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THE LEGAL DETAILS ISSUE

## Cops withholding autopsy results

By Daily Press Staff

**DOWNTOWN** The Los Angeles County Coroner's office has finished an autopsy on an aspiring model and actress from Arizona whose body was discovered in her Santa Monica apartment Sunday, but will not release the cause of death because police have put a "security hold" on the results.

Juliana Maureen Redding, 21, was found dead at 6 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Centinela Avenue.

Assistant Chief Ed Winter of the coroner's office said it would probably be 30 to 60 days before the results would be made public.

Lt. Alex Padilla, of the Santa Monica Police Department, said a security hold was requested Tuesday because detectives did not want to release any information that could compromise their investigation.

"At this point, we have not made any arrest, and are still waiting for the coroner's inquest to determine the time and

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## Video could incriminate pair of murder suspects

**BY MELODY HANATANI**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN, L.A.** Frustration and distraught were written all over Olga Rutterschmidt's face, the guise of a tired old woman clearly annoyed at her current circumstances — arrested and having a hard time finding a lawyer.

Wearing a striped shirt, her hair tucked back, Rutterschmidt turns to her long-time friend and alleged partner-in-crime, Santa Monica resident Helen Golay, snapping "You were greedy ... that's the problem."

It was a scene that unfolded during a taped conversation between the two 70-plus year-old women while they were detained at the Los Angeles Police Department shortly after their arrest for federal mail fraud charges in 2005 in con-



**GOLAY**



**RUTTERSCHMIDT**

nection with an elaborate life insurance scam.

While murder was yet to be in the mix at the time of recording, things would only go downhill from there.

Nearly two years after they were arrested in May 2005, that same recorded exchange was played before a jury on Tuesday morning during opening arguments in a murder trial

that has the two women accused of killing two homeless men in an attempt to collect several million dollars from a number of life insurance policies.

The two main characters in the video sat next to their attorneys while the taping aired overhead, the signs of exhaustion from the years-old trial even more pronounced.

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## Venice Beach to get more police

**BY MELODY HANATANI** Daily Press Staff Writer

**VENICE BEACH** The second largest tourist destination in Southern California will soon be getting extra police officers as part of a public safety measure announced by the Los Angeles Police Department after a homicide off the boardwalk last week involving a homeless man.

The LAPD and Councilmember Bill Rosendahl said the public safety plan will increase the number of officers deployed to Venice Beach, upping the presence during weekends and adjusting the shifts of officers assigned to the area so that enforcement extends well into the evening.

"As a major tourist attraction, as a recreational center, and as a residential area, Venice Beach is a unique neighborhood with its own set of challenges," Rosendahl said.

While the LAPD typically deploys extra officers during the summer because of the added number of people that visit the beach and boardwalk, the department decided to be proactive and start early this year, partly due to a homicide earlier this month of a homeless man who was found beaten to death, according to Sgt. Stephen Showler, who oversees the Pacific Community Police Station in Venice.

"We expect a busy summer and we'll take steps to be sure it's a safe summer," Showler said.

The pieces of the enforcement plan will be put into place this week as the department begins assigning more officers to patrol the beach after dark and overnight. The depart-

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**BEEFING UP:** The Los Angeles Police Department announced plans last week to step up enforcement at Venice Beach in anticipation of the summer tourist season. The announcement of the plan, which will put more officers on the streets on the weekends and evenings, was made partly in reaction to a homicide earlier this month. The department will begin deploying officers this week.

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### Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

1332 Sixth St., 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club's weekly luncheon features a wide-range of guest speakers.

### A shoulder to cry on

2200 Santa Monica Boulevard 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The John Wayne Cancer Institute and the Neuro-Endocrine Tumor Center host a free, bi-monthly tumor patient support group for anyone affected by a pituitary and/or hormonal disorder. Friends and family are welcome. For more information go to [www.neuro-endo.org](http://www.neuro-endo.org) or [www.hormones411.org](http://www.hormones411.org)

### Going green

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

Be part of the solution — educate and empower yourself with simple steps that save our environment and save you money. This six-week workshop covers: Water, Energy, Waste, Chemicals, Transportation and Travel, and Shopping and Food. To register, contact Barent Roth at Sustainable Works, (310) 458-8716 x1 or [rothbarent@smc.edu](mailto:rothbarent@smc.edu).

### Get to steppin'

16730 Bollinger Drive, Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The 12 Steps for Everybody's 12-Step writing meeting for all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness. The group also meets every third Saturday for a three-hour writing workshop from 9 a.m. — Noon. For more information, call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail [info@12stepsforeverybody.org](mailto:info@12stepsforeverybody.org).

## Thursday, March 20, 2008

### Lights! Camera! Glamour!

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

As studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia, George Hurrell shot some of the world's most beautiful and intriguing personalities, creating the template for Hollywood glamour portrait. His flawless photography was instrumental in shaping the images of stars such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney and Rita Hayworth. The exhibition shows more than 80 iconic photographs ranging from Jean Harlow, and Clark Gable to Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger. The exhibition also features a replica of Hurrell's studio, with his camera, boom light and handpainted screen and a room of nude portraits, many of which are being shown for the first time.

### Calling all docents

5905 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., open times

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](mailto:Admissions@lacmadocent.org). Applications are due no later than February 22, 2008.

### What's new this week

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

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

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to [smdp.com](http://smdp.com) and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





Photo courtesy Katie Ricketts

**MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE:** Farmers' Market Basket Program helper Charles Johnson identifies which bags of produce are going to which customer during a recent Wednesday Farmers' Market. The basket program, which has roughly 70 clients, delivers fresh produce to those who do not have time to visit the popular market themselves.

# Putting all your fruits, veggies in one basket

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Editor in Chief

**ARIZONA AVENUE** While a lot of attention has been paid to produce companies buying up large quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables at the popular Wednesday Farmers' Market — causing local chefs to fume and fret over losing out on limited ingredients for their menus — there's a program out there that is trying to make sure locals get what they need to prepare their family's meals.

It's called the Farmers' Market Basket Program, run by Southland Farmers' Market Association, the largest non-profit group of certified farmers' markets in the West, helping to promote small farmers.

Members of Southland do the shopping for their customers, scouring the market to assemble a wide variety of fruits and veggies that are placed into a paper bag or basket and delivered to one's workplace to be picked up during a break or at the end of the day, said Katie Ricketts, Community Market Coordinator who created the program.

"This is a way of ensuring that the community is taken care of," Ricketts said.

In a recent newspaper article, it seemed that produce companies were buying up fruits and vegetables at the market, leaving

very little behind for the average shopper, but in reality, many farmers leave without leftovers that may not last the trip home or have to be sold within a few days or they go bad, Ricketts said.

That's where the basket program comes in. Those who may be too busy at work to shop during the day — the Wednesday market runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — can have produce delivered to them, the convenience of which may draw others in who otherwise would not shop at the market.

"We were scratching our heads trying to come up with more opportunities for farmers to come into contact with consumers and to help them make a profit so we thought about creating a weekly delivery service," Ricketts said.

The program started off as a pilot involving employees at RAND Corp. but has now grown to include more than 70 customers and two drop-off locations — City Hall and the Main Library. Employees from Google and the YMCA are participating, as are city employees.

The cost of the program varies depending on what season it is and what produce is popular. Bags can range anywhere from \$20 to \$35.

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## Good call Seniors get on the horn to warn others about scams

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Editor in Chief

**KEN EDWARDS CENTER** Tucked away in a gray cubicle, Roslyn Datz, a volunteer with WISE & Health Aging, went through a list of telephone numbers of fellow seniors living halfway across the country, picked up a phone and began making calls warning these strangers about not falling victim to a scam.

And there are a lot of scams out there to be wary of. Some have been duped into sending \$10,000 to a crook, thinking that they would soon be rewarded with a check for \$200,000 — as the winner of a contest. Others have given up their Social Security and bank account numbers, thinking they were talking to someone from the IRS trying to send out a tax refund.

As a decade-long volunteer at the Senior Fraud Prevention Center, located on the

third floor of the Ken Edwards Center, Datz has heard them all and will continue to give advice to fellow seniors, at least for another year thanks to a grant from the AARP Foundation.

"We know that financial frauds and scams are a terrible threat to the financial security for older adults," said Kim Hubbard, director of elder abuse prevention at WISE. "We are turning the tables on these criminals by speaking directly to consumers, warning

them about current scams and helping them not to become victims."

In 2007, call center volunteers contacted more than 60,000 older consumers across the country, warning them about scams delivered by telephone, mail and the Internet, and providing fraud protection tips and information. Due to this success, additional funding was provided by the

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### Tudor House is bloke-friendly

Editor:

It was a bit of a shock to read in Maria Rohloff's restaurant column ("First meal of the day isn't to be slept on," page 8, March 13) that The Tudor House, a watering hole I have frequented ... for more than 40 years, is "a bit feminine." I had no idea! Straight away I went to see for myself if this favorite eatery of mine had indeed become unfriendly to men. Upon entering all seemed much the same as it was on my last visit. The young fellow behind the counter nodded a cheery greeting in answer to my 'Elo! The freezer was, as always, filled with such bloke friendly fare as bangers, kippers, black pudding (blood sausage) and various strong cheeses. The shelves also contained many items beloved by males – pickled onions , HP Sauce and various curry flavored items . There was also lots of treats available for young boys – toffees, Humbugs, Wine Gums.

Upon entering the restaurant, I did notice that about two thirds of the diners were women, which gave me pause, but I was reassured when Christine, a very special Scottish lass, arrived at the table with my usual, a large glass of Guinness. As it was late in the day, I decided to forgo the British Breakfast and instead ordered an extremely masculine Ploughman's Lunch, comprising of liberal helpings of pungent cheese served with eye watering pickles, salad and fresh baked muffins. After a second libation, I looked all around and then seeing no one to thump or swear at, I left without spitting on the floor. Ye Olde Tudor House is as always a male bastion however they do serve ladies. Even Maria Rohloff.

**N. John Gazey**

Santa Monica

### Constitution on the mind

Editor:

Are we as a nation really so scared of an attack on America that we are willing to trash the Fourth Amendment? Why would our leaders possibly give immunity to the Telcos without knowing the facts and extent of the wiretapping? Was this systematic eaves-dropping program started before 9/11, as has been reported? With so many questions, just the idea that so many of those in Congress and the Senate are willing to blindly allow immunity suggests that they truly do not believe in the Constitution or the American people.

Does anybody believe that anything has come from these illegal wiretaps, except maybe busting Gov. Spitzer for hiring a prostitute? Certainly no terrorist attack has been thwarted or it would have been all over the front pages, telling us what a great job Bush is doing and keeping us out of harm's way. Please stop this runaway presidency from trashing our most precious document any further.

Allow me to remind anyone reading this note – the Constitution is what separates America from the rest of the world. It is the reason why our forefathers originally came to America and therefore the reason for our very existence as a country. Now that we condone torture, conduct illegal wiretapping and publicly identify our own covert CIA agents over politics, our Constitution is quickly becoming shredded beyond repair.

Please stop the blanket immunity!

**Rick Singerman**

Santa Monica



## Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen

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# Eliot Spitzer: A man for every 'squeezin'

*"If everybody in this town connected with politics had to leave town because of chasing women and drinking, you would have no government."*

-Barry Goldwater,  
Conservative Grand Poobah

**LAST WEEK, DEMOCRATIC STUD MUFFIN** Eliot Spitzer joined the MLB [Major League Bonehead] team of "Men with No Brains." He joins an All-Star line up of the world's two oldest professions replete with high maintenance harlotry, publicly funded mini bar charges and self inflicted kicks in the crotch.

On first and second base we have the two Garys, (Hart and Condit) with Antonio Villaraigosa at shortstop while Mirthala Salinas calls the game. Newt Gingrich is at third (marriage) and Barney Frank is catching at home plate. And on the mound today is all time MVP Hall of Famer, former Horn Dog in Chief, "Smokin" Billy Jeff Clinton.

Larry Craig is taking a "wide stance" as first base coach after "stalling out" in Minneapolis and is on the injured DL while Mark Foley is still trying to keep his hands off of the batboys. Jessica Hahn, Donna Rice and Fanne Fox lead the cheerleading squad but Monica Lewinsky couldn't make it because she couldn't find her blue dress. This afternoon the outfield includes Jesse Jackson in left field, Jimmy Swaggart in right field and Earl Paulk all over the place.

Clarence Thomas is the umpire at home plate.

Unfortunately, in this game, the more "home runs" you hit, the bigger the loser you are.

Now let me get this straight, to facilitate the marginalization of the luridly libidinous debauchery of our "erected officials," why haven't we legalized the first "oldest profession" so we don't have to drown in the neap tide of drool concerning the sweaty peccadilloes from the members of the second? With the home mortgage crisis, the Bear Stearns bailout, capital flight and growing stagflation, why aren't we pimpin' out the only industry that appears to have survived in this country?

Legalized strumpetry will accomplish more as a stimulus package than any Fed bailout. Think "work ethic" rather than "corporate welfare." Adam Smith intoned, "Consumption is the sole end and purpose of production". Anybody hungry? Baby Daddy got some sugar for ya! Let's make "sexy time" and solve our trade deficit.

Folks, this may be premature, but we could make some real money here. More money than Hefner has Viagra. More bak-

sheesh for healthcare, education, and housing. There would be no more wars, as everybody would be too tired to fight. Social Progressive Democrats are allegedly more "sex positive" while repressed Republicans like me, however, are like cold oatmeal when it comes to this sex thing, so all you wet T-shirt liberals out there need to lunge forth and pick up the squirt bottle on this.

Social Progressive Democrats could open a sex positive environmentally sustainable organic vegan brothel right here in Santa Monica! Think "Whole Foods." Don't think "hookers," think "Intramural Marital Consultants." We're all cool when it comes to sex, right? Pinkberry could sell "special toppings" but you have to go to the back room for that. You could get it "your way" at Burger Kink and going to Jiffy Lube for an oil change would be ... well ... different. We could put parking meters mounted to the beds that only take \$20 bills. "Parking Enforcement" could come by and check to see if you're still "double parked" and issue a citation if your meter has expired. The only foreseeable problem is where to stick the ticket!

We could balance the federal budget, fund ANY ninny headed program envisioned by the Democrats AND still have cash to burn if we just say YES to sex! Why should politicians spend all the money AND have all the fun?

This would most assuredly be a "happy ending" for all. Someone pass me a cigarette.

Levity aside, my sincerest condolences is extended to any of the wives and children from the porcine actions of pulchritude deliberated by members of my gender upon you. No woman should have to endure the mortification, on national television, of a self righteous, philandering spouse trying to extricate himself from the confines of his pinching zipper (Hillary included), nor should the progeny of their union suffer the insufferable taunts of their classmates and friends over the goatish carnality of a jackass who, by mistake or intent, happens to share a common DNA helix.

I explicitly reject the bilious notion, expressed or inferred, that Silda Spitzer was n't enough of a wife with respect to her husband's Icarian exploits. Hopefully, she avails herself in court at his excruciating expense. Eliot can keep his nipple rings and leather diaper; however, I'm sure he'll find "cuddle time" in prison an interesting diversion.

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# HBO, not MTV, will truly rock the vote

**THE BEST MOVIE STUDIO IN AMERICA IS** HBO Films. The same way Charles Dickens used novels to shame and ridicule the ruling classes in England, HBO Films is working for social change in contemporary American society. Over the course of the next few months, that studio will be taking audiences on a journey - starting with the Boston Massacre in the mini-series "John Adams" and ending with the invasion of Iraq in 2003 in the mini-series "Generation Kill." Along the way, they will stop in Florida in November of 2000 for the movie version of the case of Bush v. Gore for the presidency of the United States in the movie "Recount." By the time the trip is over, anyone who watched either of the three will be psyched to cast their vote in November; fired up and ready to go, if you will.

I saw the first two installments of "John Adams" this past weekend and I can safely say two things: I can hardly wait for the next two installments this Sunday and anyone associated with the production needs to make room on the mantel for an Emmy. It's that good. I'm not only saying this because the brilliance, toughness, and integrity of John Adams, Sam Adams, John Hancock, and the Sons of Liberty make me proud to be from the Bean. It's also because the first two installments were the best-written, best-acted, best-directed, and most authentic period pieces since "Deadwood" and "Rome" (also on HBO). Also, the exhaustive work done by historian David McCullough in his book on John and Abigail Adams allows the viewer to see, hear, and feel how hard it was just to survive in those days.

We come to understand that there was actually a time in American history before the Constitution and the Bill of Rights — a time before there was such a thing as an American — when people in the original colonies were forced to allow British soldiers to live in their homes, when colonists weren't allowed to assemble, keep guns, engage in free trade, or disagree with the King of England. We learn that the American Revolution was fought as a war against the tyranny of the king and for the right of self-determination. We hear, for the first time anywhere on earth, that "all men are created equal," and we are bothered by the idea of our forefathers living under military occupation (even though we know it won't last).

Fast forward to "Generation Kill," based

on a book by "Rolling Stone" reporter Evan Wright, who spent two months embedded with marines in Iraq, which will be broadcast in early summer. The exact same way we saw British troops arrogantly doing whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted in the colony of Massachusetts before their defeats at Lexington and Concord, I suspect we will see American Marines (mis)behaving in Iraq before the battle of Fallujah. It will be impossible for anyone not to draw the obvious comparisons between Iraqis fighting the American occupation and our fighting the tyranny of King George's taxation without representation.

By the time someone has finished watching both mini-series, that person will be good and ready for "Recount." And once a (Democrat) person lives through the nightmare of Florida 2000 all over again, that (Democrat) person will do everything possible to make sure there isn't a repeat. That whole episode was an embarrassment to you, to me, and to Americans everywhere. People were clowning us all over the world saying that the U.S., the very model of freedom and democracy, had forgotten the central idea of the democratic process: That every vote must be counted because every vote matters.

I understand that we shouldn't be getting our history from Hollywood, but in the case of David McCullough and Evan Wright, I'm willing to make exceptions. After all, it's not like we're talking about Mel Gibson in "The Patriot," riding to re-join his troops while holding a tattered American flag which Betsy Ross hadn't even sewn yet. These writers know of what they speak and the actual events they wrote about were dramatic enough not to require much (if any) embellishment. As for "Recount," I don't mind if the events of those few weeks in Florida are exaggerated for effect because the story stands as a cautionary tale for those millions of young voters coming into the process for the first time. Many of them were barely out of elementary school back in 2000 and probably weren't paying attention to butterfly ballots, hanging chads, or that vile Katherine Harris. Mark my words: This November it will be HBO, not MTV, that truly rocks the vote.

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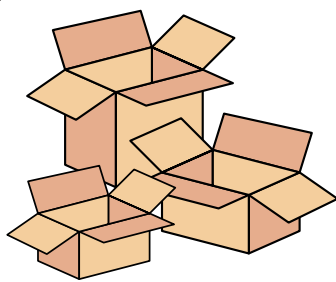
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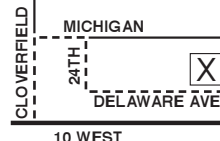
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## The Q-Line

### Adding Numbers

The fire and police departments both requested additional staffing from the City Council last week. They say that both agencies need to keep up with the demands of an ever-growing city.

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# Real estate is always a sound buy

**THE MEDIA LOVES TO PERPETUATE BAD** news. The bottom line is that bad news sells better than good news. Last week I read an article that said we were in a recession. Albeit bad news, it is news to listen to and understand. However, with the right knowledge, right real estate deal and right real estate experience, real estate can still be a good investment.

They say one of the best and safest investments to make during a recession are the stocks of companies that sell "need to have" items such as soap, toothpaste and shampoo because no matter what transpires in the economy, people will buy those items. Sure, people may buy less of the "need to have" items, but they are still going to buy them. On the other hand, many economists say one of the worst investments to make during a recession is real estate because it is illiquid, which means it is difficult to turn into cash. I am no economist, but I do not buy into real estate being one of the worst investments to make during a down market. I think a good real estate transaction with the right parameters has potential regardless of the market place, but I also think it is important to keep a



## Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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long-term investment strategy, since no one knows when a market will turn.

First, I am not suggesting an inexperienced real estate investor enter the real estate market during a downturn, because lack of experience and one bad deal can bankrupt you quickly. However, if you have experience and see an opportunity, buying real estate may become one of the best investments you will ever make. If we examine the facts, you will see that the wealthiest families in the United States keep their wealth in real estate. Besides providing a great tax shelter, real estate is a tangible asset that, aside from a major catastrophe such as a fire, earthquake, tornado or other disaster will be there regardless of value. If a property's value drops by 20 percent, it is still physically there and if it is still bringing in cash and you do not need to exit the asset, there is no real harm done, aside from your ego.

With that said, going into the real estate market because you think you can beat it is foolhardy at best. Last week I mentioned that deals exist in today's market and that is true, but thinking you can buy a property and quickly increase its value to a point where you can sell it at a premium is not a prudent investment decision. Gone are the days of easy financing and quick flips. At the right price and with a long enough investment horizon, real estate can give an excellent return. As mentioned earlier, a bad deal can bankrupt you quickly through leverage.

The double-edged sword of real estate is leverage. Allowing you to buy more than you can afford through borrowing is what leverage is all about. Leverage is what helps people attain the American dream of homeownership. If you put a little money down in the form of a down payment and the real estate asset appreciates or goes up in value then you have made a return on your money. But what goes up must come down and that is what so many Americans are experiencing now with a reduction of their home values. With hundreds of thousands of dollars tied up in a home, what sounds

like a nominal reduction in value — such as five percent — is significant. A reduction in value is only really important when you go to sell the asset or when the payment goes up and the bank cannot refinance the property for the money borrowed. Any real estate investor will tell you the risk associated with real estate investing, using leverage, and how it can wipe you out financially.

Speculators and novice real estate investors alike should not "test the waters" during recessionary times and a down real estate market. Even with the proper knowledge, any real estate investor will tell you it takes strong internal fortitude to invest when everyone else is running for the exit. But that same investor will tell you that with every down market comes an up market, and those who are prepared and have invested wisely will find themselves in a strong position able to create great wealth and join the rest of the wealthy families in the United States.

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# Prosecution opens with video evidence

FROM TRIAL PAGE 1

The video was just among a slew of possible incriminating evidence that was presented to the jury on the first day of the trial as the prosecution stated its case as to why the women are guilty of murder for financial gain.

"These women looked at these victims and saw profit in their plight, a profit of \$2.8 million," Deputy District Attorney Truc Do said, referring to the total amount of life insurance payouts the two women were able to cash-in on the 1999 death of Paul Vados and 2005 murder of Kenneth McDavid.

Prosecutors believe that Golay, a former landlord who owned three apartment buildings in Ocean Park, and Rutterschmidt, a Hungarian immigrant who resided in Hollywood, befriended Vados and McDavid while they were homeless, fixing them up in rent-free apartments in exchange for naming the women on their life insurance policies. The two women pulled out multiple policies, naming themselves as beneficiaries, Golay always claiming to be the fiancé and Rutterschmidt the cousin, according to Do during her opening argument.

The women would wait two years after the policies were put into place before murdering the victims, Do said, noting the state's two-year incontestability clause under which a claim cannot be contested two years after a life insurance policy is signed, except in cases of non-payment.

"They knew this loophole was there and they used it to their advantage," Do said.

The prosecution went on to detail the two murders, drawing the similarities between the two and making the connections to the defendants. McDavid was killed in an alley off Westwood Boulevard in 2005, his upper body literally crushed, leaving his legs nearly unscathed, Do said. Vados was found murdered in a similar fashion in 1999.

Both men sought free services at the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

The deputy district attorney also presented footage of a silver station wagon driving up the Westwood alley on which McDavid was found murdered, the photos caught on surveillance cameras at the Bristol Farms on the corner of Ohio Avenue and Westwood Boulevard and the Copy Express just a few

doors south.

A silver station wagon was called to be towed the same night of McDavid's death using Golay's automobile club membership to the corner of Fifth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard, just half a block from where Golay resided at the time, Do continued. The silver station wagon was later found to be dumped in Hollywood and bought through a lien. During the course of the investigation, McDavid's DNA was found in the undercarriage of the station wagon, Do said.

The prosecution called several witnesses to the stand, including Behrooz Haverin who discovered McDavid's body in the alley past midnight as he was leaving a backgammon game at Roma Design, a furniture store

**THESE WOMEN LOOKED AT THESE VICTIMS AND SAW PROFIT IN THEIR PLIGHT, A PROFIT OF \$2.8 MILLION."**

**Truc Do,**  
Deputy District Attorney

that abuts the alley.

About an hour before the body was discovered, Yoram Hassid left the backgammon game early, popping his head back into the backgammon game to let his friends know there was something suspicious lying in the alley, according to Masoud Khalifian, the furniture store owner who also testified. The recollection of that particular exchange appeared to be unclear to both Khalifian and Hassid, who also testified.

Haverin said he was in the car with the furniture store owner after the game when they saw something lying still.

"I thought he said it was a plastic bag, but when I got nearby, I saw it was a person," Haverin said.

The prosecution is expected to call more witnesses today. The trial is expected to last at least a week.

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City of  
**Santa Monica**

March 19, 2008

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

This combined notice is intended to satisfy two separate procedural requirements: (1) 24 CFR 58.43, Dissemination and/or publication of the Findings of No Significant Impact and (2) 24 CFR 58.70, Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. The public is advised to specify which notice their comments address, so that the City of Santa Monica may properly take into account the comments received.

On or about April 3, 2008, the City of Santa Monica will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to be used for the following project:

**Project Title:** Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica at John Adams Middle School Construction Project

**Location:** 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica CA

**Purpose:** Construction of youth facility providing educational, recreational and social resources for at-risk youth ages 7-18

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,666,367 (approximately \$300,000 of which is CDBG funds)

It has been determined that this action will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare such statement is due to the following factors:

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica's new branch on the campus of John Adams Middle School (JAMS) will include the renovation of an existing classroom and the construction of an adjoining structure on the JAMS campus. This new facility will include an education center, technology room (equipment will not be funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds), and social/recreation spaces that will provide positive activities for at-risk children and teenagers ages 7 through 18 from Santa Monica and the surrounding communities during the hours they are not in school. The project is not expected to allow or contribute to significant impacts to the environment and a Finding of No Significant Impact can be made. The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is a subrecipient of CDBG funds through the City of Santa Monica's Community Development Grant Program.

An Environmental Review Record respecting this project has been made by the above-named City of Santa Monica which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record, which includes the NEPA Environmental Assessment, is available for review at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA, Human Services Division, Room 212, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on the City's website at [smgov.net](http://smgov.net), and at the Main Library.

No further federal environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

The City of Santa Monica is certifying to HUD that P. Lamont Ewell, in his official capacity as the Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of this certification is that upon its approval, the City of Santa Monica and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the project may proceed. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of this certification if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) That the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the City of Santa Monica has failed to make a finding of environmental significance or to make the written determination required for re-evaluation of an environmental assessment or use of prior Environmental Impact Statement, as applicable; (c) the City of Santa Monica has omitted one or more of the required steps for the preparation, publication and completion of the Environmental Assessment; (d) the City of Santa Monica has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by HUD (or the State); (e) other basis established by HUD regulations.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Santa Monica to the Human Services Division of the Community & Cultural Services Department. Such written comments should be received at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401 on or before April 2, 2008. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Santa Monica will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Objections may also be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR 58, Subpart H), and may be addressed to HUD at:

Office of Community Planning and Development  
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Objections to this undertaking on any bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD.

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# Venice residents want to see more beat cops

FROM VENICE PAGE 1

ment also plans to enforce a "zero tolerance" policy toward infractions and misdemeanor offenses, according to LAPD officials. There are currently nine officers assigned to the Venice Beach area and those numbers should noticeably increase after March 29.

"We will be working very closely with the council office and the community in a cooperative effort to identify and solve problems," Capt. Joseph Hiltner said last week. "We are firmly committed to community-policing."

Showler said the increased enforcement should last through the end of September, at which point the department will evaluate its staffing allocation.

The LAPD also plans to use special overtime details for specific target problems in the neighborhood and work with social service agencies to help homeless people who sleep on the beach into shelter programs.

Venice residents say they hope to see the extra officer stick around permanently.

"The presence gets higher during the summer and those officers go back to other areas during the rest of the year," Mike Newhouse, the president of the Venice Neighborhood Council, said on Monday. "We've been interested in more police presence year around, especially leading up to the summer season, like right now."

While Venice Beach isn't a violent, crime-ridden area, Newhouse said he has noticed illegal activity has substantially dropped during the 12 years he has lived in the West LA neighborhood.

"I find Venice to be overall a safe community," Newhouse said. "But having said that, it's a very popular tourist destination and whenever there is a popular tourist destination, you will see a certain amount of property crime."

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**THE SCENE:** Juliana Maureen Redding, 21, was found dead at 6 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Centinela Avenue. SMPD has decided to withhold the results of the autopsy on the victim.

# Police block release of results

FROM RESULTS PAGE 1

cause of death," Padilla said. "This is an ongoing investigation, and we are interviewing family, friends and neighbors to garner as much information as possible."

Redding's body was discovered after her mother, Patricia Redding, called authorities to report that she had not been able to reach her daughter.

A neighbor told KABC news that she had plans to play pool with Redding, but she hadn't answered her door and her lights were out.

Police have no suspects, and no similar cases have been reported, Padilla said.

In Redding's hometown newspaper, the Tucson Citizen, those who knew her said she was an accomplished athlete and a good student at Salpointe Catholic High School, where she spent two years on the track and field team, played golf and soccer, and was in the drama club as well as the student council.

"She was a beautiful girl, she had an outgoing spirit that involved an openness to life," Sister Helen Rau, Redding's former school counselor, told the newspaper. "She was an above average student academically."



REDDING

"When she came into my office it was like a breath of fresh air, she was a wonderful girl," Rau said. "Juliana's death is having an effect on the teachers who knew her, they are definitely saddened."

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (310) 458-8451.

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Photo courtesy Katie Ricketts

**HEALTHY SELECTIONS:** Southland Farmers' Market Association is offering locals the chance to get fresh produce from the Wednesday Farmers' Market without having to shop themselves. Representatives from the association hand-pick the produce and deliver it to a person's workplace as part of the Farmers' Market Basket Program. Over 70 people are currently enrolled.

# Shopping made easy

FROM BASKET PAGE 3

Ricketts is looking to expand the program to possibly include employees at SMC or KCRW. Around 40 people need to sign up together to create a new drop-off location. Those interested in signing up can find out more information by e-mailing Ricketts at [www.katie@sfma.net](mailto:www.katie@sfma.net).

"We make every effort to get stuff people like," Ricketts said. "We don't get too crazy. We generally pick what's in season and what the majority of people would be interested in using and would enjoy."

As for whether or not the program cre-

ates an even more competitive marketplace, forcing others to show up even earlier to grab the best of what's around, Ricketts said there is no need for concern.

"There is definitely enough produce," she said. "I'm excited because this program is helping the direct community of Santa Monica."

If the program catches on, it is possible that it will be duplicated elsewhere, Ricketts said.

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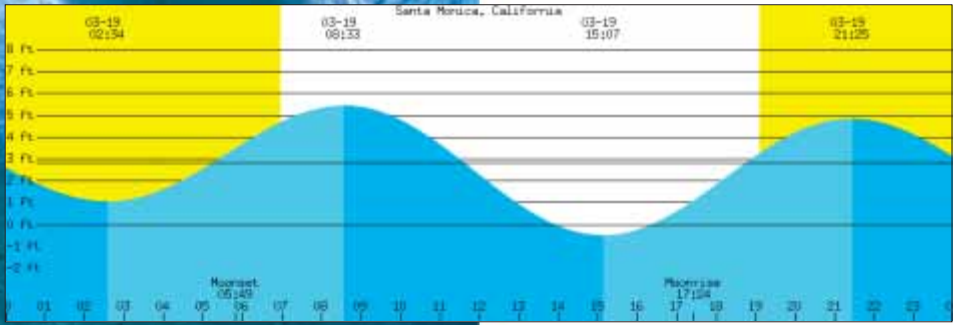


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| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth                     | B   | A+  | Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence      | A+  | D   |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A+  | A+  | 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+  | D   |
| 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                                       | C   | F   |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | F   | F   | Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain                     | A+  | D   |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach                  | F   | A+  | Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)      | A+  | D   |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A+  | B   | 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+  | A+  |
| Puerto State Beach at creek mouth                                    | B   | F   | Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A   | F   |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.        | B   | F   | Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | A   | A+  |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence                               | A+  | C   | Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A+  | B   |
| Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily                              | D   | A   | Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.                           | A+  | D   |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | B   | F   | Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower                   | A   | B   |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | A+  | A+  | Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | A   | C   |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | A   | A+  | Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain                      | A+  | A+  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs                                   | A   | 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                                                          | C   | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A+  | A+  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | B   | D   | Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant               | A+  | C   |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | F   | Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain                        | A+  | F   |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | A+  | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+  | D   |                                                                   |     |     |



**LEGEND**

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

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

**ns** -- no sample taken

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**MAKING CALLS:** Roslyn Datz (left), a volunteer with WISE & Health Aging, hits the phone on Tuesday, warning other seniors about scams. The Senior Fraud Prevention Center is in its second year, funded by a grant from AARP Foundation. Last year volunteers made over 60,000 phone calls.

# Fraud protection program extended

FROM SCAMS PAGE 3

AARP, said Petula Storey, who manages the call center.

It is especially important to keep the call center up and running now because of the increased sophistication of con artists and the economic hardships more people on fixed incomes are facing, Storey said.

The biggest scam now involves the economic stimulus package approved by President Bush that could amount to an average of \$600 per person.

“In this time of economic need, some people are more desperate than others and may be susceptible to this kind of scam,” Storey said. “Since those who are calling say they are from the IRS, people believe they are legitimate ... We want to warn people and be ahead of the game.”

With help from the FBI and local law enforcement, volunteers are informed about the latest scams and techniques people can use to protect themselves.

“We used to tell people to just hang up,” said Datz, who was one of the first volunteers at the call center.

Now volunteers warn people to never give out personal information over the phone or the Internet, and to always ask the caller for their name, number and the organization they are with and then tell them to call back later. It is important to follow up on the call and contact the organization the caller claims to be with to find out if they are telling the truth. The best idea is to get numbers from the phone book or from the Better Business Bureau.

Oftentimes people are the victims of a scam but are too embarrassed to report it. Volunteers encourage people to file a report with the police so that law enforcement can build a case against the scam artist and put them behind bars.

“No one likes to be made a fool of,” Datz said. “People always say, ‘Not me, but my neighbor down the street.’”

Sometimes callers can be difficult, cranky and rude, but it comes with the territory.

“If a person just hangs up then that’s good,” said volunteer Inez Yerrington. “That

means when a phone telemarketer calls, they’ll hang up, too.”

Some volunteers have had polite conversations with those they call, some hooking up with those who live in their old home towns, exchanging stories about the good old days.

Volunteers said the interaction with others and the chance to make a positive impact is what keeps them coming back.

“It’s really important that when you are



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Kim Hubbard,  
Director of elder abuse prevention at WISE

retired, you keep your mind active,” volunteer Lou Burg said. “It’s nice to be able to do something that helps other people and that gets you out of the house.”

The call center is constantly looking for new volunteers.

“Volunteers provide the power for our project” Storey said. “The ideal volunteer must enjoy talking on the phone with people and be interested in consumer protection.”

For more information or to become a volunteer, call Storey at (310) 394-9871, ext. 441.

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★★★★ Let your creativity bubble forth. Listen to different ideas. A brainstorming session will turn into an argument if you don't respect the other person. Tonight: Run or walk off some steam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You are far more anchored than you realize. Don't let others be the recipients of your upset or anger. Sometimes enough is enough. Confusion surrounds a decision and plans. Confirm meetings. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. If someone is a touch grumpy or difficult, let it go. Have you ever known anyone who is steady and even all the time? At least this person adds dimension and perhaps excitement to your life. Tonight: Visit with pals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to what has been said and consider if you want to add on or contradict. The issue is to think rather than spout words left and right. Others will open up if you express yourself clearly and with care. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ High energy propels you in a new direction. Think positively, and you'll find a strong return. You might want to approach a situation differently. If you're slowing down or tired, take a break. You will recharge. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Investigate what is going on, though you might want to share more. It would be best to keep your own counsel. There is much more coming, and your opinion could change radically. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to consider your options more carefully. You hit a problem when you least expect it. Gather the troops. Your supporters stand behind you. Understand your options before acting. Tonight: In the game of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take the lead in a project. If you want a job done a certain way, then you need to do just that. Pressure often builds when you shoulder too many responsibilities. Tonight: Could be late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Dealing on an individual, one-on-one level might be more important than you realize. Also, detach if you are triggering. You'll want to see the complete picture. Others prove to be highly responsive. Ask, and you shall receive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Sometimes it might be difficult to make changes that are long overdue. You have the strength and support to turn a corner or do something in a different manner. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to try another approach. Consider doing something quite differently. Honesty is the only way to go. How you express your concerns might be more important than you realize. The impact of your words is high. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life!

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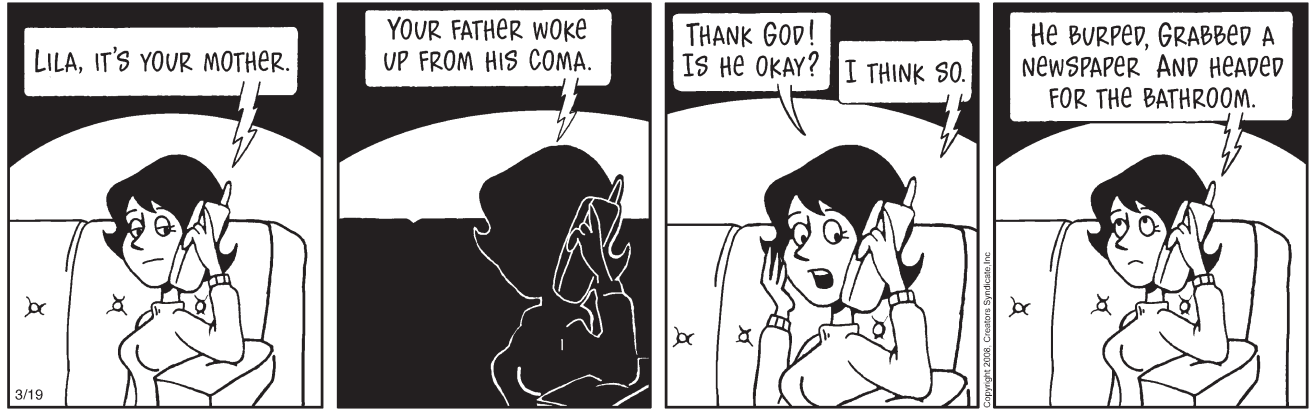
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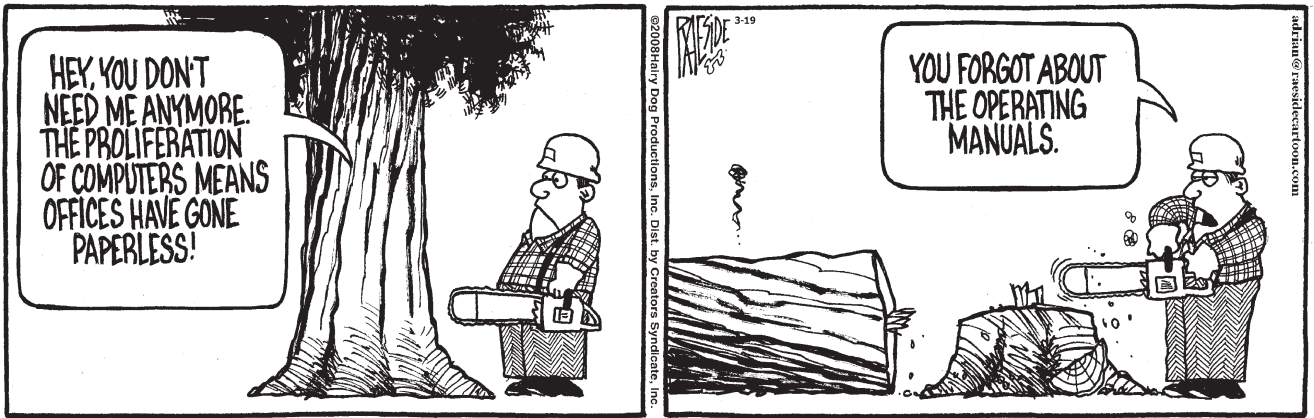
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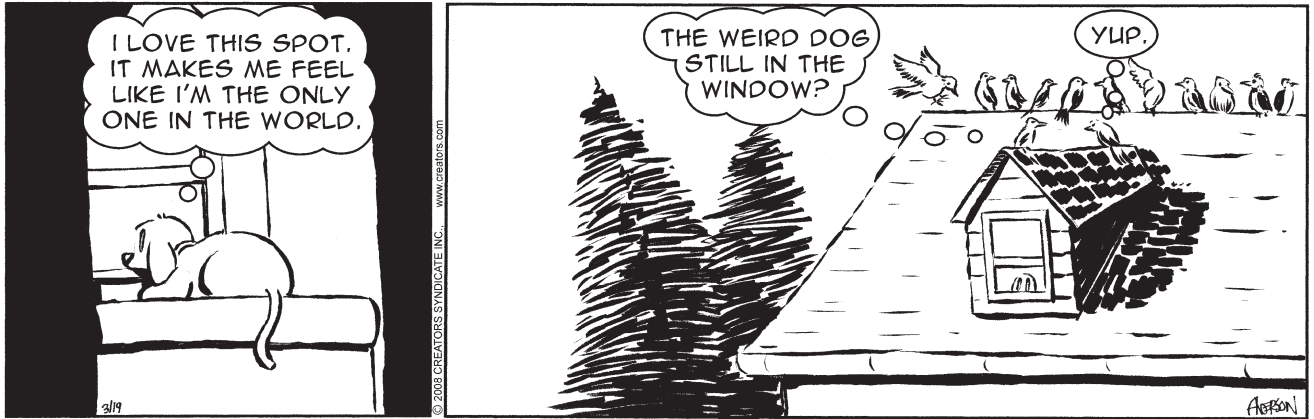
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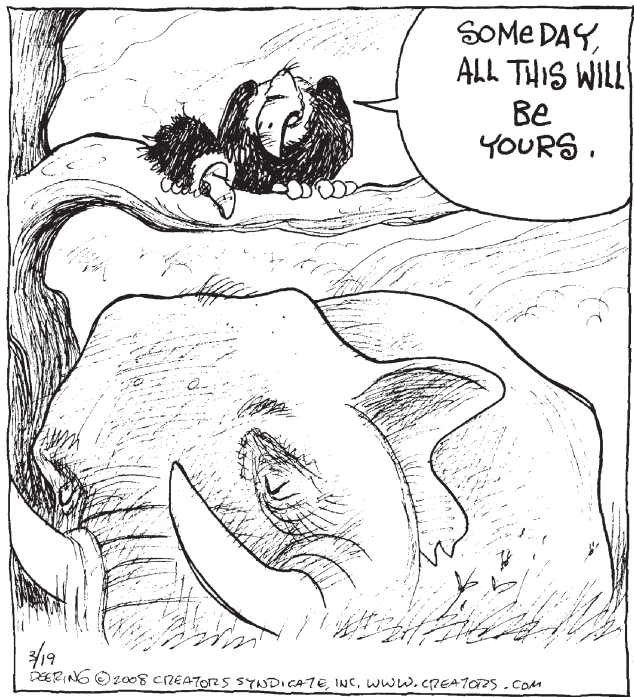


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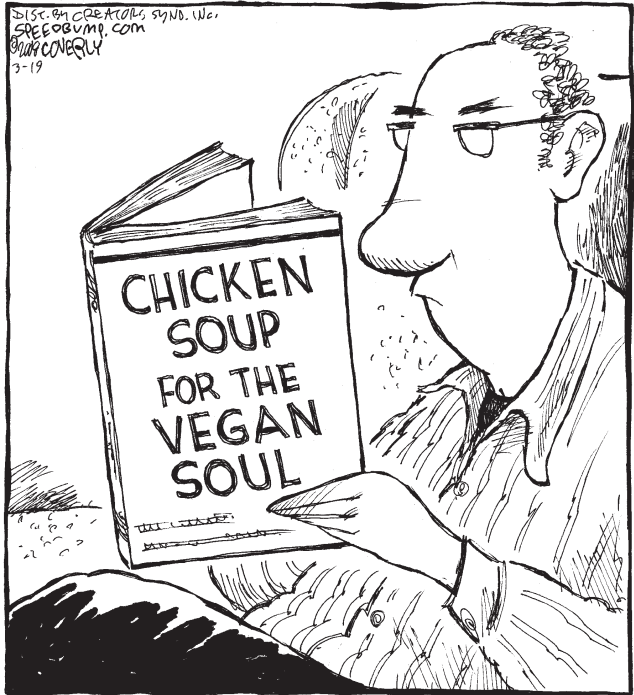
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Family Values:** (1) Geraldine Magda, 44, was arrested in Austin, Minn., in January, following a nursing-home visit to hold the hand of her dying sister in her final hours. Magda was charged with stealing the wedding ring from her sister's finger during the hand-holding. (2) A Chicago man traveled to Sheboygan, Wis., in December to finally meet the 18-year-old woman who was his biological daughter, but during the same visit, he was arrested and charged with sexually assaulting her while she was sleeping. ■ In December, street performer John Domingue said the Huntington Beach, Calif., police have finally stopped hassling him for soliciting tips at the city's famous Pier Plaza when he demonstrates his skill at hammering nails into his nose without serious injury. (Some bleeding results, which is why police said they stopped him in the first place.) The American Civil Liberties Union said it is watching the case, citing Domingues' constitutional right to perform his nose-nailing, sword-swallowing and fire-eating acts for donations.

TODAY IN HISTORY

**2003** President Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)  
**1859** the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.  
**1917** the Supreme Court, in Wilson v. New, upheld the eight-hour work day for railroad workers.  
**1918** Congress approved Daylight Saving Time.  
**1931** Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.  
**1945** during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.  
**1953** the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" was named best picture of 1952.  
**1958** the film "South Pacific," adapted from the Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical, was released.  
**1979** the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO PROJECTS BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking one or more qualified and experienced consultants/advocates to provide consulting services with respect to matters pending or to be brought before the California Coastal Commission (CCC). Proposals must be in the form described in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Selection of a contractor will be based on the qualifications of the firms submitting proposals as well as their prices for performing the work.

A Proposers' Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the Chace Park Community Building, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. The deadline for submitting proposals will be 5:00 p.m., April 14, 2008.

Firms submitting proposals must have a minimum of five years' experience in consulting with public and private sector developers on Coastal Commission proceedings on Local Coastal Program amendments and Coastal permits, and demonstrate through knowledge of the California Coastal Commission's history, governing law, regulations, staff and rulings. The County may require additional minimum qualifications.

### Notices

To receive a copy of the RFP, either telephone (310) 306-0495, send an e-mail with COASTAL COMMISSION CONSULTANT in the subject line to [dpritchett@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:dpritchett@bh.lacounty.gov), visit [http://lacounty.info/doing\\_business/main\\_db.htm](http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm), or write:

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The County reserves the right to cancel the RFP and to modify any and all terms and conditions of the RFP, including minimum requirements. For further information, call Debra Pritchett at (310) 306-0495.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20080246969 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A N E TRUCKING, 5469 5TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043; LA COUNTY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALEXANDER HERRERA, 5469 5TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/ ALEXANDER HERRERA

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1135 - Berkeley Street

\$1,995,000

Two Story Traditional 5 + 3 Home

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785 Linda Flora Drive

\$1,599,000

3 + 1.75 Fabulous Lower Bel Air Home

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Just Like this One!



231 - 18th Street

\$2,349,000

Original 3 + 1.75 Spanish Home

Open Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2:00 - 5:00 pm



1012 - 7th Street # 7

~~Reduced~~ \$599,000

Updated 2 + 1.75 Condo

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947 - 15<sup>th</sup> Street # 6

\$719,000

Top Floor 2 + 1.75 Condo

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12124 - Goshen Street # 105

\$779,000

Spacious 3 + 1.75 Condo

## Coming Soon



- 1730 California Avenue # 5
- \$799,000
- Large 3 + 2.5 with Loft & Deck
- Large Kitchen Opens to Patio

### Average Price of Properties Listed for Sale As of Mid March 2008

|                            |   | Single Family Homes | Condos & Townhomes |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| Santa Monica Canyon        | = | \$ 2,316,750        | \$ 1,300,000       |
| North of Montana           | = | \$ 3,725,300        | \$ 2,088,381       |
| Between Wilshire & Montana | = | \$ 1,961,900        | \$ 1,004,481       |
| South of Wilshire          | = | \$ 873,966          | \$ 777,764         |
| Sunset Park                | = | \$ 1,468,125        | \$ 724,846         |
| Ocean Park                 | = | \$ 1,776,694        | \$ 1,112,507       |

Statistics updated every Friday

### What is Your Home Worth? Contact Me to Find Out!

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