. "There's an alternative to euthanasia, but it costs money. That's immediately led to the issue of insurance."

For employers, offering pet insurance doesn't cost a dime, since employees pay the full cost of the benefit, unlike health insurance for humans, where employers typically shoulder most of the cost. Workers typically get a discount of 5 or 10 percent if pet poli-

cies are obtained through their company.

Only a tiny fraction of employees typically sign up for the benefit — usually less than 5 percent, according to Veterinary Pet Insurance. But with big names like Comcast Corp., Home Depot, the Walt Disney Co. and Sprint offering the benefit, policies add up.

"It's really taking a very holistic view of employees," said Patty Friedman, a senior health care strategy consultant for Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a personnel consulting firm. "It falls under the whole umbrella of protecting your financial well-being for you. (Employers) want to make things easy so you have one less thing to worry about."

Voluntary benefits like pet insurance are becoming more common at a time when American workers are feeling the sting of scaled back health benefits for people. According to the Kaiser Foundation, premiums for family coverage have increased 78 percent between 2001 and 2007 and companies that offered health benefits dropped to 60 percent of employers in 2007 from 69 percent in 2000.

For most companies, pet insurance is simply a way to help employees at no cost to the bottom line.

Del Monte Foods Co., based in San Francisco, started offering pet insurance a little over a year ago. Only about 15 or 20 employees have signed up for it so far, but the benefit makes a statement about the company's greater corporate culture, said Paul Berg, Del Monte's vice president of compensation and benefits.

"Nobody's going to leave or stay because of it. But it shows we understand that pets are just a very, very important part of the family," Berg said.

The company's rollout of pet products in recent years also made it a natural fit, Berg said.

Bobbie Stanton, a 55-year-old employee at Del Monte, signed up her two Shetland sheepdogs right away.

Having had to pay to treat her previous dog's mouth cancer, she knew the financial toll an illness could take. She had to borrow \$3,000 from her parents to have the tumors removed.

"The alternative was to let him die, and I couldn't do that," she said.

Stanton now pays \$313 a year for each of her two dogs. She recently paid \$20 to have a burr removed from one dog's ear; the cost without insurance would have been \$200.

Depending on the age and type of animal, costs for pet insurance typically range between \$10 and \$40 a month. Pet owners typically pay up front for vet bills then are reimbursed by insurers.

Pet insurance isn't for everyone, however. Unless your pet's breed is prone to chronic illness, Consumer Reports says pet insurance might cost more than it saves.

The consumer group warns that necessary treatments may not be covered and that policy holders might bump up against lifetime payment ceilings for chronically ill pets. Some policies might limit how much they pay per incident and others might require higher copays as pets age.

Whatever the means may be — pet insurance, a savings account or any other financial plan — the key is to simply plan ahead for medical care as with any other member of the family, said Dr. Thomas Carpenter, president of the American Animal Hospital.

Positive spin on market news

SURE, THE MEDIA HAS NOTHING BUT negative news lately regarding the real estate market, but if you look closely and pay attention to the interest rates you'll see something interesting: rates remain low!

The media loves to perpetuate negative news. That is not to say that the current real estate environment, both in the market place and financially, are not having a tough time. It is expected that fourth quarter and annually earnings for many lenders will be down substantially. This is due in part to the subprime meltdown that took place a few months back. However, the market place is expecting the Fed to cut the Fed Funds rate at the end of the January when they meet again. Aside from this expectation, the current market place for interest rates is excellent. Sure, many people have the mind set that a 3 or 4 percent interest rate is great and anything else is simply too high, but if you look at the inter-



Real Estate 101

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est rates of today you will notice that many are hovering around 6 percent. This is much lower then historical averages once you factor out the past few years of record breaking lows.

A 30-year fixed loan, which is a loan where principal and interest are paid together each payment and the loan is paid off in full at the end of 30 years, is hovering around 5.625 percent. A 15-year loan, which is identical to a 30-year fixed with a term of only 15 years, is hovering around 6.10 percent. This is in comparison to a couple of months ago when rates were in the mid to upper 6 percent range. Of course, this half a percent does not sound like a lot until you

do the math.

If you were refinancing your home and decided to take a 30-year fixed loan at 6.375 percent on \$500,000, your payment per month would be \$3,119.35. Now if you waited and did that refinance today at an interest rate of 5.625 percent your payment would be \$2,878.28 a difference of \$241.07 a month or \$2892.84 a year. Now that may not seem like a lot, but if you take that additional \$2892.84 and multiply it by 30 years the difference grows to \$86,785.20. If you were to take that \$241.07 a month and place it into a savings account with an 4.5 percent interest rate compounding annually, after 30 years you would have \$184,000. Sure in today's world that may not seem like a lot of money, but if you did this after 30 years you would have a free and clear house, which would be worth at least double what you paid and \$184,000 in cash. Conservatively speaking you would now be worth over a

million dollars (\$1,000,000 home value + \$184,000 = \$1,184,000). On top of that you would have gained the benefit of a tax deduction while you were paying down the mortgage.

Some people are more aggressive and would rather pay a mortgage down in 15 years. Paying off a mortgage over 15 years will cause your monthly payments to be higher, but you will save money on interest over time since your home is paid down at a faster rate.

Regardless of all the negative media coming out on the real estate market, now may be a great time to consider refinancing your home and locking up a conservative 30-year fixed loan.

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LABOR

Union might keep writers from Grammy Awards

BY SOLVEJ SCHOU
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The striking Hollywood writers guild likely will bar its members from working on next month's Grammys telecast, a union spokesman said Tuesday.

Grammy organizers have yet to ask for a

waiver allowing writers to work on the show — and if requested, “it is unlikely to be granted,” Writers Guild of America spokesman Gregg Mitchell said.

The Recording Academy said it did not have an immediate comment.

The writers guild refused to grant a waiver for last weekend's Golden Globe awards

and threatened to picket the event.

Actors were advised by their union to stay away from the ceremony, prompting Globes organizers to replace the normally glitzy telecast with a scaled-down news conference lacking stars, glamour and ad revenue.

Next month's Academy Awards could face the same fate.

The writers guild said it had not yet decided whether to picket the Feb. 10 Grammys ceremony, set to air live on CBS.

Screen Actors Guild spokeswoman Pamela Greenwalt said her union's members “have been unwilling to cross a picket line and we anticipate that solidarity will continue.”

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Trapeze school to open on pier

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unique array of services and activities already offered on the pier, said Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation (PRC).

"A lot of guests that come to the pier are really going to enjoy the process and watching the classes," Knight said. "Our hope is to have a lot of members of the public involved in the classes as well."

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Executive Director of the

The open-air school, clearly visible to visitors of the pier, will be situated on a site that has been vacant for the past 12 years, occasionally used for special events. The trapeze

school will be awarded a one-year lease with the option to renew.

The school opened in Lower Manhattan on Pier 40 in 2001 and locations in the Boston suburb of Reading and Baltimore soon followed. Conant was a music composer for film and television when he went on a Club Med vacation in 1998 and took several flying trapeze lessons.

"It was a tremendous experience going up in great fear and going down feeling triumphant," Conant said.

The native Californian went back to New England hoping to find a trapeze school. When Conant discovered one didn't exist, he decided to open a school in upstate New York. A few years later, Conant partnered with friends Dave and Anne Brown and founded the Trapeze School New York.

The three business partners had been mulling their options the past few years of a fourth location and saw an opportunity in California, feeling residents would respond well to an unusual activity. When the PRC sent out a notice last year seeking a short-term tenant for a vacant spot on the pier, Brown decided to throw in the company's name.

"We really like it when our business makes other businesses work better when the business relationship is built on the community and trying to bring something



Photo courtesy Trapeze School New York

GETTING AIR: Trapeze School New York's new site on the pier would be its fourth location.

good," Conant said. "Working with the pier here, these guys all want to do great stuff for the city."

The trapeze school isn't just for people with aspirations for the circus. One of the benefits of the trapeze arts is that it helps people realize their potential," Conant said.

"In addition to being a phenomenal workout, it's a tremendous bodybuilding experience," Conant said. "It helps people reevaluate what they believe they are capable of."

Though the school will primarily offer

lessons to students that have booked a reservation, walk-in visitors might also be accepted. Classes in the other three schools range from \$45 during off-peak hours to \$75 during peak hours for a two-hour class.

Roughly 25,000 people have taken part in classes at the company's three schools since 2001.

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Treesavers could appeal decision

FROM TREES PAGE 1

which would have to be done within the next nine days.

A court hearing is scheduled on Feb. 22 and City Hall has promised not to touch the trees until then, Nitti said on Tuesday.

The commission had postponed discussing the trees at least twice since it first appeared on its agenda in November. The Treesavers requested the postponements because they wanted more time to prepare an argument.

Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson asked the commission to make a final determination on Monday night, reminding commissioners that delays meant City Hall would be losing money on the project.

The commission was near unanimous in denying the landmarks application, with Ruthann Lehrer being the sole voice in support of designation, persuaded by a revelation of a possible tie-in between the planting of the trees in the early 1960s and the women's and environmental movements. City staff had recommended that the commission deny the request, finding that the trees did not meet any of the six criteria necessary for a designation.

Apart from promoting the ecological virtues of the ficuses, the Treesavers dedicated a bulk of their argument on the story of former Santa Monica resident Jacqueline Girion, a long-time community activist who was considered to be instrumental in getting the trees planted. Girion resided in the Ocean Park neighborhood for 16 years and for a period of time served on the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's City Beautification Committee. It was on this committee that Girion, a mother of five children, fostered a relationship with downtown business owners and helped secure the planting of the ficus trees, according to the Treesavers.

"The ... ficus trees now flourishing on Second and Fourth streets are a testament to the environmental vision of Jacqueline Girion," said Treesaver Michele Modglin.

Two of Girion's sons — Sherwood, the

eldest, and Shephard, the fourth child — spoke at the meeting, the younger Girion reminiscing about sitting as a child on his mother's lap while she called business owners with the tree proposition.

"Not one of those trees represents a historic site," Shephard Girion said. "As a collection, they represent Santa Monica."

Under the landmarks ordinance, a structure can qualify for designation if it is associated with a historic person or significant event. While Girion might have been instrumental in planting the trees, some commissioners said they didn't believe she was an historic figure and couldn't find enough significance with the trees to warrant a designation.

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Michele Modglin
Treesaver

"These special trees have a groundswell of public support, there's a reason for it because they're individually important," said Commissioner Roger Genser. "As a group, I don't think they come to a level of being landmarked trees."

Lehrer disagreed and said while Girion might not fit the traditional description of a historic person, her contributions to the civic life of Santa Monica was significant.

"I was quite taken and amazed by her contributions," Lehrer said.

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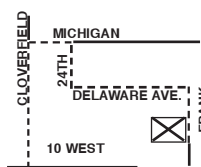
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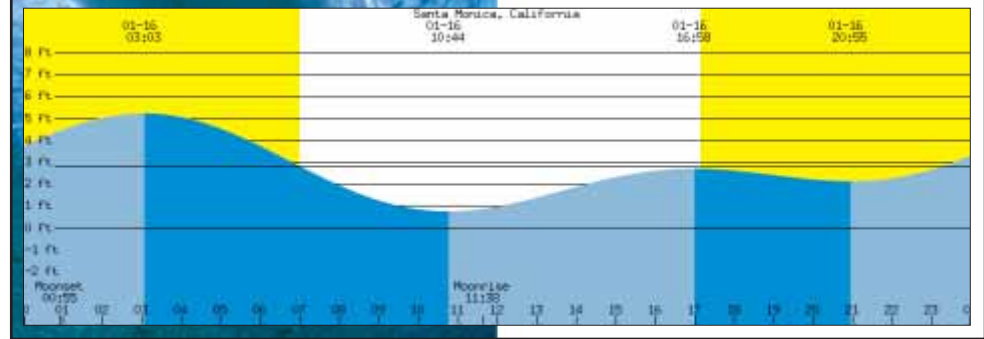
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Pescadero)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescadero State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth	A+	C
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	B
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	D
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	F
Pescadero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pismo Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet	A+	A+
Sunbiter Beach (beach location) - daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	C
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Red Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain	B	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kester storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

LEGEND

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STAR POWER: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., addresses the crowd during the State of the City luncheon held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Tuesday. The event focused on the local economy.

Sen. Feinstein attends State of the City event

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Tuesday. A follow-up event is expected in July.

“The original concept was to talk about the economic outlook in 2008, to have the city there, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Bayside District Corp. and the chamber and mayor, all coming together to discuss the future,” she said.

Former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives asked each panelist to speak on issues related to their sector of the city, touching on initiatives that Santa Monicans can expect to see in the future.

Sales tax revenues in the city have declined the past few quarters, most notably auto sales taxes, which normally account for about 22 percent of the total sales tax pool, according to City Manager Lamont Ewell.

“Santa Monica is really fortunate community because we have a diversified tax (base),” Ewell said. “We don’t have all of our eggs in one basket.”

Leaders in the local tourism sector have seen a departure in trends of the past several years — spending by domestic tourists exceeded that of their international counterparts by 11 percent in the past year, Kerns said.

It’s not a welcoming change. International tourists are more likely than out-of-state American travelers to spend more money, stay longer in the hotels and use public transportation, Kerns said.

While the shift toward domestic tourism is a concern, the hospitality industry saw the highest hotel occupancy rate — 83 percent — last year, bringing in an estimated \$32 million in transient occupancy taxes. But the average stay of tourists declined last year, from three to 1.5 nights, Kerns said.

The ongoing issue of retaining the local

workforce was raised by Larmore, who said one of the goals of the chamber would be to work closely with City Hall’s drafting of the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), the update of the general plan that will outline the developmental future of Santa Monica for the next 20 years. The chamber has particular interest in the development of workforce housing and public transportation, Larmore said.

SANTA MONICA IS REALLY FORTUNATE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE A DIVERSIFIED TAX (BASE)."

Lamont Ewell
City Manager

“As problems persists, it leads to ill-conceived initiatives,” Larmore said, referring to a proposed measure by the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City to place limitations on commercial development.

The keynote address came from Feinstein, who contacted the chamber recently about speaking at the event, Rosen said. The three-time senator spoke mainly on national issues and legislative bills making its way through the chambers, including environmental measures, an interest of many Santa Monicans.

“What happens if global warming hits this beach city?” Feinstein asked. “Eventually it’s a wipe-out.”

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Harvard bound

Humor magazine honors Paris Hilton

PARIS HILTON is heading to Harvard.
The 26-year-old actress-socialite has been named Harvard Lampoon's "Hastiest Pudding of the Lampoon Award," the com-

edy magazine said Tuesday.
She will visit Harvard on Feb. 6 to accept her award, said Regent Releasing, the company that's distributing her

new comedy, "The Hottie & the Nottie."
Hilton, whose body of work includes "House of Wax" and TV's "The Simple Life," stars as the attractive best friend to

an ugly duckling in the new comedy, slated for release Feb. 8.
She also co-stars in the upcoming horror musical "Repo! The Genetic Opera!" which she began

filming in Canada after serving a 23-day jail sentence in Los Angeles last June for violating probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case.
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LUDACRIS IS SUPER

TOM PETTY may be the official Super Bowl half-time performer, but the week leading up to the big game will feature plenty of other performers – and **LUDACRIS** will be among them.
The 30-year-old rapper has been selected to perform at ESPN The Magazine's Next party Feb. 1, which will highlight future trends in sports, technology and lifestyle.
The Super Bowl is Feb. 3 at the University of Phoenix Stadium.
"(It) feels good to be back in Arizona," said Ludacris in a statement. "Phoenix is the hometown of my artist Willie Northpole so it's only right to bring 'Disturbing Tha Peace' back home."

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Madden says his newborn can eat

JOEL MADDEN says his newborn daughter with **NICOLE RICHIE** has a healthy appetite.
"She looks so much like her mom it's crazy! She eats like a little maniac and she's really sweet," the Good Charlotte rocker gushes in a post on his DCMA Collective Web site under the heading, "It's a Girl!!!!!"
Harlow Winter Kate Madden was born Friday in Los Angeles, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces. She is the first child for Madden, 28, and Richie, 26. The couple began dating in late 2006.
"She barely even cries, even when daddy is changing her diaper," Madden says.
He apologizes for not

accepting gifts, cards and phone calls at the hospital.
Madden said he and Richie would like people to donate to The Richie-Madden Children's Foundation.
Richie, the socialite daughter of Lionel Richie, is perhaps best known for co-starring with Paris Hilton in the reality show "The Simple Life."
Last year, she spent 82 minutes in jail after being convicted of driving under the influence of drugs. She was arrested in December 2006 after witnesses reported seeing her Mercedes-Benz sport utility vehicle headed the wrong way on a freeway in Burbank.

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Talk up a storm, Libra

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Born Today

Author Dr. Laura Schlesinger (1947)
Dancer, actress Debbie Allen (1950)
Singer Ethel Merman (1908)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Making money can happen if you choose the right opportunity. Listen and think before you commit. You cannot investigate your options too much. Sometimes a holding pattern works best. Tonight: Gather your bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner. If you want to experiment with a new approach, now is the time. Don't expect everyone to agree with you, and you won't be disappointed. Universal agreement might be difficult to achieve today. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Slow down and understand what makes a situation work. If you feel that some information is being withheld, wait. Give others time to reveal their true colors. Success comes from working with authenticity. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Your way of handling a problem might not be another's fashion. The end results are what count. Step back and look at exactly that. Confusion might surround your plans. Tonight: Happy where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Dance to another's tune. Be willing to answer to someone you look up to. Don't think it means anything about your ability; someone else's position has to do with his or her history and perspective. Tonight: You shoulder even more responsibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Take an overview and understand what might be happening with different parties or about a key question. If you're feeling insecure, stop and get more information. Tonight: Investigate rather than judge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Defer to a partner. Get to the bottom of a situation and discuss solutions. Creativity comes out when brainstorming. You'll understand much more when opening up conversations. Togetherness works for you. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Defer to someone you care about. Your vision points in a new direction. Creativity swarms around relating. Network, return calls and speak your mind. The end results will be dynamic if you team up with another person. Tonight: Say yes to another's request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Dive into work and accomplish more, if possible. Touch base with your priorities. You will not make a mistake. Evaluate how much you are willing to put into a project. How you see an evolving situation could change. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your perspective changes dynamically. If you choose to work well with associates, you'll gain. You find paths that work. Often, others back off when hitting an obstacle. Tonight: Put some spunk into your step.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Restraining yourself from revealing every detail of a project or plan could be tough. Listen to news that heads your way. You might not be getting the whole story. Keep asking questions. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your words have impact. Others will listen and adjust ideas or plans. You might need to deal with quite a few people, many different moods and sometimes confusion. Stay centered. Tonight: Out and about.

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1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
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1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
There Will Be Blood (R)
2:30, 6:20, 10:00
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Juno (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
No Country for Old Men (R)
1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
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First Sunday (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
I Am Legend (PG-13)
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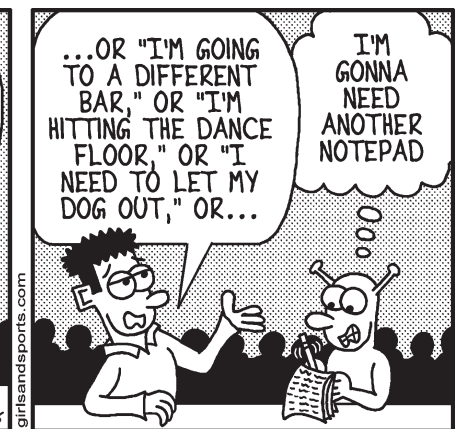
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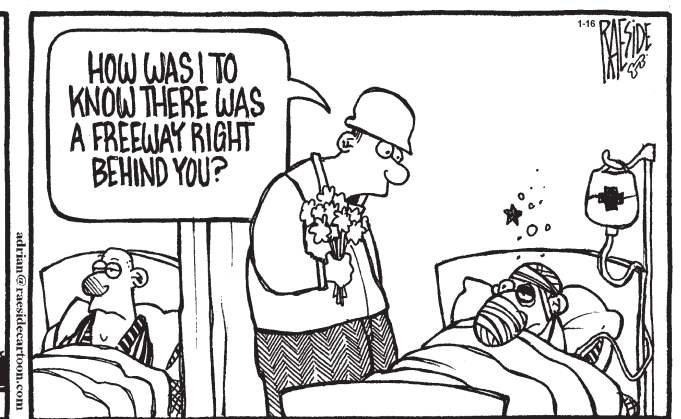
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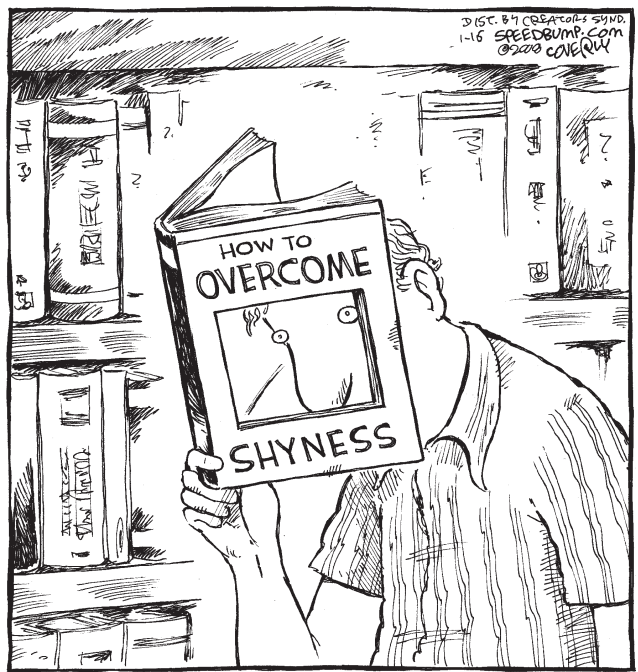
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- 14 Neighbor-hood
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- 18 German article
- 19 Squashed circles
- 22 Sneaker part
- 23 Tire tracks
- 26 Over-shadows
- 29 Horse healer
- 32 Tease
- 33 Bowler, for one
- 34 Source of answers
- 36 Prop for Holmes
- 37 Hidden storage place
- 38 The fifth element
- 39 Inquired
- 40 Texas player
- 41 For fear that
- 42 Work breaks

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- 8 Impetus
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Exciting Japanese Products: (1) The clothing company Konaka announced that it will start selling press-free men's and women's suits in February that can be cleaned by hanging them under a warm shower. (2) Not actually for sale is bra-maker Triumph International's prototype "chopstick bra," shown in November in Tokyo as an environment-friendly demonstration project. The bra houses two reusable chopsticks (to publicize a national campaign to discourage use of disposable ones), which can also be positioned to enhance the wearer's cleavage. ■ Leading Economic Indicator: Evangelical Christians, among all people of faith, seem excited to purchase products that reinforce their religious values, according to a marketer cited in a December Denver Post report, with the result an explosion of Jesus-themed merchandise such as Jesus riding a bull, surfing and playing soccer, Jesus air-fresheners and Grapes of Galilee wine. (Among the tackier products, according to a November report in London's Daily Telegraph, are "thongs of praise" underwear with an image of the Madonna and child, and a template to place on a bread slice in an oven to create toast with the Virgin Mary's likeness.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1547 Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

1883 the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

1942 actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

1944 Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

1957 three B-52's (accompanied at first by two spare aircraft) took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

1964 the musical "Hello, Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

1967 Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first U.S. secretary of transportation.

1978 NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

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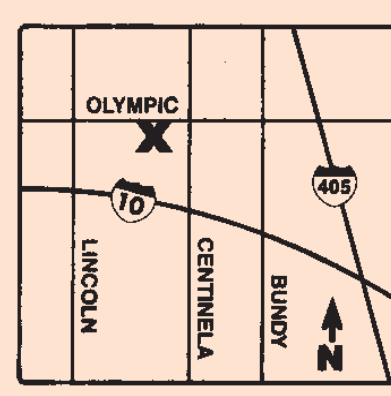
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