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Financial cost of losing jets uncertain

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT While the recently adopted ban on the fastest and largest jets is sure to have some financial impact on both municipal revenue streams and aviation-affiliated businesses if it survives legal challenges by the FAA, the degree of that effect remains to be quantified, according to city officials.

Whatever the number, the loss of revenue doesn't appear to be a concerning issue for City Hall, which maintains that a dollar figure can't be attached to the safety of residents in the Sunset Park neighborhood, who

for years have complained about the possibility of a jet aircraft overshooting the runway and landing on their homes.

The City Council last month adopted an ordinance banning category C and D jets, which is aircraft that approach the runway at 121-140 knots and 141-165 knots, respectively.

"It's about safety for Santa Monica," Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager for governmental relations, said last week. "Whatever the financial impact is has not been a consideration at all."

The FAA, which was believed to challenge the legality of the ban, submitted an order to show cause shortly after the ordinance was

passed on March 25. City Hall filed its response last week defending the ban, pointing to the increases in flights and lack of runway safety measures.

Airport Manager Bob Trimborn said it would be hard to quantify at this point what the fiscal impacts would be, and stressed that it would be minimal, considering that passengers that normally rely on the larger aircraft would find another means to fly into Santa Monica Airport. It's not about how they fly into SMO, the only thing that matters is that they do.

"The aircraft type will change," Trimborn said. "People fly to the airport for a reason ... and they will find another way to get there."

The airport is estimated to bring in roughly \$4.5 million this year and expend more than \$3 million for administrative personnel and maintenance services. The largest revenue stream for the airport is in the land leases and hangar rentals, which are estimated to replenish the airport fund with about \$2.5 million in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

The bulk of the financial impact to the city's revenue stream would fall on the loss in landing fees applied to categories C and D jets that are not based at Santa Monica Airport but do fly onto the runway. The landing fees, which were enacted by the

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Jury gets case in hit-and-run deaths

BY LINDA DEUTSCH | Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A jury began deliberating murder and other charges Monday against two women — one a former Santa Monica landlord — whose attorneys each blamed the other defendant for the killings of two homeless men as part of the women's "sleazy" \$2.8 million insurance scam.

Their attorneys said in closing statements that the septuagenarian women were involved in taking out insurance policies on homeless men, but each denied his client conspired about or caused the two men's deaths.

"You don't have a case frequently where two little old ladies are charged with such an atrocious crime," said attorney Roger Jon Diamond, representing 77-year-old defendant Helen Golay.

"I would be the last one to say it's not suspicious," he continued. "But you need more than suspicion to convict Helen Golay of murder."

Diamond countered earlier claims by the lawyer for 75-year-old co-defendant Olga Rutterschmidt which placed blame on Golay. Diamond suggested that Rutterschmidt had her own plan to kill homeless men which was unknown to Golay.

"We'll concede it's pretty sleazy what's going on here with the insurance," Diamond said. "These two little old ladies embarked upon a cockamamie insurance fraud scheme. ... The theory was if you insured an old, sick homeless person, that person is likely to die more quickly.... That's insurance fraud. It certainly isn't a murder scheme."

But he said that when Rutterschmidt, who was to recruit old homeless people, began recruiting younger homeless men for insurance policies, "Maybe Olga had her own scheme to have these people killed."

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PARTY TIME: Culinary students with the Art Institute of California crafted this cake shaped to look like a Big Blue Bus for the transportation agency's 80th anniversary celebration at the Third Street Promenade.

Looking to the next 80 years

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Fresh out of The Sooner State, Ken Johnson sat confidently in the interviewee's seat in City Hall one weekday afternoon some 40 years ago after having taken a test to qualify for two municipal positions — a mechanic and motor coach operator.

The interviewer asked him which job he would prefer, to

which Johnson replied bluntly, "which pays more?"

The answer pointed to the latter, a position as a driver for the Big Blue Bus, which had just celebrated its 40th anniversary.

"Give me the Big Blue then," Johnson said.

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Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

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

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947 project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Kiwanis Club

Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon with special guest speakers. For more information, call (310) 613-1249

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group

7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue branch book group will hold a public book discussion of Jim Lynch's "The Highest Tide" at Montana Avenue Branch Library. "The Highest Tide" is this year's Citywide Reads selection. No registration is required.

Business at Sunset Mixer

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce for a night of networking at Finn McCool's. This mixer represents a great opportunity for professionals to promote businesses, meet other people and build client databases. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale for a member, \$15 for a member at the door and \$20 for a non-member. For more information, visit www.smchamber.com or contact LeAnne Bowen at (310) 393-9825 ext. 10.

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WIDE LOAD

James Jones (right), the owner and operator of Jones Trucking, watches as the T2, a 22-year-old retired ladder truck from Santa Monica Fire Department, Station No. 1, is loaded on a truck on Monday before it heads to Bayou LaBatre, Ala. The SMFD donated the truck and a fire engine to the southern city hit hard by Hurricane Katrina.

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Vikings win streak snapped by PV

BY JON HABER
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA Both teams were riding season-high win streaks heading into Saturday's Redondo Tournament matchup. But while the Santa Monica High School baseball team limited the high-powered Palos Verdes offense to just five runs, the Vikings couldn't piece together a late-inning rally to top the Sea Kings.

The result was Palos Verdes (17-3, 2-0) cruising to a 5-2 victory — the team's 14th win in a row — over Samohi (9-10, 2-0), ending the Vikings season-high three game win streak in the process.

"There's not much to say after a game like this when you play a good club," said Rob Duron, head coach of Samohi. "We played well. They played well. They just beat us."

"There's no disgrace in losing to a ball club that plays the game the way it should. It was a good game."

The Sea Kings have been crushing the ball as of late, outscoring opponents by a combined 59-14 in their last four games. Saturday, they wasted no time getting to Samohi starting pitcher Paul Salazar.

Nate Halverson and Marc Benning hit back-to-back, two-out doubles in the first inning to give the Sea Kings an early 1-0 lead.

Palos Verdes extended its lead in the third, plating four more runs. With the bases loaded, Kim Novom doubled home two runs and, after a strike out, Junior Aguirre hit a two-out single to drive in two more.

Salazar (3-2) took the loss. He left the game after five innings, allowing four earned runs and nine hits while recording one strike out.

"[The Sea Kings] are a good hitting club. (Salazar) threw a good game. He made a couple mistakes. When you do that against a good club, they're going to hit it," Duron said.

With Samohi down 5-0, the Vikings tried to put together a rally against Palos Verdes pitcher Mason Patterson. In the top of the fourth inning, Tyler Scaggs singled with one out and Ricky Gomez doubled. Skiler Pascal followed with a single, scoring both runs.

But those were the only runs either team would see cross home plate for the rest of the game as pitching dominated the later innings. The Vikings threatened in the sixth, but then, according to Duron, batters lost focus and gave away at bats.

"I've got to try and somehow teach them attitude," the coach said. "We

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Democrats pick Denver delegates

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES California Democrats cast votes Sunday to choose 241 delegates to attend the party's national convention in August, after a bumpy election in which Barack Obama's campaign slashed then restored hundreds of candidates on the ballots.

On one level, the day held no drama. The distribution of delegates — 134 for Hillary Rodham Clinton and 107 for Obama — was determined in the state's Feb. 5 presidential primary. Elections were held Sunday at caucuses across the state to select party members to fill those seats at the Denver convention where Democrats will anoint their presidential nominee.

More than 2,000 candidates were running, including Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown, an Obama supporter, who failed to win enough votes to secure one of two male delegate spots.

"Thank you to everyone who came out for this amazingly energizing caucus — over 650 Democrats stood in line in the sweltering sun to cast their votes," McKeown wrote in an e-mail to supporters. "It is clear that Barack Obama has inspired a dedicated campaign that will take him, and us Democrats, all the way to the White House."

McKeown was running to represent the 30th Congressional District at the national convention. Robert Vanderet, Victoria von Szeliski, and Shayne Adamski will be the delegates. McKeown came in third for the two male delegate spots.

Higher than normal turnout was reported at the caucuses, which in some cases attracted hundreds of Democrats, party officials said.

In Los Angeles' Century City area, 649 people showed up at a community center on a cloudless, unusually hot afternoon to vote at an Obama caucus, where 87 people were vying for three delegate slots.

In brief speeches to the crowd, a few candidates alluded to the disruption over the ballots, which prompted complaints about fairness and openness until reversed by the campaign.

The decision to reinstate the names is "a testament to this campaign," said blogger Nathaniel Bach, who was among the candidates purged from the ballots, then restored.

Last week, the two campaigns took advantage of little-noticed California party rules to cut a raft of potential delegates in a bid to ensure that only their loyalists travel to the convention. In a tight race with an uncertain outcome, there were fears that turncoats might be concealing themselves among the candidates.

Most of the cuts — about 900 names — were made by

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Ron Gray
Santa Monica

The pot calling the kettle

Editor:

The only joke bigger than our city Wi-Fi is the council members hell-bent on making sure my right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is violated in every way imaginable. Interesting how I often hear our city leaders, and other notable liberals in this town, cry about how President George W. Bush and The Patriot Act are tearing freedoms from the hearts and homes of citizens.

Ha! You guys – to a man and a woman – are a joke! What liberty has Bush taken from you? Was it Ol' George who won't let you smoke a cigarette as you sit on the beach, hundreds of yards away from the nearest person, but focussed in by the prying eyes of a cop's telescope or city camera mounted on the pier?

Was it George Bush who will send the police to ticket – and even haul you to jail – for repeatedly smoking on the promenade, (as happened to me) or for daring to drink a beverage, or eat a meal from Styrofoam cups and plastic take-out containers?

Is it Bush who will fine you \$250,000 (per day!) because the hedges of your yard are to high? Is it Bush who will tear down perfectly healthy trees from this city because a few rich people have the horrid sight of baby squirrels and birds near their second-floor windows along Second Street?

And now this evil George Bush ... er, I mean, liberal, City Council of Santa Monica wants to tell us what we can and can not do in the privacy of our poorly-built, over-priced own homes and apartments.

Get the hell out of my house you evil infectors of liberty! Get the hell out now!

How dare you, Santa Monica. Shame on you. Shame on all of you!

James Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Fluoride isn't the only thing to add

NOW THAT SPRING IS IN FULL FLOWER, the daffodils are out and the urges of a young man and woman turn to skimpy clothing, playing on the beach in the sand and forgetting about the responsibilities of being an adult. Heck, even some of us, who aren't all that young, are having those thoughts.

It's that primal urge for communion with another that we know all too well, that causes so many problems in our society. I was in court last week and the family courts are just overrun with children who are raising children. It's simply appalling.

There is a very good reason for it all. A failure of our society to be mature about something as basic as sex, and sex education. It is the tyranny of religion that has brought us to the juncture of mature stable people trying to determine for immature, unstable children, how to raise their young.

All it takes is for someone to spend one morning in a family law court to see that there are significant problems in the messages that we are transmitting to our youth about the costs, demands and impact of a child on a person's life.

People frequently take a position, and no matter how wrong it is, they will continue to defend it. In business negotiations this is called fighting for your investment, and commonly people will continue to throw good money after bad, rather than cut their losses. When kids are involved, the parents are each "fighting for their kid" and thus, in their minds, the investment is so huge, that they cannot see the big picture.

They lack the ability to differentiate between real issues, and illusory ones. Frequently we are told that the other party is immature, a bad parent, has a skank for girlfriend/boyfriend, doesn't know how to parent. The list is endless. The problem for most of these people, and frankly the younger they are, the more likely they are to not have the tools to navigate the rough waters of parenting and divorce/split ups well, is one of immaturity.

Many children are conceived with no thought of the financial, emotional and time commitments necessary to raise even a moderately well equipped adult. This is because the religious fanatics have deemed sex dirty, and immoral outside the blessed bonds of marriage and make

contraception a shameful product to purchase and use.

I think it is high time that the powers that be in our fair city, take matters in their own hands and do something proactive for once about the skyrocketing teen pregnancy issue. They have proven that they have the ability and intestinal fortitude for the fight over fluoride in our water. They have shown that they have the knowledge of what is best for our society by fluoridating our water and regulating our driving speeds, and now it is time for them to take over the procreative process.

It is time for this city to start putting a contraceptive in our water. The antidote should be freely available, upon merely showing up at some local pharmacy, and asking the pharmacist to provide it. It should be a no-cost antidote that has no age requirement, no parental notifications and should be marketed to the general public as their right.

Some will say that I am crazy for such a suggestion. Others will scream that I am waging war on the family and infringing on a persons right to procreate. Hogwash I say.

If we want to truly bring back the value to the family it once had, if we want to build a society that is stable and where the citizenry has a lower incidence of emotional abuse, physical abuse and stable two-parent households, we should make the act of procreation one that requires a modicum of forethought.

We are not living in an age when a woman needs to have 13 children because half of them wont live past two, and half of those who remain will be killed in a war. We live in a time of relative peace and prosperity, and we should modify our social mores and actions based on it.

Will this work? Yes, we have the technology if wanted to do it. Will it ever happen? No. We're not ready as a society to address the reality that people enjoy each other, sometimes merely for pleasure or escape, and that sometimes it results in another life. Besides, we'd rather brand fathers as deadbeats and make moms into welfare moms, and then condemn them as inferior people.

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One hour is fun, but a month would hurt

ON THE EVENING OF SATURDAY, MARCH 29th, cities around the world turned off their lights for one hour to "raise" awareness about global warming. In observation of Earth Hour, iconic landmarks such as the Sears Tower and the Sydney Opera House went dark, while participating individuals turned off residential lights.

The purpose of Earth Hour, according to its organizers, who plan to make it an annual event, is to encourage people to think about how they can reduce their energy consumption. While the event itself — one hour with the lights off — admittedly had little effect on carbon emissions, what matters, say the organizers, is the symbolic meaning of the event. So what is the meaning of Earth Hour?

We hear constantly that the debate is over on climate change, that it is now an indisputable fact that human carbon emissions are causing a planetary emergency. Earth Hour is intended to showcase public concern about global warming and to inspire people to take practical actions to reduce their "carbon footprints."

But it is far from indisputable that we face any sort of planetary crisis. Predictions of catastrophic global warming have long been disputed, and continue to be disputed, by numerous serious scientists skeptical of the global warming "consensus."

Furthermore, what is never mentioned is the fact that reducing greenhouse gases to the degree sought by global warming activists would, itself, cause great harm.

Politicians and environmentalists, including those behind Earth Hour, are not calling on people just to change a few light bulbs, they are calling for a truly massive reduction in carbon emissions, as much as 80 percent below 1990 levels. Because our energy is overwhelmingly carbon based (in 2005, fossil fuels made up 86 percent of world energy production), this necessarily means a massive reduction in our energy consumption.

People don't have a clear sense of what this would mean in practice. We, in the industrialized world, take our abundant energy for granted and don't consider just how much we benefit from its use in every minute of every day. We drive our cars to work and school, we sit in our lighted, heated homes and offices, powering our computers and countless other labor-saving appliances and we count on the indispensa-

ble values that industrial energy makes possible: Hospitals and grocery stores, factories and farms, international travel and global telecommunications. It is hard for us to project the degree of sacrifice and harm that global-warming policies would force upon us.

This blindness to the vital importance of energy is precisely what Earth Hour exploits. It sends the comforting-but-false message: Cutting off our use of fossil fuels would be easy and even fun! People spent the hour star-gazing and holding torch-lit beach parties; restaurants offered special candle-lit dinners. Earth Hour makes the renunciation of energy seem like a big party.

The participants of Earth Hour spent an enjoyable 60 minutes in the dark, but all the while they remained safe in the knowledge that the comforts and life-saving benefits of industrial civilization were just a light switch away. This bears no relation whatsoever to what our lives would actually be like under the sort of draconian carbon-reduction policies that global-warming activists are demanding: Punishing carbon taxes, severe emissions caps, outright bans on the construction of power plants.

Let those who claim that we need to stop emitting carbon dioxide try spending a month shivering in the dark without heating, electricity, refrigeration; without power plants or generators; without any of the labor-saving, time-saving, and therefore life-saving products that industrial energy makes possible. Those who claim that we must cut off our carbon emissions to prevent an alleged global catastrophe need to learn the indisputable fact that cutting off our carbon emissions would be a global catastrophe.

The lights of our cities and monuments are a symbol of human achievement, of what mankind has accomplished in rising from the cave to the skyscraper. Earth Hour presents the disturbing spectacle of people celebrating those lights going out. Its call for people to abandon their use of energy and to rejoice at the sight of skyscrapers going dark makes its real meaning unmistakably clear: What Earth Hour represents is the renunciation of industrial civilization.

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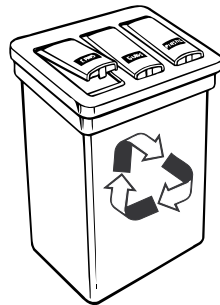
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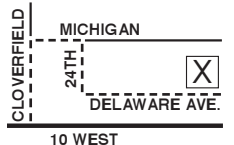
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FDA investigates foot pad makers

BY SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Late night television infomercials seem to have a cheap fix for anything: Lose weight, banish cellulite or improve conditions like diabetes, arthritis and insomnia.

Or, all of the above.

Ads for Kinoki Foot Pads made exactly that bold claim, saying the pads use secrets of ancient Japanese medicine to cure or lessen many health woes, all for \$19.95, plus shipping and handling.

"I think those are too many claims," said Dr. Ka-Kit Hui, director of UCLA's Center for East-West Medicine.

The federal Food and Drug Administration may share Hui's suspicions. They recently launched an investigation into the foot pad maker's claims in television and Internet ads, according to FDA spokeswoman Rita Chappelle.

Though she could not address the specifics of the open case, Chappelle says "basically, when we open up a case it means that the violation might be in terms of the

Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, such as when (product makers) make false, misleading claims."

The science of the foot pads, as explained by the commercials, is this: Teabag-like pads are attached to the bottom of the foot with an adhesive patch and worn overnight.

In the morning, users remove the pad to find it darkened with "heavy metals, metabolic wastes, toxins, parasites, chemicals, cellulite and more," according to the TV commercial.

Western doctors are skeptical of claims that toxins can be removed through the skin. Dr. Stephen Barrett, a retired psychiatrist who operates the Web site Quackwatch.org, said skin is "not a detoxifying organ" — it excretes just water and salt. The liver removes toxins and the kidneys excrete them.

The Japanese medicine tradition kampo makes use of topical medicines and herbs, but Hui said he is wary of the Kinoki Web site's scant listing of the ingredients used: "Bamboo vinegar, tourmaline, chitin and detox herbs."

"What are these detox herbs?" Hui said.

"They can't just not let us know what's in it, because when you expose the body to herbs it can be good and it can be bad."

And though Kinoki makers say their product is based on acupuncture points used in Chinese medicine, substantial stress can be relieved very simply by using a golf ball in self-massage instead, Hui said.

Dr. Sudha Prathikanti at the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco agreed with Hui that the Kinoki claims seemed to be too far-reaching.

"For me, it really doesn't have the kind of backing it needs," said Prathikanti. "This random hodgepodge, it's some kind of Frankenstein medicine."

"This idea of one treatment for everyone, for all conditions really just doesn't make sense," she added.

Even in traditions that do make use of herb poultices applied to the skin, such as Ayurveda, those treatments are tailored to each patient: "You don't just randomly do the same treatment for every person."

Hui says that the makers of the foot pads

ought to open up their product to proper scientific study.

Multiple attempts to get comment from New Jersey-based Xacta 3000, Inc., the makers of Kinoki Foot Pads, were unsuccessful. Listed phone numbers that were found had been disconnected.

After calling the Kinoki Foot Pad customer service line, The Associated Press was transferred to supervisors and left several messages for management last week. No one returned the calls.

In another such call on Monday, AP reached Renee Wolf, assistant to Executive Director Nat Stanly. Wolf said she would only comment on and stand by the claims made in Kinoki's newest commercials, which began airing on March 15.

When asked why the commercial had been edited, Wolf said "because we felt that there were things that we wanted to change" but would not specify what had changed.

She agreed to leave a message for Stanly, who did not immediately return the call.

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LOS ANGELES

State to re-think insurance rates

The state soon will implement a new way of calculating earthquake insurance rates that no longer differentiates between homes in Southern and Northern California, the California Earthquake Authority announced Monday.

The Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast model will better calculate seismic hazards throughout the state, CEA officials said. The scientific model was developed by the United States Geological Survey, the California Geological Survey and the Southern California Earthquake Center.

Under the old model, different techniques were used to calculate insurance rates in Southern and Northern California.

"Having uniform science available when determining earthquake rates represents real progress," said the California Earthquake Authority's CEO, Glenn Pomeroy. "It allows us to more accurately price our product for the consumer."

The Authority will review insurance rates this summer.

"To be clear, the actual hazard hasn't changed. What has changed is our understanding of earthquake risk, and this understanding will be reflected in future insurance rates," said Pomeroy.

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LOS ANGELES

Planners say Los Angeles needs 113,000 new homes

Planners say Los Angeles needs 113,000 new homes by 2014 to deal with the burgeoning population.

The city's draft Housing Element, now being considered in public workshops, says some 25 percent of the homes need to be affordable. The study shows, however, that new development is targeting wealthier residents.

Principal city planner Jane Blumenfeld says the goal of the report is to chart policies that will lead to new home construction.

A city analysis shows more than 21,000 undeveloped parcels citywide could be easily used for more than 350,000 additional housing units.

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ALPINE

Vehicle flips near Alpine, 18 suspected illegals in custody

Authorities investigating an empty, demolished vehicle that flipped in the hills near Alpine found 18 suspected illegal immigrants hiding nearby.

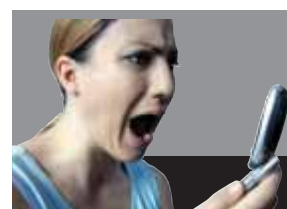
Border Patrol spokesman Richard Smith says the vehicle struck a Japatul Road guardrail at dawn Sunday and rolled over in the rural San Diego County area. The occupants ran away.

The California Highway Patrol and Border Patrol investigating the crash followed footprints into the hilly area and found 18 people who were believed to have been in the vehicle when it crashed.

Smith says four of them were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries and the remaining 14 were taken to a Border Patrol station for questioning.

There are no other details.

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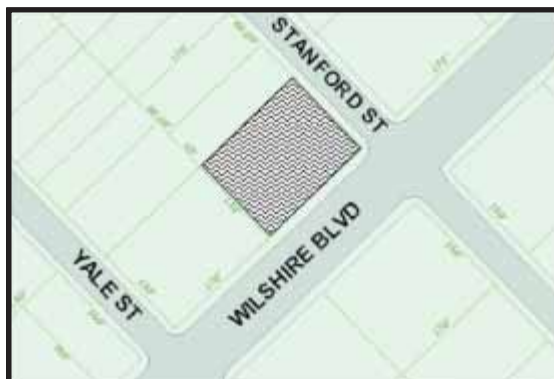


You are invited to attend a community meeting to review the design for a new mixed-use project located at 2919 Wilshire Boulevard. The proposed structure consists of a three-story building with two levels of subterranean garage. The mixed-use proposal includes 11,259 square feet of ground floor commercial/retail space and 26 residential rental units.

This meeting is a new City Planning initiative to solicit comments from the public prior to the project being heard by the Planning Commission. You will have an opportunity to provide direct feedback to the staff and the developer with regards to the project design. For further information, please contact Grace Cho, Associate Planner at (310) 458-8341.

ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una reunión de la comunidad para revisar el diseño de la aplicación proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



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Shoppers could pay for plastic bag use

STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO California shoppers could end up paying recycling fees if they decide to haul their groceries home in plastic bags.

Two bills scheduled to be considered Monday by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee would authorize fees of 15 cents or 25 cents a bag to discourage supermarkets and large drug stores from using plastic bags.

The measures' supporters describe them as the inevitable follow-up to a program started last July requiring supermarkets and pharmacy superstores to start recycling plastic bags and selling reusable bags.

But William Dombrowski, president of the California Retailers Association, says lawmakers should give the recycling programs more time to work before considering fees to discourage plastic bags.

"Consumer awareness and consumer behavior have already begun to change, as more people bring their own reusable bags" to stores, he said in a letter to Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, a Sherman Oaks Democrat who is the author of one of the bills.

Mark Murray, executive director of Californians Against Waste, an environmental group that helped set up the recycling program, said it has doubled the number of plastic bags being recycled. But recycling of the bags only increased from 2 percent to 4 percent.

"I think it's inevitable, if we want to make a meaningful dent, that we have to become much more aggressive than we have been so far," he said.

The 19 billion flimsy plastic bags used in California each year pose a particular threat to the environment because they can blow out of trash cans and end up as litter on the ground or as debris in streams, lakes and rivers, threatening marine life and adding toxins to the food chain.

The bags also generate 147,000 tons of trash a year in dumps, according to Levine, who wrote the 2006 bill that set up the recycling program.

Levine's bill would require stores in the recycling program to cut their plastic bag use by 35 percent by the end of 2010 and 70 percent by the end of 2012 or charge customers a 15-cent-per-bag fee.

The money would have to be used to clean up plastic bag litter and promote recycling.

The other bill, by Assemblyman Mike Davis, D-Los Angeles, would impose a 25-cent per-bag fee on plastic starting July 1, 2009. Stores could retain 3 percent of the fee to cover costs associated with collecting it. The rest would go into a state fund for local programs to reduce plastic bag use and combat plastic bag litter.

Davis said the fee would be an "attention grabber" that would encourage shoppers to choose more environmentally friendly ways

to haul their merchandise.

Murray's group is backing the Levine bill and has no objection to the Davis bill. But he says the ultimate solution would be a fee on both plastic and paper bags to encourage the trend toward reusable bags.

"Certainly paper is environmentally superior to plastic," he said. "It's not as likely to get littered. It breaks down completely in 30 to 60 days. But it still represents waste — a product whose useful life is the time it takes you to get groceries from the checkout line to home."

Here's are some of the other bills on lawmakers' agendas this week:

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executive director of Californians Against Waste

FOOD LABELING — A bill by Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, would require labels on meat and other perishable food revealing which countries the items came from. Supporters say the labels would let consumers know if the food came from countries with weak food-safety standards. It's on the Senate Agriculture Committee's agenda on Tuesday. A bill by Sen. Ellen Corbett, D-San Leandro, would require country-of-origin labels on pet food. It's scheduled to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday.

TEEN DRIVERS — High school students who played a lot of hooky could lose their driver's licenses or learner's permits under a bill by Assemblywoman Jean Fuller, R-Bakersfield, that's on the Assembly Transportation Committee's agenda on Monday. The bill would apply to students who were under 18 and missed 15 straight days of school or 20 days in a semester or had been declared habitually truant.

CARBON MONOXIDE — Homes equipped with fireplaces, gas-burning appliances or attached garages would have to be equipped with carbon monoxide alarms under a bill by Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, that's on the Senate Governmental Organization Committee's agenda on Tuesday. Violations could result in fines of \$200.

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Moth may hurt crops, economy

GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

SOQUEL, Calif. As the state prepares to spray the San Francisco Bay Area with pesticides to fight an invasive moth, local officials are worrying not only about the potential impact on human health, but on local commerce as well.

State environmental health experts announced last week that illnesses reported by hundreds of residents after the first round of aerial spraying on California's central coast couldn't conclusively be linked to the pest eradication effort.

Still, public uncertainty alone could slow summer tourism, drive residents out of town and cause real estate agents to ask clients if they want to buy property in the proposed spray zone, local officials say.

"If there's spray residue on the grass, are people going to feel safe going to Golden Gate Park?" asked Mark Westlund, a spokesman for San Francisco's Department of the Environment. "Tourism is what keeps this city floating, and if people are worried about coming here because they could get sprayed on, that could have an impact."

Last fall, state agriculture officials sent up planes that dropped a chemical mist on Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, where the light brown apple moth population was quickly multiplying.

The campaign was meant to safeguard valuable crops and to help infested plant nurseries in Soquel and neighboring towns, which were losing millions of dollars after being quarantined.

After the first round of spraying, at least 487 people reported feeling symptoms ranging from itchy eyes to breathing trouble.

Despite the state's assurances that the symptoms can't be firmly linked to the spray — a low dose of a synthetic pheromone mixture approved for use on organically grown crops — residents and officials farther north are getting nervous.

In Marin County, real estate agents are considering amending their disclosure forms to tell future home buyers about the aerial sprays scheduled in the Bay Area this summer and advising them to consult a doctor for more information before closing a deal, said Levi Swift, president of the Marin Association of Realtors.

Though analysts say the spray is unlikely to have any lasting effects on properties in the spray zone or on the real estate market, attorneys say it is wise to notify buyers to ward off potential lawsuits.

"If my real estate agent had knowledge of the spraying activity and didn't tell me, I could certainly sue for misrepresentation," said Lewis Feldman, a senior partner with Goodwin Procter in Los Angeles. "The fact that the government says something isn't harmful doesn't prevent people from filing suit."

In Santa Cruz, Mayor Ryan Coonerty said he was hoping businesses wouldn't take a hit if a rush of people left town or if tourists stayed away in June, when the city is scheduled for a second aerial treatment.

Sunita Chethik, who lived in Santa Cruz for 30 years, said pheromone droplets drifted into her bedroom during spraying in November, causing her immune system to collapse. She recently moved to Santa Fe, N.M., to avoid further exposure, and activists with the California Alliance to Stop the Spray say dozens more people are con-

sidering similar relocations.

"The plane was making a pass, and (the spray) came in through an open window and landed directly on us. It smelled like Raid," recalled Chethik, who had a pre-existing case of chronic fatigue. "They're poisoning people, and the only choice they're giving us is to leave."

So far, the moth has had the most palpable effect on those who can't leave: Farmers.

The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau estimates that wholesale and retail nurseries lost \$2.8 million in forgone sales and investments toward fighting the moth from April to December 2007.

Chris Pavlos manages a nursery in Soquel, where seven larvae were found rolled into tiny sacs nestled in individual plant leaves.

The moths didn't visibly damage the plants. But the discovery led to a two-day shutdown of the nursery, which caused a \$50,000 loss in sales.

Pavlos said he's spent a similar amount hiring moth hunters to scour Soquel Nursery Growers' 14 acres, looking for larvae and treating shrubs with insecticides.

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a spokesman for San Francisco's Department of the Environment

"It's very difficult to get any real rest when they're inspecting you every two weeks," he said. "Even so, we're just not seeing the kind of damages to plants they keep talking about."

According to the U.S. Department of Food and Agriculture, the Australian insect threatens more than 2,000 varieties of California plants and crops and could destroy up to \$560 million worth of fruits and vegetables in a year.

Spraying is to occur only in areas that can't be treated through ground-based strategies.

State Secretary of Food and Agriculture A. G. Kawamura said the effort was necessary not only to protect agriculture industry, but to save landmarks such as Golden Gate Park, home to many species the USDA considers host plants.

"One side says it's a voracious pest and the other side says it isn't," said Ken Corbishley, agriculture commissioner in Santa Cruz County. "The one thing that is true is that local folks are being impacted."

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Councilman comes in 3rd

FROM DELEGATES PAGE 3

Obama. Clinton's campaign dropped about 50 names from its list of prospective delegates. The names were culled without explanation from the campaign or the state party, leading to a guessing game over why some people were ousted.

Facing a backlash from supporters, Obama's campaign reversed course Thursday and reinstated the names to the ballots. Campaign manager David Plouffe said in a letter to potential delegates, "We are confident that delegates elected from this pool will reflect the senator's commitment to a diverse and unified delegation at the national convention."

The delegates at stake in caucuses Sunday represent only a portion of those who will attend the convention from California. Others will include 71 superdelegates, who range from members of Congress to former party leaders, and another group of 129 delegates who will be chosen next month, based on the statewide primary vote tally.

As he was scanning the candidate list Sunday, first-time caucus-goer James Otis, 44, an art dealer, said he was backing Obama because of his position on Iraq and his candor as a politician.

"It's very important to bring the troops home," Otis said. "Obama will do that, quickly."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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BBB officials credit employees for success

FROM BBB PAGE 1

vehicle. It's a dream that Johnson is still living today, now in his 40th year with Santa Monica's public transit system, which itself is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year serving the community.

"I like to meet people, I like to drive and this job afforded me with a lot of things I could not have gotten out of another job," Johnson said. "I'm doing something I like to do and I get to put my best foot forward."

Big Blue Bus officials say it is employees like Johnson that have made the public transit system so successful in Santa Monica, from the small collection of six rented buses in 1928, to a fleet of more than 200 alternatively-fueled vehicles that currently cover 52 square miles in Los Angeles County.

On Monday, Big Blue's eight-decade historic run in Santa Monica, along with eight of the longest tenured employees, including Johnson, were honored in a public celebration on the Third Street Promenade, a commemorative event that looked to the past and ahead into the future.

"The Big Blue Bus has continued to grow as the community has grown," Stephanie

Negriff, the director of transit services, said. "We've grown and evolved along with Santa Monica."

The event kicked off late Monday morning with a musical performance by Blue Note, playing on a makeshift stage just off Broadway as event-goers — a combination of city officials, bus employees, long-time riders and tourists — mingled and meandered among Big Blue related displays, which included a cake model of a current bus. Behind the stage, one of the so-called vintage "New Look" buses was parked, serving as a temporary screening room for documentary, "80 Years in 8 Minutes."

The "New Look" buses were rolled out starting in the late 1950s and represented a shift in design for mass transit as almost every public transportation system had its own set of the General Motors-made buses.

The last of the "New Look" buses was the 5180, built in 1986. It was the model that was on display for the event on Monday.

The transit agency was founded as the Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines and operated with the tagline, "Ride the Big Blue Bus," charging riders only 5 cents. When the rented buses were replaced, they were all

painted blue and white.

During the early years, the buses only traveled up and down the main thoroughfares of the city, including Pico and Wilshire boulevards. Today, the agency covers most of West Los Angeles, serving roughly 20 million people a year on fares that are only 70 cents higher than they were in the inception year.

"Today is a celebration of nearly a billion miles of service since we began operating in 1928," Negriff said.

From speakers like Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Bob Holbrook to Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson, the speeches seemed to surround the environmental initiatives by the Big Blue Bus, whose entire fleet runs on alternative fuel.

"From the beginning, the Big Blue Bus has looked to different ways of innovation," Anderson said.

Big Blue officials say they pride themselves on the agency's sustainable practices, which most recently included the opening of the Transit Store on Broadway, designed with "green" materials.

There could be more environmentally-minded initiatives in store for the future as the Big Blue Bus plans to collaborate with

the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena to design the "next generation" of advanced buses.

Geoff Wardle, the director of advanced mobility research at the Pasadena art school, which is one of the top automotive design schools in the country, said his staff will work on identifying what the next wave of buses will be for Big Blue, looking ahead 80 years in to the future. One of the elements of success that researchers will take into account and build upon is personal relationships that the riders have with the buses.

"(We) will research what's made Big Blue Bus successful up until now and what we can do to accelerate that into the future," he said.

In 80 years, Johnson most likely won't be behind the wheel of the bus.

For Johnson, retirement is nearing, the target year being 2010 when he turns in his keys for good. He'll be 68 years old when he calls it quits, having serviced the No. 10 Freeway Express and the Super 7 lines the past few years. He expects a sad good-bye.

"I regard this job as a hobby I get paid for," he said.

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Samohi lacks bats in tournament loss to Palos Verdes

FROM BASEBALL PAGE 3

want to come out with an attitude first pitch to last. It's not quite there yet."

Drew Hammond relieved Salazar and pitched one inning allowing one hit. Duron was encouraged by Hammond's ability to throw strikes and stay ahead in the count to opposing batters.

Patterson pitched five strong innings for the Sea Kings, striking out six and giving up only two earned runs. Lines came on in relief and struck out six batters in two innings.

While the Vikings record slipped back below .500, the team will get a chance to redeem itself today against the visiting

Inglewood Sentinels (7-4, 1-1) in the first of a two-game series.

Samohi will turn to starting pitcher Scaggs to lead the team to a 3-0 start in Ocean League play. However, Scaggs will need to rely on a struggling offense that has lacked consistency at the plate to score some runs.

"We're not swinging the bats quite as well as I would have hoped," Duron said. "We looked good in some at bats [against Palos Verdes], but then in the seventh we didn't look good at all."

"We need to bring that strong attitude from first pitch to last, because we've got people that are playing good ball in our league."

According to Duron, opposing team's usually bring their best game against Samohi because of last year's success. Even

though most of the players are gone from the Vikings team that made a CIF-SS finals appearance at Dodgers Stadium, opponents still have an extra incentive to beat a team that has historically been successful.

"I told the kids, even though none of us were around last year, that doesn't matter to other clubs," Duron said. "They want to make their marks against us. We want to play good people, and we want to win against them. And yes, schools are gunning for us."

Inglewood will get their shot today against Samohi. First pitch is set to be thrown at 3:15 p.m.

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW: The Santa Monica Airport is estimated to bring in roughly \$4.5 million this year and expend more than \$3 million for administrative personnel and maintenance.

Fiscal impact of jet ban not a concern

FROM COST PAGE 1

council in 2005 to maximize safety and efficiency at the airport by financing capital projects, is projected to bring in roughly \$532,000 in the current fiscal year's budget.

Some of the category C and D jets include the Gulfstream IV — which is charged a landing fee of \$122. The fees are based on \$2.07 per 1,000 pounds of maximum certificated gross landing weight.

Trimborn added that there are only about 12 or 13 category C and D landings a day on average.

"There might be a slight decrease in revenues," Trimborn said. "We have to explore what the impact on the budget would be, but it's still too early in the game to quantify what that impact would be."

The ban could affect the so-called transient mechanics, which travel from airport to airport to maintain aircraft and are not stationed at SMO like the fixed-base operators, Trimborn said. City Hall does not receive any revenue from the transient mechanics.

Trimborn said that the demand for the transient mechanic services would still be needed at another airport anyway.

"If the airplane lands at Van Nuys or LAX, a mechanic would need to (head there) to fix it anyway," he said.

One of the fixed-base operators — which perform services such as fueling and washing aircraft — that could see some impact is Atlantic Aviation, which is generally used by jet aircraft. The company is stationed on the

north side of the airport.

A representative for Atlantic Aviation declined to comment and referred all questions to the Santa Monica Airport administration.

Barry Schiff, the chairman of the Santa Monica Airport Association, said that Atlantic Aviation is the largest operator at the airport, catering to and serving the larger aircraft as well as some of the smaller planes.

"They particularly make their greatest profit off the larger jets," Schiff said.

The SMAA is an organization of pilots and airport operators dedicated to preserving the use of the airport. Though the organization has yet to take an official position on the jet aircraft ban, Schiff said it would be opposed.

"What it would do is restrict operation and wind up with an airport that is not as effective as it should be," Schiff said.

Schiff said he doesn't expect any great financial impact on the pilots of the jet aircraft, but believes the life expectancy of the airport will be reduced as a result of the ban.

He added that while it's difficult to measure the impact on commerce coming to the city through the category C and D planes, the ban could have effects further into the future.

"It's bound to have some long-term effect on the overall economy of the area," he said. "It's like saying trucks can't come into the city."

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Prosecutor says 'follow the money'

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Deputy District Attorney Bobby Grace, in a rebuttal argument, urged jurors to "follow the money" to find the motive for killing the men. The prosecutor said the women never expected the homeless men to die of natural causes.

"Who got paid when Paul Vados Died? Who got paid when McDavid died?" he asked, pointing out it was the women on trial. Diamond also claimed Golay's daughter, Kecia, 44, was the driver of the car that ran over Kenneth McDavid, crushing him to death. Kecia Golay has not been charged and did not testify in the trial.

"This is a mystery, a classic whodunnit," he told jurors, noting there were no eyewitnesses to the deaths of McDavid and Paul

Vados, which netted the defendants about \$2.8 million in insurance claims. He said many have dubbed it as the "Arsenic and Old Lace" case, but he said it was very different from the classic movie in which two old women poisoned men.

Rutterschmidt and Golay originally were charged with federal insurance fraud but the charges were dropped when state murder charges were filed. The women are charged with two counts each of murder and conspiracy to commit murder for financial gain.

McDavid, 50, died on June 21, 2005, and Paul Vados, 73, on Nov. 8, 1999, in what prosecutors allege were murders staged to look like hit-and-run accidents.

The prosecution is not seeking the death penalty.

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Coffee is the norm for a number of teens

BY VICTORIA BRETT | Associated Press Writer

Getting your morning jolt can be tough in Hawarden, Iowa, where there are 2,600 people and not one Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts. It's even harder when you're too young to drive.

Which makes the middle and high school students at West Sioux Community School especially grateful for the Falcon Joe Coffee Shop, an oasis of espressos, lattes and other coffee drinks right inside their school.

"It's a very popular thing. Most of us hang out on the couches in the senior lounge and chat while we drink lattes," says 18-year-old Diana Rubio, who has been drinking coffee since she was about 12.

She and the 3-year-old cafe — part of the school's business curriculum — are part of a new and fast-growing culture of coffee-drinking youths who co-opted a drink once enjoyed mostly by adults.

It's a change fueled by the easy-drinking dessert-like coffee concoctions popular at so many coffee shops, as well as by permissive adults. Falcon Joe, for example, was the idea of the school principal.

"Parents view it as the least of possible evils, and it's something they do themselves," says Kevin Osborn, who studies teen coffee-drinking trends as an analyst with consumer research firm Social Technologies. He likens the coffee shop to the soda shops of a generation ago.

"It shows the level of acceptability with caffeine and adolescents if we are introducing it into our curriculum. Coffee was not in the equation years ago and now people don't even think about the consequence," he says.

Though coffee consumption by teens isn't well tracked, Dan Raiten, a nutrition researcher at the National Institutes of Health, says more children seem to be drinking more coffee, and starting at younger ages.

In 2001, 10 percent of visits to gourmet coffee and tea shops were by consumers under the age of 18, according to market research firm NPD Group. Last year it was 13 percent.

"I like the taste," says Brittany Vinson, 17, of East Orange, N.J., who purchases coffee from Dunkin' Donuts a couple of times a week. "When I'm cold, it warms me up. I don't like hot chocolate. Tea is for when I'm sick."

Yonesha Donaldson, 17, of East Orange, N.J., says she started drinking the beverage two years ago. She limits herself to a cup a day but says she rarely wants more.

"It tastes really good," she says, adding that she throws in condensed milk and sugar. "It doesn't give me a boost. It soothes me."

The National Coffee Association says young people are the fastest growing coffee-drinking niche. In 2002, about 24 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds drank coffee. Last year, it was 37 percent.

It's a trend the coffee companies aren't fighting. Dunkin' Donuts declined to comment except to say it provides a range of drinks that appeal to a broad demographic. Starbucks echoed that sentiment in a written statement, calling itself "a gathering place for the entire community."

"What makes young customers good customers is that they generally buy expensive, high-profit drinks, like Frappuccinos," says Bryant Simon, a Temple University history professor who is writing a book about Starbucks.

"They are important because they have the potential to become lifelong customers," he says.

But are coffee drinks — with the fanciest concoctions often packed with sugar and fat — good for kids?

"It is not associated with life-threatening health risk, but that is not to say that it is entirely benign," says Roland Griffiths, a caffeine expert and professor of psychology and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University.

"Caffeine is likely the world's most-used mood-altering drug and it does produce mood changes and physical dependence and withdrawal," he says. "It needs to be recognized as a drug."

For comparison, a 16-ounce Starbucks coffee has about 320 milligrams of caffeine. It would take more than nine 12-ounce Cokes to get that much caffeine from soda.

A 2007 report by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools advised against selling caffeinated products to children because of possible negative effects of dependency and withdrawal, including difficulty concentrating.

But sweet coffee drinks are making caffeine more accessible to children, says Dr. Mark Stein, a pediatrics professor and expert on children and caffeine at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"From commercials and the media the idea is that you need an extra jolt in life. And now that jolt tastes good to a 12-year-old," he says. "The main concern is of kids becoming dependent on it and they need it to get going."



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The Falcon Joe cafe is no anomaly. School officials around the country rejoice at the flow of students into libraries after cafes are added. And high schoolers clutching coffee cups during morning classes has become the norm.

"It's a symbol of grown-up sophistication," says Simon. "Caffeine isn't great for you, but it can't really kill you, so this is a safe place for expressing adolescent angst and desires for independence."

But Dr. Marcie Schneider, of the American Academy of Pediatrics' nutrition committee, worries as she sees girls skipping meals and using coffee to lose weight, sometimes fueled by a glorification of coffee by young celebrities.

And Griffiths, the Johns Hopkins professor, thinks parents should exercise more oversight when it comes to coffee consumption.

"Coffee is being promoted in milkshake-like concoctions, and parents may become blind to the fact that this is really a psychoactive drug, and it could be a significant dose for someone who is not tolerant," he says.

Among the side effects, caffeine withdrawal can trigger headaches, lethargy, inability to concentrate, irritability, depression, mood changes and in some cases nausea, vomiting or achy flu-like symptoms.

"Who needs that in teenagers?" says Griffiths.

Gere battling for 150-foot fence in NY

By The Associated Press

BEDFORD, N.Y. Richard Gere, like Martha Stewart before him, is running into some zoning hurdles as he tries to put his imprint on the wealthy New York suburb of Bedford.

The 58-year-old actor and a partner have opened a cafe and bakery and have plans for a luxury inn and fine restaurant. But their new 180-foot-long cedar fence may not pass muster, building inspector Richard Megna said Monday.

Bedford's rules call for a fence no higher than 4 feet along the street side of a property, he said, and Gere's is 5 feet tall.

However, Gere's representatives have been trying to win a variance from the town zoning board by landscaping the fence to make it look better, Megna said.

No decision is likely before May 7, he said.

Bedford once turned down Stewart's plan for a barn on her property that would hold tractors, snowplows and a forklift because it was too close to the road.

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Preserving rare species of plants

BY **BRUCE SMITH** Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. A group of gardeners across the South is on a hunt for century-old strains of camellias and azaleas that are vanishing as modern cultivators breed daintier hybrids with bigger, more vibrant blooms.

“What you have is a beautiful bloom and a plant where you have to have a \$30,000 greenhouse and a Ph.D. to grow,” said Tom Johnson, chief horticulturist at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. “You lose the beauty of the common ones in the wild or in people’s backyards.”

He is part of a group of individuals and 11 gardens across the South that have formed the Great Gardens of America Preservation Alliance to identify and preserve the so-called ancient or historic plants. Ancient plants are ones propagated before 1900; a historic designation is for plants from 1900 to 1960.

Organizers say their searches through public gardens will be the easy part of what will be a multi-year quest. The effort will get more complicated after that, because many of the plants may be nestled in private back yards and gardens.

“I liken the effort we’re putting forth to saving the bald eagle,” Johnson said.

Similar groups in other parts of the country are working

to save dwindling wildflower populations and other endangered plant species. The southern group is focused on azaleas and camellias, both symbols of the Old South.

There are thought to be about 470 ancient and historic camellias but fewer varieties, perhaps only about 100, of older azaleas.

Miles Beach, director of the camellia collection at Magnolia Plantation, said he hopes that within three years, more than 400 of the older camellias will be found. “Our goal is one day to have DNA samples of all the ancients so we can test modern plants and trace their DNA back and see where they came from,” Beach said.

A section of the gardens at Magnolia, where camellias first were planted in the 1830s — and at one time home to the world’s largest collection of azaleas growing outside — has been set aside to propagate the older flowers.

While Beach hopes to find most of the older camellias, finding the azaleas will be more difficult.

Azaleas are more fragile and were considered a gardener’s plant, not a show plant, so there tend to be fewer records about them, said Maartin van der Giessen, who owns an azalea nursery in Semmes, Ala. Based on catalogs from the 1890s, he estimates there are about 100 ancient azaleas, far fewer than the number of camellias, which had clubs devoted to their cultivation.

“Nobody collected them in the way they collected camellias and there weren’t azalea shows and azalea clubs,” said van der Giessen. “It was a gentlemen’s thing to do. If you were a lawyer in the 1930s or 1940s, you probably grew some camellias.”

At the Natchez National Historical Park in Mississippi, researchers are relying on archival photos to help identify older camellias.

“We don’t have a lot of good documentation, but the house changed hands about 1901 and the new owners had cameras. They took these fabulous panoramic images of the landscape in which you see these very mature camellias and so we sort of post date from that point,” said Kathleen Jenkins, the park superintendent.

Florence Crowder, an antique shop owner in Denham Springs, La., who is taking part in the project, calls camellias “a year-round beauty.” She’s been infatuated with the plants since her parents left her with a garden containing camellias from all over Louisiana, some of which dated to before 1900.

“It’s a treasure hunt,” she said, “and there is a danger of losing them.”

 **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**
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Arrests for murder bring solace to Montana town

BY **MATT GOURAS** Associated Press Writer

FLORENCE, Mont. Glen’s Cafe hasn’t had a night shift in nearly seven years, ever since someone walked into a local hair salon and slashed the throats of three women.

The grisly November 2001 killings stumped investigators for years. Some residents say the small western Montana town in the picturesque Bitterroot Valley was never quite the same after the attack.

after being convicted of criminal sale of dangerous drugs in Lake County.

Some in Florence are calling for the death penalty in the salon killings.

“I think they should suffer a little, like those ladies had to suffer,” Moore said, earning nods from patrons at Glen’s Cafe.

“Hang ‘em out on the street,” one patron responded.

Longtime resident Chuck Fricke said he remembers the

fear that gripped the town immediately after the killings. He said his wife stayed with friends when he left town.

“Sure, it affected the rest of the community,” Fricke said. “And like any community would be, we are relieved to think they have the people who did it.”

And the owner of Glen’s Cafe is thinking about bringing back the night shift.

“It’s about time,” said Moore, the baker.

“We didn’t feel it was safe to have those young kids working in here (at night),” said Joanne Moore, 53, a baker at the cafe.

With the arrests last week of two suspects, residents are ready to move on and hope to put the bad memories behind them.

“I’m amazed it took so long to get them,” said John True, 53. “I can now get along and not worry about locking my doors. Just like it used to be.”

It was the morning of Nov. 6, 2001, when someone walked into the Hair Gallery salon and killed Brenda Patch, 44; Cynthia Paulus, 71; and Dorothy Harris, 62. Police had few leads.

On Tuesday, Brian W. Weber, 31, and Lincoln Benavides, 33, each pleaded not guilty to federal charges of murder while engaged in drug trafficking, conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, distribution of methamphetamine and violent crimes in aid of racketeering.

A lawyer for Weber said he had not yet seen the evidence and could not comment, and Benavides’ attorney did not return calls seeking comment. Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty.

A federal indictment alleges that Weber killed the women on the order of Benavides, who authorities said was the head of a methamphetamine and marijuana distribution ring in western Montana.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	B	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	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	C	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	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	A	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
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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
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WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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NBA
Nuggets' Anthony arrested for DUI

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press Writer

DENVER NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony was arrested early Monday on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, hours after his worst game of the season.

The Denver Nuggets forward was arrested on Interstate 25, police said. He was alone in the car and pulled over for weaving and not dimming his lights.

Detective Sharon Hahn said Anthony failed a series of sobriety tests. He was charged with DUI, then taken to police headquarters before being released to a "sober responsible party," Hahn said. Anthony is due in court May 14.

Mark Warkentien, the Nuggets' vice president of basketball operations, said the team was aware of the situation but declined comment. The Nuggets did not practice Monday and Anthony wasn't available. He's expected at practice Tuesday.

Anthony's attorney, Dan Recht, said his client consented to a blood test, but results won't be available for about two weeks.

"Carmelo apologizes to his fans, the Denver community, his teammates and the Nuggets organization for the distraction this is causing them," Recht said.

The Nuggets (49-32) moved a half game ahead of Golden State for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference on Sunday night when they beat Houston 111-94. Denver can clinch a fifth straight postseason berth by beating Memphis at home Wednesday night or if the Warriors lose at Phoenix on Monday night or against Seattle on Wednesday night.

Anthony was held to 11 points on 3-of-14 shooting against a Rockets team that was missing defensive specialist Shane Battier. Anthony did extend his NBA-best streak of double-digit games to 206.

On Saturday, he committed a flagrant foul against Utah's Deron Williams that changed the course of a close game. The Jazz went on to win 124-97.

Anthony was named an All-Star starter for the first time this year. He's fourth in the NBA in scoring (25.8) and is averaging a career-best 7.4 rebounds.

Last season, he was involved in a brawl at Madison Square Garden. After J.R. Smith was collared on his way to a breakaway basket in the closing minutes of a rout, Anthony, then the league's leading scorer, dropped the New York Knicks' Mardy Collins with a punch that drew a 15-game suspension.

In February, Anthony was ticketed in Colorado for driving 25 mph over the posted speed limit. A hearing is set for next month.

MLB
Former Braves outfielder Tommy Holmes dies at 91

By The Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. Tommy Holmes, who hit in 37 consecutive games in 1945 to set a modern National League record that stood until it was broken by Pete Rose, died Monday. He was 91.

Holmes died of natural causes at an assisted living facility, daughter Patricia Stone said.

Holmes' hitting streak came while he played for the Boston Braves and is the ninth longest in major league history. Rose hit in 44 in a row in 1978, the post-1900 NL mark. Monday was Rose's 67th birthday.

In 11 years in the majors with the Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers, Holmes had a .302 batting average, 88 home runs and 581 RBIs. From 1973 to 2003, he worked for the New York Mets as director of amateur baseball relations.

"Tommy Holmes was one of our sport's truest gentlemen," said Jeff Wilpon, chief operating officer of the Mets. "His passion for the game and up-and-coming players, along with his 30-year association with our franchise was unsurpassed."

Stone said her father loved baseball and watched games until the end of his life.

"When he played baseball, there would be days he'd leave early and he'd pass children playing and he'd stop to play with them," she said.

TOMMY HOLMES WAS ONE OF OUR SPORT'S TRUEST GENTLEMEN."

Jeff Wilpon
chief operating officer of the Mets

Besides his daughter, Holmes is survived by his wife of 67 years, the former Lillian Petterson; a son, Tommy Holmes Jr.; two sisters; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Be practical, and you'll accomplish a lot. If your thoughts are too far-out, you could have a problem manifesting your ideas. A boss could be controlling but has a lot to offer. Tonight: Call it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination could bypass many problems. Just the same, remaining focused and not forgetting details could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ If you can stay close to home, please do. You easily could be overwhelmed. Know when you have had enough. Listen to feedback from someone who understands a situation differently from you. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You easily express your thoughts and ideas. You might feel as if you don't need to hold your thoughts back any longer. Someone could be very difficult; realize that words simply won't move this person. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might feel the need to lighten up a situation or turn it around. Though caring, your efforts might not achieve the results you want. Change your thinking and approach. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You are able to respond in a far more dynamic manner than in the past. Though you might feel laden on some level, you communicate creativity and a zest for living. Tonight: Love the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Kick back and allow others to step forward. You often like attention, but sometimes it simply might not be appropriate to dominate – like today. Tonight: Remember, you don't always need to explain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ While others express themselves in a light manner, you zero in on priorities. Knowing what you want will help achieve just that. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Others look for answers, and when they do, they look to you. Responsibilities drop on you. Decide just how much of your resources you plan to use. You could be draining yourself without realizing it. Tonight: A force wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ The extent of your resourcefulness becomes evident to everyone. You might need to detach from those people who want to use you like a solution-finding machine. Just say no. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Work with one partner directly, and you'll get results you like. You might be encouraged to dig deep into your mind for answers. Let creativity flow. Don't worry so much about others agreeing. Tonight: Get together with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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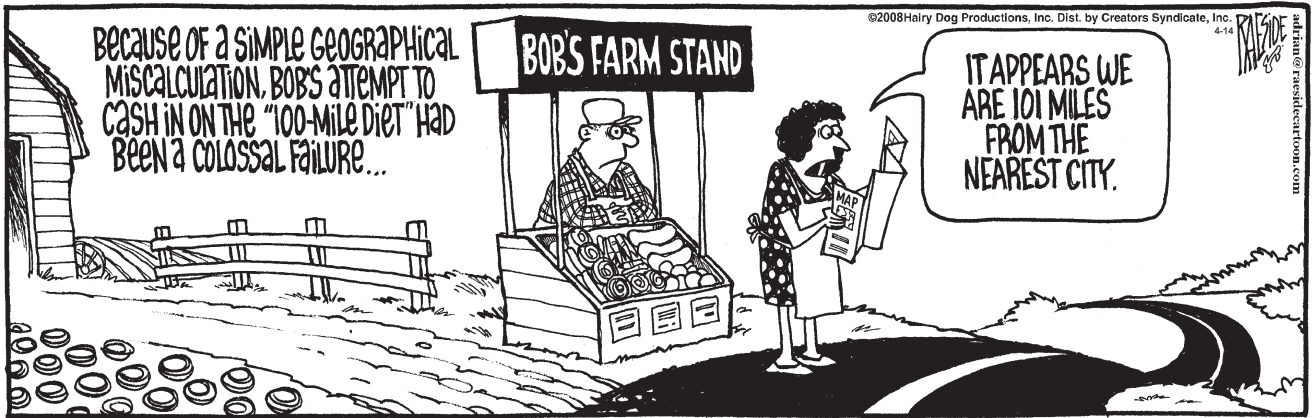
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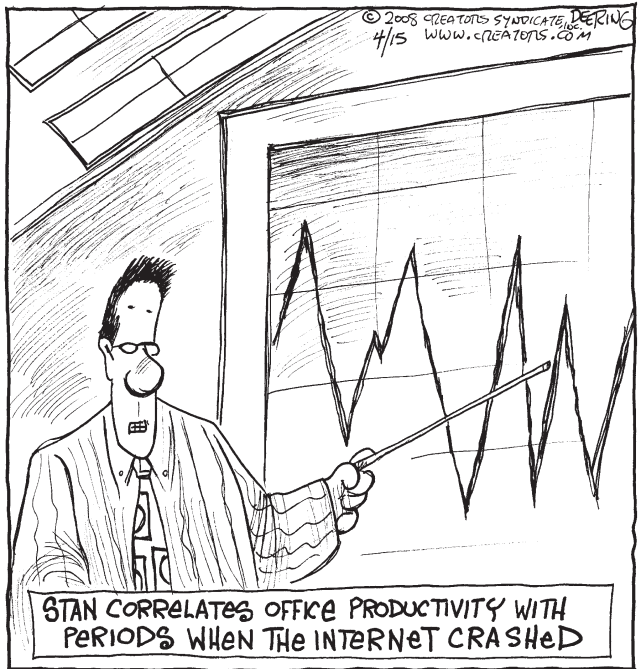


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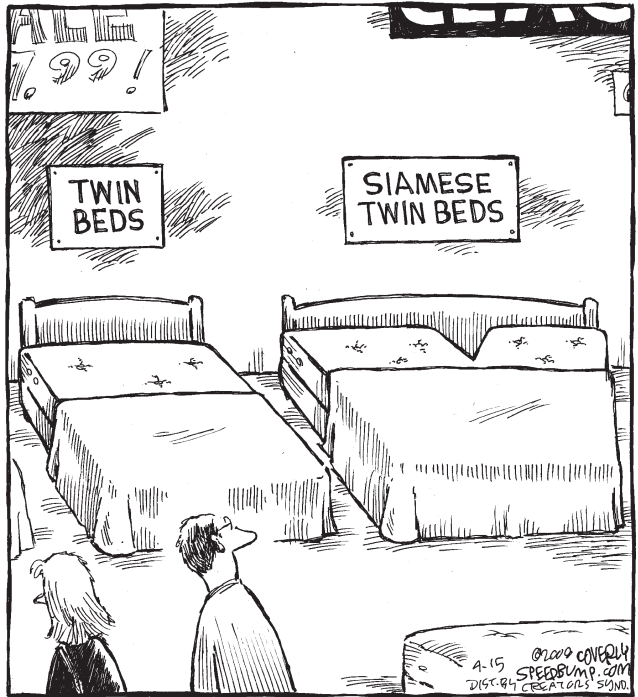
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Unclear on the Concept: German artist Markus Kison created a full-body burqa, the robe that devout Muslim women wear for modesty, but equipped to send a digital signal of the wearer's face to anyone nearby via Bluetooth. According to a February report in Der Spiegel, Kison reasoned that, since nothing in the Quran specifically forbids it, women can use it to determine their own personal levels of modesty.

■ First, Arkansas Tech University canceled outright its production of the Stephen Sondheim play "Assassins" (containing some violence) because of "recent tragic events" on campuses, but then relented because of the hard work that the students had already put in. In February, the production was staged in full, one time, to an audience solely of participants' families, who presumably could handle the violence. However, even that showing took place without the play's prescribed guns, even though they were only wooden

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1912 the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 people died.

1817 the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

1861 three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, S.C., President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

1865 President Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

1945 during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

1947 Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

1959 Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States.

1986 the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

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