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THE LOCAL BUSINESS ISSUE

Is a downturn on the horizon?

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The customers keep coming and sales are flowing, but Shulamit Wilder can sense something is amiss at her jewelry store.

In the past year, the owner of Lorraine Fine Jewelry on Wilshire Boulevard has noticed a change in behavior among her regular clientele — they're buying less frequently and spending more cautiously.

With the subprime meltdown, increasing number of foreclosures and most recently the stock market crunch, economic experts have been pointing to a possible recession, causing consumers to hold on tightly to their piggy banks as the country weathers the financial storm.

Last week, President Bush announced a \$140 billion economic stimulus package that includes a series of tax relief measures, an attempt to give the national economy a shot in the arm by spurring consumer spending. The president met with congressional leaders on Tuesday to discuss the proposed package and reach a middle ground.

Santa Monica resident Alexes Degenfelder said she has been more conservative with her finances lately, keeping the interests of her 3-year-old son in mind.

"I don't think there's going to be a recession, but I think we're going to get close to it," Degenfelder said as she ran some errands on Montana Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

In Santa Monica, the economic downturn has had mixed results on local businesses, some reporting a drop in business the past few months, many hardly noticing a change at all but anticipating a change in the near future.



COUNTER INTELLIGENCE: Eliza Kudra, owner of Eliza's Beauty Center on Ocean Park Boulevard, has noticed a slight slowdown in business.

Emma Feldman, the owner of Creative Charm on Pico Boulevard, custom-designs draperies for residential interior designers. Feldman said she has enough work orders to keep her busy the next two months, but isn't

sure how her business will fare beyond that. "What can you do?" Feldman said on Tuesday. "We can't predict what we'll sell in the future." Wilder, the owner of the 25-year-old jew-

elry store, believes a recession is inevitable given factors like the ongoing real estate crisis, adding that everywhere she drives, she

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Booming in the bay

Historic pier welcomes influx of new blood to boost business at the attraction

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM PIER First it was Soda Jerks. Then came the Trapeze School New York. Now city officials are close to finalizing a lease agreement with a group of investors looking to open a barbecue restaurant here that will feature blues musicians, breathing life back into a space that has sat vacant for over five years.

"We feel and many people in the community feel that holes in the pier are being filled," said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. (PRC), a non-profit, public benefit corporation made up of business and community leaders who help manage and promote the pier.

The new business opportunities coincide with a decision by the City Council to allow the PRC, which is funded by City Hall, to handle all the marketing and booking of special events at the historic Loof Hippodrome building on the pier, which houses the famous carousel.

The move was intended to give the PRC, which is planning the pier's 100th anniversary celebration set for next year, more control over promoting the historic site, while at the same time ensuring money made from events is funneled back into PRC coffers to be used for repairs and marketing, Franz-Knight said.

Miriam Mack, manager of economic development for City Hall, said Tuesday that a lease agreement is being prepared so that

city officials can finalize negotiations with Soda Jerks, a Pasadena-based restaurant that plans to operate an old-fashioned soda fountain in the carousel building.

The Trapeze School New York, which is slated to open its fourth location at the heart of the pier, on a 9,000 square-foot vacant lot between Pacific Park and the Playland Arcade, has received Landmarks Commission approval and should be signing a lease agreement to set up shop any day now. There is hope that the school, which will be situated on a site that has been vacant for the past 12 years, will be up and running by the end of February.

As for the barbecue and blues restaurant,

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Saint John's Health Center presents "Freedom from Smoking," a smoking cessation course starting tonight and meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings through Feb. 13. Developed by The American Lung Association, this 8-session course costs \$80, and advance registration is required. Call (310) 829-8453 for more information.

A story about 31 stories

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

MDR Tower, LLC will present the draft Environmental Impact Report for a 31-story, 366-foot tall mixed-use tower to the Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use & Planning Committee. If approved, the building would become the tallest building in the California Coastal Zone between Long Beach and San Francisco Peninsula. This meeting is open to all Venice Stakeholders and public comments are encouraged.

The draft EIR can be viewed at
cityplanning.lacity.org/eir/MDRTowerProj/Deir/PlattMarinaDEIR

'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.

Jewish story hour

1428 17th St., 3:15 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Story time at Chabad is for children ages 3 — 7. It is recommended that participants RSVP to this free event to ensure there are enough materials for all children. For questions or to RSVP, call (310) 393-7379 or e-mail srljs@juno.com.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008

An adventure to the Caribbean Sea

2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Don your flippers and float down to the Ocean Park Branch library for a film and sound presentation on the colorful reef fish community of the Caribbean Sea. For more information, call (310) 392-3804 or visit www.smpl.org.

Improve eclectically

1323-A Third St. Promenade, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Westside Eclectic's Level 1 Improv class is an introduction to the art of improv comedy. The intro covers core improv ideals, concepts and vocabulary such as hyper-listening, give and take, yes-anding, efficient communication and emotional response. The WE teaching staff creates a warm and open learning environment that facilitates establishing the foundation of a seasoned improviser.

'Hollywood Homicide: A Mystery Author Panel'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Authors Harley Jane Kozak, Gayle Bartos Pool, Rick Copp and Bill Bryan, whose latest murder mysteries take place in Hollywood, discuss and sign their books at the Main Library. Free program. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Green Living Workshop

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Sustainable Works six-week Green Living Workshop covers water; energy; waste; chemicals; transportation and travel; and shopping and food. Get the latest eco-info, save money, and lower your ecological footprint. To register, contact Barent Roth at (310) 452-8716, ext. 1 or rothbarent@smc.edu.

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.

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.



CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition, an article by Melody Hanatani ("Going home," page 1,) should have stated that the Museum of Flying is planning to contribute \$800,000 for improvements to its new home. Also, a headline for the story should have stated that city staff could be getting new desktop computers.

Reed Park work to begin this summer

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN There are a number of reasons why Harry Hirschorn makes the drive to Douglas Park even though he lives near Christine Reed Park.

The Santa Monica resident enjoyed the temporary reprieve from the storm on Tuesday afternoon, watching as his young son shot a basketball around on the court. It was the first time he brought his son to Reed Park, avoiding the public open space on the 700 block of Lincoln Boulevard because of the presence of homeless people lounging on the grounds and what he considers to be an unfriendly child atmosphere — curse words often flying around during pick-up basketball games while there are children playing nearby in the playground.

But his perspective could change after the Community and Cultural Services Department at City Hall are done with a \$550,000 project that includes a series of landscape improvements at the park as well as an expansion of the playground.

"I definitely would consider coming if they improve the park," Hirschorn said. "It would entice me."

City staff are currently still in the design development phase of the park improvement project, tweaking the plans for the extension of the playground into the current horseshoe pit, a portion of the park that is considered to be under-used.

The project also includes a possible outdoor reception area in a space between the Miles Playhouse and the tennis courts.

"We're trying to create a more pleasant area between those two places," said Karen Ginsberg, the assistant director of Community and Cultural Services.

The project will also improve the park's water usage by adding drought-tolerant plants. New signage is also slated for Wilshire Boulevard side of the park and

FROM PARK PAGE 8



Photo courtesy Martin Nate Rawner

WATCH IT: Six people, including the bus driver, were injured after a Big Blue Bus lost control, crashing through a retaining wall near the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Purdue Avenue in West Los Angeles on Monday night. The bus hit the wall with intense force, sending bricks flying in a cloud of dust. The injured were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. The cause of the night-time crash is under investigation.

Asleep at the wheel?

A Big Blue Bus crashes into a wall in West Los Angeles

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WEST L.A. Six people were recovering Tuesday from minor injuries that occurred when a Santa Monica Big Blue Bus crashed into a retaining wall. The driver may have passed out, a Los Angeles Police Department sergeant said.

The solo-vehicle accident happened at 11361 West Pico Blvd., near Sawtelle Boulevard, about 9:30 p.m. Monday night, said Sgt. Barry Montgomery of the

LAPD's West Traffic Division.

Those injured were transported to area hospitals with minor injuries, "mostly scrapes and bruises," Montgomery said.

One of the injured people was the driver of the bus, who had a medical condition that apparently caused him to pass out while driving, Montgomery added.

The bus — Line 7 — was traveling eastbound en route to the Pico/Rimpau Transit Center.

BBB officials are investigating the cause of the crash and are reviewing audio and video tape recordings captured on the bus. Officials are also looking at the bus itself to see if there are any mechanical problems that could have caused the accident.

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Don't forget the cyclists

Editor:

(The) article ("One lane or another?" page 1, Jan. 15) regarding the reduction of traffic lanes on Ocean Park Boulevard was interesting but incomplete.

(City Hall) has been conducting a number of traffic workshops over the last few months and one of the issues that came out clearly was that the streets needed to service all forms of transport, from cars, to buses, to pedestrians and to bicycles. No recognition of the cyclists was made.

Previously this street was very dangerous for cyclists but has now become much more accessible. We will see people get out of their cars as streets throughout the city become more multi-valent in their transportation modes. A much more sustainable condition. It is true that we have limited road width and their will be trade-offs but the net effect is likely to be more people using the streets, and a more pleasant environment. This has been the result in many other cities.

In addition the turn lane allows traffic turning to get out of the way, streamlining the flow of the one lane. Maybe traffic lights should be coordinated for the heaviest traffic flow, changing based on the time of day.

Gwynne Pugh, Planning Commission chair
Santa Monica

Lawyers need to give back

Editor:

All across the state, people are rightfully upset about the proposed budget cuts to education. However, in addition to budget cuts, there is another cost eating into our school's budgets; not one we hear about often: The cost of litigation.

California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) recently reported that three of California's largest school districts – Los Angeles, San Diego and Elk Grove Unified – spent a combined \$32.8 million on outside counsel, verdicts and settlements in just one fiscal year.

Imagine what is being spent statewide!

A large portion of this money is going to attorneys – both those representing the districts and those who are suing them. Surely we can all agree that this money would be better off going to support students in classrooms, not lawyers in courtrooms.

Robert Donin
Santa Monica

A drop in the ocean

Editor:

"What are you doing, honey?"

"I'm throwing these starfish into the ocean, daddy. If I don't, they'll die."

"There's a lot of starfish on the beach. Do you think it will make a difference?"

The girl smiled at her father, picked up yet another starfish and threw it into the sea.

"I made a difference to that one."

Eric Faber
Santa Monica

What's the difference?

Editor:

Don't be fooled, John McCain is no moderate. He is much like conservative ideologue George Bush. McCain is as pro-war as they come, an anti-abortion activist; forget a woman's freedom of choice and Roe vs. Wade under John McCain as president. McCain now loves those Bush tax cuts for the wealthy which endears him to anti-tax conservatives.

The "Mac Is Back" campaign slogan is perfect: With John McCain as president George Bush would be back in the White House. There is little or no difference between the two Republicans.

Ron Lowe
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Paul Haggis

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Paul Haggis investigates: In search of the schism

THE DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERICA DEAL looks great. At least that is what everyone in the press is saying. And the writers better be grateful and take it ... or else.

The "or else" part has been well reported. Even before the DGA came to an agreement with the studios, we were hearing about the ramifications of not taking their deal. It would be catastrophic.

It would split the Writers Guild of America. I read it again in the trades Friday morning. The story goes that there is a growing schism in the guild, and top screenwriters are ready to walk.

I was asked about this schism Thursday by two reporters. I was embarrassed to say that I didn't know anything about it. I hadn't been approached, even in the most oblique way, to join with the "top screenwriters" who are going to pressure the guild to accept the deal, or else.

I can only assume that this is because my film failed so sensationally this year that I quickly fell off the list. I guess even secret screenwriter cabals judge you by your last picture.

But then I realized that no actual top screenwriter I know has been approached to join either. And none of them know anyone else who has.

So I asked these two reporters if they had spoken to any writers who had indicated, even off the record or on deep background, that they were going to pressure the guild or go financial corps. Neither of them had. And neither of them knew any other reporters who had actually spoken to writers who said they would do any such thing.

Curious.

Yes, we have had one writer publicly declaring financial core status, but this can't be what the press is referring to, can it? Because they surely wouldn't describe one or two writers out of 7,000 active members as a major pressure group. At least so one would think.

Even if these reporters had found and interviewed a couple of other writers who were threatening to do the same, surely they would have reported it as "a couple of mid-level writers are going to pressure the guild." But no, that can't be it because a few writers isn't a schism. Journalists and editors don't just throw around terms like that.

But if it is true, shouldn't someone actually know at least one big writer who is in this group? Shouldn't someone have let it slip? We have been called a lot of things, but when is the last time a writer was accused of keeping his mouth shut? Surely someone

would want the glory that comes with being the spokesperson for a group that is going to save the guild from itself.

Look at '85 and '88, the Union Blues spokesmen were out front from day one. They even had a catchy name and a logo.

Yes, there will be many different opinions about the DGA deal and whether we should take it or not. But that is not what is being reported. You would think that Jim Brooks, Steve Gaghan, Eric Roth, John Logan, Robin Swicord, Susannah Grant, Aaron Sorkin, Callie Khouri, Tony Gilroy, Ron Harwood, Diablo Cody and a coterie of other highly-paid, award-clutching scribes are circling the guild offices in black Priuses, waiting for the right moment to pounce and pressure us into taking the DGA deal verbatim.

Those are top screenwriters, no doubt, but I would find it strangely ironic if they were plotting subversion while picketing, working tirelessly on various guild boards, and openly expressing their support for the strike.

So here is where my mind started to go: Could this reporting have anything to do with a well organized and very expensive PR campaign to convince WGA members that we should shut up and be grateful for what we got? But then I thought, "Come on, these are The Trades and other very reputable newspapers — top media sources that we rely upon not just for local news, but for well-researched and independent reporting on international events.

Whether it is Burbank or Baghdad, they speak with integrity, they check their sources, they get things right or they don't print it.

Seriously, what would this town be like if we couldn't trust our newspapers, our well-meaning agents and producer friends?

So, you have my apologies for questioning this indisputable fact that is so well reported. This powerful group of influential screenwriters not only exists, but we should be very, very afraid of them.

Sometimes I just have this cynical streak.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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If only Britney would make the right choice

READERS OF THIS COLUMN SHOULD know by now that the main reason I came to L.A. was to meet and hook up with Britney Spears. I'm convinced that Britney and I were destined to be together. Sure, I'm crazy about her (who isn't?), but I really think she would like me. And I could see our relationship progressing to a place where we become one of those couples that everybody hates because we're so obviously in love with each other.

Recently, however, I've been a little upset with her. I understood the Justin Timberlake thing (they were just kids in love), and I was willing to overlook her chaotic Kevin Federline period (because it gave us Small Fry and Tater Tot). But her fling with Adnan Ghalib, the married British photographer, is tougher to forgive. I get that he was a familiar face because he spent two years following her around; and I get that by holding doors and pumping gas for her, he became the nicest wolf in the pack of paparazzi wolves surrounding her day and night. I just don't get how he could be so stupid that he would get caught shopping bad semi-nude shots of her (that no magazine outside of Australia even wanted). First of all, how do you take a bad semi-nude photo when Britney is the subject? Secondly, when an international pop star who takes home over \$750,000 a month trusts you enough to let you (ahem) inside, why would you betray her for money? This question and others (like why would a Muslim wear two crucifixes?) will dog him for a long time. I'm sure of it.

My original, post-Federline plan was to be the man who took care of all of her needs to allow her to concentrate on being a pop star. I'd arrange her schedule, hire the drivers, gardeners, and nannies, and make sure she didn't have a care in the world. As arm candy, I would escort her anywhere she wanted to go. As a caring partner, I would listen to her complain about her problems at work and offer her my opinions over intimate dinners or gentle foot massages. Then we would turn in, make the beast with two backs, and do it all over again the next day.

In the past few months, however, I've come to realize she doesn't need me for all that — she has Sam Lutfi. I don't know where he came from or how he got the job, but he's the one who takes care of her day-to-day requirements in terms of travel, logistics, and planning. Lutfi also handles private time with my Britney. I'm a little jealous of Lutfi, but I ain't mad at him. Somebody has to look out for her, and it might as well be him. Lutfi also

understands that there is another side to our girl that comes out when she puts on that pink wig — and pink wig Britney has needs. He also knows his limitations in terms of meeting those needs. He's not the best-looking guy in the world and he probably can't dance; and we all know that pink wig Britney's weakness is good-looking guys who can dance.

That's where I come in. A few days ago, Lutfi and Britney were at her car in a Ralph's parking lot or something and someone off-camera said something to my Britney in public that I've been saying in private for a

MY ORIGINAL, POST-FEDERLINE PLAN WAS TO BE THE MAN WHO TOOK CARE OF ALL OF HER NEEDS TO ALLOW HER TO CONCENTRATE ON BEING A POP STAR.

long time — “you need a black dude.” When I look back at what happened next, I think it could end up being the defining moment in my romantic life. My Britney repeated the statement in the form of a question, “I need a black dude?” But she did it with the kind of laugh that said, “That's not a bad idea.” More importantly, Lutfi doesn't immediately disapprove. In fact, he smiles at her and laughs — which makes me think he might actually go for it. Then she says the words I've been longing to hear since I got to L.A., “S**t, I like black dudes. You guys are cool.”

So here we are. She's single and I'm single. She likes good-looking guys who can dance and I am a good-looking guy who can dance. She thinks black dudes like me are cool and I think white girls like her are hot. She's got that pink wig and a body built for sin and I have a talent for keeping secrets and no plans for the weekend. It's just crazy enough to work.

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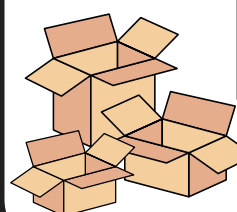
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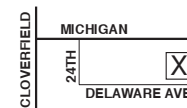
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The Pico Neighborhood Association, in cooperation with the Pico Youth and Family Center and Maguire Properties, will bring together employers, educational institutions and job training organizations specializing in the entertainment industry. Other guests with information about a variety of job opportunities for Santa Monicans will also be present.

Where: Virginia Avenue Park — Thelma Terry Room
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When: Saturday, January 26, 2008
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It's tax filing time all over again

WITH THE HOLIDAYS NOW HISTORY, another annual tradition is starting to take shape, even though this one may not be as joyous of a season. It's tax time once again, and deadlines are getting closer each day. But as you begin preparing to file your 2007 tax return, now is a good time to review your overall financial picture. As with all your investments, it's important to have a good handle on your tax situation, so you can maximize any savings opportunities that may exist.

While many of your investment decisions won't be made on the basis of tax planning alone, there are still several tax-related strategies you should consider to help minimize the effects of taxes on your finances, leaving you more money to put away for your own future. Following are some items to be aware of as you prepare your 2007 tax return, and also a few things to consider as you look to the future.

When figuring your taxes each year, it's important to take note of all your capital gains and losses over the course of the year,



Market Matters

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and come up with a net gain or loss. For investments you've held for one year or less, you'll be calculating what are known as short-term gains or losses. Long-term applies to those investments you've held longer than one year.

To calculate your overall gain or loss, you'll need to start by comparing similar investments. First you'll net your short-term gains versus short-term losses, and then net your long-term gains versus long-term losses. Once you have those two figures, you can then net short-term against long-term to come up with your total gain or loss for the year. If you're left with a net loss, you can take a deduction for up to \$3,000 against ordinary income on your taxes for that year. Any excess losses over that \$3,000 amount

can be carried over to the next year to go through the same netting process again.

Tax time is also a good opportunity to revisit a couple of long-term savings opportunities. The tax filing deadline is the last day to make contributions to a traditional or a Roth IRA and have them counted for the 2007 tax year. So if you haven't already maxed out your contributions for last year, you still have time to get those in. The maximum contribution for 2007 is \$4,000, and those aged 50 or older are allowed to make additional "catch-up" contributions of \$1,000. Looking ahead, that contribution limit will be raised to \$5,000 in 2008, meaning the total contribution allowable for those nearing retirement will go up to \$6,000 when their catch-up contributions are added to the mix.

Education Savings Accounts also need to be funded by the April filing deadline. The maximum contribution for these accounts is \$2,000 per child, per year, and ESAs are also subject to certain income requirements. But if you're eligible to contribute to an ESA,

now is a good time to consider adding to — or simply establishing — a savings account for your child's education. Keep in mind that contributions made during 2008 for 2007 are still considered gifts for 2008 for federal gift tax purposes. And although contributions to an ESA are not tax-deductible, the funds have the opportunity to grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free when used for qualified education expenses. Just be aware that withdrawals for non-qualified purposes may be subject to ordinary income taxes and a 10 percent IRS penalty.

While the process of filing our taxes is something we may not always enjoy, it's important to take the time to seek out all the benefits you can find. Consulting with financial and tax-planning professionals could help you uncover opportunities you may not have been aware of before.

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ECONOMY

Bush and Congress discuss stimulus plan; Fed cuts key interest rate

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate as President Bush and top lawmakers were seeking quick agreement on a plan to pump about \$150 billion in tax cuts and government spending into the ailing

economy to head off a recession.

Bush called congressional leaders to the White House to discuss an emergency rescue package centered on tax rebates and business tax cuts but also likely to include increases in unemployment benefits and food stamps.

Last week Bush offered the outline of a short-term economic boost, but the slump-

ing of the global economic market since then has raised the question of whether he's willing to expand the package. Stocks plummeted on Wall Street despite the Federal Reserve's three-quarter percentage point cut in a key interest rate, lending a greater aura of urgency to the White House talks.

Discussing Bush's options, press secretary

Dana Perino told reporters: "I'm not going to close the door, but I'm not suggesting that anyone believes it has to be bigger" than the roughly \$150 billion figure already discussed. The president last Friday put forward the broad outlines of a stimulus plan that would include tax cuts for individuals and businesses.



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Marika Hartog (right) teaches a dance wellness workshop at the Westside Academy of Dance on Sunday. The class, sponsored by the New York City Ballet and School of American Ballet, informs students of different techniques to help with stretching and relaxation to prevent injury.

Weathering the economic storm

FROM ECONOMY PAGE 1

sees houses with "for sale" signs.

"I feel it," Wilder said. "I feel the effects already."

The story has been the same for the jewelry store's next-door neighbor, Foreign Affairs, a 30-year-old clothing boutique that has gradually seen a reduction in sales over the past two years.

Mary Jo Parker, who is temporarily managing the store for her friend, owner Margaret Knowlton, said she has noticed that overflow foot traffic from a nearby Starbucks and nail salon has dissipated.

"It seems like people don't want to spend unless it's a necessity," Parker said.

While the sales and use tax revenues for City Hall has decreased, the transient occupancy tax — revenue generated from the hospitality industry — has actually been on the rise, according to City Manager Lamont Ewell, who said on Tuesday that he is still hopeful that a recession can be avoided.

"We are seeing signs of weaknesses," the city manager said. "Our property sales are slowing tremendously ... we are seeing fewer property transfers and for us that means less property tax."

Ewell added that the city's coffers will also suffer an impact from the temporary closing of Santa Monica Place at the end of this month while the mall undergoes a renovation until 2009. The Downtown Santa Monica mall and its businesses bring in about \$1.2 million in sales tax revenue a year.

"We will feel those impacts and what we can do locally is to continue to invest in our infrastructure because that is going to keep job activities going and it also helps us to keep this city a place of destination," he said.

The owner of Eliza's Beauty Center in Sunset Park, Eliza Kudra, said that while sales increased every year from its opening in 2002 until the beginning of 2007, she has noticed that sales remained stagnant recently.

She isn't sure if that's a result of the econ-

omy or if it's because her business reached its maximum growth potential. While her loyal clients continue to patronize her business, they have been visiting the store less frequently, Kudra said.

Some businesses haven't felt the impact of the sluggish economy. Such has been the case of Eco Coastal Cleaners in Sunset Park.

The dry cleaners, which uses an environmentally-friendly non-toxic solvent instead of chemicals, actually experienced a 30 percent increase in business over the past year, according to owner Jennifer Aronson.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A RECESSION, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET CLOSE TO IT."

Alexes Degenfelder
Santa Monica resident

"People try to be eco-friendly so that might be why it's not affecting my business," she said.

If anything, the screenwriter's strike might have more of an impact on business in Santa Monica than anything else.

Linda Oppenheim, the owner of Arts & Letters, a stationary store on Main Street, said many of her customers and neighborhood residents are screenwriters. But overall, she hasn't noticed much of an impact on her business.

"I'm positive (about the economy)," Oppenheim said. "I think everything will be OK."

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HISTORY: The horseshoe pit at Reed Park on Fifth Street and Wilshire Boulevard will be removed as part of an ongoing project to improve the city's parks. Project planners believe that the pit is underused and should be replaced with something more popular.

Park project will include an expanded playground

FROM PARK PAGE 3

possibly on California Avenue as well.

The 5.3-acre park, which features a community center, six lighted tennis courts, a playground and two basketball courts, first opened in 1892 as Lincoln Park, later renamed Christine Reed Park. Ginsberg estimates that construction would most likely not begin until the summer and that it could take up to six months to complete the entire project.

The improvements are part of the Santa Monica Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which addressed the issue of frontage improvements to the park as well as improving and adding playgrounds throughout the city.

"Playgrounds are always something desired in the community and taking advantage of underutilized space is something that is in the master plan as well," Ginsberg said.

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BIG WINNER

Kathryn Forrest, a teacher at Childrens Therapeutic Arts, gets into the new Honda Civic she just won at the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday. She is a winner of a Helpful Honda Award.

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Trapeze school among crop of new businesses

FROM PIER PAGE 1

discussions are still ongoing but Mack is confident that a lease agreement can be reached. One of the investors behind the restaurant is the owner of Harvelle's on Fourth Street, while another is affiliated with the Asian fusion restaurant Tengu on Ocean Avenue.

"We are really pleased to have a group with a lot of experience, and we think that the combination of blues and barbecue is something unique to the pier and something people will really be looking forward to," Mack said.

While those familiar with the pier are not ready to call the recent influx of businesses a resurgence, they are pleased with the changes they are seeing and the seemingly renewed interest on behalf of City Hall to make the pier a premier destination for those looking to have a little fun and experience the quirky nature of Santa Monica.

"It's not the Santa Cruz Pier or Stearns Wharf (in Santa Barbara). It's the Santa Monica Pier," Chris Volaski of the Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association. "It has had a history of being a place where you can kick back and enjoy yourself. It's always been funky and I think most of the businesses try to keep that in mind and I think you can see that in the types of businesses that are here and are planning to come here. We definitely have diversity."

Others on the pier credit the increased police presence, the arrival of Pacific Park, and the investment City Hall has made in restoring the pier with bringing some of the luster back to the historic attraction.

"I love it that new businesses are coming here," said Marlene Gordon, operator of Playland Arcade. "It's better for all of us — new people come down and experience new things. As soon as these businesses open, I'll be the first one to welcome them."

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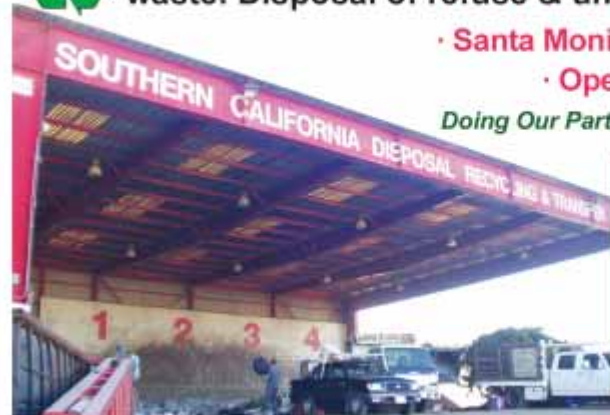
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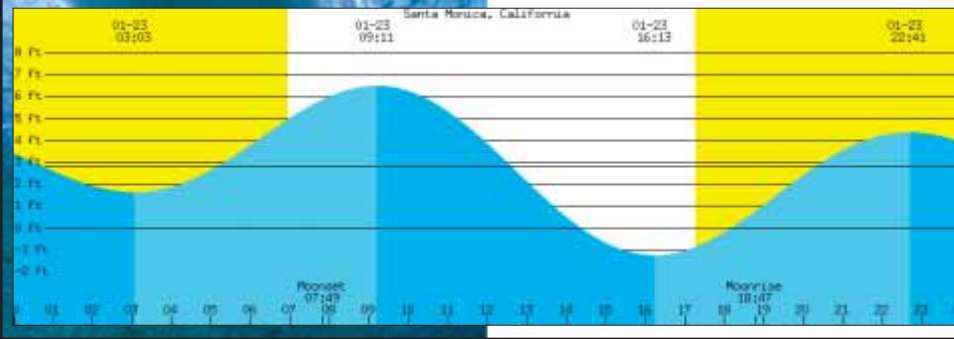


SURF CONDITIONS
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SWELL FORECAST (2-4 FT)
Today the southern hemi SW should peak as NW remains small. South facing breaks are looking at waist to chest+ sets while west facing breaks wallow in knee to waist high waves (at best). Wednesday though could be trashed as a front moves through the region, bringing a good chance of rain. Winds should pick up early on.

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Number of wet days -- 11
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 13
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 32

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	D	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	D	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	F
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F
Castlerock 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+	D

LEGEND

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

Former Trojan Chow heads to Westwood

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Norm Chow, who tutored a pair of Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks at Southern California, is returning as offensive coordinator at crosstown rival UCLA.

Chow, fired last week by the Tennessee Titans, joins the staff of coach Rick Neuheisel, the former Bruins quarterback who took the job late last month.

“I’ve always admired his work,” Neuheisel said. “You don’t have to look far into the stats to see this guy can diagram and call plays. If anybody in college football has done better, I’m not aware of it.

“I think UCLA deserves the best.”

The 61-year-old Chow said he enjoyed working at USC, where one of his sons graduated and another is still in school.

“It’s a unique place and obviously Pete (Carroll) has done a great job. We’ll still have that same respect — except for Saturday afternoon,” Chow said Monday during a conference call.

Neuheisel, noting that he attended law school at USC, added, “Our goal is to get to where they are, among the elite in the country.”

Before coming to USC and working with Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, Chow groomed Heisman winner Ty Detmer at BYU. His coaching resume includes six quarterbacks who were first-round picks in the NFL: Palmer, Leinart, Philip Rivers, Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Marc Wilson.

UCLA quarterback Ben Olson was considered one of the top prospects in the nation when he came out of high school, but he has yet to live up to his billing with the Bruins.

“I remember Pete saying he was one of the best in the country,” Chow said, recalling when he was on the Trojans’ staff and Olson was in high school in Thousand Oaks, Calif. “I did get a chance one summer to see him at a camp and he looked awfully good.

“I’m looking forward to not only working with him, but the other quarterbacks as well. I remember (Patrick) Cowan from recruiting as well.”

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers needed surgery to get his right knee through the AFC championship game, and now needs a more extensive operation to repair a torn ligament in the same knee. His rehab could last six months.

LaDainian Tomlinson has a sprained ligament in his left knee but won’t need surgery.

However, the superstar running back took a hit to his image during Sunday’s loss to the perfect New England Patriots, simply because of the way the truth sometimes takes a beating in the way NFL teams release news about injuries.

First, Rivers.

While confirming that he needs surgery

Olson, who was 13 when he first met Chow at a football camp, said he was “thrilled to death” that he’s coming to UCLA and added, “I’m going to find out where he is so I can go and deliver some flowers to him.”

Both Chow and UCLA defensive coordinator DeWayne Walker, friends for more than two decades, were candidates for the Bruins’ head coaching job that went to Neuheisel. Now they’re on his staff.

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Rick Neuheisel
UCLA head coach

Asked about the pair being considered for the head coaching post, Neuheisel said, “I think it speaks volumes about the two guys. DeWayne and I have forged a relationship of mutual respect, and he got involved with talking to Norm.”

Neuheisel said he considers the trio a partnership, a startup company and “the sky’s the limit.”

Karl Dorrell was fired as the Bruins’ coach Dec. 3 after they went 6-6. Walker served as interim coach in a 17-16 Las Vegas Bowl loss to BYU.

Chow was the Titans’ offensive coordinator for three years and credited with helping Vince Young make the transition to the pro game. The Titans finished 10-6 and made the playoffs for the first time since 2003, losing 17-6 to San Diego in an AFC wild-card game.

NFL

Rivers to have knee surgery

on his torn right anterior cruciate ligament, the quarterback revealed for the first time that he had arthroscopic surgery to clean out the joint a week earlier in order to play in the AFC championship game against New England.

Rivers, lauded by his teammates for his gutsy play, said he’d like to have surgery as soon as possible on the torn ACL. “I’ll be ready by training camp,” he said.

Pressed for more details on his earlier arthroscopic surgery, Rivers nodded toward the training room and said: “I mean, the guys, obviously, I know they don’t talk, but the guys in there would be able to give you the details on that.”

Actually, that’s part of the problem. Trainer James Collins is not allowed to talk to the media and the team often limits the information it releases.

Up in smoke

New video shows Winehouse inhaling fumes from a pipe

A video of **AMY WINEHOUSE** shows the Grammy-nominated singer smoking ... something. In grainy footage obtained by British tabloid The Sun, Winehouse, 24, is seen inhaling fumes from

some sort of pipe reportedly hours before showing up for husband Blake Fielder-Civil's court appearance in London on Friday. Winehouse, who dyed her hair blond and ditched

her signature black hair done up in a beehive hairdo, can be seen walking around. She sits down and, before lighting the pipe, can be heard saying that she's "had about six

Valium." On the wall behind her is a photo of Winehouse and Fielder-Civil. Her publicist, Tracey Miller, declined to comment Tuesday. Universal Records didn't immediately

respond to an e-mail and phone call from The Associated Press seeking comment. Winehouse has fed the tabloids a consistent diet of melodrama recently.

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RINGO WALKS OFF SHOW

RINGO STARR is known for being the amiable Beatle, but the rock star showed his tough side Tuesday when he walked off the set of "Live With Regis and Kelly" rather than cut short one of his songs. Starr, who is promoting his new album, "Liverpool 8," planned to perform the title song. However, due to miscommunication between his publicist, Elizabeth Freund, and the musical director, Starr didn't realize the performance had to be 2 1/2 minutes or less, Freund told The Associated Press. Freund said Starr tried to cut the song by a minute, but reps from the show wanted it to be cut even further.

AP

Ledger found dead in Manhattan



HEATH LEDGER was found dead Tuesday at a downtown Manhattan residence, and police said drugs may have been a factor. He was 28. NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said Ledger had an appointment for a massage at the Manhattan apartment believed to be his home. The housekeeper who went to let him know the masseuse had arrived found him dead at 3:26 p.m. A large crowd of paparazzi and gawkers began gathering Tuesday evening outside the building on an upscale block in SoHo, where several police officers guarded the door. The Australian-born actor was nominated for

an Oscar for "Brokeback Mountain," where he met Michelle Williams in 2005. The two had lived in Brooklyn and had a daughter, Matilda, until they split up last year. He most recently appeared in "I'm Not There," in which he played one of the many incarnations of Bob Dylan – as did Cate Blanchett, whose performance in that film earned an Oscar nomination Tuesday for best supporting actress. Ledger was to appear as the Joker this year in "The Dark Night," a sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins." He's had starring roles in "A Knight's Tale" and "The Patriot."

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

Take a night off, Virgo

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This year you will want to move forward and blaze a new trail. If you discover that you are confused, which could happen, you might want to pull back and go into a holding pattern. In the year 2009, many of your dreams will become realities. You are in a building phase, where you will head in a new direction.



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Artist Edward Manet (1832)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Tap into your ingenuity to find answers and deal with immediate confusion. Developing a sense of humor also could help you move from a difficult situation to a creative outlet. You will see events quite differently. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ If you can work from home, you might accomplish a lot more. A boss or someone you care about could be more elusive or confusing than in the past. Stay easy and understand what you want. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to reach out for someone at a distance. He or she might be in an odd mood, not as you expected. Let go and stay centered. Knowing what you want could be very important to your well-being. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Reach out for a partner, even if you don't quite understand what you are doing. Recognize the costs of acting in a certain manner or following through on irritation. Tonight: Balance your budget and make sound money decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might be underestimating the strength of your personality and impact. You could be overwhelmed and somewhat exhausted. Review what has been an issue up till now. You'll see life from a renewed point of view. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Search your mind if you're feeling confused. Perhaps you might want to revise your thinking. If you feel that a situation is out of control, it probably is. Slow down and think before you make a problem worse. You can change a situation. Take a night off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Don't hesitate to say what you think. Listen to your inner voice and follow through on what is important. Confusion surrounds a loved one or child. Tonight: Let events happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your ability to read between the lines comes through with a boss. He or she might not be as clear as you would like. Try to verify what is expected before you flop into a problem. Listen to feedback. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take an overview when others seem to be confused. If you distance yourself from an immediate problem, you will be a lot happier. Think in terms of gains and growth. Others appear to be hot and angry. This too will pass. Tonight: Relax to music, a movie or a game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to change directions or make other choices. How you deal with someone could determine much more than you believe. One-on-one relating needs to happen. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be creating more confusion than you realize. Investigate and understand what needs to happen. Your creativity surges forward. A child or loved one demands your focus. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: Fun times are ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You move forward and handle a change positively. Know when you have no more to give, or you might be too tired for your own good. Avoid any major uproar on the home front, for your sake as well. Tonight: Easy does it.

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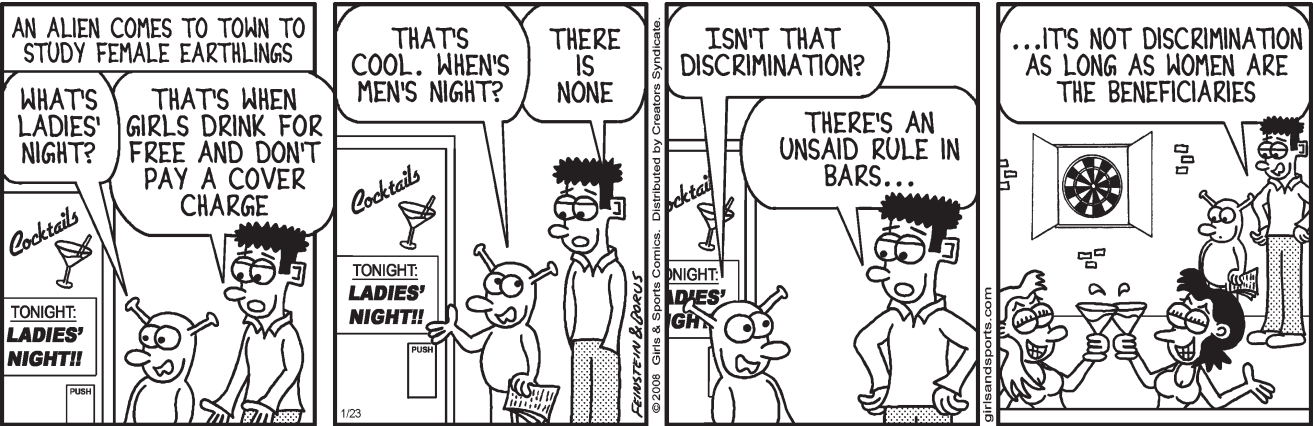
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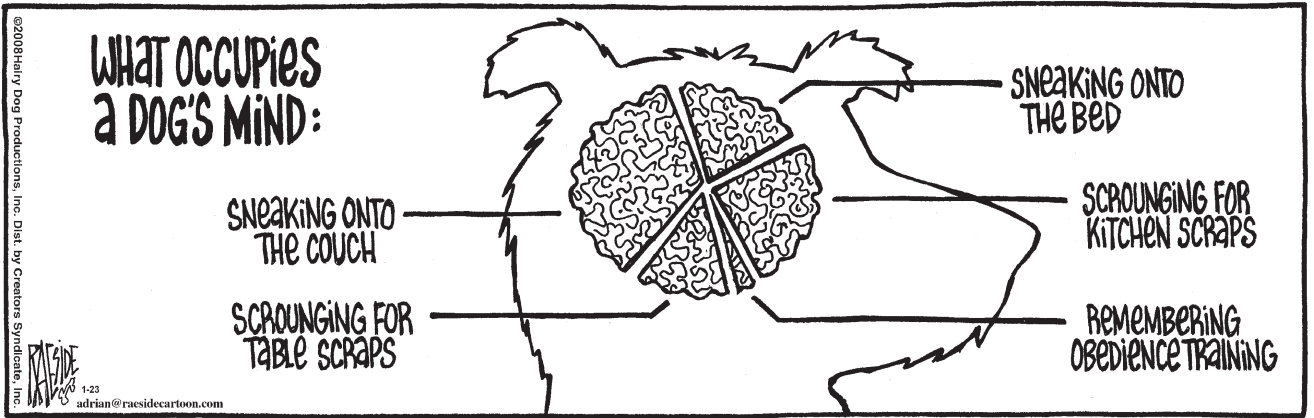
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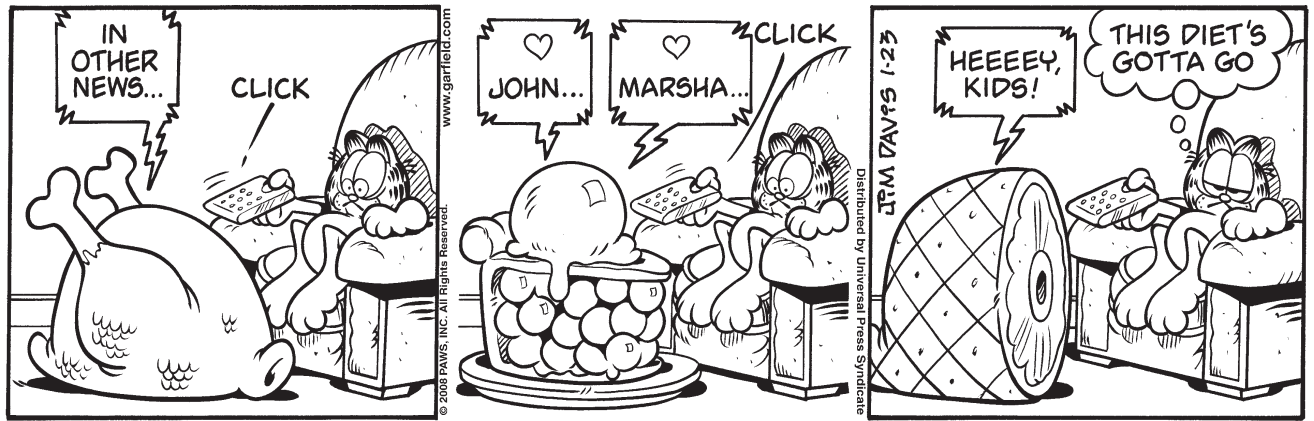
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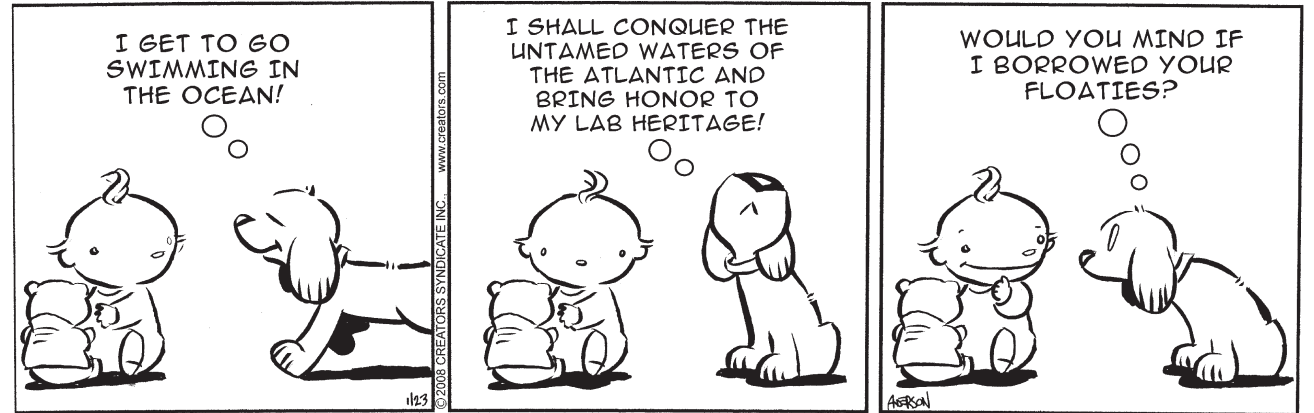
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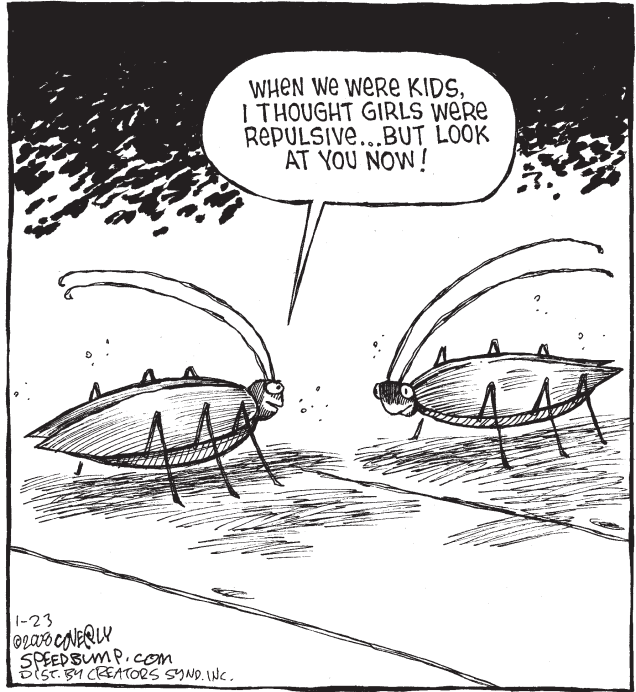
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Yesterday's answer

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21 Designer Wang

22 Dance in a pit

23 Opposed to

25 Tree part

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November, an association of Ugandan activists of Rwandan descent complained to the Ugandan Parliament that the government was discriminating against its women, in that passport-application officials single them out to verify their Ugandan nationality based on the whether their derrieres and legs are sufficiently large. According to a columnist for the newspaper East African, "Uganda is a society that's besotted with women's buttocks like few other places are." (Immigration officials denied that they "profile.")

■ Jacob Zuma, a flamboyant Zulu activist since his teen years, was elected president of the African National Congress in December and is a presumed shoo-in to become president of South Africa in 2009, despite a 2005 rape trial (at which he was acquitted). Zuma had testified that the sex was consensual, that "(i)n Zulu culture, you cannot leave a woman if she is ready. To deny her sex, that would have been tantamount to rape." He also said that he had not bothered with a condom even though he knew she was HIV-positive, cheerfully explaining, "I had a shower afterward." (The rate of HIV infection in Zuma's KwaZulu-Natal province is about 40 percent.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1870 In Montana, U.S. cavalrymen kill 173 Indians, mostly women and children, in the Marias Massacre.

1879 Anglo-Zulu War: the Battle of Rorke's Drift ends.

1897 Elva Zona Heaster is found dead in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The resulting murder trial of her husband is perhaps the only case in United States history where the alleged testimony of a ghost helped secure a conviction.

1899 Emilio Aguinaldo is sworn in as President of the First Philippine Republic.

1904 Ålesund Fire: the Norwegian coastal town Ålesund is devastated by fire, leaving 10,000 people homeless and one person dead. Kaiser Wilhelm II funds the rebuilding of the town in Jugendstil style.

1907 Kansas becomes the first Native American US Senator.

1912 The International Opium Convention is signed at The Hague.

1920 The Netherlands refuses to surrender ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany to the Allies.

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