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City has to pay its lawyers

BY CHIARA CANZI
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL The City Council has settled its fee dispute with lawyers who represented City Hall in the MTBE water contamination lawsuit, agreeing to pay them \$55 million for their services.

The council approved of the settlement Tuesday night. The attorneys helped City Hall secure \$250 million in damages from several major oil companies, which were responsible for letting MTBE, a gasoline

additive, into Santa Monica's groundwater, forcing city officials to close wells supplying roughly 80 percent of Santa Monica's drinking water.

"(City Hall) considers this a fair resolution that brings a highly contentious lawsuit to an end," said Mayor Herb Katz. "The city can now pay full attention to our primary goal of restoring the city's drinking water."

Calls to the law firms that represented

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City Council gives FAA a little time

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials decided to delay a decision Tuesday that would have banned the fastest jets from operating out of Santa Monica Airport, citing the need for more time to review a new offer that was submitted by the Federal Aviation Administration just days before.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie advised the City Council to postpone the ratification of an ordinance banning class C and D jets — planes that approach the runway at 121-140 and 141-165 knots, respectively — at the municipal airport, giving officials more time to review the proposal and adding more leverage to City Hall in case the new law is challenged by the FAA.

"It is likely to end up in court and if it does, it's very important the city goes into court with a full record and goes into court with a record demonstrating the city heard

the FAA out reasonably in all regards and given full and fair consideration to its claims that its proposal would greatly enhance safety," Moutrie said during the council meeting on Tuesday.

Kurt Shaffer, the associate administrator for airports for the FAA, is expected to address the council at its meeting on March 25 when the matter of the ordinance is expected to arise once again.

Some councilmembers seemed reluctant to postpone the issue for two more weeks because of the amount of time that has passed since the ordinance was introduced last fall, relenting after learning it would give City Hall more pull in a possible court challenge.

"I have been very concerned about how long this process has taken," Councilmember Ken Genser said, stressing that he isn't willing to hold the issue past the

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Chiefs ask for personnel

Fire and police officials want to expand to keep up with a growing city

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITY HALL Santa Monica public safety officials are seeking to grow their staffs during the next few years to better respond to a population whose needs have grown in the past few decades, all while the number of personnel has remained relatively stagnant.

The heads of both of the city's public safety agencies— Police Chief Tim Jackman and Fire Chief Jim Hone — asked the City Council on Tuesday for new personnel. The requests call for 22 additional firefighters and 45 additional police and civilian officers to be hired during the next fiscal year.

When Hone was hired as a firefighter in 1980, there were 112 personnel in the department, comprising 15.6 percent of total staff funded by the budget. That year,



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ADDING UP: SMFD officials want to add 22 additional firefighters to its current force.

the department responded to more than 5,700 emergency calls, approximately 69 percent of which were medically-related.

Today, there are roughly 114 fire personnel in the department, making up only 9 percent of city staff. While the net gain in firefighters has increased by just two

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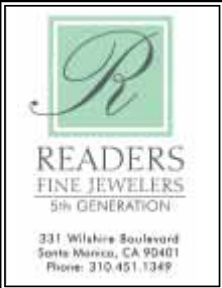
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Imagine a world where deadly gases have destroyed nearly all organic life leaving only robots who look like people and people who long to be robots. Push to Talk Theatre Company in association with The Powerhouse Theatre Company presents the world premiere of David Largman Murray's dark sci-fi comedy, "Robots vs. Fake Robots." For information, call (310) 396-3680.

Calling all docents

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Finally, a use for that art history degree! The LACMA's Art Docent Council is seeking volunteers to lead tours of the museum's diverse collections. Information and applications can be obtained by e-mailing a request to admissions@lacmadocent.org. Applications are due no later than February 22, 2008.

Improve eclectically

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

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

What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

Friday, March 14, 2008

Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles, you'll thrill and shudder to tales of teenage girl gangs, tortured tots, wicked wives, evil spirits, cults, creeps and assorted maniacs on a tour so wild, we had to say it twice. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

Reach out and touch someone

1341 Lake St., Venice, 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Planet Social Sports games and matches are followed by team gatherings at local bars, which include discounted food and drinks, along with social activities. Men and women must be 21 to play. Check the Web site for specific times and locations www.planetsocialsports.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.



The shoe fits again

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK A beloved shoe repair shop, once believed destined to become a Santa Monica memory after being evicted from its spot at the foot of the Nu Wilshire Theater, has found a new home.

Buster's Shoe Repair, which spent 80 years as a neighborhood fixture on Wilshire Boulevard, recently signed a lease with Community Corporation of Santa Monica to re-open its shop at Pacific Court, an affordable mixed-use complex that opened on Main Street last fall.

"It was very wonderful when I heard that we were going to get that place on Main Street," shop owner Robert Goli said on Monday. "Everyone tells me that I got a good location."

Goli had been looking for a space to relocate his shoe repair business since he received an eviction notice from Landmark Theaters that he had to vacate the premises by Oct. 31. Landmark, which operated the theater, subleased two retail spaces out front, one to Buster's, the other to a jewelry store.

The property owner, listed as Soundview Investment Partners, is planning to transform the old theater into several retail spaces. The Nu Wilshire Theater was recently designated a city landmark, precluding the owner from removing several elements, including the marquis and patterned terazzo-style floor.

Long-time patrons of Buster's Shoe Repair came out in support of the long-time

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BACK IN BUSINESS: Robert Goli, the owner of Buster's Shoe Repair, is moving his shop from Wilshire Boulevard to Main Street. The popular shop was forced to close late last year.



STYLISH SHOT

Alisa Olinova, a member of Santa Monica College's women's tennis team, returns the ball to her opponent from Cerritos College at Reed Park on Tuesday. SMC hosted Cerritos College in a non-conference match and won, 5-4. The team is now 6-2 on the season and 3-2 in league play.

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In case of emergency

Red Cross, SMFD help businesses get ready for disasters

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CIVIC CENTER If disaster strikes and you're at work, who will you turn to and where will you go? If you're a CEO of a Fortune 500 company or a small mom-and-pop, do you have a plan to not only protect your employees, but your bottom line as well?

These are important questions to ask, but even more important, is being able to answer them with confidence, said representatives from the local Red Cross and the Santa Monica Fire Department, who on Wednesday brought together employees at major companies like HBO and MTV as well as nonprofits and public institutions such as the school district to educate them on the value of preparedness.

"We have a responsibility to plan for disasters," Paul Weinberg, emergency services coordinator for the SMFD, said during the meeting at RAND Corp. that attracted

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Protecting the coast
Editor:

Kevin Herrera disclosed that Pacific Park (PP) announced plans to sell PP for an undisclosed price (“SM’s Pacific Park goes on the block,” page 1, March 7). The article discusses some of the PP history – that PP opened in 1996, the PP investors funded the original construction of PP and the police substation, and the investors always intended to sell the asset at some point in the future.

The article points out that the PP Web site says it is the only amusement park on the west coast located on a pier. Let’s consider that for a moment along with what the residents have gotten in return for the 12 years of having PP on their pier

Issue 1 – The City Council and/or the Pier Restoration Corp. executed a lease for PP on or before 1996 that resulted in absolutely no lease revenues to the City for perhaps as long as a decade – up until recently the PP made no lease payments – in exchange for having fortified the pier to hold the structural load of PP. In other words, PP upgraded the pier construction solely to support the PP rides and amusements and in exchange paid no rent for most of its tenancy.

Were the PP pier fortification costs audited by a third party and did PP avoid lease payments that were valued in excess of the costs allegedly paid to fortify the pier for the sole benefit of PP?

Issue 2 – Not too many other coastal cities want to have an amusement park on their municipal piers. Most or all West Coast piers are for relatively passive recreation relating to the ocean environment, with a focus on fishing, walking and gazing out to sea. The city of Santa Monica, however, has invited finger-painting, rice-painting artists through some sort of central art casting company, to fill in the gaps created by the often-times nauseating, talent-less performers with over-amplified music that cannot qualify for a spot on the Third Street Promenade.

By way of example, the Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Santa Barbara piers are enjoyable to visit because they are oriented towards passive ocean recreation with none of the noise, garbage generation, and chronic amplified musical atrocities associated with the Santa Monica Pier. If a poll were taken of the 90,000 Santa Monica residents, would they support the amusement orientation of the pier and would they want some accounting for what they are getting in return?

Issue 3 – Every weekend there a dozens of police patrolling the pier, controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic along Ocean Avenue. Has PP contributed any money toward the likely huge overtime and added police costs associated with the masses that are attracted to the fun zone? The police department increased from approximately 100 in 1982 to (over 200) presently. How many of those could be eliminated or better used throughout the city?

Once again, I maintain that the coastal zone should not constantly be looked at as a money-making resource. It is best suited for relatively passive recreation consistent with its natural and manmade-attached landforms. Let’s protect this strip of land along the sea that buffers those who seek it out for peace and solace, from those that want to exploit it for what it isn’t. Again, I say, every square inch of Santa Monica doesn’t have to be a multi-purpose room.

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Political Playhouse

Nick Mockiavelli
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The never-ending campaign drags on

CHARLIE MYERS IS A TYPICAL 9-YEAR-OLD bundle of energy and enthusiasm. He loves Xbox 360 and playing basketball at recess. On weekends, he goes exploring in the woods behind his house, sometimes capturing toads and other small critters. He’s a good student who tries his hardest to please his parents and teachers. And he wants to run for president when he grows up. Charlie doesn’t necessarily want to be president, he’d prefer to emulate his heroes Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and just run (and run and run) for President in an unending series of primaries and caucuses that provide no definitive results or satisfying conclusion.

The 2008 presidential election is the first political contest Charlie is old enough to understand, and if there’s one thing he grasps about the Democratic nominating contest, it’s that you travel around the country saying different things to different people depending on what they want. And the process never ends. Ever. He likes that. “When I grow up, I want to go to Iowa and talk about biofuel subsidies. In California, I’ll go to East Los Angeles and eat a couple of tacos. Then it’s off to Ohio to rip the living sheetrock out of NAFTA, whatever that is. The point is, I don’t need to actually get to the White House to be happy. Traversing the country and pontificating on an escalating number of local issues would suit me fine,” said the well-spoken child. As far as he knows, there is no such thing as a president. There are just two co-equal, telegenic civil servants with identical ideas and ideologies who careen across the U.S. of A like Hunter S. Thompson on a speed bender.

Vicki Myers, Charlie’s Mom and his number one “mommyist,” rubbed her boy’s sandy-blond hair and spoke about his dream to be a permanent candidate for the presidency of the United States. “Any mother would love for her child to run for president. I’d be lying if I said I can’t imagine him barnstorming across Pennsylvania with a van full of political operatives. I can see them all hunched over a detailed demographic map of a certain congressional district and brainstorming ways to spread out their integrated media spend to reach men over the age of 45 who belong to a union and don’t have health-care to cover a badly needed stomach stapling procedure. And if a certain state voted for Charlie, but had their delegates decertified by the DNC because they didn’t follow the election rules as dictated by the party elders, I can see Charlie crafting a brilliantly nuanced strategy that would win in the courtroom and play on Main Street. A sly, ceaselessly tactical and maneuvering brand of politics, that’s my dream for this child.”

While there’s quite a while until Charlie is old enough to run an unending, painfully long presidential campaign, there is an out-

side chance that this year’s contenders will still be at it 26 years from now when he’s reached the federal age requirement of 35 years old. “You never know,” said an unnamed political operative. “They might just keep running the primaries over and over again. It’s not about the competition or public service any longer. You have to think it’s about the free coffee and donuts in VFW halls at this point.”

WHILE THERE’S QUITE A WHILE UNTIL CHARLIE IS OLD ENOUGH TO RUN AN UNENDING, PAINFULLY LONG PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, THERE IS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT THIS YEAR’S CONTENDERS WILL STILL BE AT IT 26 YEARS FROM NOW WHEN HE’S REACHED THE FEDERAL AGE REQUIREMENT OF 35 YEARS OLD.

For his part, Charlie says he’s comfortable waiting. “That’s why I love the Democratic party. They’re never definitive and they’re especially weak-kneed under pressure. It means that I won’t feel the heat quite so much if I run my own unending presidential campaign some day. The precedent will have been set that this takes a long, long, long, long time.”

For now, Charlie is soaking it all in and feverishly reading up on anything he can about the 2008 race. “I’ve always been fascinated by Puerto Rico,” interjected Charlie. “Did you know they have 60 available delegates even though they aren’t represented in the U.S. Senate? When I grow up, I hope my election is so tangled and undecided that my strategists have to concoct a scheme to pretend to care about some godforsaken island that most Americans don’t even know exists.”

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Headaches over being high-tech

A BILL PASSED THREE YEARS AGO BY the Senate Commerce Committee requiring digital-only television has a 2009 deadline that is fast approaching.

I'm hopeful that by next year I'll be able to figure out if my TV is digital or analog and if this is an event for which I'll need to stock up on Cipro, duct tape and bottled water.

Technology is not my forte.

It used to be that the only opportunity for me to exercise any sort of technological superiority over anyone was to e-mail my Mom a link and then wait for her to call and ask me how to open it. However, she's now way savvier than me in the high-tech arena because she has TiVo and knows how to use it. I still get confused about which button on the remote control turns on the TV.

My friends who have TiVo treat it like a newborn baby. There's no small amount of awe in their voices when they discover its new features. They brag about its intelligence, argue over who spends more time with it and coo at how its response to their devotion is so fulfilling. Apparently my VCR programming skills are so last century.

And TiVo is far from the only area where my modern industrial skills are less than advanced.

When Napster was all the rage, I was eager to join in and illegally download free music. Except I couldn't figure out how to do it. And while I've since nearly mastered how to buy music online at iTunes, I haven't really deciphered my four-year-old 40GB iPod, rendering the whole exercise somewhat useless. But, the iPod does look awfully pretty and white sitting in its box in my file cabinet drawer. The sight of its sleek loveliness almost manages to dull the ache that forms in my temples whenever I speculate about what podcasting actually is and wonder if it's something for which you need a special license.

The Blackberry phenomenon confounds me, too. Who wants to schlep around a device only slightly smaller than the Oxford English Dictionary? And other than drug dealers, Lindsay Lohan on parole and expectant parents and their obstetricians, who wants or needs to be totally reachable 24 hours a day? I miss the

old days when you could send someone an e-mail or leave them a message late at night, knowing they wouldn't get it until the next day. Sadly, it seems as if there's no longer a sneaky way to drop someone a figurative bombshell and then hide out before they can respond.

Last year I canceled the America Online account I've had — but hardly ever used — for years. It was always my intention to instant message on a regular basis. But the few times I did, I found that carrying on a conversation in cyberspace in less than real time was frustrating and entirely pointless. I ended every one of my IM sessions with phone calls to my messaging buddies when I got bored waiting for their responses. Besides, why is it that my free Yahoo! account manages to filter out spam, but AOL never used my \$4.95 monthly fee to figure out how to block junk mail from entering my inbox?

I've recently been told by a few people that I'm part of the Text Messaging Generation. So much for the famed, but now apparently short-lived, Generation X. I must have been out sick that day because I always have to call the phone company to ask why the screen on my cell is indicating that I have a message when the voice mail operator says my mailbox is empty — it never occurs to me to check my text message inbox. Why is it that when someone is holding a cell phone and wants to ask me something, they don't just use it to call and ask directly instead of using it to send a written question? My verbal response is guaranteed to be faster and more accurate than the one that requires me to peck and squint like Mr. Magoo at the minuscule alphabet on the cell phone keypad.

I'm not completely swathed in the dark ages though. I have a Palm Pilot, a digital camera and use wireless Internet at home. I wonder, though, if anyone has ever stopped to calculate — despite all the conveniences of modern day technology — at what point the cost of the migraine medicine needed to assuage the headaches brought on by the conveniences exceeds the purchase price of the actual convenience item.

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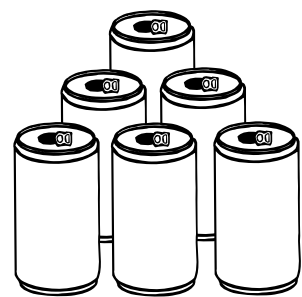
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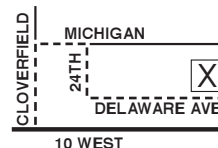
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First meal of the day isn't to be slept on

IF I COULD EAT BREAKFAST EVERY morning I would. I love the most important meal of the day. It reminds me of my elementary school days, waking up to the smell of my dad's eggs, bacon and pancakes. Or if I was lucky, his famous Navy breakfast concoction S.O.S. — S..t on a shingle — better known as creamed beef on toast.

Now most of us are lucky if we have enough time to order our \$5 mocha, frappa, no foam, vanilla, soy, 140 degree, no extra water latté and grab a muffin to soak up the caffeine. Luckily the weekends allow for some sense of normalcy and ease to actually have breakfast.

As a local Santa Monican, I tend to gravitate towards dining venues that have great food and are easy to get in and out of. I love The Bagel Nosh at 1629 Wilshire Blvd.. It's been there forever and besides great bagels, they have an awesome breakfast menu. You have several breakfast options like two eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, hash browns and choice of bagel. I opt for strawberry cream cheese. It costs extra but it's worth it. The food is your typical yummy, old-fashioned breakfast from home. Nothing fancy.

Another easy and tasty place to eat breakfast is the Tudor House, 1403 Second St., which provides an English twist to your morning meal. You can always get a seat, seriously. The décor is sweet, with lots of florals. It's your typical English teahouse. It might be hard to convince your boyfriend or husband to join you because it's a bit feminine but play up the food to lure him there. You enter through the gift shop, which has amazing imported items for sale, and then wait for someone to seat you. Daily specials are posted on a chalkboard at the entrance to the dining room.

The "cold" menu has an item called the "Breakfast Crunch," which consists of homemade granola made from their own recipe served with strawberries, mandarin oranges, chopped dates and topped with yogurt. On the "hot" menu try the "Four English" breakfast — two eggs, two English sausages, English bacon, black pudding (don't ask just try it), five sliced tomatoes, five baby potatoes and English baked beans. The one I like most is the "Half Benedict" with two toasted English crumpets topped with ham and poached egg with hollandaise sauce.

My third "easy to get in, get out" breakfast joint is Swingers on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway. I don't believe Swingers necessarily has to be for the young, hip and trendy even though the atmosphere screams it. The menu does not. It's cool inside and out with hues of red, white, blue

and orange? They rock music from classics to the new stuff and the counter has displays of cupcakes stacked in covered glass cake trays. The servers are hip and pleasant and will always help you with menu choices if you get stuck.

Surprisingly the menu caters to the vegan and vegetarian crowd, so make a note. They have a great tofu breakfast sauté with diced tofu, mushrooms, spinach, green onions, tomatoes, and ginger sautéed in a tamari sauce, served with toast. I always have the huevos rancheros — two eggs served on two corn tortillas with salsa, black beans, cheese, and guacamole. Other breakfast items to try are Swingers French toast, which is two thick slices of Challah bread (Jewish egg bread that is braided) stuffed with cream cheese and bacon topped with sautéed seasonal fruits and nuts; and Irish oatmeal (only served until 11a.m.), a traditional shell cut oatmeal served with brown sugar and milk. For an extra charge add raisins, walnuts or fruit of the day.

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Now here is Maria's wrap-up on "crowded but worth the wait" breakfast places:

Jinky's at 1447 Second Street has inside/outside dining. Put your name on the wait list as soon as you arrive; menu is huge, has a south of the border theme and a great selection of pancakes.

Bread & Porridge at 2315 Wilshire Blvd. has inside/minimal outdoor seating. The menu is all about country cooking with a few Cajun and Greek thrown in the mix.

Sunday Farmers' Market at 2640 Main St. has many vendors serving food some might not consider for breakfast like tamales, but they are tasty. If you're plus one, one of you stand in the crepe line and one of you stand in the omelet line and share, it's worth it. That's a wrap!

MARIA ROHLOFF is a food enthusiast and one heck of a cook. She can be reached at diningdivasm@live.com.

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Vacations at home lead to better rest

BY JENNIFER C. YATES
Associated Press Writer

UPPER ST. CLAIR, Pa. Like a suburban stalker, I have watched from my front window as various neighbors packed body boards in their SUVs and headed to the Jersey shore, set off for a week at a North Carolina mountain resort, and jetsetted to Las Vegas.

I admit it. I suffered from vacation envy.

But after spending a relaxing two-week vacation at home with my family — with no packing, no airport delays, and no backseat chants of “Are we there yet?” — I was refreshed. It was just the vacation I needed. I recommend it to anyone who sighs with that sad Sunday night feeling each weekend when it's clear daily living requires more time and energy than a typical week can offer.

Here's how I enjoyed 14 days last summer:

I went to an amusement park; planned my 7-year-old's birthday party; splashed around at a wave pool; read a book; worked out at the gym without waiting for a treadmill; did some shopping — take a deep breath here — slept late; tried out some new recipes courtesy of the Food Network; and turned an unused bedroom into an office (including taking four trips to Ikea).

Most importantly, I was able shuttle my daughter to a half-day dance camp, which she wouldn't have normally been able to attend if both my husband and I were at work. And I was upstairs scrapbooking in my new office when she discovered her first loose tooth — thanks to the big green apple she helped me pick out at a farmer's market earlier that day.

If that's not a sweet vacation memory, I don't know what is.

Experts say it's not uncommon for over-scheduled families to choose a “staycation,” a term whose origin is often attributed to a popular Canadian television series. In 2006, a New York magazine further promoted the “staycation,” encouraging people to spend their vacation exploring what the city has to offer instead of leaving town.

“I think there are new innovative ways to think of vacation,” said Lois Backon, vice president of the Families and Work Institute.

A 2005 study by the group found that up to one-third of employees who get paid vacation time don't use it all. Many people said they would get too behind on the job if they took time off, while others cited not being able to afford to take a trip.

“Maybe you don't get to go to Cancun, but you can still take a break from your work,” Backon said.

She said it's important for your employer's bottom line as well as your own mental health to get away from the office once in a while.

Employees who don't take all their vacation time report feeling overworked with much higher stress levels than those who do use all their vacation time, Backon said. The more overworked, the more likely these employees were to make mistakes on the jobs, resent other co-workers who do take

time off and have more unscheduled absences.

In the summer of 2006, Joye Marino knew she wouldn't be able to take a vacation because of two recent knee replacement surgeries. So Marino, 69, of Baltimore, decided to spend a week at home.

To prepare for it, she hired crews to clean her house, doing everything from washing windows and polishing furniture to scrubbing floors and tending the garden.

“I'm a hairdresser so I stand up all day,” Marino said. “I knew that if I didn't take care of everything at home, I would find more projects to get into and go back to work just as tired as when I left.”

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On taking vacations at home

With a clean house, she spent the week making a stained glass window and four Christmas presents and lounging in her garden. When she wasn't out having dinner, she cooked gourmet meals after splurging on lobster tails, crab cakes and shrimp.

Marino, who plans to travel Australia on a future vacation, said she wishes other people would take the time to enjoy their own spaces.

“This can be paradise, I'm hear to tell you,” Marino said.

During my vacation at home, I followed Marino's lead and deliberately avoided household chores. I easily could have spent my time cleaning long-neglected closets, scrubbing floors or rearranging the junk in our garage.

But it's supposed to be a vacation. How many closets do you clean when you go on vacation?

I did assemble three large bags of old clothes and household items that I delivered to Goodwill. But at the end of the two weeks, I still had dirty clothes piled in my laundry hampers, my car needed a good washing and I badly needed to stock up at the grocery store.

And I still had to get up early the next day and go to work — as did my neighbors who sunbathed at the shore, and lounged in the mountains, and gambled in Vegas.

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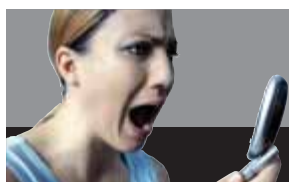
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EPA hikes rules to cut pollution

Y H. JOSEF HEBERT | Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The air in hundreds of U.S. counties is simply too dirty to breathe, the government said Wednesday, ordering a multibillion-dollar expansion of efforts to clean up smog in cities and towns nationwide.

The federal action, which lowers ozone limits for the atmosphere, means that 345 counties will now be in violation of the health requirement, about four times as many as under the old rules. However, scientists said the change still isn't enough to significantly reduce heart and asthma attacks from breathing smog-clogged air, and they pressed the Environmental Protection Agency to issue even more stringent requirements.

Electric utilities, oil companies and other businesses had lobbied hard for leaving the smog rule alone, saying the high cost of lower limits could hurt the economy and noting that many communities still haven't met requirements set a decade ago.

EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson, already a target of intense criticism over emissions linked to global warming and regulation of mercury from power plants, decided to take the middle ground when it comes to smog.

The EPA directed that air must contain no more than 75 units of ozone, or smog, for every billion units of air in order to be considered healthy, a reduction from the current maximum concentration of 80 to 84 parts per billion.

The new ozone standard will serve as the benchmark for state and local officials as they design pollution control measures. The EPA gives states years to meet the needed reductions, and areas with the worst pollution are likely to have as long as a decade to comply.

Ozone is a product of nitrogen oxides and other organic chemical compounds from motor vehicles, power plants,

manufacturing and industrial plants. As it comes into contact with the sun's rays it is seen as the smog that hangs in much of the nation's air, aggravating respiratory problems for tens of millions of people.

An estimated 85 counties of the more than 700 that have monitoring stations exceed the current 80 parts per billion concentration, according to the latest EPA calculations. More than 320 counties exceed the tighter 75 parts per billion standard.

Health experts say smog under the current ozone regulation — even in areas where the limit is being met — causes hundreds of premature deaths among the elderly and health problems for thousands of young children and people with asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

An independent EPA advisory group of scientists last year said an ozone standard of 60 to 70 parts per billion is needed to provide an adequate margin of protection for the millions of people susceptible to respiratory problems. A similar conclusion was reached by a second advisory board on children's health.

In December, 111 health scientists, in a letter to Johnson, urged the EPA to adopt the science panels' findings.

Clean air advocates called the latest EPA reduction a move in the right direction — but also a political compromise that does not go far enough.

"It's disheartening that once again EPA has missed a critical opportunity to protect public health and welfare by ignoring the unanimous recommendations of its independent science advisers," said William Becker, executive director of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, whose members will be developing programs to meet the federal air quality requirement.

Becker acknowledged that the tighter the standard the more difficult it will be to meet, but he said: "The public

deserves the right to know whether the air they breathe is healthy."

In recent weeks, some of the most powerful industry groups in Washington have waged an intense lobbying campaign at the White House, urging the administration to keep the current standard.

Electric utilities, the oil and chemical industries and manufacturing groups argued that lowering the standard would require states and local officials to impose new pollution controls, harming economic growth, when the science has yet to determine the health benefits conclusively. The 80 parts per billion standard was enacted by the EPA in 1997, but its implementation was delayed for several years because of court challenges by industry groups.

"Hundreds of counties haven't been able to meet the current standard set a decade ago," said John Kinsman, senior director for environment at the Edison Electric Institute, which represents most of the country's power companies. "Moving the goalpost again will inflict economic hardship on those areas without speeding air quality improvements."

The EPA has said, based on various studies, cutting smog from 80 to 75 parts per billion would prevent between 900 and 1,100 premature deaths a year and mean 1,400 fewer nonfatal heart attacks and 5,600 fewer hospital or emergency room visits. A separate study suggests that tightening the standard to 70 parts per billion could avoid as many as 3,800 premature deaths nationwide.

The EPA by law is not supposed to consider economic cost in establishing the federal health standard for air quality. The agency has estimated that new pollution control efforts to comply with a 75 parts per billion standard would cost as much as \$8.8 billion a year, although it acknowledged that does not take into account reductions in health care costs that could be even greater.

Ferraro leaves Clinton campaign post following dig at Obama

BY JIM KUHNHENN | Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Geraldine Ferraro stepped down Wednesday from an honorary post in Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign amid a controversy regarding her comments that Barack Obama wouldn't be succeeding in the presidential race if he weren't black.

Ferraro notified Clinton by letter Wednesday that she would no longer serve on Clinton's finance committee as "Honorary New York Leadership Council Chair."

Obama has called Ferraro's comments "ridiculous" and his campaign aides have called on Clinton to

denounce the statement.

"I think they were wrong-headed," he said at a Chicago news conference. "The notion that it is a great advantage to me to be an African American named Barack Obama and pursue the presidency, I think, is not a view that has been commonly shared by the general public."

In a letter to Clinton, first reported by CNN, Ferraro says: "Dear Hillary, I am stepping down from your finance committee so I can speak for myself and you can continue to speak for yourself about what's at stake in this campaign. The Obama campaign is attacking me to hurt you. I won't let that happen. Thank you for everything you've

done and continue to do to make this a better world for my children and grandchildren. You have my deep admiration and respect, Gerry."

Campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson said Ferraro left the post on her own initiative.

The back-and-forth between the two Democratic trail-blazers — Obama, seeking to be the nation's first black president, and Ferraro, who was the first woman on a major party presidential ticket in 1984 — continued for a second day.

The controversy began when the national media picked up on comments Ferraro made in an interview last week.



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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2248 and 2249 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinances Number 2248 and 2249 prepared by the City Attorney:

Ordinance Numbers 2248(CCS) and 2249(CCS) ("the Ordinances") respectively and identically modify development agreements between the City and the developer of both the Lantana East project at 3030 Olympic Boulevard and the Lantana South project at 3131 Exposition. The developer was required by each of the agreements to construct outdoor playground improvements at Edison School; but after the agreements were approved, a bond measure passed, and the School District decided to completely reconfigure the Edison campus. Therefore, prompt construction of the playground facilities became infeasible. The modification to the agreements contained in the Ordinances authorizes the developer to satisfy the requirement by posting of funds to the City instead of undertaking playground construction. Those funds will be used for joint use public improvements as part of the campus reconfiguration and will thereby provide a comparable public benefit.

The Ordinances were adopted on February 26, 2007 and will become effective thirty days later.

The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone: (310) 458-8211.

Is salvia the next marijuana?

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. On Web sites touting the mind-blowing powers of salvia divinorum, come-ons to buy the hallucinogenic herb are accompanied by warnings: “Time is running out!” and “stock up while you still can.”

That’s because salvia is being targeted by lawmakers concerned that the inexpensive and easy-to-obtain plant could become the next marijuana. Eight states have already placed restrictions on salvia, and 16 others, including Florida, are considering a ban or have previously.

“As soon as we make one drug illegal, kids start looking around for other drugs they can buy legally. This is just the next one,” said Florida state Rep. Mary Brandenburg, who has introduced a bill to make possession of salvia a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Some say legislators are overreacting to a minor problem, but no one disputes that the plant impairs judgment and the ability to drive.

Native to Mexico and still grown there, Salvia divinorum is generally smoked but can also be chewed or made into a tea and drunk.

Called nicknames like Sally-D, Magic Mint and Diviner’s Sage, salvia is a hallucinogen that gives users an out-of-body sense of traveling through time and space or merging with inanimate objects. Unlike hallucinogens like LSD or PCP, however, salvia’s effects last for a shorter time, generally up to an hour.

It is not the same as the ornamental garden plant known as salvia.

No known deaths have been attributed to salvia’s use, but it was listed as a factor in one Delaware teen’s suicide two years ago.

“Parents, I would say, are pretty clueless,” said Jonathan Appel, an assistant professor of psychology and criminal justice at Tiffin University in Ohio who has studied the emergence of the substance. “It’s much more powerful than marijuana.”

Salvia’s short-lasting effects and the fact that it is currently legal may make it seem more appealing to teens, lawmakers say. In the Delaware suicide, the boy’s mother told reporters that salvia made his mood darker but he justified its use by citing its legality. According to reports, the autopsy found no traces of the drug in his system, but the medical examiner listed it as a contributing cause.

Mike Strain, Louisiana’s Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner and former legislator, helped his state in 2005 become the first to make salvia illegal, along with a number of other plants. He said the response has been largely positive.

“I got some hostile e-mails from people who sold these products,” Strain said. “You don’t make everybody happy when you outlaw drugs. You save one child and it’s worth it.”

An ounce of salvia leaves sells for around \$30 on the Internet. A liquid extract from the plant, salvinorin A, is also sold in various strengths labeled “5x” through “60x.” A gram of the 5x strength, about the weight of a plastic pen cap, is about \$12 while 60x strength is around \$65. And in some cases the extract comes in flavors including apple, strawberry and spearmint.

Web sites such as Salviadragon.com tout the product with images like a waterfall and rainbow and include testimonials like “It might sound far fetched, but I experience immortality.”

Among those who believe the commotion over the drug is overblown is Rick Doblin of the Multidisciplinary Association

for Psychedelic Studies, a nonprofit group that does research on psychedelic drugs and whose goal is to develop psychedelics and marijuana into prescription medication.

“I think the move to criminalize is a misguided response to a very minimal problem,” Doblin said.

Doblin said salvia isn’t “a party drug,” “tastes terrible” and is “not going to be extremely popular.” He disputes the fact teens are its main users and says older users are more likely.

“It’s a minor drug in the world of psychedelics,” he said.

It’s hard to say how widespread the use of salvia is. Because it is legal in most states, law

enforcement officials don’t compile statistics.

A study of released last month by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services found just under 2 percent of people age 18 to 25 surveyed in 2006 reported using salvia in the past year. A 2007 survey of more than 1,500 San Diego State University students found that 4 percent of participants reported using salvia in the past year.

Brandenburg’s bill would make salvia and its extract controlled substances in the same class as marijuana and LSD.

Florida state Sen. Evelyn Lynn, whose committee unanimously passed the salvia bill on Tuesday, said the drug should be criminalized.



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Southwest grounds 43 planes

BY DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

DALLAS Southwest Airlines Co. grounded 43 planes to examine if they were structurally sound enough to carry passengers after it recently acknowledged it had missed required inspections of some planes for cracks.

Southwest shares fell more than 9 percent before closing down 7.3 percent.

The move announced Wednesday affects about 8 percent of its fleet and comes as Southwest faces a \$10.2 million civil penalty for continuing to fly almost 50 planes after the airline told regulators that it had missed required inspections of the planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which announced the penalty last week, has also come under fire for failing to ground the Southwest jets last year, when agency inspectors learned they had not been inspected for cracks in the fuselage.

Southwest initially said it grounded 41 planes, but spokeswoman Linda Rutherford later said 38 planes were taken off the schedule for additional inspection along with five others that were already in hangars undergoing routine maintenance.

Rutherford said the airline pulled the planes out of service after getting clarification from manufacturer Boeing Co. on Tuesday night about the type of inspection — visual or magnetic, or a combination of

both — needed for areas around the windows on some older Boeing 737-300 and 737-500 jets.

By midday Wednesday, six planes had undergone the 90-minute inspection and were returned to service, Rutherford said. She said the remaining planes were expected to be back flying by Wednesday night. A 44th plane covered by the Boeing instructions had already been retired, she said.

Southwest had cancelled 118 flights by midday Wednesday, or about 9 percent of its scheduled flights, according to Flightstats.com, which tracks airline operations. Rutherford said some of the cancellations were due to bad weather in Houston.

The company said it had 520 Boeing 737 jets at the end of last year. Nearly 200 of them are older models, the Boeing 737-300, that were supposed to undergo extra inspections for cracks in the fuselage.

Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly had said Tuesday he was concerned by findings from an internal investigation into the missed inspections. He announced that the Dallas-based company had placed three employees on paid leave while it investigated the situation.

The FAA said Acting Administrator Robert A. Sturgell met Wednesday with Kelly, who gave a briefing on the steps the airline is taking to comply with inspection orders. The FAA is conducting its own review.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA PUBLIC NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENTS IN 2007

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution, 40 CFR 403 and SMMC 5.20.490 requires the City of Santa Monica to publish a list of industrial users who have been in significant noncompliance with applicable Pretreatment Standards or other applicable requirements. For the purpose of this provision, significant noncompliance is defined under 40 CFR 403.8 (f)(2)(vii) as:

- A. Chronic violations of wastewater discharge limits, defined as those in which sixty-six percent or more of the measurements taken during a six month period exceed (by any magnitude) the daily maximum limit or the same average limit for the same pollutant parameter;
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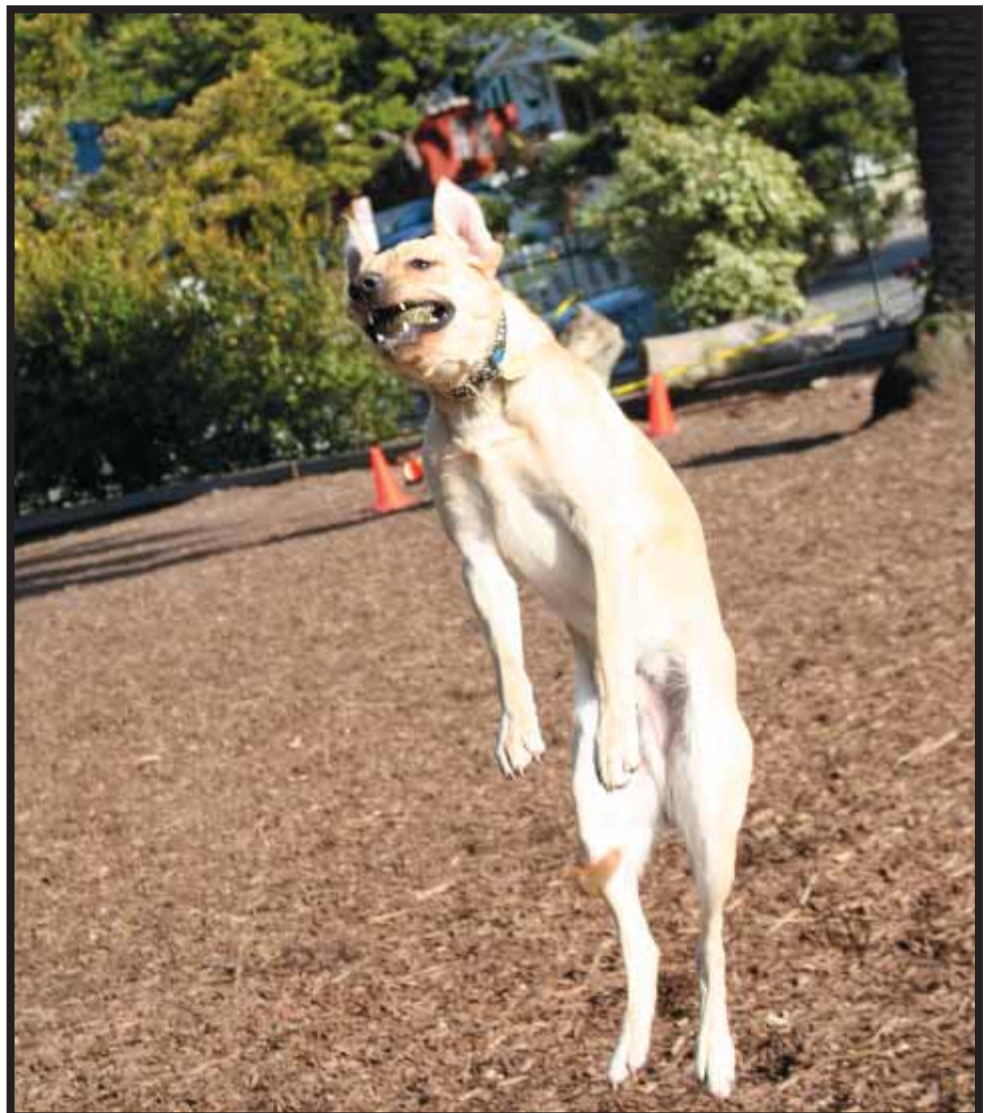
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Samuel Toscano, owner of On Golden Pond Environmental Creations, (left) checks up on one of his koi ponds, which maintain healthy, controlled ecosystems where the fish may breed in residential or commercial ponds. Dog Day Afternoon (below), a professional pet care service, offers training for dogs and often takes its clients' pets to Joslyn Park to get a little workout. Tails of Santa Monica (top right) on Main Street offers stylish choices in pet couture, in addition to a wide variety of healthy and organic pet food for dogs and cats. Samantha Lewis of Lewis and Bark Dog Walking (right middle) takes a stroll down Montana Avenue with some clients. Jeff Goodman, co-owner of the Santa Monica Pet Project (bottom right) on 14th Street, provides a water pick teeth cleaning service to a canine client.

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SPELLING IT OUT

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Santa Monica High School's Team Marine (pictured here in a photo taken earlier this year) over the weekend was crowned champion of the QuikScience Challenge at the University of Southern California and will be traveling to Cozumel, Mexico for a week of science, education, surf, culture and fun. The group of students held rallies to encourage the City Council to ban plastic bags recently. "It's really the best feeling in the world," said Caroline Knabe, a member of Team Marine.

City Hall has to pay attorneys \$55M

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

City Hall were not returned by presstime.

The contingency attorneys had originally asked for 25 percent of the recovery settlement but added more fees that amounted to close to \$100 million, city officials said.

Although City Hall rejected that claim, it said it was always willing to pay a reasonable fee. The agreement that was reached represents 22 percent of the total recovery amount City Hall received from the oil companies that were sued by in 2000 for the contamination.

"This is much less than is normally paid to contingency attorneys who typically are paid up to 40 percent," City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told the council right before it voted Tuesday night.

Shell, ChevronTexaco, ExxonMobil and other smaller oil companies agreed at first to pay \$120 million in 2003 in damages with the commitment to work with City Hall to design and build a water treatment facility. An additional \$131 million was negotiated by the city's attorneys in 2006 with the condition that the oil companies would help with the construction plans of the water treatment facility.

The fee dispute between lawyers and City Hall arose out of the disagreement about how to calculate the contingency fee that was linked to the value of the oil company's promise to lend a hand.

"This settlement finally allows the city to focus on building the treatment facility and reinstating our water independence," said City Manager Lamont Ewell. "After paying the contingency attorneys, the city will have enough funds to build the treatment facility."

In 1996 City Hall discovered that its wells in the Charnock Well Field were polluted with the gasoline additive methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE). The water of five out of 11 wells was contaminated and City Hall was forced to shut them down. The contamination resulted from leaks in underground fuel storage tanks and pipelines

owned by various oil companies.

Since then, City Hall has been purchasing water from the Metropolitan Water District to supply about 80 percent of the 13 million gallons of water regularly used by Santa Monica residents. The outside supply of water costs the city about \$3 million a year that is regularly paid with the proceeds of the 2006 settlement.



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Lamont Ewell, City Manager

Although MTBE is not a severe threat to the human body, the Environmental Protection Agency reports that if taken in high doses, MTBE could become a potential human carcinogen. The Santa Monica water wells incident was the first major water contamination in the country that brought public attention to MTBE, the EPA said.

The design for the new water treatment facility is in the planning stages and City Hall is estimating that water could be produced from the facility starting in 2010. In the meantime, the EPA is currently working closely with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Charnock Well Field with a site-specific clean-up process, said the agency.

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Helping businesses prepare for a disaster

FROM SMOAID PAGE 3

roughly 60 participants.

"We are in earthquake country," Weinberg added. "We chose to live here."

The businesses that participated in the disaster preparedness seminar are being asked to join SMOAID — Santa Monica Organizations Active in Disasters, which was formed by the Red Cross and the SMFD in September 2005 to meet the needs of the 250 families who evacuated the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and moved to Santa Monica for assistance.

Representatives from many Santa Monica service, city government and faith-based organizations were part of the initial SMOAID program and organizers are looking for those from the private sector to join and offer assistance. The goal is to strengthen and improve emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts locally.

"Most every company does fire drills, but there is so much more to this than that," said John Pacheco, executive director of the Santa Monica Red Cross. "It's about how to keep a business running after a disaster. By preparing before a disaster hits, recovery will be that much easier."

Not being prepared can be costly. Employees can lose their lives and companies can go belly-up. A study released by the Small Business Administration found that 80 percent of businesses that do not have a disaster response and recovery plan are likely to go out of business within a year. Of those businesses that experience a disaster and have no plan in place, 43 percent never reopen and of those that do, only 29 percent are still operating two years later.

It is not enough to make sure that people are prepared at home. If a community such as New Orleans or others devastated by Hurricane Katrina does not have businesses to support residents, the community disintegrates, leaving behind a ghost town.

"The first thing families ask is, 'Am I still employed?'" Pacheco said. "The ability of a business community to bounce back following a disaster is critical."

The disaster that will most likely strike Santa Monica will be an earthquake, but one cannot rule out fires, landslides, a terrorist attack, a tsunami, a major power outage or flu pandemic — all of which can wreak havoc on a workforce and a community.

To protect a business and its employees, it is important to first develop a game plan when a disaster strikes. That means supplying all employees with enough food and water to last seven days. Offices should also have preparedness kits on hand that includes extra medications, a battery-powered radio and flashlight.

Employees should also be trained in CPR/First Aid and have contact information for family members on hand. Companies should also have a designated media person to disseminate information about the company to customers and to offer employees the latest on evacuations and shelters.

Taking care of employees is just as important as caring for customers. If a disaster strikes, does your company have enough food and water to take care of customers for a few hours or a few days. How will they be transported to safety? Is there an alternative work site to maintain communication with customers, vendors and suppliers.

Weinberg recommended businesses team up with their competitors to share resources if there is an emergency. It is also good to create a list of alternate suppliers and to keep copies of important documents off site so they are protected. It also wouldn't hurt to have employees know where gas shut off valves are located.

"I realized how important it is to have a good communication or phone list," Eddie Garcia with the YMCA said following the SMOAID meeting. "It's important to be able to contact people quickly when something happens."

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File photo

BUMPING UP: SMPD would like to hire 45 additional police and civilian officers.

Safety officials ask council for staffing

FROM CHIEFS PAGE 1

staffers, the number of emergency incidents have increased by approximately 108 percent, estimated to be about 12,000 total emergency incidents by the end of the year, Hone said.

"The very dedicated men and women of your fire department spend a tremendous amount of on duty and off duty time training and preparing themselves, their vehicles ... to effectively respond to incidents ranging from medical emergencies, traffic accidents ... and just about everything in between," Hone said.

The increased number of calls, compounded by new mandatory training, appears to be stretching the current staff too much, especially compared to surrounding cities.

In Beverly Hills, the fire department operates on a fire suppression and rescue staff of 25, responding to less than half of the emergency response calls that Santa Monica, whose fire suppression and rescue staffing level is at 30, receives each year. The firefighter-to-population ratio in Beverly Hills is one to 1,351, compared to Santa Monica, which stands at one to 2,933.

The police department has experienced a similar trend in staffing the past five years, its levels based on a formula using officer-to-population ratio, which Jackman said has resulted in near inactive staff increases.

Expectations of the department has grown during the past five years, with a new approach to community policing and added priorities with traffic, homelessness and youth and gang violence, Jackman said in stressing the need for 31 additional sworn police officers and 14 civilian personnel.

"The increased staffing level will enable the police department to achieve the goals of the city's five-year strategic plan and will also improve upon the department's existing high level of customer service," Jackman said.

Both chiefs are proposing to add personnel incrementally over the next five years. The cost of the fire department's staff increases, which includes 16 new safety and six non-safety personnel, is about \$3.3 million in ongoing funds with a more than \$300,000 one-time increase. The police department's costs are a bit more steep —

about \$4.9 million ongoing and a \$1.5 million one-time bump.

Jackman estimated that it takes roughly three years to recruit, train and get police officers on the street.

While Santa Monica's population is approximately at 88,000 residents, Jackman stressed that the police department actually provides services for a quarter million people every day because of the local labor force and tourism.

"We police a much larger city than our bedroom population indicates," Jackman said.

At issue with the current staffing level at the fire department is response time, which averages a little more than four minutes. The optimal response time is four minutes for medical emergencies and five minutes for a structure fire, according to Hone.

Hone added that because of mandatory training requirements, about half of the on-duty Fire Suppression and Rescue Division (FSRD) are in training, keeping the other half, about 15 personnel, on-call for emergency responses. Those 15 on-call responders are usually situated outside of their primary response area, resulting in extended travel distances to calls. The added personnel will allow FSRD staff to be strategically located throughout the city in their primary response areas, decreasing response time, Hone said.

The fire chief also mentioned the impact that speed bumps have on response time, adding on an extra five to eight seconds per bump because of the weight of the trucks.

The councilmembers expressed their support for the added staff, some surprised that personnel has remained stagnant.

"I think it's got to be the highest priority," Mayor Herb Katz said.

While extra staff for one department means taking away from the other, Jackman stressed that the police department is not the only to provide public safety and that departments like Community and Cultural Services and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District serve an important function in keeping the streets safe.

"I think it's important we go into this as a coordinated team, not just as a city, but as a community," Jackman said.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2250 (CCS) (City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2250 prepared by the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2250 (CCS)("the Ordinance") is an interim ordinance which amends and clarifies the City's construction rating law by specifying that, in multi-family neighborhoods, no project may be allowed within a 500 foot radius of another for a period of 15 months.

The Ordinance was adopted on February 26, 2008 and became effective on that date.

The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone: (310) 458-8211.

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Council to delay possible jet ban

FROM AIRPORT PAGE 1

next council meeting.

In the offer letter dated March 7, Shaffer proposes installing an Emergency Material Arresting System (EMAS) — a series of concrete blocks that gives way under the weight of an aircraft, slowing it down in case it overshoots the runway — that could handle aircraft traveling at 70-knots. The FAA's offer adds onto a previous proposal to install EMAS that could accommodate aircraft traveling at up to 40 knots.

The 70-knot EMAS would be designed to stop roughly 97 percent of aircraft at the Santa Monica Airport, including 90 percent of the C and D categories, the letter states. The enhanced safety measure would consume more runway than the 40-knot EMAS, something the FAA previously opposed.

Included in the offer is a proposition to reduce noise and pollution by changing the alignment of aircraft on runway 21, which is where the majority of flights take off from, adjusting the line of planes so the emissions go back down the taxiway and away from the adjacent neighborhoods. The FAA is also proposing to add information about noise abatement procedures in the electronic notifications sent to pilots who file their flight plans into or out of Santa Monica.

The federal agency is also testing a new departure procedure where takeoffs from Santa Monica Airport would run independently of LAX, a difference from the former schedule where pilots had to receive clearance from LAX before departing. The result is expected to lead to fewer aircraft idling on the ground, according to aviation officials.

Some councilmembers said the new proposal does not go far enough.

"My first reaction to this letter (from) Mr. Shaffer was that it would make a wonderful paper airplane," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said. "This letter does not break any new ground and I think I could throw a

gulf stream jet as far as I trust the FAA at this point based on what's happened in the past."

Sunset Park residents, specifically those near the airport, have long complained about the noise and safety hazards of jet aircraft, fearing that a plane will one day overshoot a runway and crash into homes.

There have been runway accidents in the past several years, most recently in January when a single-engine model kit airplane rolled off the west end of the runway and landed on the service road. There were no reported injuries.



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Kevin McKeown
Councilmember

In 2001, a Cessna 340A crashed into a guardrail on the service road after attempting to take off from the airport, killing both the pilot and passenger on board. The incident was attributed to the "pilot's failure to remove the control gust lock prior to takeoff and his failure to abort the takeoff with sufficient runway remaining to stop the airplane on the runway," according to a report by the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Buster's gets a new spot

FROM SHOP PAGE 3

mom and pop business after learning that it might have to move out of Santa Monica, saying it was indicative of the trend of small businesses being pushed out due to high rents.

Jeff Jarow, a broker at PAR Commercial Brokerage, connected Goli with the site at Pacific Court, which is located on the corner of Main and Pacific streets.

"To me, it's a good match to put them on Main Street, back into another community where we would like to see more mom and pops on the street," Jarow said.

Goli, who vacated the space on Wilshire at the end of January, said he began to believe the business would never find a home in Santa Monica because many of the spaces were unaffordable. A move outside of the Westside could've spelled doom for Buster's, Goli said.

"If I had to go farther, than I wouldn't have (continued)," Goli said. "That's why I wanted to stay in Santa Monica — if I moved far away, I would've lost all my

clients."

Main Street might suit Goli even better than Buster's old location since the majority of the business' clientele comes from Venice.

Goli comes from a long-line of shoe repairman.

Family patriarch Gabriel Goli purchased Buster's Shoe Repair about 20 years ago in an effort to bring in extra income to support the family's other business, Goli Shoe Repair in Redondo Beach. The elder Goli, who passed away 10 years ago, and his five brothers all learned the trade from their father. Each brother opened their own shop in the L.A. area, including ones in Brentwood, Beverly Hills and Burbank. Goli Shoe Repair was established 45 years ago and is still going strong.

For now, Robert Goli is working out of the Redondo Beach store until Buster's on Main Street is ready to resume business, something Goli hopes will happen soon.

"It's going to be a lot more modern and more fancy," Goli said.

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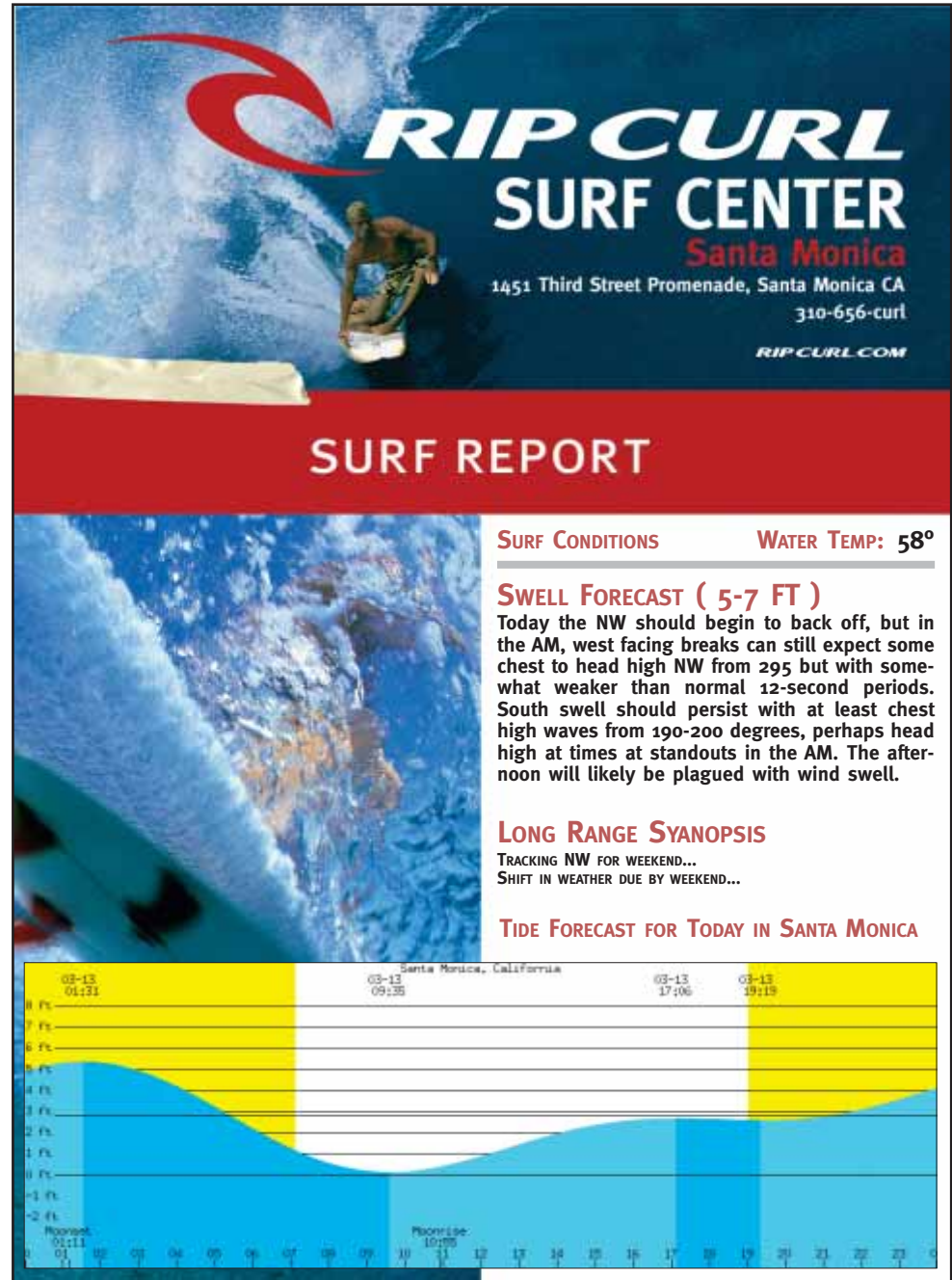
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	D	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	A	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	B
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	F	F	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	D	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	B	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	F	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	D
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	B	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F			
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NBA

L.A.'s Bynum runs on special treadmill

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Lakers center Andrew Bynum ran on a treadmill Tuesday for the first time since injuring his left knee two months ago.

Bynum temporarily dislocated his kneecap and sustained a bone bruise early in the third quarter of a 100-99 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Jan. 13 when he landed on teammate Lamar Odom's left foot while going for a rebound.

"He's coming along well. He's progressing," coach Phil Jackson said before Tuesday night's game against the Toronto Raptors. "It's not as fast as he'd like to, but we're looking at the big picture here.

“We know that he makes a big difference in our team, but ultimately the organization feels we don’t have to rush him into anything and jeopardize the situation.”

Lakers spokesman John Black said no timetable has been set for Bynum's return, adding: "We set a minimum of eight weeks. We didn't set a maximum."

The Lakers hope the 20-year-old center will return before the playoffs begin the weekend of April 18-19. He has been rehabilitating by running in a swimming pool.

Bynum ran for 20 minutes on a new \$75,000 treadmill that simulates low gravity situations. A player can run without the pounding he would normally experience on a regular treadmill or on the court, which gives his legs a break. Black said Bynum ran at 60-65 percent of his body weight.

"The thing with Andrew is how the knee responds when he works out," Jackson said.

“You can see the strength coming. He still gets fatigued and it’s all about that muscle firing and the protection and all that stuff that’s going on.

"It's just part of recovery from an injury and the body protecting itself. But the swelling that happens around that injury is what we're going to have to watch and eliminate as we go down the stretch toward the end of the season."

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Phil Jackson,
Lakers' head coach

A third-year pro taken by the Lakers with the 10th overall pick in the 2005 draft, Bynum is averaging 13.1 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.06 blocked shots. He was the NBA leader in field-goal percentage (63.6 percent) and ranked 11th in rebounding and ninth in blocked shots when he was injured.

MLB

Abreu gets check-up after pulling muscle during spring

By the Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. Dodgers infielder Tony Abreu flew to Philadelphia on Wednesday to see a sports hernia specialist who performed surgery on him in October.

Abreu has been out because of a pulled muscle in his right buttocks, which is thought to be a lingering effect of the surgery performed by Dr. William Meyers. He was scheduled for a checkup and was expected to return Wednesday night.

The 23-year-old was a leading candidate for the infield utility role and would have played second baseman Jeff Kent's place while he mends from a pulled hamstring. Instead, outfielder Delwyn Young

has returned to second base, which he played in the minor leagues from 2003-05.

“Abreu seems to be more hurt than I am,” Kent said. “I’ve never seen this before. He’s missing a grand opportunity to show his wares.”

The 40-year-old Kent pulled his right hamstring sprinting during pregame warmups March 5. He originally expected to be out for just a week, which has passed, but said Wednesday he would probably return to the lineup “in a few days, maybe sooner, maybe later.”

“There’s no rush,” Kent said. “No need to prolong the injury by playing on it or risk hurting the quad because you’re pulling your hamstring around.”



Family ties

Paris Hilton roots for sis at L.A. Fashion Week

It was a **HILTON FAMILY** affair. Kathy, Rick and Paris Hilton – along with Paris' current squeeze Benji Madden – were front and center Tuesday at the Mercedes-Benz L.A. Fashion Week show for Nicky Hilton's high-end Nicholai line. Before the models took the runway, mom Kathy mingled with the crowd, dad Rick snapped iPhone photos and big sis Paris exchanged whispers with Madden, the Good Charlotte guitarist.

The latest designs from the younger Hilton sister included trench coats, knit tops, houndstooth accents and lots of leather trim. Nicky debuted the more-expensive Nicholai line at New York Fashion Week last year. She launched her first clothing line – the casual Chick by Nicky Hilton – in 2004. At the end of the Nicholai show, Nicky's boyfriend David Katzenberg presented her with a bouquet of white roses.

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MARIAH FILLS IN FOR JANET

"Saturday Night Live" has replaced a flu-ridden **JANET JACKSON** with another diva: Mariah Carey.

Carey, 37, will fill in for Jackson on the March 15 telecast, NBC announced Wednesday.

Jackson, 41, was scheduled to perform live Saturday night in support of her latest album, "Discipline," which was released last month. The singer's publicist, Patti Webster, said Tuesday she dropped out because she has the flu.

"Janet did go to the hospital last night due to the fact she's been suffering from this flu," she said.

AP

Return calls, Aries

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★★★★ You see situations transform right in front of you. A partner or loved one seems to be full of energy and quite challenging. Keep communication flowing, as you have a lot to learn and gain. Tonight: Return calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Curb a tendency to go overboard. A little restraint could make you a lot happier in the long run. Know what you want and expect. You will find zeroing in on it could be a lot easier. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others respond to your inquiries. A partnership is unusually supportive and interesting. A boss could act in a most unanticipated manner. A positive attitude will draw the same end results. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Listen to your instincts with a friend. Messages could appear odd, especially those coming from someone who is distant or quite different. Understanding colors your actions and attitudes. Tonight: Some personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to aim for more of what you want. If you find that a partner is touchy or difficult, try to have a conversation to root out the real issue. Your creativity will flourish if you are open and direct. Give a key loved one some space. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Take a stand and remain sensitive to what is happening around you. You might need to take a stand, even if you would prefer not to. You could be cornered or feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Allow your mind to wander. As you drift, unexpected ideas punctuate your thoughts. You might be surprised by an event in your daily life or by a co-worker. Flow with unpredictability. Go with the moment. Tonight: Put on a favorite song and let your mind drift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Work as a duo and get to the bottom of a problem that might be intimidating. Your honesty and willingness to correct your errors separate you from the majority. Tonight: Focus on a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ How you see a conflict could be much different from the way someone else sees it. Listen to a partner, and you might be amazed at how many perspectives are available. Tonight: Say yes to an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Emphasize the quality of your daily life, and make choices accordingly. Listen to what is being shared by your immediate friends and co-workers. Start making an evening walk an institution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your sense of amusement comes through even in the worst of crunches. Tonight: If you hit a barricade, start brainstorming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Maintain a low profile, and understand what you want. Sometimes you become overwhelmed by what is going on in your immediate circle. Family can be disruptive, encouraging you to approach a situation differently. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

Happy Birthday

The intensity of your focus defines your success this year. Prioritize knowing what is important and what is frivolous. You often reverse directions out of the blue.

It cannot be said that you don't know what you want, but the course you choose could change without notice. Let yourself be spontaneous. If you are single, you might have many choices, so much so that you might become overwhelmed. Just don't move into a relationship too quickly. If you are attached, the two of you will be updating your digs, creating much more of what you both desire. By working together on heartfelt projects, your bond strengthens. GEMINI understands far more than you think.

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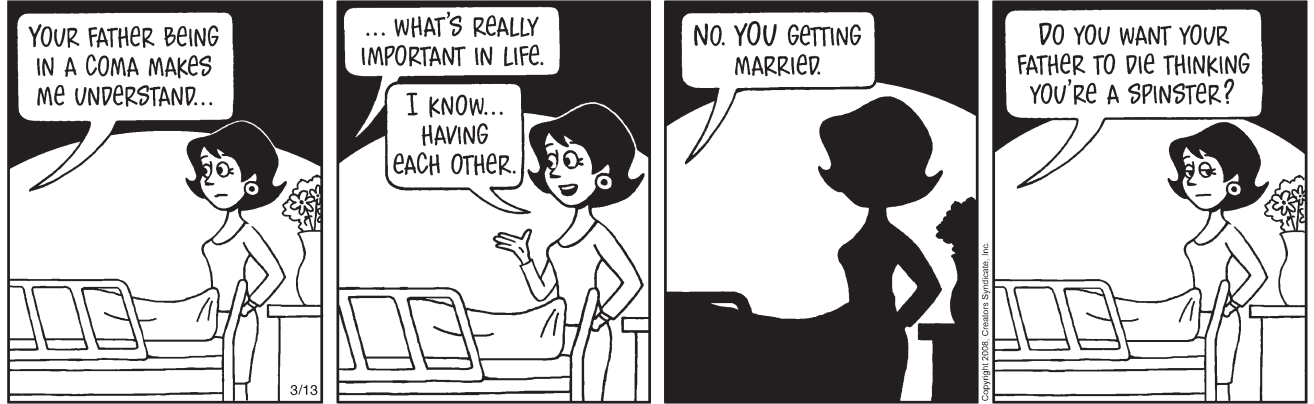
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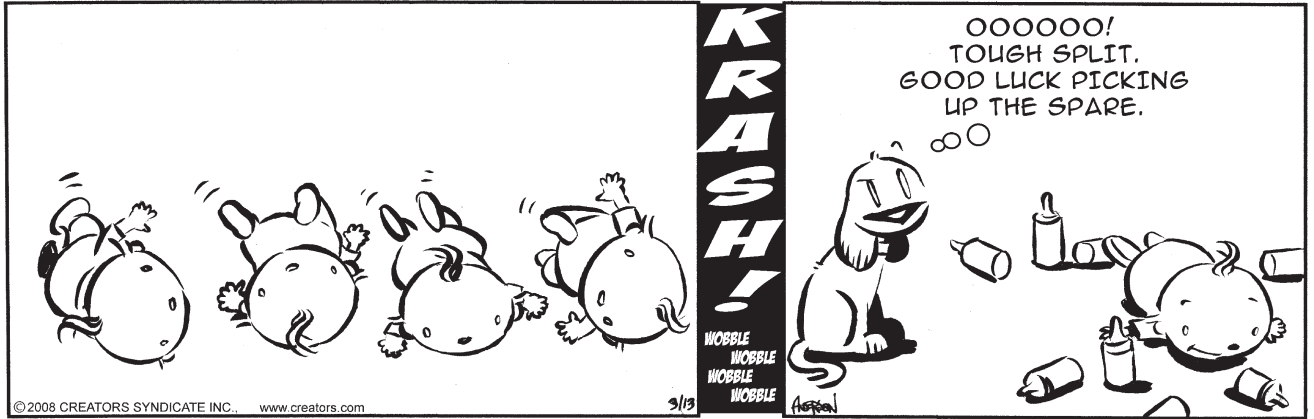
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- 17 Blond shade
- 19 URL part
- 20 Laugh sound
- 23 Star Fleet weapon
- 25 Walking stick
- 26 "Rio Bravo" director
- 28 Black
- 29 Irritate
- 30 —
- 31 Wine choice
- 32 Clique
- 33 Smear
- 35 — roses (agreeable position)
- 38 Prunes
- 41 Fill with wonder
- 42 Key
- 43 Henry VIII's house

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 - 4 1982 Disney film
 - 5 One with access to secrets
 - 6 Hunker down
 - 7 Lock
 - 8 Outfit
 - 9 Eroded
 - 10 Cocoa source
 - 16 Arthur's son?

- 17 Plant pest
- 18 Glowed
- 20 Turtle type
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Brand-new Japanese parents receiving a gift are then customarily obligated to give a lesser one in return, and the Yoshimiya rice shop in Fukuoka recently created the ideal such return: small bags of rice of the exact weight of the newborn, printed with its face and name, so that original gift-givers (relatives, friends) can experience cuddling "the baby." Then, of course, according to Yoshimiya's owner, they can break open the bag and eat the rice, though he admitted some people have a problem with that.

In December, even after the widely reported tiger attack on a visitor at the San Francisco Zoo, the Houston Zoo was still allowing its visitors to play "tug of war" with its own lions and tigers. A 20-pound slab of meat, attached to a long rope, is tossed into the enclosure, and visitors are encouraged to toy with the cats by yanking on it as the animal lunges for it. Said a Houston zookeeper, the game keeps the animals from getting bored. Besides, a zoo official said, "(The lion or tiger) kind of lets us know when he wants to play, and we go along with that."

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1897 San Diego State University founded.

1900 In France, length of a workday for women and children is limited to 11 hours by law.

1943 The Holocaust: German forces liquidate the Jewish ghetto in Kraków.

1957 Cuban student revolutionaries storm the presidential palace in Havana in a failed attempt on the life of President Fulgencio Batista.

1969 Apollo program: Apollo 9 returns safely to Earth after testing the Lunar Module.

1986 Microsoft has its initial public offering.

1991 The United States Justice Department announces that Exxon has agreed to pay \$1 billion for the clean-up of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

1996 The Dunblane Massacre: in Dunblane, Scotland, 16 children and 1 adult teacher are shot dead by a spree killer who then commits suicide.

2003 Human evolution: The journal Nature reports that 350,000-year-old upright-walking human footprints have been found in Italy.

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