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THE SHOWBIZ ISSUE

District's consultant listens up

Parents previously afraid to talk openly discuss special ed

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A cloud of fear lingered over a group of parents that gathered in the Board of Education meeting room on Wednesday night, cautiously airing their frustrations over a special education program that has come under fire in the past year for an alleged culture of secrecy.

The meeting was the first of four pub-

lic input sessions held by district consultant Lou Barber & Associates, a Northern California-based firm that was hired late last year to conduct an audit of special education at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, examining both the financial and programmatic aspects of the controversial program.

"We want to give parents an opportunity to talk about the special education program," Lou Barber said on Wednesday before the meeting started. "They can say nice things about the program and how wonderful things are going, or they can talk about things that they aren't happy about."

Parents have long complained to school officials about the district's practice of brokering settlement agreements

with confidentiality clauses, a process that occurs if previous negotiations over a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) — a process that involves a team of special education experts — falls through.

The frustration lies specifically in the settlement proceedings, which many parents allege happens in a hostile environment behind closed doors, one-on-one with one of the senior district officials who would coerce the parents into signing off on an agreement that would shortchange the services their children would receive.

The issue came to a head last year when the City Council threatened to withhold an increase in city funds to the school district unless an independent audit of the special education program was conducted.

The public input session was meant to serve as a safe haven for these parents to present their concerns, speaking out in a meeting that district officials intentionally did not attend to make parents feel more comfortable, according to Barber, who moderated the sessions — three of which were held on Thursday.

But there was still a sense of angst touching on the words of many parents who needed to be assured by Barber on more than one occasion that they or their children would not be placed in a compromising situation by speaking out. Almost all parents chose to leave their names out during the public input session, afraid to have their experi-

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City remembers segregationist past with candor

The Ink Well was a place for black beachgoers to escape

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Before progressive Santa Monica, there was a considerably less racially tolerant beachside city.

A piece of the city's little-known past was remembered and literally set in stone on Thursday when city officials unveiled a monument dedicated to honoring the history of the Ink Well — a slice of sand off Bay Street that was unofficially designated as a gathering spot for black beachgoers.

"The Ink Well: A place of celebration and pain," the monument, located off the bike path, reads.

"Many African Americans have found sanctuary on this portion of the beach we sit on today," City Manager Lamont Ewell said during the unveiling.

The unveiling of the plaque was the culmination of a more than two-year effort to recognize an often forgotten chapter of Santa Monica heritage, an effort initially brought forth by Rhonda Harper, the chief executive officer of Inkwell Surf, to the City Council to commemorate the historical significance of the site, said Jessica



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PROUD MOMENT: City Manager Lamont Ewell (left) and Rhonda Harper unveil a monument to the Ink Well on Thursday.



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Daybreak Designs will hold a Valentine Sale at Cloverfield Services Center. Items for sale will include a variety of specially designed arts and crafts including hand-painted greeting and holiday cards, one of a kind jewelry items and other collectibles. Daybreak Designs is run by the women of Daybreak Shelter who are working to overcome mental illness. The sale provides the opportunity for these artists and craftswomen to increase their limited income and learn important self-supporting skills. For information, call Donna Miller at (310) 264-6646, ext. 235.

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Skirball kicks off "Bob Dylan's American Journey" tonight. The exhibit includes handwritten song lyrics, posters, and a recording of his first-ever, never-released concert. Included is an area where you can play drums with Dylan — much like Bono sang with Sinatra. General admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors and students, and free on Thursdays. Early Dylan photographers, John Cohen and Daniel Kramer, will discuss their experiences on Sun., Feb. 10. Visit www.skirball.org for more information.

Go sister, Soul Sister

1026 Wilshire Blvd., doors open at 9 p.m.

Indie your soul tonight at Temple Bar with Soul Sister, Wayna, Yahzarah, and Sy Smith. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.templebarlive.com for details.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008

'Noche de Paz y Amor'

2425 Kansas Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Valentine's Day celebration, "Noche de Paz y Amor," at Edison Language Academy in Santa Monica. Attendees can participate in dance lessons for all ages, including salsa, merengue, tango and cumbia. Between dances visit the food booths, test your artistic skills with arts & crafts, and enter raffles.

Eight minutes of ohm ...

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Quiet the mind and live life easier with just eight minutes of meditation. This free workshop will be held at the Fairview Branch Library. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Casino Nite

1700 Ocean, 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Support Meals on Wheels West with some gambling. The Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel is hosting "Casino Nite at the Beach" with Vegas games, prizes and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door. Dress is California Casual.

Journey to the center of the Milky Way

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Fasten your seat belts for a 26,000 light-year journey to the center of the Milky Way Galaxy with Dr. Susan Stolovy. See the amazing images and learn about the fascinating results from the Spitzer Space Telescope.

VITA: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

2601 Main St., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Volunteers from the UCLA Anderson School of Management will provide free tax assistance to low and middle-income taxpayers; covering answers and filing for both federal and state income tax forms. For more information, call the Ocean Park Branch Library at (310) 392-3804.

'Aging: What to Expect'

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

UCLA's Dr. Linda Nelson will lecture on topics related to aging and memory loss. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

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.



Heart health for Valentine's

L.A. County Office of Women's Health's data reveals startling facts

BY NATALIE EDWARDS

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE This upcoming Valentine's Day is a celebration of the heart, which is why the L.A. County Office of Women's Health is concerned that women aren't knowledgeable enough about risks to their cardiovascular health.

Heart disease is the chief killer of women, according to data released by the county health officials, and Los Angeles women die from heart disease and stroke at a rate higher than the national average.

"To put it into perspective, a woman dies every minute from cardiovascular disease nationally. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death among women, yet many women do not perceive themselves as being at the same risk as men," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health for the county.

Instead, women are at more risk than men. In 2005, a majority of cardiovascular deaths, 459,000 or 53 percent, involved women, compared to 411,000 or 47 percent for men. Despite these statistics, many continue to believe that heart disease is principally an affliction suffered by men.

Cardiovascular disease, also known as heart disease, is a blanket term for a number of conditions — coronary heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, and heart failure. Factors associated with heart disease include cigarette smoking, physical inactivity, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and high blood cholesterol, with those possessing two or more of those traits defined as being at increased risk.

In 2006, the American Heart Association conducted a study to evaluate how awareness of the true demographic of heart disease sufferers has shifted since 1997. The association found that while awareness has increased overall, knowledge gaps exist along ethnic and racial lines. Sixty-nine percent of white women reported correctly that cardiovascular disease was the leading cause of death among women, compared with around 30 percent of African-American and Latina women.

These statistics are troubling because

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Writers feel the pinch

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Special to the Daily Press

WESTSIDE There's a cautious, growing optimism in Hollywood as the recent Writers Guild of America strike — a three month nightmare for anyone earning their living in the entertainment business — draws to a potential close.

However, in its wake the strike has left some writers wondering what to do next. Many television writers are temporarily jobless or simply in states of limbo and its effects have been devastating to all levels of industry players.

The strike, which began Nov. 5, centers on the issue of compensation for content offered over the Internet.

For Malibu-based producer Paul

Maslansky, whose credits include the "Police Academy" films and "The Russia House" starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Sean Connery, the significance of the strike has been profound.

"I'm at a point in my career that it's very important to keep momentum going," Maslansky said. "It takes a great deal of work and preparation to get a single script to a potential buyer."

Maslansky is an independent, meaning, he doesn't have a studio deal, though he makes films for the studios. He has been working on his current project, "Coming Through Slaughter," a novel written by Michael Ondaatje ("The English Patient") about first king of jazz, Buddy Bolden, for close to 11 years. He had finally convinced Ondaatje he was the right producer to

shepherd the project to screen when the strike hit.

"I know I'll make it eventually," Maslansky said wistfully, but the hold up has permitted another producer's project about the same subject matter to gain a lead.

Eager for the strike to end, Maslansky suggested using "a negotiated fee for [the anticipated] ancillaries, whatever they may be."

Similarly, Santa Monica resident and screen and TV writer John Romano ("Intolerable Cruelty" and "Hill Street Blues"), thinks the studios are being honest when they say, "They don't know what that business will be like," but feels that,

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A TRIM FOR CHARITY

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Talitha LaPorte (left) and Astrid Bennett (right) donate their hair during the Locks of Love event at UCLA on Thursday. Stylists Amir Idriess (left) and Jordan Rigburg (right) from the Sassoon Academy volunteered for the event that collected hair for children who suffer from hair loss.



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One embarrassed Republican

Editor:

As one of the only Republicans in Santa Monica, it is embarrassing that (former New York City Mayor Rudy) Guiliani received 5 percent of the vote in the California Republican Primary with (former U.S. Sen. Fred) Thompson not far behind with 3 percent. This means 8 percent of the Republicans in California are so stupid that they voted for two people that dropped out of the race. Yes, 161,578 of our fellow citizens voted for someone that is no longer in the race. No other states in the union demonstrated this level of stupidity. With 115,778 votes, more Californians voted for Guiliani in their primary than all of the other primaries on Super Tuesday combined. So remember, every time you meet a Republican in California, that one out of 20 of them voted for Guiliani. DUMB!

David Alsabery
Santa Monica

Restripping has made street civil

Editor:

I am writing in support of the Ocean Park Boulevard restripping. I have a store on Ocean Park Boulevard between 17th and 18th streets and a very clear view of the street and traffic.

Here's what I have observed:

- Vehicles no longer race past my store at unsafe speeds like they're on a freeway.
- There is almost none of the incessant honking, screeching brakes, and other noises from impatient drivers trying to pass on the right.
- Traffic is moving, although at a slower speed. This is a good thing, given the schools, residences, and stores on Ocean Park.
- Bike riders are starting to use the bike line, rather than sidewalks where some unthinking riders would travel at fast speeds dangerously close to pedestrians.
- It is easier for cars to park. No longer do I hear the obnoxious sound of prolonged honking as some poor driver tries to pull over and park.
- Emergency vehicles can now travel the middle of the street, unimpeded.
- Crossing at 16th and 18th streets is somewhat improved because there are two fewer lanes for pedestrians to navigate, the chances that a car will fail to stop is cut in half, and drivers can no longer speed around stopped cars and through the crosswalk (Although, I still feel strongly that a red blinking, pedestrian-triggered light should replace the white lights currently at these crosswalks).

Yes, it is true that between about 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. during the week traffic is backed up further than it used to be. But I do not see cars idling in place for any length of time, nor is it stop-and-go traffic, inching along. Even during these busy hours, traffic does move. The new left hand lanes are helping in that regard. (It is 5:00 p.m. right now, on a Wednesday, and there is no traffic backup at all). To further help the traffic flow, stop lights may have to be tweaked, or other adjustments made.

I also drive Ocean Park and have not experienced any dramatic increase in the time I spend in traffic, traffic congestion or the inconvenience others say they have experienced.

There is no perfect solution, and I agree that there are some negative impacts on traffic, but, all in all, I feel restripping Ocean Park has made it safer, more pedestrian friendly, and more civil – and worth the tradeoff.

Nancy Lombardi of Artful on Ocean Park
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

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The day the music died a quiet death

THE SNOW WAS HEAVY THAT NIGHT.

The only alternative to riding all night long in a dirty, unheated bus to his next concert date was a tiny airplane. Shortly after take-off, however, the plane carrying Buddy Holly, along with Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson, disappeared into a snowy cloud. Holly's torn, mangled body was found a few hours later in a frozen Iowa cornfield a little past midnight on Feb. 3, 1959. I was a 12-year-old kid at the time. For Buddy Holly fans like me, it seemed that all was lost — a feeling immortalized in Don McLean's classic song.

As an artist, Holly was only with us for 30 months — between 1957 and 1959. But in that short period, Holly's innovation and keen musicianship made him the Mozart of rock music and one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century.

Virtually everything we hear on recordings and see on video and the concert stage can be traced to two icons: Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly. Elvis, the quintessential star, soon forsook rock for slow ballads and mediocre musical films. Holly, by contrast, was an adept musician and an artist who was devoted to his craft. He was a true pioneer, a revolutionary, a multi-dimensional talent. As Philip Norman writes in his insightful book *Rave On: The Biography of Buddy Holly* (1996), "he threw back the boundaries of rock'n'roll, gave substance to its shivery shadow, transformed it from a chaotic cul-de-sac to a highway of infinite possibility and promise."

The songs Holly wrote and performed are rock'n'roll classics — two-minute masterpieces. They remain as fresh and potent today as when they were recorded over 40 years ago. "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Rave On," "Heartbeat" and others have been springboards of inspiration for countless budding musicians. As a songwriter, performer and musician, Holly is the acknowledged progenitor of nearly every world-class rock talent to emerge in our lifetime. The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen and others admit his influence.

Holly was one of the first musicians to produce his own work. This allowed him to pioneer various techniques, including being one of the first to accompany the rock beat with strings. He also pioneered double tracking, which future stars capitalized on. Double tracking, which uses two tape recorders, allowed Holly to sing harmony to his own lead vocals and play both lead and rhythm guitar. This rendered the layered Holly sound particularly remarkable.

One crucial detail sets Holly apart from

Presley and other rock progenitors. Whereas they had all become solo performers by the time they emerged on the scene, Holly came to stardom fronting a group, the Crickets. He and the Crickets' guitar/bass/drums lineup became the prototype for every rock band that followed.

In March of 1958, Holly and the Crickets toured Great Britain (something Presley never did), bringing him face to face with many of his disciples. His famous television appearance on Sunday Night at the London Palladium held some budding musical talent in a trance. As Norman writes: "Up in Liverpool, John Lennon and Paul McCartney both had their noses practically touching the screen." Several years later, Lennon and McCartney formed the Beatles (originally the "Beatles" in honor of the Crickets) and wrote and performed their own songs, as had their hero, Holly. In fact, the first recording the Beatles made, at their own expense, was Holly's "That'll Be the Day."

Holly was the first rocker to break through based on ability, energy and personality. Whereas Elvis attracted a mostly female audience, Holly's fans were equally mixed between the sexes. Holly was homely and wore glasses. And Reginald Dwight (better known as Elton John) ruined his eyesight wearing black horn-rims in imitation of Holly.

As he took steps toward creating revolutionary music, Holly also rebelled against the apartheid that had divided white rock artists from blacks. He recorded one track ("Early in the Morning") with a full gospel choir and another ("Reminiscing") with the blues saxophonist King Curtis.

After his death, Holly's influence and songs remained pervasive. The Beatles continued what Holly had begun, multiplied his effect and became the greatest entertainment act of all time. McCartney later acquired the publishing rights to all of Holly's songs and inaugurated the celebratory Buddy Holly Week. In 1963, the Rolling Stones transformed themselves from a backwoods group to a commercial chart topper with Holly's "Not Fade Away."

Buddy Holly died with little realization of what his legacy would become. He changed the course of history and filled our torn times with melodies that transcended the era in which they were written.

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This pants-wearing female isn't happy

A FEW WEEKS AGO I WROTE ABOUT MY mother meeting Martin Luther King ("A Look Back at MLK from My Mom's Car"). I commented on Jay Edgar Hoover's well-documented trampling of the constitution and individual's civil liberties. I asked why does the FBI building still bear his name. How much could a new sign cost?

I also made mention of Jay Edgar's predilection to wearing chiffon dresses. Ironically, Hoover was infamous for using this type of information to blackmail private citizens and even presidents. Many historians credit these illegal tactics for his longevity. It was pretty difficult for a president to fire the man who had photos of him in a tutu. Some even suggest that Hoover's decades-long denial of organized crime was because the Mafia was blackmailing him!

A few days after my column I received an anonymous e-mail from a female reader calling me homophobic. "A desire to wear the opposite gender's clothing — often perceived as a sign of someone's homosexuality — in no way prevents a person from doing their work capably, and should never be interpreted as a sign of inferiority."

At this point I got the sense she hadn't liked my column very much. But, ever the optimist, I read on.

"The demographic for people who sneak into opposite gender clothing is most often male, successful, and heterosexual. If this bill fits you, perhaps you ought to put down your stones — who knows what you will be wearing this time next year?"

I could use some new sweat pants, but a dress, I kinda doubt it.

The e-mail ended, "Shame on you" and was signed, "Angrily, Your Pants-Wearing, Female Reader." Sounds like a name from "Dances with Wolves." And there was also a P.S. "Tell SMDP that in addition to allowing homophobic, sexist comments (I guess she means me) changing the way beats are monitored does not constitute a 'new approach to policing.'" I thought about forwarding the last part to Police Chief Jackman, but I think I have some unpaid parking tickets.

I e-mailed PWF back to explain. In citing Hoover's pink chiffon I had only tried to point out his incredible hypocrisy. By day he persecuted gays, (among others) while at night he thought he was Judy Garland. That I see humor in that may make me a little off center but hopefully

not homophobic. To the extent that I was neither funny nor articulate, I do apologize.

In September I wrote about a raccoon discovered in the Pico-Kenter storm drain after an unusually heavy rainstorm ("Rocky Raccoon Rides Into Town." The video is on YouTube under "Rocky Raccoon Santa Monica"). I received a critical e-mail from a reader who claimed I misrepresented raccoon behavior. As the old-time comics used to say, I couldn't make this stuff up, folks.

Despite eyewitnesses, my reader claimed it was highly unlikely that Rocky was swept down the storm drain. What was highly unlikely was a raccoon, which is nocturnal, on a beach in the daytime!

I wrote back, thanking him for his insights on raccoons and commented on how much free time he seemed to have. I also asked if I could quote him in a column. He was considerably more polite in his return e-mail asking me please not to mention his name, a request I've honored.

Possibly my favorite reader e-mails came in response to "Scooter Skates While Ann Hates" (7.05.07.). I criticized Scooter Libby for his part in the outing of covert CIA agent, Valerie Plame. I received a long-winded e-mail blasting me because Scooter wasn't convicted of that charge. My reader was right. Libby was convicted of four counts of perjury and one count obstruction of justice (Serving less time than Paris Hilton).

Then I received a second e-mail from his friend. I was relieved he actually had a friend, as opposed to the lone, assassin type. The friend informed me that he uses my columns as toilet paper. What a lovely image. Couldn't he have said he uses my column to line his birdcage? I wrote back saying his personal hygiene was his business, but questioned if this practice wasn't a little rough on you know what.

My column is entitled "Laughing Matters," which means I try to be funny. It's never my intention to offend anyone (Except perhaps Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and other neo-cons who have just about ruined this country). I actually enjoy getting reader e-mail, even critical ones. Except perhaps for the reader who uses my column for toilet paper. For him, I can only hope by now he's switched to Charmin.

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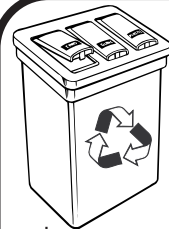
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The Q-Line

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Standing with the ban

Does your favorite restaurant still use Styrofoam? The city recently introduced a ban on the ecologically unfriendly packaging, but it will take a while before it begins enforcing the new ordinance.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Would you stop going to your favorite eatery if they don't comply with the Styrofoam ban sooner than later?

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 08APP-001 & 08APP-002
(Appeal of Landmark Designation Applications 07LM-008 & 07LM-009)
Ficus Trees on 2nd and 4th Streets between Colorado Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard

APPLICANT: Jerry Rubin & Treesavers
APPELLANT: Jerry Rubin & Treesavers
PROPERTY OWNER: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeals (08APP-001 & 08APP-002) of the Landmarks Commission's denial of Landmark Designation applications for the mature Ficus trees on the east and west sides of Second and Fourth Streets between Colorado Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, February 19, 2008, AT 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 08APP-001 & 08APP-002
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401



MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Geriatric road rage

Crime Watch is a weekly snapshot of the Santa Monica Police Department, culled from their own reports. The following are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, AT 1:15 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the corner of Sixth Street and Arizona Avenue regarding an assault and battery investigation. When officers arrived, they made contact with a woman who said she was crossing the street when a car turned in front of her, almost running her over. The woman said she slammed her fist on the trunk of the car as it passed. The driver then parked, jumped out and threw her to the ground, police said. The woman managed to get away from the driver and call police. Witnesses followed the driver, who drove to the 1500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard and parked. He went into one of the businesses where he was arrested by police and positively identified by the victim. The suspect was arrested for assault and battery. He was identified as Peter Tenen, 76, Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4, AT 6:40 P.M.,

Police responded to the 3000 block of Ocean Park Boulevard— Caruso Tailoring — regarding an armed robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived they spoke with an employee at the store who said a suspect walked in with a semi-automatic handgun and ordered the employee to the back of the store, where he demanded money. The suspect made off with the employee's wallet, which contained \$200 and credit cards. Using a forensic specialist, officers were able to identify the suspect, who was arrested on Feb. 1 in the 2900 block of Ocean Park Boulevard. The suspect was booked for armed robbery. He was identified as James Bradley, Jr., 24, of Montebello. Bail was set at \$50,000.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27, AT 6:12 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2200 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Ameci's Pizza and Pasta — regarding a grand theft auto investigation. When officers arrived they made contact with a woman who said she was eating at the restaurant when she went up to the counter, leaving her purse at her table. When the woman returned, she said her purse was missing. She went out to her car in the parking lot, thinking that she left it there. When she couldn't locate the purse, she went back into the restaurant to talk with employees to see if they had picked up the purse by mistake. That's when the woman said she saw her car being driven out of the parking lot. She called police to report the theft. Officers on patrol observed the car in question being driven erratically along Pico Boulevard. Officers followed the vehicle to the 1500 block of Pacific Street, where the driver jumped out of the car and fled on foot. He was found hiding in bushes in the 1400 block of Grand Street. The victim positively identified the suspect and he was transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for grand theft auto, resisting arrest, driving under the influence and for hit and run. The suspect was identified as Sean William Veteto of Flagstaff, Arizona. His bail was set at \$45,000.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29, AT 11 A.M.,

Police responded to the 200 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with a man who said he was mind-ing his own business when he was approached by two suspects who asked him for money so they could buy something to eat. The man said he did not have any money, just a \$10 gift card from Jack in the Box. As one of the suspects talked with the man, the other allegedly reached into the man's coat pocket and lifted the gift card. The two suspects then walked away. The man realized a few minutes later that his card was missing and notified police. Armed with a description of the suspects, officers were able to locate them in the 700 block of Pico Boulevard. The two were positively identified by the victim and placed under arrest for theft. The suspects were identified as Samuel Fowler, 37, and Victor Silva Montenegro, 54, both transients. No bail was set because the suspects were on parole, police said.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31, AT 12:40 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — CVS Pharmacy — regarding a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with a store employee who said the suspect walked into the store and tried to pay for several items with a personal check that would not go through. When the employee told the suspect that he could not purchase the items with the check because it would not go through, the suspect allegedly became argumentative and began to walk out of the store with the items in his hand. The employee tried to stop the suspect, but the suspect pushed the employee, a female, to the ground. A scuffle ensued with another employee who detained the suspect until police arrived. A security camera capture the incident. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for strong arm robbery. He was identified as George Fredrik Pettersson, 46, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31, AT 4:30 A.M.,

Officers on routine patrol in the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue saw a pedestrian throw some trash into the street. Officers approached the man to issue him a citation for littering. Officers sensed that the suspect was under the influence of drugs or alcohol and placed him under arrest. Officers searched the suspect and found a small glass pipe commonly used to smoke cocaine. The suspect was arrested for being under the influence and for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Daren Marvin Olsen, 33, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Venezuelans turn to ancient practice

BY JORGE RUEDA
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela The man says he is possessed by a god. He shouts, his body trembles and he lifts a sacrificed lamb to his lips, drinking its blood from the jugular.

This initiation ceremony, seldom witnessed by outsiders, has become increasingly common in Venezuela, as the Afro-Cuban traditions of Santeria and other folk religions gain followers.

The rituals have become an attractive option for Venezuelans seeking a unique spiritual path, including healing ceremonies aimed at curing everything from illness to heartache. Some even believe certain gods will offer protection from Venezuela's rampant violent crime.

The surge in Santeria, which is practiced by many in Cuba, can partly be explained by the arrival of thousands of Cuban doctors in Venezuela. President Hugo Chavez has been providing Cuba with subsidized oil in exchange for thousands of physicians who come to the South American country to treat poor people.

Santeria priests are also making annual predictions for Venezuelans and issuing warnings — just like Cuban “santeros” do in Havana. Last month, one group of priests said the gods have indicated that the twice-divorced Chavez would be a more effective leader with a woman at his side.

It's a familiar pattern. Santeria has grown in popularity in New York, Miami and Puerto Rico in the past following influxes of Cubans, according to Margarite Fernandez Olmos, a professor at City University of New York who has researched the religion.

In overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Venezuela, many shops have sprung up in recent years selling roosters, goats and other animals to be sacrificed in Caracas' working class barrios. In the city's churches, believers can be seen in head-to-toe white, praying to their gods before statues of Catholic saints.

Santeria was born in Cuba among Yoruba slaves from West Africa. They were forbidden to practice their own religion, so they fused their beliefs with the Catholicism of their masters, starting a tradition that has spread throughout the Americas. Catholic leaders consider the rituals idolatrous, but have come to tolerate the popular practice.

Santeria has been present in Venezuela for decades, though some experts say it is more out in the open now due to the political situation.

“The current political ambiance created by a populist government with its emphasis on nationalism has made Santeria more visible,” said Leslie Desmangles, a religion and international studies professor at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Along with Santeria, Venezuela is home to other folk religions, such as the sect surrounding the Indian goddess Maria Lionza, which has also been flourishing.

Believers in Maria Lionza make quick dashes through highway traffic in Caracas to reach a statue of the goddess in a highway divider. They lay offerings of flowers, liquor or coins at the foot of the statue, which depicts the naked goddess riding atop a tapir, a jungle animal.

The Santeria movement nowadays cuts across racial groups and class lines, and

includes lawyers and other professionals as well as the unemployed among its adherents. In spite of rapid economic growth propelled by Venezuela's key oil industry, people here face problems from crime to inflation.

“Santeria is on the rise because there are many people who need the help of higher powers to overcome their problems,” said Belkis, a 51-year-old “santera” who declined to give her last name, saying true followers prefer anonymity.

She was among hundreds of white-clad believers who recently crowded into a Catholic church, praying before a statue of the Virgen de Las Mercedes, a manifestation of the Virgin Mary, who they said represents Obatala, a patriarch in the pantheon of Yoruba gods.

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Some pay up to \$7,000 for the years-long initiation process to become “babalaos,” or Santeria priests. The Followers of Ifa, a Santeria association, says it objects to the practice of charging such sums, saying the religion is based on “humility, brotherhood and honesty.”

The patchwork of other folk rituals in Venezuela includes lighting candles and leaving fruit and cups of liquor at makeshift altars among the tombstones at Caracas' largest cemetery. Others pray using idols that range from toy dolls to wooden statues of “malandros” — street hoodlums who serve as protector spirits on streets where killings are frequent.

One santero, a 40-year-old named Wilfredo who would not give his last name, said that while Santeria attracts many for positive reasons, there are those who use it for black magic “because they think they can go kill and rob and nothing will happen to them.”

Black magic practitioners known as “paleros” are known to gather human bones from cemeteries in order to seal pacts with the dead, to call upon their spirits for vengeance. At least some of the grave-robbing that plagues Caracas' main cemetery is thought to be due to the paleros, who according to some Santeria followers offer up to \$5,000 for a skull.

In contrast, those seeking enlightenment and healing often visit the mountains of Sorte in rural north-central Venezuela, a key site for followers of the Maria Lionza sect.

A poor 21-year-old woman, Andrea Gomez, came here to see a Maria Lionza priestess who leads healing rituals, hoping her wisdom could help improve a troubled relationship with her boyfriend and find a spiritual cure for what she called “psychological pregnancy” — uncomfortable abdominal swelling in spite of the fact she wasn't pregnant.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ☐ ARB 07-431, 943 Sixteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 07-442, 395 Santa Monica Place: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-521, 1319 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-534, 131 Broadway: Commercial

More information is available on-line at <http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagenda.htm> or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). Call 310-458-8341 or TTY 310-450-8896 for disability accommodation requests. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7 & 8 serve City Hall.

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Santa Monica College's Storm Larsen leaps into the air to serve the ball against Palomar College on Wednesday at SMC. Palomar went on to win the match 3 games to 1.

County spreads facts about heart disease

FROM HEALTH PAGE 3

they are inversely proportional to the prevalence of heart disease among minority women, according to data released by the county. Fifty-two percent of African-American women, compared to 38 percent of Latina women and 35 percent of white women are at increased risk.

"The average gap tells us we aren't doing enough to reach the women who are really at risk. We need to continue to inform the public and reach out to communities where disease rates are highest," Fielding said.

Success in fighting the factors associated with heart disease has been mixed. While rates of smoking have declined in the past decade among most demographics, there have been increases in the number of African-American smokers. Levels of obesity

have nearly doubled in the same time period, with a substantial number of Angelenos, 37 percent, admitting to a sedentary lifestyle.

"These findings demonstrate some of the real successes of our local public health efforts and underscore the importance of continued efforts to help people adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle," Fielding said.

To stem the risk of heart disease, health officials recommend 30 minutes of exercise a day, a well balanced, low-fat diet, maintaining a healthy weight, moderate alcohol intake, regular medical check-ups, and abstention from smoking.

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Memorial unveiled at SM beach

FROM INK WELL PAGE 1

Cusick, the cultural affairs manager.

With the help of the Santa Monica Conservancy and the Southern California Black Surfing Association, staff with Cultural Affairs Division at City Hall spent the past few years extensively researching the history of Ink Well, how it came to be and the historical figures associated with the site, including Nicolas Gabaldon, a Santa Monica High School graduate who was known as the first documented black surfer.

"It's good to acknowledge history, good and bad," Mayor Herb Katz said after MC'ing the morning ceremony. "We can stand up and say that we can honor (Ink Well) for what it was, remembering it so that we don't forget it."

The first African Americans moved to Santa Monica in the turn of the 20th Century, settling a few blocks east of the beach near what was at the time the Phillips Chapel CME Church, the first black church established in Santa Monica more than 100 years ago, according to Alison Jefferson, who helped research Ink Well's past for City Hall.

"Like African Americans who moved to the northeastern part of the United States, they also were escaping the worst of Jim Crow segregation," Jefferson said during the ceremony.

It was around the 1920s that a small portion of the beach just off Bay Street became known as the "Ink Well," a place where black beachgoers could socialize

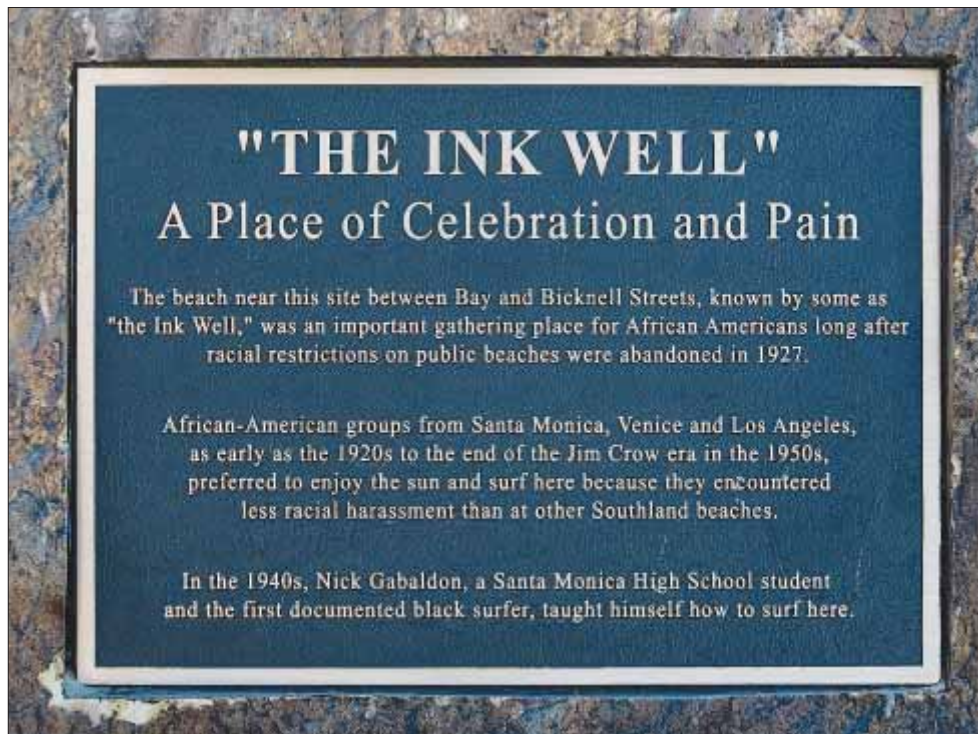


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LASTING TRIBUTE: This monument pays tribute to the Ink Well, which was unofficially designated as a gathering spot for black beachgoers in the past. It was unveiled on Thursday.

without experiencing the level of racism seen in some of the other Southern California beaches.

But there were encounters of bigotry, most notably a white beachside property owner who subdivided several of his lots and adopted a "Caucasian clause," barring black residents from owning or leasing property, Jefferson said. Several other

property owners, including real estate developer R.C. Gillis and C.L. Bundy, followed his lead.

Even after the practices of restricting black residents from owning beachside property was legally challenged and eventually eradicated and racial restrictions at all California beaches were removed, the Ink Well remained a comfortable gather-

ing spot for black swimmers.

"Although some may not recognize it, these stories of the Ink Well and Nick Gabaldon are part of American history," Jefferson said. "All of us, no matter how recently arrived, share in these stories."

The dedication ceremony, which was held during Black History Month, also paid tribute to Gabaldon, his role in the African American history of Santa Monica and how through surfing, he was able to stand up to bigotry.

Gabaldon died in a surfing-related accident at the age of 24 in 1951, crashing into the Malibu Pier, according to Los Angeles filmmaker Erich Hicks, who is producing a documentary about black surfers.

Hicks grew up surfing in Santa Monica, taking the bus from his childhood home in Los Angeles to a bus stop on Pico Boulevard near Woodlawn Cemetery where Gabaldon is buried.

"I would walk by his grave site and I never knew it," he said.

At the end of the ceremony, Kevin Ogletree, a Los Angeles resident who wore a wetsuit, called on the people in attendance to join him in a memorial surf in honor of Gabaldon.

"Nick and other people who were discriminated against, overcame boundaries to make this a better place for future generations to come," Ogletree said.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Extension 07-018, 125 Pacific Street. The applicant is requesting a twelve (12) month extension of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 03-013 (No. 062922) which permitted the air-space subdivision of one lot into nine airspace parcels in conjunction with a nine-unit condominium development. The application was approved by the Planning Commission on December 14, 2005. [Planner: Scott Albright] **Applicant:** Ralph Mechur Architects. **Property Owner:** 125 Pacific, LLC.

Tract Map 07-023, 908 Fifth Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 69543 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a three unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of three (3) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Chris Townes] **Applicant:** Ali Sharifi. **Property Owner:** The Benchay Living Trust, Lee S. & Christina Benchay.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

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Parents complain about special ed

FROM DISTRICT PAGE 1

ences tied to their names.

"A lot of us have gone through a traumatic experience with our children in special education and it has cost me my health," one woman said.

Barber said that the district was offering waivers on the confidentiality agreements, allowing parents to speak to the consultant about their experiences.

The parents' experiences with the special education program varied, some speaking of hostility toward the children exhibited by teachers and in some situations, principals, others talking about unproductive IEP sessions, some even mentioning that their children have been bullied in school and in some cases, gotten physically hurt by other students.

One parent said her daughter was assaulted at school and after school officials failed to punish the offending student, she decided to transfer her child to another public school in the district.

"There was nothing done about it," the mother said.

What many parents did agree on was that they had lost faith in the district and are basically exhausted.

"We have to fight for everything," one woman said, her voice quivering. "It's a hard life, we shouldn't have to fight for the little things."

The estimated \$79,000 study is meant to examine various aspects of the special education program, among them a financial analysis and whether the practice of confidential settlement agreements is common among other school districts. The audit is scheduled to be available in March.

Barber said the financial portion of the audit is almost completed and is putting together the programmatic pieces.

"The issue related to the confidentiality (agreements) is we're going to have to proceed with some degree of question as we make sure we don't have anyone violated in

the process," he said.

School Board member Barry Snell, who observed quietly in the back, thanked the parents for coming out to the meeting, believing that the district is taking a step in the right direction.

"It's the beginning of us understanding the issues," he said. "It's the beginning of a process of making changes."

While it is unlikely that all of the suggestions in the final report will be executed, the audit will establish a process to begin correcting the concerns of parents, Snell said.

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Lou Barber
Lou Barber & Associates

Richard Milanesi, a parent who spoke at the meeting, said he is skeptical that the report will lead to any changes.

"Nothing will change until they fire people," Milanesi said. "If this were a company and there was this much grumbling, someone's head would be on the block."

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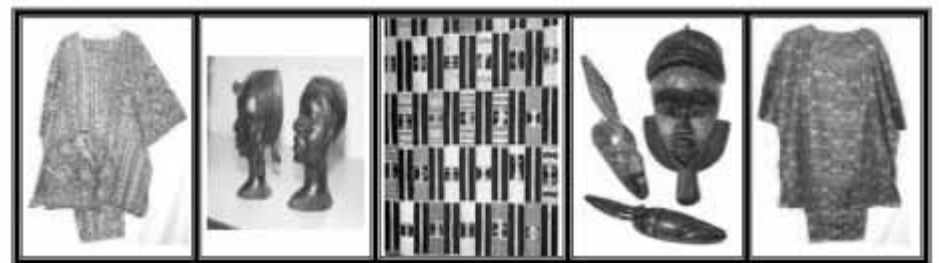
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Writers worry about the aftermath

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"the uncertainty involved shouldn't preclude us from making a deal."

"You can make a deal in principal that says, 'If I make money, you'll make some of it' ... the studios act as though the uncertainty means there's no deal to be made," Romano said.

Maslansky went on further to say that he felt, that, "the model presented by the Guild for the negotiation of cyber space was not one that the public could understand."

Romano thinks it is "unlikely that we will make the deal we deserve to make, but ... there's got to be movement sooner or later [because] there's such a common sense fairness to the idea that we should be participating in profits from new media."

Frustration is palpable across the board, especially when some of Hollywood's heavies are cutting deals allowing select writers to work, further frustrating the cause.

"Why can Tom Cruise sign a contract with the WGA so he can finish his work?" Maslansky asked. "Why can Letterman? I'm willing to sign a contract right now that states: Whatever is negotiated I'm going to abide by it."

Romano is fortunate in that most of his writing jobs wrapped prior to the strike (although one pitch to Fox came to a grinding halt), but for many emerging writers such as Tamara Becher, not yet a guild member, the strike came at an inopportune time in her burgeoning career. Having gone through the bulk of a television network diversity program, her scheduled showrunner/mentor meetings were cut short.

"There's a certain credibility ... a diversity program gives you, and you're hoping it makes you very attractive," to the network execs and showrunners as they look to staff new writers," Becher



STANDING IN SOLIDARITY FOR THE CAUSE: Lori Kirland Baker, strike captain and member of the Writers Guild of America, pickets outside Universal Studios in Los Angeles on Tuesday Nov. 6 2007. Baker is a co-executive producer of the ABC hit show 'Desperate Housewives.'

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said. "It's going to have a negative impact if there's no pilot season this year," says Becher, as it may not be "...as hot for me to have been in the program a year ago."

Becher has been told meetings are to resume when the strike ends.

Becher had been working as a script coordinator for the "Sarah Connor

Chronicles" and was laid off six days into the strike. She's been diligent about supporting fellow writers on the picket lines at Warner's Bros., but as to her day job, Becher's doubtful as to whether she'll resume at Fox when the strike wraps.

"Connor had a 13 episode order, they managed to get nine in the can but no one

knows if Fox will say, make us the remaining four," Becher said.

For Becher and hopeful budding writers the future is uncertain, as no one yet knows what the strike fallout will yield.

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Draft of proposed deal expected within the next couple of days

BY LYNN ELBER | Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The striking Writers Guild of America is anticipating that lawyers could complete a draft copy of a proposed deal with Hollywood studios by today.

The bargaining committee and boards of the East and West Coast guild chapters plan to review the proposal before sharing details Saturday at mem-

bership meetings in New York and Los Angeles, said a person close to the situation who was not authorized to comment publicly and requested anonymity.

In an e-mail sent earlier this week to guild members, negotiations committee chief John Bowman said the guild wouldn't make a formal decision on the proposed deal until after the informational membership meetings.

If writers like what they hear Saturday, the closed-door meetings could be a major step toward a resolution of the 3-month-old strike.

The outcome of the membership meetings could determine if TV networks will be able to salvage the remainder of the 2007-08 season and if the Feb. 24 Academy Awards ceremony can proceed without pickets.

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From the street to the spotlight

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MAKING A NAME: John West, a Santa Monica-based singer/songwriter, performs for change on the Third Street Promenade recently. He's booked to play the Malibu Inn later this month.

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN To passersby, he may appear to be just another street performer trying to earn a little extra change on the Third Street Promenade.

But to those patient enough to stop and listen a spell, this Santa Monica-based singer/songwriter takes on a whole different look. John West's slick delivery and jazzy style belie his modest appearance. Beneath his shaggy hair and bohemian threads there sits an accomplished musician who is finally starting to break free from his meager beginnings and potentially head into the big time.

His MySpace page has 26,570 friends and he's personally sold nearly 10,000 copies of his first two independently produced CDs while performing on the promenade and at gigs. He's booked to play the Malibu Inn later this month and will play a show with Matthew Santos (the guy who sings the hook on Lupe Fiasco's current hit, "Superstar") at the Roxy in Hollywood next month. From the looks of it, West appears poised to take his place in the entertainment industry.

"I've got a lot of music now. It's an excit-

ing time for me," West said during a recent interview. "I'm just taking all the elements and starting to squeeze things together."

Hailing from Baton Rouge, La., West has been singing since he was a 5 year old performing in church choirs. He's been playing the guitar since he was in high school, strumming along to Nirvana tunes every chance he could get. It wasn't until West, 28, got to Columbia College Chicago that he began to seriously consider music as a possible career path.

After spending a few years as an art major and drawing comic strips for student newspapers, he decided to invest some time into cultivating his musical talents. He later produced a demo tape working with friends from school and used it to gain entry into a student music festival at the college. It wasn't until that time did he realize that if he was going to take this seriously, he would need to put together a band and work on a stage presence.

The appearance was successful enough to convince him to put down his pursuit of being a cartoonist for a while and take up music as full-time.

"That was the beginning of something. I knew then that I wanted to devote more time to music," he said.

West played gigs in the Chicago area for a couple of years before realizing that frigid winters and a limited music scene were reason enough to consider a change in scenery.

"It was then that I realized that I needed to consider moving to either New York or Los Angeles," West said. "I tried New York for a while and it was cool, but

take the next step.

Crediting the Internet for much of his initial success, he said he's interested to see what direction the music industry heads in and hopes to be a part of it. He currently has his music posted on iTunes and receives a "nice" amount of money from it each month. Due in part

I'LL BE PLAYING THE PROMENADE UNTIL THEY DRAG ME OFF."

John West, Singer/songwriter

I wanted to check out California."

Not long after arriving in Southern California, he was directed to the promenade as a potential place to work on his craft and earn a little money while doing it.

"At first it was the best. I just worked on the songs and met people," he said of his time on the promenade. "Some of the people I met promised things that they couldn't pull off, but it has been all good."

He's been pleased with the response he's received from visitors to the popular shopping district and said that it has helped him become confident enough to

to his success on MySpace, he recently held a meeting with representatives from the social networking company's new record label.

While he gears up for a spate of upcoming shows, works on his next CD, and discusses potential deals with major record labels, he'll continue playing the promenade and keep "trying to keep it humble."

"I'll be playing the promenade until they drag me off," he said with a laugh. "I hope to be out there for some time to come."

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

A true Hugh at UCLA

For all the attention paid to American rock bands influenced by the musical trends of Africa, credit must be given where credit is due: African musicians. Enter Hugh Masekela, the South African born trumpeter and flugelhornist who was melding R&B, pop, and the African rhythms of Soweto before the term "world music" was invented. He is perhaps most famous this side of the Atlantic for touring with Paul Simon in support of Graceland, but maybe not for long.

Masekela will be performing with the Chissa All-Stars at Royce Hall, located on the campus of UCLA, on Saturday at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$15 (student) to \$48. For more information, go to www.uclalife.org.

NATALIE EDWARDS



Prepare to enter Zakland

If your kids come home from school with grumpy faces, dissatisfied with the dearth of educational music entertainment offered in their classroom, Grammy-nominated Zak Morgan may have a solution. Morgan and his sidekick Marty the Bullfrog may not be able to tutor your kids, but he will add a touch of brevity to the prospect of learning in the form of songs that combine a bit of exuberance with



Morgan will be performing at McCabe's Guitar Shop Sunday at 11 a.m. Ticket prices are \$8. For more information, go to www.mccabes.com. McCabe's Guitar Shop is located at 3101 Pico Blvd.

Getting your 'Mandy' on

If Barry Manilow is performing in February, you know there will be plenty of lovers in the house. Over the top romantic ballads sung in Manilow's lush oh-baby vocals are perfect for St. Valentine's Day. After all, you have to be unabashed about trying to get the feeling the most amorous day of the year.



Manilow will be appearing at Staples Center on Thursday at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$250. For more information, go to www.ticketmaster.com or call (213) 480-3232.

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BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON
Special to the Daily Press

History doesn't happen in a vacuum.

Ask Liliane Pelzman, author of the book "And No More Sorrow," the story of her mother's concentration camp experience, and she will tell say history intersects with the present.

For her mother, Sonja Cohen, it all began when she was 21. It was Sunday, June 20, 1943, as Pelzman records it in her book. Sonja was on her way to work and found herself included in the last roundup of Jews in Holland, thrown into an army truck and deported to camp Westerbork in the Netherlands. From there, in 1944, she along with her first husband, Herman Rosenstein, were transported by cattle car to Theresienstadt, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Later she was transported to Auschwitz in Poland where she was held until the end of the war in 1945.

"What got her through the war," Pelzman said, "was the love for her family."

Sonja lost her family in the Holocaust, including Herman. After the war she married Maurits Kiek, a Jewish anti-Nazi war hero and had four children.

Liliane was born in 1953, seven years after the war. Along with her two brothers and a sister she grew up with a mother who lived as if the past were the present. This atmosphere drove Liliane from Holland at the age of 17.

"Until recently," she recounts in her book, "I resisted listening to my mother's stories about her journey, her war experiences and her concentration camp accounts. I would not listen to her stories of the war. As far back as I can remember I tried to banish her stories from my conscious."

When asked why she wrote this book, she said that once we know our parents' stories we tend to forgive them. She took on this subject as a catharsis. She needed to know what went on so that she could answer questions that others asked her. She found that the story needed to be told to put the puzzle pieces together.

"It takes three or four generations to get something as traumatic as that out of your system," she said. "I want to reach the kids. We have to reach out to our kids. We need to be responsible for their emotional health."

It took six years to put this book together. From 2000 to 2006 she would often phone her mother back in Holland to piece together details of her horrific story. She must have made AT&T very happy.

Pelzman has a dream. Her dream is to have schools put this book on their recommended reading list. It is presently on the reading list for the UCLA undergraduate course for Dutch Language and Culture.

She also has a dream to reach out to schools and churches. For this purpose she has made herself available to talk to any school or church. She can be reached through her Web site at www.andnomore-sorrow.com.

Pelzman has a master's degree in broadcast journalism from USC. She has written for TV Guide and has been a producer for European television.

Her book can be purchased online at Amazon.com. It is available locally at Village Books located at 1049 Swarthmore Ave., in Pacific Palisades. For information, call (310) 454-4063.

DANE ROBERT SWANSON also writes book reviews for the Daily Press.

BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'And No More Sorrow'

By Liliane Pelzman • Cold Tree Press

It is a time of history we must not forget. Even after all these years we still need to be reminded. The war was over over years ago, but the memories are forever.

This story of survival is set against the socio-political canvas of 1940 Holland. Jews are being singled out and sent to camps. Adolf Hitler had a plan for purification. His final solution was to use the gas chambers to eliminate the Jews and handicapped. His plan started back in 1932 and went on through 1945.

It has been said that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. That is why it is necessary to put a face to the truth.

This period in history has been written about in so many tales. In Liliane Pelzman's page turner "And No More Sorrow" we have the remarkable story of Sonja Cohen framing this period in history in a way we must never forget. The Holocaust survivors are dying off. Soon they will not be with us at all. If sons and daughters don't sit down and record what went on, the information will be lost forever. Already there are historians denying it ever happened.

Holland on May 10, 1940 was invaded by Nazi Germany. The Nazis had conquered Europe and were intent on wiping out all the Jews.

The people in Holland should have seen it coming. Since 1938, Jews were being turned back at the border to Holland and sent to concentration camps. Still the invasion took Holland by surprise. They decided to go on as before. That was not to be. By 1943 the security police started

rounding up Jews and sending them to camps. And so the nightmare continued.

It takes a brave person to recount what happened. The mother, Sonja Cohen, proves to be that person. It also takes an act of love to record it. Author Liliane Pelzman is both a brave and loving biographer who is more than equal to the task. It was brave because children of Holocaust survivors are made to bear the trauma of their parents. It is called the "second generation syndrome." They don't understand why their parents act the way they do and their parents often don't know how to unload the emotional baggage. This syndrome is seen as an internal conflict with the world around them.

Why was it so important that the story be told again? Sonja herself has said, "The Holocaust happened only three generations ago. It is an important part of past history that we must never forget – but, we, the remaining survivors, their families and anyone affected by the horror must all forgive, or the grim ghosts of our past will haunt us forever."

It is well written using fiction techniques of foreshadowing and a third person point of view. If you are one who loves the movie, "Life Is Beautiful" you will love this book.

The author, Pelzman, was born in 1953 and raised in Holland. She has an undergraduate degree from Tel Aviv University and a Masters in Journalism from the University of Southern California. She presently lives on the beach in Santa Monica.

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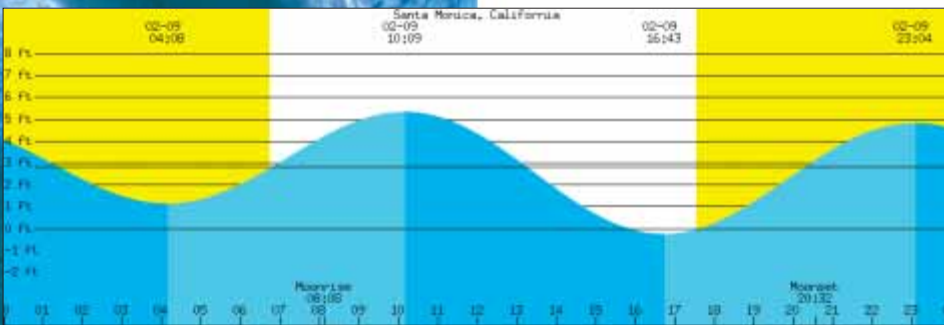
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Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
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Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	F
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Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F
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Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	B
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Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	C	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	B	F

LEGEND

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ns -- no sample taken



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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



‘Curb Your Enthusiasm’ The Complete Sixth Season

Pretty, pretty good. That describes Larry’s life yet somehow he seems to get into trouble from the seemingly most innocuous situations, at least from David’s point of view. Using a verite-style presentation of his everyday life at home, the office, and around town, Larry continues to find himself in predicaments with both real and fictional personalities. Ten episodes on two discs include a gag reel, life on the set, and a conversation at a New York YMCA with Larry and Susie Essman. (HBO)

‘Personal Best’

Marking the directorial debut of esteemed screenwriter Robert Towne (“Chinatown,” “Shampoo”), this story follows the maturation of a young runner (Mariel Hemingway) on her path striving for Olympic glory. The filmmaker’s extensive use of slow-motion photography for examining both the sensuality and physical pain of elite runners competing at the highest levels garnered a lot of critical attention. Commentary by writer/director Towne and co-stars Scott Glenn and Kenny Moore are included. (Warner Bros)

‘Midnight Express’ 30th Anniversary

Based on a true story, this gritty drama follows the plight of Billy Hayes (Brad Davis), a young American caught at a Turkish border trying to smuggle hashish. With slow and spotty help from the embassy and facing an uncertain future while wasting away in a detention center for the mentally unstable, Hayes comes to the realization the “Midnight Express” (an escape under cover of night) may be his last hope. Winner of two Academy Awards (Best Music-Giorgio Moroder and Best Screenplay-Oliver Stone), this double disc includes all-new commentary, a personal photo journal and essay written by the director Alan Parker as well as three features tied into the making of the picture. (Sony)

‘The Comebacks’

From the producers of “Wedding Crashers” comes this spoof on sports movies. Comedian David Koechner, whose diverse sports entertainment experience includes “Talladega Nights” and being a member of the Improv Olympic troupe in Chicago, stars as an out-of-luck coach of a sorry group of fumbling ball players. A whole squad of special features are included: Million Dollar Booty, A Laugh of Their Own, The Karaoke Kid, and Razor Blades of Glory among others. (Fox)

‘Already Dead’

The suspenseful revenge thriller features Ron Eldard as Thomas Archer, a successful architect whose life is shattered when a burglary results in his wife’s brutalization and his son’s murder. With police unable to find the killer, his therapist (Christopher Plummer) directs Archer to a covert agency that specializes in hunting down ruthless criminals. This dark exploration of vengeance includes deleted scenes. (Sony)

‘Third Watch’ The Complete First Season

John Wells who created “ER” and “The West Wing,” rolls out this Emmy-winning, high-energy series about the blood, sweat, and tears of everyday people behind the heroism performed daily on our streets by professional rescuers. An ensemble cast appear as cops, paramedics, and firefighters in 22 episodes. (Warner Bros)

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Who's the monkey?

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

Getting to Theatre 40 is a bit like dropping down a rabbit hole. You enter through a rather grungy parking garage on the grounds of Beverly Hills High School and proceed through a darkly hidden doorway into a brightly lit corridor and a comfortable, well-equipped professional theater that you never would have suspected was there.

The school setting, coincidentally, parallels the setting of the marvelously gripping world premiere that is being performed at Theatre 40 at the moment. Richard Martin Hirsch's "The Monkey Jar" takes place at a grammar school in a posh suburb of Los Angeles (think Beverly Hills?). A 10-year-old boy has brought an antique pistol to class, blasting the serenity that the school is so proud of and calling into question the premises of education, leadership, race, and privilege.

The boy, who is Japanese, was adopted as a baby by a loving Jewish couple. His fourth grade teacher is also Japanese; he teaches with enthusiasm, but with all the subtlety of a samurai in full warrior mode. Trying to form an ethnic bond with the boy, the teacher, Mr. Dori (in a beautifully nuanced performance by Henry Hayashi), tries to badger him into learning his

multiplication tables. The boy, Kai Goldman (an absolutely astounding young actor named Sekai Murashige), has just been diagnosed with a short-term memory disability that precludes his learning the tables. Nevertheless, Mr. Dori humiliates him in front of his classmates, driving him to tears, and inciting him to bring a gun to school.

The principal (Mark Berry) is an African-American newly appointed to the school and tip-toeing gingerly in his new role and new environment. He is an able leader, but riddled with doubts, whose educational goal is to instill in the students a love of learning. He keeps a monkey jar on his desk to remind him of another of his objectives: "letting go." As he explains to Mr. Dori, the monkey jar is used in Africa, and elsewhere, for catching monkeys. A banana, or berries, are placed at the bottom of the jar and the monkey goes after it by inserting his arm into the jar's long neck. Once he clutches the food in his fist he is unable to extricate his hand, but rather than let the food go, he will wrestle with the jar, fruitlessly, until he is captured by the trapper. The point being, obviously, that not letting go is more destructive to the one who won't let go than it is to the thing (person, idea, attitude, etc.) being held onto.

The principal's current dilemma is whether to prosecute the boy, as the teacher demands, or

to protect the reputation of the school, as the officious head of the PTA (an obnoxiously controlling busybody, perfectly played by Addie Daddio) insists. His deliberations are also influenced by the boy's distraught parents (Richard Horvitz and Salli Saffioti) and the school district psychiatrist (Amy Tolsky), who believes the boy's story that he had no intention of threatening his teacher.

The drama is played out in a setting that includes Mr. Dori's classroom, the Goldmans' living room, and the principal's office, fastidiously designed by Jeff Rack. With just a minimal amount of furniture and Meghan Hong's effective lighting design, the production bounces along with a fast-paced contemporaneousness. Warren Davis, who directed, leads these seasoned professionals through the ramifications of a felony committed by a child and to the consequences for all involved. It's a gripping story told by a superb cast, and well worth a visit. And don't be put off by the rabbit hole.

"The Monkey Jar" will continue at the Reuben Cordova Theatre on the campus of Beverly Hills High School, 241 S. Moreno Dr., in Beverly Hills, through March 9. It runs in repertory with "Another Vermeer" by Bruce J. Robinson.

Call (310) 364-3606 for information and schedules, or visit www.theatre40.org.

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1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)
1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35
Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Untraceable (R)
2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

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27 Dresses (PG-13)
1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
Cloverfield (PG-13)
10:40am, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10
The Eye (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
Fool's Gold (PG-13)
10:45am, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Disney Digital 3D (G)
10:30am, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
There Will Be Blood (R)
11:15am, 2:45, 6:30, 10:00
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20

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Juno (PG-13)
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No Country for Old Men (R)
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11:50am, 2:10, 10:00
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Michael Clayton (R)
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Rambo (R)
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Strange Wilderness (R)
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You don't need to tell, Aries

Happy Birthday!

You'll have your hands full this year, as a particular associate or partner could be very demanding. Agreements and joint finances don't flow with ease. Not everyone you come into contact with will be easygoing. If you are single, many people appeal to you. If you are attached, the two of you need to work on one very important goal together. PISCES helps you spend your money.



Born Today

Newscaster Ted Koppel (1940)

Author Jules Verne (1828)

Actor Nick Nolte (1941)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You are not invincible. If you are tired or worn out by demands, try to call it an early day or, better yet, take some personal time. Ultimately it might be more important to recycle. Tonight: You don't need to tell.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You feel as if you can't give any more and cannot push any further. Take a much-needed timeout. Consider an option or a very different idea. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Do exactly what would make you happy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ If you feel as if you are dragging while in a pressure cooker, don't worry. Not feeling 100 percent up to snuff would be normal. Though you have a must appearance, try not to push yourself. Tonight: Meet up with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Tap into your ingenuity, and you could be far more resourceful and dynamic than you thought possible. Knowing what you want could be instrumental to finding the path there. Brainstorm with others. Amazing ideas bubble forth. Tonight: In the whirl of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Deferring might be the best way to handle a partnership matter. Don't commit to financial involvement in any way shape or form. In a few days, you will be far more clear about what you want. Tonight: Special time with a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are full of smiles and handle yourself in a very different manner. How you deal with a partner changes as you relax. Mix creativity and fun if you want to lighten up the moment. Tonight: Enjoy the person you are with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You add a lot to nearly any venture or involvement. Others count on your creativity, endurance and foresight. At first you easily could be overwhelmed by an implicit demand. Know what you desire. Tonight: TGIF with a co-worker or associate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to veer in a new direction. An obstacle could appear. It's your call whether to jump over it. Know that you have what it takes, no matter what. Your smile is a sure winner. Tonight: Let your imagination play out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Once more, if you can take today off, there really is no reason not to. Sometimes you go on overload and simply don't want to deal with what is dropped on your plate. Listen to feedback with an eye to security. Tonight: Don't stop at go; head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your positive attitude can ride over a lot of hassles today. Don't stop if you feel frustrated. A problem can be reversed with a different perspective. Understanding will emanate if you listen more intently. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might not always be as clear as you might like. At the same time, a partner could shut down, making a conversation close to impossible. Do for yourself at the present moment. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new CD or DVD.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might be in the mood to conquer the world, but unfortunately a key partner, friend or associate could be the Prince or Princess of Negativity. This too will pass. Aim for what you want. Tonight: Wish upon a star.



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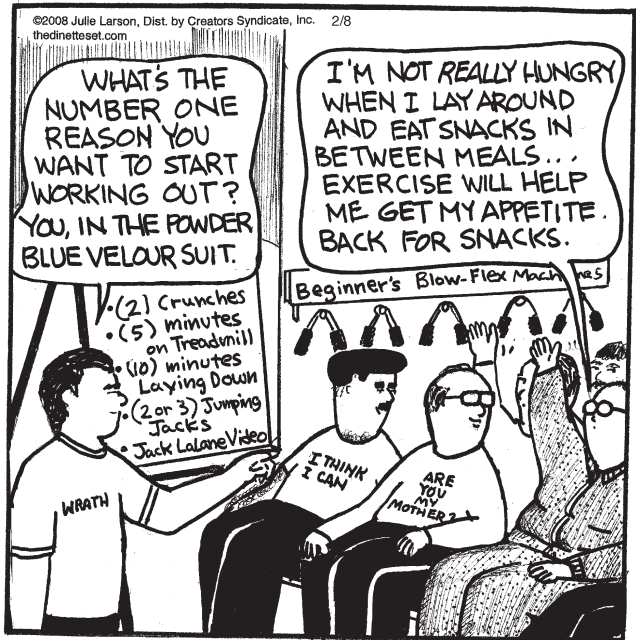
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 - 5 Galileo's home
 - 9 Earthy color
 - 11 Join
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 - 14 Be rude
 - 15 Rascal
 - 16 Step on the gas
 - 18 Marks with spots
 - 20 Old salt
 - 21 Frasier's brother
 - 22 Metric mass
 - 23 Disallow
 - 24 Stag party guests
 - 25 Cocka-too's home
 - 27 Little dents
 - 29 Wall Street whiz
 - 30 Optimal choice
 - 32 Most intrepid
 - 34 Bar concern
 - 35 Love, to Luigi
 - 36 Ham it up
 - 38 Sneaker wearer, at times
- DOWN**
- 1 Unbroken
 - 2 Old supplier
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 - 4 Boxer Norton
 - 5 Mexican moolah
 - 6 Fond of
 - 7 Sprinter's place
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Yesterday's answer

- 10 Knee jerk, e.g.
- 12 So out, it's in
- 17 Guitarist Paul
- 19 Ballet bend
- 22 English county
- 24 Spray bottle
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Egypt's competitive spirit, combined with a recent surge in piety as some in the Middle East strengthen their commitment to Islam, have led many men to suddenly sport dark calluses on their foreheads ("raisins") as a signal of perhaps-overenthusiastic daily praying. The five prayers require, in all, 34 contacts with the ground (of forehead and nose), and additional personal prayers add to the total, according to a December New York Times dispatch from Cairo. Rumors persist that some men use sandpaper to darken the calluses to appear even more pious.

■ State and federal authorities descended on Quality Pork Processors of Austin, Minn., in December after 11 workers contracted a mysterious neurological illness, which apparently came from inhaling the mist that results from blowing hogs' brains out with compressed air.

■ New York City apartment house doorman Jonah Seeman was suspended in December after excessive complaints about his bad breath. His job, said a resident, is opening the door, "not ... his mouth."

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1693 A charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

1837 The Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

1904 The Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

1910 The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

1915 D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

1924 The first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

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