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THE SLICE OF LIFE ISSUE

Ocean Park cottage lives on



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WHAT A VIEW: The City Council voted nearly unanimously to uphold the landmark designation of the old yellow cottage at 2219 Ocean Ave. The structure is considered the last of its kind in the Ocean Park neighborhood to have an unobstructed view of the sea.

Home with a view of the sea retains landmark designation

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The historic landmark status of the only remaining beach-facing cottage in Santa Monica was reaffirmed on Tuesday by the City Council, which after facing the risk of a lawsuit regarding the proceedings of the original hearing last summer, decided to reopen the case.

The council voted nearly unanimously to uphold the landmark designation of the old yellow cottage at 2219 Ocean Ave., the lone vote in opposition coming from Councilmember Pam O'Connor, who said she felt the house would be better suited as a Structure of Merit, which are deemed less significant than landmarks and reviewed only when a demolition is proposed.

The property owner, the University of Illinois Foundation, was challenging the landmark status of the more than 100-year-old cottage, a designation set by the Landmarks Commission in August 2006.

The small yellow and somewhat dilapidated cottage was constructed in the early 1900s and is one of the oldest buildings on the ocean-facing block, sandwiched between multi-family developments designed in varying architectural styles, evocative of the evolutionary development of Santa Monica.

"What gives this (cottage) special meaning is its context

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Panhandling could become history

City Hall commences education campaign to address chronic issue

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Sympathetic residents and visitors to Santa Monica might soon think twice before handing loose change to a homeless person, an anticipated result of a new educational campaign that seeks to end panhandling activities in the city.

The panhandling education campaign is part of a series of measures that City Hall is preparing to take in addressing the chronic issue of homelessness in Santa Monica, taking a new approach to solving the city's long-standing problem, a method that has proven effective in cities experiencing similar issues across the country.

During the Human Services Division's annual presentation reviewing the city's various homeless service offerings, the City Council on Tuesday adopted a new action plan that places an emphasis on helping the most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals. The "Action Plan to Address Homelessness in Santa Monica" outlines a series of short and long-term measures that seek to gradually reduce the homeless population in the city, taking steps that range from streamlining the process in receiving housing subsidies to pushing for a campaign that educates the public on panhandling.

The council also decided to award a \$100,000 contract to GMMB to oversee the panhandling education campaign.

The social marketing firm will be responsible for devising a campaign that will teach residents and visitors that rather than giving change directly to homeless individuals, they should reroute that donation to a social service provider that could use the money in its efforts to get homeless people off the street.

A similar campaign has been successful in other cities, including Denver.

"Many panhandlers are in fact not homeless and often the income from panhandling go to drugs and alcohol," Julie Rusk, the Human Services manager, told the council.

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ON THE WAY OUT? The city is working on an educational plan that could potentially make panhandling a thing of the past.

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Designing stars

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

TAG Gallery's opening their doors tonight to a different group of artists. Bobi Leonard will host a night with famous celebrity designers — Barbara Lockhart, Thomas Schoos, Barclay Butera, and Mark Cutler. For entrance fees and further details, call (310) 829-9556.

Santa Monica Farmers gather round

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Local chefs and farmers discuss seasonal produce, food trends, and recipes.

Qi? Que?

1807 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Santa Monica's Emperor's College will discuss the Yin-Yang Theory and how life-force energy contributes to health and illness. The lecture will be hosted by Amir Zagross, LAc, instructor at Emperor's College and researcher at Cedars Sinai Hospital.

Treesavers share the love

1332 Sixth St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

A meeting to build community support for saving the Second and Fourth Street ficuses is being held at the YMCA.

Center for Entrepreneurial Studies Grand Opening

12655 W. Jefferson Blvd., Redondo Beach, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies officially opens its doors to students, business partners, and residents to explore. The event highlights the Center's mission and offers guests the opportunity to speak with community leaders and industry professionals. Food and beverages will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

Kahn curates contemporary art

3026 Airport Ave., Noon — 6 p.m.

Arena 1 Gallery is exhibiting over 150 works by 25 artists; curated by Fatima Kahn. Some of the artists represented are Amina Ahmed, Salma Arastu, Siona Benjamin, and Bismillah. To view some of the pieces, which are for sale, visit www.santamonicaartstudios.com.

Friday, Feb. 29, 2008

Invertigo

1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Highways Performance Space's "Leap Year Waltzes, etc." features three contemporary dance works; choreographed by Laura Karlin. For more information, visit www.highwaysperformance.org.

Men will lunge

100 S. Barrington Pl., L.A., 3:30 p.m.

Broadway Gymnastic School plays host this year to the 17th Annual Peter Vidmar Men's Gymnastics Invitational featuring gymnasts from "Across the USA" and "Around the World" and including a Special Olympics Session. Spectators admission fees are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children (5 — 12 years). For more information visit www.broadwaygym.com or www.petervidmarinvite.org.

'Vampire Lesbians of Sodom'

12420 Santa Monica Blvd., W. L.A., 8 p.m. — Midnight

The Black Box Theatre presents Charles Busch's camp comedy, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom." Travel with these lusty ladies through 1920s Hollywood and 1980s Vegas as they learn to redefine friendship. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by calling (310) 712-5711 or e-mailing jayceeproductions@gmail.com.

'The Silver Key: A Search for the Way Out'

1211 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse brings back DeCarlo's musical myth in which Witches and Fairy Godmothers imprison a magical world filled with feisty heroines, zany goblins and a host of fantastical creatures. For ticket information, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 651.

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.



A boost for affordable housing

Department of Housing and Community Development doles out funds to regional agencies

BY CHIARA CANZI

Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK To boost the number of affordable housing opportunities available to residents throughout Southern California, state officials held a ceremony at Community Corporation of Santa Monica's Pacific Court to award various agencies with funds made available through a pair of voter approved propositions.

The state's Department of Housing and Community Development handed out nearly \$66 million in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 housing bond funding to

agencies in Los Angeles, San Diego and the Inland Empire. The awards were part of the \$142 million housing bond fund made available by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger earlier this month. The money is earmarked to develop apartment complexes for low-income families.

Among the programs receiving funds was San Pedro's New Economics for Women, which was awarded close to \$4 million. Project Manager Cheryl Bates was ecstatic.

"Our mission is to have a nice, safe and clean environment for all women that need help," she said. "This money will help the neighborhood, and help avoid gentrification in the area." A 49-unit complex will be built

next door to an existing government funded housing development.

The West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation was awarded \$3.7 million for a 42-multifamily complex. The biggest award was given to Downtown Women's Center with \$7.9 million for a 72-unit green project. The Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation received a modest \$1.3 million.

The funds will help 642 California families and individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home according to a statement released by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

HCD Director Lynn L. Jacobs said that

these awards will help local communities create financial independence by providing affordable housing for workers who chose to live and work in the community.

"We are making great progress in California by working with non-profits to ensure that there are more affordable housing complexes," she added.

Prop 1C is the \$2.85 billion housing bond passed by a majority vote in November 2006 as part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. The purpose of the proposition was to provide shelter for battered women and their children, and safe

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UCLA looks into minority health care

WESTWOOD Hoping to determine the root of lingering health care disparities affecting minorities with chronic diseases the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has launched the Network for Multicultural Research on Health and Healthcare.

The network aims to create a new crop of researchers versed in health care irregularities.

The new group — to be directed by Dr. Michael Rodríguez, associate professor of family medicine, and William Vega, professor of family medicine, both of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA — will draw on faculty from several universities across the country.

"Research has shown us that disparities in health care do exist for certain racial and ethnic groups in the United States," Rodríguez said. "As the population of the United States becomes more and more diverse, it is increasingly important for us to understand the impact of these disparities and devise methods to reduce and eliminate them."

The network's primary aims are to understand how social, ethnic, linguistic and eco-

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GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

Sarah Anderson, a member of the Santa Monica College women's tennis team, stretches out to return the ball during a match against Santa Barbara City College at Reed Park on Tuesday. SBCC ultimately won the Western State Conference match against the SMC Corsairs.

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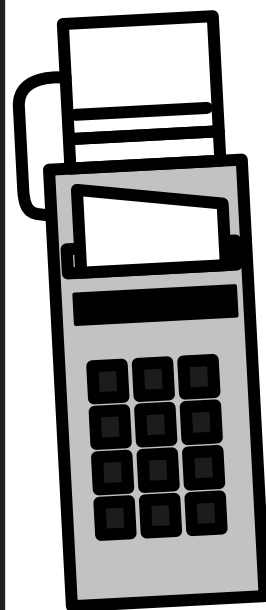
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EDITORIAL

Finding the right way to limit development

Downtown today is filled with the sounds and sights of construction. Outside the Daily Press, hundreds of pebbles cover the eastbound side of Broadway as large, diesel-powered trucks transport piles of dirt and concrete to the dump. In the alley, drivers are sitting frustrated, blocked by bulldozers and semis carrying heavy steel beams.

On Fourth Street near Colorado Avenue, a mixed-use development is being built. On Broadway at Sixth Street, two more condo projects are going up. On Colorado traffic is diverted because of a sewer project. On the same street City Hall is building a new Big Blue Bus facility.

A lot is happening in a very small space.

If this isn't bad enough, imagine what it will be like when Santa Monica Place begins its transformation at roughly the same time that work will begin to replace the California Incline and the Santa Monica Pier bridge. Throw in The Village housing project at the Civic Center and it becomes clear that Santa Monica is booming, but is that healthy? Are we experiencing development fatigue?

While each project will provide community benefits in the form of safer bridges, a better sewer system, more housing and added tax revenue that will fund services residents rely on, there comes a point when too much activity threatens to destroy the quality of life in Santa Monica. And it's not just in downtown. In surrounding neighborhoods peace and quiet is disturbed by condo projects and home remodels. It has become so extreme that it seems nearly everyone has felt the impact.

Buildings are torn down, affecting air quality. Construction creates congestion as boulevards are closed and traffic rerouted to tiny side streets.

That is part of the reason why the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City is circulating a petition to put on the ballot an initiative that would strictly limit commercial development in the city to 75,000 square feet a year.

With projects sprouting up around town seemingly like wildflowers, City Hall needs to tend the garden, but putting a strict cap on development is not the way to go either. Residents and city officials are in the middle of updating the Land Use and Circulation Element, a planning document that will dictate how land is developed for the next 20 years or more. The Daily Press feels that SMCLC and its supporters, while certainly well intended, should let Planning Director Eileen Fogarty and her staff finish what the community has started. Through this process, which has been extensive and inclusive, we can better regulate development and put a stop to the madness we've all experienced over the past three years, the origins of which should be examined by the City Council to see why so many projects were approved in succession.

The council showed some acknowledgment of the impact development is having on the community when it voted Tuesday night in favor of an ordinance to limit development within a 500-foot radius of another project but it needs to go further to take into account the type of neighborhood, the history of development in that area and the size of the projects before creating such a buffer zone.

That approach by city planners, along with an updated LUCE that takes into account the true impacts of development, should ensure that order will be restored.



Dispatches from Dystopia

Ryan Hyatt

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Don't be disillusioned when looking for love

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED HOW MANY

Santa Monica men would pursue their sexual dream come true, even if they had to give up civil liberties.

Santa Monica women aren't savvy about lovers they choose. Some would commit to a racist sexist who promises them a car, home and generous allowance.

These are conclusions drawn from a recent sociological experiment. During Valentine's week, I posted fake personal ads on a free and popular Web site to determine how low men and women would go to get what they want from each other.

Based on the results, both sexes have higher standards for their lovers than I expected, with noted exceptions.

In my Feb. 7 column, I argued that falling in love is becoming obsolete. Since relationships make participants better understand themselves, a quality romance can serve as a catalyst for personal evolution.

Yet falling in love seems to be more myth than reality. One of the odd side effects of gender equality is that it is easier for men to solicit women not for love, but sex, while some women seem more interested in using natural assets to obtain benefactors, not necessarily furthering their role in society.

Meanwhile, both genders have regressed, inclined to form superficial relationships with each other to achieve objectives.

Or so my argument went. Dubbing this the Age of Anti-Romance, I took my concerns to the Internet. I posted four fake personal ads, two under "men-seeking-women" and two under "women-seeking-men." Within each category, I had one variable and one control post.

I thought my variables would receive most responses, affirming my critical assumptions of the Great American Dating Scene. I was wrong. Santa Monica, you impress me: Sex and money aren't the only factors motivating your love affairs.

"Real Estate Mogul Seeks Long-Term Acquisition," variable of men-seeking-women, was a middle-aged entrepreneur looking for a beautiful intelligent woman for dinner and drinks. "I'll be asking you questions about your hopes and dreams, your favorite brand names and sport teams, and why you would be an asset to me," Real Estate said. In return for sexual devotion, he promised Miss Right a car, home and plenty of cash.

Although Real Estate preferred blondes ready to bare children, he would also consider, "Blacks, Japs, Jews, Mexicans or any 'other' as long as they have good table manners."

The post concluded with a question, "Who says money can't buy happiness?"

Five — 10 percent — of the 50 total responses were for Real Estate. Three were from attractive woman available for permanent purchase. Two others said they enjoyed

the joke.

"Dedicated Dog Owner Ready to Expand Family," the control, was a middle-aged inner-city school teacher, marathon runner, vegetarian and volunteer at the local hospital. He was more interested in a woman's heart than her looks.

Dog Owner received five responses — 10 percent — as many as Real Estate. If test results are taken seriously, Santa Monica women are as interested in dating an active progressive gentleman as a millionaire misogynistic supremacist.

"Hotter and Creamier than Vanilla Latte," variable of women-seeking-men, was a young brunette bombshell looking for, "good, hard and regular sex." Having been hurt in the past, Vanilla Latte insisted some conditions be met once her man proves faithful in the sack. "Cameras will have to be installed in your home, unless you move in with me. I'll provide you with a walkie-talkie you must answer at all times. Have you seen 'Moment of Truth'? You'll be subject to lie detector tests if I suspect you are being dishonest."

The post also ended with a question. "I know I'll be your sexual dream come true, but will you be mine?"

Vanilla Latte received 10 responses — or 20 percent — in five minutes before the post was flagged for alleged impropriety. My laptop was ransacked with photos of smiling faces and abs. Several men responding were frustrated a woman would ask so much of a lover.

"I'd thought I'd reply, even though you're kind of demanding," a man identified as Eddie said. "I mean, you want to find someone who is ... into sex ... AND you want him monitored? Next you'll want him to speak in cohesive sentences! Heck, if a guy's knuckles aren't dragging on the ground, you're doing all right!"

"Easy-Going Gal Seeks Realistic Romance," was a happy educated marketing professional, brown hair and eyes, average height, athletic and lacking any delusions about her quest for quality companionship.

At 30 responses — 60 percent of the total — Realistic Romance received six times as many prospects as any man-seeking-women. Lonely bachelors begged to meet her. "You sound too good to be true," was a common theme.

Perhaps they had a point. This might be the Age of Anti-Romance, not because we have given up on love, but because we are looking the wrong way.

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An inconvenient hypocrisy looms

"INTO THE WILD," JOHN KRAKAUER'S best-selling book adapted for the screen by Sean Penn, was up for two Oscars at Sunday night's Academy Awards ceremony. Neither Best Picture nor Best Actor in a Leading Role was among the film's nominations.

The movie wasn't one of my favorites in 2007. However, Emile Hirsch did an inarguably uncanny job portraying Christopher McCandless as a strong-willed, idealistic wanderer who got by with little preparation, an open mind and empty wallet. It wouldn't have killed the Academy to give a nod to the actor previously best known for his role in an episode of "ER" entitled "How the Finch Stole Christmas."

Of course I didn't know McCandless. But I knew kids just like him (minus the dying alone in Alaska part) around the time that "Into the Wild" took place. Seeing the movie was a reminder that these days they just don't make post-Woodstock hippies like they used to.

Take my old friend Kevin, who was a classic non-conformist in the early 1990s. With his Birkenstock sandals, crushing hugs and shoulder length blond locks that forever hung in his eyes, Kevin embodied the flower child philosophy (albeit 20-plus years after the Summer of Love). When he wasn't taking a road trip to a peace gathering or disappearing for months with some girl he'd just fallen in love with in his Jeep Wagoneer that always seemed to be breaking down, he was living at his parents' house rolling his own cigarettes and passing the time painting, reading and picking up odd jobs. When something moved him, he didn't whimper or make a fuss, he just acted. And when he acted out against injustice, it was while wearing patchouli oil, which he preferred to soap and water, believing that any odor emitted by the body was naturally beautiful. (Something he's hopefully moved on from by now. For everyone's sake.)

There was also my dear friend Mary, who went to the University of Vermont and lived for a time on campus in Slade Hall. Described as "an open, loving community of intention," students in Slade are required to be "environmentally friendly, socially conscious and fun-loving." They practice a low-consumption life style — cultivating in their greenhouse most of the vegetables used for their strict vegetarian cooking, operating a food cooperative and

composting trash — and those wanting to live there are asked during the application process what makes their hearts "sing." When I visited Mary one weekend in Slade, the only actual singing I can recall came from the radio — Prince's "Sexy Motherf---er," to be exact. I got the idea anyhow.

These days, though, it seems like the ideas are all different. The so-called bohemian and counter-culture-wannabes speak in meaningless clichés and place themselves on a moral high ground by complaining but doing next to nothing to affect change. Most present-day mainstream hippies are little more than plain old slackers who think the only qualification for freethinker status is displaying prayer flags or taking part in endless whining sessions fueled by mass quantities of hard drugs or green tea.

While their own parents worked hard and saved to set them on a solid path, today's treehuggers show their appreciation by shrugging off the notion of actual sweat (unless it's from a yoga class).

Some high profile warriors do little to help the notion that today's activists are far from where their predecessors began some 20 and 40 years ago — like Laurie David, a producer of the Academy Award-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" and a trustee for the National Resources Defense Council. When asked to explain how she reconciles owning two massive homes on opposite coasts and using a private jet to ferry herself between them, she explained that she feels guilty, but not enough to sell either home or fly commercial.

And then there's Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the beloved environmentalist who opposed the creation of a wind farm on Nantucket Sound — despite his record of supporting similar projects as preferable alternatives to fossil fuels.

While McCandless has garnered criticism from some who say that his irresponsible behavior in the wild has been romanticized, maybe it was best Hirsch wasn't nominated for an Oscar. McCandless might not have wanted his name further associated with an era destined to become better known for hypocritical hipsters in Hummers than for hemp habitués on Huffys.

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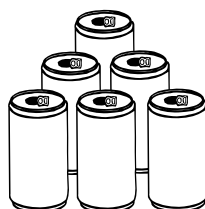
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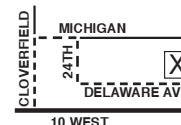
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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

How far — within the law — do you think the Treesavers should go to save the trees?

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Carlin set out to be 'conservative'

BY JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Long before he went on stage and began to say "The Seven Words You Can Never Say On TV," got arrested for it in Milwaukee and saw the battle over freedom of expression that it ignited rage all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, George Carlin had a different dream.

He was going to be a wholesome standup comic, the kind who could make little children laugh and delight their parents. No jokes about race or sex and every bodily function imaginable (some of them so outrageous they seemingly could only be imagined by Carlin).

No, he would emulate his childhood hero, Danny Kaye, the kindly, rubber-faced comedian who ruled over the decade that Carlin grew up in — the 1950s — with a clever but gentle humor reflective of its times.

Only problem was, it didn't work for him.

"I was doing superficial comedy entertaining people who didn't really care: Businessmen, people in nightclubs, conservative people. And I had been doing that for the better part of 10 years when it finally dawned on me that I was in the wrong place doing the wrong things for the wrong people," Carlin reflected recently as he prepared for his 14th HBO special, "It's Bad For Ya."

The program will be presented live — as were the first 13 — on Saturday at 10 p.m. EST from the Wells Fargo Arts Center in Santa Rosa, Calif., north of San Francisco.

Although reluctant to reveal any of his new material before he delivers it to his audience, Carlin does acknowledge that the show will deal with the human race in general (his rather negative view of it), American culture in particular (his very negative view of that) and his lifelong fascination with words, including many of the four-letter variety.

"The overall theme is the B.S. in America," says Carlin. (Actually, he used the full phrase, not the abbreviation, but if you're a Carlin fan, you already knew that.)

A meticulous performer, the 70-year-old actor-comedian carefully hones every word in a routine until he has its expression, its meter, its meaning just right. Then he wields each one (even the dirty ones) like a musician would play his notes or a painter would manipulate his brush.

In a sense it all harks back to his first comic influence.

"Danny Kaye was my childhood dream when I was 10, 11," he says by phone from Las Vegas, where he has been fine-tuning the show. "I kind of looked at that and thought, 'Gee, I can do that. ... He makes funny faces, he talks in funny accents and he can do very, very intricate vocal pieces.'"

So Carlin, who marked his 50th year in show business in 2007, initially went the traditional comedy root. He put on a coat and tie and hit the nightclub circuit, doing parodies of TV game shows, news broadcasts, movie trailers and the like. He worked in radio for a time, teamed for a couple years with fellow comic and longtime friend Jack

Burns and eventually began to appear on every TV talk show of the day.

But somehow it never felt quite right.

"I was always out of step," he says now. "I left school in ninth grade, I got kicked out of the Air Force, I got kicked out of the choir and the altar boys and summer camp and three schools and I was a pot smoker when I was 13 in the early '50s. I was always a lawbreaker and a kind of outlaw rebel."

Still, the dean of counterculture comedians might have soldiered on in the suit and tie had it not been for one thing: the 1960s.

"I went through some changes, as the whole country did, in the '60s and I took on a much more personal point of view and started doing a lot of autobiographical things about my childhood, my neighborhood, being Irish-Catholic, being a kid from Harlem. And then I graduated to more social themes. Over the years, language and social themes have kind of been my focus."

The trim performer (to look at him you'd never know he's suffered three heart attacks since 1978) also ditched the coat and tie for black shirt and pants, grew his hair long (when he still had hair) and added a beard.

The '60s weren't entirely easy on him. Carlin has acknowledged battles with cocaine over the years and as recently as 2004 entered rehab to break a dependence on Vicodin and wine. He says his health is fine now.

Beginning in 1972, he began winning Grammys for best comedy album (he's collected four so far, the last one in 2001).

It was also in 1972 that Carlin released the album "Class Clown" containing arguably his most famous routine, "Seven Words."

All seven can be said on cable television these days, but none of them can be reprinted here and, as recently as last month, ABC found itself in hot water when Diane Keaton said one of them during a broadcast of "Good Morning America." Earlier this month NBC issued a public apology after Jane Fonda let loose with another one on the "Today" show.

When Carlin uttered all seven at a show in Milwaukee in 1972, he was arrested for disturbing the peace. And when they were played on a New York radio station, they resulted in a Supreme Court ruling in 1978 upholding the government's authority to sanction stations for broadcasting offensive language.

"So my name is a footnote in American legal history, which I'm perversely kind of proud of," he says.

Meanwhile, 23 comedy albums, 14 HBO specials, three books, a couple TV shows and several movies later, if comedy has changed at all over the last half-century — if it's gotten more liberal or more conservative — Carlin insists he couldn't tell you.

All he knows, he says, is that people keep coming to his shows and the audience seems to range from about 15 to 50.

"HBO keeps me out in front of people and it cuts through all the demographics," he says of the specials he does every two or three years. "All I know is I go out there, the place is dark, I can't see them, and I do my bit."



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City adopts new anti-panhandling campaign

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The council also took further steps to curb panhandling activities on the Third Street Promenade when it directed staff to draft an ordinance that would ban all panhandling activities from the benches there, no matter who is the solicitor.

"The report from police and the Bayside District Corporation is that the often limited seating on the promenade is occupied for a very long period of time by persons using the seats and benches as a way to solicit donations," City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said.

Moutrie stressed the proposed ordinance would not target the homeless, adding the restriction applies to all solicitors seeking donations from benches and seats.

"I have no reason to think that persons who panhandle on the promenade or solicit donations are necessarily homeless," Moutrie said.

TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

In a city that saw an 80 percent increase in the number of homeless individuals that received services over the past 12 years, Santa Monica seems to be a desirable location for transients.

"Panhandling and buyback of recycling are two ways people make money in our community," Rusk said. "These sources of income combined with meals, shower and restroom provide amenities that may enable many homeless people to remain homeless rather than getting off the street."

Cities across the country have made strides in reducing the street homeless population, focusing on housing the most vulnerable homeless individuals, which Rusk said not only makes moral sense, but also is also an economically sound method.

One of the steps that the action plan calls for and one that is already underway is the housing of the 110 most vulnerable homeless individuals, identified through a survey recently conducted by Common Ground.

The New York-based non-profit organization recently went out on the streets of Santa Monica during a three-day period in January, interviewing 261 of the 277 homeless

individuals they found sleeping on the streets in the early morning hours. Of the individuals interviewed, about 110 were identified as being "vulnerable"—those who have been on the streets for more than six months and possess one of several qualities, including a history of cold weather-related injuries, liver disease, HIV/AIDS, being over 60 years of age, and have had three or more emergency room visits in the past three months.

"There's a 40 percent risk of dying over the next seven years if they fall in the vulnerability index," Becky Kanis, the director of innovations for Common Ground, said.

Some cities that have adopted the method of housing the most vulnerable homeless individuals have seen reductions in their homeless populations every year, Kanis said, including in New York City's Times Square where during a two year period, the number of street-sleeping people dropped from 55 to 7. Similar results have been reported in New Orleans, Kanis said.

"The hope is to get all of (the vulnerable) and get everyone off the street as well," Kanis said.

City Hall has recently made some headway in moving the chronically homeless off the street. In 2004, it piloted a project where it housed the most long-term and disabled homeless individuals in the city. Since its inception, about 77 habitual homeless people have found housing and in 2007, about 74 homeless alcoholics have received treatment.

"This is an indicator that the best practices do work at the local level," Rusk said.

Some of the steps outlined in the action plan include creating a service registry that will identify the most vulnerable and chronically homeless people, reconfiguring sleeping capacity at various shelters to service that population, including at Samoshel, which is part of OPCC. The action plan also seeks to review city policies that might contribute to individuals becoming homeless, possibly placing some restrictions on public showers and the recycling buy-back center.

The plan received the unanimous support of city councilmembers, some intrigued by a bold approach to addressing the homeless issue.

Councilmember Bobby Shriver said he would specifically like to see a roundtable on homeless issues that brings in dif-

ferent segments, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Westside Council of Governments. Shriver also seemed struck by a statistic that showed 31 percent of vulnerable homeless people are veterans.

"I find it amazing that 31 percent of homeless people are veterans," he said.

Councilmember Bob Holbrook stressed the pressing need to get people off the streets, mentioning two incidents where his daughter found a dead homeless person in Santa Monica — at a supermarket parking lot and at the park.

"We don't need to have that going on in our community," Holbrook said.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom called the action plan a "turning point" for the city.

"It's not that the way we have done business in homeless in the past has been bad or wrong or even ineffective," Bloom said. "What we recognize tonight is that there is a better way."

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- > Don't block out sounds and sights by using earphones, cell phones, hoods or umbrellas.

Bus Service Change Vote Set For March 12

Decisions on proposed bus service changes are on the agenda for the Metro Westside/Central Governance Council meeting Wednesday, March 12 at 5 pm at La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills. For information, search "Metro Westside/Central" at metro.net.



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UCLA launches program to study health care

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conomic factors affect the way health care providers serve minority populations. It hopes to accomplish this by studying how personal, cultural and social factors promote or impede adequate health care and disease management.

The network's senior investigators are Dr. José J. Escarce, Dr. Carol Mangione, Dr. Leo S. Morales and Ninez Ponce of UCLA; Margarita Alegría of Harvard University; Dr. Bonnie Duran of the University of Washington; Kyriakos Markides of the University of Texas

Medical Branch at Galveston; Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable of the University of California, San Francisco; and Roberto Suro of the University of Southern California.

The project each year will also support five Healthcare Quality Scholars who will address health issues affecting people from various minority groups, with a primary focus on diabetes and obesity, cardiovascular disease, respiratory illnesses, depression and cancer. This work could potentially aid in the development of successful, independent scientists and increase the number of

researchers addressing quality of care for minorities.

The UCLA Department of Family Medicine provides comprehensive primary care to entire families, from newborns to seniors. Its services include low-risk obstetrical care and prenatal and inpatient care at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital and outpatient care at the Les Kelley Family Health Center in Santa Monica and the Mid-Valley Family Health Center in Van Nuys.

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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CITY'S NAMESAKE BOULEVARD: From schools to auto shops, Santa Monica Boulevard offers a wide variety of services that cater to all kinds, from music buffs to motor heads. (From top left clockwise) Mechanic Gerardo Sanchez, who works at ABY Auto Masters, tunes up a Mercedes-Benz. Sam Sherman practices chords during his regular guitar lesson at Santa Monica Music Center. Fred Bruensicke grinds a key for a customer at Miller's Lockshop. A student at McKinley Elementary School enjoys the slide at midday recess.



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BIG CHECKS: The state's Department of Housing and Community Development held a ceremony at Community Corporation of Santa Monica's Pacific Court to award various agencies with funds made available through a pair of voter approved propositions on Wednesday.

State awards funds to regional agencies

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and clean housing for seniors and low-income families.

As part of the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002, Prop 46, passed by voters in 2002, enabled the state to create a \$2.1 billion trust fund for projects like Pacific Court. According to reports issued by the HCD, both propositions will create 5,300 jobs with more than \$244 million in revenue to strengthen California's economy.

"Thanks to both propositions we have funded a variety of projects, including Pacific Court," Jabocs said. The 44-unit complex was awarded \$2.4 million and was completed four months ago.

Owned by CCSM, the largest non-profit landlord in Santa Monica, Pacific Court is a pristine example of what affordable housing should look like.

"This complex is in wonderful conditions and it is in much better shape than a lot of other ones," Jacobs said.

With a Boys and Girls Club facility, ramps that give disabled residents the opportunity to access every part of the facility, Pacific Court is an improvement compared to older government funded projects.

"The Governor said that actions speak louder than words, but I think that structures speak louder than actions," said Councilmember Kevin McKeown. "This event is the acknowledgment by the state that Santa Monica is the leader in affordable housing."

A renter himself, McKeown has experienced first hand the challenges that low-income residents face with the absence of rent control.

"It's a struggle to make it for them and we need to have a stable community to go forward," he added.

On behalf of the state, the HCD physically inspects all properties every six months and requires that all financial statements of the non-profits that own them are made public.

"We want to make sure they have enough revenue to maintain the property and that are able to keep rent slow for the agreed time," Jabocs said. For Pacific Court, the agreed time is 55 years, during which the rent is controlled to accommodate low-income families that live and work in Santa Monica.

The city has close to 50,000 livable units of which 70 percent are rentals.

"It is because of the erosion of rent control that the prices keep going up, and it has become a challenge for a lot of residents," said CCSM's Executive Director Joan Ling. "We live in a high cost area for housing with the average unit cost amounts to \$884,000."

The high cost of real estate has driven Santa Monica residents away from their communities, but Ling believes gentrification has played a big role, too.

"It it has displaced people who grew up in the area or that have businesses," she said.

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Council upholds landmark status

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— it's on Ocean Avenue facing the public view of the street and is visible from the beach," Landmarks Commissioner Ruthann Lehrer said during the council meeting. "And when you're standing on the beach looking up at the city, you see this tiny Victorian cottage, it's like a window back in time."

The three bedroom, three-bathroom cottage sits behind a white picket fence, once owned by William Hobson who before his death in June 2005, decided to deed the cottage to the University of Illinois Foundation.

Since the university took over the cottage, it has placed the structure on the market, valued at around \$3.3 million, but has had difficulty finding a buyer. The foundation's plans to demolish the building were highly contested by neighbors, spurring a Save the Cottage grassroots campaign that has collected several thousand signatures in both online and paper petitions.

Kevin Kozal, the attorney representing the university, noted that the appeal was based on two main points — City Hall's consultant, PCR Services, stated on several occasions that the structure does not meet landmark requirements; and past practices indicate that only excellent examples of a particular architectural style, not typical ones, are designated.

"All of the experts in this matter confirm there are superior examples of this cottage's architectural type in the Ocean Park area," Kozal said at the council meeting. "We believe that if you designate this cottage as a landmark, it is lowering the standard and will dilute what historic preservation is all about."

Several consultants have indicated that the cottage does not meet landmark status, including PCR and an architectural historian hired by the university. Santa Monica city planners have also said the building does not meet any of the criteria. Galvin Preservation Associates, a consultant hired by the Save the Cottage group, found the cottage does qualify for preservation. Judson Studios also found that there could be architectural significance in the cottage's stained glass windows, which it believed it might have installed.

Marcello Vavala, an architectural historian and past president of the Santa Monica Conservancy, said the significance of the cottage lies in its role of the development of the neighborhood, pointing out that the structure is very "modest."

"Citywide, there are only a handful of landmarks along Ocean Avenue and they represent a diverse array of architectural achievements and aspirations that drew people to build homes or businesses overlooking the sea," he said. "This cottage is now the last of its building type surviving along Ocean Avenue."

Campbell Maynes, a Santa Monica resident, read a notarized testimony from Hobson's former neighbor and friend who helped rehabilitate the cottage during the 1970s after the property was purchased by Hobson. The testimony stated that Hobson had attempted to landmark the cottage and that the late Santa Monican would be upset if he heard the university intended to tear it down, something that was refuted by Kozal.

The attorney also noted he had a written testimony from Hobson's former personal

assistant and bookkeeper who stated that his intention was to knock down the structure and build apartments. Hobson wanted the university to sell the property and use the proceeds to fund a student scholarships placed in the William and Evelyn Hobson Fund name.

Several of the city councilmembers noted that the former homeowner's intended use of the property was irrelevant as to whether the cottage qualifies for landmark status.

"The intention of the person who owned the property and what he or his family might have done with it doesn't bear in my determination at all," Councilmember Bob Holbrook said.

Councilmember Ken Genser pointed out that the last remaining shot gun house, though hardly an example of an architectural masterpiece, was preserved simply because it was the last remaining example of its type.

"Was it a great architectural quality? Absolutely not," Genser said.



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Marcello Vavala,
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O'Connor said she doesn't see a strong case for considering the cottage to be a contributor to the early residential development of the block, adding that any building could be in a "unique location" if it's the only one on the block built during a specific period of time.

"I tend to agree with the staff report where it articulates how that is applied," O'Connor said.

The nature of the meeting was a contrast from the original hearing in June when only five councilmembers were present — Councilmembers Richard Bloom and Bobby Shriver were absent — and the university requested the matter be postponed until a full council was available.

While Holbrook, O'Connor and Mayor Herb Katz supported the university's request, Genser and Councilmember Kevin McKeown argued the appeal should be heard as scheduled. During the discussion regarding whether the hearing should be postponed, a visibly frustrated O'Connor left the dais, leaving the council at a 2-2 tie, effectively forcing the hearing to take place.

The tension carried over into the hearing when Holbrook stated he would not vote on the appeal. When none of the councilmembers introduced a motion, the appeal failed and the status was upheld as a result. The university's attorney, Chris Harding, at the time expressed his disappointment, stating it should voluntarily grant a new hearing to the university with a full council.

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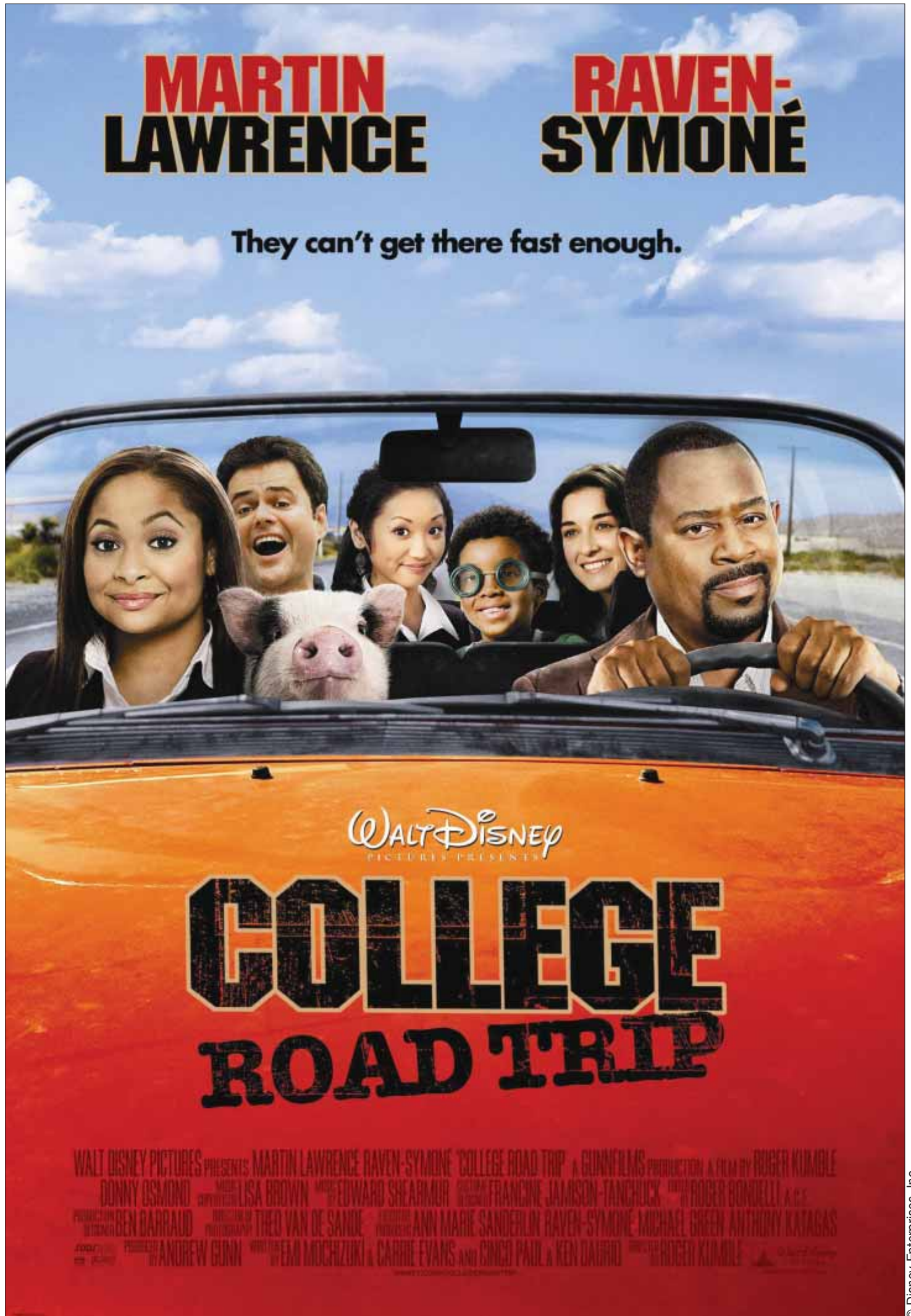
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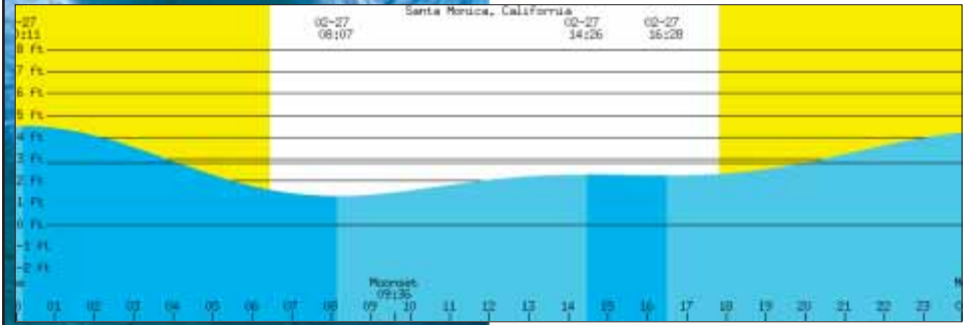
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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 14

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 28

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Carillas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (occasional)	A+	C	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	D	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Teneccal Canyon drain	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	F	F
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Rossmore Canyon Creek mouth	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	B	D
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	C	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	F
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	C	Ocean Park Beach at Ashburn Ave. drain	A+	A
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	A+	B	Venice City Beach, at Raso Ave. storm drain	A+	D
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	B	F	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	B	Venice Beach at Woodward Ave. drain	B	A+
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	D	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A
Sunbiter Beach (beach location)- daily	F	D	Venice Beach- projection of Topaz St.	A+	B
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagguard tower	A	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	C	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	B	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	B	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	D
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	C	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	D	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	F			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	F			

LEGEND

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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

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Crosby feels like himself for once

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX Bobby Crosby has been so beat up in recent seasons the Oakland shortstop can barely remember the last time he felt completely healthy the way he finally does this spring.

The AL Rookie of the Year in 2004, he had five stints on the disabled list in the past three seasons. There's been a recurring lower back injury, a broken left hand, stress fractures in his ribs and more.

"I wish we could start right now," Crosby said after a recent workout at the Athletics' Papago Park complex. "I used to love coming to spring training and thinking the first day was opening day, trying to win the job and trying to impress. The last couple offseasons I haven't been able to prepare the way I wanted to because of the injuries.

"I was able to come into this spring thinking, 'I've got to prove myself. I've got to do this, I've got to do that.' That's a good feeling."

It's tough to remember how good Crosby was in his standout first season of 2004, when he topped rookies with 22 home runs, 64 RBIs, 70 runs, 130 hits and 34 doubles. Even he acknowledges that seems so long ago considering all his health ordeals the past few years.

Not to mention everything else going on in his life.

He got married to wife, Gina, on Dec. 1 in Rome and was gone three weeks. Back home in Southern California, Crosby built a batting cage over his tennis court, studied film of his swing and took countless cuts at all hours of the day.

Crosby showed up about a week early at spring training, too, in order to get extra work done in the cage. The A's already are on an abbreviated program because they open the season early, March 25 in Tokyo against the defending World Series champion Boston Red Sox.

"For a couple of years I haven't played up to my capabilities. That gives me motivation," he said. "It's good to go out there and see that the things I worked on are at least going in the right direction."

In the past when coming off an injury, Crosby has had as tough a time finding his groove in the field as he has regaining his timing at the plate. He committed two of his 14 errors on opening day last year in a 4-0 loss at Seattle. He batted a career-low .226 with eight home runs, 31 RBIs and 16 doubles.

"He seemed to be knocked off his game so many times because he hasn't been able to play a full season for a while," A's manager Bob Geren said. "He needs that everyday consistency. We haven't seen him play to his level consistently yet."

All the struggles affected Crosby mentally. He was far from the player he knew he could be, which was the toughest part of it. Crosby went close to eight months without fielding a groundball before spring training a year ago because he had to let his ailing back heal.

"I came into the season last year and for the first month I felt lost. I made a couple errors the first game and then I felt like it snowballed," said Crosby, son of former major leaguer Ed Crosby. "I felt like I had no rhythm. When your defense isn't going well — that's something I've always prided myself on — it frustrates me more than anything. Because even if I'm not hitting I at least feel I can help out the pitchers and help out the team on defense."

The A's are hopeful Crosby will be that reliable guy again. Oakland, in rebuilding mode and coming off its first losing season since 1998, has dealt with so many injuries the past two years and the infield has been hit hard. Six-time Gold Glove third baseman Eric Chavez is coming off three operations and was limited to 90 games last season.

Now, Chavez, Crosby and second baseman Mark Ellis will be back together — with Daric Barton the likely newcomer at first base.

"It will be very nice," Ellis said. "To have both those guys out there will be a huge boost for our team."

At 28, there's a maturity about Crosby now that certainly developed with going through the ups and downs — the high of his rookie year followed by all the injury frustrations. The former first-round draft pick played in 151 games in 2004.

Since then: 84 in 2005, 96 in '06 and 93 last year.

This offseason, he prepared the way he did during his time in the minor leagues and even further back. He could do everything he was used to, rather than have the limitations he had last spring training.

"I feel like I'm back in at least a mental mind-set of where I want to be," Crosby said. "I feel like I'm prepared coming into spring and if we started right now I'd be fine."

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Court postpones drug hearing for Winehouse

A Norwegian court has postponed a hearing for **AMY WINEHOUSE**, who is accused of drug possession. The British singer-songwriter and her husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, were arrested in the western city of Bergen last



October. They were held overnight on charges of possessing 1/4 ounce of marijuana and released the next morning after paying fines of \$715 each. Winehouse later appealed the fine, claiming Norwegian police made mistakes in the case. The tattooed songstress was due in court Friday to contest the fine, but the Bergen district court approved a request by her lawyer to reschedule the hearing, Norwegian news agency NTB reported Wednesday. The Bergen court postponed the hearing because Fielder-Civil is scheduled to appear in a separate court hearing Friday in Britain, the news agency reported. Winehouse, 24, won five Grammy Awards earlier this month, including best record ("Rehab"), best song ("Rehab") and best new artist.

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TIM GUNN won't say which three "Project Runway" designers had their collections judged during New York Fashion Week, but the fashion mentor does reveal that the reality TV finale will come down to "a matter of taste." "I'm so glad I wasn't a judge," Gunn told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "It truly was the stiffest competition we've ever had." The winner will be crowned March 5. "The work is at such a high level and is so well executed, it really is a matter of taste," Gunn said. "It could go anywhere."

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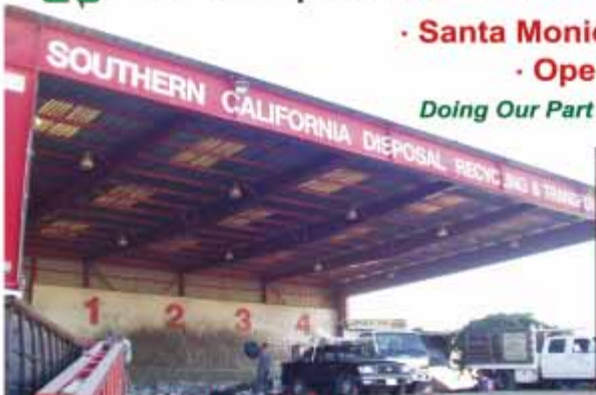
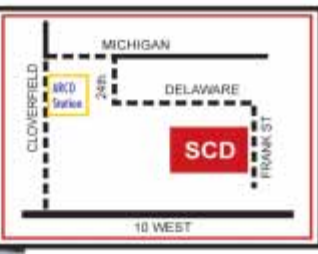
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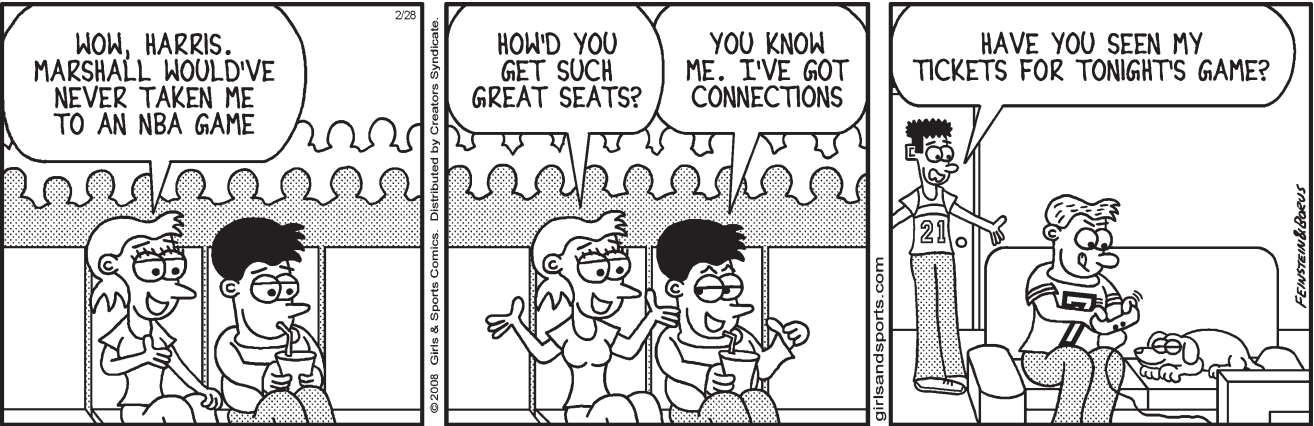
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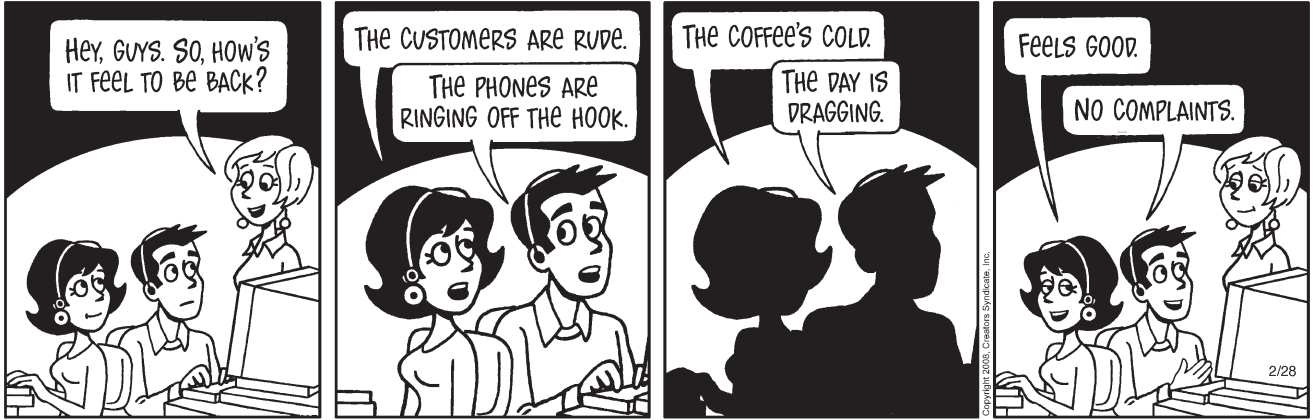
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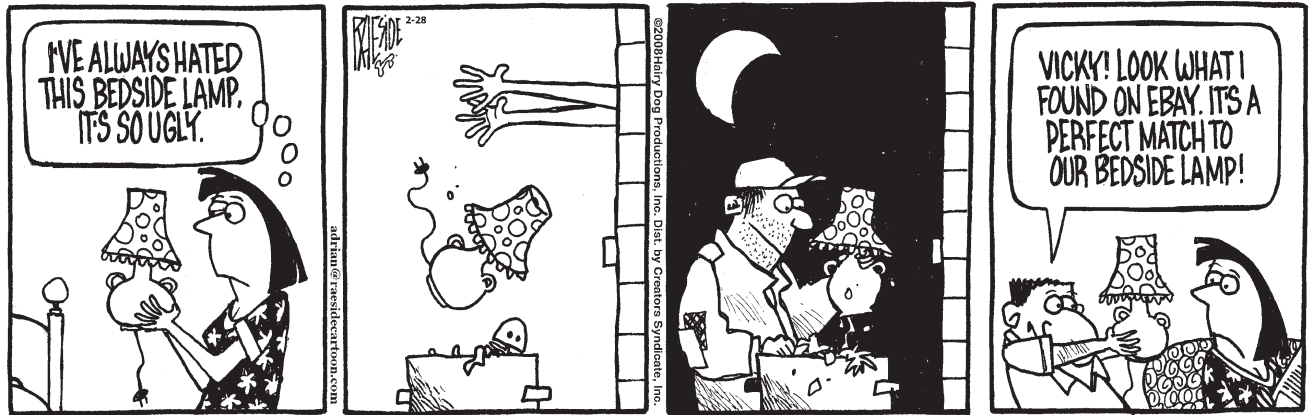
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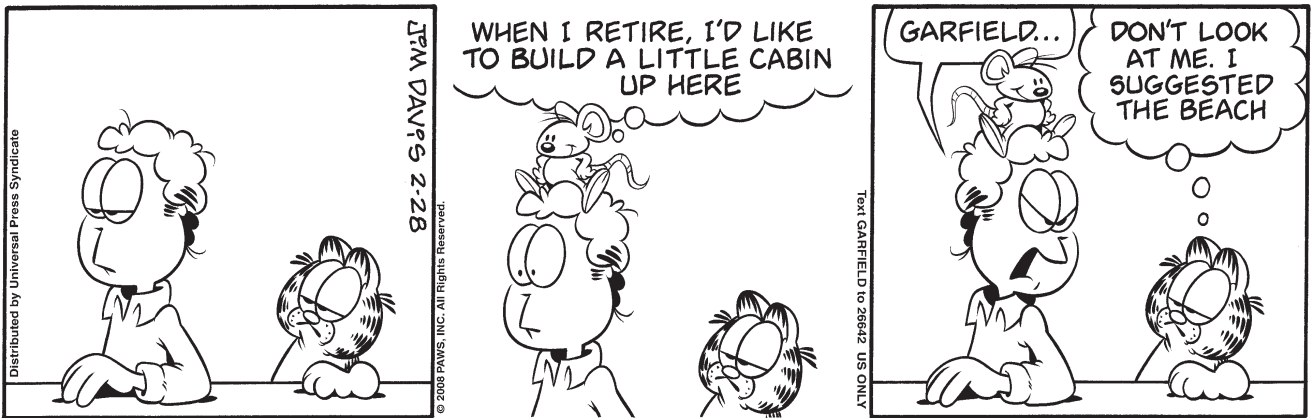
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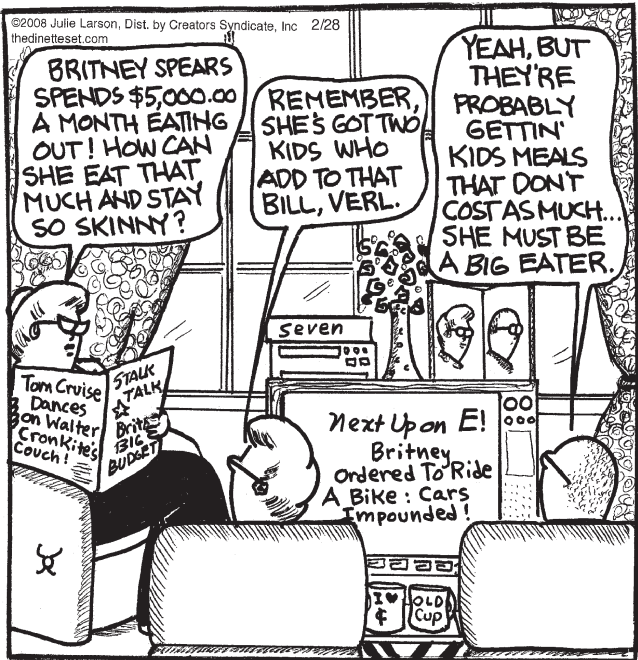


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- 1 Hence
- 5 Hoopster
- 10 Thinker
- 11 Beach tent
- 12 Verdi creation
- 13 Gotten up
- 14 Was important
- 16 In shreds
- 20 High-stepping aids
- 23 Cassowary cousin
- 24 Ice-bucket items
- 25 Bowling round
- 27 Homer's pop
- 28 Scents
- 29 Gabbed
- 32 Pummeled
- 36 Fancy homes
- 39 Neck part
- 40 Without pretense
- 41 "— chic!"
- 42 Loser to Truman
- 43 Search out

DOWN

- 2 Mother of Ares
- 3 Hand or foot
- 4 Mariners' home
- 5 Insertion symbol
- 6 Tolerate
- 7 Ozone, for one
- 8 Compass pt.
- 9 Galloped
- 11 Golf vehicles
- 15 Chow
- 17 Paper pack
- 18 Jane Austen book
- 19 Club cost
- 20 X-ray's kin
- 21 Sousa-phone's cousin
- 22 Doubter's words
- 25 Stew
- 26 Beavers, e.g.
- 28 Pretentious
- 30 Steak-house order
- 31 Before dawn
- 33 Steak-house order
- 34 Foil's kin
- 35 Editor's spot
- 36 With it, '60s-style
- 37 Zoo favorite
- 38 Fresh

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ On Second Thought: (1) In August 2004, business executive Tomas Delgado, driving 100 mph in a 55 mph zone, fatally smashed into a 17-year-old bicyclist near Haro, Spain. In 2006, Delgado sued the boy's family for the equivalent of about \$29,000 for damage to his car, and the lawsuit languished until January 2008, when, perhaps shamed by worldwide publicity, Delgado dropped it. (2) In December, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority filed a lawsuit demanding payment from the families of four people killed by an out-of-control tractor-trailer in 2006 (presumably to recoup clean-up costs and damage to the roadway). However, after the New York Post asked NJTA lawyer William Ziff for a comment, he rushed to the Union County courthouse and withdrew the lawsuit. ■ As the home-mortgage industry continued to reel in January from the Countrywide Financial Corp. debacle, a federal bankruptcy judge learned that the company, in at least one case (with others suspected), had not only backdated crucial documents but fabricated them altogether and then told the judge the company was merely trying to be "efficient." A court had approved the recasting of a client's debt to Countrywide in March 2007, closing the case, but the next month, Countrywide "discovered" a way to get extra money and thus created three letters supposedly sent to that client before March 2007. However, Countrywide later acknowledged that the letters were actually written after March 2007 but that making up documents was merely "an efficient way to convey" information.

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1710 In the Battle of Helsingborg, 14,000 Danish invaders under Jørgen Rantzau are decisively defeated by an equally sized Swedish force under Magnus Stenbock.
1784 John Wesley charts the Methodist Church.
1787 Charter granted establishing the institution now known as the University of Pittsburgh.
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