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City Hall snatches up prime props

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN While the real estate market may have cooled in recent months, City Hall has been heating up, shelling out more than $70 million on large parcels that may one day become parking structures, mixed-use developments, or light-rail terminals to enhance public transit.

In the last year and a half, the City Council has approved or authorized the purchase of 181,300 square feet in the downtown area. Properties include, but are not limited to, the Sears auto shop on Colorado Avenue and Carlson's Appliances in the 1338 block of 5th Street.

Most recently, the council authorized the purchase of the temporary Main Library site at 1324 Fifth street, along with three other parcels nearby, for roughly $30 million. The seven lots consist of 52,500 square feet, according to Miriam Mack, economic development director for City Hall.

"We are not in the business of scanning the market, looking to buy properties," Mack said. "There must be some kind of public need, which would cause us to look."

The council has become an active participant in the real estate market because of a growing need for more parking and other amenities downtown, which has seen a dramatic increase in the number of condominiums and apartments within the last five to 10 years.

More housing means more people, who demand more services. Parking seems to be the biggest one of them all. The council convened a downtown parking task force which recommended purchasing large parcels for future parking structures. While future uses for the parcels have not yet been identified, there are those who are leaning towards more parking, particularly downtown business interests and residents who have a difficult time finding parking on the weekends.

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Speaker on Darfur
1260 18th St., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
UCLA History Department Chair Edward Alpers will speak on the current situation in Sudan's Darfur region at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church. The event is free, but donations are welcome to support the outreach of the church.

Santa Monica Rotary
1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades, noon — 1:30 p.m.
Guests are welcome for lunch. For more information, contact June M. Doy at (310) 922-6274 or (310) 917-3313.

Fridays at Santa Monica Bar and Grille
3321 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.
Inebriatedinc.com is hosting Friday night at Santa Monica Bar and Grille. Live music until 10:30 p.m. and a DJ until closing time. For more information, visit www.inebriatedinc.com.

'Ester Goldberg's The Big Show'
8433 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 9 p.m. — 11 p.m.
The Comedy Store presents this musical-comedy event, starring Ester Goldberg and featuring her orchestra, The Archibald Leeches. Tickets are available by calling (323) 656-3225. Tickets are $25, with a two-drink minimum.

'Junk Drawers'
3301 Pico Blvd., coffeehouse hours
Photography by Richard Gilbert will be on display at the UnUrban Coffeehouse through March 20. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.osmarea.com.

Yoga for the Lenten Season
725 California Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
St. Monica's is hosting an all-day yoga event with a focus on how yoga can enhance the Christian experience. The day will include practice, discussion, and time for personal reflection. Registration fee is $75 (includes breaks and lunch). To register contact Larry Donnelly, St. Monica Pastoral Care Ministries, at (310) 319-9764 or e-mail larry@stmonica.net.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Arbor Day Tree Planting
600 W. Imperial Ave., El Segundo, 9 a.m. — noon
REI, the Tree Musketeers and the community of South Bay will plant the third installment of trees toward the goal of 500 trees along the Imperial Highway to provide pollution and noise abatement. To sign-up, e-mail Alaina Cunningham at acunnin@rei.com with the names and the number of people planning on participating. All ages are welcome. Water and lunch will be served. Please come in comfortable clothes and dress appropriately for the weather.

Hearing Loss of America - Santa Monica Chapter
1527 Fourth St., 9:30 a.m. — noon
Doctors Christina Palmer and Patrick Boudreault from the UCLA Departments of Psychiatry and Human Genetics will discuss their Deaf Genetics Project, a federally-funded project to examine how genetic testing affects deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, society, and the deaf community. They will give an overview of the causes of deafness, genetics of deafness, and genetic testing and counseling. Free to all.

Literature Book Club
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
Book reviewer Heather Hoffman leads a discussion of classic literature. Free and open to the public.

'Outsmart Your Fat Cells' lecture
1700 Ocean, 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
State of the Heart Fitness will be conducting a complimentary lecture at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel Ocean Spa and Fitness Center Receive specific exercise recommendations, tips to help reach weight loss goals and an long-term healthy action plan. Call to register at (310) 842-5657 or visit www.stateoftheheartfitness.com.

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.

Christine Chang *news@smdp.com*

HIGH PRICE: **The Aahs on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica had a worker in a clown suit on the street promoting its stock this week, but at an inflated price due to the demand.**

GETTING PERSONAL

Console named desire

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

HECTIC STATE I want a Wii, dammit.

I can't understand why it is so unbelievably, unconscionably, outrageously difficult to find that addictive piece of Japanese video game engineering. Aside from college basketball and sleeping, my free time these past few months has been spent resuming a quest for the sleek white Nintendo game console that has me up at night drooling.

It is a quest that has taken on Holy Grail proportions.

Hell, if some strange Japanese men bedecked in suits looking all "Men in Black" presented me with a Wii saying "Wii would like to play," I'd let them in my house.

A quick explanation for the video game-challenged — the Japanese video game giant released the Wii late last year, setting the price of the console at $249.99. The Wii stands out from its competitors like Sony PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 in that its one-handed remote is equipped with motion sensor capabilities, allowing the video gamer to use it as a tennis racket, a bowling ball, boxing gloves or a baseball bat. It all depends on the game you're playing.

Pretty awesome, right?

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Hoping for a traffic jam

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

Photo Courtesy

MID-CITY While most Santa Monicans are trying to avoid traffic, Yolanda Ruiz is doing everything in her power to create it ... Internet traffic, that is.

The indie singer/songwriter is finding herself in the fight of her creative life, competing against nearly 2,000 other unsigned artists in the Music Nation competition, an online, music-video contest to land a recording contract with Epic Records.

Ruiz, who makes her home in Santa Monica, was the nation's choice in the pop category thanks to her catchy single "Loca" (http://pop.musicnation.com/v428), featuring vocalist Jabu from LA's Ozomatli. The song combines pop melodies and Latin grooves in an ode to living wild.

With her sound now available to millions, it is up to Ruiz to spread the word and lobby for votes as she heads into the quarterfinals.

"It's a weird place to be telling people to vote for me, but everyone has been so supportive, everyone is really excited and they all keep asking me how it's going," Ruiz said from her home near Wilshire Boulevard and 12th Street. "It's really cute."

Ruiz, who cites influences such as Gloria

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Two charged with scheme to sell body parts

Cadavers donated to UCLA were used to harvest the items sold

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A former UCLA official and an associate were arrested Wednesday on charges that they illegally sold parts of bodies donated for research in a scheme that produced more than $1 million in profits.

After three years of investigation by campus police, Henry Reid, 57, former director of the Willed Body Program, was arrested at his Anaheim home. Associate Ernest Nelson, 49, was taken into custody in Rancho Cucamonga.

Norman Abrams, acting chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles, said in a statement that the school "appreciates the patience exhibited by the families of donors" during the probe.

A criminal complaint filed Monday charged that between May 7, 1999, and Feb. 26, 2004, Reid and Nelson conspired to defraud UCLA for personal gain, a prosecution statement said.

Both men remained in jail Wednesday, each held on $1 million bail.

Nelson had not obtained a criminal lawyer and could not immediately be reached for comment.

However, Nelson, who has sued UCLA, contends he believed he was working with school authorization when he received torsos from UCLA, cut them up and kept frozen parts in a rented warehouse to provide them for corporate clients, said his civil attorney, Thomas Brill.

"I don't think there's any evidence" of criminal wrongdoing, he said.

Brill said that Nelson obtained as many as 150 bodies a year.

Nelson would turn over cashiers checks and later envelopes of cash to Reid, who

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to resume the reform fight

Editor:

Yesterday, while here in Washington for a national homelessness summit, I walked over to the House Judiciary Committee to hear Sen. Barack Obama introduce his new legislation to reduce deliberately deceptive misinformation and voter disenfranchisement in national elections.

False endorsements and misleading mailers from big-money special interests have threatened the integrity of democratic elections all over the country. On Tuesday night, we have our chance to give Santa Monica comprehensive campaign finance reform.

Our delayed discussion (highlighted two weeks ago by the Daily Press, "Big spenders facing fair fight," Feb. 26, page 1) comes back to City Hall near the beginning of Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Also back, I hope, will be the 40 or more residents and experts who stayed late last time but left unheard because of an unmanageably long agenda.

Santa Monica, where outside developer money and resident interests are often at odds, deserves and needs voter-owned elections.

Kevin McKeown
Santa Monica City Council

Boo-hoo, anti-smoking crusaders

Editor:

Things must be really good in Santa Monica for Willow Evans, Barbara Bronie and Esther Schiller to be able to devote their lives to banning smoking in other people's living rooms ("Making SM smokeless a hot topic," Feb. 26, page 1). Smoke coming "up through the drain in the kitchen sink," being affected "emotionally" and diagnoses of "chemical sensitivity." Boo hoo!

Liberty is for adults. Rather than trying to legislate a world of perfect personal safety, how about these neurotic busybodies spending quality time with the U.S. Constitution, The Rights of Man and the Declaration of Independence? To see what members of SAFE, ASPAC and other self-absorbed children are doing to liberty in the name of "rights" would make our Founding Fathers weep. The Santa Monica City Council should outright reject any government regulation of smoking in the privacy of one's own home.

Vincent Basehart
Los Angeles

Countdown to stupidity

Editor:

Once again, we are getting ready to change the clocks. Note how many people will show up to work an hour late. They'll say they forgot to change their clocks. Yet these same people always remember to change them in the fall. No way will they come to work an hour early. We should just split it, change it half an hour and never change it again.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Save Wild Oats Markets!

Editor:

Although I appreciate Whole Foods Markets, I was sad to learn of their Wild Oats Markets acquisition.

I hope both Wild Oats Markets in Satna Monica will remain, but particularly the one at Fifth and Wilshire becasue of its downtown location and easy accessibility.

I would like to pint out that every Tuesday Wild Oats offeres a 10 percent discount for senior citizens. Whole Foods does not.

The 5th and Wilshire Wild Oats also has a community meeting room. The Whole Food on Wilshire does not.

I appreciate the friendly and helpful employees at Wild Oats and I wish that their jobs and Wild Oats will remain.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Guest Commentary

David Holcberg — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Who is gouging whom in houses of Congress?

LAST WEDNESDAY, 79 MEMBERS OF THE House of Representatives introduced a bill instituting criminal and civil penalties on any corporation or individual found guilty of gasoline "price gouging." But the real gouger driving up gasoline prices is not the private sector, it is our government.

To "gouge" means to extort, to take by force — something that oil companies and gas stations have no power to do. Unlike a government, which can forcibly take away its citizens' money and dictate their behavior, an oil company can only make us an offer to buy its products, which we are free to reject.

Because sellers must gain the voluntary consent of buyers, and because the market allows freedom of competition, oil and gasoline prices are set, not by the whim of companies, but by economic factors such as supply and demand. If oil companies could set prices at will, surely they would have charged higher prices in the 1990s, when gasoline was under $1 a gallon!

Because oil companies and gas stations cannot set their prices arbitrarily, they must make their profits by earning them — by efficiently producing something that we value and are eager to buy. In so doing, they assume great risks and expend enormous effort. Over the decades, oil companies have created a huge infrastructure to produce and distribute gasoline by investing hundreds of billions of dollars in prospecting, drilling, transporting, stocking and refining oil.

In the absence of political factors like the 1973 OPEC oil embargo or the Gulf Wars, the net effect of oil companies' pursuit of profit has been to drive the price of oil and gasoline, not up, but down. The price of a gallon of gasoline (in 2006 dollars) fell from $3 in the early 1920s to $2.50 in the 1940s to $2 in the 1960s to under $1.50 in the 1990s. This downward trend is all the more impressive because it required the discovery and exploration of previously inaccessible sources of oil and because it persisted despite massive taxation and increased government regulation of the oil industry.

When we see the price of gasoline today, we should not accuse oil companies of gouging, but rather thank them that prices are not much higher.

The true culprit that we should condemn for driving up prices is the government, which has engaged — with popular support — in the gouging of both the producers and consumers of gasoline.

Federal and state governments have long viewed gasoline taxes as a cash cow. In 2003, for instance, when the average retail price for a gallon of gasoline was $1.56, federal and state taxes averaged about $0.40 a gallon — which amounts to a far higher tax rate (34 percent) than we pay for almost any other product. (Contrary to popular belief, gasoline taxes do not just pay for the roads we drive on; less than 60 percent of the gas-tax-funded "Highway Trust Fund" goes toward highways.)

Along with high taxes, environmental regulations — justified in the name of protecting nature from human activity — have dramatically increased the production costs, and thus the price, of oil and gasoline.

The government, for example, has closed huge areas to oil drilling, including the uninhabited wilderness of ANWR and the out-of-sight waters over the Atlantic and Pacific continental shelves. This, of course, significantly reduces the domestic supply of oil.

TO 'GOUGE' MEANS TO EXTORT, TO TAKE BY FORCE — SOMETHING THAT OIL COMPANIES AND GAS STATIONS HAVE NO POWER TO DO. UNLIKE A GOVERNMENT, WHICH CAN FORCIBLY TAKE AWAY ITS CITIZENS' MONEY AND DICTATE THEIR BEHAVIOR.

The government has also passed onerous environmental regulations that make it uneconomical for many old refineries to keep producing (50 out of 194 refineries were shut down from 1990 to 2004) and discourage new refineries from being built (no major refinery has been built in the last 30 years).

Regulations such as these push the surviving refineries to operate at almost full capacity, creating a situation where any significant reduction in the production of some refineries (e.g., from a hurricane) cannot be compensated by increased production in others. Exorbitant spikes in prices, which many attribute to oil companies' "gouging," are actually caused by government constraints.

If we want to stop the irrational forces that have been driving up the price of gasoline and our cost of living, we must demand that our elected officials eliminate the regulations and excessive taxes that restrict the producers of oil and gas. It's past time to stop gouging oil companies — and ourselves.

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Sense making

WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH, I WANTED to be a newsboy on the corner yelling, "Extra, extra, read all about it!" And when the signal turned red, and a driver honked, I'd dash over to the car with the paper. But my parents said it was too dangerous. (Imagine that!) So, with saddlebags on my bike, I got a paper route. It was fun, but had none of the newsboy glamour. So if I ever start one of these columns with, "Extra, extra, read all about it," don't panic, I'm just having a flashback.

In high school, I was the sports editor. My idol was L.A. Times columnist Jim Murray, whose prose about the world of sports won him a Pulitzer Prize. Today, the Times' page 2 sports columnist is T.J. Simers, whose sarcasm is designed to get angry e-mails so he can put the reader down. To picture Simers, imagine if Ann Coulter was a man. Actually, that isn't too hard, given her rather pronounced Adam's apple. But, of course, I'm just joking. (Isn't that what she said about what she called John Edwards?)

I love getting e-mails from readers, though some can be a little negative. Some have said I'm unpatriotic and a lousy writer. (Picky, picky.) Sometimes, however, the same readers enjoyed an earlier column and suggest I do "more of those." The problem is having already done "those," it isn't terribly challenging to do it again. Except for bashing Bush, which my conservative friends complain, I never seem to tire of. (I'll stop Jan. 20, 2009 or when he's impeached, whichever comes first.)

But I get favorable e-mails too. In response to my column about General Butler (l881-1940), I received one from Norman Axe, a retired Army colonel with 31 years in the Reserves. He's a walking Wikipedia on Butler. He also quoted Eisenhower: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." Mr. Axe has a novel suggestion. Since Prince Harry is going to Iraq, perhaps it's time the Bush twins do a tour of duty.

I also received an e-mail from John Marciano, professor emeritus at the State University of New York at Cortland. He too was versed in Butler's anti-militarist critique, along with the "War Prayer," which Mark Twain wrote about American intervention in the Philippines. If Twain had been around in 2003, I'm quite sure he'd have been against the war. (He'd have been 168, however.)

Often I'm asked how do I come up with ideas week after week. (I'm also asked why I bother.) Coming up with an idea is not the problem, making sense out of it in 800 words is. Years ago, a friend introduced me to the producer of "Seinfeld" as a tennis partner. (At the time, the show was in pre-production.) Chatting after tennis, he'd often mention how much I was like one of the characters, which was flattering until I found it was George Costanza!

Finally, I mustered the nerve to ask if I could write for "Seinfeld." My hopes were quickly dashed when he said "No!" (That would do it.) To be so close and yet so far away, and now for it to be part of a column is actually a little like a "Seinfeld" episode. The point being, coming up with ideas aren't the problem.

OFTEN I'M ASKED HOW DO I COME UP WITH IDEAS WEEK AFTER WEEK ... COMING UP WITH AN IDEA IS NOT THE PROBLEM, MAKING SENSE OUT OF IT IN 800 WORDS IS.

When I write I imagine an audience, otherwise it feels like talking to myself, which I do enough of as it is. I live in a high-rise with lots of neighbors, many of whom comment on my column, though often it's just to say they missed that issue. I suggest going online at smdp.com, which often leads to will I show them on their computer. But usually they don't have DSL and I wind up sitting in their apartment for 20 minutes for the file to open, thinking of things to say, like, "I love what you've done with the place."

A Daily Press newsstand is next door, but it frequently runs out. Some neighbors have asked if I could pick them up a copy. So now, every Friday, I get extra copies, which I leave at their door. All I need are saddlebags and I'll be back to my paper route days. I just hope I don't wind up in the lobby yelling, "Extra, extra, read all about it!"

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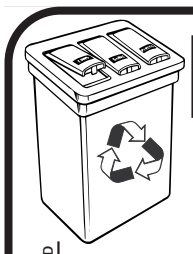
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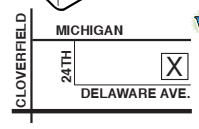

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The Q Line

How are we publishing?

Running a daily newspaper is hard work. This is by no means an excuse, but a fact of covering the news. We'd like to think we're doing a good job of representing our coverage area, but we often find ourselves in opposition to the general reading public. It's hard to please everybody at once or so the saying goes. So, what are we to think?

This week's Q-Line question asks:

What kind of job do you believe the Santa Monica Daily Press is doing in covering the subjects and events that shape our lives?

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BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE What would Jesus do ... with an iPod?

If he was so inclined, he could listen to some Christian rock or a recently downloaded sermon from the Sunday service at the Risen Church in Santa Monica.

Since the Risen Church formed almost two years ago — meeting every Sunday evening at the Trinity Chapel on California Avenue — the sermons have been made available via podcast for followers who miss the service or want to relive the experience once again through their iPods or MP3 players.

The times, they are a changin' in the traditional world of religion and the rapidly advancing world of technology.

"You have groups that are seeking to attract members from outside as well as maintain contact with who are already members," said Scott Bartchy, a UCLA professor who covers the history of religion. "If you don't exploit these means of communication, churches will, step by step, lose contact."

The changes are already evident in Santa Monica, where several churches have embraced technology, incorporating it into the services that they offer.

Leaders at the Risen Church noticed that other religious institutions across the country were offering their sermons on tape or on compact disc after services were over. They decided to take it one step further by making the audio of the services available with a click of a mouse.

"Technology and the Internet has allowed people to connect to one another in ways they never were able to do before," said Risen Çhurch Teaching Director Trevor DeBenning. "We got an e-mail a few months ago from someone in India who listens to what we're talking about in Santa Monica and really digs it. We have friends in Tennessee who listens to what we're talking about."

In the future, DeBenning hopes to offer the services streamed live on the Web so church members who are out of town can still catch their Sunday fix from a computer.

Still, nothing replaces face-to-face communication, DeBenning said.

Rabbi Jeff Marx at Santa Monica Synagogue agrees. While the synagogue is moving in the direction of incorporating technology more into its services, he said it will never implement something impersonal like a phone tree system.

"I do not want a congregant or a stranger to go through a convoluted system of punching in numbers," Marx said. "I always have a live person answering."

Unless it's after hours, of course, in which case an answering machine picks up.

One of the biggest changes over at Santa Monica Synagogue is the reduction of snail mail and the increase of e-mail. The synagogue also just created a new Web site a few months ago and has been told the site has been used as a model for other Jewish congregations across the country.

"We're big fans in terms of technological changes," Marx said.

In fact, Marx is an avid user of the Palm Pilot, carrying his Bible and a Jewish holiday calendar in the handheld device.

And though the synagogue is exploring other ways to move toward the future, Marx does not foresee podcasting or live streaming at Santa Monica Synagogue.

"You're either there or you're not," he said.

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UPLOAD: **Jason Farmer, communication coordinator and web master for St. Monica Parish, updates the church's website on Wednesday.**

REACHING THE RAFTERS

Many churches in the city seem to be taking baby steps in terms of technology, acknowledging that change is necessary for outreach.

St. Monica's Catholic Church has been busy working to improve its Web site, which is still in its interim phase and is basically used for informative, rather than interactive, purposes.

That may change in the future, said Jason Farmer, communications coordinator at St. Monica's. He is currently working on creating a function on the Web site to allow interested church followers to download registration forms.

"We're hoping that the Web site itself can be a ministry," Farmer said.

The church is also looking to offer audio services and stream mass live on the weekends, Farmer said.

Web sites offer the added benefit of anonymity to potential followers who want to explore a church without actually contacting the church, Bartchy said.

"They can do this without making an initial kind of commitment," he said.

Things are a little bit more basic at the Church on Pearl Street, formerly the Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

"There is a lot of stuff out there that we don't have yet, but we're heading in that way," said Pastor Jeff McCulty. "We use PowerPoint, we use microphones and some stuff."

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>
> Trevor DeBenning
> Teaching Director, Risen Church

Technology is necessary for the church to conduct outreach in the future since face-to-face outreach has become increasingly difficult as people shy away from strangers, McCulty said.

"There is no other way to do it," he said. "It's hard to grab people's attention without (technology)."

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Court dates in pair's near future

FROM UCLA PAGE 3

would "fill out some forms ... and walk out of the office," Brill said.

"He (Nelson) treated everything as official. He required his clients to fill out anatomical request forms," Brill said.

Brill also said he suspected the arrest was a ploy to keep his client from testifying in dozens of lawsuits pending against the university over disposition of cadavers.

Reid's attorney, Melvyn Sacks, defended his client.

"Henry's as big a victim in this matter as UCLA is and they were both victimized by a master thief, Ernest Nelson," Sacks said. "I have every confidence that justice will be done when we get into court."

Reid could be sentenced to as much as five years and eight months in prison if convicted on all counts, while Nelson faces up to seven years and eight months, said Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Bodies donated to the university were supposed to be used for medical study and research. Prosecutors said that instead, Reid, an embalmer, made $43,000 by selling remains to Nelson, who operated Empire Anatomical Co.

Nelson, in turn, made more than $1 million by selling hundreds of body parts to more than 20 private medical, pharmaceutical and hospital research companies, the prosecution said.

Prosecutors contended that he and Reid tried to hide the scheme by creating false forms indicating Nelson had authority to receive the body parts.

The scheme began to unravel in 2003, prosecutors said, after a state health investigator became concerned about a sale to a La Jolla company and contacted the university.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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.

Hello dolly: Crooks can't fight City Halls

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28, AT 6:30 A.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1700 block of Fourth Street after receiving a report about a burglary at the finance department for City Hall. When officers arrived, they spoke with city employees who said that someone used a drill to force open the door to their suite and made off with five computers, $100 in cash and a dolly. The finance department is located in an office building near City Hall. Detectives viewed a surveillance video and were able to identify at least one of two men seen leaving the area with the stolen items. One of the suspects used to work in the building for a private vendor, police said. Search and arrest warrants were issued for two locations, one in South Gate and the other in Bell Gardens. Two men were arrested and all of the items were recovered. The suspects were identified as Josue Vidal Quinonez, 19 of Bell Gardens, and Sergio Chavarria, 47, of South Gate. Bail was set at $20,000 each. The computers were valued at $8,400, police said.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25, AT 11:30 P.M.

Police responded to the 2600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding an attempted robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived at the location, they spoke with a man who said he was walking along Ocean Park Boulevard when he was approached by two people he knew from living on the streets. The two allegedly asked him for some beer and when the victim told them he had no beer and no money, the two suspects began punching him in the face. The victim managed to escape and call police. Officers located the suspects a few blocks away. The two were arrested for attempted robbery. They were identified as Sara Garcia Montes, 30, a transient, and Marcelino Castro Ybarra, 45, also a transient. Bail was set at $50,000 each.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, AT 5:40 P.M.

Police responded to the 2900 block of Main Street — Planet Blue — regarding a burglary that had just taken place. When officers arrived, they noticed the store's glass door had been smashed by a brick and that $2,600 worth of clothing had been removed. Investigators searched the store for clues and discovered a backpack containing information on one of the suspects. Detectives drove to an apartment in the 2800 block of Neilson Way, where they arrested two men — Mark Alan Racco, 30, and Louie Ramon Sabatasso, 36. Both are residents of Santa Monica, police said. They were booked for burglary and for being under the influence of narcotics. Bail was set at $42,000 each.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, AT 12:20 P.M.

Police responded to the 800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — Jack in the Box — regarding an assault and battery investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he had gone into the fast-foot restaurant to inform employees about a man who was outside aggressively panhandling, causing a disturbance. A security guard confronted the man outside the restaurant and asked him to leave. An argument ensued. The man who originally called security tried to pull out mace to spray the panhandler, but was punched in the face, police said. The suspect was detained by security and placed under arrest for assault and battery. The suspect was identified as David Andrew Neal, 45, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, AT 4:35 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade — Subway — regarding a report of shoplifting. When officers arrived, they detained a man who employees said had repeatedly taken potato chips and soda without paying. Officers arrested the suspect for shoplifting and a probation violation. He was identified as Michael Drew Hutchings, 20, a transient. His bail was set at $10,750

MONDAY, FEB. 26, AT 2:50 P.M.

Police on routine patrol in Palisades Park said they noticed a man smoking marijuana. When officers approached, the man tried to hide a cellophane wrapper with marijuana wrapped inside of it, police said. Officers searched the suspect and recovered it. They also found a metal, spring-loaded center punch commonly used to break into vehicles, police said. The suspect was arrested for being in possession of narcotics and burglary tools. The suspect was identified as Joshua Allen Jackson, 18, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

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City purchases bundle of properties

FROM **REAL ESTATE** PAGE 1

"Downtown is not just the [Third Street] promenade," said Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz, a member of the downtown parking task force, which recommended thousands of new parking spaces be added in the coming years to accommodate increased commercial and residential activity.

"Basically we're talking about Ocean Avenue to Lincoln [Boulevard]," Katz said. "If that's what we want downtown to be, we need to spread out parking and go for one-stop parking where you drop off your car and use trams and other modes of transportation. That's the main goal and we need as much of those big parcels as we can get now because the prices are not going to get any cheaper.

"You really have only one shot," Katz said of some of the larger, contiguous lots.

While parking is a concern, Councilman Kevin McKeown believes that the land should not be solely dedicated to new structures, but rather, should be for a mix of uses determined by residents.

McKeown voted against the downtown parking task force's recommendation to add more than 1,700 parking spaces because "it was predicated on needing an additional thousand parking spaces for half a million square feet of future commercial development Santa Monicans haven't had a chance to evaluate.

"We have real and immediate parking needs for existing businesses and their employees and customers, which I support solving," McKeown added. "How the land we just purchased should be used is up to Santa Monicans, though, and we need to listen hard to hear whether our community wants to house people instead of cars or chooses to dedicate part of the newly public land to open space and recreational facilities."

More parks sounds good to Dr. Barbara Shore, but so does another structure. The therapist, who has spent the last nine years working in downtown, said she likes the new mixed-use developments that have sprung up around her because they bring life to what was once a fairly dead neighborhood.

But with that activity comes added traffic and parking has become difficult. Some of her clients have had trouble finding parking close to her office, she said.

"I think one more structure would help, but I would not want to see a lot of structures cluttering up the skyline," Shore said. "I would really like to see a mix of uses, like more places for people to gather with more housing and rapid transit. All of those things together would really help make this a vibrant community, where the old could mingle with the young and we can really make this like a village."

Katz said he is open to new ideas and has proposed building any new structures so that they can be converted into other uses, such as office space or housing, if the parking spaces are no longer needed in the future.

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IN FOR CHANGES: **The Sears auto center on Colorado Avenue is among the properties purchased by the city.**

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GETTING PERSONAL

Nintendo's Wii difficult to find

FROM **CONSOLE** PAGE 3

It all started in early January, about a week before my boyfriend's birthday. I became infatuated with the Wii after playing it for hours at a friend's house.

Playing the Wii has been great for my athletic self-esteem. When I'm playing Wii tennis, my returns don't go flying outside the court onto a car. When I'm playing the Wii, I feel like I should be in one of those ESPN commercials where the athlete is walking around the ESPN offices.

Pretty pathetic, right?

Anyway, my boyfriend mentioned on more than one occasion that he would love to have a Wii. I took that as a hint to go out and find him a Wii. I made a few calls. Best Buy, EB Games, Toys "R" Us, Target and Wal-Mart all gave the same response — no Wii, no information about the next shipment.

I knew I was in for a battle.

Desperate to get a Wii in time for his 26th birthday, I sought the assistance of Craigslist and eBay where I found consoles listed for sale starting at $400.

I laughed. While the look on my boyfriend's face when he opens the Wii would be priceless, it wasn't a tacked on-$150-kind of priceless. Do you know how many pairs of shoes I can buy for $150?

My last desperate attempt to buy a Wii for my boyfriend's birthday ended at Wal-Mart, when I saw that the big box store sold $250 Wii gift certificates. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to receive an I.O.U. for my birthday. So I gave up and bought him a new iPod jacket, a $50 gift certificate and an iPod car adapter for his birthday.

By giving up, I actually meant I gave up on finding a Wii for my boyfriend's birthday. I didn't throw in the towel on finding the Wii. Not by a long shot.

I have since been making calls around Santa Monica a few times a week.

"No!" the annoyed store clerks always reply.

"When will you receive your next shipment?"

"I heard that we might get some (insert favorite day of the week here.)"

According to a sales associate at EB Games in Santa Monica Place, the employees never really know when a shipment of the Wii comes in, until they spot the line forming outside the store.

When word gets out somehow that a store is going to receive a couple of consoles, video game fanatics often begin lining up at 3 a.m.

I thought my luck had changed a few weeks ago when I called the Santa Monica Place EB Games. The sales associate told me that she heard the store would receive some at 1 p.m. that day.

Sweet, I thought. At 1 p.m., the store should still be empty since classes would still be in session.

I lost track of time and didn't get to the store until 2 p.m. Too late, all three game consoles were sold within the first few minutes and I cursed all the way down the escalator.

CRACK FOR A NEW GENERATION

My most recent attempt occurred on Thursday afternoon when I went back to EB Games and Circuit City in Downtown Santa Monica. As expected, neither had any in stock.

The sales associate at EB Games said that he receives about 100 calls a day asking if the Wii is in stock. There is also the occasional fanatic that walks in the store with the same inquiry.

At Circuit City, the sales associate said that they expect to receive some on Monday. The store most recently had 19 Wii consoles in stock about four weeks ago.

I tried searching Craigslist again to see if a kind soul would be willing to sell a Wii for less than $400. One such soul is Sam Bhavnani of Torrance, who is selling the Wii for $320. The Long Beach State student has sold between 25 and 30 units, earning more than $2,500 since the units were released.

> **"MY FRIENDS AND I THOUGHT WE SHOULD MAKE A MOVIE THAT WII IS LIKE CRACK."**
>
> Sam Bhavnani
> Wii re-saler

Interestingly enough, he doesn't have his own console.

"My friends and I thought we should make a movie that Wii is like crack," Bhavnani said on Thursday. "They have crackheads who are hooked on crack. Well, there are people who are hooked on the Wii."

Myself included.

Best Buy seems to be the worst place to try and find the Wii, according to Bhavnani, who always seems to call the store the day after it sold the last of its consoles. He also has a theory that the employees at Toys "R" Us and Target are trying to save the Wii for themselves and their friends.

"I call Target and they'll say they don't have the Wii, but when I go in there, they'll have 10," he said.

As I was driving around on my lunch break on Wilshire Boulevard, I saw a very unhappy looking clown holding a sign that Aahs had some Wii and PlayStation 3 systems in stock.

Finally, I thought.

My bubble quickly burst when I found out that the store was selling it for $399.

Because Aahs is a mom-and-pop establishment, the business cannot afford to buy the Wii in bulk from Nintendo, according to Ray Singh. Instead, Aahs will buy the Wii and PlayStation 3 from "local distributors."

Even though the Wii is expensive, the store has no trouble finding customers.

I gazed longingly at the Wii that sat behind the counter, almost taunting me.

When I do get the Wii, I will kiss the box before I tear it open and connect the Wii to my television. Until then, all I can do is sit back, make some more calls and pay some more visits to Best Buy and EB Games.

Give me my damn Wii already.

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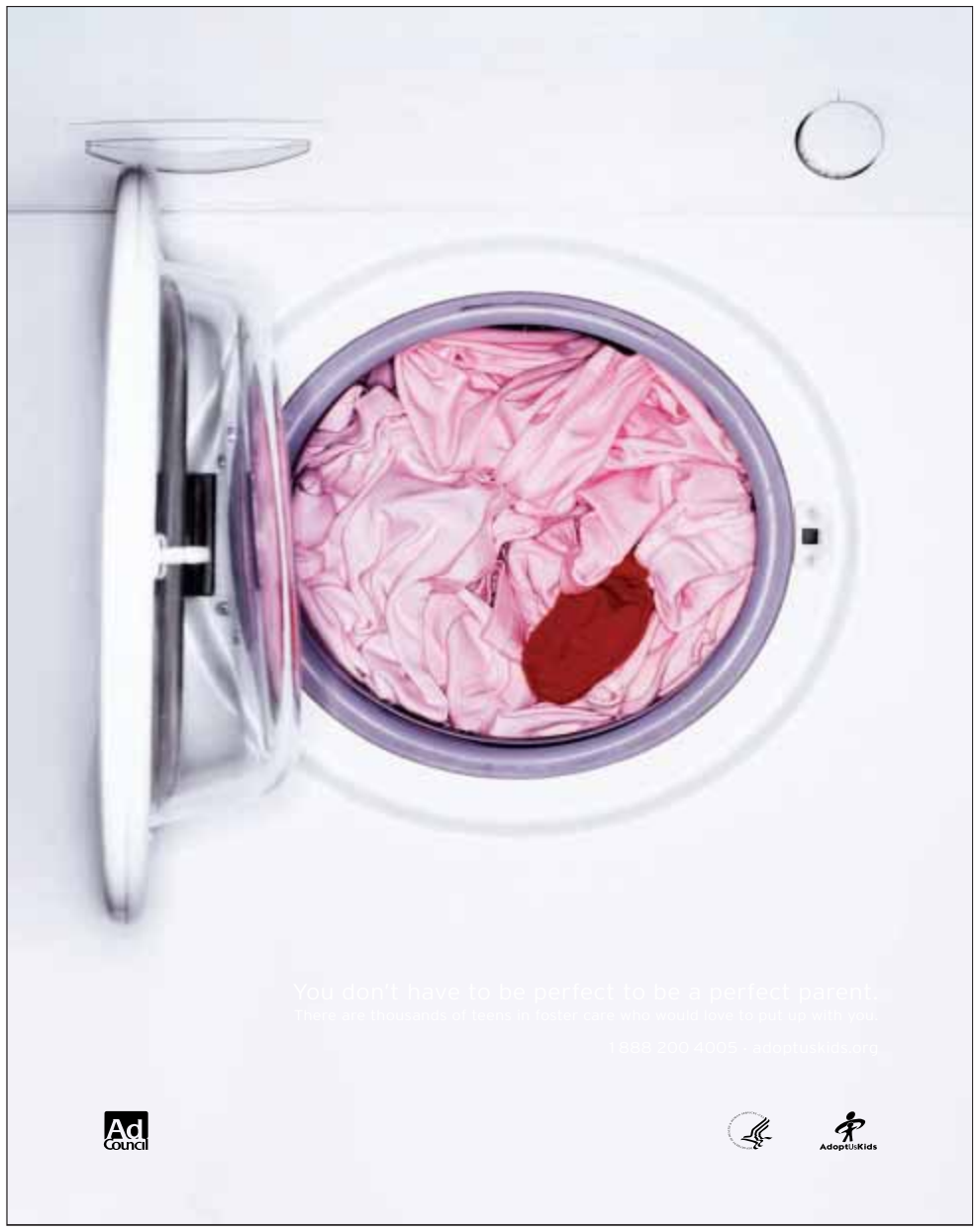

Professor delivers final lecture

'Psychology of evil' author turned war critic leaves Stanford

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

PALO ALTO The retiring psychology professor who ran the famed Stanford Prison Experiment savagely criticized the Bush administration's War on Terror Wednesday and said senior government officials should be tried for crimes against humanity.

In his final lecture at Stanford University, Philip Zimbardo said abuses committed by Army reservists at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison weren't isolated incidents by rogue soldiers. Rather, sadism was the inevitable result of U.S. government policies that condone brutality toward enemies, he said.

Individual military personnel — those who stripped prisoners and leashed them like dogs — are only as culpable as the people who created the overall environment in which the soldiers operated, Zimbardo told undergraduates enrolled in Introductory Psychology.

"Good American soldiers were corrupted by the bad barrel in which they too were imprisoned," said Zimbardo, 73. "Those barrels were designed, crafted, maintained and mismanaged by the bad barrel makers, from the top down in the military and civilian Bush administration."

The professor blasted President Bush, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and other senior officials who said that al-Qaida and Taliban captives would be considered "unlawful combatants" rather than "prisoners of war," a designation that would invoke the Geneva Convention.

He said those officials "should be tried for the crimes against humanity."

Past president of the American Psychology Association, Zimbardo is best known as the author of 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment, in which 24 male college students assumed the roles of prison guards and prisoners for $15 per day.

Participants — who had no criminal records and seemed psychologically "normal" when selected — flipped coins to determine who would be a guard and who'd be a prisoner.

By day two, guards were going far beyond keeping prisoners behind bars: They stripped prisoners naked, cloaked their heads with paper bags, shaved prisoners' hair and dressed them in frilly smocks.

The two-week experiment had to be canceled after six days because the guards became dangerously sadistic.

Native Americans decry denial of health care

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO American Indians say they are being illegally denied care at taxpayer-funded clinics that have long served all people of native ancestry but recently began excluding members of tribes that lack formal recognition by the U.S. government.

Federal officials deny that qualified patients are being turned away and say they're doing all they can to ensure a health program for urban Indians isn't shut down entirely. The Indian Health Service oversees 33 clinics nationwide that provide free or discounted, culturally sensitive medical services to city-dwelling Indians.

Native groups say federal law requires the clinics to serve all patients of Indian ancestry, but some have recently stopped admitting those who can't document their federal tribal status, patients and clinic officials told The Associated Press.

"They said if you don't have federal paperwork you can't get service anymore," said Vera Quiroga, a Yaqui elder who was turned away from a clinic she helped found in Santa Barbara and now has to drive to a far-off reservation to get her teeth cleaned.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs doesn't recognize the 82-year-old as Yaqui, even though her children and grandchildren have tribal documentation.

Under the American Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, Congress funds health care programs for members of tribes.

From Moscow to hospital for local women

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Two American women who were hospitalized in Moscow for suspected thallium poisoning flew home to the United States on Wednesday, as colleagues and relatives struggled to understand how the two were exposed to a potentially fatal chemical.

Dr. Marina Kovalevsky, 49, and her daughter, Yana, 26, arrived at Los Angeles International Airport aboard an Aeroflot flight and were taken in wheelchairs past news media to two waiting ambulances and placed on gurneys.

"We're going to the hospital straight away," Yana Kovalevsky told reporters. "We just got off a 12-hour flight. Please give us a break."

The two were taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for evaluation and were later admitted, said hospital spokeswoman Simi Singer.

"Both women are alert and in stable condition," Singer said, adding she had no information on why the two were admitted. "It is too early to determine what may have caused their illness."

In Moscow, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Russian officials were investigating how and when the women could have come into contact with poison.

Catching pay

Veterans of atomic tests need faster compensation

By the Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Thousands of U.S. military personnel who witnessed nuclear bomb explosions at the Nevada Test Site and in the South Pacific should not be required to have their exposures reconstructed in order to receive compensation, an atomic veterans advocate said.

Despite attempts by defense and veterans agencies to estimate external doses of radiation-laced dust and sea water mist, measurements weren't made in many cases of how much soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen were exposed, R.J. Ritter, commander of the National Association of Atomic Veterans Inc., said Wednesday.

The dose reconstruction effort, like that for civilian Cold War nuclear workers, often results in denials of compensation claims for those who served honorably and were muzzled by secrecy oaths, Ritter told the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction, meeting in Las Vegas.

Ritter, of Houston, served aboard the USS Tawasa for the 1955 underwater Wigwam atomic test off the coast of San Diego. He recalled that the mess hall was declared off-limits because of high radiation.

"However, after we returned to port, we were told the incident did not happen," he said.

Retired Army Col. George Edwin Taylor, a board member and former nuclear weapons officer, was at the Nevada Test Site for a 1957 atomic blast 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"During the test we were prone in trenches, with gas masks, ponchos, steel helmets and our hands covering our eyes," Taylor wrote in a statement about his experience.

"The most memorable events during the test were the instantaneous extremely bright light that was blinding, even while in the bottom of a trench with your eyes closed and covered, and followed about five seconds later by the blast which forced you downward even while prone in the bottom of an 8-foot-deep trench."

Taylor said he had a pair of malignant melanoma tumors surgically removed in the 1990s.

> **"DURING THE TEST WE WERE PRONE IN TRENCHES, WITH GAS MASKS ... AND OUR HANDS COVERING OUR EYES."**
>
> George Edwin Taylor
> Retired Army Col.

Dr. James Zimble, chairman of the veterans advisory board, said the board took seriously Ritter's slide show of atomic tests and military personnel.

The board makes recommendations to its sponsor agencies, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Ritter estimated that as many as 500,000 U.S. military and support personnel were exposed to radiation during nuclear weapons tests.

STATE BRIEFS

Santa Ana

Father wants $20 million over jailhouse death of son

The father of an inmate killed in an Orange County jail wants $20 million, blaming jailers for the attack by other prisoners.

John D. Chamberlain, 41, jailed on misdemeanor possession of child pornography charges, was killed on Oct. 5, 2006, by other inmates at Theo Lacy Jail in Orange.

George Chamberlain of Chino Valley, Ariz., the man's 79-year-old father, filed the $20 million wrongful death claim this week blaming the Sheriff's Department for "outing" his son and failing to place him in protective custody. Such claims are usually precursors to a lawsuit.

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Oxnard

Party hosts face stiff fines for underage boozing

Party hosts face stiff fines if they allow underage boozing.

Next month, property owners, parents, landlords and tenants will be fined $250 to $1,000 if anyone under 21 years old is drinking alcohol.

The so-called "social host" law was unanimously approved Tuesday night by the City Council. Seven other cities and Ventura County already have such ordinances.

Fines range from $250 for a first offense to $1,000 for repeat violations. The law takes effect 30 days after the council's final reading of the ordinance March 13.

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Colton

Chief of police placed on paid administrative leave

Police Chief Ken Rulon was escorted out of police headquarters and ordered to turn in his badge and gun after officials told him he was being placed on paid administrative leave.

Rulon, 43, has been the focus of a five-month investigation into possible misconduct but no reason was given for placing him on leave. Officials said it involved a personnel matter and no details would be divulged.

"Chief Rulon will need to report in with the city manager prior to entering the Police Department," City Manager Daryl Parrish said in a memorandum to police headquarters.

Rulon was escorted from the building by lieutenants and he was required to turn in his gun and badge. He was allowed to keep his city vehicle until Friday, Parrish said.

Rulon refused comment and referred callers to his attorney Brad Gage, who said the action was retaliation for Rulon's reporting wrongdoing by city officials to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office last year.

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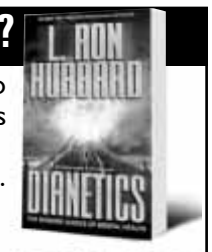

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Development Review Permit 06-006 and Tract Map 06-017, 1041-1047 17th Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 64459 to subdivide one lot into eight airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed two-story, eight-unit residential condominium project that will have a mezzanine level and subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.020. The proposed project requires a Development Review Permit because the project will be located in the R2 zoning district and have a floor area that is greater than 15,000 square feet. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant: Essick/Marshall Design Group. Property Owner: Westland Mortgage Inc.** [Continued from February 21, 2007.]

Tract Map 06-037, 1434 14th Street. The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 68353 to subdivide one lot into six airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed six-unit condominium development and a subterranean garage. The applicant is applying for a subdivision pursuant to Section 9.20.04.020 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. [Planner: Masa Alkire, AICP] **Applicant/Property Owner: Lilly Koeff.**

Tract Map 07-001, 1237 25th Street. The applicant requests approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 67567 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: Gina Szilak] **Applicant/Property Owner: Dr. Robert C. Hamilton.** [Continued from February 21, 2007.]

Tract Map 07-004, 1920 Montana Avenue. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 68538 pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030 for a six unit airspace subdivision in conjunction with the construction of six (6) new residential condominium units. [Planner: Masa Alkire, AICP] **Applicant: Shahab Ghods, Plus Architects. Property Owner: Hom T. Shokrai, 1920 Montana LLC.**

Tract Map 07-008, 1038 21st Street. The applicant requests approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 68232 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: Ivan Lai] **Applicant/Property Owner: 1038 21st Street, LLC.**

Tract Map 07-012, 1417 Yale Street. The applicant requests approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 68197 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: Ivan Lai] **Applicant: Michelle Cardiel. Property Owner: Bob Sinai & Eaton Sharaf.**

WHEN: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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

City of Santa Monica

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.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY 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.

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.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Photo Courtesy

Simon's got the 'Blues' in Westchester

Kentwood Players presents Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" at the Westchester Playhouse beginning March 9. "Biloxi Blues" is set at an army basic training camp in Biloxi, Mississippi in the summer of 1943. Six young recruits learn to "BE ARMY" and in the process learn about themselves, each other, and the war-torn world they are about to enter. Larry Jones directs this comedic coming-of-age story.

The show runs from March 9 through April 14. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are $16, with a $2 discount for seniors and students. For reservations, call (310) 645-5156; Tuesday through Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. For group ticket sales of 15 tickets or more, contact Calia Mintzer at (310) 837-3609. The Westchester Playhouse is located at 8301 Hindry Ave., Westchester. For information on current and future productions, visit www.kentwoodplayers.org.

DAILY PRESS

Say yo' piece

A selection of artwork from the 'Yo! What Happened to Peace?' poster exhibit will be on display at Imix Books in Eagle Rock from March 4 through April 1. The 'Yo!' show will be shown in conjunction with 'We Say No,' a participatory activist video project. This event is presented by The Ministry of Culture.

'Yo! What Happened to Peace?' is an exhibition of contemporary pro-peace, anti-war & anti-occupation posters designed to spread the message of non-violence and showcase hand-crafted printing. After traveling to Tokyo, San Francisco, New York, Milan, Rejkyavik, Washington D.C., Boston and Chicago, the 'Yo!' show is making a return to its hometown of Los Angeles before heading back to Europe for a series of exhibitions. Selections include works by Chaz Bojorquez, Emek, Karen Fiorito, Favianna Rodriguez and many others. A limited number of prints will be for sale during the exhibition.

Photo Courtesy

The activist video project, 'We Say No,' is a participatory concept in which anyone who wishes may voice their opinion on the 700 mile-long proposed border fence between the United States and Mexico. Attendees are encouraged to step into a video booth and have their opinions recorded about the proposed dividing fence. The two-minute statements from this project will be used in a documentary made in collaboration with The Ministry of Culture, Imix Books and Patricia Cunliffe. To learn more, visit www.ministryofculture.org.

For more information on the 'Yo!' exhibit, visit www.yowhathappenedtopeace.org. Imix Books is located at 5052 Eagle Rock Blvd., Los Angeles and is open from noon – 4 p.m. Free parking is available on the street and in the lot behind Imix Books. For more information, visit www.imixbooks.com.

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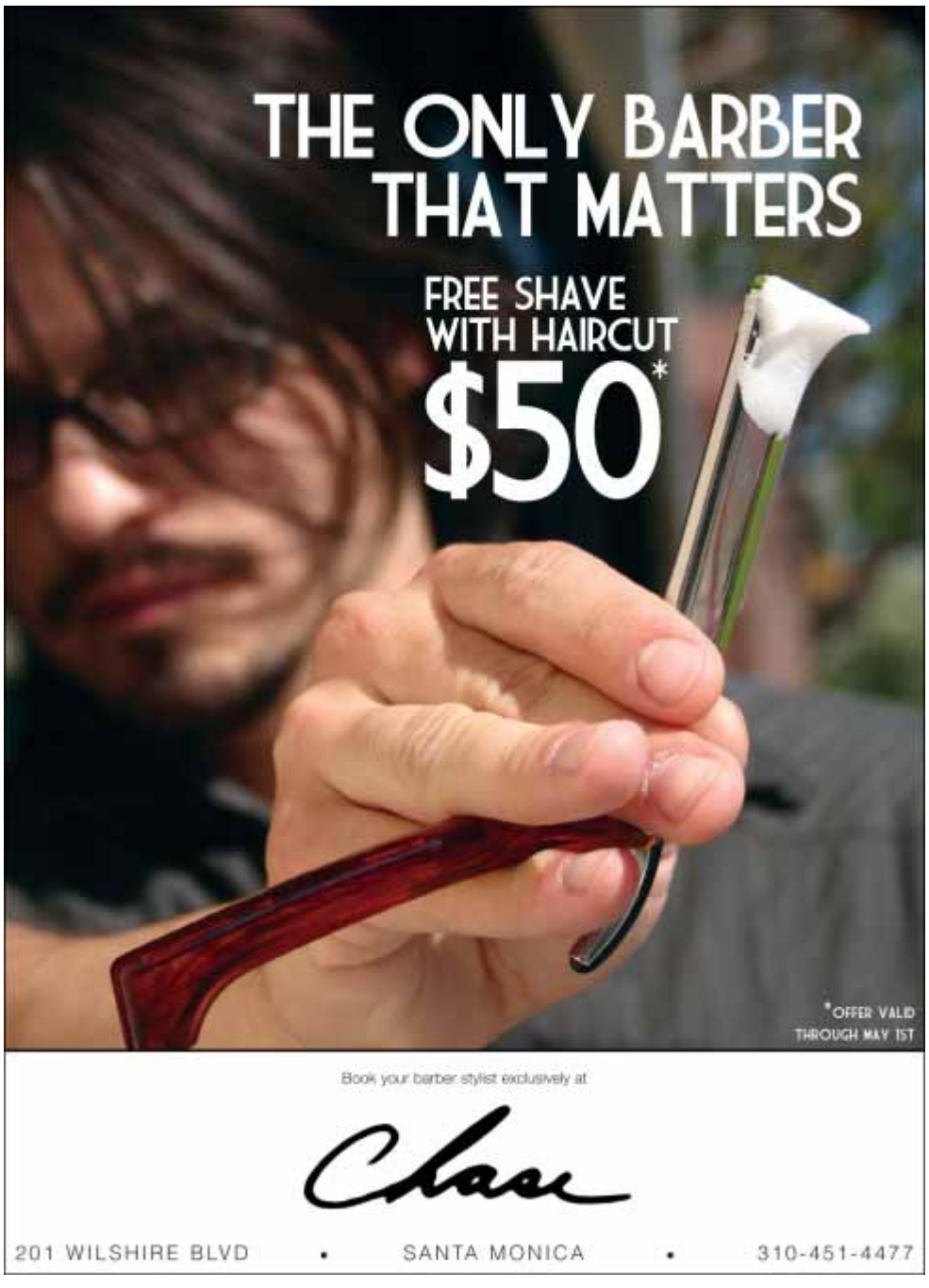

SM songbird hopes Net can be a stepping stone

FROM JAM PAGE 3

Estefan, Patsy Cline, and Whitney Houston, said she will continue to campaign on social networking sites like MySpace.com, and is planning to hit radio stations in her hometown of San Jose, where she has been performing publicly since she was 7.

"Competition is in my blood," Ruiz said. "I'm a fighter. This kind of opportunity doesn't come around often and when it does, you've got to go for it."

Since joining the competition, the Mexican-American beauty has seen her popularity soar, as fans from across the country have caught on to her sound.

"It's been amazing to see the number of people who have contacted me to tell me they like my music," she said. "Since the first day I signed up, I noticed a huge jump in the number of people checking out my site (www.yolandaruiz.com)."

It was traffic of another kind that brought Ruiz to Santa Monica. After moving to Los Angeles roughly four years ago to pursue her career in music, she hooked up with a producer with a studio in downtown Santa Monica. As an artist, inspiration comes and goes, and Ruiz felt that when an idea struck, she needed to be close to the studio to get it out, so she moved.

"I love it here," said Ruiz, who writes many of her tunes at the old Newsroom Cafe. "The weather is so beautiful and you don't have to drive anywhere, which is nice."

Photo courtesy

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The Art Palette

Hamp Simmons — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Art Walk ready for take off

THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ART WALK IS ONLY THE FIRST OF THE TERRIFIC outdoor productions that will be presented by Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division this spring and summer. Mark your calendars now for the Santa Monica Festival that will take place on Sunday, May 20 in Clover Park. The Festival gives us a chance to boast about our City's magnificent environment and abundant culture while we spend the day with friends and family.

This year's talent line-up includes Hula Halau O Kamuela Elua performing Hawaiian music and dance; Leon Mobley & Da Lion, a West African music and dance company; Bollywood Step Dance which will bring us Bollywood spectacular; Rhythm Roots Allstars and their funky electro-brazilian, dancehall afrobeats;and Los Super Elegantes a cross cultural, electronic, mariachi punk-pop melange that will have you dancing in the grass.

ANDRE MYERS WITH THE SANTA MONICA SYMPHONY
7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 11
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main Street

The Santa Monica Symphony presents the third concert of their season on Sunday at the Civic Auditorium. Admission is free with open seating and no tickets are required, however parking at the Civic is $8 per car. Along with Rossini's Overture to La Gazza Ladra, the Symphony will perform Andre Myers Colored Shadows and Mussorsgsky's Pictures at An Exhibition. There will be a pre-concert talk on the works being performed at 6:30 p.m.by Raymond Knapp in the Auditorium's east wing for anyone who would like to learn more about Sunday's program.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ART WALK
1 to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 10
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Avenue between Bundy and 23rd

Once upon a time, the pioneers of modern aviation such as Howard Hughes, Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart leapt into the air from this historic site. Where engineers once constructed models and blueprints and technicians hammered these designs into great flying machines, artists now take off into new worlds and fabricate works which carry no passengers or freight, but take flight with our imaginations and dreams. The City's Cultural Affairs Division and the Santa Monica Airport, as well as all the venues participating, invite you to discover this hidden cultural resource and its unique creative atmosphere.

The Art Walk is intended to provide a unique opportunity to view the current work of local artists and explore the spaces where their magic comes to fruition. And while the walk is not an art sale, many of the artists participating do have works for sale so feel free to ask them about purchasing one of their creations.

Here are the venues that will be open on Saturday for your visit. You won't want to miss a single one!

OH, DEER, TINE WEJP-OLSEN
Individual Artist Studios
3100, 3050, 3000, and 2900 Airport Drive

Private artist studios can be found throughout the buildings of the Santa Monica Airport. Each open studio will have a sign displaying the Santa Monica Airport Art Walk Studio logo. At 2900 Airport Avenue you can see the studios of artists such as Rachel Lachowicz, Renee Petropoulous, Brian Moss and Trine Wejp-Olsen. More studios can be found at 3000 Aiport Avenue where artists including Tia Tuenge, Christropher Cassanova, Meg Cranston and Shelly Dale Corwin can be found. In the T-Hangars at 3100 Airport Avenue, you'll visit with Joan Vaupen, Gus Harper, Ellwood T. Risk and others.

MARSHLANDS AND HACKBERRY SERIES, C.J. STRAWN
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Avenue

Originally built by Bill Lear of Lear Jet fame, visitors will find individual artist studios located at the Barker Hangar. Some of the artists keeping studios in this historic building are Felicia Martinez, Luchita Mullican and C.J. Strawn.

HAMP SIMMONS is the cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Santa Monica. Send comments or suggestions for the Palette to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.

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'Tintin' ready for Hollywood film debut with Dreamworks

BY RAF CASERT
Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium It was a quarter-century in the making but then again, nothing is easy for cartoon heroes such as Tintin.

Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks, a division of Viacom Inc., has committed to produce at least one movie about the adventures of the intrepid Belgian reporter, said Nick Rodwell, head of Moulinsart NV, Tintin's commercial studio, on Thursday.

"After 25 years, they finally said, `OK, let's go,'" Rodwell said of the protracted talks with Spielberg. In an interview with The Associated Press, Rodwell said the Hollywood company will go into preproduction for a movie, which should appear in theaters in about two years.

It wasn't clear whether the film would be cartoon animation, computer animation or a movie with actors, or which of the 24 cartoon books of Tintin's adventures would be picked.

"If movie No. 1 works, we will continue," Rodwell said.

Courtesy photo
HOT PROPERTY: **Film version coming soon.**

Talks about a Hollywood movie on Tintin, who saves the lives of countless people and makes sure criminals end up behind bars, have long stalled on financial issues and production questions.

The first plan surfaced just before Tintin's creator, Georges Remi, aka Herge, died in 1983. Even at that time, Remi, one of the world's foremost cartoon strip authors, delighted in Hollywood's interest.

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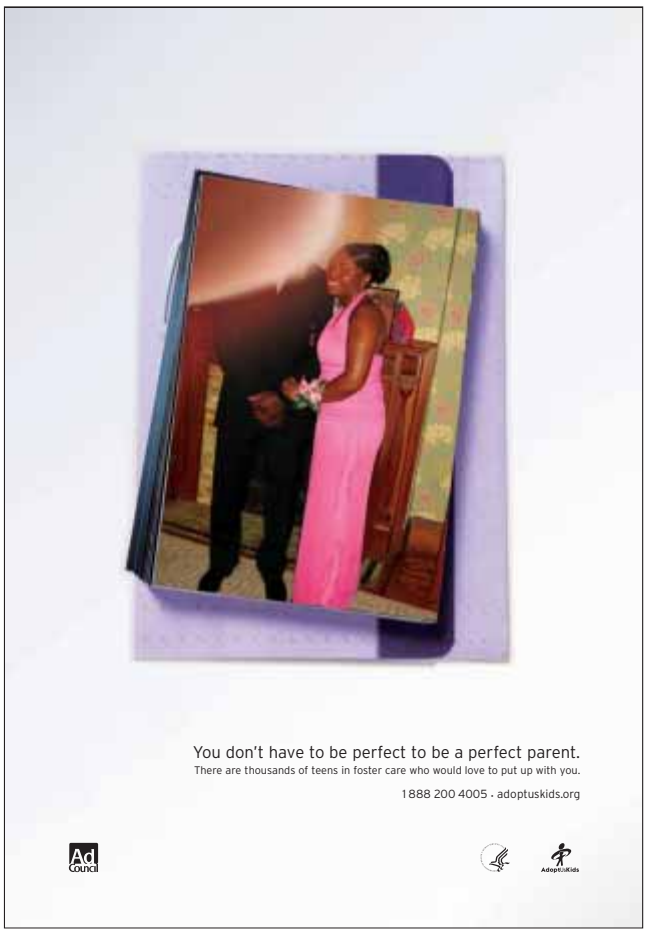

Bush heads to Latin America for healing

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Bush is challenging a widespread perception in Latin America of U.S. neglect that has helped fuel leftist leader Hugo Chavez's rising influence in America's backyard.

Bush, who leaves Thursday on a five-nation tour, will argue that strong democratic governments hold the promise of prosperity. He hopes his journey will resonate with the one in four Latin Americans who live on less than $2 a day and wonder whether democracy will ever deliver them a better life.

"The trip is to remind people that we care," Bush said in an interview Wednesday with CNN En Espanol. "I do worry about the fact that some say, `Well, the United States hasn't paid enough attention to us,' or `The United States really isn't anything more than worried about terrorism.' And when, in fact, the record has been a strong record."

Bush has a weak hand. Anti-Americanism and Bush's poor image, tainted by the war in Iraq, have only fueled Chavez's influence in the region and beyond.

The fiery leader of oil-rich Venezuela, who has labeled Bush "the devil" and dismisses him as the "little gentleman from the North," plans to play to this discontent. He has called for protests during Bush's stay and is leading a rally in Argentina when the president visits neighboring Uruguay.

The president's message: "Regardless of what Hugo Chavez says about us, we're not the bogeyman," said Russell Crandall, a former Western Hemisphere director at the National Security Council who is now at the Center for American Progress.

Bush has packed a suitcase of strategies for nurturing trade, fighting drug-traffickers and curbing poverty and social inequality for his trip, which also will take him to Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Brazil, where protests on Wednesday preceded his visit.

Protesters, most of them women from the Via Campesina farmworkers movement, briefly shut down an iron ore mine, invaded an ethanol distillery and took over the Rio de Janeiro offices of Brazil's National Development Bank. Fresh graffiti reading "Get Out, Bush! Assassin!" in bright red letters popped up along busy highways near the locations in Sao Paulo where Bush will appear as he kicks off his Latin American tour.

Protest organizers denounced foreign investment in the vast sugarcane fields that are used to produce Brazil's ethanol.

Bush and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva are expected to sign an accord to develop standards to help turn ethanol into an internationally traded commodity, and to promote sugar cane-based ethanol production in Central America and the Caribbean to meet rising international demand.

Bush leaves behind fights in Washington over money for an unpopular war, new criticism about inadequate care of wounded U.S. troops returning home from Iraq and this week's conviction of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby for lying and obstructing an investigation into the leak of a CIA operative's identity.

When he first became president, Bush promised that the United States' relationship with the region, Mexico in particular, was a top priority. His first state dinner was for former Mexican President Vicente Fox. The attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, however, turned Bush's focus to the Middle East.

> **BUSH WILL TRY TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS TO COUNTER THIS PERCEPTION THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS ONLY INTERESTED IN IRAQ. IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO TRY TO SHOW A SOFTER, GENTLER BUSH."**
>
> Armand Peschard-Sverdrup
> Mexico director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

Administration officials now are heralding 2007 as the "year of engagement" for the United States in Latin America. The White House says this is not Bush's farewell tour to Latin America, a hint that the president is likely to go to the region again.

Soon after he returns, Bush will host the president of Brazil at Camp David, the first time a Latin American leader has been at the presidential retreat since the early 1990s.

"The U.S. has programs in Latin America, but they go largely unnoticed," said Armand Peschard-Sverdrup, Mexico director at the Center for Strategic Studies.

NAFTA partners agree on label

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. Environmental regulators in the United States and Canada have developed a joint label for farm chemicals that officials say could save American farmers millions of dollars.

The Environmental Protection Agency and its Canadian counterpart announced last Friday the first North American Free Trade Agreement label — for a herbicide marketed as Far-GO in the United States and as Avadex in Canada that can be used for weed control for a wide range of crops.

American farmers have long wanted to import chemicals from Canada because they say they are often cheaper north of the border, but so-called "harmonization" bills have failed in Congress. One impediment to getting legislation passed was the perception that a joint U.S.-Canadian label would be too cumbersome to create, said North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson

"We have proven that NAFTA labels are possible," said Johnson, who worked on the initiative with federal regulators and chemical industry representatives.

"U.S. farmers could save $178 million a year if they had free access to similar pesticides on the Canadian side of the border," he said, citing a 2005 study by North Dakota State University researchers.

Jim Gulliford, an assistant EPA administrator, said 12 additional chemicals are in line for NAFTA labels.

"Joint U.S.-Canadian pesticide labels are a reality," he said. "We can use this as a strategy to reduce trade barriers between our two countries."

Karen Dodds, executive director of Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, said in a statement that the NAFTA label will "improve product access and foster an equal playing field, while maintaining strong human and environmental health protection."

Dean Wanner, a spokesman for Arizona-based Gowan Company LLC, which makes Far-GO and Avadex, said the NAFTA label process will benefit chemical manufacturers because it means their product can move freely across the border. That eliminates the expense of different packaging and labeling, he said.

"It's a matter of efficiency," Wanner said.

He said industry competition would stop companies from raising chemical prices in Canada rather than reducing them in the United States. Farm chemical companies also say prices reflect the cost of different labeling procedures and requirements in the two countries.

PRO TENNIS

Dementieva to miss Indian Wells tourney

By the Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS Add Elena Dementieva to the growing list of star players to pull out of the Pacific Life Open.

A right rib injury forced the fifth-seeded Dementieva to withdraw Wednesday from the tournament that is already missing three of the world's top five players. Dementieva has a stress fracture that could sideline her for six weeks.

"I feel very disappointed," the 25-year-old Dementieva said. "I wanted to play here. I was in the final (last year).

"Now I'm going to miss a couple of tournaments."

Dementieva felt soreness while practicing in Moscow last week and has been in constant pain since, making sleeping and breathing difficult. Now she joins No. 2 Justine Henin, No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo and No. 5 Kim Clijsters on the list of top names missing from the 96-player field of the $2.1 million event.

Top ranked Maria Sharapova, the defending champion, and No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova are the top seeds. No. 29 seed Meghann Shaughnessy, who is ranked 41st, is the top American in the field.

Wild card Mirjana Lucic took another step in her comeback after nearly four years away from the game due to personal and financial problems. She earned a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over Lindsey Nelson in a first-round match on stadium court.

Lucic, a few days shy of her 25th birthday, said she never doubted that she would return as a great player, but financial difficulties prevented her from hiring a coach and doing the necessary traveling.

Now she plans to, "just play from tournament to tournament and play as many matches as I can. Right now, I feel like I just won a Grand Slam. Right now, every match is huge for me."

The 6-foot Lucic, who said she still plays the same "strong, aggressive, powerful" game she did before her absence, will face No. 8 seed Anna Chakvetadze in the second round.

Americans Jill Craybas, Meilen Tu and Shenay Perry also were first-round winners.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball

Colon finally makes tosses

Los Angeles Angels right-hander Bartolo Colon threw off a mound Tuesday for the first time this spring training and said he's making progress in coming back from shoulder trouble.

Colon did not speak with reporters, but issued a statement through a translator.

"I felt very good and comfortable with how everything went and I look forward to my next one," Colon said.

Rehabilitating from a tear in his right rotator cuff, Colon threw for 8 minutes as pitching coach Mike Butcher watched in the bullpen.

Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said recently that Colon, the 2005 AL Cy Young Award winner, could be ready to pitch for the Angels sometime in April.

Colon was limited to 10 appearances last year, going 1-5 with a 5.11 ERA.

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NCAA basketball

UCLA's Guerrero to vote remotelty

UCLA athletic director Dan Guerrero's duties on the NCAA Division I men's basketball committee won't be affected by the death of his father, the NCAA said Wednesday.

Gene Guerrero, 79, died Tuesday after a long battle with cancer, UCLA spokesman Marc Dellins said. Services will be Saturday in Moreno Valley.

The committee will meet this weekend in Indianapolis to select, seed and bracket teams for the NCAA tournament, which begins next week.

"We have made arrangements that will allow Dan to participate remotely," committee chairman Gary Walters said. "Dan will be able to communicate with the committee by telephone and will be able to cast his ballots by computer."

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NCAA football

USC's Sanchez thinks big

Trojan quarterback Mark Sanchez spent last season riding the bench backing up John David Booty. But he hopes to challenge Booty for the starting job during spriing practice as the two will be spitting snaps with the first unit.

Sanchez is getting ready for the spring amid rumors regarding the seriousness of his back injury.

"Just working on a little 7-on's, doing some one-on-one, keeping guys fresh," Sanchez said after practice. "Getting ready for spring football and mostly getting everyone's legs underneath them and used to catching balls, stuff like that."

AP

Baseball

Beimel's elbow checks out fine

Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Joe Beimel received a good report from team doctors, who examined his pitching elbow Tuesday morning after it felt puffy following his one-inning appearance a day earlier.

"The doctors just looked at it, and it's no big deal," said Beimel, who allowed three hits and Boston's only run in the Dodgers' 2-1 win Monday at Fort Myers.

"They think it might have been some kind of sac in there that got irritated on the bus ride."

Beimel was 2-1 with a 2.96 ERA in 62 relief appearances for the Dodgers last season after spending the first month at Triple-A Las Vegas.

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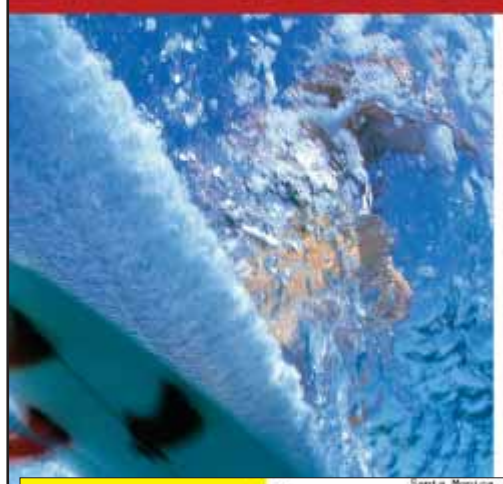
SURF REPORT



SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 55°**

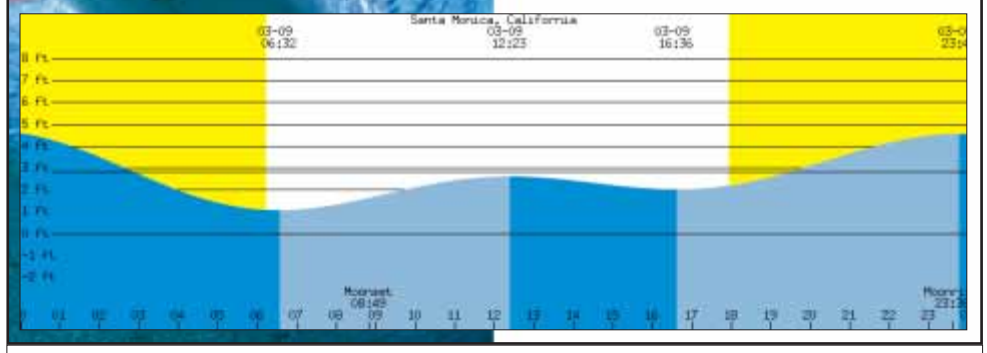
SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

Today, the NW wind swell that's in the water now will mix with two meager NW swells: one from Japan, the other from the Gulf of Alaska. Neither swell is overly impressive, but we are expecting overall NW energy to bring 280-290 degree, 12-14 second period surf with chest high sets at breaks with good westerly exposure.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

MORE SOUTHERN HEMI ON THE WAY NEXT WEEK...
TRACKING WNW FOR 16TH...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **February 28, 2007**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 9
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 4
- Number of wet days -- 12
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 31
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 15

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	F	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	B	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	C	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	F	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	B	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	B	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	D	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	D	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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Play it low-key, Capricorn

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Tension can be overwhelming. But you can change what is going on. Very little could be significant except knowing when to back down and go in a new direction. Let others gripe. Tonight: Togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be better off pulling back and thinking rather than acting up. Sometimes fatigue dominates to an extent that you don't realize. Others try to be clear but only add to the immediate confusion. Tonight: Step back. Stay away from a tumbling house of cards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You might not be able to continue to push at the level that you are. Everyone is capable of only so much energy. If you can, walk away from a demanding situation. Being impervious could be difficult. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Creativity and resourcefulness add to your ability to solve problems. Close to the end of the day, you might feel as if you finally make it through a problem to get some answers. Confusion can be resolved. Tonight: Let fun in and problems out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Stay anchored while others seem to somersault through tumultuousness. Confusion marks interactions, though once you distance yourself from the immediate, you'll see situations differently. Update your opinions. Tonight: New vistas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Taking the high road permits different possibilities and vistas. You might not like what seems to be heading your way, but you can step aside. A partner or dear friend helps you understand your options. Tonight: Don't get plugged in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might discover that a possessive streak emerges. You cannot always have it your way. Extremes hit financially, but you can deal with what happens. Listen to a friend or associate. This person has another perspective. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might trip up when you thought you were on an easy, clear path. Visualize more of what you need from those around you. Make a point of handling a personal matter later in the day. If success comes, it will appear in the evening. Tonight: Try being home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Some days it's better to play ostrich. To get some practice, you might attempt this approach. You find that others are a bit touchy. Words are misread and your vision changes. Sometimes a little cynicism goes a long way. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Though you are sure of yourself, you could discover not everyone is working from the same premise. Think before leaping. Verify news that heads in your direction. You might need to spend some money in order to calm down a situation. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Do back off if you feel a situation isn't right. You are on target and see people and events with a different perspective. You might want to verify some confusing news or walk away from a difficult situation. Tonight: With one trusted pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You need to think in terms of change rather than go with the status quo. You might want to deal with someone a lot differently. Consider options that will take you in a new direction. Your instincts could easily save the day. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

Born Today

Singer Andy Gibb (1958)
actress Eva Mendes (1974)
Rapper and actor Bow Wow (1987)

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Happy Birthday!

You might need to cover more ground this year than you usually do. The good news is that you have the energy and ability to communicate what is going on. Often, you will have to reiterate terms and agreements. You will need to answer and question what you thought was done. Creativity and the ability to see beyond the norm help you know which direction is best. If you are single, you will tend toward a long-term commitment. As a result, your relationships develop a very serious tone. What might be important, if attached, is to study the bigger picture. Learn to be more empathetic.

The real deal

`Prison Break' star Garrison charged with manslaughter

LANE GARRISON was charged Thursday with manslaughter and drunken driving in a car crash that killed a 17-year-old boy last year.

The 26-year-old "Prison Break" actor was charged with felony vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence causing injury to multiple victims, felony driving with a blood-alcohol level above the .08 percent legal limit causing injury, and a misdemeanor count of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

If convicted, Garrison could face up to six years and eight months in prison.

He was expected to surrender Thursday afternoon for arraignment at Beverly Hills Superior Court. Prosecutors will recommend that Garrison be held on $200,000 bail, said Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Garrison, a Dallas native, was behind the wheel of a Land Rover that jumped a curb and struck a tree Dec. 2. The crash killed Beverly Hills High School student Vahaghn Setian and injured two 15-year-old girls who were also in the vehicle.

Police said Garrison was found to have a blood-alcohol level of .20 percent and cocaine in his system.

The charges only indicate that his blood-alcohol level was above .15 percent.

His attorney, Harland Braun, didn't immediately return a call for comment. Braun previously has said that Garrison met the three youths at a grocery store and accompanied them to a party, where he had one drink.

Garrison played David "Tweener" Apolskis on the Fox drama series "Prison Break."

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Coldplay to guest on Swizz Beatz album

COLDPLAY are among the guest stars on the new Swizz Beatz album, it has been confirmed.

The U.K. rock heroes appear on the track "Part Of The Plan," which is taken from the American rapper and producer's forthcoming album, One Man Band Man.

There has been no confirmation which member is involved in the collaboration, although Chris Martin famously produced and sang on "Beach Chair" from Jay-Z's 2006 comeback album Kingdom Come.

Martin is also understood to have recorded a song entitled "Homecoming," which is scheduled to be the first single from the new Kanye West album.

Speaking to Billboard, Swizz confirmed plans to release "Part Of The Plan" as a single, with a video in the pipeline lensed by Crash director Paul Haggis.

Just Blaze and Kanye West are among the other stars on One Man Band Man, although Swizz insists he wants to be viewed in his own right.

"I didn't want my album to be like I was leaning on a whole bunch of other artists like crutches," he explained.

AP

Depp's daughter feeling `much better'

JOHNNY DEPP'S 7-year-old daughter, who has reportedly been receiving treatment in a British hospital, is "much better," the star's publicist said Thursday.

Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper reported that Lily-Rose, daughter of Depp and French singer Vanessa Paradis, was admitted to a hospital nine days ago and was in a serious condition. The newspaper said Thursday it knew the location of the hospital and the nature of the child's ailment, but wasn't revealing details to preserve the family's privacy.

"We are happy to report that their daughter is doing much better," said Depp's publicist, Robin Baum. "The family greatly appreciates the continued support and respect of their privacy."

Depp, 43, is in Britain to film "Sweeney Todd," director Tim Burton's musical about the legendary "demon barber of Fleet Street."

Depp and Paradis also have a 4-year-old son, Jack.

AP

`Grey's' Walsh has identity crisis

KATE WALSH has something in common with the sexy neonatal surgeon she plays on ABC's hit medical drama "Grey's Anatomy": love issues.

"Sometimes I feel like, `What am I doing? Am I becoming my character, or is my character becoming me?'" she says in an interview in Best Life magazine's April issue, on newsstands Tuesday. "I'm starting to get a little superstitious here. I definitely identify with my character in that, romantically at least, this is not where I thought I'd be at 39."

Walsh was a regular on "The Drew Carey Show" and appeared on other series including "Karen Sisco" and "The Fugitive" before getting her big break on "Grey's Anatomy." Last month, Walt Disney Co.-owned ABC said it was planning to air a special two-hour episode featuring Walsh and guest starring Taye Diggs, as a test run for a possible new series.

"I feel torn between having the time of my life and wanting very serious things, like a surplus of love for a family and all that," Walsh says.

"But what's in front of me right now is work. Often, I think it would have been so great if this success had happened when I was 27 or 28, but then again, I wouldn't have had the maturity then to deal with it and not end up in rehab."

Walsh finds the boundaries disappearing.

AP

Genesis announces N. American tour dates

GENESIS is coming to America this fall.

The band, which is preparing to go on the road for the first time in 15 years, has announced the dates for the North American leg of its "Turn It on Again" tour.

The 13-city stadium tour will open in Toronto on Sept. 7 and end in Los Angeles on Oct. 12. Other destinations are Boston; Montreal; Hartford, Conn.; Philadelphia; Columbus, Ohio; Washington; East Rutherford, N.J.; Cleveland; Detroit; Chicago; and San Jose, Calif.

Genesis was formed in 1966 by Mike Rutherford, Tony Banks, Anthony Phillips and Peter Gabriel, who left the group in 1975 and was replaced by Phil Collins. They became one of the biggest bands of the '70s and '80s, with hits such as "Turn It on Again," "Follow You, Follow Me," "That's All" and "Invisible Touch." Collin has said the reunion wasn't motivated by money.

AP

JAPAN LOVES JACKO

Amid a lavish party filled with fans, impersonators, orphans and handicapped children, MICHAEL JACKSON said Thursday that he wouldn't change the path of his career, despite "deliberate attempts to hurt me."

The reclusive pop star, in Tokyo for several "fan appreciation events," was the guest of honor at a party where about 400 people paid $3,500 each for a buffet dinner, a show featuring several Japanese Jackson impersonators and a chance to take photos with Jackson. More than 100 orphans and handicapped children were invited for free.

Wearing sunglasses and dressed in a black-and-gold Roberto Cavalli suit, Jackson appeared on the stage at the end of the six-hour party to read a brief thank you.

He did not perform. But in comments to The Associated Press, Jackson reflected on his career, which he is trying to revive after his 2005 acquittal on child molestation charges and a series of other legal battles over his personal finances.

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1:35, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05
Children of Men (R)
2:15, 9:55
Pan Labyrinth (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R)
2:10, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15
Reno 911 (PG-13)
4:50, 7:40

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Zodiac (R)
11:40am, 12:45, 3:00, 4:05, 6:30, 7:30, 9:55, 10:50

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8223

Factory Girl (R)
5:00, 7:30, 10:00
The Last King of Scotland (R)
4:00, 7:00, 9:55

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
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The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
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Volver (R)
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Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
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GETTING STARTED

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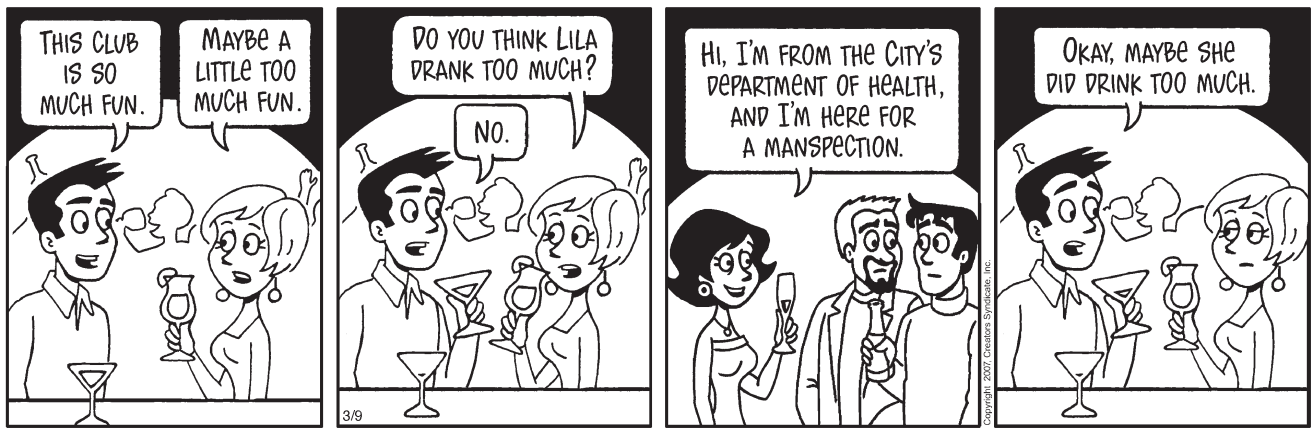

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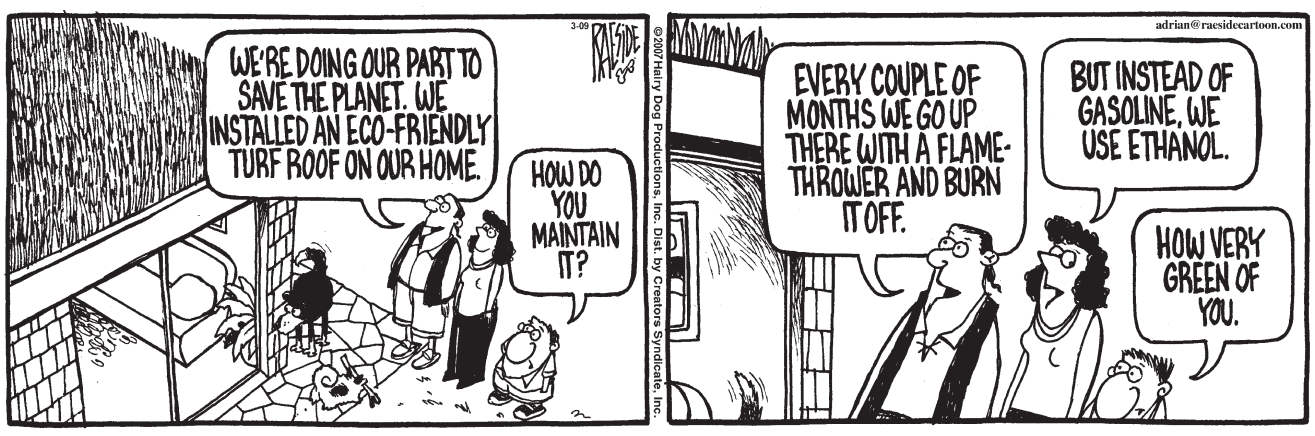

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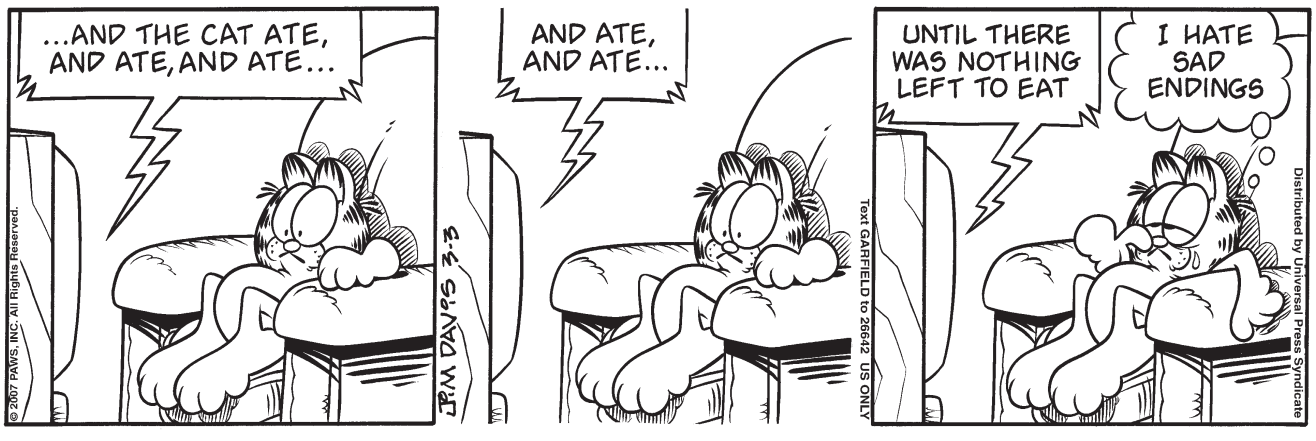

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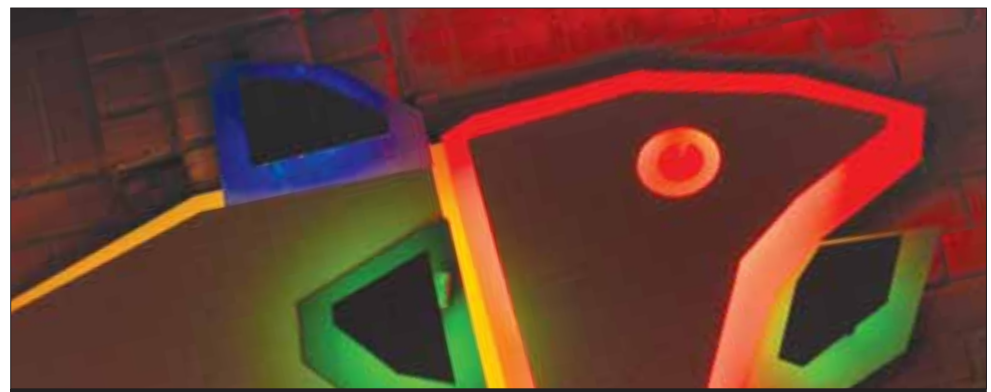

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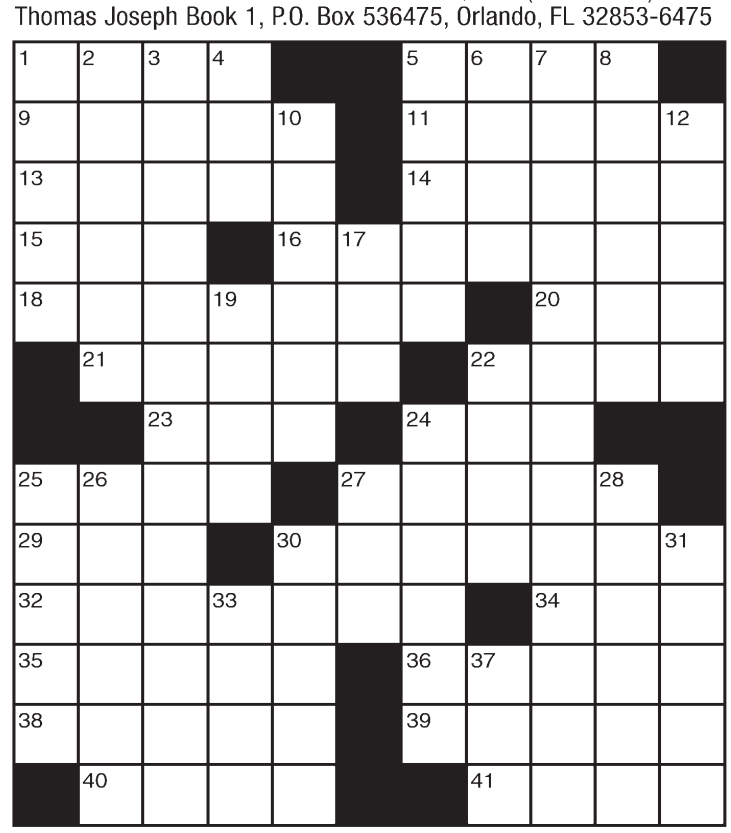

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DAILY LOTTERY

Mega Millions: 16 22 29 39 42
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Jackpot: $12M

Super Lotto Plus: 5 25 26 39 41
Meganumber: 25
Jackpot: $62M

Fantasy 5: 2 7 11 17 21

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Daily Derby:
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3rd: 07 Eureka!
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Royal Bank of Scotland, like other banks in the U.K., is widely criticized for charging onerous fees to customers who make mistakes on their account, such as overdrafts or late payments (levying charges of many times the actual costs of handling the mistakes). Customer Declan Purcell of East London sued the bank over the excessive fees and won a default judgment when the bank failed to respond. Armed with a court order entitling him to the equivalent of $6,600, Purcell led bailiffs into a Royal Bank branch lobby in January to seize four computers, two fax machines and cash.

■ Denver International Airport was reputed to be an "all-weather" facility that would operate seamlessly in a blizzard, but when it failed during the January snowstorms (closed for 45 hours), an embarrassed airport spokesman, Chuck Cannon, admitted he'd like "to choke the person who came up with (the 'all-weather') term." The Associated Press then discovered a 1992 interview with Chuck Cannon, bragging to reporters about his new "all-weather" airport.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1842 Giuseppe Verdi's third opera Nabucco premieres in Milan; its success establishes Verdi as one of Italy's foremost opera writers.

1862 American Civil War: In the first battle between two ironclad warships, a five-hour battle near Hampton Roads, Virginia between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia results in a draw.

1933 Great Depression: The U.S. Congress begins its first 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt submits the Emergency Banking Act to Congress.

1945 World War II: Bombing of Tokyo - American B-29 bombers attack Tokyo, Japan with incendiary bombs. The resulting fire storm kills over 100,000 people.

1954 McCarthyism: CBS television broadcasts the See It Now episode, "A Report on Senator Joseph McCarthy," produced by Edward R. Murrow.

1959 The Barbie doll debuts.

1981 Ketchup is declared a vegetable, by the Department of Agriculture, to help public schools in the USA with the balanced meal plan.

WORD UP!

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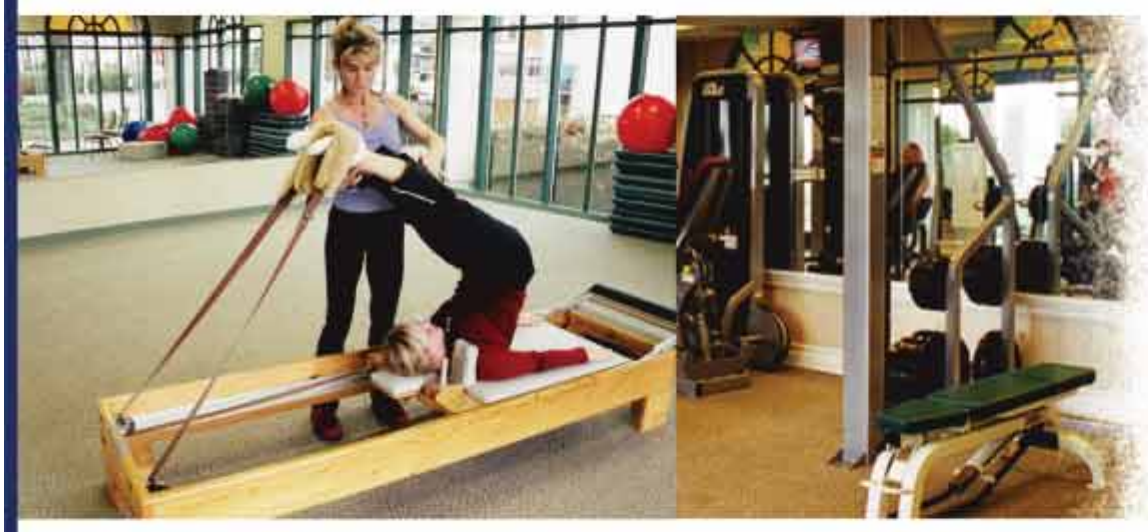

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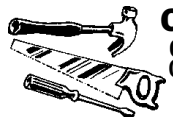

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