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THE GETTING OUT EARLY ISSUE

Dogtown skates by destruction

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A compromise at last.
Six months after neighbors erupted in outrage over plans to tear down a culturally historic skate and surf shop on Main Street in favor of mixed-use development, the architect overseeing the project presented a design that could satisfy all parties.

What was once a plan to demolish the entire structure at 2001-2011 Main St., home to several artist studios and Horizons West Surf Shop, has been reworked into a new proposal that would keep the strip of retail along Main Street and build 14 units in the back.
Once the home of the old Zephyr and Jeff Ho Productions, it was in the Horizons West Surf Shop structure that a group of

street kids from the "Dogtown" area of Santa Monica and Venice helped revolutionize the world of skateboarding in the 1970s, introducing the aggressive style that has come to define the sport.
Standing before the Landmarks Commission on Monday, architect Howard Laks unveiled the revised outline for the mixed-use development, drawing nods and smiling faces from clearly pleased commis-

sioners who had the task of considering the entire structure for landmarks designation.
Based on comments heard from community meetings and previous Landmarks Commission meetings, Laks advised building owner Juli Doar that it would be in the best interest of everyone if the project incorporated the surf shop building.

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MONEY



DRIVERS HAVE HAD THEIR FILL

Gas prices keep going higher and higher with no end in sight in the near future

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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Volunteers from the UCLA Anderson School of Management will be on hand to provide free tax assistance to low and middle-income taxpayers in Los Angeles County. The VITA program offers answers and filing for both federal and state income tax forms. Program is free and open to the public. Information available at www.smpl.org.

Introduction to GPS

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

REI offers a clinic on the features and functions of GPS units.

Mystery book group

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

Group will meet in the Main Library's Community Room, located on the second floor, to discuss Lee Child's 'Killing Floor.'

Green living workshops

500 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Sustainable Works, a non-profit environmental education organization sponsored by the city of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College, presents six-week courses designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills, eliminate junk mail and protect their health. Group meets at the Wild Oats community room. For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 1.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Movie afternoon at Montana Library

1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Library will be screening "Babe: The Gallant Pig." All ages are invited.

Register for the XTERRA Malibu Creek Trail Run

The sixth-annual XTERRA Malibu Creek Trail Run is scheduled for May 12. Competitors can choose between two distances set in the Santa Monica Mountains — 4 miles or 14 miles. Registration fees are \$35 for the 4-mile run and \$45 for the 14-mile run if registered before April 13. Proceeds from the XTERRA Malibu Creek Trail Run go to the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. More information is available at www.trailrace.com.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

The 12 Steps for Everybody

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

The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone with a habitual problem or illness in their lives. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail info@12stepsforeverybody.org.

'What's new this week'

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

The Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Library presents a weekly review and discussion of the week's key news stories, at home and abroad; moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

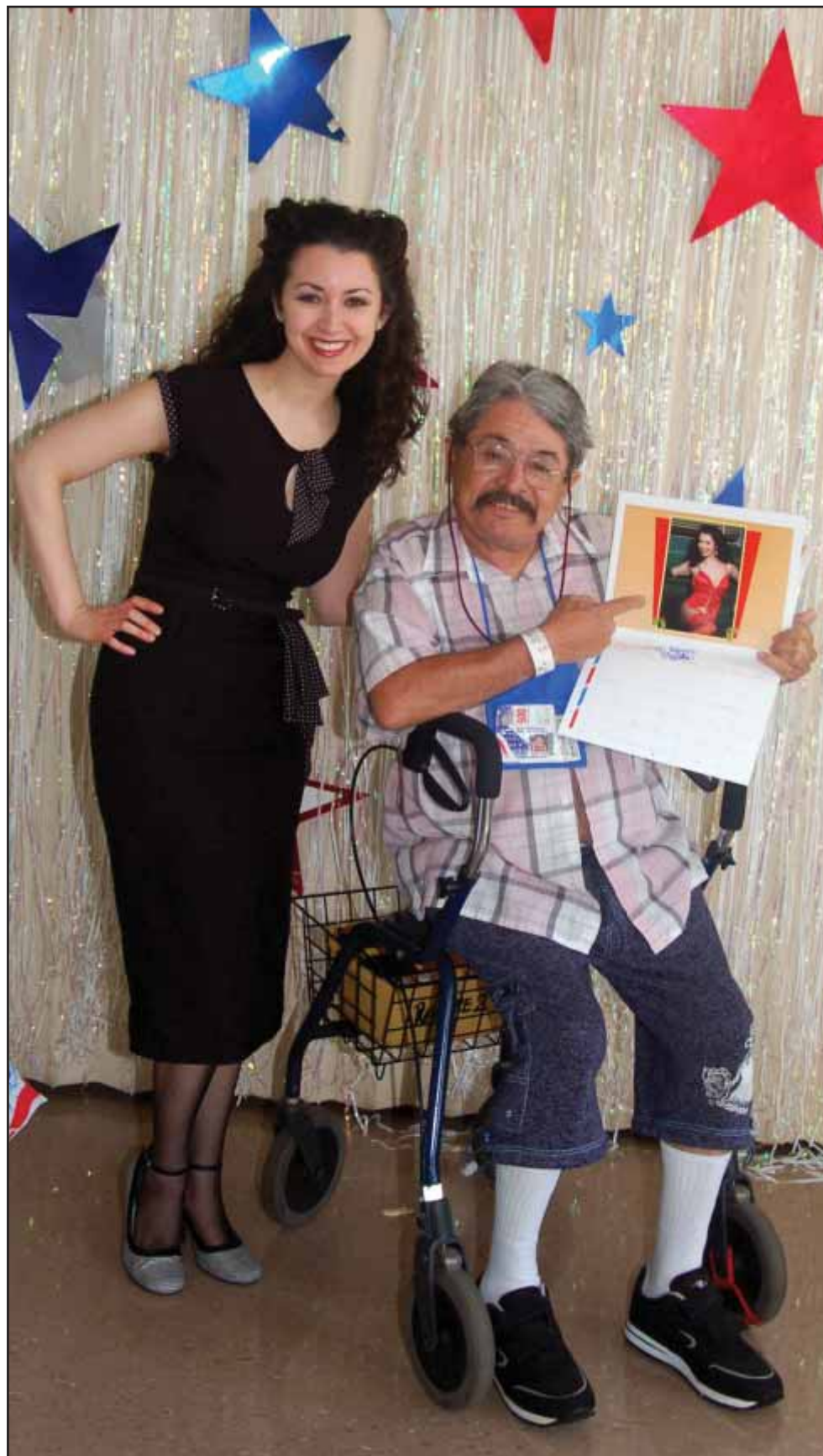
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11th Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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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.





SAY CHEESE!

Photo courtesy Model Gina Elise strikes a pose with war veteran Robert I. Ramirez recently at the VA Medical Center in West Los Angeles. Elise conceived and posed for a World War II-style pin-up calendar — Pin-Ups for Vets — with the proceeds benefiting programs that support hospitalized veterans.

SELLING HOMES

All the home's a stage for sale

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It takes more than just a fresh coat of paint and some new carpet to sell a home these days. A seller has to make the home inviting, warm and comfortable for the buyer.

That's where Chris Rohloff comes in. The son of legendary surf photographer and filmmaker Grant Rohloff uses his father's prints to decorate homes for sale in a popular and rapidly expanding business known as staging. Design firms use photos like Rohloff's black-and-white images of surfers hanging-10 off Malibu to compliment furnishings hand-selected by interior designers to create a certain vibe for a home or condo up for sale.

The idea is to make a home more attractive to the eye and get buyers to visualize what it would be like if they owned it.

"Stage designers have been doing it for decades in the movies, why can't we do it with a home?" asked Chris Rohloff, who has followed in his father's footsteps as a photographer and is set to distribute his work



Photo courtesy Grant Rohloff

WIPE OUT: Grant Rohloff's classic photos of surf culture adorn the walls of staged homes.

to staging companies for display.

His father, who directed the surf classic "The Men Who Ride Mountains" and the popular "Wet and Wild," died in 1989 at the age of 54 after suffering from lymphoma cancer. Chris Rohloff found an old brown bag which contained long-forgotten surf slides that he has since made into prints that sell anywhere from \$750 to \$3,000.

"I was just taking photos and marketing

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GETTING PERSONAL

The other, other gas

Compressed natural gas pump attracts more and more folks

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY With the majority of the nation's drivers taking a beating at the pump, as gasoline prices jump to within 27 cents of an all-time high, I thought I'd check out some sustainable alternatives that just might save our car-centric culture.

Being in Santa Monica, the land of sustainability, I didn't have to go very far. I

packed a cooler with Cokes and a turkey sandwich, grabbed a beach chair and the newspaper and headed out to Stewart Street near Olympic Boulevard, where Clean Energy — one of the leaders in clean transportation — has a compressed-natural-gas pump.

It's unlike any other gas station. There are no bathrooms or squeegees, no attendant or mini-mart to buy some smokes. Instead, there is only a curved driveway leading to the pump. There's a trash can and signs warning against smoking within 50 feet. There's a small lawn in front with trees that provided me with plenty of shade.

Thinking like a common gas guzzler, I was sure that nobody would show up. After all, how many people use natural gas to get

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What’s so funny ’bout peace, love and antivivisections?

Animal rights activists returned to the scene of the supposed crime on Sunday, spending Easter outside the 12th Street home of a human genetics professor at UCLA who they charge with experimenting on primates. It was the second protest in as many months outside the house – bringing along with it police in riot gear, street closures and rubbernecking neighbors.

As expected, the group subsequently released a statement railing against the SMPD response. In the past, similar unexceptional protests were followed by charges of police brutality and harassment, though no lawsuits were filed. This time, the group is lobbing their fake blood at the police for “ludicrous over-reaction at taxpayer expense” when they guarded the man’s house with “twenty riot police wearing bullet-proof vests.”

Maybe the riot helmets weren’t such a bad deterrent.

While free speech is not only protected, but typically lauded in Santa Monica, a closer look at these “peaceful” protesters – as they claim to be in their unattributed statement – tends to put the show of force in perspective. While the shielded police manned the targeted property, protesters stood across the street spewing their vitriol for a man they likely never met. By the looks of them, they may even unwittingly pass him in the hallways at UCLA. To a person, the activists shielded their identities with monkey masks or guerilla-like bandanas, chanting freely behind the comfort of anonymity, which must come as a comfort knowing the identity and address of the professor is splashed across animal rights Web sites.

The SMPD are right in taking whatever precautions they deemed necessary to protect a resident’s property and a neighborhood being targeted by individuals that resist accountability for the things they say and the actions they may take. In 2003, a home in Sunset Park belonging to the general manager of the L.A. Department of Animal Services was defaced, with threatening messages such as “Dog killer” spelled out in blood-red paint.

Several neighbors have voiced concern over the presence of activists who don masks and blood-splattered lab coats walking their sidewalks.

The fact of the matter is, the professor is an easy target, working for a state-funded institution of higher learning that provides him the necessary tools to perform his work. Terrorizing the individual will change little. To affect real change, the activists might do well to work from within the university ... and to take off their masks.

Guest Commentary

Elan Journo

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Taking the fight to the enemy is needed

WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO PROTECT ourselves from the threat of Islamic totalitarianism? Depressingly, today’s prevailing answer is to urge some form of “diplomacy” — and rule out as inconceivable the one option our self-defense demands: A war to defeat the enemy. If, like many people, you believe we’ve already tried this option and failed, think again. Washington’s campaign in Iraq looks nothing like the war necessary for our self-defense.

What does such a war look like? America’s security depends on identifying precisely the enemy that threatens our lives — and then crushing it, rendering it a non-threat. It depends on proudly defending our right to live free of foreign aggression — by unapologetically killing the killers who want us dead.

Those who say this is a “new kind of conflict” against a “faceless enemy” are wrong. The enemy Washington evasively calls “terrorism” is actually an ideologically inspired political movement: Islamic totalitarianism. It seeks to subjugate the West under a totalitarian Islamic regime, by means of terrorism, negotiation, war — anything that will win its jihad. The movement’s inspiration, first triumph and standard-bearer is the theocracy of Iran. Iran’s regime has, for decades, used terrorist proxies to attack America. It openly seeks nuclear weapons, and zealously sponsors and harbors jihadists. Without Iran’s support, legions of holy warriors would be untrained, unarmed, unmotivated, impotent.

Destroying Islamic totalitarianism requires a punishing military onslaught to end its primary state representative and demoralize its supporters. We need to deploy all necessary force to destroy Iran’s ability to fight, while minimizing our own casualties. We need a campaign that ruthlessly inflicts the pain of war so intensely, that the jihadists renounce their cause as hopeless and fear to take up arms against us. This is how America and its Allies defeated both Nazi Germany and Imperialist Japan.

Victory in World War II required flattening cities, firebombing factories, shops and homes, devastating vast tracts of Germany and Japan. The enemy and its supporters were exhausted materially and crushed in spirit. What our actions demonstrated to them is that any attempt to implement their vicious ideologies would bring them only destruction and death. Since their defeat, Nazism and Japanese imperialism have essentially withered as ideological forces. Victory today requires the same: Smashing Iran’s totalitarian regime and thus demoralizing the Islamist movement and its many supporters, so that they, too, abandon their cause as futile.

We triumphed over both Japan and Germany in less than four years after Pearl Harbor. Yet more than five years after the terror attacks of September 11, against a far weaker enemy, our soldiers still die daily in Iraq. Why? Because this war is neither assertive, nor ruthless — it is a tragically meek pretense at war.

We went to battle not with theocratic

Iran, but with the secular dictatorship of Iraq. Indeed, the Islamist regime in Iran remains untouched, fomenting terrorism. (Our leaders now hope to “engage” it diplomatically.)

And the campaign in Iraq was not even aimed at crushing whatever threat Hussein’s regime posed to us. “Shock and awe” bombing never materialized. Our brave and capable forces were hamstrung: Ordered not to bomb key targets such as power plants, and to avoid firing into mosques (where insurgents hide) lest we offend Muslim sensibilities. Instead, we sent our troops to lift Iraq out of poverty, open new schools, fix up hospitals, feed the hungry, unclog sewers — a Peace Corps, not an army corps, mission.

NO WAR THAT USHERS ISLAMISTS INTO POLITICAL OFFICE HAS U.S. SELF-DEFENSE AS ITS GOAL.

U.S. troops were sent, not to crush an enemy threatening America, but (as Bush explained) to “sacrifice for the liberty of strangers,” putting the lives of Iraqis above their own. They were prevented from using all necessary force to win, or even to protect themselves. No wonder the insurgency has flourished, emboldened by Washington’s self-crippling policies. (Perversely, we are now tossing even more Americans into this quagmire.)

Bush did all this to bring Iraqis the vote. Any objective assessment of the Middle East would have told one who would win elections, given the widespread popular support for Islamic totalitarianism. Iraqis swept to power a pro-Islamist leadership intimately tied to Iran. The most influential figure in Iraqi politics is now Moktadr al-Sadr, an Islamist warlord lusting after theocratic rule and American blood. When asked whether he would accept just such an outcome from the elections, Bush said that of course he would, because “democracy is democracy.”

No war that ushers Islamists into political office has U.S. self-defense as its goal.

The war in Iraq has been worse than doing nothing, because it has galvanized our enemy to believe its success more likely than ever — even as it has drained Americans’ will to fight. Washington’s feeble campaign demonstrates the ruinous effects of refusing to assert our self-interest and defend our freedom. It is past time to consider our only moral and practical option: End the senseless sacrifice of our soldiers — and let them go to war to bring the Islamic totalitarians to their knees.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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The little guy can go a long way forward

Dear EarthTalk:

How can ordinary people convince corporations to behave more responsibly toward the environment?

James B.
Bridgeport, CT

BEYOND THE SIMPLE EXERCISING OF one's own purchasing power, there are many actions consumers can take — and organizations and resources available to help — to pressure companies to green up their ways.

A good first step is to research the environmental records of companies involved in the industries that matter to you.

The Web sites buyblue.org and alono-vo.com evaluate companies according to various "green" criteria. And Co-Op America makes available online its "Guide to Researching Corporations," which points to information on everything from corporate product safety records to animal testing policies to activities that impact everything from rainforests to the air quality in minority neighborhoods.

Co-Op America also works at the cutting edge of consumer activism, pushing companies into "doing well by doing good." Its "Adopt-A-Supermarket" campaign uses the power of individuals to pressure grocery stores into carrying more "Fair Trade" items, products including coffee and chocolate made by companies that commit to sustainable environmental practices and guarantee workers fair wages. At Co-Op America's Web site you can download a campaign guide that provides background on the issue and tips on how to form an "adoption team" of concerned citizens that makes regular visits to educate store managers.

Another effort, "Be Safe PVC," conducted in partnership with the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, encourages major companies to phase out their use of the highly toxic plastic, polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

They've already convinced Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson, Victoria's Secret, and Bath and Body Works to phase out PVC in their packaging. Other Co-Op America successes include persuading Semptra Energy, the parent company of Southern California Gas and San Diego Gas & Electric, to abandon plans to build coal-fired power plants



Photo courtesy

DIG DEEPER: Corporations need to behave more responsibly toward the environment. Much like some individuals already do.

in Nevada and Idaho, and convincing the U.S. Postal Service to withdraw a proposal to deliver all residential mail in blue plastic bags, similar to those used for newspapers.

Another group, Ecopledge, recruits consumers to sign "pledges," which demand specific improvements to companies' environmental behavior and promise to cease doing business with the firms in question if they do not make efforts to green their practices. Armed with such pledges,

Ecopledge has succeeded in convincing Dell and Apple to reduce the amount of e-waste they generate, getting ConocoPhillips and BP to drop out of Arctic Power (a lobbying entity pushing to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling), and working with Staples and Office Depot to craft green-friendly paper sourcing policies.

Ecopledge is currently working on a campaign to pressure major rental car companies, including Enterprise, Hertz, Cendant and Vanguard, to buy and rent cleaner cars, an effort, they say, that would save 500 million gallons of gasoline, reduce CO2 emissions by 14 billions of pounds, and save American drivers some two billion dollars in gasoline expenses every year.

They are also pressuring major meat producers, including Premium Standard Farms, Smithfield and Tyson, to clean up hog and other animal waste that is causing widespread damage to the environment and human health in their areas of operation.

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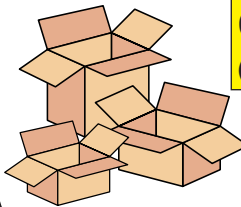
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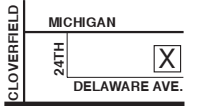
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Copies of the Proposed FY 2007-08 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending May 8, 2007. Copies are available at City Hall, the Santa Monica Public Library (main and branch libraries), and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to the above address by May 8, 2007, or you may present your comments verbally at the City Council public hearing on that date.

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The Q-Line

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Where should they go?

Santa Monica tries so very hard to tolerate the homeless, but sometimes to the detriment of its citizens. At least, that's what we at the DP hear from some of our readers.

This week's Q-Line question asks:

What should be done to improve the homeless situation in and around the city? Remember, be kind as possible when answering.

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in next weekend's edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.



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Transit board endorses plan for access to carpool lanes

The Orange County transportation board endorsed a plan to let solo drivers use carpool lanes on freeways during off-peak hours and sent the proposal to state transit officials for consideration.

The Orange County Transportation Authority also decided Monday to ask the California Department of Transportation for permission to allow drivers to pull in and out of carpool lanes at any location, rather than only at designated spots.

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ANAHEIM

Disneyland hunts for owners of lost stuff

All sorts of things turn up at Disneyland's lost-and-found department: Besides 40,000 hats and 20,000 eyeglasses recovered each year, passports, a glass eye, even a toilet seat, have been found.

Kay McFaul, 85, who retired as the 20-year head of the amusement park's lost-and-found department, remembers the woman who lost her glass eye 25 years ago on Main Street. McFaul immediately headed for the street-sweeper lot.

"I ran out to the street-sweeper area and found the workers playing marbles with the eyeball," McFaul says. "They didn't know it was a prosthetic."

Now, it's Betsy Chan's job to hunt down owners of lost items.

Many of the 200,000 items turned in annually are reunited with rightful owners due in large part to Chan's sleuthing.

She sifts through bags of lost-and-found keys, searching for attached car-rental tags or miniature grocery-store cards that can be traced to the owners.

She also makes calls on misplaced cellular telephones to find contact numbers.

Park officials said 70 percent of the found articles are returned within one day.

The Disneyland store room is full of unclaimed items that include oxygen tanks, dentures, shoes, jewelry and clothing. There's even a \$5,000 electric wheelchair.

No one ever claimed the long-lost toilet seat or a leg cast.

Caltrans officials gave no immediate indication of how long it would take to study the effects of allowing more access to the lanes.

If the proposal is accepted, Orange County motorists would be granted the same carpool privileges as drivers in some parts of the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento, where Caltrans restricts carpool lane access only during morning and evening rush hours.

The changes would also have to be approved by federal environment and highway agencies and the state air quality district.

AP

POMONA

Man gets prison for throwing man to death over SoCal cliff

The killer of a man beaten, choked and hurled off a cliff while still alive was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

Jose Jacobo, 39, was convicted last month of second-degree murder for the 1999 killing of Julio Perez, whose body was found near Crystal Lake in Angeles National Forest.

At his sentencing Monday, Jacobo insisted he did not kill Julio Perez.

"If I could pay with the death penalty I would pay it - if I committed the crime. That deed I did not do. I am paying for something I did not do," Jacobo said through a translator.

Perez was last seen alive with Jacobo in the parking lot of the Leon del Mar bar in El Monte. A cigarette butt found at the mountain site had Jacobo's DNA and the victim's blood was found in Jacobo's car.

It was the third trial for Jacobo. His 2000 first-degree murder conviction was overturned because a juror failed to disclose his prejudice against Hispanics; a second trial in January ended in a hung jury.

AP

PASADENA

Bulging aquifer pushes San Gabriel Valley up two inches

The San Gabriel Valley rose nearly two inches during a few months in 2005 because record rains engorged the underground aquifer, a U.S. Geological Survey study showed.

The margins of the San Gabriel Basin, which can hold nearly 2.8 trillion gallons of fresh water, also expanded almost a half-inch.

The San Gabriel Valley expansion was discovered by accident using instruments designed to measure earthquake fault movements, USGS geophysicist Nancy King said. She was lead author of the study released last week.

"It is a case of scientific serendipity," King said. "It means that to study earthquakes we are going to have to learn more about hydrology, to disentangle (the effects of) hydrology from faulting."

Surface motion observed in the San Gabriel Valley due to groundwater recharge temporarily exceeded that caused by the movement of earthquake faults, King said.

But the pressure of so much water actually lifting the surface does not necessarily translate to increased earthquake activity, she added.

"We examined that possibility and we couldn't rule it out, but it didn't seem to increase any of the seismicity," King said.

The Geological Survey measurements come as the Southwest endures drought conditions.

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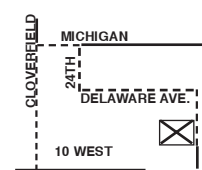
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Doctor's findings predict more dead

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. An emergency room physician has devised a scientific index to predict the likelihood that illegal immigrants will die while walking through the Arizona desert during extreme heat conditions.

Dr. Samuel Keim concluded that the probability of death reaches 50 percent when temperatures climb to 104 degrees or higher.

"It's like a weather forecast," said the Rev. Robin Hoover, whose Humane Borders group maintains water stations at desert sites in southern Arizona and northern Mexico. "If he can forecast it to the U.S. Border Patrol, more of their agents can be scattered out looking for people in trouble."

Keim said he hopes to begin issuing daily forecasts by May, but he has not determined how to disseminate the information and with whom to share it.

"We're still negotiating that with various different entities," he said, declining to give specifics because of worries that the intense political debate surrounding illegal immigration could scare off potential participants.

Deaths of migrants on the Arizona-Mexico border have soared in recent years as tighter border security sends people to

more remote desert areas. Some migrants cross 50 or more miles of desert before reaching a pickup point.

In July 2005, Border Patrol agents recovered 72 dead illegal immigrants in the agency's Tucson sector. Nearly all perished from heat exposure.

Ron Bellavia, commander of the Border Patrol's rescue operations in the Tucson area, said an index such as Keim's "would be an appropriate measure to probably reduce exposure or environmental injuries."

The forecasts could also be shared with groups near northern Mexican migrant-staging areas, where the warnings could be posted, Hoover said.

For years, the Border Patrol and the Mexican government have issued announcements about the desert's heat-related perils, but Keim said he does not know whether migrants read or heed them.

Keim matched heatstroke victims with dates of death and desert temperatures using data collected between 2002 and 2006 by the medical examiner's office in Pima County.

Keim, an associate professor at the University of Arizona and an emergency room physician in Tucson, said in recent years more than 100 adult male immigrants have died of heatstroke annually in Pima County.

Dine Fundamental Law is puzzling to legal experts

BY FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. Retired lawyer Jim Fitting has won some cases on the Navajo Nation based on a tribal law that he admits he doesn't completely understand.

Like other non-Navajos, Fitting said he often struggles to make sense of the Dine Fundamental Law — based on customary, traditional, natural and common law. Knowledge of it lies mainly with Navajo medicine men and elders.

While it's part of the cultural upbringing of Navajo people, "it's also something that is extremely hard for a non-Navajo to get a grasp of," said Fitting, now a consultant to businesses that want to operate on the Navajo Nation.

In a society that strives to uphold the traditions of its people, judges often interweave the fundamental law with federal or state statutes that are not always consistent with Navajo culture. Some have praised the practice as a unique way to deal with modern problems such as methamphetamine and gangs; others question why Navajos, who have resisted European assaults on their traditional laws for centuries, recognize laws created outside their culture at all.

"The Western idea is foreign to Navajo, so why should we say a foreign idea should have a higher standing than what's traditional all along," said Leonard Tsosie, a Navajo council delegate.

The fundamental laws are what define the Navajo people. The Holy People, or deities, who handed down the laws, went through certain experiences, developing virtues and values that teach Navajo people how to live as decent human beings, said Navajo

Supreme Court Justice Herb Yazzie.

"In our society, it is best that you live by those traditional laws and those virtues and those values because that is not only what defines you but keeps you in harmony with your place in the world, and therefore, it should always come first," Yazzie said. "Now, there's a tendency to think in terms of hierarchy, and that's unfortunate when you talk about fundamental law and tradition and culture."

The law has gained increased attention since the Navajo Nation Council codified it in 2002 over concern that the knowledge of the law is fading, especially among young people.

Tsosie cited fundamental law earlier this year in arguing that he should be allowed to serve on the tribal council and the New Mexico state Legislature at the same time. Navajos have the right to freely choose their leaders under fundamental law, but the tribe's election code bars delegates from holding elected state or federal offices. The Navajo Supreme Court ruled against Tsosie.

Fundamental law also has been brought into the debate over whether a coal-fired power plant should be built on Navajo land. Navajos have a sacred obligation under the natural law to protect the land and the air — which opponents say wouldn't be served well by the power plant.

"Once we take a look at that, we can follow how the courts have decided certain cases," said executive director Levon Henry, who hopes to have the project complete this spring.

The tribal council provided no direction to judges in how to apply the law. Rather, the amendment to the Navajo Nation Code serves as an acknowledgment of the law.

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Commission says no to LNG terminal

Natural gas project essentially dead in the water after vote

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

OXNARD An Australian energy company was dealt a serious blow to its efforts to build an \$800 million floating liquefied natural gas terminal off the Southern California coast when a state panel refused to grant a lease for pipelines essential to the project.

The 2-1 decision by the State Lands Commission late Monday was met with loud cheers by an estimated 900 people who packed an auditorium for the hearing. Many had spent the day rallying against the proposal and wore blue T-shirts emblazoned with the words "Terminate the Terminal."

"We're ecstatic," said Susan Jordan, director of the California Coastal Protection Network, which provided the shirts and helped organize the opponents. "This effectively kills it."

Patrick Cassidy, a spokesman for Australia's

BHP Billiton LNG International Inc., said the vote was disappointing but the company remains "committed to the process."

Monday's hearing was the latest and perhaps the most important in a series that will decide the fate of the terminal that would be built in the ocean northwest of Los Angeles, about 14 miles off Malibu and about 20 miles off Oxnard.



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Anne Sheehan, represents state Finance Director Michael Genest, a Cabinet member

Under the project, chilled gas brought overseas by tanker would be heated, then piped ashore through two 24-inch diameter lines. From there, Southern California Gas Co. would pump it out to consumers. In all, the facility would process about 800 million cubic feet of natural gas every day.

BHP officials have said the terminal would supply an amount equal to 10 to 15 percent of California's daily consumption, bringing more reliability to the state's energy

sources and could ultimately lower prices. The company has said it hopes to get some of its gas supplies from an offshore gas field in Australia it operates with Exxon Mobil Corp.

Environmentalists, however, say there is no guarantee the project would be more reliable or lower prices because the gas could also be sold to other states.

Opponents also have argued the terminal

41/2 miles of California land before reaching Ormond Beach in Ventura County.

Without the subsea pipelines, the terminal would essentially be inoperable.

The lone panelist who supported the proposal, Anne Sheehan, contended the project would help meet rising energy demand in California.

"I think for the future of the state and the energy needs, we've got to move it forward," said Sheehan, who represents state Finance Director Michael Genest.

Commission Chairman John Garamendi, who is also the lieutenant governor, said he voted against awarding the lease permit because "serious questions remain about the project's safety and its potential impact on the environment."

Schwarzenegger has veto power over the project, but cannot overturn the commission's decision about the pipeline lease. He has not made a decision on what he'd do should the project move forward.

"It would be inappropriate for me to take a position on any application before the review process is complete, but I do believe that liquefied natural gas should be a part of California's energy portfolio," Schwarzenegger said.

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Balancing act

“DON'T PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE basket.” If this everyday piece of advice comes to mind when thinking about your investments, then you may already understand the importance of a diversified portfolio. But even the most carefully composed investment portfolios can get out of balance from time to time. To make sure your portfolio stays on track, it's important to take the time regularly to rebalance your portfolio to make sure it's still in line with your investment objectives.

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One of the most common reasons your portfolio becomes unbalanced is a lack of diversify in your asset classes. Asset classes refer to the general types of investments that make up your overall investment mix: Stocks, bonds, cash, mutual funds and ETFs, to name a few. As the respective values of those various investments change, the proportions in your portfolio will change as well. That's why it's important to check in on your investments to make sure the division of your assets doesn't stray too

far from the balance you want.

To help understand this problem, let's take a look at how your portfolio can get out of balance. Consider a very basic portfolio made up of stocks, bonds and cash. Out of these three asset classes, stocks are likely to see the biggest price fluctuations. If the price of your stock position rises significantly, the overall percentage of stocks in your portfolio grows in relation to the percentage of cash and bonds. The proportion of cash and bonds is therefore decreasing.

This imbalance may increase the volatility of your portfolio as a greater percentage of your assets face a higher level of risk, due to the fact that stocks tend to carry a greater level of danger. At the other end of the spectrum, if your stock prices drop, the percentage of equity assets in your portfolio decreases as well. The risk is lowered, but so is your opportunity for growth.

Another way to look at it is to consider a hypothetical example with numbers. Let's say you invest \$10,000 in bonds and \$10,000 in stocks at the beginning of the year. By year end, you see that your stake in bonds has grown to \$10,475 (for a return of 4.75 percent on the year) while your stock holdings are now worth \$11,560 (or a 15.6 percent return).

While that's a nice overall return for your portfolio, you'll notice that your investment mix in stocks and bonds has strayed from the even 50-50 you started with at the beginning of the year. At this point, your portfolio is 52.5 percent stocks and 47.5 percent bonds, and at this pace the difference could get much bigger in just a few more years. Rebalancing helps put you back in line with your original allocation.

When your portfolio gets out of balance, it's important to realign your investments by making adjustments in accordance with your long-term strategy. Meeting with your financial consultant on a regular basis to discuss your asset allocation can help you spot significant changes and make the necessary adjustments to get your portfolio back on track.

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Simon Says

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What's really going on here on the Westside?

SEVERAL EVENINGS AGO I WALKED PAST a group of men near a local coffee shop at the corner of Ninth Street and Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica, talking excitedly about the sub-prime mortgage industry “meltdown.” One of the gentlemen was sure it meant a significant increase in foreclosures. Another man said that he was looking forward to finding some great deals on houses he was going to purchase. By the way they were talking, I began to get the impression that Los Angeles was about to be littered with homeowners down on their luck, losing their homes to the bank.

All of the geniuses who had sat out the “ridiculous” rise in property values over the past six years, were about to be finally proven correct. Dozens of presumably well-heeled yuppies were about to find themselves in the bread line with the other homeless in Palisades Park. Disillusioned men and women would be looking out at the sunset, somberly enjoying their meals courtesy of the local food bank. Their eyes gazing out over the glittering Pacific Ocean towards Malibu, dreaming of the day they could get their home back.

Well, that's not going to happen and here's why. Currently, only about .5 percent of sub-prime borrowers are foreclosing on their homes nationwide, while about 13 percent are late on payments. That is just one in 200 sub-prime homeowners who are actually in foreclosure. The fact that more than one-in-ten is late on their payments is testimony to the reason why they were sub-prime borrowers in the first place. While many of these people aren't too good at balancing their checkbooks, there are many things a homeowner can do to resist foreclosing.

The number of homeowners who purchased properties on the Westside of Los Angeles with sub-prime mortgages is estimated to be under 5 percent. My personal mortgage broker has been in business for the past 15 years. He has only done one loan with New Century, the largest sub-prime lender to close it's doors.

Our housing inventory in Santa Monica is very low. Only 197 houses and condos are currently for sale. Let's say there are 15,000

homeowner residences in Santa Monica and 5 percent of them are owned by sub-prime borrowers. If they were all in default at the national rate of .5 percent, then we would have about four new homes for sale. If that number tripled, we would have about twelve new homes for sale. We are certainly not entering a time of crisis.

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Real estate values like mortgage defaults is a geographic issue. Los Angeles has a foreclosure rate of only .1 percent above the nationwide average. This April, Los Angeles had the lowest foreclosure rate of the top five metropolitan areas in the nation, only 1 out of every 997 households is in foreclosure. In Florida this March, the rate was 1 out of every 278 households.

There are things that can kill real estate values: War, natural disasters, economic calamity and the concurrent closing of law firms, hospitals and biotechnology and entertainment industry companies. However, for now, a couple dozen sub-prime lenders that feed on the financially disenfranchised is not going to have any effect on our local real estate market.

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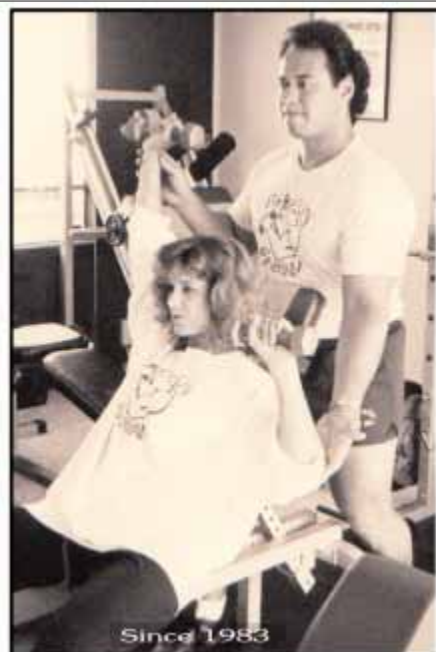
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BEAUTY BY THE SEA: Grant Rohloff's classic photos are sold to staging companies by his son Chris. The younger Rohloff plans on adding his photos to his catalog soon.

Beauty added to homes helps sales

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my dad's stuff when all of a sudden I fell into this staging thing, and in the last couple of years it's caught on like wildfire," Rohloff said.

Simply put, staging is enhancing a home's décor though elements of interior design. That includes, but is not limited to, fine furnishings, artwork, rugs, blinds, plants, vases, candles, even clothes.

Realtors swear by it, pointing to research by the National Association of Realtors and staging professionals that shows homes which are staged often sell faster and for a higher price than homes or condos that are not. A recent study of west coast homes found that 17 out of 25 staged homes sold within seven days and the rest within 30 days, and that prices jumped 2 to 10 percent in a moderate market. The biggest advantage to staging occurs with luxury homes or in a market with bidding wars over properties, where effective staging can boost prices by 20 to 50 percent.

"It makes all the difference in the world," said Gaby Schkud, associated manager of Coldwell Banker in Santa Monica who has used staging more frequently in the last five years. "Sometimes buyers have a difficult time picturing themselves in a home or some homes may be over cluttered and can be presented in a better fashion. Staging companies can come in and transform a home overnight, bringing everything in, including pots, pans and silverware."

Schkud said some will even provide clothing for a seller who may be going through a divorce and needs some female or male clothes to fill out a closet and make the home appear more family-oriented.

"You only have one chance to make a good impression," said Beth Ann Shepherd, president of Dressed to Close, one of the leading staging companies in the Los Angeles area. "When selling a \$25 million home on the beach or a \$650,000 condo, buyers are going to walk in and either they like it, or they walk out. If the market is sluggish or there's a lot of competition on the market, people are going to gravitate towards the home that looks good, smells good and sounds good."

Prices for staging vary depending on the size of the home and the type of furnishings a sellers is looking for. Most staging companies will do a walk-through to determine a customers needs. The seller has input on the design and can suggest a look that fits their lifestyle or that of a potential buyer.

In Santa Monica, the look is very casual

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al and California modern, Shepherd said. "There is typically a lighter look, with clean lines and light colors," she said. "More than anything, it's a young group of buyers and they are hip. Even when they have families, they want it to be young, stylish. More than 50 percent of the homes we stage for sale, we sell some if not all of the furniture within the home."

Kind of like "The Endless Summer," a film about surfers who travel the world in constant search of the best wave, Chris Rohloff has found a seemingly never-ending need for his and his father's artwork, introducing a new generation to the beauty of beach life.

"Homes are going to keep selling," he said. "It's just really refreshing to find a new venue for this. I was dealing with interior designers, but they were too finicky. With staging, basically your stuff is going to work eight out of 10 times, so there is just a lot more demand for my stuff."

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Drivers have had their fill of gas prices

Fuel costs expected to decrease during summer driving season

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE With her hand on the nozzle, Angela Small could barely watch as the price on the gas pump flitted upwards and the gallon indicator slowed to a crawl.

The daily commute from Santa Monica to Downtown LA in her minivan is burning a hole in Small's wallet.

"It keeps going up and down," Small said of gas prices, while filling her tank at the Arco station at the corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. "It's ridiculous."

Between driving back and forth for her job in Los Angeles to picking up and dropping off her four children at daycare, Small estimates that she fills up the tank at least twice a week.

"I think it will hit the \$4 mark," Small said of gas prices. "I think Iraq has a lot to do with gas prices going up."

The national average for regular unleaded gas was \$2.792 as of Tuesday, up from \$2.537 one month ago. In California, the gas situation is even more dismal, with the average price for regular unleaded in the Los Angeles and Long Beach area standing at \$3.262 on Tuesday, up from \$3.001 one month before, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Santa Monica is no exception, with gas prices citywide lingering in the low to mid \$3 range. The Arco gas station at the corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue offers one of the lowest prices in the city at \$3.17 a gallon for regular unleaded. Other cheaper gas stations include the 76 at 2120 Lincoln Blvd., where drivers can fill up for about \$3.18 a gallon, and the Chevron at 1732 Lincoln Blvd., for \$3.19 a gallon.

Some of the most expensive gas prices are found in Downtown Santa Monica. The Chevron at 432 Wilshire Boulevard charged \$3.35 a gallon for regular unleaded on Tuesday and the Mobil on Santa



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PRICE SHOCKER: This gas station on Lincoln Boulevard is one of the lowest priced stations in the Santa Monica area..

Monica and Lincoln boulevards was serving it up for \$3.49 a gallon.

Filling up his Honda Accord on Tuesday at the Mobil station on Santa Monica and Lincoln boulevards, Belizario Santiz said he is considering riding his bike to his job as a food server in Malibu to cut back on gas expenses.

The Santa Monica resident said he stops for gas every three days to fill up for his commute.

Whether it's because of the war in Iraq or problems in the country's refineries, gas prices across the U.S. have skyrocketed in the past few months, causing consumers nationwide to groan and bicyclists to thank their lucky stars that they don't have to deal with the expenses of owning a car.

The cause is a combination of increased demand for gas, coupled with tight supplies and problems in refineries in Bakersfield and in the Texas panhandle, said Carol Thorp, spokeswoman for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

"Demand for gasoline in general in California is up and nobody knows for sure why," Thorp said. "Some of it could be more people coming into the state and more people are driving. It could be more people buying houses further and further out (of the cities)."

In California, about 66 percent of gasoline comes from within the state or from Alaska. Approximately 33 percent comes from overseas, with the largest suppliers being Venezuela and Nigeria. Contrary to common belief, California is not as impacted by events in the Middle East as other states.

National average gas prices are projected to peak at \$2.87 a gallon in May, with gas prices expected to average about \$2.81 for the summer, according to a report released by the Energy Information Administration on Tuesday, the statistical agency for the Department of Energy.

The gas prices have forced consumers to cut back on expenses and become creative

with their finances.

A woman who was filling up at the Arco station on Cloverfield and Michigan works as a messenger by trade and, as a result, spends about \$50 a day to fill up her van.

"It's getting to the point where I might not be able to afford food," said the woman, who asked not be identified.

Though gas prices are a pain in the neck for many, it has not hurt everyone financially.

Brentwood resident Mario Valente was among the many drivers who filled up his tank at the Arco station on Cloverfield, taking advantage of the cheap gas price. He fills up at Arco stations whenever he can because of its reputation for selling gas at less expensive prices.

"(Gas prices) hasn't impacted me," Valente said. "But I feel sorry for people who are forced to commute."

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DP reporter visits alternative gas pump to gauge interest

FROM OTHER GAS PAGE 3

around? It's usually reserved for heating one's home, not powering a Buick. Less than five minutes into my relaxing day at the pump, someone showed up in a brand new Honda Civic GX — the cleanest, internal combustion engine on Earth, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The owner, John Lewis, a 50-something Englishman in brown shorts and a polo shirt, had just purchased the car over the weekend and was filling up for the first time. Lewis, a designer at the Volkswagen-Audi Design Center at the Santa Monica Airport, bought the eco-friendly vehicle because of his commute. He drives daily from Simi Valley to Santa Monica, and not only does the Civic save him money on gas, he also cuts a significant amount of time from his commute because he can use the carpool lane.

"In the long run, this is the way to go," said Lewis, a native of Great Britain, where natural gas has been used to fuel mini-cabs, buses and private vehicles since the '60s.

"There so much natural gas in the States that I don't know why more people don't use it to power their cars. You get better gas mileage and you don't have to change your oil nearly as often."

The only trouble is getting the gas into the car. Lewis couldn't seem to get the pump to work, despite watching a three-minute video on how to use it. He watched it twice as he tried to connect the hose to his car several times. He became visually frustrated and seemed close to giving up when I let him borrow my cell phone so he could call customer service.

"I feel like such a dummy, and I design cars," he said with a grin.

As Lewis talked with the operator, a pet groomer named Oscar pulled up in a large white van. He quickly connected the hose and a loud swishing sound came from the pump. The meter started running and in about a minute his tank was full. For \$14.64 Oscar received the gasoline equivalent of 5.987 gallons, or for those who have a hard time with math, \$2.45 per gallon. Considering the

cheapest gas in Santa Monica goes for \$3.17, I'd say Oscar was getting a deal.

"It was cheaper a few months ago," said Oscar, who also had a difficult time fueling up the first time, but has since gotten used to the pumps. "I was getting it for \$1.50 a gallon. Now it's almost \$2.50, which is still good, but no matter how cheap it is, you still don't like to see prices go up."

Aside from a station near LAX, Oscar the pet groomer often fuels up in Santa Monica. He usually tops off the tank, but still needs to visit a pump at least once a day because of the amount of driving he does.

"Sometimes I get a little nervous if I'm running low because there just aren't that many stations that have this," he said. "You have to pretty much map out your route and keep in mind where you can get gas."

Once Oscar left, Lewis was pretty much done filling up his Civic. He thanked me for the phone and rode off to work.

I went back to my lawn chair, cracked open a Coke and before I could finish half of it, another car pulled up, this time a black

Crown Victoria with little flames on the side. Out popped an attractive young red head in short shorts and a top. She was headed for the beach and needed to fill up.

"I usually spend about \$20 bucks to fill up and that lasts me for five days or so, whereas before I was spending anywhere from \$40 to \$60. Much of that was because we have our own filling station at our house, and that's like \$1 less than filling up here," said Laura Thatcher.

After dropping just over \$15 on six gallons, Thatcher jumped in her car and pulled out of the driveway. Just as she was about to turn onto the street, she rolled her window down and shouted, "The best thing is, you don't have to pay for parking in Santa Monica."

After about two hours of hanging at the pump, I couldn't believe that I had run into at least six people driving a CNG auto.

And there I was, seriously questioning whether or not I would run into anyone at all.

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Landmarks Commission set to vote

FROM DOGTOWN PAGE 1

The new plans would tear down about 66 percent of the U-shaped structure, keeping the Horizons West Surf Shop structure in the front, and removing the parking lot and artist studios in the back.

Keeping the existing building would speak to its past use and history, and provide a recognizable identifier of place for the new development, Laks said.

In designating the site as a historic landmark, which Laks said he supported, the Landmarks Commission should distinguish the so-called "contributing" and "non-contributing" historic features of the site. The contributing features of the site would be the Horizons West Surf Shop structure, and the non-contributing portion of the property would be the parking lot and the artist studios. Distinguishing the two would allow the developer to build behind Horizons, the non-landmark portion.

The new proposal seems to have the support of the neighborhood, with approximately 95 residents of Santa Monica recently signing a petition that they are in favor.

The Landmarks Commission unanimously voted Monday to nominate the building for landmarks designation and will consider the matter for a final vote, along with the terms of the historic designation, at its meeting on May 14.

"I think that we have a win-win-win situation here," said Commissioner Roger Genser. "I just look at all that's transpired in a very short period of time ... I

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Roger Genser
Landmarks Commission

think it was wise the commission continued this and referred it to the neighborhood and community, because I think they came up with the consensus."

If the building is approved for historic preservation next month, it would perhaps be the building with the most cultural significance in the city's landmark registry.

"Most of the cultural phenomenon that we record on our landmarks [registry] has to do with developers in hotels," said Chairwoman Nina Fresco. "It's really exciting to talk about filing this application."

At least one person — probably the most famous person in the room — was still skeptical of the revised plan, which seemed to come as a surprise to Jeff Ho, the former shop owner and skateboarding mentor to the Z-Boys skaters.

"I'm apprehensive about what's really going to happen," Ho said following the meeting.

On Friday and Saturday, Ho and



File Photo

LANDMARK IN WAITING: Jeff Ho's shop, Horizons West Surf Shop, should survive the wrecking ball. His shop was ground zero for the SoCal skateboarding revolution.

Horizons West supporters held a petition-signing party at the bar 14 Below, where rock bands JFA, Soccer Mom, Dr. No and The Scuffs all performed free for the cause. About 150 people signed Ho's petition, which sought to save the entire Main Street structure.

Following Monday's meeting, Ho said he understands the need for a compromise and seemed glad that at least Horizons

West Surf Shop would be saved.

Construction would not begin for at least 18 months, Doar said. In the meantime, Horizons West Surf Shop will remain open for business.

"I think what we are trying to achieve will reflect the community's desire to keep the Jeff Ho shop as a landmark," Doar said.

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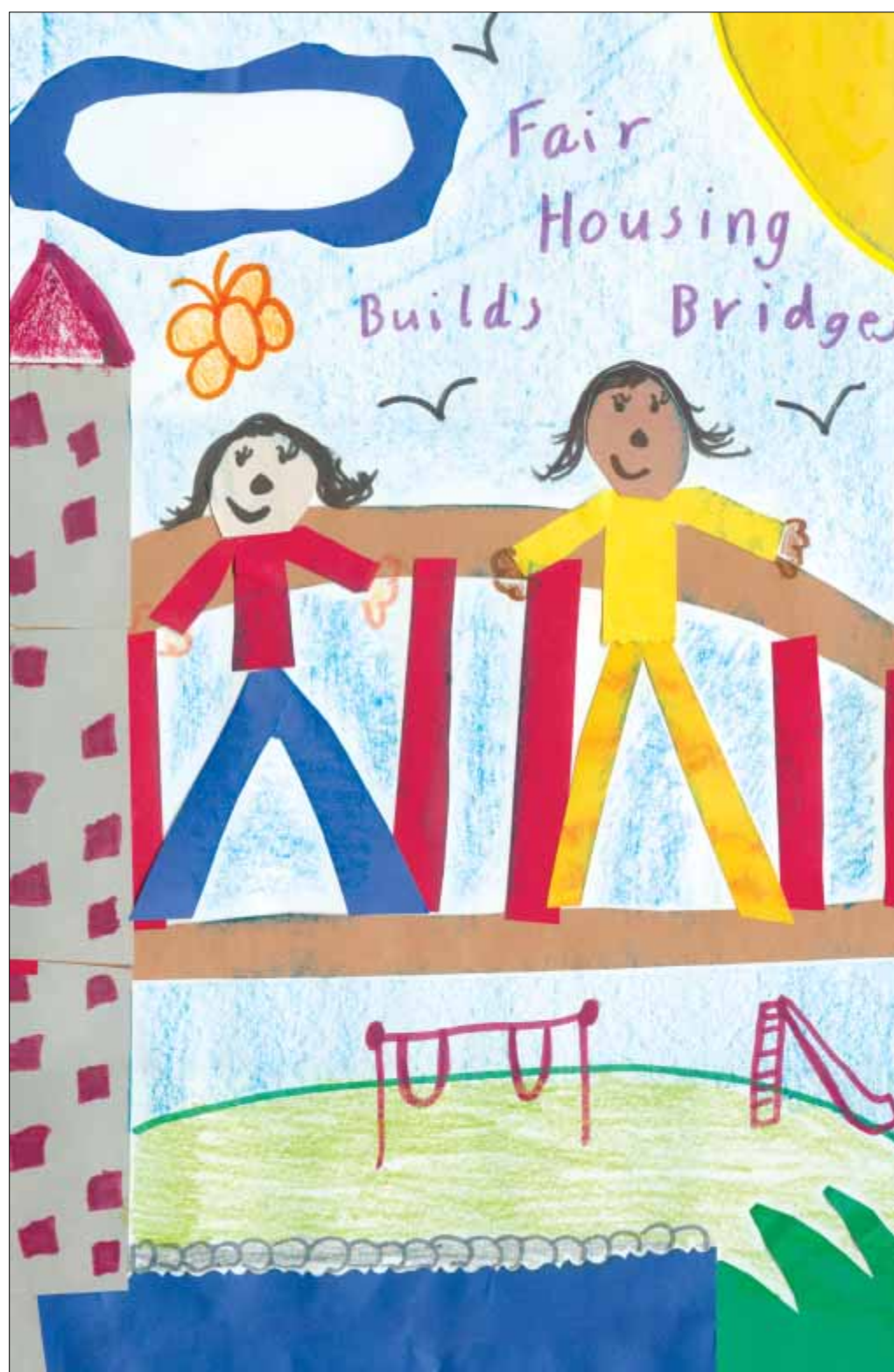
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SPORTS FASHION

Pulling wool

Baseball caps made with the natural fiber no longer being made

BY JOSH L. DICKEY

Associated Press Writer

Pity the wool baseball cap.

It didn't stand a chance, utterly alone as it was, with vanquished woolen sportswear littering the playing fields all around it: football jerseys, hockey sweaters, ski jackets, golf pants and the like.

Each had long ago succumbed to a tide of manmade textiles boasting superlative stretchiness, stain resistance, insulation, water repellence — innovations that spawned revolutions in sports fashion and fabric terminology alike. (Doubtful that Honus Wagner ever pondered the "breathability" and "wicking" abilities of his famously rumpled lid.)

This was never a fair fight, really. How could simple old wool compete with fabric named Gore-Tex or Lyrca, Coolmax or Kevlar?

So it shouldn't have surprised anyone this winter when Major League Baseball quietly announced it was tossing the wool cap for good. New Era Cap Co., the Buffalo, N.Y.-based manufacturer of baseball's signature vestment for decades, declared that a new polyester-blend model would debut on opening day.

Still, wool and baseball were interwoven some 150-odd years, from the day the New York Knickerbockers switched from straw to merino until last Oct. 27, when a summer's toil could be traced in the salt-stained caps of the St. Louis Cardinals as they celebrated winning the World Series. But with stain-resistant polyester, those saline smudges will besmirch baseball no longer.

The switch went off with nothing close to the griping that accompanied the NBA's ill-fated introduction of a microfiber basketball this season.

Perhaps that's because New Era put its product through a two-year, off-field testing period that included input from dozens of players. In fact, the cap was conceived, designed and implemented with a sole purpose — to perform better on the diamond, said John DeWaal, vice president of brand communications for New Era.

"It was something we determined a while ago: that we needed to keep up with what was going on in the sports apparel world," DeWaal said. "We needed that kind of moisture management and performance in our caps."

New Era and MLB argue that the new caps do a better job of wicking sweat from the brim and distributing it to the crown, where surface-area exposure evaporates it more quickly. The caps don't shrink or stretch like wool, retain their color and shape, resist stains and odor, and ultimately last longer — or so the thinking goes.

In the strict context of on-field performance, it's difficult to imagine players quibbling with any of these claims.

But considering the authentic baseball cap's workaday role in the uniform of the modern American man — as a fashion statement, declaration of territorial loyalty, baldness camouflage, bad hair day remedy, and occasional grooming substitute — it's remarkable how little resistance New Era met when announcing what amounted to a

sartorial sea change.

"Tomorrow we'll have had them out for a week, and in that time I haven't heard anything bad about them," said Chris Lind, assistant manager of the Lids store at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn.

Lind said his store, part of a national chain that sells only baseball caps, rolled out the polyester caps on March 30; they still aren't sure what to do with their stock of the old woolies, which aren't on the shelves at the moment.

"Either they're going to get discounted,"



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he said, "or be sent back to the warehouse."

While New Era will continue to make some of its "fashion" caps out of wool, the better part of its business springs from fans' desire to don the exact same model — stitch for stitch — as their heroes on the diamond. From a business perspective, the immediate impact of the change may only be felt by New Era's wool suppliers; the larger consequence for wool producers comes in the form of perception.

"It's significant in the visibility that it's had," said Rita Samuelson, marketing director for the American Wool Council, a non-profit association representing U.S. sheep ranchers. "It was one of the last places in sports where wool was used, and so many people are now hearing that wool is being replaced by high-performance fiber."

"But wool, to me, is a high-performance fiber, and a natural one. Wool naturally absorbs moisture, and it breathes. That's why it's performed so well over time."

Samuelson knows of at least one wool producer in Canada that may have to shutter its mill with the decreased demand. And the change has done little to help wool's reputation as a scratchy, old-fashioned fiber that's ill suited for our daily duds. It's a shame, she says, because no matter how advanced man-made fibers become, there are still things wool fibers can do that plastic cannot, such as the ability to shrink and stretch to fit conditions.

Some civilians may have trouble getting used to that.

"Forming-wise, basically your only option is to bend the bill," Lind said. "There's no way to form the material like with wool," which can be easily manipulated with steaming or repeat wearing.

There are a few other subtle changes in the new hats: The new caps have switched from a white band (which soils almost immediately) and light gray underbill to black in both places. And the price has gone up, from \$29 suggested retail to \$32.

But DeWaal quickly dispels any notion that the switch had to do with the bottom line.

"The way we make the new cap is no less expensive by any means," he said. "It's more expensive, between the sweatband, the visor-board and all parts of the system."

NCAA BASKETBALL

UCLA's Afflalo going to NBA

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES UCLA All-American Arron Afflalo is passing up his senior year to enter the NBA draft.

Afflalo, who averaged 16.9 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists and led the Bruins to consecutive Final Fours, announced his decision Tuesday at a news conference on campus.

The 21-year-old junior from Compton declared for the NBA draft last year, but withdrew his name and returned to school after attending evaluation camps. A player who declares a second time isn't allowed to return to school.

Afflalo said it was time to move on. "The decision wasn't easy," he said. "I did this for my personal growth, my happiness and where I felt I should be as an individual, what can get me to compete and be the best

basketball player I can be." Afflalo averaged 10.8 points while starting each of UCLA's 29 games as a freshman, and a team-leading 15.8 points as a sophomore, when the Bruins (32-7) reached the NCAA championship game before losing to Florida 73-57.

UCLA (30-6) was eliminated by the Gators for a second straight year on March 31, losing 76-66 in the national semifinals. Florida beat Ohio State 84-75 in the title game.

The Bruins were known for their outstanding defense this season, and the 6-foot-5, 215-pound Afflalo was one of the main reasons. He and sophomore Darren Collison made up one of the nation's best backcourts at both ends of the floor.

Afflalo was the Pac-10 player of the year this season and finished sixth in the voting for the John R. Wooden award, given to college basketball's outstanding player.

HEALTH

Wooden hospitalized in L.A. but doing well

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden has been hospitalized for treatment of a possible recurrence of diverticulitis.

Daughter Nancy Muehlhausen said the 96-year-old Hall of Fame coach was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital Sunday because of bleeding in the colon.

"He's absolutely doing fine," Muehlhausen said Monday. "He's laughing and cracking jokes. He looks good."

Wooden had two blood transfusions and will need at least two more, she said. Doctors could keep Wooden in the hospital for a couple of more days, but Muehlhausen said her father was doing well.

He was hospitalized for three days in April 2006 for diverticulitis, a condition in which inflammations occur in pockets in the colon. It can lead to serious infec-

tion if contents from the intestine leak into the abdomen.

Patients with mild diverticulitis are usually treated with antibiotics and placed on a liquid or high-fiber diet. In severe cases, surgery may be required to remove the diseased part of the colon.

Wooden was scheduled to speak Wednesday to the Kansas State University athletic department but had to cancel.

His last public appearance was March 29 when he attended the McDonald's All-American Game in Louisville, Ky. Wooden, who has been involved in that game since its inception, serves as overall chairman of the game and as an adviser to the selection committee.

Wooden retired from UCLA in 1975 with a record of 620-147 in 27 years as coach. The Bruins won 10 national titles under his helm, including seven in a row. The streak included 38 straight NCAA tournament victories.

NFL

Pacman suspended for season

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK The punishment was aimed squarely at Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry. The message went far beyond them, to all NFL players.

In suspending Jones for the 2007 season and Henry for eight games, Commissioner Roger Goodell not only cracked down on two of the league's most troublesome players on Tuesday, he also sent a warning to everyone:

Mess with the law and your job's on the line.

"I must emphasize to you that this is your last opportunity to salvage your NFL career," Goodell wrote the two players, emphasizing

they must end their wayward behavior to have a chance to play in the league again.

He also hit them where it hurts — their wallets. Jones, who plays for Tennessee, will forfeit his \$1,292,500 salary.

Henry, who plays for Cincinnati, will lose \$217,500.

Jones and Henry, former teammates at West Virginia, were suspended under the old disciplinary policy.

While he was meting out penalties, Goodell also announced the league's new, tougher personal conduct policy that will allow longer fines and suspensions for players and also could penalize teams, perhaps by taking away draft picks.



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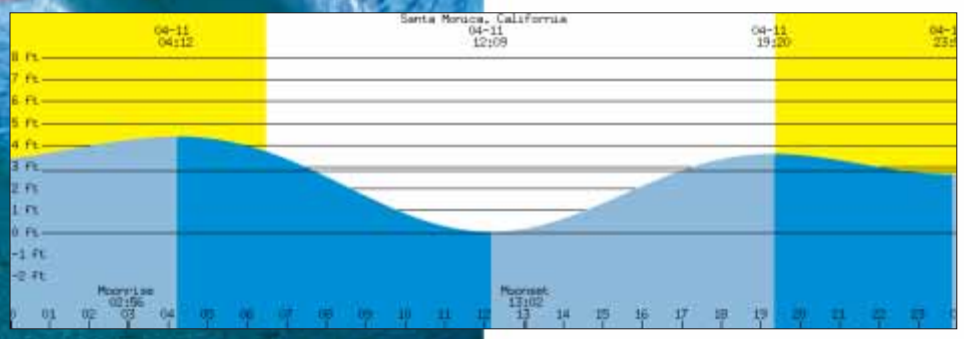
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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36/ ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10/ ns

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

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

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

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Work with others, Cancer

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★★	Average	★★	So-So
		★	Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You want to do something very different or unusual. You also might find that your creativity could be a touch stifled. Use your instincts with a child or friend. Remember, others have imagination too! Tonight: Find the action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to the feedback that you are getting. New beginnings will occur if you are open to your creativity. Your instincts come through in a professional matter. You are on top of your work. Tonight: Stay in sync with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Work with others. Read between the lines. You might want to try something quite different. Allow feedback. If you find someone who has insight, you might be bewildered by what you can come up with. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Work with one individual, and you'll see the light. How you deal with someone could make a big difference. You might want to rethink a personal matter. You are on top of your game. Creativity occurs. Tonight: Work with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Discussions are animated and very different. You are full of enthusiasm. Creativity opens new doors. You have imagination and follow-through. You have a way of opening up people's imagination. Do just that. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to get as much done as possible. First, the weekend looms close by. Second, it's time for a break or change of pace. You laugh when others get uptight. Work with one person and help him or her see the other side of an issue. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow loved ones and those you deem creative to add more to your life. You see life with renewed interest. Know which way to turn. You understand far more than you realize. Loosen up when dealing with others. Tonight: Ever playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take your time making a decision. You come from a financial perspective. Your creativity will surge if you just land in the right spot. You accomplish a lot quite effectively. Family provides important feedback. Tonight: Do not take someone for granted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to try another approach. If your intuition directs you down a certain path, follow through. Your imagination plays a big role in the events that surround you. Go with it. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Use care with investments. What feels like a good purchase might not be. Understanding might be one matter; making strong decisions might be another. Build stronger understanding. Tonight: Buy a new item or two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are in your element and accomplish much more than you thought possible. Take the first step and don't feed a misunderstanding. Make peace rather than war. Investigate new possibilities. Tonight: Be yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might not agree, and you might not need to anyway. Use your instincts with a financial matter. If you need to, take a walk and think through a decision. Take charge and act. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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Singer, actor David Cassidy (1950)
Actor Andy Garcia (1956)
Actor Nicholas Brendon (1971)

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Larry's the dad

DNA shows Birkhead father of Smith baby

LARRY BIRKHEAD is the father of **ANNA NICOLE SMITH'S BABY**, according to DNA tests, and the late reality TV star's former boyfriend emerged from a court hearing Tuesday to proclaim that his daughter would soon be home.

"I told you so!" Birkhead said as he jubilantly announced the DNA results after the closed hearing. Then he hugged his rival, Howard K. Stern. Smith's

lawyer-turned-companion has been caring for baby Dannielynn since her sudden death in February.

The hearing left unresolved who will have custody of the girl. Another custody hearing was scheduled for Friday.

Stern said he would not fight for custody.

"I'm obviously very disappointed but my feelings toward Dannielynn have not changed," Stern said,

adding Birkhead can come to his Bahamas home to visit Dannielynn at any time.

A joyous Birkhead said, "My baby's going to be coming home pretty soon."

Even Smith's mother, Virgie Arthur, who had also sought custody, seemed appeased by the DNA results. "I'm happy that Dannielynn will know who her real father is," she said outside court.

An expert in genetic evidence said DNA analysis proved Birkhead is Dannielynn's father. Dr. Michael Baird, who analyzed the results of a March 21 DNA test, announced the results outside court. "Essentially, he's the biological father," Baird said.

Birkhead, a Los Angeles photographer, began seeking custody before Smith, 39, collapsed and died in a Florida hotel Feb. 8.

The baby, whose full name is Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, was born five months before her mother's death. She could inherit millions from the estate of Smith's late husband, J. Howard Marshall II. The former model had been fighting the Texas oil tycoon's family over his estimated \$500 million fortune since his death in 1995.

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STEWART'S BIG PLANS

Domesticity diva **MARTHA STEWART** aims to parlay her authoritative voice on everything about lifestyle to the millions of women who surf the Internet with the relaunch of her name-sake Web site.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. — which scaled back its Web operation as a catalog/e-commerce business in 2005 — is set to officially relaunch marthastewart.com Tuesday as an information portal.

The overhauled site, quietly unveiled late last month, features more than 700 videos, including daily episodes of Stewart's TV shows and how-to clips, provides a community where users can chat about such ideas as the latest recipe for chocolate cake, and features a retooled search engine that allows users to browse either by interest such as the latest scrapbooking techniques or by media property from magazines to TV shows. It also allows users to search other sites.

AP

Producer wants pardon for Morrison

GOV. CHARLIE CRIST is being asked to pardon the late Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors, 38 years after he was convicted of exposing himself during a Miami concert.

Dave Diamond, a cable TV producer from Dayton, Ohio, wrote to Crist last month asking for the pardon. Diamond said the goal is to remember the Melbourne, Fla., native as an artist, not a rock 'n' roll bad boy with a rap sheet.

Crist is an alumnus of Florida State, which Morrison had attended.

"Well, given that fact, I'm certainly willing to review it," said Crist.

Morrison was charged days after a concert at Dinner Key Auditorium in Coconut Grove in 1969. He alleged exposed himself and simulated a sex act, which he denied doing.

He was acquitted on a felony charge for lewd and lascivious behavior, but was convicted of indecent exposure and profanity.

Many feel the Miami arrest put Morrison and the band in a downward spiral, which led to promoters canceling concerts and earned the band a stream of negative publicity.

Diamond and other fans say Morrison wouldn't have been charged if the same

situation occurred today.

"We'd just like to see where we get to a point to let Morrison be judged because of the music and poetry and not be judged because of this Miami case," said Diamond.

The hard-living Morrison died of heart failure in a Paris bathtub in 1971, while his case was still on appeal. He was 27.

Morrison's father, retired U.S. Adm. George S. Morrison, 87, who lives in California, said he would support a pardon.

Crist, however, cannot pardon someone by himself. He needs two of the three other members of

the Florida Cabinet, which acts as the state clemency board. In addition, there are no procedures for posthumous pardons.

In his letter to Crist, Diamond noted the former New York Gov. George Pataki pardoned the late comedian Lenny Bruce on an obscenity conviction.

"It's not about Jim Morrison's image as the Lizard King or The Doors music. It's about a citizen of Florida who was convicted in a case where the law was not applied," said Diamond, 34.

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Sheryl Crow tours college campuses

SHERYL CROW, riding aboard a bus that uses biodiesel fuel, is on an 11-stop college tour to raise awareness about global warming.

Accompanying the Grammy-winning singer is Laurie David, who produced the film on climate change, "An Inconvenient Truth," which won the Oscar for best documentary earlier this year.

Each stop on the tour will

include remarks by David, a short performance by Crow, clips from "An Inconvenient Truth" and a dialogue with students, according to Crow's Web site.

"The more I learn about global warming, the more I know that we all have to do something to be a part of the solution," Crow, 45, said in a statement. "I am thrilled Laurie and I have the opportunity to go on

the road and combine our efforts to educate the next generation on how they can make a difference."

The "Stop Global Warming College Tour" opened Monday at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. It ends April 22, which is Earth Day, at George Washington University in Washington.

Other stops: Texas A&M in College Station; Louisiana

State University in Baton Rouge; Loyola University in New Orleans; the University of Alabama at Birmingham; the University of Florida in Gainesville; Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.; the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and the University of Maryland in College Park.

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Bruce Lee from wall to wall

China's national broadcaster has started filming a 40-part series on Bruce Lee, part of an apparent bid to promote Chinese culture in the run-up to next year's Beijing Summer Olympics.

China Central Television started shooting "The Legend of **BRUCE LEE**" over the weekend in Shunde in Guangdong province in southern China, Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday. Shunde is the ancestral home of the martial arts icon, who was born in San

Francisco in 1940.

Xinhua said the \$6.4 million production will also be filmed in Hong Kong and the United States, where Lee studied and launched his acting career.

Chen Guokun, who plays Lee, said he has mixed feelings about playing the role.

"I'm nervous and also excited, but I will do my best," Chen, who is also known as Chan Kwok-kwan, was quoted as saying.

Chen, best known for his role in the action comedy

"Kung Fu Hustle," said Lee has been his role model since he was a child, and that he has practiced kung fu for many years.

Lee died in 1973 at age 32 from swelling of the brain. His action films include "Fists of Fury" and "Enter the Dragon."

The TV series is due to be aired in 2008, the year Beijing hosts the Olympic Games. It stars Chow Yun-fat, and heartthrob Takeshi Kaneshiro.

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- 17 Work unit
- 18 Homer's neighbor
- 19 Pay
- 22 Squirrel's home
- 23 Tiara adorners
- 26 Make plain
- 29 Back muscle, briefly
- 32 Cow chow
- 33 Batting stat
- 34 Weather map line
- 36 Poet Whitman
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■Hurricane Katrina Trailer Fiascos: In March, while FEMA was busy evicting the last Katrina victims that it had housed in trailers, it also disclosed that it has been stuck with 8,000 mint-condition trailers that have sat vacant for 18 months now in a field near Hope, Ark., because the agency hasn't been able to give them away (to government agencies, as federal law requires). (Also, WWL-TV in New Orleans reported in March that area hospitals continue to be overcrowded while specially equipped medical trailers, which were ordered just after Katrina hit and which took eight months to arrive, continue to sit unused.)

■ Least Competent Criminals: (1) Andre Henry was convicted on 27 criminal counts in Philadelphia in February (e.g., bank robbery, threatening witnesses and police officers), despite his cocky attitude on the witness stand. After the prosecution played back a recording of Henry confessing his crimes to a wire-wearing inmate, Henry was unfazed, quickly declaring that the confessor was really Henry's "twin brother" (except that the prosecutor easily showed that he doesn't have one). (2) A 17-year-old was arrested in January in Sheboygan, Wis., and charged with stealing a snowmobile from the Sheboygan Yamaha lot. However, the next morning, even before the dealer realized the vehicle was missing, the boy had brought it in for service.

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1606 The Union Jack is adopted as the national flag of Great Britain

1633 The formal inquest of Galileo Galilei by the Inquisition begins.

1877 The United Kingdom annexes the Transvaal.

1931 The strongest wind in the world measured at 231 mph was recorded on the summit of Mount Washington

1968 Nerve gas accident at Skull Valley, Utah.

1980 Terry Fox begins his "Marathon of Hope" by dipping his artificial leg into the Atlantic at St. John's, Newfoundland.

1996 Yahoo! has its initial public offering, selling 2.6 million shares at \$13 each.

1999 American President Bill Clinton was cited for contempt of court for giving "intentionally false statements" in the Paula Jones sexual harassment civil lawsuit.

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Escrow No. L-024546-JM

(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: CHANG HUN KIM AND HWA JIN KIM, 1106 MONTANA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403

(3) The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

(4) The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: YONG HWAN KWON, 836 S BERENDO ST, #405, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE-NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and is located at: 1106 MONTANA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at the said location is: MASTER CLEANERS

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is APRIL 27, 2007, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, ESCROW NO. L-024546-JM, ESCROW OFFICER: JANICE MIN

(8) Claims may be filed the same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: APRIL 26, 2007

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRIDGETTE HANSEL-ANDREWS aka BRIDGETTE ESTER HANSEL

Case No. SP007103

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRIDGETTE HANSEL-ANDREWS aka BRIDGETTE ESTER HANSEL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John Andrews in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John Andrews be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 18, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/07/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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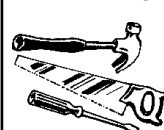
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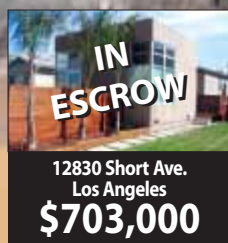
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