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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Doctors at the Ballarat-Austin Radiation Oncology Centre in Australia have begun inserting three rice-sized grains of 24-karat gold against patients' prostates. The pellets (cost: about US\$300 each) graft permanently onto the gland and help doctors aim the radiation with more precision.

And in December, in Vancouver, British Columbia, local TV stations said they were reluctant to air a public service announcement provided by the Prostate Center at Vancouver General Hospital because it featured a prostate-examining doctor reaching inside his patient and pulling out a ticking time bomb (to dramatize the urgency for men to be examined).

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love is not consolation, it is light."

SIMONE WEIL
FRENCH PHILOSOPHER (1909-1943)

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John Wood/Daily Press

DIRTY WATER: 'Skeltor,' a remote-controlled surfer steered by Horizons West surf shop owner Randy Wright, charges out towards the lineup Tuesday afternoon. Warm weather has enticed some people back into the still polluted waters.

Resisting nature's call tough when heat is on

Health officials warning swimmers to stay strong, steer clear of the water

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH — Beachgoers beware: The lure of warm weather and rising surf should be weighed against possible side effects like vomiting, diarrhea, skin rashes and sinus infections.

Health officials on Tuesday cautioned swimmers and surfers against rushing back to the ocean after this month's deluge, saying bacteria levels are still dangerously high and may stay that way for several more days.

"We normally say wait three days to go in the water after a rainstorm, but these were extremely heavy storms," said Shelley Luce, a science and policy director for Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization that tracks water quality levels. "It was a storm that lasted a long time. It really saturated all the ground and it created a lot of runoff, and then the water's been quite calm since then."

Despite the filthy water, the recent run of warm weather combined with rising swell has lured many beachgoers back into the depths.

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State of Bay just OK

BY CORTNEY FIELDING

Special to the Daily Press

The overall health of Santa Monica Bay may not have improved as much as officials and environmentalists would like, but some areas are on the upswing.

That was the general consensus among the approximately 300 attendees at the "State of the Bay Conference," held by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) at the Skirball Center last week. Environmental officials from around the state were invited to take part in the one-day event, which highlighted improvements made in the bay's restoration over the past five years, as well as hurdles yet to be cleared.

Bacteria levels in the 266 square miles of bay during the dry summer months are steadily declining, according to Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay, a non-profit organization involved in water safety and cleanliness issues in Southern California. The decline is partly due to a number of local projects that have created

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To be 'continued'? Homeless strategy has mixed results

Fewer people placed into permanent housing last year under City Hall's 'continuum of care'

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a three-part series on homelessness in Santa Monica. An article in the Jan. 15 edition looked at new strategies for reducing homelessness. The third article will examine the impacts of homelessness in Santa Monica.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Nearly 2,200 homeless people received some form of aid in Santa Monica last year, with several hundred moving into permanent housing and taking permanent jobs. Still, the community remains divided over how best to deal with vagrancy.

While social service providers and many city officials maintain homeless programs are making significant strides in the face of economic obstacles, critics maintain the generous programs continue to inflate the local transient population.

Meanwhile, residents and merchants are left to confront the reali-

ties of homelessness on a daily basis.

Officials next week are expected to adopt an "action plan" for dealing with homelessness in the coming year. Among the suggestions raised at a Jan. 11 public meeting were the creation of a special courtroom for homeless offenders, allowing transients to choose to get help rather than serve time in jail and instituting a special program to assist the most entrenched homeless residents of Santa Monica.

Those suggestions aside, City Hall is expected to continue giving nearly \$2 million annually to non-profit groups that serve the homeless. Last year, City Hall handed out a collective \$1,823,391 to nine Santa Monica social service providers. The nine providers then raised an additional \$5 million from outside sources, according to an annual report on homelessness prepared by City Hall.

In order to receive city money, each of the groups must plug in to

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You big lug



Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo

Rick Cerba, a pipe fitter from Castaic and employee of the Santa Monica Department of Water, strains to loosen aged bolts from a fire hydrant that his crew was charged with relocating on Main Street Tuesday afternoon.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Arresting behavior has its rewards

By Daily Press staff

The elks are looking for their officer of the year.

The Santa Monica Elks will be hosting officers from the Santa Monica Police Department, the FBI, VA Hospital Security and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department on Jan. 20 at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd. The meeting, which is open to the public, starts at 7:30 p.m.

An officer from each group has been nominated for "Officer of the Year." Each nominee will receive a plaque from the Elks and a scroll or certificate from the appropriate political entity. Last year, they hosted 37 officers for dinner.

The chair officers will select one "Officer of the Year," whose name will go on a permanent plaque.

For more information, call Curt Curtiss (310) 645-8989.

Dinner costs \$10 and starts at 6:30 p.m. Call (310) 452-3557 for reservations.

Voting registration ends soon, but there's still time

By Daily Press staff

The last day to register to vote for the March 8 elections is fast approaching, but a local restaurant is offering registrar services.

Sylvia Levin, an 80-something registrar, is available to register people at Mani's on Main Street Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and in Malibu on Friday mornings outside the downtown post office.

Democrats get progressive

By Daily Press staff

You might have thought they were already here, but the progressive Democrats are coming to Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club has invited interested persons to hear a special presentation by past assembly person and long-time progressive activist Tom Hayden. A primary catalyst of the new group, Hayden will explain the recent formation in Washington D.C. of the new nationwide organization "Progressive Democrats of America."

The new group is designed to promote and defend progressive issues within the Democratic Party. An uncensored question and answer session will follow.

The event will be held on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Church community room, located at 20th Street and Colorado Avenue. The event is free and so is the parking. Refreshments will be served. Call (310) 451-2752, 310-636-6363 or e-mail smdc@yahoo.com for more information.

A weekend in the labyrinth

By Daily Press staff

A local church this month is offering an opportunity for the community to meditate and pray together.

The First United Methodist Church is holding a meditation and prayer workshop on Jan. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop will focus on prayer forms such as Breath Prayer, Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina and the Body Prayer/Labyrinth Walk. The workshop will be held at the church in the fireside room, located at 1008 11th St., two blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, contact Mary Garbesi at (310) 393-8258.

On Jan. 23, the church will host a Labyrinth Walk. The labyrinth is a portable canvas replica of the labyrinth laid in the floor of the Chartres Cathedral around 1220 C.E. The labyrinth is an ancient walking meditation tool. The labyrinth is open to the public, free of charge.

The Labyrinth Walk will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the last entry at 11:15 a.m., and again from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the last entry at 3:45 p.m.



SURF REPORT

On Wednesday, we'll see WNW swell build through the day, looking strongest by the afternoon. Look for many spots through the region to see chest- and shoulder-high sets in the morning. Standout spots through the North/Central South Bay are up to a couple of feet overhead. Look for more size as we head through the afternoon and into very early Thursday morning, before sizes slowly back down by Thursday afternoon. Variable offshore flow up to 10 knots on tap for the morning, followed by light onshore flow for the afternoon.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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SUNDAY	8:37	1.7	8:01	1.2	2:09	4.7	2:04	3.3
MONDAY	10:19	1.3	8:53	1.9	3:03	4.7	4:03	2.8
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WEDNESDAY	12:41	0.2	11:07	2.6	4:52	5.2	7:31	3.1
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The Q Line

The RAND Corp., a Santa Monica-based international think tank, recently released a report that details the deplorable condition of California's public school system. The state lags behind in almost every objective in education — student achievement, class size, teacher salaries and teacher experience, to name a few. And now, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to cut \$2.8 billion in education to balance the budget.

Despite how poorly school districts perform throughout the state, Santa Monica and Malibu fare

pretty well. But that's because the local community has supported the school district with hundreds of millions of dollars through bonds, parcel taxes, private donations and City Hall contributions.

So this week, Q Line wants to know, "Should it be left up to communities throughout California to fund their own school districts, or is it the state government's responsibility?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your response in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep the apartment, hazards and all

Editor:

I don't know how bad the conditions are at the apartments owned by Mr. Guillermo Gonzales, as written in your issue (SMDP, Jan. 12, page 1). However, the one question I came away with after reading it was: Who wants that property?

Robin Steely
Santa Monica

City Hall contribution music to parent's ears

Editor:

Regarding Don Krok's letter, "Hawaii choir trip a lavish expense" (SMDP, Jan. 17, page 6). Citizens of good will often disagree about what is the best expenditure of public funds. I beg to differ with Don Krok, regarding the City Council contribution to the SMMUSD choir trip to Hawaii. I think our young singers are worth every penny the city is spending on them and more. Our city finds money to spend on affordable housing for non-residents, funds millions of dollars to SMC, some of which will be used to install an artificial turf field, and educational funds are used to pay for buses and expenses of many sports programs, which do not benefit every child in our school district. The one instrument that all of our students can afford is their voice, and I applaud those people who make it possible for any of our interested students to raise their voices, together, in song. I do not have a child in choir, but I do have a child in the orchestra, and he had the privilege of going on a concert tour to Prague and Vienna last year, and we had the privilege and fortunately, the ability to pay for it. These educational trips may well be the most significant educational experience of these young peoples' lives, and we should not begrudge them the opportunity, whether the destination is Peoria or Hawaii. Besides the educational benefit conferred by music trips and sports trips, our young musicians serve as ambassadors for Santa Monica, adding to our school district's fine reputation and benefiting every student who applies to any college. What price should we put on fine name recognition? Congratulations to the City Council for valuing our children, for supporting the school district's fine music programs, for recognizing the value of this trip in particular, and for giving our children a great start in life. The children are worth it. This is wise use of my taxpayer money.

Tiiu Lukk
Santa Monica

Curtain call: Movies will be missed

Editor:

Just a note of agreement per the letter of Mr. Barrett (SMDP, Jan. 10, page 4). Everyone I've talked to is upset about losing Turner Classic Movies, not to mention HBO and Showtime. What amazes me is that Mr. Barrett actually got through to Adelphia. We were on hold for 20 minutes and gave up.

Nesha DeAngelis
Santa Monica

President's so-called plan will put seniors in squalor



INCITES

BY ED SILVERSTEIN

"The sky is falling, the sky is falling."

Yes, Bush is once again running around like Chicken Little proclaiming the end is near. No, we are not under threat of being blown up, gassed or infected by Iraq's (imaginary) WMDs. This time W's big lie is about Social Security.

For anyone who has read a newspaper or watched the news during the past decade or so, it's no secret that Social Security is in trouble. Politicians have been griping and doing nothing about it for years. In fact, the only one who seemed surprised by the Social Security "crisis" was our president, George W. Bush.

For the past four years in office Bush slashed taxes, gave away hundreds of billions to big business, racked up record deficits and squandered the Clinton Administration's surplus that, according to ex-Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Federal Reserve Chairman Allan Greenspan, would have rescued Social Security. And it's only now that the president has suddenly realized that one of America's most popular, successful and compassionate programs is going bankrupt.

The problem is that, like the president's promise that tax cuts would not cause deficits, Bush is not being completely honest.

Even if we do nothing, Social Security can continue to pay full benefits until at least 2042. After that, according to Arkansas' Times Record, they could continue to pay 70 percent benefits indefinitely. Medicare, on the other hand, will become insolvent in 2019.

So why isn't the president more concerned about Medicare? To understand, you need to look at the President's Social Security scheme.

Though the exact details have yet to be announced, most agree that the Bush plan would include modest — at first, then drastic — benefit reductions for younger workers, which could mean those as old as 55. Further, these younger workers would be allowed to divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into individual investment accounts. The Administration's argument is that the stock market produces a better return than the government.

Of course, the first question that comes to mind is that if the returns from equity markets are so wonderful, why not allow the Social Security Administration to invest that same portion of funds, which they could do far more cost effectively than individuals, and save our current system?

The answer is that saving Social

Security is not what Bush, Republicans or master strategist Karl Rove have in mind. What they are really after is ... making more republicans.

Their theory is that if more Americans have their financial security tied up in stocks, then they will embrace Republican values. Not only will this extend the Republican dynasty, but it will make it far easier for neoconservative Republicans to embrace the President's pro-corporate agenda of eliminating pesky environmental protections, workplace safety regulations and class action suits, not to mention outsourcing more American jobs.

Of course, the President's plan does nothing to address the biggest threat facing our nation's financial security, the massive national debt. In fact, it will add as much as \$2 trillion to the already bloated deficit. This will decimate the next generation and could ultimately wreak havoc on the stock market, thus undermining the president's plan.

Even if the debt were not a major concern, there is no guarantee that the stock market will continue to perform as well as it has in the past and much evidence, such as the sinking dollar, record trade deficits, slower growth projections and the explosion of the Asian economy, that suggest that it will not.

The market also is susceptible to extended downturns, and has from time to time lost a large percentage of its value. If you happen to retire at such a time the result could be devastating.

Corporate scandals and rapidly changing technology also could impact retirees. Just imagine if the bulk of your investments had been distributed between such A-list companies as Enron, Lucent, AT&T, WorldCom, K-Mart and Tyco.

And, if the administration's dire predictions are correct, the United States will eventually become the victim of a nuclear terrorist attack. Such an attack, even with little damage and loss of life, would have a catastrophic effect on equity markets.

Of course, the president could easily save Social Security with his support of raising salary caps on contributions, canceling the latest corporate tax giveaways, eliminating subsidies for giant agriculture conglomerates and rolling back tax cuts on the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans. But don't hold your breath.

And don't be surprised — if Bush and his corporate conspirators have their way — if you someday see millions of Senior Americans living in squalor, forced to work until the day they die or even living on the streets. In other words, just like it was before Social Security.

Of course, if that happens, there'll be a lot more Democrats.

(Comments or requests for copies of this column can be e-mailed to incites@incites.net).



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Stepping into liquid not recommended for a while

BEACH, from page 1

“I’ve been down here every day,” said Dylan Hutchins, 29, a set decorator whose girlfriend lives in Santa Monica. “I came here the day after the storm and saw Raid cans and tampons littered across the sand. Normally, I go in the water no matter how cold it is, no matter what time of year.”

Hutchins said he waited until Monday to venture back into the sea. He was taken aback by news of the ongoing water warning.

“It seems relatively clean,” he said, after surfing just south of the Pico storm drain runoff. “It’s lost that sewagey smell

as well as that pesticide smell that was heavy duty, that was just choking any passerby.”

Though the water quality has improved substantially in the last week, Luce suggested allowing a few more tidal cycles to pass before venturing back into the sea. She said a new beach “report card” would be issued later this week. Bacteria levels are tested daily in the summer and twice weekly in the winter.

“I think the people who are surfing right now are taking a big chance of getting sick,” said Luce, 33, a surfer who lives in Venice. “For some people it’s worth it, but they may be laid up with

vomiting and diarrhea for a few days.”

As to the old theory, popular in surfing circles, that beach veterans develop an immunity to the ills of the water, Luce wasn’t convinced.

“I would say it is possible for that to happen ... but the Los Angeles basin has a big drainage area with a lot of people introducing new strains of viruses and bacteria that you may not have been exposed to,” Luce said Tuesday. “But I’m sure it makes people feel better to say that themselves.”

Not everyone was rushing back to the water Tuesday. Randy Wright, 42, owner of Horizons West surf shop on Main Street,

took his remote control surfer “Skeltor” to the beach rather than get wet himself.

“It’s a perfect day for going surfing, but I wouldn’t do it,” Wright said. “It’s taking too much of a chance ... When you’re young or just getting into surfing, you don’t care about the water pollution or what the lifeguards tell you, but then, after you get some years under your belt, you realize it’s not worth it.

“It’s like a toilet out there — and it flushed, big time.”

(Check the Heal the Bay surf report card at www.healthebay.org/brc/.)

What lies beneath isn’t all that healthy

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dry weather run-off diversions, which keep polluted run-off out of the open water.

“The news is fairly good during the summer,” said Dr. Guang-yu Wang, executive director of SMBRC. The water “is fairly clean.”

Wintertime, on the other hand, can be a different story. According to Gold, large amounts of polluted storm water runoff associated with wet winter months are still wreaking havoc in the bay.

“There’s really been no measurable improvement in the last 15 years,” he said.

The bay’s bacteria levels tend to increase drastically over the winter rainy season, as trash and pollution from the streets are washed into storm drains and, eventually, into the open water.

Storm drain run-off during the winter has posed a big obstacle to the commission, as Wang thinks wet weather pollution poses the biggest challenge to keeping the bay safe.

Officials say other ways to curtail the problem is to build more run-off diversions and create public education programs aimed at demonstrating how polluted streets can affect water quality.

Engineering resources such as trash-capturing devices, which collect the garbage in storm drains before it can run off into the bay, are another solution Wang said is being tried in many cities. But because of the size of Los Angeles, that alone would not rectify the problem.

“We have miles of storm drains,” he

Storm drain run-off during the winter has posed a big obstacle to the commission, as Wang thinks wet weather pollution poses the biggest challenge to keeping the bay safe.

said. “There really are no simple solutions.”

Los Angeles City Councilman Jack Weiss, also the SMBRC chair, said the commission really needs the support and involvement of the public in order to secure the money needed to make any real progress in the water quality.

“People need to make their local governments accountable and demand the money,” he said.

While the public is generally unaware of the problems the storm run-off causes, Weiss hopes the recent storms and pollution they caused will awaken the public towards the need for improvements.

“It’s interesting we held the conference right after the storms,” he said.

Gold was in agreement.

“If last month doesn’t demonstrate that, what will?” he said.

Weiss said the biggest lesson the SMBRC has learned is that public support makes a world of difference when it’s time to get things done.

“When the public gets behind cleaning up and improvement, it gets results,” he said. “And in the areas we don’t see investment, like storm run-off, we don’t.”

The biggest example of success through public support is in sewage improvements, he said, pointing to the major upgrades of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Sewage facility in Carson in 2003, as well as the Hyperion sewage plant upgrade in 1998.

Wang said sewage improvements over the years have resulted in a 98-percent decrease of total metals in the water and a 93-percent decrease in solid waste since 1971.

He also pointed to a reduction in sewage spills in the city of Los Angeles over the last decade as another positive sign. The exorbitant amount of rain Los Angeles received in the last month did not result in any spills, something that likely would have occurred in years past.

The SMBRC was not directly responsible for the improvements, but according to Gold, “it was a high priority of the commission’s,” and everyone involved in the upgrades were stakeholders in the state’s water quality.

Gold is optimistic for continued improvements in all areas of water quality in the coming years. He said the commission’s ultimate goal is to achieve a 0-percent beach



File Photo

STORMING THE BEACH: The SMBRC hopes to clean the Santa Monica Bay waters enough so that someday there will be no beach closings.

closure rate along the Santa Monica Bay.

But for that to happen, Weiss said the public also will have to make clean water a major priority.

“I want people to take ownership of the bay,” he said.

State of the Bay was established by the state of California and the Environmental Protection Agency in 1988 as a National Estuary program to oversee restoration. It won state and federal approval in 1995.

The last State of the Bay conference was held in 1998, and another is tentatively scheduled for 2010.

“There’s reason to be optimistic in some ways,” said Gold, “but in others we have barely scratched the surface.”

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City to adopt homeless 'action plan'

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a network for what City Hall calls its "continuum of care." By tracking each person's use of services in a computer database, city officials hope to transition people from the streets into jobs and homes.

A total of 2,188 people logged into the continuum of care from July 2003 to July 2004, according to the report. Of those, 339 eventually landed in permanent housing, 405 were placed in transitional housing and 626 received emergency shelter. Additionally, the programs helped 397 people land permanent jobs and 210 temporary employment, according to the homelessness report.

Those numbers are down overall from the previous year. In 2002-03, the continuum of care helped 500 more people than in 2003-04, placing nearly 100 more people in permanent housing. City staffers blamed the drops on federal funding cuts.

The only statistic to buck that trend

was the number of people placed in emergency shelters. In 2002-03, just 474 transients were cared for in emergency shelters, according to the report, while in 2003-04, that number rose to 626. Officials said that rise correlates with the dire need for more beds locally and across the country.

According to the report on homelessness: "In December 2004, the United States Conference of Mayors released its annual 'Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in American Cities.' This 27-city survey reported that in 2004, 70 percent of the cities registered an increase in requests for emergency shelter ... Further, 88 percent of the responding cities expect requests for emergency food and shelter assistance to increase in 2005."

While local nonprofit groups work to open a new 55-bed shelter at Michigan Avenue and Cloverfield Boulevard, and push ahead plans for a 46-unit permanent housing facility on Fifth Street, officials are once again talking about outdoor homeless

food lines throughout Santa Monica.

Many religious and other groups that sponsor the food lines are from out of town and not plugged into the continuum of care. Since first forming a homeless task force in 1991, City Hall has sought to link the feeding groups with local social service providers and hold the feedings indoors. Seeing little success more than a decade later, officials in 2002 passed an ordinance that requires the groups to obtain permits from the city and county. The idea was that many of the groups would be deterred from hosting the food lines, which many feel only attract more vagrants to Santa Monica.

Since then, one of the feeding programs has agreed to move indoors and many of the others apparently have decided to take their food lines elsewhere. Some 26 groups held regular food lines in the park in 2002, according to the report, which said only four groups do so today.

Those groups still attract large crowds, however, and City Hall is embroiled in a

Eight isn't enough ...

Nine social service agencies in Santa Monica collectively received more than \$1.8 million in funding from City Hall last year. They were:

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Step Up on Second
The CLARE Foundation
The Salvation Army
The Westside Food Bank
Upward Bound House**

legal battle over how to enforce its 2002 law. City Hall was sued shortly after initiating the ordinance by First Amendment activist group Food Not Bombs, which claimed the ordinance violates constitutional rights that allows all individuals to congregate in parks and elsewhere. Council members discussed the lawsuit behind closed doors last week, but declined to comment on the pending matter.

Mexican official presses U.S. for new immigration agreement

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

CALEXICO — Mexico will continue to press for an immigration agreement establishing a right for Mexicans to work temporarily in the United States, the country's interior secretary said after meeting with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

The secretary, Santiago Creel, also denounced an Arizona ballot measure — approved by voters in November — that limits government services for illegal immigrants.

"It's incompatible with human rights and does a disservice to both countries, the United

States as much as Mexico," he said Monday following the meeting in Calexico, a border city about 100 miles east of San Diego.

Ridge, who is departing his job Feb. 1, said an immigration agreement was a high priority for President Bush in his second term, but added that a temporary worker program would be an uphill battle in Congress without provisions for stricter enforcement of immigration laws.

He emphasized that the United States would reject any amnesty proposal for Mexicans who are living in the United States illegally or any plan that gives priority to temporary workers when they apply for permanent residency.

Ridge avoided criticizing the Arizona ballot measure, saying that states have a right to deny state but not federal aid.

The measure requires proof of legal immigration status when obtaining certain government services and proof of citizenship when registering to vote. Government workers who don't report illegal immigrants who try to get benefits could also face jail time and a fine.

Ridge said other states were unlikely to follow Arizona's lead if the United States introduces a program for temporary workers.

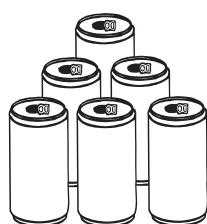
"There will probably be far less inclination by any states to vote a similar way again ... because the people that will be

here will be here legally and they will certainly be in a much better position to support themselves without relying on any public funding," Ridge said.

The meeting was billed as a progress report on a 2002 agreement aimed at beefing up border security without disrupting trade. The two Cabinet secretaries also used the occasion to formally open a new lane for prescreened truckers to avoid long lines when entering the United States or Mexico.

Calexico is the sixth southern U.S. border crossing since September to introduce the fast track lane for truckers. The others are San Diego and the Texas cities of El Paso, Hidalgo, Laredo and Brownsville.

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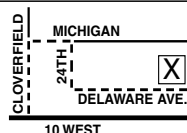
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Lawmakers take crack at immigration problems

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Frustrated over failed immigration policies, some members of the Arizona Legislature are trying to chip away at the problems caused by people sneaking across the border — a burden they say the federal government isn't adequately confronting.

While their proposals focus on only a few elements of the problem, the lawmakers say their approaches will help reduce the human and financial costs of illegal immigration in Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"If incrementally we can win the battle, then incrementally we will win the battle," said Rep. Russell Pearce, a Mesa Republican known for his tough stances on illegal immigration.

Pearce has proposed requiring that government employees verify the immigration status of applicants for public benefits such as housing and giving local police agencies the power to investigate and detain illegal immigrants.

Democratic Rep. Steve Gallardo of Phoenix wants to make human trafficking a crime that county and state officials in Arizona can pursue, in a way similar to how federal authorities have targeted migrant smugglers, also known as "coyotes."

"We never gave them tools or the means for law enforcement to go after some of the coyotes," Gallardo said.

Arizona has been dogged by a heavy flow of illegal immigrants since the government tightened enforcement in El Paso, Texas, and San Diego during the mid-1990s.

Even though immigrants provide the American economy with cheap labor, border states shoulder huge health care and education costs for illegal workers and their families. Hundreds of illegal immigrants die each year along the Southwest border from exposure to extreme weather, dehydration and accidents along the border.

Angela Kelley, deputy director of the pro-immigrant National Immigration Forum, said the Arizona lawmakers' proposals won't reduce illegal immigration and will burden state and local governments.

"You can keep putting these penalties on people, but it doesn't make us safer," Kelley said. "It diverts government resources."

The larger solution is for Congress to make it legal for would-be crossers to work here temporarily and let their families visit, Kelley said.

Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which advocates limits on immigration, said the Arizona proposals would be useful in deterring would-be migrants and letting the federal government know that the public demands change.

"(Illegal immigrants) will act rationally when they realize they will get sent home and won't be able to work here," Mehlman said.

A proposed requirement to verify the immigration status of public benefits applicants is meant to reduce the financial costs of illegal immigration, Pearce said.

The proposal is separate from Proposition 200, which denies some public benefits to illegal immigrants, said Pearce, one of the top advocates for the voter-approved law.

While some local police departments say they don't have the staff or jurisdiction to enforce federal immigration law, Pearce said local police agencies need to investigate and detain illegal immigrants.

"We are pretty strapped enforcing state and local laws in Phoenix," said Sgt. Randy Force of the Phoenix Police Department. "To burden us with enforcing federal law, as well as state and local law, we are not sure we have the capacity to do it as we are currently staffed."

Enforcing federal immigration law would make it harder for Phoenix police to maintain trust and investigate violent crime in immigrant communities. Cooperation from illegal immigrants would likely stop if Pearce's proposal were to become law, Force said.

Although the proposal to make human trafficking a state crime would likely increase workloads for state and local authorities, people want more action on illegal immigration, Gallardo said.

"I think people are frustrated," Gallardo said. "They want something done."

One toké over the line? Ex-employee has medical marijuana case 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.

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."

The appeals court ordered the Multnomah County Circuit Court to decide whether Washburn's accommodation request was reasonable.

Philip Lebenbaum, an attorney who represented Washburn, called the decision a victory for workers who use marijuana for medical reasons. But he said the ruling does not allow workers to show up unfit for work.

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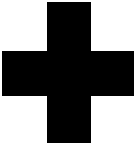
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Drill away: Judge clears way for Alaska reserve

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A federal judge has rejected a lawsuit by a coalition of environmental groups that sought to limit oil drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska until there was more protection for wildlife.

Judge James K. Singleton Jr. found that the environmental groups failed to make their case that the government,

which is leasing land for oil and gas drilling in the reserve, violated environmental and other laws.

The groups included the Audubon Society, Northern Alaska Environmental Center, Wilderness Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Alaska Wilderness League and the Center for Biological Diversity.

The coalition sued Interior Secretary Gale Norton early last year. Singleton's ruling came Monday.

The groups had argued that the BLM took an all-or-nothing approach to the question of how much land to lease and hadn't adequately considered more balanced options.

Government officials said they did take the reserve's rich wildlife into account. In announcing the leasing plan early last year, Norton said 7.23 million acres would be opened to drillers, with leasing on another 1.57 million acres deferred for a decade pending environmental studies.

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Lucid thoughts: X-ray company aiding NASA

BY RICHARD RICHTMYER

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It started nine years ago with a robotic crawler that slithered along the trans-Alaska pipeline shooting X-rays through the insulated surface in search of corrosion hidden on the steel pipe.

Today, Envision Product Design is turning out all kinds of X-ray inspection devices, designing and building them in its south Anchorage lab. It specializes in X-ray systems that provide digital images, as opposed to film, custom-built for specific commercial applications.

Its latest creation: a 3-D digital X-ray system to inspect leading-edge sections of space shuttle wings.

NASA added such inspections to its shuttle protocols after the Columbia disaster in February 2003.

Accident investigators concluded that a chunk of foam perforated the heat shielding on the leading edge of Columbia's left wing, leading to its destruction as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere.

Envision, which has 10 employees, built the inspection system for Lockheed Martin, which makes the leading edge sections for the shuttles.

"We just installed it at their Texas facility," said John Pursley, a local inventor and technology entrepreneur who founded Envision in 1993.

The shuttle-wing inspection system provides high resolution, large format, 3-D X-ray images of each of the 44 sections of the wings' leading edge. Each section is placed on a bracket that rotates, and the X-ray system returns a high resolution, three-dimensional digital reconstruction that shows the condition of the layers of material beneath the surface.

All the design, fabrication and assembly were done in Anchorage, with support from local firms, Pursley said.

Pursley, 55, has been involved in science and technology in Alaska for more than three decades.

He started in the late 1960s, working in electronics and communications for the federal Bureau of Land Management, then branched out on his own in the mid-1970s, specializing in using computers to find ways to conserve energy in buildings.

In 1988, he co-founded a company called Autogenesis, which developed a computer-controlled device designed to aid in mending and elongating broken and malformed bones.

The idea attracted outside investors, who, Pursley said, ultimately took control of the business and moved it to the Lower 48 in 1994. Photos of the company's device, called the Automater, hang on the wall of a conference room in Envision's headquarters.

"We're very proud of it," Pursley said. "It was an effort we really put our hearts into, and we've been in operating rooms and seen how this thing has changed children's lives."

Autogenesis now has its headquarters in Baltimore. It has built more than 3,000 of the devices since it won approval from the Food and Drug Administration in 1992, said James Edwards, the company's general manager.

Pursley said he and his wife, Sandi, are the only stakeholders in the new venture, and they aim to keep it that way.

"We made a commitment that if we were going to do another business, we were going to do it out of our own resources," he said.

Envision has grown from about \$150,000 in annual revenue to about \$2 million, and the shuttle-wing inspection system is just the latest in a long list of highly specialized X-ray inspection systems the company has developed, Pursley said.

Union Tank Car, which builds and leases railroad tank cars, uses one to inspect the welds on the pressurized gas carriers it makes at its East Chicago, Ind., plant, said Bill Snelgrove, the company's vice president of sales.

Boeing Commercial Aircraft has an Envision system at its laboratory in Seattle. The company uses it to test aircraft parts and manufacturing processes before they're put into commercial operation, said Susan Bradley, a Boeing spokeswoman.

The Navy is evaluating a portable X-ray inspection device from Envision as well, said John Green, a civilian engineer with the Navy's strategic systems evaluation department. The idea is to give sailors the ability to find problems without having to dismantle parts of the ship to visually inspect systems that might be in need of repair, Green said.

The lunchbox-sized, digital X-ray device Envision built replaced a bulkier, film-based system from Kodak that the Navy initially was evaluating.

"This gets rid of all the film, and they can hand carry it around the ship," Green said.



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**BUYING
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Once you decide to make an offer on a home, there are several things that you will want to consider when determining what you are going to pay.

First, consider the other home sales in the area. This is called comparable sales data. It's easiest to obtain this information from your real estate agent because they will have access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and public records, where this information is recorded.

When evaluating the comparable sales data, you don't want to look at the actual price, but instead the cost per square footage. You also will want to take into consideration whether or not the home has the same number of bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. If you determine if there have been any upgrades to the other properties, this will help you come to a more precise offer price. Ask your agent to review these prior home sales on the MLS to gain this valuable information.

The evaluation of comparable sales data will help you establish the range of prices you should consider when making an offer to buy a home. More weight should be given to the most recent sales, but even so, you need to do a bit more analysis before setting upon the price you will offer. That is because you also need to consider the condition of the property and the current market.

This brings us to the second item to consider when making an offer on a home — the condition of the property. This includes the landscape on the lot, the structural integrity of the home,

and the interior details of the home. When you make your appointment to view the home, you should already be thinking about how the property's condition will affect your offer price.

One thing to note here is that after your offer has been accepted, you will receive a copy of the home inspection report. The home inspection will include many of the items that you notice during your walk-through of the property. As a negotiating tool, use the items that need work to adjust your offer price, but keep them in your pocket if you can. This way, you can use those repairs as a way to lower your final purchase price. In today's market, most homes have been fully renovated. If there are items on your inspection report that you would like repaired, your agent can either negotiate a set dollar amount to credit back to you, or ask the seller to fix the items.

Even though the conditions bring you in closer to the price that you are willing to offer for the home, you will still want to consider the current market conditions. Have things changed since the homes on your comparable sales list were sold?

There are three types of home selling environments that we call the "housing market." They are the sellers' market, the buyers' market and the stagnant market. We are currently in a sellers' market. The prices seem high, the homes sell very quickly and the seller has several offers to choose from. In a sellers' market, you should be careful with your offer. If it's too low, one of the many other bidders could get the home of your dreams. If it's too high, it may come with a higher monthly payment than what you are comfortable with.

A stagnant market favors neither the buyer nor the seller. It's the transition phase in between the sellers' and the buyers' market. Homes are

selling but it's uncertain to say if they will sell quick with many offers, or if few offers will be received.

The third type of market, a buyers' market, is when the sales come slow, houses stay on the market longer and there is a dip in sales prices. In a buyers' market it's fair to say that you could make an offer on the lower side and it would be a good place to start your negotiations.

There is speculation that we may be moving into a stagnant market, or even a buyers' market within the next year, but forecasting this movement in the market is very unpredictable.

As you consider all of these elements in making your purchase offer, ask your agent for their professional recommendation and their experience with the seller's agent. An experienced agent will often times know the other agent and how they work.

Although your agent will assist you with the offer, remember that the price is your decision to make. It will affect your negotiating power and eventually your monthly payments.

Another thing to remember is a listing agent, who is the agent representing the property that you might be trying to acquire, has a fiduciary duty to represent the seller. Although listing agents make every effort to tell buyers that their offer will get accepted if they write the offer with them, you sometimes might not have the agent 100 percent on your side. Any licensed agent can write up an offer on any real property that is for sale in California on or off the MLS.

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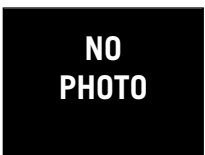
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BY JODI SUMMERS

Who buys homes? Why do they buy them? And how do they go about the process?

Answers come from a recent study by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. The center recently conducted a "Home Buying Among Ethnic Groups Survey" by interviewing 4,080 individuals over 18 years old to find out their personal views and experiences with home ownership, and the home buying process.

Interviews were conducted with 880 Caucasians, 1,870 Latinos, 772 blacks and 481 Asians. Here are some of the survey's conclusions:

Blacks

Four out of 10 are likely to buy a home in the next few years

■ Little more than half are willing to pay more than their current rent to own a home.

■ The most common reasons for buying a new home are needing more space; reaching a certain age; a new job in a new location and low interest rates.

■ More than other groups, they think various aspects of the home-buying process are easy.

■ They have high opinions of real estate agents, and are more likely to think that using an agent is a good idea.

■ They learn about neighborhoods by driving through them, personal contacts, visiting real estate offices, and local newspaper listings.

■ The first person they go to for real estate advice is a broker or agent, then their parents, and a mortgage company.

Asians

■ More likely than other groups to buy a home in the next few years.

■ Willing to pay more than their current rent to own a home.

■ The most common reasons for buying a home are a job in a new location; needing more space; low interest rates and reaching a certain level of wealth.

■ Most think various aspects of the home buying experience are easy, though the most difficult aspect is figuring out if they got a good deal.

■ They have generally positive views of real estate agents.

■ They learn about neighborhoods through real estate media; driving through specific neighborhoods and personal contacts.

■ The first person they go to for real estate advice is a broker, then their parents.

Latinos

■ About half are likely to buy a home in the next few years.

■ Nearly half want to pay the same or less than their current rent to own a home.

■ The main reasons for buying a home are needing more space; getting married and low interest rates.

■ They are more likely than other groups to think various aspects of the home buying experience are difficult.

■ Nearly half think agents don't take the time to understand one's needs, and they are the least likely to think agents earn their fees by providing valuable services.

■ They learn about neighborhoods from personal contacts, driving through neighborhoods and visiting real estate offices.

■ The first person they go to for real estate advice is a parent, then a real estate broker or agent.

Caucasians

■ They are the least likely to buy a home in the next few years. Most are willing to pay significantly more than their current rent to own a home.

■ The main reasons they buy homes are for more space and getting a new job in a new location.

■ They think most aspects of the home-buying experience are easy, though the most difficult is finding an agent they are comfortable with.

■ They have generally positive views of agents, though are least likely to think it's a good idea to use an agent to buy or sell a home.

■ They are least likely of all groups to use real estate sources to learn about neighborhoods.

■ The first person they go to for real estate advice is a broker or agent, then their parents, then a builder.

For more information on the Home Buying Among Ethnic Groups Survey conducted by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, go to <http://recenter.tamu.edu/pdf/harrissurvey.pdf>.

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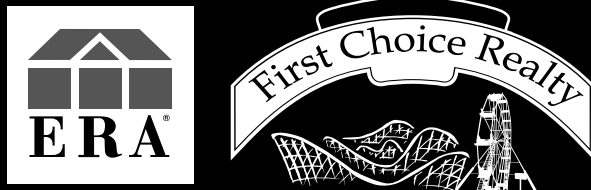
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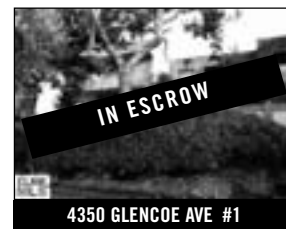
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Reading between the lines of a lease can be crucial



IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Never underestimate the time, effort and patience required to negotiate a lease. The commitments required to be made by the parties involved are substantial. Signing a commercial lease is a serious responsibility that should not be taken lightly. The lease defines the terms and conditions under which a property owner will lease a property to a tenant, and the terms and conditions under which a tenant will lease a property from a landlord. Getting to a place where both landlord and tenant are comfortable can be a tremendous challenge. The most important component of a successful lease negotiation is desire. Both sides must want to make it work.

The condition of the market where your building is, or the location of the space that you are interested in determines what your negotiation strategy will be. In Santa Monica, the office leasing market is a bit more balanced than it was a few months ago when the tenants had the upper hand. From a retail standpoint the landlords are running the show and have been for quite a while. In a tenant's market, a tenant will be able to negotiate more from a landlord — whether it is more improvements, additional options to

extend the lease, or to purchase, and rights of first refusal or purchase and expansion. All of those "rights" are tenant incentives with no benefit to the landlord but that an owner can offer in his efforts to secure a good tenant. In a landlord's market he will not have to give as much of the items mentioned above to attract a good tenant. In fact, a landlord may have his choice of many tenants, creating the difficult task of evaluating each proposed tenant to find out which one presents the least amount of risk.

The lease negotiation process itself usually begins after a proposal — sometimes called a letter of intent — has been made by the tenant and accepted by the landlord. Generally a proposal is not binding on either party but once accepted it's an agreement to move forward. During the proposal process the basic structure of the lease should be negotiated. A few of the issues addressed in the proposal stage of the negotiation are:

- The term
- The rate
- What the annual increases will be
- The size of the premises
- How many parking spaces and how much you will pay for them
- If the tenant is given an option to extend the lease, how long it will be and at what rate
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After the proposal stage, the lease is drawn up with the specific terms and conditions previously agreed to. There are "boiler plate" clauses that you can expect in every lease. Examples would be the right to "quiet enjoyment," how you will communicate with the landlord, and rules and regulations for the building. You can be sure that many other things must be contemplated. The first few pages of the lease usually handle things that are unique to your lease like the square footage amount, the rate and the term.

The rest of the lease is written in the world of "what if someone does what they said they wouldn't or doesn't do something that they said they would." For this reason you must read the lease to be sure that you understand what you are agreeing to even though most of the things that you are trying to protect yourself from will never happen. A landlord and a tenant must think about the possibility and what the consequences will be should either party break their agreement — whether it is done intentionally or not — or if there is a natural or some other kind disaster during the term of the lease. Every possibility is usually covered, and with every possibility there are several different

types of remedies provided for both the landlord and the tenant. The lease negotiation can be quite onerous, requiring quite a bit more patience than you would expect. Depending on the personalities involved, a tenant and a landlord could get through the negotiation rather quickly but most of the time this is not the case. Because of the legal implications in a lease, an attorney should be employed. If you have ever attempted to read a lease with all of the "therefores," "aforementioned" and "hereinafters" you can see why you would need an attorney to not only translate but to assure that you are not agreeing to give up your first born child. All kidding aside, when looking for space it's imperative that you provide an adequate amount of time for lease negotiation. It is unacceptable and very risky to rush through the process.

(The above is for informational purposes only and is not meant to be taken as advice. Christina S. Porter is in the business of leasing and selling office and industrial buildings in Santa Monica, she can be reached at (310) 806-6104 or at cporter@naicapital.com).



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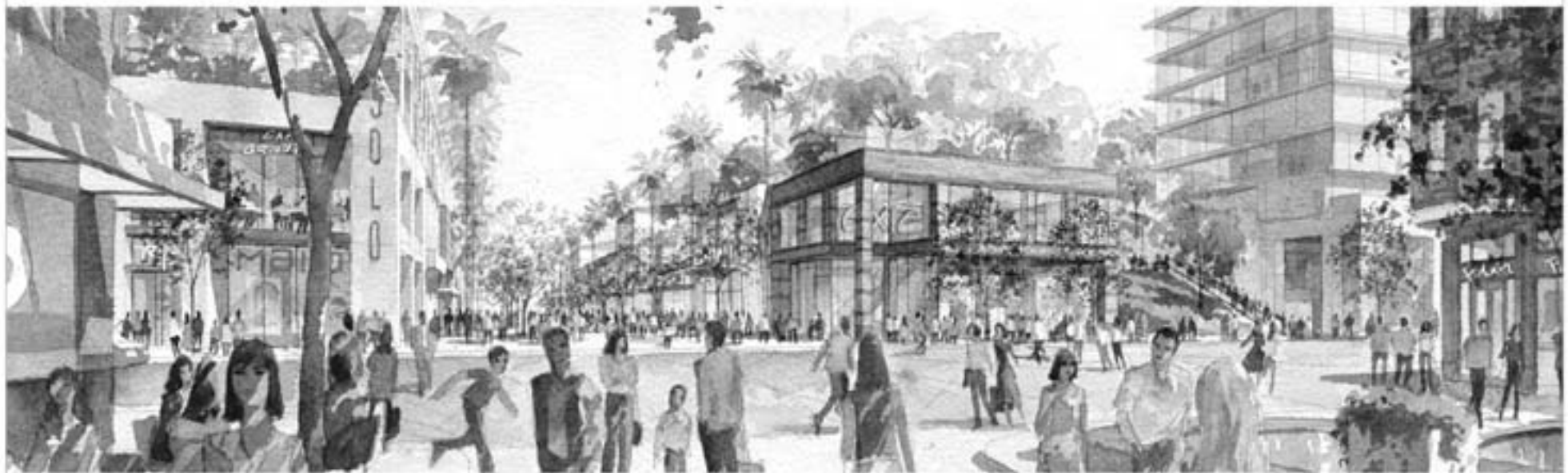
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In recent weeks, much has been written about the proposed redevelopment of our local Santa Monica Place. Some perceptions may not be entirely accurate. Initial presentations referred to a high-rise residential concept. Actually, the final redevelopment plan will mirror the City and the communities' participation.

We have been working in conjunction with the City of Santa Monica to receive input regarding the basic requirements for a redevelopment plan and are working hand-in-hand with the City to create a comprehensive public participation program so that an actual redevelopment

plan can be proposed. Our belief is quite simple; any successful redevelopment plan has to have the imprint of the community.

"Our belief is quite simple; any successful redevelopment plan has to have the imprint of the community."

We have made Santa Monica our headquarters and home for more than 28 years and as business owners and local residents we understand the need to ensure that Santa Monica maintains the traits and character which drew us all here in the first place.

We all have a tremendous opportunity to help shape the city we all call home and we hope you will be able to take the time to voice your preferences and priorities. The multiple public forums will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to provide your input regarding a redevelopment program, please call 1-800-413-2098.

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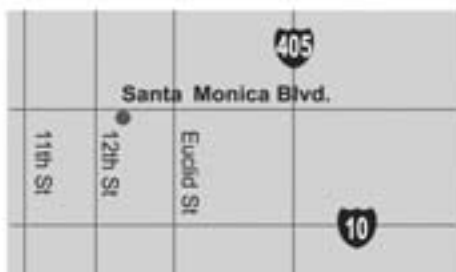
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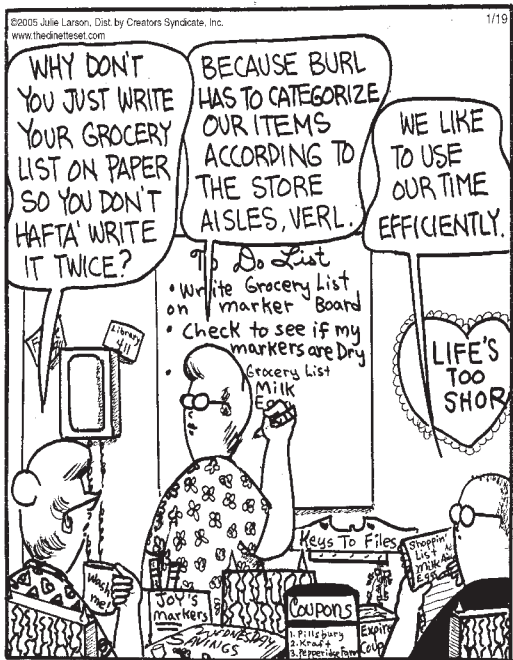
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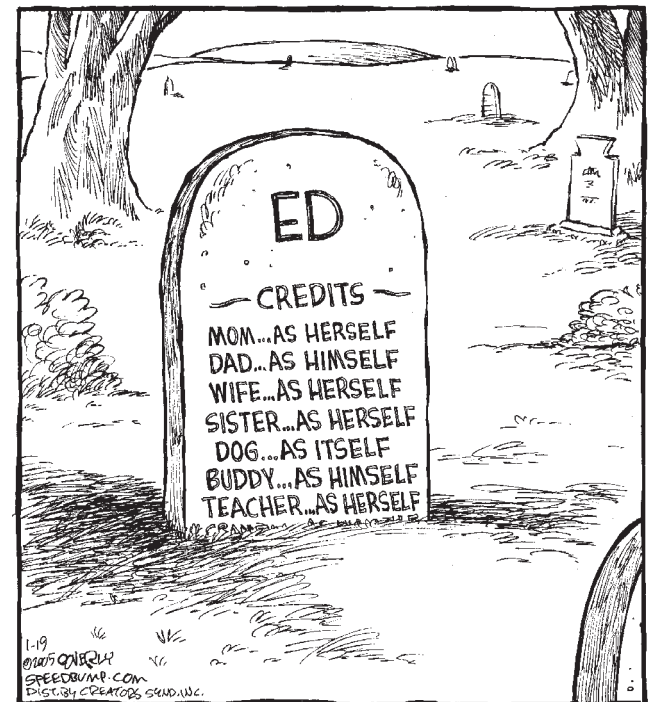
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