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No homes zones?

FAA gives City Hall millions to buy homes around airport

BY THE BIONIC WOMAN I Daily Planet Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Federal Aviation Administration officials announced a $10 million home buyout plan on Monday, purchasing properties closest to the west and east ends of the Santa Monica Airport in order to effect a runway safety plan

The announcement comes less than a week after the City Council rejected an offer by the FAA to install a series of concrete safety blocks — Emergency Material Arresting System (EMAS) — off the west end of the runway facing the Sunset Park neighborhood, opting instead to adopt an ordinance banning the fastest jets. The FAA is expected to challenge the legality of the ordinance in court.

During last week's City Council hearing in which the ordinance was adopted, FAA officials also presented a plan to designate the neighborhoods to the west of the runway as

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HOME SWEET NO: **The FAA will give City Hall $10M to buy homes near the airport to create Runway Protection Zones.**



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OPTIONS: **An artist's rendering of new Wide Stance Stall signs.**

Going No. 2 in comfort

BY IRON MAN I Daily Planet Staff Writer

CITY HALL Taking a stance has never been easier.

The City Council on Tuesday agreed to a plan that would widen all city-owned bathroom stalls to allow visitors to take a wide stance while doing their business.

The plan came on the heels of Sen. Larry Craig's arrest for lewd conduct in a public rest room at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on June 11, 2007. Prosecutors alleged that Craig tried to solicit homosexual sex from an undercover police officer, but Craig said that the misunderstanding stemmed from his practice of taking a wide stance while using the rest room.

A number of city leaders, sympathetic to the senator's situation, discussed making a move to avoid a similar situation occurring in Santa Monica. Councilman Richard Blume, who himself utilizes the wide stance technique while using bathroom stalls, introduced the plan late last year. Following a number of closed session meetings, councilmembers agreed that widening stalls would be the best remedy to avoid a similar misunderstanding.

"We just want people to feel comfortable when using the city's bathrooms," Bloom said. "I sure wouldn't want a similar fate to befall me when I'm innocently using the rest room."

City crews will begin the necessary renovations this week. The entire $1.3 million plan should be completed by summer, which is the peak of the tourism season.

The initial phase of the project requires city crews to measure existing stalls and draft plans that would accommodate the new, wider stalls. The current average stall is 40 to 48 inches wide. The proposal would add an additional foot to each existing stall.

"We felt the new measurements will allow bathroom users to feel comfortable enough to take the necessary stance to accomplish their tasks," said Councilman Bobby Shiver, who doesn't take a very wide stance himself but feels empathy for those that do. "If this prevents just one misunderstanding, we'll be more than satisfied."

In an effort to go green, city officials have also agreed to eliminate all toilet paper from city bathrooms. In addition to the wider stalls, crews will be installing bidets in all rest rooms operated by the city.

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Wiggy about Wigs

Douglas Park, 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Join us at our wigwam in the park to learn the finer points of weaving wigs. Participants are urged to bring their own materials and a good sense of humor regarding hair loss. For information, call (310) 999-9595.

New Way to sit for Trees

Corner of Second Street and Broadway, 11 a.m.

Local environmental activist group, Treehuggers, encourages interested residents to join them Downtown to protest the city's plan to remove 54 ficus trees from the area. Instead of a boring sit-in, this event will take place amid the branches of the stately trees. Why sit for trees when you can sit in them? For information, call Gerald at (310) 555-TREE.

Tranny Training

410 Broadway, Midnight

The ranks of transgender individuals appears to be shrinking. We're losing members every day. This self-help group meets every week to prepare those going through "the change." For information, call (310) 976-5454.

Pessimists Unite

Main Library, 5 p.m.

Feeling down? Think nothing really matters? You aren't alone. Join the Ain't Gonna Happen Club of Santa Monica during what will most likely be a less than interesting discussion about topics that predictably will fail to make a difference. All are invited, but nobody is expected to attend. For information, call (976) NOT-GOOD.

Party Time

Huge kegger at Rick's house. Bring Red cups and barf bags. Pretzels optional. Can you stand a keg stand? For more information call (310) 458-8301

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

You make the news

410 Broadway, 5 p.m.

Why read the news when you could be writing it? Head down to the Daily Press' office to help the editorial staff craft the day's stories. Never again will you sit idly by thinking that you can do better. Spelling and grammar knowledge is optional. Writing ability is a plus, although not required. For information, call (310) 555-NEWS.

Making a mess of Mass

Santa Monica Pier, 9 p.m.

Come join the legions of bike riders during this monthly run ride through the streets of Santa Monica and Venice. The group has met its bike quota and is now recruiting Segway riders, roller skaters and rickshaw operators. For information, call Alex at (800) WHY-KNOT.

How the other half lives

North of Montana, Noon

Slack Jaw Gawkers Tour Company leads a safari of the city's finer neighborhoods. Come see the rich in their native habitat as they spend ridiculous amounts of money on frivolous trinkets and order their maids to bathe their babies. The safari includes stops at watering holes for the rich, lavish homes of the wealthy and meeting places of the loaded. For information, visit www.theysurearerich.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.





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SLOWING DOWN: **Amish have taken over the Third Street Historic District now that modern-day technology is banned.**

Lights out on Third

Third Street Historic district becomes home for the Amish

BY THE BLACK CANARY I Daily Planet Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK The Third Street Historic District has gone Amish.

Today marks the one-month anniversary since electricity was outlawed in all homes in the historic districts, residents living like the Pennsylvania Dutch since the City Council-enacted ban on modern-day conveniences took effect on March 1.

The council approved earlier this year a provision in the Third Street Historic District guidelines that bans automobiles, electricity, plumbing and any modern-day uses from homes that lie within the boundaries. The change in the guidelines was a response to complaints from long-time residents of the recent trend in modern home development in the district, including proposals to build modernist style houses on Second Street and Third Street.

The district, bounded by Ocean Park Boulevard, Hill Street, Second Street and Third Street, is famous for its col-

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Colgate can't help these teeth recover

Fluoridated water is a cause for concern for Santa Monica youth whose teeth are dying

BY DARKWING DUCK I Special to the Daily Planet

CITYWIDE Across Santa Monica, children's teeth are rotting, their tongues are swelling and their breathe is beginning to smell of an odor most often associated with that of your obese neighbor who decides to play football every Thanksgiving morning.

Opponents of fluoride warned Santa Monica about negative effects of the additive for years, but the City Council didn't listen. And nearly four months after drinking fluoridated tap water, the city's children are beginning to suffer the consequences.

Local dentists are reporting extreme cases of flourishes, with kids coming into examining rooms with teeth that look like shards of broken glass or as if they had been chewing tobacco for 25 years.

"It makes your stomach turn," Dr. James Goodtooth of City by the Sea Dentistry said about the rotting teeth in the mouths of local youth. "I've never seen anything like it. Something must be done."

After years of debate, fluoridated water began flowing out of Santa Monica taps in November 2007. Opponents of the additive tried to argue against the process, saying too much fluoride could be dangerous, especially for children. They were never convinced that increasing the level of the chemical in water would be beneficial.

However, advocates of fluoride said the change in water would help prevent tooth decay, leading to the 2003 decision to allow fluoridated tap water.

Now, City Hall must deal with the consequences.

"A young bum came up to me yesterday and asked me for help," Mayor Pro Tem Richard Blume said. "I looked down at the boy's teeth and was shocked. Then I realized, he was my son. What have we done?"

SEE **BAD TEETH** PAGE 7



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YUCK! **Joey Tooomuch Kandi shows off his not so pearly whites. The 12-year-old said his teeth starting rotting shortly after he started drinking fluoridated tap water.**





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Grammar police on patrol

Editor:

As a long time and overlee critical reader, I am apaled at the Santa Monica Daily Press's continued disregard for the American langwauiage. Are you not awhere of the unaxpetably low standard of Engrish grammir in your newspaper.

I have ritten letters to you're staff writers on noomerous ocasions, correcting they're grammir but with no response. I invest a lot of my busy time into righting these letters, time takin from feeding my 10 cats and crossing out names of the deceesed from the white pages. I advice the Santa Monica Dailie Press hire a copy righter. These gramatic errors - interchanging affect and effect; they're, their and there; and it's and its, should be a crime! A mister meter at the least.

For example, in Melodie Hanttanis March 28 article, "Teens get Physical (Ed)," she wrote, "a business that caters to a high-school aged audience, O2 Max Fitness opened its doors..." rather than "it's doors," which wood have been corrict because the apostrophe makes it possessive. It should be "Sandys shoes," not "Sandy's shoes."

That is only a sample of what i have seen. I find there are errors in nearly everee articole I read, and that is without even trying, they are so blatant. You're righters just don't seem to kare, a lack of professionalsm. I find their are also errors in the columms. Is the editor not responsable for editting and removing the errors?

I wonder what the job kwalifications are to become a righter at the Dailee Press. From what I've understad, several of the righters have degrees in Engrish and print journalism. But where was dis degree attained? The University of Phoenix? ITT Tech?

Don't u realize that most of you're readers did learn basic Engrish grammir in skiool and are continually desgusted by the contiuned spelling errors in you're paper. It will nevir be taken seriously by peoples who wint to excellent skools, like Devry's Keller Graduate School, my alma matter.

I recommind that you perchase a dictionary for your righters.

Now your photographers, they have a true grasping of grammir. You should pay them more money and have them copyright.

Neil McDonald
Santa Monica

Seeking assistance

Editor:

I don't normally do this, but I am seeking the help of the Daily Planet in my battle with the CIA and Robert Redford (you know, he played a CIA agent once, so there's a connection). I would come into the office and explain, but my cats will not let me leave and there are LAPD helicopters flying above my home right now, just waiting for me to step outside so they can shoot me down, and my controlling cats, who need to be fed every three hours or they go into a fit and start hacking up furballs all around the house, and believe me, you do not want to step in that. Where was I? Oh, my case with Robert Redford and the CIA. When I was 21 years old, quite a long time ago, I ran into the red-headed stud at a cocktail party at my cousin Beatrice's house. It was a wonderful party, with many celebrities and great booze. They even had those little fried cheese balls and buttermilk sauce. So tasty. Anyway, I was at the party when Rob, that's what we call him, walked over to me and groped me. I wasn't startled at first, given his strong, sculpted arms and his charming features. But then I got to thinking about what he had just done and I became upset. I called the police and had him arrested. Well, that was a bad idea. He has since joined with the CIA to blackball me from Hollywood. Every script I have turned in has been rejected, even one which I wrote for Robert. I must say there is a grand conspiracy to get me to keep quiet, but it won't work. Just as soon as these helicopters leave, I'll be back on the street ready to fight. I just need your help.

Bettie Haldon
Somewhere over the rainbow



My Wrong

Bill Sour

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Suggestions for a better Santa Monica

IF I WERE KING OF SANTA MONICA, here are 10 ways I'd make the city better.

1. The great cities of the world have impressive skylines. London has Big Ben, Paris has the Eiffel Tower, New York has the Empire State Building. Santa Monica needs an iconic structure. So, I'd erect a 1,350 foot tall "Freedom Blunt" to be built just north of the Santa Monica Pier. Imagine a giant cigar-shaped structure that's round, firm and fully packed? It would have a "mess with your mind" view of the Pacific while the ground floor would host the world's largest medical marijuana dispensary. It would be world-famous in no time. Sweet.

2. Culture is vital to the well being of a community. We're fortunate skateboarding originated in the Ocean Park/Venice area. To celebrate the only real culture this community has, I'd convert the new "Broad Stage" theater at Santa Monica College to a state-of-the-art "Broad Indoor Skate Park." Imagine doing Ollie's off the orchestra pit! The Santa Monica Historical Museum would become the Surf and Skate Museum and Bergamot Station galleries would exhibit permanent displays of vintage skate wear.

3. Traffic is a nightmare. Sure, we could widen Wilshire and Olympic boulevards, but I'd build an Amtrak train route from Disneyland and downtown L.A. into Santa Monica. I'm not talking about puny light rail or stretch busses — I'm talking rumbling, whistle blowing, steam and coal-smoke belching real trains on their own right-of-way to bring tens of thousands of people a day (and their wallets) to our beloved city. That's goosing the local economy, King Sower style.

4. Any world-class tourist destination needs a world-class airport. Santa Monica Airport isn't big enough.

I'd cantilever the present runway over Centinela Avenue and build a second runway down the middle of Ocean Park Boulevard. I know this is going to upset some Ocean Park and Sunset Park neighbors, but, the Federal Aviation Agency says it's "100 percent safe" and "there's absolutely no danger." So neighbors, don't fear because the government's never wrong.

5. There's just not enough parking. We could build multi-story parking lots on the beach to accommodate all the day workers, hotel housekeepers and visitors, but I'd rather hire gangbangers to steal cars. Once the word gets out that your ride will be absconded with if you park it in Santa Monica, commuters will start taking that Amtrak or riding their bikes. A second bonus, it provides work for wayward youth.

6. Housing is in short supply. If I were King, I'd rule all single family property owners must build, at their own cost, small apartments or "granny flats" in their backyard. Thousands of extra housing units could be provided without the city spending millions to purchase land and construct public housing. I'd require our local, Renters' Rights-endorsed politicians, living in multimillion dollar homes to set an example by starting on their auxiliary units, immediately!

7. Helping our homeless is a priority. What better thing could we do then build a world-class resort with amenities that would be the envy of the entire free world? I'd construct a multi-story, free, luxury resort above San Vicente Boulevard overlooking the Riviera Country Club. Gourmet meals would be provided gratis along with use of a spa, shops, pool, polo field and health club. Rooms and suites would rival the best 4-star hotels. Guests will check in and never check out. Available first come, first serve. Taxes, fees and licenses may apply.

8. Call Search and Rescue! Send in the dogs! I'm initiating a search for the folks behind that phony, hotel-backed, citizens group called "Santa Monica Citizens for Sensible Priorities." Remember their campaign to sandbag councilman, Devin McKuuune's reelection bid last November? After it backfired, they vanished. I'm betting the family Prius they'll crawl out from under a rock just in time for the 2008 local election season which starts in a few months.

9. When it comes to development, the key word is sustainable, sustainable, sustainable.

As King, I'll require all construction to use natural, biodegradable materials. All materials would have to be recyclable — so no foam or plastic. Fee waivers would be granted to those who build and occupy caves and treehouses. Extra points would be given to people who ride horse-drawn carts, convert garages to stables and get rid of gas-guzzling SUVs. l call it "living Amish."

10. Citizens love to be involved in the process of government. At late night City Council meetings, I'd provide free foof. Salads for the vegetarians and green tea for the health food freaks. Everyone else would get pepperoni and pineapple pizza and beer. Then, we wouldn't care how long the party lasted.

When not in England having tea with the Queen, **BILL SOUR** can be reached at madasheck@gmail.com

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The naked truth at local beaches

BY A FOUR TO THREE MARGIN, THE CITY Council voted to make all Santa Monica beaches "nude beaches" as of July 4, 2008. This was motivated by the powerful anti-smoking lobby in the city. The reasoning was that if people were naked, they wouldn't be able to sneak packages of cigarettes onto the beaches.

Mayor Herb Cats, one of the dissenters, said that nude beaches would bring "the wrong element" to Santa Monica. Bobby Shiver shouted him down, saying that, in his opinion, "the wrong element" consists of people who smoke.

Pam O'Connor said that people who are desperate to smoke might still sneak cigarettes onto our beaches by hiding them "on or in their bodies in places I don't even want to think about." Ken Genser got up and immediately responded tit for tat. He said, "There are no body parts that we should be ashamed of thinking about."

Still, O'Connor proposed a measure which would make sure that beachgoers were subjected to a "full cavity search" upon arrival at the beach. Needless to say, this measure was seen as a huge invasion of privacy, and was defeated 3 to 2, while Mayor Pro Tem Richard Blume and Devin McKunne were in the hallway, giggling.

This is how the Mandatory Nude Beach Rule will work:

1. Beachgoers must arrive at the beach completely naked. They have the option of undressing in their cars, and leaving their clothes there, driving to the beach naked, or arriving at the beach on foot, unclothed.

(Robert Holbrook pointed out that those who drive to the beach and have leather upholstery might think twice about driving there in the nude).

2. Beachgoers may carry wallets and purses, which will be inspected upon arrival.
3. No cameras or cell phones will be allowed.
4. No gawking or staring will be permitted.
5. Beach police, vendors, and other employees will wear their traditional clothes.
6. Sunscreen with an SPF of 30 will be given free of charge to beachgoers upon arrival. A member of the Santa Monica Fire Department will happily give a few dollops of sunscreen to anyone who so desires — protecting against those painful burns.

I know what you're thinking about this whole thing: You wouldn't mind seeing some people at the beach naked, but there are others whom you definitely don't want to see in their birthday suits. You go to the beach to have fun, to relax, not to have, well, unappealing bodies thrust under your nose.

Well, for once, the council is way ahead of you. Santa Monica's beaches will be divided into two sections: One for attractive people, and one for unattractive folks. Who will decide? There will be a least one male and one female Santa Monica employee at every entrance to the beach. They will decide who goes to which beaches. Their decisions will be final, and are not subject to appeal or plastic surgery.

SANTA MONICA'S BEACHES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: ONE FOR ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE, AND ONE FOR UNATTRACTIVE FOLKS.

What happens if a couple arrives at the beach, and one of them is considered "attractive," and the other is deemed "unattractive?" It may seem cruel and unusual, but they will be sent to separate and appropriate beaches.

I brought this up to Blume saying, "Do you really think it's right to split up couples at the beach like this?" He lowered his voice and replied, "Let's be realistic. If there is such a disparity of looks between the two, they're going to break up pretty soon anyway. This way, the City of Santa Monica is helping them find others in their "attractiveness category."

I left the council meeting, shaking my head. It seemed like such a radical measure. It was ridiculous. It was outlandish. It was nonsensical. In other words, it was like so many other things in Santa Monica.

When he isn't busy offering to spread lotion on the backs of attractive women, **LYOD GAHVER** can be reached at wanderingeyes@coppertone.com.

The Q Line

Feeding the trees

City Hall has been criticized of late for a plan to remove 544 ficus trees on Second and Fourteenth streets and use the wood to build homes for the homeless. Environmentalists believe removing the trees would harm air quality while sending the wrong message to those who are living on the streets.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should City Hall move forward with the plan, or instead add fluoride to the water they use on the ficus trees to buffer Santa Monica Airport residents from jet pollution?

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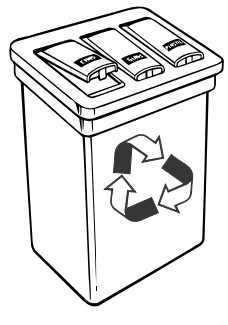
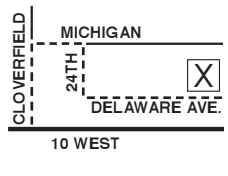
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FRICTION: **A dendrophiliac makes love to a ficus tree on Fourth Street last week.**

Make like a tree and ... hump?

BY DARKWING DUCK
Special to the Daily Planet

DOWNTOWN Founder of Santa Monica Treesavers Jerry Rueben is trying to separate the real tree savers from the tree fakers.

Rueben recently discovered most of the treesavers in Santa Monica have a sick fetish. They are Dendrophiliacs — people sexually attracted to or sexually aroused by trees.

"Needless to say, this is a very disappointing day for the city of Santa Monica," Rueben said in a statement released Mar. 31. "We all love trees. But some people just love to hump trees. I beg of you evil doers, leave our innocent trees alone! And if you must have your way, please be gentle..."

Shortly after making the statement, 98 percent of Rueben's supporters called his office to inform officials they were no longer going to support Rueben's organization in Santa Monica.

Dendrophiliacs across Santa Monica came out Monday to support their cause, saying they still want to keep trees in the Santa Monica area, and it shouldn't matter if its for their own personal reasons.

"I still want to save these trees, but not for Rueben anymore. I want to save them for me and my family. We're dendrophiliacs, and we're proud of it," said Treaf Yucker, a lifelong Santa Monica resident.

"My brother is actually engaged to a palm tree near the beach. I haven't seen him this happy since before a coral cheated on him three years ago ... with me."

Dendrophiliacs say they are attracted to trees because of their rough exterior, "cute" branches and "dreamy" roots. They also say it benefits them that trees don't have any known sexually transmitted diseases.

In an effort to go green, male dendrophiliacs said they would wear green condoms made of lamb skin instead of rubber made from petroleum products.

Without the help of dendrophiliacs, Rueben believes he and the remaining two percent of Treesavers can fight to keep trees alive in Santa Monica for the right reasons.

"Speaking from experience, dendrophilia is not the way to go," he said, ending his press release.

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(NO LONGER) MAD SKILLS

File credit

SMPD Chief Ted Jackman finishes popping a wheelie during a meeting with the bike group Critical Mass. Officers and bikers buried the hatchet, agreeing to disagree on the moonlight rides.

Burglaries up thanks in part to power ban

FROM **AMISH** PAGE 3

lection of California bungalow, Spanish and American Colonial Revival-style homes. The neighborhood was designated as a historic district, one of two in the city, in 1990.

"The residents who are trying to build these modern style monstrosities do not have an appreciation for history," long-time historic district resident John Smithers said. "I believe that living like our forefathers will help them gain that appreciation."

As a result of the ban, residents were forced to exchange their hybrid vehicles for horse-drawn carriages, hair dryers for Asian-decorative fans, and showers for skinny dips in the Santa Monica Beach. The lights that line the historic district have also been replaced with gas lamps.

In an effort to go green, City Hall has decided to pay homeless people a stipend to do what they do best — dig through trash for recyclable material.

Residents said they haven't had too much difficulty adapting to the Amish lifestyle, some saying they prefer the simple life. Some do admit experiencing difficulty in cultivating their own livestock, milking the cows and managing a hen house. Some neighbors residing outside of the district have complained about being awaken by the sounds of a rooster early in the morning.

"I don't understand why they chose to live like someone in a third-world country," James Jones, who lives just outside of the district, said. "If they want to live like the Amish, they should move to Amish country."

Along with a lack of power also comes an increase in crime.

The Santa Monica Police Department reported a spike in home burglaries since the power ban went into effect, a result of losing access to home security alarm systems.

"I think almost every house on this block has been hit up at least twice," Lt. Alen Padillo of the SMPD said on Monday. "I don't know why the burglars keep coming back, it's not like they have any electronics lying around the house."

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CITY OF ANGEL

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently purchased the Crocker Building and placed the angel Moroni on top. The church has plans to turn the building into a new temple.

Officials say nothing's wrong

FROM **BAD TEETH** PAGE 3

Eight-year-old Ginger Vitus said her teeth have been hurting for months now, and everyday she looks in the mirror, she's sees another tooth missing.

"My mommy tells me the tooth fairy loves me so much, she comes every night to take some more teeth," Vitus said. "The only thing is, she is broke, so she doesn't leave me any money.

"I just hope she doesn't take all my teeth," the second grader added. "I would like to continue eating."

M'Tung Eez-Erden, a nine-year-old Santa Monica African foreign exchange student, says he just wants to be able to talk to people again.

"Whenever I open my mouth, people just run away. Far away. At school, they call me fluoride breathe," he said as a tear slowly rolled down his face, reached his top lip, then immediately changed direction and headed down his cheek.

Water officials refuse to admit anything is wrong with fluoridated water, despite the obvious displays in children's mouths.

"Oh no, everything is fine," said water official Foolofsh Yit. "The teeth rotting, everything, it's all just temporary. Their teeth will grow back. The people of Santa Monica just don't have patience."

In an effort to go green, Yit said, Santa Monica's water supply will now produced green-colored water from taps.

"We're all for improving the environment. What better way to contribute than through fluoridated, green water?" the official said.

Only time will tell if fluoridated water will continue to be a problem for the city's youth or reverse its trend. But as of now, children's mouths look more like a crack head's than a healthy child's.

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STYLIN': **Children in Zambia sport Red gear. Thanks to changing trends in America, Red officials donated excess clothing and goods to villages in need in Africa.**

Africans are cove(red)

Un-popular charitable cause donates goods to the needy

BY SPIDERMAN
Daily Planet Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It seems even the AIDS epedemic in Africa isn't enough to cool clothing trends.

Leaders of the popular Red Campaign, including Councilman Bobby Shiver and pop star Bono, were recently faced with a glut of goods featuring the now iconic logo thanks to trendy shoppers who no longer liked the color or the campaign.

Red, which has sold millions of items to date, was stuck with warehouses stocked to the rafters with shirts, bracelets, cell phones and iPod Nanos. Sales were brisk when the campaign begin in 2006, helping to raise more than $550 million to fight AIDS in African.

But sales have since experienced a prolonged lull thanks to fickle fashionistas. Shriver and cohorts were expecting a major shipment of new goods and were stymied by the logistical problems that come along with a vast distribution network.

"We didn't know what to do," Shriver said. "We had all these goods and more on the way. We were in a real pickle."

Some felt that a clearance sale of the existing items would cut into the numbers of items stored in the campaign's warehouses, but that would restrict the amount of proceeds the group would have available to cover costs and make charitable contributions to struggling nations.

It was at that point that Bono stepped forward and proposed a radical proposition. Instead of selling the items to generate funds to donate, he proposed that the Red Campaign should give the excess items to the very same people they donated proceeds to in the past.

"We just felt that was the thing to do," Bono said while on tour in western India where he was attending a conference on world trade. "Why slash the price on the items and slash the amount of money we would have to give when we could just give them the stuff. Now, they have iPods, bracelets, hats. Things they just can't afford otherwise."

It didn't occur to Bono or Shiver that some of the villages they donated to do not have internet access, or even eletricity to run their new gadgets.

In all, the Red Campaign has shipped 3 million shirts, 400,000 cell phones, 50,000 iPods and a staggering 15 million bracelets to the nations of South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Sudan. While the numbers are large, it is but a fraction of the goods the campaign currently has in stock. Additional shipments are being planned for India, El Salvador and parts of Eastern Europe.

"We are just happy the items went to good use," said Shiver, who was sporting a Red scarf, Red sunglasses and Red contact lenses. "I'm happy to know that there are kids in the world who are being helped by our campaign, and sporting Red."

In an effort to go green, Red Campaign organizers have decided to dye all items with a combination of red ink, blood, sweat and tears.

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10 homes could be acquired by FAA

FROM **BUYOUT** PAGE 1

Runway Protection Zones (RPZ), a voluntary program in which homes are purchased using federal funds at fair market value. The council rebuffed the proposal, saying that they value neighborhoods, a relief to residents in the mainly single-family home neighborhood.

But things have apparently changed in the past week.

Karl Schaffer, the FAA's administrator for airports, announced that city officials had a change of heart and instead decided it would be in the best interest of residents if the Runway Protection Zone was adopted, hoping to quell fears of an aircraft overshooting a runway and plowing into homes.

The council has also chosen to drop the ordinance banning the largest, fastest jet aircraft currently using the airport. That includes DC-10s and the new Airbus A-380.

"We are pleased to hear that the city of Santa Monica has finally come to the realization that the solution is not to ban jets, but to rather ask the residents to move out of their homes," Schaffer said on Monday. "After all, the Santa Monica Airport predates the neighborhoods."

The plan includes purchasing homes in the blocks closest to the west and east ends of the runway, which includes Navy, Marine, Dewey and 23rd streets. Since homes in the Sunset Park neighborhood average about $1 million a piece, City Hall would only be able to acquire about nine to 10 homes.

"We know $10 million isn't very much money," Mayor Herb Cats said on Monday. "But we figured 10 homes is better than nothing."

"If a jet overshoots a runway, hopefully it'll land before the end of those first 10 homes," he added.

In an effort to go green, City Hall has decided to ban toilet paper, forcing residents to get creative with wiping.

The home acquisition program will be done in phases and city officials said they expect to receive another $10 million in federal money the following fiscal year. Once the five-year-plan is completed, the area bounding Marine Street to Dewey Street, from 23rd Street to 18th Street, will be nothing but a big empty plot of land.

Residents were surprised to hear the news on Monday, some in tears of losing their homes of 30 years.

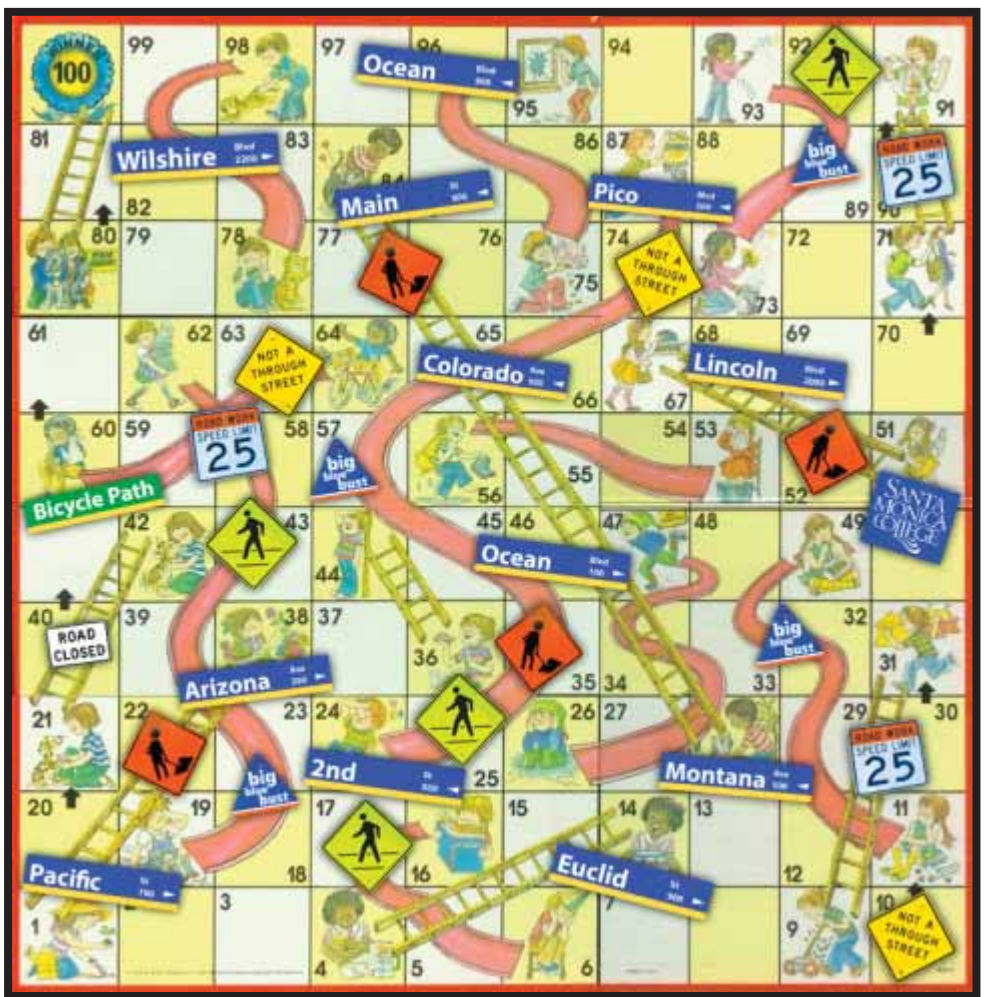
"This is f....d up!" Loretta Davis, a 30-year resident of Navy Street, said on Monday. "I raised three children in this house. There is no way they're getting rid of me."

Los Angeles officials are still mulling over the proposal to see if they will apply with the FAA for their own funding.

"It's free money," Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendolls said. "Why wouldn't we be interested? We're always looking to butt in on what Santa Monica is doing."

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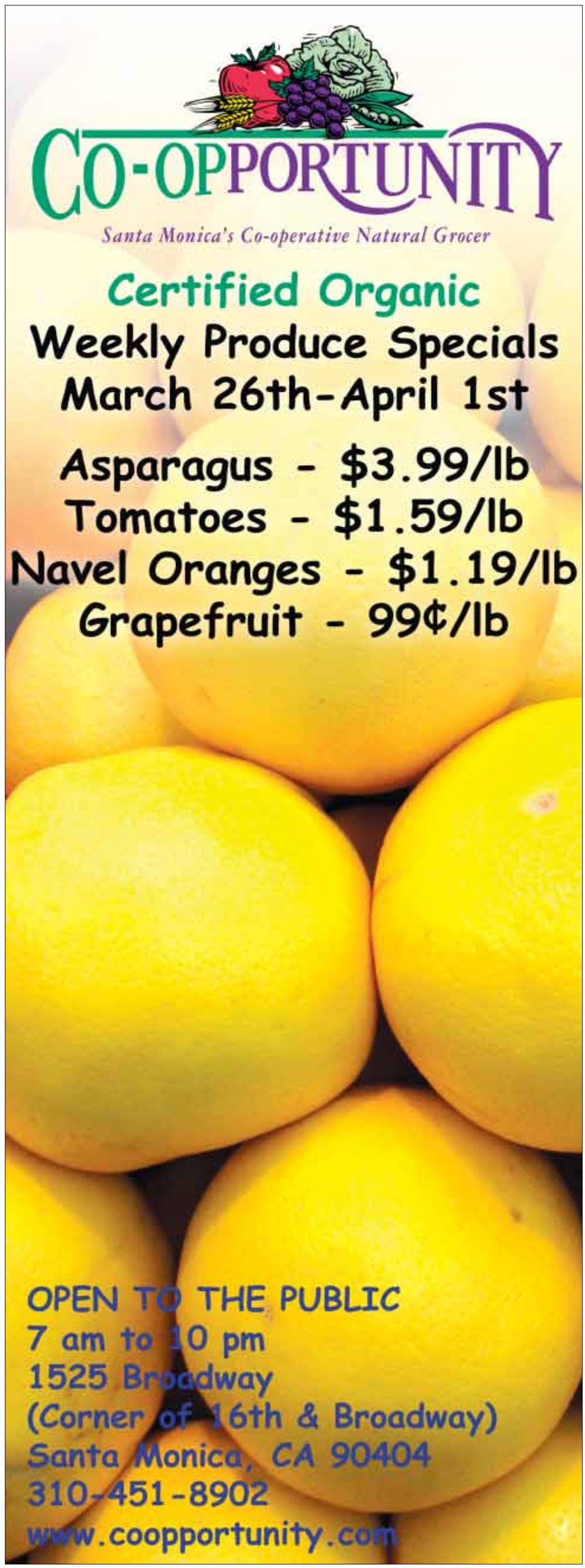
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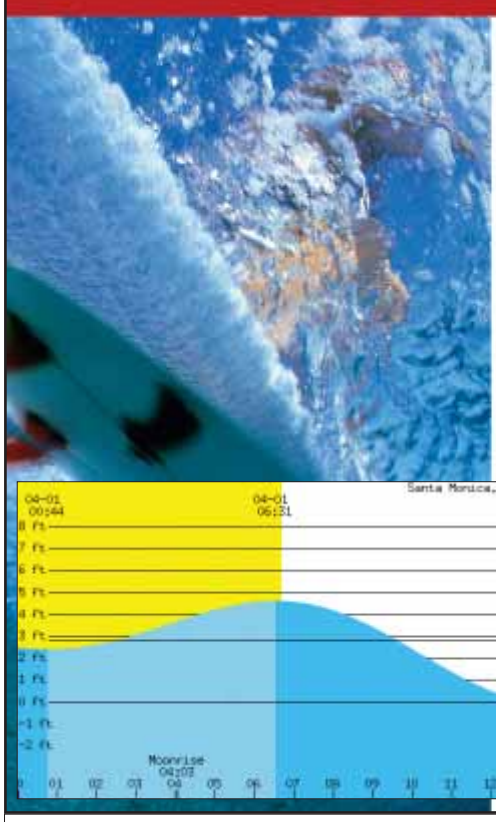
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City Hall released this new map to reflect the most recent streetscape improvements. Engineers added bumpouts, medians, waterfalls, and chutes and ladders to make them mpedestrian friendly.





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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 54-59°**

SWELL FORECAST (2-4 FT)

Today looks nil for NW, perhaps knee high or so for west facing breaks. Only trace amounts of southern hemi SW are expected, so knee to waist would be optimistic for south facing breaks. Tide isn't looking like an issue for the early AM sessions. Winds should be light during the early AM hours as well.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SW DUE DURING SECOND HALF OF WEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 3
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 21
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 22

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

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

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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'The streak' finally comes to an end

Local high school boasts first victory in over 100 years

BY SPIDERMAN
Daily Planet Staff Writer

SAMOHI It had to happen sooner or later.

The St. Monica football team ended a dubious losing streak Monday, one that spanned every sport and stretched back to April of 1899, the year the private, Catholic school was founded.

The victory came on a technicality in what could only be termed a miracle, or a significant lapse in judgment on behalf of coaches at Culver City High School, who allowed a 21-year-old dropout with no years of eligibility remaining to join their varsity squad and play right tackle for the Centaurs.

"COACH KEPT SAYING THAT IF WE GAVE IT 110 PERCENT WE WOULD EVENTUALLY COME UP WINNERS."

Jimmy Otis
Mariners Quarterback

California Scholastic Federation officials discovered the illegal use of a player Monday and issued a letter to all schools in the Southern Section Division, informing them that Culver City has been disqualified retroactively, meaning all teams who played against the Centaur's last season can put a notch in the win column.

"We knew this could happen if we just took it one game at a time," Mariners Quarterback Jimmy Otis said following the game. "Coach kept saying that if we gave it 110 percent we would eventually come up winners."

The last win for the St. Monica athletic program came April 1, 1899, when the boys' polo team eked by a Venice High School team that went on to capture the state title that year. Since then, the combined record for each and every one of the school's teams was 0-1,360. At one point, the school's athletic director considered abandoning sports all together, but decided that students had the right to be competitive regardless of the outcome.

"We came really close to closing up shop," said Steve Buell, the school's athletic director, who celebrated his 150th birthday last week. "But this victory makes it all worth it. The kids just took it one play at a time and stuck to the game plan. I'm really proud of these kids."

In an effort to go green, St. Monica officials have decided to replace all polyester uniforms with those made from organically grown cotton.

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SMC recruits giving fans something to cheer about

BY J. OSCAR-MEYER
Special to the Daily Planet

SMC The second day of the most rigorous training done by any cheerleading hopeful happened this past Wednesday at Santa Monica College as new recruits for the 2006 squad tried their best to learn the dances and get their heart in motion for the next athletic season.

The girls that did manage to return for the second day of the three day tryouts are in their warm up cloths in what fells like 50c degree weather. Some of the people on the field wearing jeans, sweaters and even jackets were still saying they where cold.

Justin Ross one of the yell leaders on the squad said "I ;m really excited about the tryouts." Since this was Ross's first tryout he was just observing what was going on and checking out the skills of the new recruits and who would go home on Monday without having the pleasure to put on the uniform.

So the girls are not the kind of girls that you might see in Hollywood's interpretation of cheerleaders like in the movie Varsity Blues. Were the star quarterback, dates the head cheerleader.

Actually head Cheerleading Coach Susan Corpus said on the first day of the tryouts that if you are coming out for the cheerleading squad, because you have a crush on one of the football players. You may as well leave now. Coach Corpus has been the head coach of the squad for the last 9 seasons and she is just 28 years old. That's right for the readers that took math in high school she started the squad when she was 19 years old.

Cheerleading hopeful Yessenia Munoz said "I would love to be part of the team, because I remember how much fun it is to perform and get so close with the other team more."

In an effort to go green, SMC cheerleaders have decided to collect sweat from their gear and use it to water ficus trees in the downtown area.

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Big changes

'Girls Gone Wild' creator goes mild

In a bold move JOE FRANCIS, who was recently released from jail for filming underage women in provocative situations, has decided to tone it down a notch by creating "Girls Gone Mild."

Francis, whose company Mantra is based in Santa Monica, said that the new line of straight to DVD releases would feature young women covered from chin to ankle throwing rosary beads instead of Mardi Gras beads.

Instead of the wild topless romps seen in the mega-popular "Girls Gone Wild" DVDs, "Girls Gone Mild" will highlight women clad in decidedly more clothing doing "wild and crazy things" like wet winter coat contests and best baggy sweats contests.

"We've done the naked girl thing, so why not go in a new direction," Francis said during one of the first tapings of the new series, which will feature girls in Burkhas. "Instead of naked chicks looking hot, we're going to have fully dressed chicks getting hot under layers upon layers of clothing."

Francis, who claims to have turned over a new leaf following his incarceration, said that he will market the DVDs across the globe. He said that there has been intense interest from distributors in Saudi Arabia, Iran and Egypt.

In an effort to go green, Francis said that all "Girls Gone Mild" shirts and knickers will be made of a combination of weed plants and recycled toilet paper.

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Virgo, Watch yo' back foo'!

Aries (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have been wanting to quit your job so why don't you? No time like the present to go in and tell your boss to shove it. You are a free spirit, time to damn the man! Tonight: Research unemployment benefits.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your worst suspicions are confirmed. Your significant other is cheating on you. Confrontation is your most powerful weapon. Call (800) CHEATER and get Joey Greco on the case. Tonight: Catch them in the act!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
★★ That weird sound you heard last night while lying in bed is going to come back. Only tonight, you are going to find out what it is, and it's not going to be pretty. Tonight: Sleep with one eye open.

Cancer (June 21-July22)
★★★★★ You are the luckiest person in the world. Empty your bank accounts, make that drive to Vegas and don't stop until you get to the roulette wheel. Six black is your ticket to early retirement. Tonight: Drinks are on you!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Yes, you are weird and no that is not normal. You know what I'm talking about. That thing you do when no one is around is disgusting and you should seek help NOW! Tonight: Call a shrink.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept 22)
★★★★ Watch what you say today, your abrasive personality can sure rub people the wrong way. Perhaps you have already pushed someone too far. Tonight: Watch your back.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Stick to the plan. Do not color outside the lines. Straight and narrow is your cup of tea. One misstep could spell utter disaster for you. Tonight: Go straight home, do not pass go, do not collect $200.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ No one ever wants to say it to your face but you are seriously annoying. Today, try and tone it down a notch. You're at 12 and the universe needs you at 4. Stop tapping your feet and chewing your gum like a cow. Tonight: You realize this is why you have no friends.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are going to receive a strange letter revealing a dark family secret. If you don't receive it today it means it got lost in the mail and you have to do everything you can to track it down. Make it your life's mission to find this letter. Tonight: Stalk your mailman if he looks suspicious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas right? Or so you thought. The test results are in and that burning feeling is not normal. Tonight: Replace your multi-vitamin with Penicillin.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★ Your co-workers are out to get you. Stay away from the donuts. Trust me, not a good idea and not just because of the calories. Tonight: Look up the antidote.

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8	6	1	4	9	7	3	5	2
2	3	9	8	6	5	4	1	7
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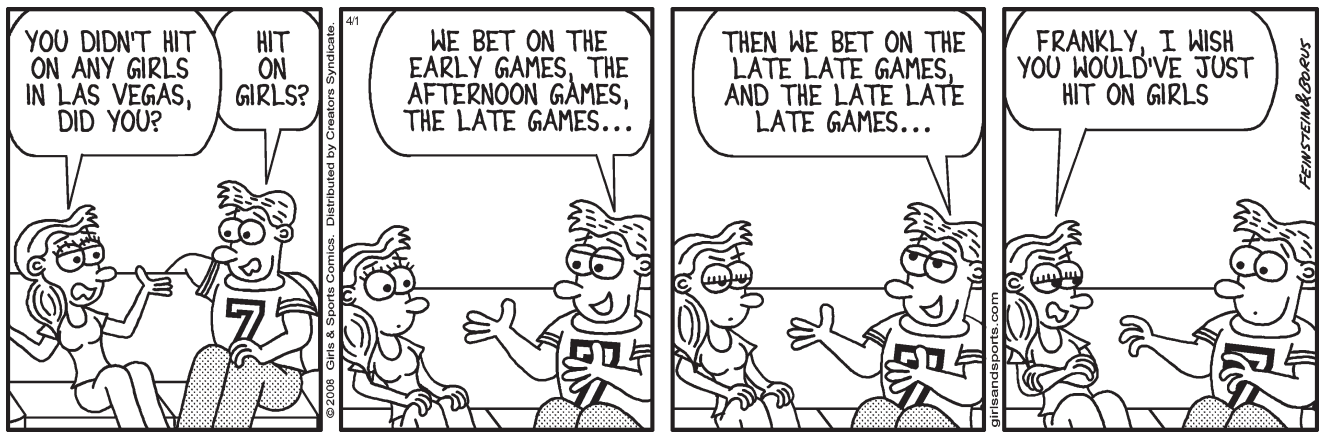
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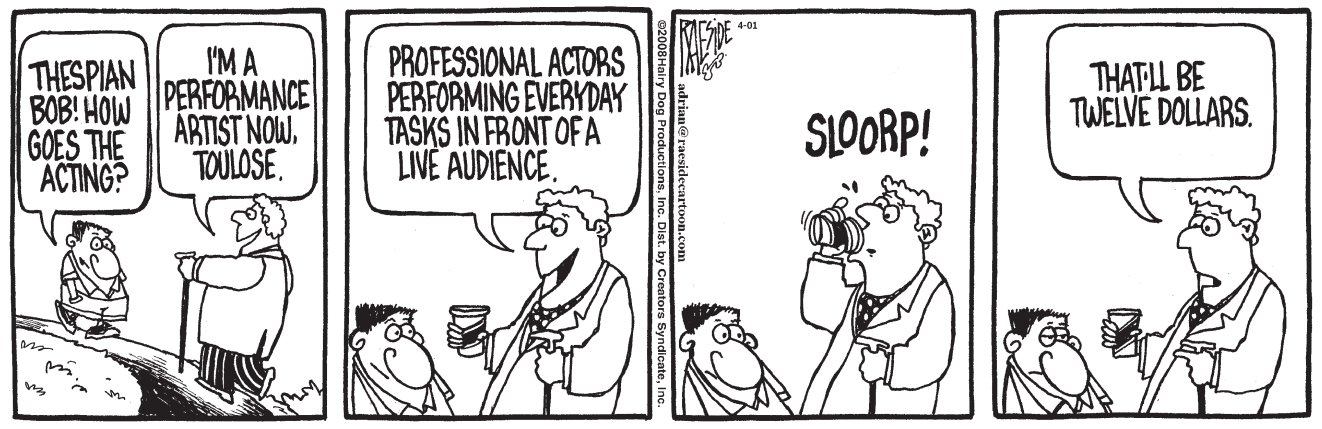
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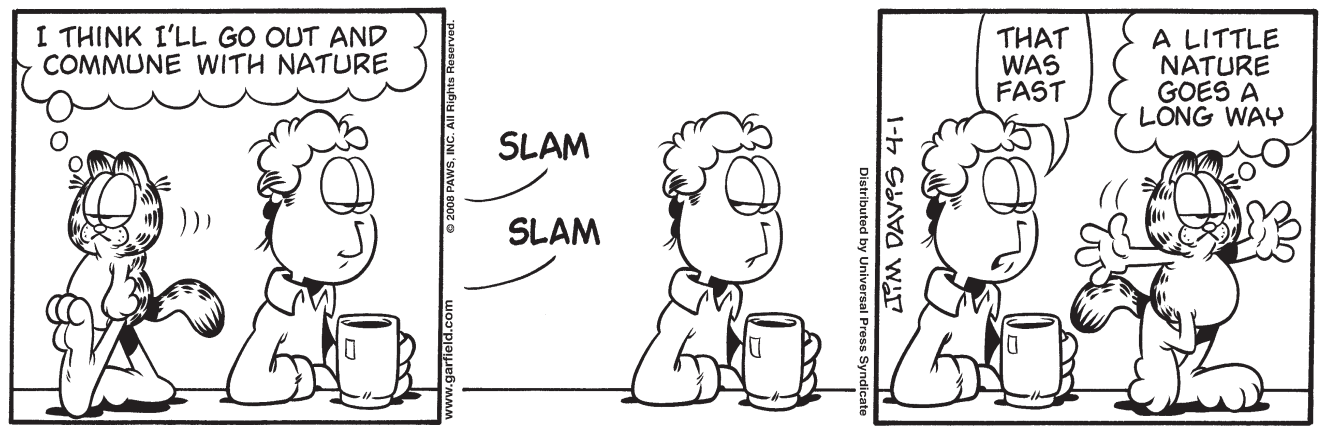
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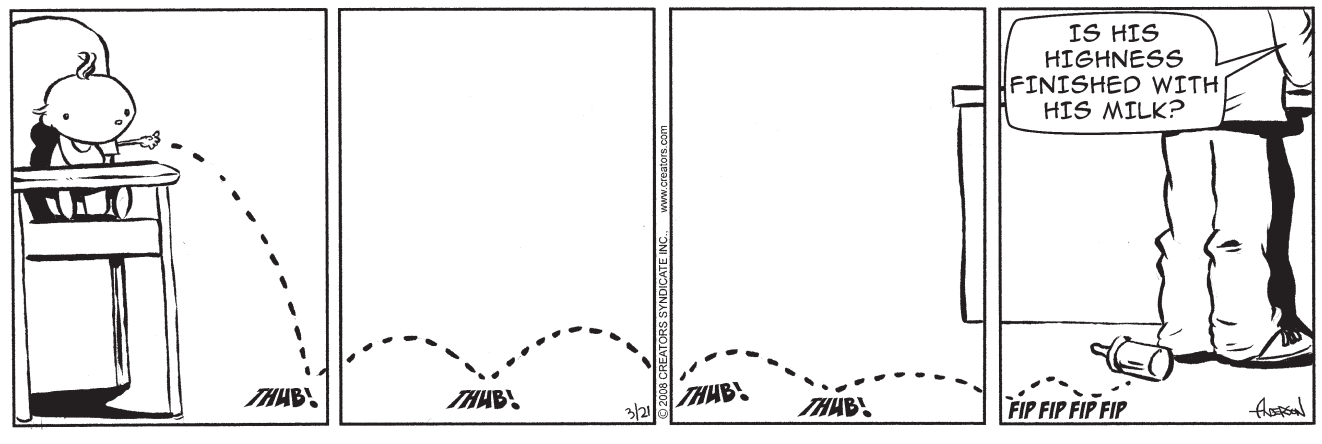
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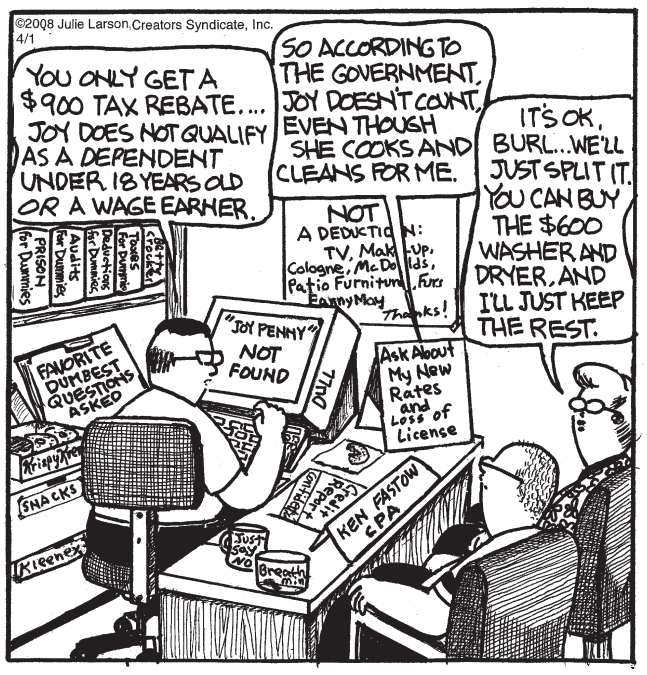


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11 Hit from the past
12 Unembellished
13 One of a classic comic duo
15 Wrestling need
16 Low digit
17 Cowboy nickname
18 Question of place
20 Pond growth
23 Trade shows
27 Yard parts
28 The Emerald Isle
29 Tribe symbol
31 Say "hi" to
32 Mechanical man
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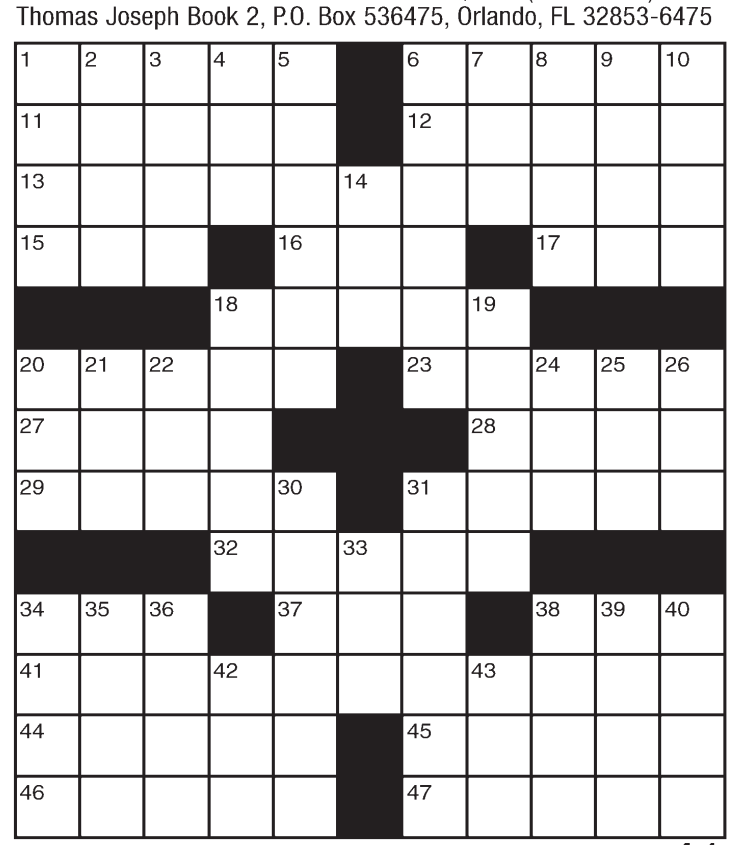
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14 Fish eggs
18 Hose output
19 Wield
20 Back on a boat
21 Zodiac roarer
22 Obtain
24 Dessert choice
25 Iron source
26 Filming site
30 Bog
31 New York nickname
33 City vehicle
34 Walk of Fame symbol
35 Columbus setting
36 Extinct bird
38 Muffin base
39 Border
40 Russian denial
42 Convened
43 Foofaraw

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Yikes! In early January, when a national deep freeze extended even to the Florida Keys, iguanas fell into their natural hibernation-like torpor, and some compassionate Floridians, unaccustomed to seeing iguanas that appeared nearly dead, took them indoors to warm them up, which is a mistake. The owner of the veterinary clinic in Marathon said one "sweet lady" called him about the five-footer she had dragged inside. "When it woke up," said the vet, "she couldn't understand why it seemed to be coming after her." "When they warm up, they go back to being a wild animal."

■ Construction worker Brian Persaud's malpractice lawsuit is scheduled for trial in March against the New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Hospital based on a 2003 incident in which he was taken there (after being clobbered on the head by a plank at work) and given a rectal exam. Persaud was alert when informed of the imminent exam, but then went nuts, resisting the doctor and was sedated so that the test could be performed. The doctor defended the exam, citing the need to check for spinal cord injury.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1945 American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

1853 Cincinnati established a fire department of paid city employees.

1918 the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

1933 Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

1946 tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

1958 President Eisenhower signed a $1.85 billion emergency housing measure.

1960 the first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

1963 most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

1970 President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

1983 tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England, including the Greenham Common U.S. Air Base.

1987 in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, ``We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1.''

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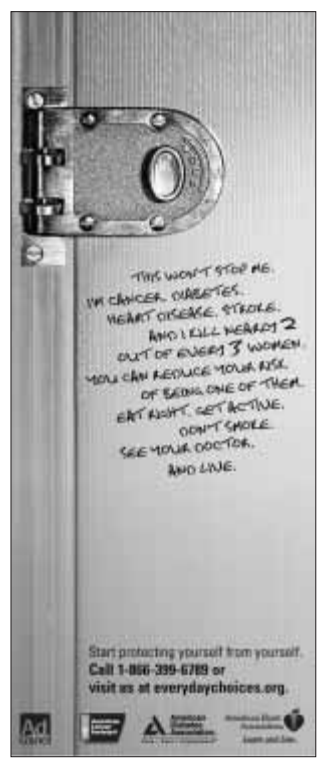
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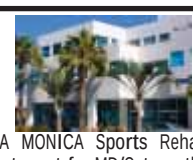
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