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A rough ride for council

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Those who board the Big Blue Bus may be feeling a little blue themselves after City Council agreed to hike fares for students and eliminate free local transfers in a move that will increase revenues by \$1.3 million and keep the bus company solvent.

The local cash fare of 75 cents a ride will remain the same, but students from elementary school through college will have to pay 50 cents — an increase of 25 cents for those in K-12. Interagency transfers will also be bumped to 50 cents, and instead of free local transfers, riders will be encouraged to buy an all-day pass for \$2.50. Students, seniors and the disabled will be able to purchase a day pass at a discount — \$1.25, according to Stephanie Negriff, director of BBB.

“We took the opportunity to look at ways we could simplify the overall fare structure and provide added conveniences to customers,” Negriff told the council Tuesday, before members voted unanimously in favor of the new fares. “While the proposal includes an increased price for riding for those passengers who use the transfers and also for students, it provides a variety of conveniences.”

Instead of having to stay on a bus for the entire ride, one with a day pass could get off, enjoy a cup of coffee or some lunch, and then hop on the same line without having to pay again as they do now, Negriff said.

The fares will go into effect July 1 of this year.

This is the first time fares for students have been raised in the last 16 years. The last regular fare increase occurred in 2002, when the standard fare jumped from 50 cents to 75 cents.

For a comparison, Negriff showed a slide with prices for movie tickets, eggs and other items in 1991 and the price today. In 16 years, the price for a movie jumped from \$3.87 to \$12.00, a dozen eggs went from 78 cents to \$3.59 and a gallon of gas has shot up from 95 cents to \$3.25.

Even with that information and a warning from transportation officials about the bus company’s financial woes, some council members still found it difficult to vote for the new fare structure, citing the 50 percent increase for school-age children and the elimination of free transfers, which could take a bite out of some people’s pocket books, espe-

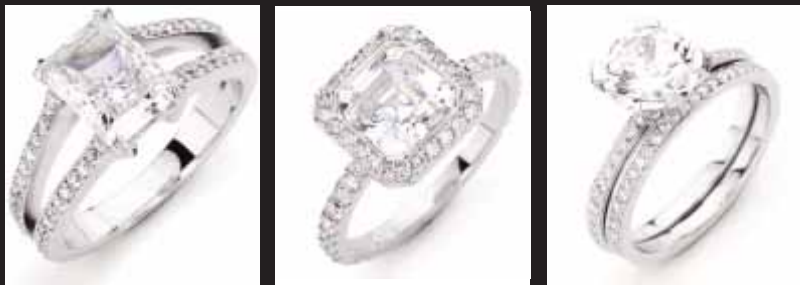
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The Montana Avenue Library will be screening "Babe: The Gallant Pig."

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.

Billy Childs at the Vic

2640 Main St., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Billy Childs, the Los Angeles jazz pianist, composer and arranger will perform two shows at the Vic. Tickets are \$20 plus a two-item minimum. For more information, call (888) 367-5299 or visit www.thevicforjazz.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.

Friday, April 13, 2007

Publication Party

1103 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Chuck Rosenthal will be premiering his new book "The Heart of Mars." Part fantasy, part detective novel, Rosenthal's new book is a follow-up to his environmental novel, "My Mistress, Humanity." For more information, contact Equator Books at (310) 399-5544.

8th Malibu International Film Festival

1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Films will screen at the Aero Theater on the weekend of April 13 through April 15. Tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketweb.com or call (866) 468-3399. For more information on the festival, visit www.malibufilmfestival.com.

Enanitos Verdes concert

300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, 6 p.m.

Enanitos Verdes will perform at Tecate's Fiesta Friday rock concert following the 33rd annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. Race ticket-holders can attend the concert free of charge. Tickets can be purchased by calling (888) 82-SPEED. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.longbeachgp.com.

Films for Peace

1741 Ocean Park Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

Cafe Bolivar is hosting a screening of "What I've Learned About U.S. Foreign Policy: The War Against the Third World." The film's editor, Frank Dorrel, will lead a discussion after the movie. Donations are \$5. For more information call (310) 452-9681.

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3321 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 1:30 a.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.



Studying the DNA of area pollution

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU It's a good thing it's been too cold to go swimming in the ocean lately.

A Los Angeles County-funded study to determine the source of high levels of bacteria in Paradise Cove and Escondido Beach kicked off last month, sending researchers out to 27 predetermined locations over the next 10 weeks to draw samples.

The estimated \$1 million study began on March 29 in the Ramirez Canyon Creek and Escondido Canyon Creek, both areas that have shown high levels of fecal indicator bacteria. The purpose of the study is to determine whether the source is of human or animal origin.

The investigation will be led by a task force comprised of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Heal the Bay, the city of Malibu and the County of Los Angeles departments of Public Works and Public Health.

The entire study is expected to last roughly a year and a half. The samples from the first phase will be sent to a Heal the Bay laboratory to determine the source of bacteria.

"Results from the first batch are going to indicate where the latter phase is going," said County Environmental health Specialist Gevork Kazanchyan.

The initial results are expected to be released at the end of the summer.

About 11 samples will be taken from the Ramirez Canyon and eight samples from the Escondido Canyon.

"While two-thirds of the potential water sampling locations are on privately owned land, they constitute about half of the locations that have current flows and are therefore subject to testing," according to a release issued by the office of L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Scientists will be out in the field about once a week, starting in the morning, gathering samples.

"These two particular locations — one being Ramirez Canyon and the other being Escondido Canyon — have historically had high levels of bacteria," said Eric Edwards, chief environmental health specialist with the county.

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NO BUTTS HERE: A student walks past a no smoking sign in the science building at Santa Monica College recently. SMC's student government recently held a vote that approved a smoking ban on the entire campus. Currently, there are restrictions in place, but not a ban.

SMC says no to butts

BY IRENE MANAHAN

Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE When the smoke from last week's student government election finally clears on campus, it may clear for good.

Before heading out for spring break, Santa Monica College students overwhelmingly approved a smoking ban for their school grounds in balloting that wrapped up last week.

Along with standard officer positions, the 2007 ballot also included the additional question: "Should SMC be a smoke-free campus?"

Close to 63 percent of the more than 2,200 voters said "yes."

The Associated Students, or student government of SMC, proposed placing the item on the ballot in an effort to gauge student support for a ban. They provided a four-day voting frame from April 2 to April 5 for stu-

dents to cast their votes, either online or in person.

"[The approval] simply reflects the majority of students who oppose its appearance and presence, the disturbance of its smell and its way of affecting or damaging a lot of people's health," said SMC student Barbara Navaro, a non-smoker.

While the students have spoken, they cannot simply will the ban on smoking into effect. That role still lies with the SMC Board of Trustees, which is expected to make its final determination in the near future.

"It doesn't happen very often that the students vote on something like this," said Lisa Rose, a spokesperson for SMC President Dr. Chui Tsang. "The measure still needs to come before the board."

At present, students cannot smoke within 25 feet of any building, open window or entrance on its campuses, leaving many smokers and non-smokers alike wary of the ban.

"I don't smoke, but I don't like that our rights are being stripped away," said Matthew Haggard, an SMC student. "Martin Luther King would not be proud."

Many worry about their health, as well as the health of others affected by the smoke.

"Since it has been proven in many studies that smoking shortens your life with every cigarette, it should be every man's own decision to do so," said student Josephine Frej, a non-smoker. "Secondhand smoke is as toxic and dangerous as firsthand smoke, and the only way to give people the chance to decide for themselves, is by having a smoke-free campus."

Even with the 25-foot rule enforced, students are still affected. Smokers often go beyond designated smoking areas, students in favor of the ban contend.

"I voted 'yes' to ban smoking from the campus," Frej said. "I considered voting 'no,'

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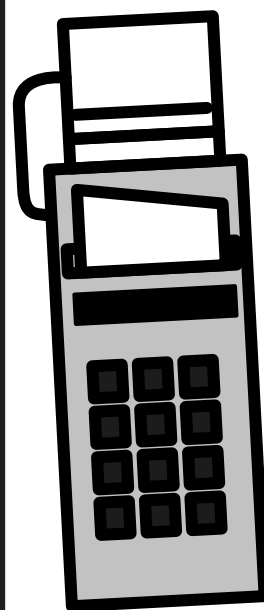
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Just say no’ chatter is cheap
Editor:

Since when does intolerant religious dogma dictate the national policy on sexual education for our cultural-ly active children? Since George Bush and Republicans forced an abstinence-only agenda on states in lieu of federal funding. The stated goal: Achieve chastity for our hormonally active children. I would have had to lock my six daughters in their rooms for the duration of their teenage years to achieve this goal.

The absurdity of the abstinence-based programs became apparent last year when Health and Human Services issued a memo stating that applicants (states) “must not” promote contraceptive and condom use to receive funding. So much for enlightened society.

How did religious ignorance creep into America’s sex-ed program?

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Scientists of a feather
Editor:

Do the editors of the SMDP really believe that if a hammer and a feather were dropped (“Mahon is really out of this world,” April 9) they would both hit the ground at the same time? If so, a quick demonstration, using a hammer and a feather would show that the 5-year-olds were right, and that the journalists should perhaps return to primary school, where the 5-year-olds could explain things to them.

Jeremy Miles
Playa del Rey

Through Rosie-colored glasses
Editor:

Regarding Stephen Frank’s opinion in Letters to the Editor on Monday (“Rosie has Democrat view,” April 9), I found it difficult, if not impossible, to believe that Rosie O’Donnell is such a power in our country.

Rosie O’Donnell is a single person who spouts certain views she obviously holds. However, to say that she “speaks for the Democrats” is a silly statement. She is not the spokesperson for all Democrats any more than an individual outspoken Republican speaks for all Republicans.

Rosie O’Donnell has not now, nor ever has, spoken for me on any subject. And in my opinion, I’m grateful that Stephen Franks doesn’t speak for all Republicans either.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

A/S/L: age, sex, location
BF: boyfriend
OLL: online love
LULAS: love you like a sister
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LMIRL: let’s meet in real life

HDOP: help delete online predators

Every day, children are sexually solicited online.



Iconoclast Blast
Seth Barnes

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Eating your weight
at Dodger Stadium

FOR MANY, THE BEGINNING OF baseball season is a time of celebration. Spring is with us and we’re young once again. The sights, sounds and textures of the game remind us of life’s simple pleasures. The crack of a bat, a ball arching high against the cobalt evening sky. Pristine, freshly mowed outfield grass. A runner rounding third and barreling towards home. Eating so many hot dogs and nachos you require a Life Flight to the nearest hospital.

What, you haven’t heard of the All-You-Can-Eat Pavilion at Dodger Stadium? Maybe you thought food and beverage were still a supplementary part of the major league baseball experience. Well, you’re wrong. For those inclined towards gluttony, it can be the main event. This season, the Los Angeles Dodgers have turned their Right Field Pavilion into an all-you-can-eat-section. For \$35, the ticket-holder is allowed unfettered access to all the hot dogs, nachos, peanuts, popcorn and Coke they can handle. Beer isn’t included in the deal, but when you’re drunk on Dodger Dogs, who needs suds? This fine dining menu is available one and a half hours before game time and ends two hours into the game, meaning you have nearly four hours to become part of America’s obesity epidemic. Eat up!

Overeating, unhealthy dietary practices and childhood obesity have become easy targets in the news media. You can barely go a day without hearing about some study or other talking up the expanding waistlines and escalating health costs associated with our country’s obsession with chowing down. There’s a lot of sanctimony tinged with fire and brimstone in these reports, and the underlying message is clear: In this land of plenty, we’re so well-off, and so oblivious to the struggles and plight of the less fortunate that we revel in our excess, plying ourselves with food and drink in a vain quest for contentment. We fill ourselves up on food because we’re spiritually bankrupt. An extra large popcorn could feed an entire family in Sub-Saharan Africa; here, it’s just an appetizer for Little Johnny before he attempts to eat an armload of hot dogs before the 7th-inning stretch.

It’s increasingly obvious to me that obesity news propagated by the media isn’t exactly reaching the vox populi. Maybe we’re all a little too occupied watching extreme sports bloopers on YouTube, but I haven’t noticed

many people changing their eating habits because some airbrushed broadcast journalist decided he was going to finally inform the public-at-large of their hideous and self-

DOES OUR COUNTRY
HAVE PROBLEMS WITH
MATERIAL EXCESS AND
CONSUMERISM? YES,
PROBABLY.

destructive problem with food.

While McDonald’s has thrown a few extra salads onto their menu (granted, you probably can douse them in Buttermilk Bacon Ranch dressing if you please), I haven’t noticed fast food outlets making an about-change in their menu offerings. As good capitalists, I’m sure they’d make changes in the direction of healthy offerings if the demand were there.

It isn’t.

As you can see, I’m somewhat on the fence with this one. I think it’s absurdly humorous that such a thing as the All-You-Can-Eat-Pavilion exists, but I’d also probably bristle at a typical mailed-in news report on how the program represents the downfall of Western Civilization. Does our country have problems with material excess and consumerism? Yes, probably. But are these problems a part of the general human condition? I think so. They represent a telling irony: The more you have, the more you consume (materially and gastronomically), the less “filled-up” you actually are. Short-term pleasures aren’t lasting and don’t add up to anything substantial. Well, except maybe a bulging gut.

So I’d encourage one and all to head to the right field stands on an empty stomach. Feasting and baseball are America’s two great pastimes and this is a terrific opportunity to engage each of them in one swoop.

And if somebody looks down on you for your indulgence, just squirt mustard in their eye.

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Back when life was totally rad

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I JUST FILED MY taxes. Or perhaps it's because I finally figured out after almost a month of trying to replace the batteries in the smoke detector that it doesn't have any (who's ever heard of a hard-wired fire alarm system?). Either way, my birthday is around the corner and although I'm now just a year and 14 days away from being smack in the middle of my 30s, I couldn't be happier.

Most generations likely regard theirs as superior to those that came before and after, and I'm certainly no exception. Were I any younger or older, I would have missed out on the distinct privilege of growing up in the 1980s.

Lately, I often find myself lying awake at night worrying about the war on terror, nuclear tension in North Korea and genocide in Darfur. It is at those moments that I long for the '80s, at which time my worst fears were getting stuck in the USSR without a passport (and potentially having my nonexistent ballet talents exploited, along with those of a defected U.S. tap dancer, à la Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines in "White Knights"), wondering if the starving kids in Ethiopia had record players to listen to "Do They Know It's Christmas" and if so, did they understand English and/or celebrate Christmas, and fretting about whether I'd have to switch to Coke if it ultimately prevailed in the Pepsi Challenge.

In the '80s, senior citizens agonized most about falling and not getting up without the assistance of electronic monitoring necklaces. Now, aging Baby Boomers and Gen Xers ponder the collective nightmare of a vanishing Social Security system, phishing scams and the plague that will inevitably befall the universe if the e-mail promising a cash reward from Microsoft and the Gap isn't forwarded to 15 friends in 15 minutes.

Back in the '80s, the buzz was all about finding the beef. These days, everyone and his life coach is concerned with how the beef is bred, whether its living conditions are cruelty-free, its diet organic and the method of its demise humane before it gets served as a portion the size of a deck of cards on a trans-fat free, low-carb whole wheat bun in a recy-

clable non-Styrofoam takeout container.

I used to read fan magazines in the '80s featuring articles on my childhood crush — Ricky Schroder, who spent his days riding around the set of "Silver Spoons" in a train on the living room floor surrounded by arcade-size video games, and his nights in a real life-size race car bed. Present-day articles about him appeal to me ... not as much — how he can't seem to stop impregnating his wife unless it's because he needs to make an appearance at a Republican convention or take time out of his day to renew his membership to the NRA. However, should the Ricker ever find himself breaking into a moonwalk with Alfonso Ribeiro once again, I'll be all over that like the green slime on a pre-adolescent Alanis Morissette on "You Can't Do That on Television."

It was in the '80s when it was somewhat plausible that there was once a time when Madonna could have been like a virgin; when there was no reason to snicker when Michael Jackson sang "Beat It;" when "The Morning After" referred to a movie my parents wouldn't let me see, not the pill that is currently a less-than-polite discussion topic at the dinner table; when the only hidden cameras that were talked about had been planted not by our own government, but by commercial producers who had secretly replaced the fine coffee usually served with Folgers Crystals.

The '80s were when the first time was a charm for skinny jeans, leg warmers and ballet flats, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, big hair, Don Johnson and George Bush (41); when the biggest scandal to hit a presidential candidate was the photo of a woman sitting on his knee; when leading religious figures were accused of having sex with women (not men); when crack was wack, reading was fundamental, fools were pitied and just saying "no" was enough to earn approval from a First Lady.

Those from the Greatest Generation, the Swinging '60s or the Dot Com '90s might not agree, but there was no better time to grow up than the '80s. I'd bet my Cabbage Patch dolls on it.

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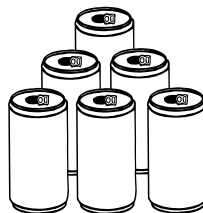
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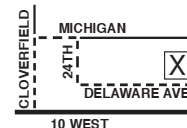
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Assembly committee OKs gay marriage

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO A state Assembly committee voted Tuesday for a bill that would allow gay couples to marry, despite a veto threat and a continuing debate over the legislation's constitutionality.

The Judiciary Committee approved the bill by Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, sending it to the Appropriations Committee, the last stop before the Assembly floor.

The 7-3 vote split along party lines, with Democrats backing the proposal and Republicans opposing it.

Lawmakers approved a nearly identical measure in 2005, but it was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The governor argued that it violated Proposition 22, an anti-gay marriage initiative adopted by California voters in 2000.

The Republican governor told a group of high school students in February that he would turn down the bill again if it reached his desk this year. But Leno said lawmakers should keep trying.

"The time has come for California to honor its commitment to equality for all Californians by allowing each of our citizens the right to marry the person he or she loves," he said.

gay marriages unless voters first overturn Proposition 22.

"The Constitution says clearly that this Legislature cannot trump the vote of the people of California," said Randy

ognize gay marriages performed in other states and countries. He said his bill would amend another section of law dealing with marriages performed in California.

Proposition 22's authors could have broadened the measure's language to ensure that it also would ban same-sex marriages in California, but they failed to do so because of "sloppiness and error on their part," Leno said.

"Their intent was to deny same-sex couples respect and dignity under the law," he said. "They did not do their job well. They created the ambiguity."

He said recent polls indicate that public support for gay marriage is increasing. But civil rights shouldn't be decided by a public vote, he added.

"That's why we have three branches of government — to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority," he said.

The debate over the bill's constitutionality is likely to be decided late this year or early next year by the state Supreme Court, which is weighing whether California's ban on same-sex marriage violates equal protection, privacy and free expression rights.

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Thomasson, president of the Campaign for Children and Families. "The vote of the people of California seven years ago was to say only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

But Leno said Proposition 22 was drafted to prevent California from having to rec-

Tribal gaming expansion being debated by lawmakers

BY AARON C. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO State lawmakers Tuesday opened debate on bills that would launch a massive expansion of casino gambling in California, questioning whether the deals would prove as lucrative to the state as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has promised.

Schwarzenegger has struck deals with the state's most influential Indian tribes, allowing them to install about 22,500 additional slot machines in exchange for the state collecting more than \$500 million in casino winnings annually. That revenue is crucial for Schwarzenegger to deliver on his promise to wipe out the state's chronic budget deficit this year.

Unions are among the most vocal critics and used their ties to Democratic lawmakers to block the compacts last year. On Tuesday, labor leaders said the agreements fail to protect workers' rights and provide few guarantees that the tribes would pay up to the state.

Some of the 50 union members at the hearing testified about how they had been discriminated against by Indian casino bosses.

"Show me one positive public policy benefit from these compacts," said Jack Gribbon, California political director for Unite Here, a casino and hotel workers' union. "Tens of thousands of workers will go with no protections."

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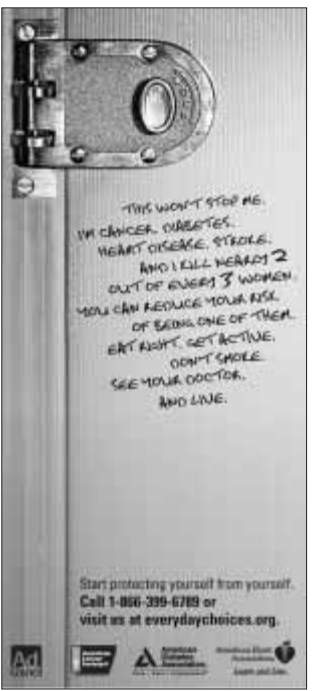
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STATE BRIEFS

RIVERSIDE

Desert Hot Springs woman denies hate crime

A suspected white supremacist accused of stabbing a young black woman and a black man near a street fair pleaded not guilty to attempted murder, committing a hate crime and other charges.

Mandie Kearns of Desert Hot Springs entered her pleas on Monday. She is also accused of wounding a third victim.

Kearns, who has given her age as 28 and 31, was charged with one count of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, committing a hate crime and participating in a criminal street gang.

Police said she was arrested with a knife in her pocket and told officers after the Thursday night melee in Palm Springs that she belonged to a white supremacist group.

Kearns was being held on \$575,000 bail. She was scheduled to appear in court on April 23 for a preliminary hearing.

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VENTURA

Judge says couple duped immigrants with fake services

A judge found that a couple duped illegal immigrants out of tens of thousands of dollars by fraudulently offering them immigration and legal services.

Superior Court Judge Vincent O'Neill said in handing down Monday's verdict that Hector and Lucia Velasco took money from people in an "extremely vulnerable position."

The Camarillo couple were sued by 13 people who testified during a civil fraud trial that they were told they could have their paperwork speeded up or their deportation orders nullified.

Testimony showed that the defendants claimed to have an immigration consulting service and accepted fees ranging from \$3,940 to \$25,000.

The plaintiffs' lawyer, Allen Ball, said that his 13 clients were among the 26 victims who testified. He said he would submit an order to the court for \$2 million as damages for his clients.

The Valences, who represented themselves in court, declined to comment to the Ventura County Star after the judge's decision.

They could not be reached for comment Tuesday, as no numbers were listed under their names.

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TORRANCE

Coast Guard officer convicted of beating elderly uncle

A Coast Guard petty officer from Hawaii was convicted of elder abuse and assault with a deadly weapon for the brutal whiskey bottle beating of his 74-year-old uncle.

Claude Kaukini Kaaiakamanu, 29, was convicted of beating Alberto Estiamba so severely that his face was broken and unrecognizable.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge James Brandlin, who presided over the non-jury trial, ordered Kaaiakamanu back to court May 9 for sentencing. He faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The petty officer 2nd Class, his wife, young twins and grandmother were on vacation and visiting Estiamba on March 15 when the beating occurred.

Both men said they had been drinking and neither remembered what happened. Kaaiakamanu, of Pearl City, Hawaii, said he'd had six beers and four shots of whiskey.

Estiamba, a cancer patient, had a blood-alcohol level of .236, three times the legal limit to drive in California.

A partial fingerprint on the whiskey bottle matched Kaaiakamanu and blood on the bottle matched his uncle's, according to testimony. Blood on Kaaiakamanu's sock matched Estiamba's DNA and showed his nephew likely kicked him in the face, Deputy District Attorney Michael Gargiulo said.

Estiamba suffered a broken jaw and other facial fractures.

Kaaiakamanu's attorney, Matthew Fletcher, argued that Estiamba's injuries were consistent with a drunken fall.

After the verdict, family members and supporters from both sides cried.

Outside of court, Janelle Schooley, one of Estiamba's four children, said, "Justice prevailed." "That guy got what he deserves," Schooley said tearfully. "He deserves worse even."

AP

LONG BEACH

Alleged leader of SoCal meth gang arrested

Authorities arrested a man alleged to be the leader of ring that smuggled methamphetamine into the country from Tijuana, using his home as the first stop for the drugs.

Monday's arrest of Guadalupe "Jose" Espinoza, 32, of Ontario, capped a nine-month investigation by local, state and federal agencies that has resulted in more than a dozen arrests and the seizure of more than 220 pounds of methamphetamine, said Long Beach police Sgt. Paul LeBaron.

Espinoza and others face felony charges ranging from sales to conspiracy, officials said.

Authorities also seized hundreds of thousands of dollars bound for drug manufacturers in Tijuana, LeBaron said. Several other suspects have been identified and are still being sought, he said.

The probe began in July with an investigation into street-level meth dealers by the Long Beach police, LeBaron said.

"When we started putting everyone together it was like a spider web that spread everywhere," he said.

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Bangle bang

Bracelets are again all the rage among the hip, young crowd

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK You can't really say that bangle bracelets are back since they never completely went away, but this season they're a full-fledged fashion trend. The way to wear them is in stacks, so get used to hearing that jingle-jangle or clickety-clack they make as a cluster shimmies up and down the arm.

The sound they make depends on the materials they're made of, and right now anything goes, says Kim Renk, co-founder and co-designer of jewelry company Sequin. "There's something sexy about the jingle. It's like the bell of a woman calling your attention," Renk said.

There are bangles to be found in all price ranges, from Candie's kelly green ribbon bangle for \$16 at Kohl's to the \$625 Frank Gehry Tube bangle made of sterling silver and ebony wood for Tiffany & Co.

Bangles made their biggest splash in the 1960s as the kitschy complement to mod miniskirts and then resurfaced in the '80s and — like today, another period that borrows from the '60s.



Photo courtesy of www.tiffany.com
MODERN STYLE: Bangles like this one from Tiffany are again a popular trend.

Linda Renk, Kim's sister and business partner, picks chunky prism bangles with a metallic sheen as her No. 1 choice for this summer.

She says they'll look great with all the pop art-printed clothes out there, as will the plastic bracelets that take color so well and look best in thicker styles.

"Clothing always dictates accessories and, this season, the clothes are fun," adds Kim Renk.

(Her favorite bangles, however, are the classic bamboo bracelets, most common in gold or silver tones.)

What makes a bracelet a bangle is that it's circular, stiff and without links, says Silvio Hidalgo, president and designer of Florida-based jeweler Hidalgo, which claims enamel and diamond jewelry as its specialty.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

'Wounded' in Santa Monica

With Walter Reed Army Medical Center in the national headlines on a daily basis, the critically-acclaimed Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble production of "Wounded" returns to The Powerhouse Theatre on April 13 following its limited engagement last spring.

Collaboratively conceived and written by the Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble and directed by Tom Burmester, "Wounded" is based on true accounts of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Set in the Fisher House rehabilitation home at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C., the main point of re-entry for wounded soldiers, sailors, and Marines, "Wounded" follows four young veterans and their families on their quest to readjust to life back home and get on with lives newly transformed by physical and emotional injury. With their time at war behind them, these men and women discover that their real battle is about to begin.

The six-week run features the original cast members. "Wounded" is recommended for mature audiences. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. from April 13 through May 19, with three Thursday performances on April 26, May 3 and 10, also at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (for members of the military and students with valid I.D.) and \$25 for general admission. The Powerhouse Theatre is located at 3116 Second St. in south Santa Monica, just off Main Street between Rose and Marine. Guests in wheelchairs should call in advance to make arrangements. For reservations and information, call (310) 396-3680, ext. 3 or visit www.latensemble.org.

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CéU at Temple Bar

Singer CéU will perform at Temple Bar to celebrate the U.S. release of her self-titled debut album. The Brazilian songstress was recently nominated for a Latin Grammy for best new artist.

Well rooted in Brazilian musical history, CéU and her five-piece band will be performing a mix of samba, electronica, reggae and jazz. Of the singer's musical style, Billboard magazine says, "CéU traverses the rich musical terrain of her country while updating it with hip-hop and electronic touches."

CéU, whose full name is Maria de CéU Whittaker, was born into a musical family in the artistically diverse city of San Paulo. Her father, a locally renowned composer, arranger and musicologist, taught her at a young age to appreciate the music of Brazil's great classical composers.

Her diverse musical upbringing, combined with her experiences living in New York City and the surroundings of San Paulo, has resulted in an album that is surprisingly mature and fully realized for a debut effort from such a young musician.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale for \$15 and can be purchased by calling (800) 594-8499 or by visiting www.templebarlive.com. Temple Bar is located at 1026 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles.

The Art Palette

Hamp Simmons

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Bringing arts, culture to life in Santa Monica

IF YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR TAXES AND THEY'RE MAKING THEIR PILGRIMAGE to Fresno for processing, you can reward yourself with musical delights, poetic enchantments, visual treasures or literary masterpieces this weekend. At Highways, they're Singing the Body Electric while over at the First Methodist Church, the Verdi Chorus will be singing Tchaikovsky and Puccini. At Bergamot Station artists are celebrating a woman's right to vote and at the Ruskin, writers, directors and actors are whizzing on by at 78 rpm. Whatever award you deserve (or want) for being a responsible, good citizen, it's here for you in Santa Monica!

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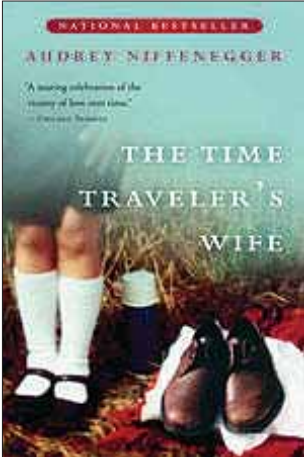
THIS WEEKEND AT BERGAMOT STATION

Gavin Scott at the Schomburg Gallery
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Eighty-seven female artists (including local talents Phyllis Green and Jody Zellen) commemorate 87th birthday of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. My favorite moment of that particular movement occurs when Mrs. Banks leads Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Katie Nana and Mrs. Brill on an impromptu suffrage march through the house. I think that was the beginnings of my life as an activist - I figured if Mary Poppins marched for equal rights so would I! So get on over to Bergamot Saturday night and raise your umbrella high! You'll also enjoy the new exhibition at the Schomburg Gallery along with all the other great art you'll find at the complex.



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Monica Reads book, "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger.

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CELEBRITY LOOK-ALIKES

Dead ringer

Editor's note: The DP is scouring the streets of Santa Monica in search of celebrities. When we fail to find them (which is always), we publish the next best thing – locals who think they look like them. We've rated their accuracy by how many drinks it would take until they actually started to resemble 'em. One bottle cap equals "pretty close." Five bottle cap equals "no shot."



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MOVIE REVIEW

Get ready for the bump in 'Grindhouse'

Rating: The movie IQ for this winner is: 145 true genius.

BY MIKE JENNINGS

Special to the Daily Press

Cinematic visionaries Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez take us back to the heyday of exploitative movies in their homage to the drive-in, "Grindhouse."

Named after the seemingly endless amount of spraying and splattering of blood, the tag-team features attack your senses and pay off early with "Planet Terror." In what is possibly Rodriguez's finest work, he pits a gaggle of misfits against a horde of oozing, hungry zombies created by a bio-chemist who has an affinity for collecting testicles and keeping them in a jar. Truly a breathtaking ode to the classic '70s horror genre, Rodriguez even cameos a score of veteran B-movie actors to add to the period effect.

Center stage is the ever lovely Rose McGowan as Cherry. In "Planet Terror," she's a go-go dancing wanna-be comedian and sexual savior to us all. When the proverbial crap hits the fan, McGowan dawns a 50-caliber machine gun as a leg prosthesis to vengefully slaughter the puss-faced, flesh-ravaging townspeople.

The second feature of the twin-bill,



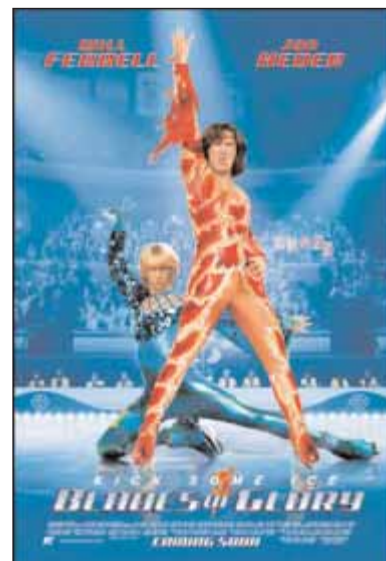
"Death Proof," is everything that we have come to love about Tarantino movies and more. Plagued with subplots and ceaseless intellectual banter, this full throttle tribute to muscle car movies gives shout-outs to the best of the best. Taking the driver seat, Kurt Russell plays a serial killer named Stuntman Mike. Expressing his desire for sensual women early, we find Mike stalking the four most beautiful women in town and eventually massacring them with his car. His rampage is cut short when he crosses paths with the likes of his own, a group of girls that just happen to have two stunt car drivers and muscle car enthusiasts.

The action pursues. We find ourselves gripping the edge of the seat as a highway encounter between the second group headed by Tracie Thomas, Rosario Dawson and New Zealand stuntwoman Zoe Bell, who was Uma Thurman's double in the "Kill Bill" movies and plays herself here. Bell winds up on the hood of a car in a death-defying chase sequence that's as thrilling as anything I've seen on the big screen. A definite must-see.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Blades of Glory' wins gold at the box office

Rating: The movie IQ for this winner is: 115 superior intelligence.

BY MIKE JENNINGS

Special to the Daily Press

I heard once that winners are not made, they are born. This is definitely the case with Will Ferrell and Jon Heder, paired as the world's first competitive male pairs figure skaters.

Directed by Will Speck and Josh Gordon, best known for the Geico caveman commercials, "Blades of Glory" proves to be a smashing directorial debut. Adding the role of a nymphomaniac, swaggering rock star-esque Chazz Michael Michaels seemed second nature to Ferrell as he dominates the parody genre once again. This brutish, "take me as I am" character has women clamoring for his affections as he shoots off his imaginary revolvers before entering

into a triple axle and nailing it perfectly. Thank the Lord for CGI specialists.

Delivering a performance that rivals "Napoleon Dynamite," cast as the narcissistic but naive Jimmy MacElroy, Heder shows that he is becoming a true heavy-weight contender. This flamboyant, metrosexual character takes our heart, as well as the gold, with his innocent boyish charm.

There is a definite reason this movie is sitting atop the box office charts, a definite must-see for those who love parody, those who do not will probably still even get a laugh or two.

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CLOSE UP AND PERSONAL: "Women with Altitude" was directed by Sarah Vaill, (below) a Malibu native and Santa Monica resident. Her documentary will be featured at the Malibu International Film Festival. (Above) The film was shot on location in Bolivia and features many of the people who live in the South American nation.

Big Stars

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monicans making a splash at film festivals

With world renown film schools within arm's reach and inspiring scenic views of the ocean, Santa Monica is the home of choice for both aspiring and established screenwriters as well as filmmakers.

Two upcoming film festivals — the 8th Annual Malibu International Film Festival and the relatively new TriBeCa Film Festival in New York City — will showcase local talent, each person hoping for the chance to make it big.

"It has become the new Hollywood," David Katz, a producer and founder of the Malibu International Film Festival, said of Malibu and Santa Monica.

Founded in 1997, the Malibu International Film Festival was created as a sort of meet and greet for struggling independent filmmakers to establish contacts with executives in the film industry.

Growing up in the world of film as the son of studio executive Marty Katz who produced films such as "Reindeer Games" and "Man of the House," David Katz has always had connections in Hollywood, but still found it difficult to establish himself as a legitimate force in the industry.

"The many other independent filmmakers don't have the connections I grew up with and could benefit from this merger of the independent film world and...the working people in the film industry," Katz said.

The event has achieved widespread popularity amongst

young talent over the past decade, from about 180 submissions in the festival's inception year to more than 2,000 this year.

The film festival will finally give Santa Monica resident and Malibu native Sarah Vaill an American venue to premiere her documentary, titled "Women with Altitude."

The documentary tells the story of seven women, each a victim of domestic violence, who climb the peak of Huayna Potosi in Bolivia. The purpose of the trek for these women was to draw strength from the experience of tackling what seems to be an insurmountable task for some — climbing a 20,000-foot mountain.

It's the story that is seldom told in cases of domestic violence — the strength that these women lose in being victimized, said Vaill, a victim of domestic abuse who participated as one of the seven women.

When Vaill joined the International Documentary Association a few years ago, she was surprised to learn that documentaries typically take anywhere from four to seven years to complete. She didn't believe the statistic as she started producing "Women with Altitude" with her twin sister Susan Vaill, an editor with the ABC show "Grey's Anatomy."

But five years after they began filming "Women with Altitude," the documentary will finally have its American debut at the Malibu International Film Festival. The docu-



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IT HAS BECOME THE NEW HOLLYWOOD."

David Katz, founder of the Malibu International Film Festival, on Santa Monica becoming a popular place for aspiring filmmakers

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mentary had its initial debut at the Whistler Film Festival in Canada last year.

"This is a story for everyone," Vaill said.

The Malibu Film Festival will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Aero Theatre and conclude with an awards ceremony Monday night in Malibu.

The other film festival in Manhattan

Young Kim hopes the TriBeCa Film Festival will be springboard to a fruitful film career.

The USC film school graduate is one of three up and coming filmmakers from Santa Monica who have the opportunity to prove themselves through one-on-one meetings with film executives through the festival's All Access program.

Founded in 2002 by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff as a way to revitalize Lower Manhattan following the Sept. 11 attacks, the TriBeCa Film Festival has grown to become one of the premier film festivals in the country.

Now in its fourth year, TriBeCa All Access allows directors and screenwriters the chance to present their proposals to more than 100 investors and producers.

"Hopefully, this will be my first feature," Kim said of his screenplay, "Hyung's Overture."

After the backlash that Middle Eastern immigrants faced following the terrorist attacks, Kim decided to write a heartwarming and uplifting story about the immigration experience.

"Hyung's Overture" tells the story of an immigrant Korean family that establishes a home in the Bronx. The story centers on the sacrifices that the eldest son in the fam-

ily makes in giving up his career aspirations to run the family business to help his younger brother become a world-class violinist.

An immigrant from Korea himself, Kim said he drew from personal experience while drafting the screenplay.

The native New Yorker moved to Santa Monica five years ago to attend USC film school where he received a masters in 2004.

"Writing screenplays is such a personal experience and what I enjoy about it is to be able to share that emotion and your experience with an audience," Kim said.

A more seasoned screenwriter who has participated in 60 film festivals, Santa Monica resident Ben Rehkl will be pitching a story of the tumultuous relationship between a New York City sanitation worker and his son. Serving as the back story for the movie is a strike of sanitation workers and how it affects the city.

Fascinated with the topic of trash since he was a film student at New York University, Rehkl co-wrote the screenplay with John Campo, a former sanitation worker Rehkl met while he worked on his senior thesis project at NYU, a film that also examined the trash situation in New York City.

It was in the 1960s when the most recent citywide sanitation strike occurred, resulting in more than 10,000 tons of garbage being left on the streets of New York. The most recent private waste collection strike was in 1994, Rehkl said.

In researching his senior thesis, Rehkl spent one day every week for a few months, throwing on the city sanitation green uniform at the crack of dawn to pick up garbage.

"One of the things I realized when I started [researching] trash is it is an infrastructure taken for granted," he said.



Photos courtesy of Malibu International

IN THE WORKS: Santa Monica resident, Ben Rehkl, (above) will attend the TriBeCa Film Festival in New York to pitch a screenplay he wrote featuring a potential garbage strike. (below)

The TriBeCa Film Festival will take place from April 25 to May 6.

For more information, visit the festivals Web sites at www.malibufilmfestival.com and www.tribecafilmfestival.org.

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SMC students choose a smoke-free campus

FROM BAN PAGE 3

and hope for some marked areas where smokers could still smoke, but since the smokers in general don't respect the rules we have now, I figured they probably would not respect the new rules either."

Student and smoker Kathryn Ernst understands the problems her colleagues face.

"I respect the people who do not smoke, and I would be more than happy to smoke off campus," said Ernst. "The smokers who don't care about that are being very selfish. Smoking is not healthy and we all know that."

"We have no right to give others second-hand smoke."

Fellow student David Fockens agrees that the current measures are not enough.

"I ended up voting 'yes' on the measure," said Fockens. "Even though I had reservations, I thought about how every day I go to SMC, I do end up inhaling smoke at least once. I don't really have a problem with people smoking without affecting others, but when they do it in public with lots of people around, they're basically saying that they don't care about the people around them."

If approved by the board, SMC will be smoke-free for the first time since it opened its doors in 1929.

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SMOKE BREAK: Azita Jolaei, 18, (left) and Sheyda Semnani, 18, smoke cigarettes between classes at SMC while they finish their philosophy homework for world literature class.

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Pursuant to Section 33490(c) of the California Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq. ("Law"), the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") will conduct a public hearing to review the mid-term progress report of the Agency's FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09 Five-Year Implementation Plan ("Implementation Plan") for the Downtown, Ocean Park 1A, Ocean Park 1B, and Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Projects ("Projects").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

WHAT: Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing to Review the Mid-Term Progress Report of the Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Downtown, Ocean Park 1A, Ocean Park 1B, and Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Projects

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

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24, 2007
6:45 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)



A copy of the mid-term progress report will be available for inspection at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday (and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For more information please contact the Redevelopment Agency at (310) 458-2232.

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Tough decisions on rates and fees lie ahead for City Council

FROM BBB PAGE 1

cially those living on a fixed income.

BBB officials said they struggled with the decision for two years, and after meeting with residents, made adjustments to best serve all riders. Officials had no Plan B as they are restricted in their restructuring by a funding formula that requires a certain percentage of revenues be generated from the fare box in order to receive federal and state monies.

"I'm reticent to vote for this because of the increase in the student fare ... but there seems to be no easy way to do this," said Councilman Bob Holbrook. "It's so very hard. We have riders that are very wealthy and those who are poor and everyone in between. We have to hope this works out. If serious problems do arise for some students, we will talk with schools to see what can be done locally."

Officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could not be reached for comment.

Alison Kendall, the transportation chair at Santa Monica High School and an urban planner, asked the council to not approve the fare increase for students or eliminate the transfers because it would create a burden for some families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Kendall expressed concern that the increased fare will cause more students to drive, creating more traffic and the possibility of more car accidents.

"We don't want high school kids to be driving to school," Kendall said. "We do want to encourage them to start to use the bus, just like we want to see middle school age children to use the bus ..."

Councilmember Pam O'Connor, vice chair of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority said that since the school district currently does not offer bus service for students, perhaps it could start contributing to BBB, which could keep fares lower.

"I don't feel really comfortable about this, but I'm looking into the future where we are seeing rising gas fuel prices, which is forcing operation costs to go up at the trajectory they are," O'Connor said.

If parents didn't have BBB, they would have to find some other alternative for transportation, including driving their kids to school and back, something which would cost much more than the all-day fare of \$1.25 for students, O'Connor said.

"I think the day pass will be a wonderful method of helping folks use the system. It's not as complicated as transfers, and also it allows someone to make a series of stops and not be tied to the very old fashioned transfer system, which probably goes back to the early part of last century ... We need to keep our eyes on the horizon so that we can continue to provide better service and keep the quality of service up."



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FUTURE WHERE WE ARE SEEING RISING GAS FUEL PRICES, WHICH IS FORCING OPERATION COSTS TO GO UP AT THE TRAJECTORY THEY ARE."

Pam O'Connor
Santa Monica Councilmember

The difficult decision to raise fares is something the council will have to get used to because in the coming months, elected officials will be forced to make even more rate increases to keep enterprise funds such as those for storm and waste water from going into the red, said City Manager Lamont Ewell.

"The big challenge and the biggest concern is that it's been 16 years since you've made adjustments and you will be faced with the same problem [with other enterprise funds] where it has been a decade since adjustments to those rates have been made to bring them back into the black," Ewell said.

"Enterprise funds are just that," Ewell added. "They are supposed to be self sustaining. You are supposed to be able to charge fees or rates to keep them going, but you have several funds that are under severe stress. This is just a precursor to that discussion."

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NFL

NE, Indy rematch highlights schedule

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK The New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts, who have developed one of the fiercest rivalries in the NFL, will meet in Indianapolis on Nov. 4 in what should be one of the highlights of the 2007 NFL season. That game will be a rematch of January's AFC title game, won by the Colts 38-34 after they fell behind 20-3. Indianapolis and Peyton Manning, who went on to beat Chicago in the Super Bowl, now have beaten Tom Brady and the Patriots three straight times, including the title game and a victory in Foxborough during the 2006 season. The highlights of the first week of the season were announced last month, including what now has become the traditional opener on Thursday, Sept. 6, when the Colts play host to New Orleans. The New York Giants will be at Dallas in the Sunday night game that week and there will be two Monday

night contests: Baltimore at Cincinnati, starting at 7 p.m. EDT and Arizona at San Francisco, starting at 10:15. The full NFL schedule was released Wednesday. Another highlight occurs Dec. 30, the last Sunday of the year, when New Orleans is at Chicago in a rematch of last season's NFC title game. The Colts are at San Diego on Nov. 11 in a Sunday night meeting of the Super Bowl champs and the team that had the NFL's best regular-season record at 14-2. This will be the second season of flexible scheduling, which allows the league to schedule Sunday night games 12 days ahead in weeks 11 to 17. This season, the league tentatively has scheduled games in that spot, including Kansas City at the New York Jets as the final game of the season, a return by Chiefs coach Herman Edwards to Giants Stadium to play the team he coached from 2001-2005.

LEGAL NEWS

Prosecutor drops all charges against Duke lacrosse players

By the Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. North Carolina's top prosecutor dropped all charges Wednesday against the three former Duke lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party, saying the athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse" by an overreaching district attorney. "There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado," North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper said in a damning assessment of Durham County District Mike Nifong's handling of the sensational, racially charged case. "In the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly." Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

Cooper's announcement that Nifong has "complete confidence in the attorney general's office to make the appropriate decision." Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense after the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform.

IT'S BEEN 395 DAYS SINCE THIS NIGHTMARE BEGAN. AND FINALLY TODAY IT'S COMING TO A CLOSURE."

David Evans
cleared defendant

The rape charges were later dropped; until Wednesday, the other charges remained. The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent students at the private, elite university. The woman is black and attended nearby North Carolina Central University; all three Duke players are white. The attorney general said the eyewitness identification procedures were unreliable, no DNA supported the stripper's story, no other witness corroborated it, and the woman contradicted herself. "Based on the significant inconsistencies between the evidence and the various accounts given by the accusing witness, we believe these three individuals are innocent of these charges," Cooper said.



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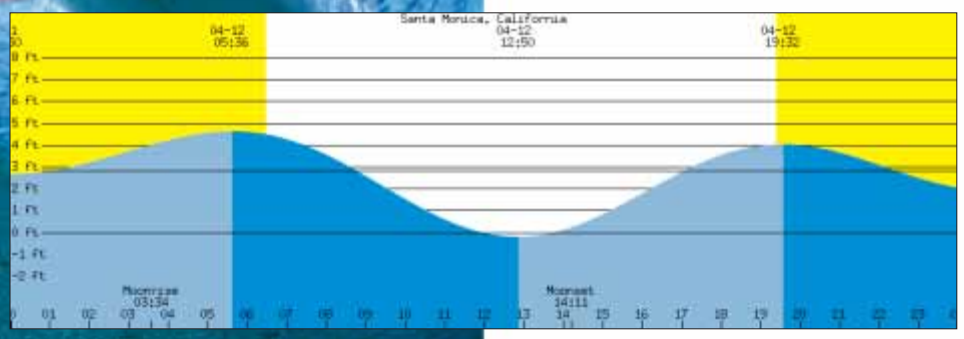
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (8-12 FT)
Today will still see plenty of surf from the south swell (at least chest to head high) before backing down on Friday the 13th. NW swell is also looking to remain with sets running head high, possibly somewhat overhead. Thursday though is not looking like a quality surf day by any means. Strong winds are expected early on and conditions will likely be completely blown out.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
WIND, WEATHER AND TIDE ISSUES THIS WEEK...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

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

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

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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Go for a walk, Virgo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Zero in on what makes you happy. Certainly, opportunities rarely come your way that have you rethinking your decisions. You might want to talk about what is going on in your mind. Tonight: Away you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude could take you far. Right now your intuition could play into a decision. Your bright ways and positive energy take you quite far. Investigate options with an eye to only better. Tonight: Count on burning the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take a leap of faith, and you'll feel much better very quickly. You have style and happiness on your team. Do needed research and be willing to find an expert, if need be. Understand what might be going on around you. Tonight: Get as much insight as you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might have difficulty seeing what a partner means if you don't relax and open up. A must appearance takes you in a new direction. Use care in the next few weeks – your feelings could be hurt more easily. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to veer in a new direction or do something very different. You don't need to have all the answers. You do need to trust yourself more fully. Others respond to your inquiries. Reach out to someone else. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter a lot differently. Work with one person to get a project done. Too many cooks could spoil the mix. Funnel your energy in an appropriate manner. You'll get a lot done, quickly. Tonight: Go for a walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity bubbles up. Think through a decision more carefully. Others inspire your creativity. You might want to rethink your decisions and ideas. Investigate opportunities. Reach out for experts. Tonight: Make plans to take off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Basics do count. You might not have the say or impact you'd like. Understanding will take you down a new path if you flow with a situation. Think positively. If you are focused on getting the job done, you might be surprised by what you achieve. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Talk up a storm and focus your creativity. Evaluate what might be happening. Speak your mind and get past an immediate hassle. Others smile far more when you are around. You do add a lot to others' lives. Relationships warm up. Tonight: Visit with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Investing money into your career can make a big difference in its outcome. You might want to add to your security. Check out an investment with care. Don't think you have a money tree in your backyard. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and approach life quite differently. Pressure could build and force your hand. You know what you want. Ask and make the right inquiries. You might be surprised and pleased by what lands in your lap. Tonight: Look again at a loved one or new friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Know when to pull back and approach others for a subtler perspective. Your mind could be working overtime about a financial matter. Follow your sixth sense with confidence and direction. Tonight: Some personal time.

Born Today

Actor Ed O'Neill (1946)
Talk show host David Letterman (1947)
Pianist and composer, Herbie Hancock (1940)



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Real prison

Attorney says 'Prison Break' actor Garrison will plead guilty

Former "Prison Break" actor **LANE GARRISON** will plead guilty to vehicular manslaughter for a crash that killed a 17-year-old boy who was a passenger in his car, his attorney said Wednesday.

Garrison, 26, will make the plea May 21 in Superior Court, attorney Harland Braun said after a hearing at which Garrison's arraignment was postponed. Braun said Garrison might plead guilty to some other charges, too.

The charges carry up to

six years and eight months in prison. Garrison remains free on bail.

"He's fairly accepting," Braun said. "He realizes that he has to step up and take responsibility for what he did."

Garrison was driving a 2001 Land Rover that jumped a curb at about 50 mph and hit a tree Dec. 2, police said.

Beverly Hills High School student Vahagn Setian was killed. Two 15-year-old girls also in the car were injured.

Police said Garrison had a blood-alcohol level of .20 percent and cocaine in his system. The charges only indicate that his blood-alcohol level was above .15 percent.

He was accused of felony vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, felony driving under the influence causing injury to multiple victims, felony driving with a blood-alcohol level above the .08 percent legal limit causing injury, and a misdemeanor count of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Braun said that in addition

to manslaughter, his client may plead to some of the other charges and attempt to have others dropped under plea negotiations.

However, Braun said "there will be no agreement on sentencing," which will be left up to the judge.

Braun said he is waiting for experts to provide reports on Garrison's blood-alcohol level at the time of the crash and on the condition of the vehicle, which had been the subject of a recall for brake problems.

If a mechanical problem

contributed to the crash, that might affect Garrison's sentencing, Braun said.

"We're not trying to shift blame," Braun added.

Braun said Garrison told him: "I'm the lucky one. I'm alive. The other guy is dead. ... How can I feel sorry for myself in a world where guys are going off to Iraq?"

Garrison, a Dallas native, played David "Tweener" Apolskis in "Prison Break," a Fox hit series. His character was killed in an episode last year.

ASSOCIATED PRESS



Barrymore becomes newest face of CoverGirl makeup

DREW BARRYMORE grew up with tear sheets of models such as Cheryl Tiegs, Rachel Hunter and Christie Brinkley plastered on her bedroom wall like wallpaper. Come January, another young girl can do the same with Barrymore's photo.

Barrymore is CoverGirl's newest model and spokeswoman, joining a stable of famous faces that includes her former idols and, more recently, Queen Latifah, Molly Sims and Rihanna.

Her selection by the

Procter & Gamble Co. beauty brand was to be announced Wednesday at a news conference in Los Angeles.

The 32-year-old "Charlie's Angels" actress is also a co-creator of the ads, and before any wardrobe or beauty decisions were made at Monday's print shoot, Barrymore said she was consulting on the concept, graphics, lighting and how the photo would be cropped.

"I leave the makeup and

product up to them, that's their expertise," she told The Associated Press in a phone interview from the set.

"What I want to do is honor the tradition of CoverGirl but hopefully bring myself and my personality into it, as well as some edgy fashion-forward thinking and positivity to it."

Look for her in a nude-colored dress, which, Barrymore explained, is a contrast to the bright colors often used in cosmetics ads.

AP

DIVORCE FOR DANNY



DANNY BONADUCE, the radio and TV host whose marriage troubles were aired in a TV reality show, says his wife of more than 16 years, Gretchen, is seeking a divorce.

"Apparently she went and signed papers yesterday around noon," Bonaduce said Tuesday on KLSX-FM's "The Adam Carolla Show."

"I really don't want a divorce. I love her," he said.

Bonaduce, 47, said he received an e-mail Tuesday from her attorney offering phone numbers for lawyers.

Gretchen Bonaduce couldn't immediately be reached for comment. Her telephone number was unlisted.

Bonaduce said his wife had been talking about breaking up for several months and he held out little hope for a reconciliation.

"There's no fight. Nobody's mad at anybody at my house."

AP

Rip Torn wants to fight his DWI charge

RIP TORN wants a nonjury trial on a charge of driving while intoxicated, a county clerk said.

The 76-year-old actor was charged Dec. 4 after a crash on Hardscrabble Road in North Salem, a suburb about 60 miles north of New York City. Torn, who lives in Lakeville, Conn., had lost control of his sedan and struck a tractor-trailer.

Torn refused a sobriety test and was charged with DWI, state police said.

A court clerk told The Journal News on Tuesday

that Torn had decided on the nonjury trial, scheduled for June.

The actor was initially represented by Adam Levy of Carmel, who is running for Putnam County district attorney and is the son of television's "Judge Judy" Scheindlin. But Levy said Torn has hired a new lawyer.

"We're waiting to confirm that he has new counsel. We did not put the case on the nonjury trial list," Levy told The Journal News.

Torn's publicist, Dick Guttman, said Wednesday the actor wasn't driving

while intoxicated; rather, he was "disoriented from the accident."

"Rip's recollection is suddenly there was a truck going past him and then veering in on him," striking his car, Guttman told The Associated Press. "He went into a ditch, he went out cold. When he came to, the police officer said that someone had called and said that Rip had struck them."

Levy represented Torn in a 2004 drunken-driving case in New York City in which the actor was acquitted after jurors said the

prosecution failed to prove that he was drinking before his fender-bender with a taxi. Police videotape showed Torn berating police officers and refusing a sobriety test. Levy said Torn refused because he was angry, not drinking.

Torn's screen credits include the "Men in Black" movies. He was nominated for an Oscar for 1983's "Cross Creek," and won an Emmy Award in 1996 for playing the hard-drinking producer on TV's "The Larry Sanders Show."

AP

Violinist picks up cool \$75,000

When **JOSHUA BELL** was a teenager in Indiana, he got a call from Avery Fisher himself telling him he had won an Avery Fisher Career Grant, which helps selected young American classical musicians embark on a career.

"My mother one after-

noon said there's a phone call for you. It's Avery Fisher on the phone," the 39-year-old violinist recalled Tuesday night. "I never heard him by his first and middle name - Avery Fisher. I always heard the 'Hall.'"

Twenty-one years later,

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2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15

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300 (R)
11:05a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
Are We Done Yet? (PG)
11:00a.m., 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15, 10:25
Blades of Glory (Pg-13)
11:00a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10
The Hoax (R)
11:10a.m., 1:55, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
The Last Mimzy (PG)
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1:10, 4:20, 8:00
The Namesake (PG-13)
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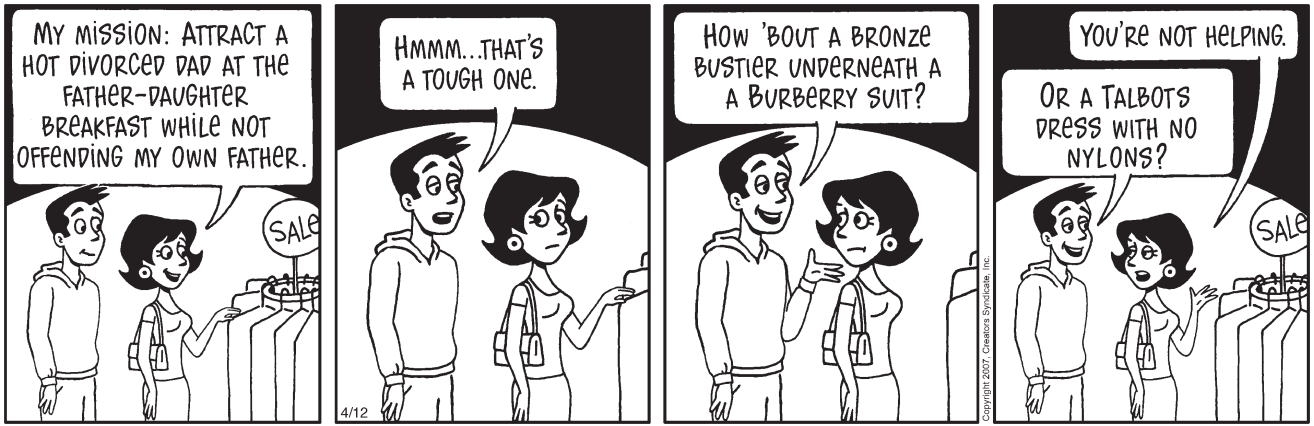
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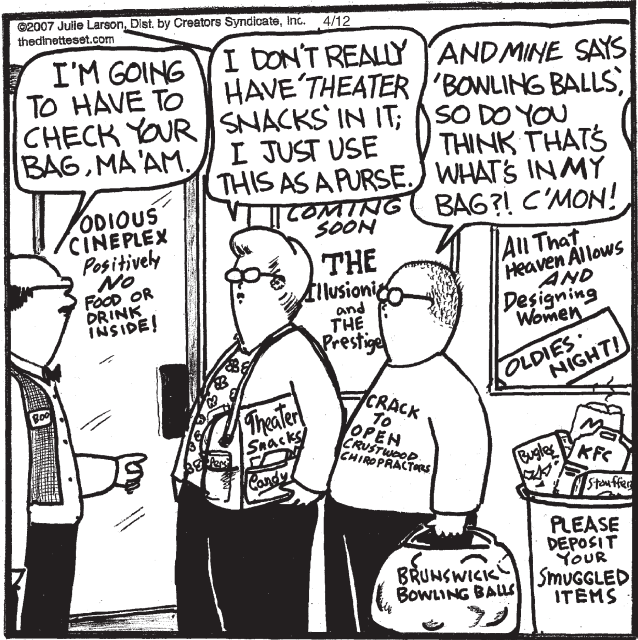


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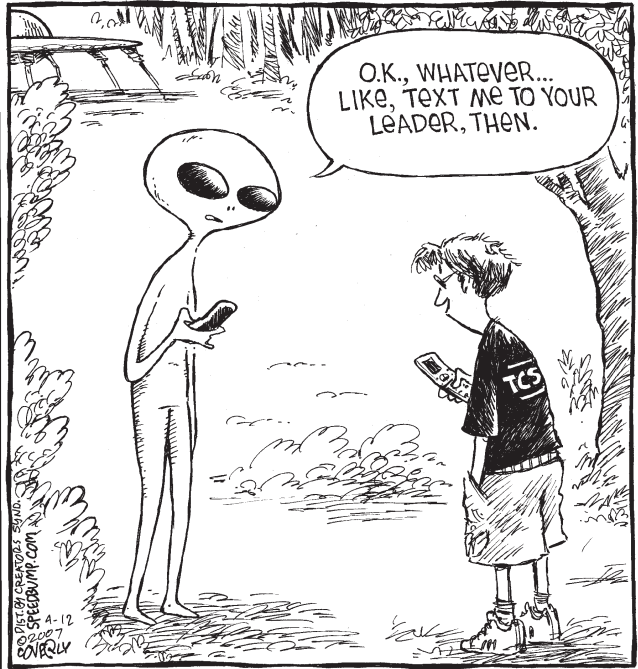
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- 1 Helpers: Abbr.
 - 6 Elephant of story
 - 11 Recap
 - 12 Merge
 - 13 Sandra's "Speed" co-star
 - 14 Book part
 - 15 Get off the subject
 - 17 Ran into
 - 19 Unoriginal
 - 20 Beatles descriptor
 - 23 Mysterious
 - 25 Utah ski resort
 - 26 Collectible item
 - 28 Japanese plane
 - 29 Truck fuel
 - 30 Bizarre
 - 31 Fragrant tree
 - 32 "You there!"
 - 33 "It's Like That" rappers
 - 35 Wash-room fixture
 - 38 Laundry units
 - 41 Downloadable reading
 - 42 Mark replacers
 - 43 Noted oil tycoon
- DOWN**
- 1 Invite
 - 2 Haul into court
 - 3 Alternative to cash
 - 4 Casserole staple
 - 5 Italian dessert
 - 6 Put up
 - 7 One of the Brontës
 - 8 Auction signal
 - 9 Put away
 - 10 Cat breed
 - 16 Not seem out of place
 - 17 Passover bread
 - 18 Goofed
 - 20 Study aid
 - 21 "— Grows in Brooklyn"
 - 22 Ill
 - 24 Commotion
 - 25 One in the hand
 - 27 Belts
 - 31 Hip
 - 33 Mob action
 - 34 Grimace
 - 35 Ask for a treat
 - 36 Jurist Fortas
 - 37 Lush
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Are We Safe?: (1) The Department of Homeland Security's inspector general revealed in March that, although 52 teams are at work tracking down foreigners who remain in the country even after being ordered out, the agency still has a backlog of 620,000 of these fugitive aliens. (However, the inspector general also admitted that there are not enough cells to detain that many fugitives, anyway.) (2) In February, after a three-month court battle, Indian national Mohammed Yousuf Mulla, 28, was ordered deported for submitting false documents to authorities after his visa expired. He originally attracted attention at a truck-driving school in Smithfield, R.I., where he was allegedly curious about buying dangerous chemicals. Also, while seemingly intent on learning to drive a big rig, he was reportedly uninterested in learning how to back one up.

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1865 American Civil War: Mobile, Alabama, falls to the Union Army.

1937 Sir Frank Whittle ground-tests the first jet engine designed to power an aircraft, at the British Thomson-Houston factory in Rugby, England.

1945 President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies while in office; vice-president Harry S. Truman is inaugurated as the 33rd President of the United States.

1954 Bill Haley & His Comets record "Rock Around the Clock" in New York City. Initially unsuccessful, the recording would help launch the rock and roll revolution a year later.

1955 The polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, is declared safe and effective.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
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CASE NO. BP103877

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARJORIE B. RICHARDS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ERWIN BLEDL AND HENDRIKA BLEDL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

Notices

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ERWIN BLEDL AND HENDRIKA BLEDL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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. 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 05/07/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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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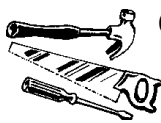
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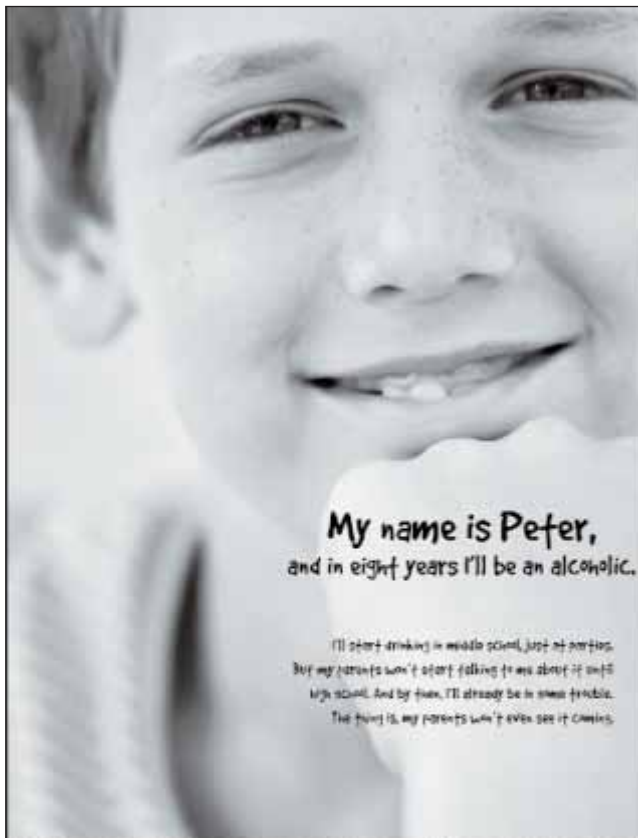
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**27 MONTH LEASE
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MODEL #98117



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