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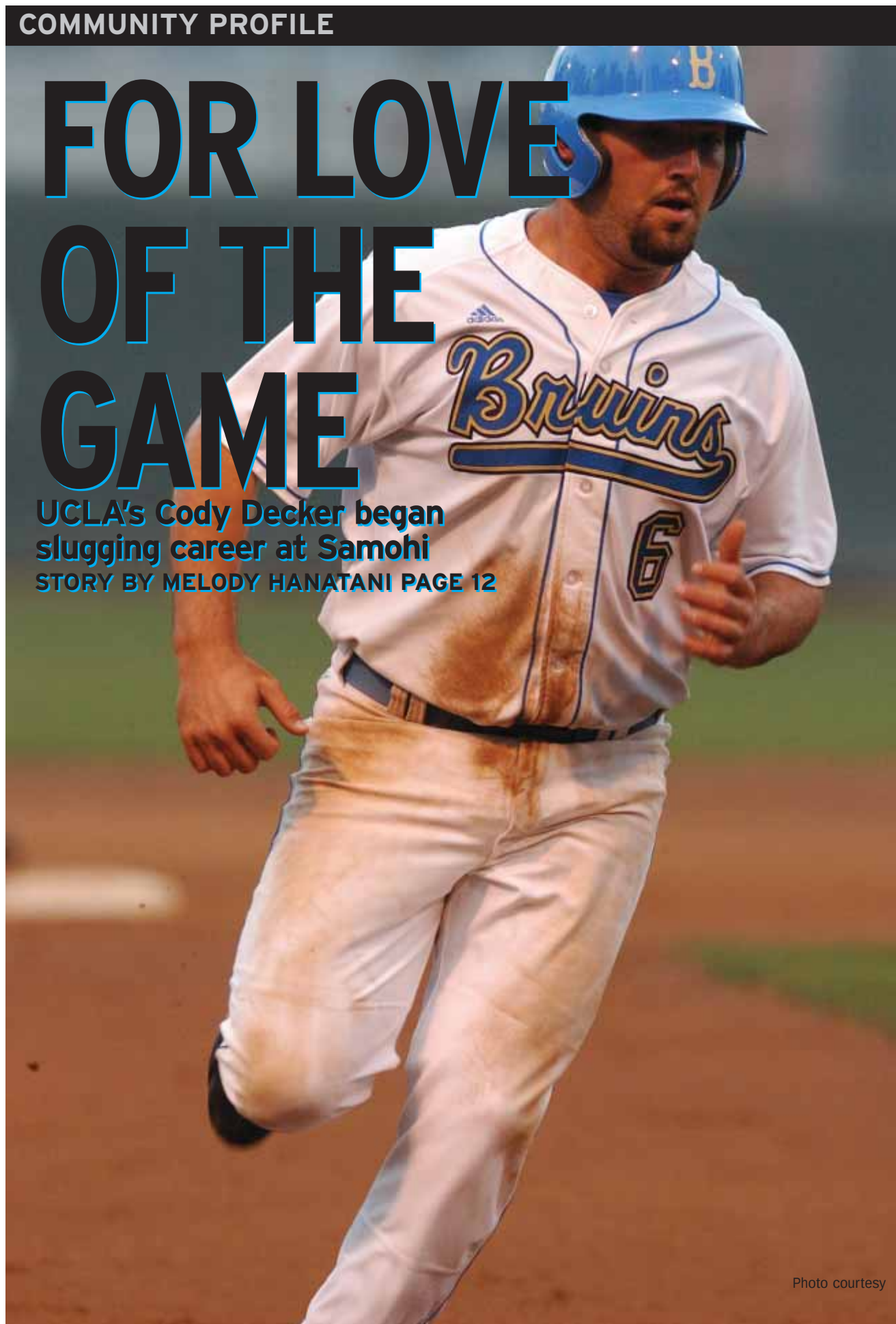


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Footing the bills

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO Legislators representing Santa Monica are up to their eyeballs in bills.

State Sen. Sheila Kuehl and freshman Assemblymember Julia Brownley have introduced nearly 40 pieces of legislation in the current session on everything from establishing universal health care for all Californians to making it easier for students to apply for financial aid.

The legislative package focuses heavily on health care, education and the environment, while also focusing on issues closer to home, such as naming a section of Interstate 10 in Santa Monica after Ricardo "Rick" Crocker, a member of the Santa Monica Police Department and a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed March 2005 while conducting combat operations in Iraq.

"I'm very excited about this package of bills," Brownley, a former president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, said. "I think it is a diverse package that addresses issues I have been concerned about, and others that have been presented to me along the campaign trail ... So far the support I've garnered up here is encouraging and positive, but in the end we have to go through a pretty hefty process and at the end of the day the governor can or cannot sign it.

"The advice I've been giving is to not get married to every bill, because they all might not get passed, but I'm very hopeful and have been getting support from both sides if the isle, which is a good sign," Brownley added.

Some bills could take years to pass, and no one knows that better than Kuehl, a 12 year-veteran of the Legislature, having authored 160 bills that have been signed into law.

AN UPHILL CLIMB

In what may be her biggest legislative challenge yet, Kuehl in February reintroduced SB 840, the California Universal Healthcare Act. If approved, the bill would insure every Californian with comprehensive healthcare coverage; guarantee their right to choose their own doctors; control the cost of healthcare and lower the cost of prescription drugs, all while preserving the private competitive character of medical care, Kuehl said.

SB 840 provides comprehensive medical, dental, vision, hospitalization and prescription drug coverage to every California resident.

SB 840 was passed by both houses of the legislature last year and vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger. The passage by both houses marked the first time that the California

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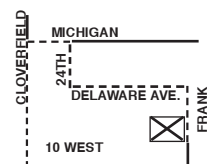
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My Pet Naturally is hosting an evening of holistic information for pet care featuring Veterinarian, Dr. Audra MacCorkle and Pet Supplements Specialist, Dino Gugliemelli. This seminar is free to the public. My Pet Naturally is located at 12001 West Pico Boulevard just east of Bundy Drive. Parking is available in the rear and on the streets. For more information call (310) 477-3030.

Bridge Lesson

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

A brief lesson from Life Master Jeri Berger will be followed by sample hands and play. The event is free. Call (310) 450-0443 to sign up.

Second Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival

The festival invites teens in seventh-grade through twelfth, or ages 12 to 18, to submit original films between two and 30 minutes in length. Submissions in all categories will be accepted. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 4. Film entries that meet the minimum criteria will be considered for screening at the festival in June. Entry forms and submission guidelines are available online at www.smtteenfilmfest.org or at the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, located at 2200 Virginia Avenue and the Santa Monica Main Library Youth Reference Desk, located at 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. For more information about the festival or about film submissions, call the Cultural Affairs Supervisor Justin Yoffe at (310) 458-8634 or e-mail him at justin.yoffe@smgov.net.

Hatha Yoga at FPC

1220 Second St., 7 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.

Yoga instructor John Sweetman will lead in the Renaissance Room at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Cost is \$5 per class.

Argentine Tango Class with Makela Brizuela

1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 9 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Meet people while dancing the Argentine Tango. No partner required. For more information visit www.makelatango.com.

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Monthly Movie Classic: 'Roman Holiday'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Free screening of the classic romance 'Roman Holiday,' starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck. All ages are welcome. Seat is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

April Jollies

2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library is showering laughter throughout April with funny stories and a puppet show. Tickets are free, but must be picked up on the day of the program. For more information call (310) 392-3804.

Seminar for New Owners of Santa Monica Rental Property

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Rent Control staff are presenting free quarterly seminars for owners and managers. The seminar will cover the basics of the Santa Monica rent control laws that affect their property and how to avoid common pitfalls. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Topics to be covered will include rents, amenities, maintenance, evictions, imitations/restrictions on change of use, and services via the Rent Control Office. For more information, visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.org or call the library at (310) 458-8600.

Mother's Day Recipe Contest

1541 Ocean Avenue

Abode Restaurant & Lounge invites all local residents and aspiring chefs-in-the-making to submit their favorite Mother's Day recipes for a special promotion. Santa Monica residents can submit breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert recipes to Abode Restaurant & Lounge to the attention of Chef Crenn along with a short story about why this is their favorite recipe made by their mother. The last entries will be accepted on April 30. Mail recipe submissions to 1541 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Chef Crenn will choose and interpret six recipe submissions for Mother's Day Brunch and Dinner on Sunday, May 13.

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.



Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

HE WON'T BITE: Paige Miller, 7, looks at a black bear pelt at the Star Eco Station's booth during the "Earth Day on the Promenade" festival on Saturday. The event was mirrored by other observances across the country.

Locals take to Third Street to protest global warming

BY MELISSA PAMER
Associated Press Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Hundreds of Southern Californians concerned about climate change gathered at this city's Third Street Promenade on Saturday to hear warnings about the effects of global warming and to be given pitches for products aimed at reducing its effect.

The gathering along the large, open-air shopping district just blocks from the Pacific Ocean, was one of about 50 events scheduled throughout Southern California under the banner Step It Up 2007. Nationwide, more than 1,400 rallies, hikes and other activities were scheduled, all part of an effort to push Congress to require an 80 percent cut in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.

"We have such a wonderful planet and it is really tragic for us to ruin it with global warming," said Jim Stewart, organizing director of Earth Day L.A., which worked with Step It Up to put on the Santa Monica event.

"The bottom line is everybody needs to be carbon-neutral. How do we get people to make good decisions to reduce their carbon output," said Stewart, standing under overcast skies on the popular weekend gathering spot for shoppers and tourists.

Other events included a hike up a steep canyon to a point just below the famous Hollywood sign.

"It takes real passion to make a big difference - strength in numbers," said Kara Thurman of Santa Monica, one of about 200 people who made the strenuous, hourlong

hike through chaparral-dotted Bronson Canyon.

In Santa Monica, where approximately 500 people gathered early in the day, environmental activists manned an eclectic mix of 80 booths.

At one of them, Chandra Comstock fed lettuce to a tortoise as she lectured a group of children about the dangers of climate change.

"The environment is essential to all these animals and we're just excited to be teaching children about global warming," said Comstock, assistant director of Star Eco Station, a wildlife preserve in nearby Culver City.

The nationwide events were spearheaded by a group of recent graduates from Vermont's Middlebury College.

Offshore terminal terminated

Coastal Commission nixes natural gas plan

By the Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA A second state agency has rejected elements of a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal off the coast of Southern California, another significant setback for the \$800 million project.

The California Coastal Commission, which is charged with regulating coastal development, determined Thursday the proposal did not meet existing coastal laws. The unanimous decision followed an earlier one Monday by the State Lands Commission, which refused to grant a lease for pipelines essential to the project.

"It's one of those multi-headed monsters that has to be killed repeatedly," said Mark Massara, an attorney for the Sierra Club, which opposes the project.

Australian-based BHP Billiton LNG International Inc. is seeking to bring chilled gas from overseas to California by tanker. The gas would be heated, piped ashore and then pumped out to customers. BHP officials say the facility would provide a reliable source of low-polluting energy.

Meanwhile, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger began examining the proposal as part of a 45-day review period that began last week. The governor, who has veto power over the proposal, said at a news conference Wednesday that he believes natural gas is worth considering.

Patrick Cassidy, a spokesman for BHP, declined to say whether the company would appeal the Coastal Commission decision or file a lawsuit against the State Lands Commission. He said the company will need time to assess their next step.

A host of celebrities who live in Malibu, including Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry, have protested the facility. Brosnan's wife - environmentalist Keely Shaye Smith - attended the commission hearing and said the project should be stopped.

"I think they have to know when to cut their losses," she said.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader wants to can Elan

Editor:

I am writing, not to attempt to squish free speech, but to encourage you and your paper to more thoroughly investigate the agenda of guest writers such as Elan Journo and his supposed connection to the teachings of Ayn Rand.

His recent commentary seemed to be full of fear and hate. ("Taking the fight to the enemy is needed," April 11, page 4) Having followed the writings of those who have written commentary behind the name of the Ayn Rand Institute, I have come to my own conclusion that they are typically promoting hatred towards those with Islamic and Muslim backgrounds, yet seem to refer to this as somehow in America's interest to kill people of such background.

It seems like more of a right-wing Israeli agenda than the agenda of most of your readers, based on my limited, but accurate knowledge of AIPAC (The American Israel Political Action Committee) and their covert, but effective agenda of getting America to support it's continued oppression of Arabs, Muslims and those of Islamic backgrounds, especially the Palestinians and Lebanese, and including Iraqi and Iranian people.

It's sad.

Karina DeBeers

Santa Monica

Dealing with those pesky mice

Editor:

I just read your Friday, April 13 issue and I am compelled to write about the cat and mice issues. The cat article ("Don't cross black cats ... not today," April 13, page1) was not so much an issue as the mice ("Mice and menu," April 13, page 1), but I think they could help each other out. The cats need homes and the mice need to pass on and biodegrade in the cats' stomachs.

Perhaps some type of habitat could be developed for the cats, such as businesses that don't have food can adopt a cat as a mascot. During business hours the cat could be allowed to roam the outdoor area (particularly the alley), and in the cats daily rounds they would take care of the mice. The business that takes a cat has to promise to give the cat a good home, and perhaps the business could be next to a restaurant.

Instead of the city absorbing the costs of putting poison out to catch the mice; the city could donate the money to the welfare of the cats. This is the extent of my idea so far. I am sure I can think of more ways so everyone can be happy except the mice. And if you believe in reincarnation, the mice might come back as cats who have a great home life.

Sheila Finley

Santa Monica

Doing the math on walking and beer

Editor:

A recent survey revealed that the average American walks 900 miles per year. Another revealed that the average American consumes 20 gallons of beer per year.

Conclusion: The average American gets 45 miles per gallon.

Art Chesluk

Santa Monica

More good, cheap eats

Editor:

Yes Cha Cha Chicken and Bay Cites are great choices but... ("Dining for dollars," April 14-15, page 1)

How about: Jinky's on Second Street; Charlie Kabob in the Santa Monica Place; T's Thai on Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

Eric Cooper

Santa Monica



My Write

Bill Bauer

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Lucrative contracts on the SM fast track

MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT MASS transit is the answer to future traffic woes. Maybe and maybe not.

The best way to get people out of private vehicles is to offer public transit that's timely, cost efficient, safe and clean. Such a transit system should have its own dedicated right of way such as light rail and/or underground subways — not impacted by surface street traffic — and that runs frequently, consistently and on time.

If public transit is going to work, cheap commuter parking must be available. Commuters who live many blocks away from transit stations must be able to park before they can ride.

A couple of years ago when serving on jury duty in downtown Los Angeles, I rode the Big Blue Bus's Freeway Express which picked me up on Santa Monica Boulevard. Because the area near the bus stop has restricted parking for blocks around and there's no long-term municipal lots, I had to walk six blocks from home to the bus stop.

It was "OK" for the week I was on jury duty, however a six-block walk would not be OK if I were working in Downtown L.A. and had to wear a business suit and carry a briefcase each day. Yet, the #10 Freeway Express is a clean, safe, timely and highly cost-effective means of getting from here to the heart of Los Angeles and a welcome alternative to the car — only if one lives close to a bus stop.

Cost of transit is also an issue. Tuesday night, City Council doubled the price of student fares and eliminated free local transfers. (Does that mean if I get on the LAX #3 Lincoln bus in Venice and have to transfer to the Montana Avenue/UCLA #3 bus, it's going to cost me another 75-cents?)

I don't think Tuesday's modest fare increases will have any impact on Big Blue's ridership. But, on other municipal bus lines, when more substantial fare increases are implemented, declines in ridership result. This leads to cuts in schedules and even less riders. It's a vicious circle the politicians need to stop if they expect a large percentage of us to give up our cars and clamber onto a bus regularly.

Riding a bicycle to work might be "OK" if work is a few blocks from home, but somehow I can't see bicycling in a suit even from here to Westwood, let alone bicycling home from the local Ralph's while juggling three bags of groceries and

a twelve-pack of Mountain Dew.

Streets and boulevards are not "people places." They're for vehicular traffic. Public streets must be available to get us to work, school and shopping safely and in reasonable time. They're not conveyances for social interaction. Only in Fantasyland does cutting street vehicle capacity speed up and improve traffic flow.

Suggestions by "Utopian" transit planners that city streets be narrower, bikeways be implemented and "traffic calming" obstacles be installed are fine only when there is a cheap, reliable, on-time transit system in place — maybe thirty years from now.

If you think Community Corporation of Santa Monica's new public housing project on the 1400 block of Broadway is an eyesore, you'll be pleased to know that its architects, Pugh + Scarpa, were just awarded a \$115,500 contract by City Council to provide graphic and design improvements for three downtown parking garages.

Pugh + Scarpa will provide technical specifications for artwork, ceiling painting, signage, facade improvements and interior lighting and landscaping upgrades. I wonder if their designs will include recyclable beer and soda cans?

Pugh + Scarpa is also a member of the "Village at the Civic Center" design team. "The Village" is a proposed 325 unit housing complex which will contain 160 units of affordable housing and 20,000 square feet of commercial space being developed by The Related Companies of California on the former Rand property.

In addition to Pugh + Scarpa, another local architectural firm, Koning-Eisenberg Architects, is also on the Civic Center design team. K-E was the architectural firm for the refurbished Virginia Park and partner, Hank Koning, is on the City Planning Commission. Pugh + Scarpa principal, Gwynne Pugh is the Chair of the City's Planning Commission. It's nice to have friends in high places, eh??

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Lies about leaving Iraq

"IRAQIS DO NOT SUPPORT AN INDEFINITE occupation and neither does America."

— George W. Bush

American politicians have mastered the art of the sleight-of-hand: what you see and hear cannot always be believed. A classic example of the government's deceptive mastery can be seen in the current debate over withdrawing American troops from Iraq.

CNN recently reported that nearly 60% of Americans polled want to see U.S. troops leave Iraq either immediately or within a year. And to the average onlooker, the Senate and the House of Representatives, by making a concerted effort to establish a timetable for withdrawal, seem to be listening.

The U.S. Senate has added language to a \$121 billion war spending bill that would have troops withdrawn by March 2008. And the House of Representatives has ordered the President to bring the combat troops home from Iraq next year, which amounts to fewer than half of the roughly 140,000 troops in Iraq.

But as has been happening a lot lately, Americans are once again being sold a bill of goods. At the same time that politicians push for withdrawal, long-term military bases are being established throughout Iraq. Reportedly, both houses of Congress voted last year to declare that the U.S. would not maintain permanent military bases, but this language disappeared from the final legislation.

John Pike, director of GlobalSecurities.org, has identified approximately a dozen of these so-called "enduring bases" in Iraq, with more recent estimates hovering around 15. "Note the terminology 'enduring bases,'" David R. Francis points out in The Christian Science Monitor. "That's Pentagon-speak for long-term encampments—not necessarily permanent, but not just a tent on a wood platform either. It all suggests a planned indefinite stay on Iraqi soil that will cost U.S. taxpayers for years to come."

And who will man these "enduring bases"? The remaining non-combat troops, of course.

Under both proposed measures, these so-called "non-combat" troops would remain in Iraq for the purposes of training Iraqi security forces and protecting American diplomats and assets. The Pentagon's "Go Long" strategy reportedly envisions 50,000 to 60,000 troops—including one-tenth of the U.S. Army—remaining in Iraq for years to come.

From descriptions of these bases, they will resemble mini-cities, custom-built "to make U.S. warriors feel right at home," most of them reportedly built by companies like

Halliburton at taxpayer expense. Describing al-Asad, a U.S. military base in Iraq, journalist Phebe Marr notes, "The 17,000 troops and workers come and go in a kind of bustling American town, with a Burger King, Pizza Hut and a car dealership, stop signs, traffic regulations and young bikers clogging the roads." And at the Balad Air Base, "The concrete goes on forever, vanishing into the noonday glare, 2 million cubic feet of it, a mile-long slab that's now the home of up to 120 U.S. helicopters, a 'heli-park' as good as any back in the States."

Another major U.S. military base called "embassy complex" is being built in the Iraqi Green Zone. According to one report, "There, \$1 billion is being spent on a 100-acre installation, comparable to the size of Vatican City, with a Marine barracks, 300 homes, 21 other buildings, and its own electrical, water, and sewage systems."

It certainly doesn't sound like we're planning to be out of Iraq anytime soon, does it? Despite the rhetoric in Washington, we seem to be settling in for the long haul as an occupying force. Many believe the U.S. government's real intent is to make a permanent American footprint in the heart of the oil-rich region. And the facts seem to support this idea.

But whether combat or non-combat troops remain behind, the sad truth is that more American soldiers will die. The insurgents, who seem to grow stronger every day, are not going away. And I would almost guarantee that they don't consider the non-combat troops to be off-limits.

In the end, it's the American people who are being played for fools. We're being fed half-truths and double talk from Democrats and Republicans alike about what's being done with our money and our troops. And that's unacceptable when numerous American lives and billions of taxpayer dollars are on the line.

People forget that we're dealing with politicians, and all politicians lie. It's like the old joke: How do you know when a politician's lying? The punch line, of course, is: When his lips are moving.

Mark Twain may have been jesting in part when he said that "there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress." But it's no joke that the President and Congress are playing games with us.

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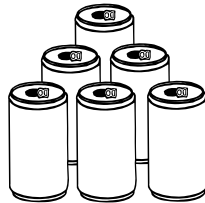
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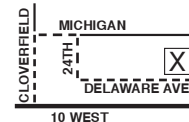
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Big Blue Bus Transit Store
Tenant improvements begin at the site of the Big Blue Bus Transit Store located at 223 Broadway. Improvements include a new building façade and construction rehabilitation. Construction is scheduled until August.

Montana/Wilshire Storm Water Diversion Structures
Construction for the installation of a debris removal and diversion facility at the intersection of Montana Avenue and Ocean Avenue is near completion. Construction for the installation of the diversion facility on Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard will continue and is scheduled for completion September. Traffic will be narrowed to two lanes going northbound and one lane southbound on Ocean Avenue at Wilshire Boulevard.

Access center construction
Construction of a new two-story homeless services facility begins at 503 Olympic Blvd. for the new Access Center building. The sidewalk on Olympic between Fifth & Seventh Streets will be closed to the public except Samoshel residents.

Airport Park and Airport Avenue improvements
Site grading, construction of new artificial-turf soccer fields, building a new playground, restrooms and dog park area, and reconstruction of a portion of Airport Avenue. On-site detour possible during street reconstruction.

Civic Center parking structure
Construction continues on a new 900 space Civic Center Public parking structure, located on Fourth Street next to the public safety facility. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan and the Fourth Street sidewalk. One lane on southbound Fourth Street is subject to closure while work is occurring.

Euclid park project
Construction of a new public park. The project scope will consist of site grading and construction of a new play area (with swings and climbing apparatus), a new garden area, two small green lawn areas, three circular-shaped seating areas, and a trellis entry. Construction is planned to continue until May.

Lantana east
Relocation of an 18” storm drain will require street closure on westbound lane #2 of Olympic Boulevard, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Relocation work will continue to April 2, 2007.

Marine Street utility undergrounding
Marine Street Utility Excavation – Relocation and excavation of electric, phone, and cable equipment on Marine Street, between Lincoln Boulevard and Prospect Court. Parking limitations will be posted daily and detours may be announced as necessary.

Montana/Wilshire storm water diversion structures
Installation of a Storm Water Diversion debris removal and diversion facility will begin August 7 at Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. Traffic will narrow to one lane in each direction on Ocean Avenue at Montana Avenue. The pedestrian bridge to Pacific Coast Highway is closed and pedestrians will be detoured to pedestrian crossings on Ocean Avenue at Idaho and Palisades Avenues.

Pier rehabilitation project
Deck boards in the upper pier parking lot will be replaced. Work is scheduled through May 30. The bike path underneath the pier will be closed until May 30. Minimum closure of parking lot area is anticipated.

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Installation of a new water main complete with service connections. Detours and lane closures may occur, and will be posted at various sites during construction.

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Ambitious efforts to save marine life

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO One of the nation’s most ambitious plans to protect marine life was approved Friday when a state panel voted to ban or restrict fishing across more than 200 square miles of water off Central California.

The Fish and Game Commission unanimously designated 29 marine preserves between Santa Barbara and Half Moon Bay, 13 of which would be off-limits to all anglers, commercial and recreational. Deep water fishing would be prohibited in the rest.

The plan is the first piece envisioned in a statewide network of similarly protected areas. Commissioners and environmental groups praised its passage at a meeting in Bodega Bay as a landmark for ocean conservation.

“This is big. This is a watershed transformation of how states restore and protect the oceans for future generations,” said Ocean Conservancy vice president Warner Chabot. “No other state is close to this.”

Representatives from the fishing industry and sport fishing fans said the regulations went too far, encompassing areas where fish species are not at risk and posing severe economic hardships for coastal communities.

“There is no question there is a pretty significant economic consequence to what the state is doing,” said Steve Scheiblaue, harbor master for the city of Monterey.

Scheiblaue predicted that 30 of the 100 commercial fishing boats that operate out of Monterey harbor would leave in search of more promising waters, meaning less of the

fresh local fish that draws tourists.

The regulations, expected to go into effect this summer, were designed to maintain the diversity of a marine population that includes mammals such as otters and whales, crustaceans like crabs and abalone, and migrating Coho salmon and steelhead trout.

While California already has 80 coastal reserves, including a dozen in territory covered by the new rules, the latest designations offer greater protection, said John Ugoretz, an environmental program manager with the Department of Fish and Game.

“The existing 80 areas, while providing appearance of protection, are all very small and all basically allow all types of fishing to occur,” Ugoretz said.

By contrast, only trolling for fish near the ocean’s surface will be allowed in the conservation areas where fishing still will be allowed when the plan goes into effect, he said.

The Fish and Game Commission initially approved the regulations in August, but continued to take testimony from fishermen and environmentalists until minutes before voting.

The only change commissioners made since August was deciding that kelp harvesting could continue until leases expire.

The California Department of Fish and Game already has identified waters between Half Moon Bay and Point Arena in Mendocino County as the next part of the state where protected marine areas will be proposed.

Pelosi is bruised, not beaten, after first 100 days as speaker

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Nancy Pelosi won her biggest victory in her first 100 days as speaker by making peace among her own House Democrats. Mollifying moderates and staving off liberal defections, she narrowly wrung passage of legislation setting a troop withdrawal deadline from Iraq.

The Iraq legislation was the truest testament to her leadership, analysts said. The nation’s first female House speaker has also passed a raft of other bills, set herself up as a visible opponent to President Bush and taken steps to protect Democratic incumbents who could be vulnerable to Republican challengers next year.

Key tests lie ahead when House members return from their April recess in the coming week.

The Iraq troop withdrawal bill faces a veto threat from Bush. Pelosi critics point out that her legislative priorities, such as raising the minimum wage and expanding stem cell research, have not yet become law.

But even opponents concede that Pelosi’s kept her agenda, and herself, firmly in the spotlight since her history-making swearing-in Jan. 4.

“I have a great serenity about it because I understand why people have to do what they have to do, both Democrats and Republicans,” Pelosi told The Associated

Press in an interview as she prepared to mark the 100-day milestone Saturday. “And the challenge is a positive challenge.”

Democrats noted the 100-day mark in their weekly radio address Saturday. “Our work is not done,” said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill.

Public approval of Pelosi has waned slightly since her initial honeymoon, according to an AP-Ipsos poll conducted April 2-4. Overall, 46 percent said they approved of how Pelosi was handling her job, compared with 51 percent in mid-January, while 44 percent disapproved, compared with 35 percent in mid-January.

There have been controversies. A recent trip to Syria drew stinging criticism from the White House and consternation among some moderate Democrats, who viewed it as a distraction. In February, Republicans turned a minor story over the size of the government plane Pelosi takes to California into a full-blown flap when she didn’t move quickly to respond.

Other disputes have served to show off Pelosi’s backbone. When Vice President Dick Cheney argued Democrats’ war approach would “validate the al-Qaida strategy,” she unleashed a furious retort. The vice president’s comment was “beneath the dignity of the debate we’re engaged in,” Pelosi said.

Pelosi, a liberal Democrat from San Francisco, has won praise from moderates for including them in debates.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Appeals court upholds rejection of \$33 million jury verdict

A lower court's decision to toss a \$33 million jury verdict against the city and Budget Rent a Car was upheld by an appeals court.

Jurors recommended the money be paid to Florida urologist Angelo E. Gousse, who filed a lawsuit in 2001 claiming he was manhandled by police when he was arrested for driving a rental car with stolen license plates.

But Superior Court Judge Elizabeth A. Grimes tossed the jury award and the 2nd District Court of Appeal agreed there was insufficient evidence of emotional and physical injuries to support the large verdict.

Gousse attorney Browne Greene of Santa Monica said the appeals court ordered that the damages phase of the hearing be retried.

Gousse, who was in Los Angeles for a medical conference in February 2001, was driving a rented Ford Taurus when he was stopped by police officers for driving too slow on Interstate 10. The Budget rental car's plates came up as stolen.

The urologist alleged in his lawsuit that he was permanently hurt on his left arm and wrist when officers handcuffed him. Gousse also said he was held on the ground as a helicopter hovered overhead and backup officers arrived with guns drawn.

Jurors decided after three days of deliberations in November 2003 that the city and Budget were negligent. The panel also said Gousse's wife should get \$2 million in damages for loss of consortium.

But Grimes threw out the award, calling it "staggeringly disproportionate" and "utterly shocking and wholly irrational."

Associate Justice Madeleine Flier, Presiding Justice Candace D. Cooper and Associate Justice Paul Boland agreed in a ruling Tuesday.

"Obviously, we are very happy with (the ruling)," Assistant City Attorney Janet G. Bogigian said.

"I'm elated that the appellate court sustained the finding of the jury and the trial judge on the issues of liability against the LAPD and Budget Rent a Car for their negligent and very dangerous and outrageous conduct. I'm sorry that the court would not sustain the jury's verdict on damages," Greene said.

He said Gousse, a female reproductive urological surgeon, had to switch his focus from surgery to teaching at the University of Miami Medical Center because of permanent injuries to his wrist and shoulder.

Greene said Gousse would return to court to retry the damages. "We are willing to do it. I believe in the jury system. It worked the first time, it will work again."

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TORRANCE
Jury clears detectives in civil rights lawsuit

Two narcotics detectives who raided a drug dealer's home without a search warrant did not violate the civil rights of the suspect's mother and niece, a jury decided.

The U.S. District Court jury ruled Thursday after deliberating for 15 minutes that Martin Vukotic and Hector Bermudez had sufficient reason to invade the home that convicted drug dealer Rafi Shotland shared with his then 75-year-old mother and 14-year-old niece.

The mother, Rina Shotland, and niece, Michelle Yacobov, alleged in the suit that they were mistreated by officers and that the experience prompted Shotland to endure sleepless nights, anxiety, depression and hospitalization for high blood pressure, stress and dizziness.

After the jury's decision Judge Steven V. Wilson gave the plaintiffs' attorney, Chris Blaxland, 10 days to decide whether to pursue other claims in the lawsuit that accused the detectives of assault and battery, false imprisonment and intentional infliction of emotional distress, Blaxland said.

Blaxland said he was surprised by the speed with which the jury came to a verdict.

Robert Acciani, the city's chief deputy city attorney, said the detectives were vindicated by the decision.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Police seek man in attempts to buy babies at park

Police appealed for the public's help finding a man who approached nannies at a park and asked to purchase babies in their care.

"We'd like to identify this man as quickly as possible," Lt. Paul Vernon said.

Officers received reports that the suspect approached one nanny on Monday and another on Tuesday at Encino Park in the San Fernando Valley and offered to buy babies in their charge, Vernon said.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Court tosses \$42 million police verdict

A \$42 million racial discrimination suit won by 500 members of the Los Angeles County Police was tossed by an appellate panel that ruled race didn't bar them from seeking higher-paying jobs.

A jury decided in 2003 that race was a factor in low pay and benefits received by the officers – 70 percent of them minority – compared to Sheriff's Department deputies. Seventy percent of sheriff's deputies are white.

County police officers are primarily responsible for patrolling county parks and facilities.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal on Thursday rejected the jury findings, noting race did not bar the County Police officers from applying for higher-paying Sheriff's Department jobs.

The three-judge panel also rejected the contention county employees must be paid equally for the same job duties. The appellate court noted the County Police officers are not responsible for staffing county jails or responding to emergencies.

The \$42 million trial court award was primarily for back pay to account for the pay disparities between deputies and police officers since 1995. County Police officer trainees start at \$3,590 a month; deputies start at \$4,432.

"We found no evidence from which the jury could reasonably infer that county police officers were paid less than (sheriff's) deputies because of intentional racial discrimination," Judge Norman Epstein wrote in a 34-page ruling.

Attorney Patricia Bellasalma, who represents the County Police officers, was unhappy with the decision and plans to appeal to the California Supreme Court.

"I have no kind words for the three people I believe have no judicial integrity whatsoever," Bellasalma said. "But am I surprised? Am I shocked at a results-orientated court? No."

Attorney Scott Bertzyk, contracted by the county, praised the court.

"The compensation decisions made by the county weren't based on racial discrimination. These were business decisions made by an evaluation of the two positions," Bertzyk said.

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Phish frontman avoids jail time

BY LISA RATHKE
Associated Press Writer

FORT EDWARD, N.Y. Trey Anastasio pleaded guilty Friday to a felony drug charge, avoiding jail time in a plea agreement that drops more serious charges and orders him into a drug court program.

Anastasio, 42, pleaded guilty to attempted criminal possession of a controlled substance. He admitted that he was in possession of Vicodin, Percocet, heroin and Xanax when he was pulled over in a Dec. 15 traffic stop in Whitehall.

Under the drug court program, the for-

mer Phish frontman will spend 12 to 15 months making weekly court appearances. He will also be subject to drug testing and will have to perform community service.

“He’s accepted responsibility,” said Washington County District Attorney Kevin Kortright. “That’s all we can ask for.”

Judge Kelly S. McKeighan postponed sentencing until Anastasio completes the program. If he’s successful, Anastasio will be on five years’ probation; if not, he could get three years in prison.

“He’s committed to this,” said defense attorney Stephen Coffey. “He was wrong. He’s admitted he was wrong.”

Anastasio, who has been performing solo since Phish broke up in 2004, didn’t talk to reporters as he walked out of the courthouse and got into a black van.

He lives in New York City but plans to move to the Fort Edward area while he is participating in the drug court program, Coffey said.

Anastasio was pulled over by police in Whitehall on Dec. 15. He failed a roadside sobriety test and was charged with possession of a prescription painkiller that belonged to another person, driving under the influence of drugs and driving under the influence of

alcohol, which are felonies.

He also was charged with possession of heroin, possession of an anti-anxiety drug prescribed to someone else, and possession of a second prescription painkiller belonging to another person, which are misdemeanors.

Whitehall is 65 miles northeast of Albany on the Vermont line.

After the arrest, Anastasio issued a written statement saying he felt “terrible about what happened last night, and I am deeply sorry for any embarrassment I have caused my friends, family and fans.”

State says oil spill barges must increase capacity

Officials want to ensure quick response to accidents

By the Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska State regulators are leaning on oil tanker operators to increase the capacity of spill-cleanup barges in Prince William Sound by almost 3 million gallons.

The effort follows a recent disclosure by operators that because of a miscalculation they had misstated how much spilled oil the five barges could hold. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation now wants the holding capacity boosted by nearly 2.9 million gallons and the agency also is seeking an unspecified civil fine from the shippers.

The shipping companies haul oil for ConocoPhillips, BP PLC, Exxon Mobil and others. The barges would play a crucial role in cleaning up a large spill, serving as enormous holding tanks for skimmed oil and oily water.

Tanker company representatives and DEC officials met Wednesday in Anchorage to begin working out an agreement to settle the matter.

The shipping companies likely will add another barge to the Prince William Sound fleet, said Betty Schorr, a DEC official. The shippers appear to be working diligently to fix the problem, she said.

“I did come away from that meeting feeling they’re not sitting back waiting for more direction,” she said. “They’re working the issues.”

The operators will solve the barge shortfall as swiftly as possible, said Anil Mathur, president Alaska Tanker Co., which hauls oil for BP.

“We will definitely, rapidly close any gaps,” he said. “The question is what’s the best way to do it?”

The barges as well as powerful tugs and other reforms affecting Prince William Sound resulted after the 11-million gallon Exxon Valdez spill in 1989. The barges also serve as platforms for cleanup equipment.

Tanker operators had believed the barges collectively could hold a certain volume of liquid. A consultant, however, discovered capacity was as much as 15 percent smaller than originally thought, Schorr said. In response, the shippers gave state officials a “notice of nonreadiness.”

Shipments of North Slope crude oil continue from Valdez to West Coast refineries, but the shippers have agreed to extra precautions.

The barges have been repositioned or put on standby, there are more tug escorts for loaded tankers and a one-way traffic zone for tankers moving through Valdez Narrows.

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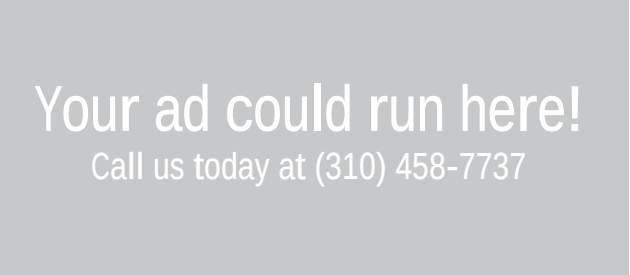
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New cookbooks tout quick meals

BY DIANE DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK On one of the first real days of spring in the city, it's already Thanksgiving in the surprisingly small test kitchen for Everyday Food magazine.

The room smells of pumpkin and onions, and a half-dozen aproned cooks are gathered around the kitchen island, forks in hand, sampling a potato gratin, the latest entry for the November 2007 issue.

Sure, it tastes good — any test kitchen's goal. But this is what the group asks associate food editor Charlyne Mattox: How much effort did it take?

"How long does this take to cook?" "What if the cheese just went on top? Or not at all?" "Does it need to be that dense?"

In the end, the cheese and some onions are in doubt, and Mattox will make a new, quicker version the next day — something deputy food editor Allie Lewis thinks will surprise readers with its simplicity.

"It's pretty revolutionary to put cream and potatoes into a casserole and get that," says Lewis.

This is the ethos behind Martha Stewart's by-all-accounts successful Everyday Food magazine and its new best-of cookbook,

"Great Food Fast": Use just a few ingredients, but make sure they're fresh and healthy. Use as few steps as possible, but make sure the dish packs a taste punch and looks good on the plate.

The book is one of many "quick-prep" collections new on the market this spring, as ever time-pressed Americans continue their quest to shave minutes off dinner hour labor. But it's not enough to be quick anymore. To succeed, these books must celebrate the "wow" factor.

The category's hottest entries focus on fresh and healthy ingredients, with nary a can of condensed soup in sight. Maybe even more importantly, they emphasize stunning visuals that appeal to cooks raised in the age of the Food Network, and look like books you'd be proud to display in your kitchen.

"There are at least six or seven new releases in that category this month, and they all have a really nice presence as a cookbook," says Brad Parsons, a senior editor at Amazon.com.

The Everyday Food brand is arguably among the sharpest purveyors of these philosophies today, industry watchers say.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia produced its first test issue of Everyday Food magazine in January 2003.

Latino flavors quickly going mainstream across nation

BY CANDICE CHOI

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Chipotle Cheddar. Dulce de leche Oreos. Lime-flavored beer.

So much for the days when Hispanic food amounted to dusty taco kits in the grocer's specialty aisle. Having long ago discovered the nation's enormous appetite for Latin cuisine, food manufacturers are infusing a growing number of American staples with Hispanic flavors.

That's because companies have found that Latin-inspired foods not only resonate with Hispanics — at 14 percent of the population now the nation's largest minority — but also make a splash with mainstream consumers ever on the prowl for new and exciting flavors.

"Latin flavors are hot, and they're hot across all market segments," says Bill Briwa, an instructor at the Culinary Institute of America who notes that the rise of Hispanic flavors has been sudden and fast. A decade ago, chipotle was virtually unknown in the mainstream.

Now today, companies like Sargento Foods are launching chipotle-seasoned Cheddar. Three varieties of it. Kraft, whose iconic Oreo cookies already come in dulce de leche (a caramel-like flavor popular in South America), is rolling out Fresa (strawberry). Wrigley's Orbit chewing gum now comes in a "mint mojito" flavor.

"Hispanic cuisine has really taken off and become part of Americana," says Chris Groom, spokesman for Plymouth, Wis.-based Sargento.

"One of the goals behind (chipotle cheddar) was to create something that appealed not just to the Hispanic market,

but resonated with the mainstream," says Groom. And the company's market research indicated Hispanic flavors excel at that.

Sargento found that the number of chipotle-flavored menu items at national restaurant chains had tripled to 2,800 between 2004 and 2005.

It's all part of a trajectory similar to that of organic foods, says Walter Heller, a grocery industry consultant and former research director of Progressive Grocer magazine. Both have moved from the specialty aisles to being woven throughout the supermarket.

LATIN FLAVORS ARE HOT, AND THEY'RE HOT ACROSS ALL MARKET SEGMENTS."

Bill Briwa

instructor at the Culinary Institute of America

The challenge for Hispanic flavors, says Briwa, has been to shake off the low-budget image Mexican food acquired many years ago.

Which is why he says the use of Latin flavors, more than entire dishes or menus, is soaring.

Such influence on cuisine is to be expected when a nation experiences ethnic shifts. Great Britain has seen a similar mainstreaming of Indian flavors, and baked potatoes with curry have become everyday fare.

And as Hispanic flavors enter the market, Americans across ethnic lines have adapted them to make them their own.

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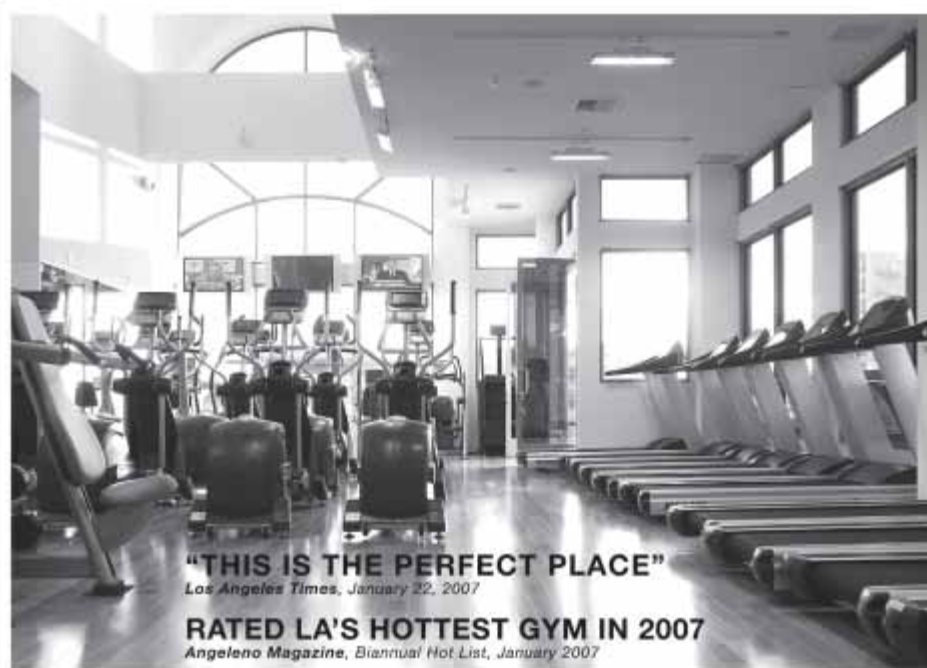
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Local lawmakers awash in bills

FROM BILLS PAGE 1

Legislature, or the legislature of any state, passed a comprehensive healthcare reform of this magnitude. Since then, the Governor has taken up the call for expanding health-care coverage, offering a series of suggestions for new legislation.

Two other plans for reforming aspects of the healthcare crisis, authored by Democratic legislators, will be also considered this year.

“SB 840 genuinely empowers consumers, because it allows each of us uninterrupted access to the doctors we trust,” Kuehl, chair of the Senate Health Committee, said. “We will be free to move on from our jobs; start a business; start a family, continue our education and change our residence, knowing that our healthcare will follow us.”

UNDER CONSIDERATION

As part of her legislative package, Kuehl will also be focusing on strengthening renters’ rights by requiring developers to own a property for five years before evicting all tenants under the Ellis Act and demolish or renovate a complex to create condominiums. In the last five years alone more than 11,000 rental units have been taken off the

market because of “Ellising,” with thousands more in other cities like Santa Monica, San Francisco and San Diego, Kuehl said.

To further protect victims of domestic violence, Kuehl is also fighting to have family pets included in protective orders. SB 353 was introduced because victims of domestic violence have overwhelmingly reported that their pets are being threatened, harmed or killed by their abuser as a form of intimidation and to instill fear, Kuehl said. As a result, some victims are afraid to go into a shelter or seek help elsewhere because of what may happen to a pet left behind.

In that same vein, Kuehl has introduced SB 129, which would amend the penal code regarding threatening or obscene phone calls to include contact made by cell phones, text messages and by e-mail. The bill would make such acts a misdemeanor punishable by six months in county jail or a \$1000 fine or both.

With more than \$40 billion in bonds soon to be available to pay for construction and the improvement of highways and infrastructure, Kuehl authored SB 68, which would prevent counties and cities from developing or issuing permits to develop on land where there are mineral deposits if that development which preclude access to these mineral resources. Raw materials, including

sand and gravel needed for the construction, will most likely come from California mines.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS

In the Assembly, Brownley has authored 22 bills to date, ambitious for a newly-elected legislator, political pundits said. However, Brownley is determined to do as much as she can during her term in office.

One piece of legislation that has garnered some attention recently is AB 920, which Brownley is carrying for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. The bill would make any peace officer who sells personal information about a celebrity or anyone else for that matter, guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who solicits information from a peace officer would suffer the same fate.

“I’m getting a lot of press on it because I’m a legislator from Santa Monica, where there are a lot of celebrities,” Brownley said. “When Mel Gibson was arrested [for driving under the influence on Pacific Coast Highway] his mug shot was on the news that evening as well as what had occurred. Apparently the alleged victim of Kobe Bryant had something similar happen to her. It’s not prolific, but it is happening and they [law enforcement] are

just trying to nip it in the bud.”

In addition to protecting one’s privacy, Brownley is also looking out for the working man, authoring a bill — AB 435 — that would require employers to maintain employee records for 10 years, extending the time available for an employee to file suit to recover wages.

Brownley is also hoping to decrease “E-waste” through greater recycling efforts, require residential hotels to install lockable mail boxes and have pharmacists include drug information inserts that are printed large enough so that people with impaired vision can read them. Other legislation addresses the reporting process for sewage spills, sex education in schools, and ways to help high school students demonstrate they are proficient in other ways than passing the California High School Exit Exam.

“You are only guaranteed two years in office, so I want to make sure that I address as many issues as I can that I feel are important,” Brownley said. “Some of my bills are very straightforward and may pass through quickly, but others are more complex and may need to take two years. I’m committed to that and understand the reality.”

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L.A. grapples to meet own rules

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The city, which aggressively enforces brush clearance on private properties in fire-prone areas, grappled Friday with the possibility that a damaging wildfire was ignited when winds blew a power line down into overgrown land owned by its Department of Water and Power.

The municipal utility, still working to restore power to thousands who lost power after the winds hit Thursday, said in a statement that if it is found to have responsibility “we will own up to it.”

The DWP, one of the largest property owners in the city, said it had already begun expediting brush-clearing because of extraordinarily dry weather and “will immediately conduct further assessment of all our properties to determine whether additional brush clearance is needed.”

Thursday’s winds sent embers flying from a Los Angeles hillside into neighboring Beverly Hills, igniting the wood roofs of three expensive homes.

Beverly Hills officials said one home was a total loss.

The Los Angeles Fire Department, which drew praise for containing the blaze, said it was caused by power lines that had fallen behind residences.

The DWP, however, said it was working to determine the facts. Utility spokeswoman Gale Harris said that whether the land was owned by the DWP was under investigation

Councilman Jack Weiss tried to bring the issue as an urgent matter before the City Council.

“I saw the downed power line literally hanging in someone’s backyard” next to a swimming pool, Weiss said.

Weiss said he was told sparks fell on property owned by the DWP and that a resident had claimed the utility had refused repeated requests to clear the land.

Fire officials said public agencies have until June 1 to clear brush but one councilman called for an earlier deadline, noting the siege of intensely dry weather.

Downtown Los Angeles has had only 2.47 inches of rain since July 1, more than 12 inches below normal.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine asked that the DWP and other city departments with land in mountainous areas determine within days whether any brush needs cutting “because of the weather change.”

“My constituents are worried,” said Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who also represents a hilly area.

Some council members objected to airing the issue.



CROP OF THE CREAM

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Co-owner Tiffini Soforenko (left) adds a touch of vanilla buttercream to a vanilla bean cupcake on Thursday, while store manager Anna Russell sprinkles on the ‘jimmies’ an hour before opening at Yummy Cupcakes on Wilshire Boulevard. All the cupcakes are baked from scratch daily. Cupcakes that do not sell by the end of the day are donated to senior citizens homes or food banks. All employees at Yummy are graduates of culinary institutes and bona fide pastry chefs.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | CODY DECKER

Local is an offensive power

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

WESTWOOD It's game time and the stands in Jackie Robinson Stadium are noisy as usual — children laugh as they chase after foul balls, regulars chat and catch up with one another, and those watching the game mutter under their breath, disagreeing with an umpire's call.

Preparing on deck, Cody Decker engages in his pre at-bat ritual, consisting of wiggling the bat in front of his face and kicking each leg up six times.

"Normally, if I go to the plate, I don't hear anything," said Decker, a sophomore first baseman and occasional left fielder for UCLA. "I'm not thinking anything. I just react to what the pitcher does."

But though he's on automatic pilot, in the back of his mind, Decker knows he has the support of his family, watching from the stands after a quick drive from Santa Monica.

"It's special to play close to home all the time with my family able to come and watch," Decker said. "I grew up in Santa Monica so it's fun to see Santa Monica Little League kids come to games and ask me for autographs because I did the same thing when I was in Santa Monica Little League."

A product of the Santa Monica public schools system, Decker grew up in north Santa Monica, attending Franklin Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School and later Santa Monica High School, where

he graduated in 2005.

Cody's older brother by seven years, Jesse Decker taught his little brother the game of baseball when the Bruin slugger was only 2 years old. The elder Decker took his brother outside and handed him a wiffle bat, holding practices with the light yellow plastic bat for two years.

When Cody Decker turned four, his older brother Jesse handed him a baseball and made him pitch until he could strike his older brother out.

It took Cody Decker a while to whiff his brother, but once he did, it was his time to take the bat.

"He either wanted to teach me how to play baseball or he was bored and wanted to play baseball," Decker joked about his older brother.

A year later at 5 years old, Decker joined Santa Monica Little League, starting out with t-ball and moving up the ranks.

It was during little league that Decker and his teammates took occasional trips to Jackie Robinson Stadium, becoming a UCLA baseball fan in the process, though his family were USC Trojans fans at the time.

"I love UCLA and so does my family," Decker said. "Except for my uncle, he maintains he will never root for UCLA football, but will for UCLA baseball."

He stayed on the little league team until high school where he spent one year on the freshman/sophomore team and three years on varsity.

College came knocking on the door and

Decker entered talks with several schools. He quickly became disillusioned with the recruiting process, disappointed that he had been lied to repeatedly by some of the schools. One of the main reasons he chose UCLA, besides the proximity to his home, was because "they were the most honest of anybody," he said.

MORE SUPERSTITIONS

Athletes are known to be superstitious and Decker is no different.

Aside from his pre at-bat ritual, Decker will also listen to the same song every day before a game until the Bruins lose. Currently he is listening to several Guns N' Roses songs, including "You could be mine," and "Ain't it fun."

"I already know them by heart and I'm dying to get a new song to listen to," he said.

FIELD OF PROFESSIONAL DREAMS

The greatest part of the game for Decker, and probably most baseball players, is winning.

The worst?

"Dealing with frustration because it's a game where if you fail 70 percent of the time, you're a good player and that's frustrating," he said.

Some of his best performances happened in Pacific 10 conference games.

Last year against USC, Decker went two for three in one game and hit two home runs in the entire series. This year at Stanford University, Decker hit three home runs dur-



Photo Courtesy

Cody Decker

ing the weekend and swept the Bruins' Northern California rivals.

"Cody has tremendous power, the guy we felt could come in and hit as a freshman," said third year head coach John Savage. "When he uses the whole field, he's a tough out and he's an offensive hit."

Playing in the major leagues is a dream of any young aspiring baseball player. For Decker, who grew up a fan of Eric Karros and Mike Piazza, his dream would be to play for the Los Angeles Dodgers or the Boston Red Sox, two of his favorite teams.

The time will come when Decker will make a decision about joining the Major League Baseball draft along with thousands of college baseball players across the country, but for now, he's focusing on college baseball and achieving a degree in film studies.

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OLYMPICS

Chicago beats out L.A. for USOC bid

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON Now Chicago takes on the rest of the world.

The Windy City's bid to hold a Summer Games for the first time moved to the international stage Saturday when the U.S. Olympic Committee capped a yearlong search for an American candidate for 2016 by picking Chicago over two-time host Los Angeles.

"It's just beginning," said Patrick Ryan, Chicago's bid committee chairman. "It's a long road."

Having won over the USOC despite lacking venues ready for an Olympics, Chicago's task is to persuade the International Olympic Committee that it deserves to be the host, joining a group of bidders expected to include Madrid, Prague, Rome, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo.

The IOC will award the 2016 Games in October 2009.

"This contest ultimately is not about the economics, it's not about the surplus, it's about the magic that can be created through the Olympic and Paralympic games, and how that by itself can transform a city, can transform a nation, can transform the world," USOC chief executive officer Jim Scherr said. "And so we look forward to trying to earn that prize."

The USOC had said beforehand it would not release Saturday's vote count and stuck to that policy.

"It was a very tough decision," USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said before opening a sealed envelope and revealing the winning city. "If I had all the power — and sometimes people accuse me of that — I would take the map and merge the two cities, because I'll tell you what: If you could take the mayors of these two communities and have them run our country, we would all be better off."

By choosing Chicago instead of Los Angeles, the 11-member USOC board of directors went with a city that needs to do plenty of work if it's going to be the 2016 host. Los Angeles already had most venues in place, having held the Summer Games in 1984 — when the Olympics were run by Ueberroth — and in 1932.

Chicago, meanwhile, offered a bid that hinges on new facilities, mostly situated around the downtown lakefront and nearby parks.

The centerpiece would be an 80,000-seat, \$366 million temporary Olympic stadium that would be built in historic Washington Park.

Chicago's plans also call for a \$1.1 billion lakefront village that would be built near the convention center just south of downtown.

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Number of wet days -- 0
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / ns

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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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In the limelight, Gemini

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)

★★★★★ Your native Martian energy starts peaking, making you quite unstoppable. A New Moon in the sign of the Ram encourages a new beginning. It's your call what that beginning is. Take your time, and you'll come up with what you want. The planets say "yes." Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ If you work it well, you can go off and do your thing. A low profile suits you, be it at work or in your personal life. Use the next few days to recharge your batteries. You will feel much better as a result. Think positively. Tonight: Nowhere to be found, but not bored!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Find your friends and do what you want. Your gregarious style opens up new possibilities, which you will want to, and should, jump on. Think positively about a personal matter. News from a distance sparks daydreaming or deep thought. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Step up to the plate and gain a deeper perspective. You have the ability to help others get past their innate barriers as you weave friendship through your immediate environment. Think and act positively. Tonight: Don't think that others aren't observing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Get new information. You could gain a new perspective quickly. Creativity emerges in a brainstorming situation. Your ingenuity comes forward. Tonight: Put on some good music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Work with others on an independent, one-on-one level. Let someone express his or her humor and sense of fun. How you see a personal matter could change after interacting more with a special person. Tonight: Expect some toasty moments, if you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Make it easy! Let others come to you. What you hear could take you in a new direction. Perhaps you would be happier if you relax and enjoy yourself. You don't always have to be proactive. Let your romantic nature express itself. Tonight: Sort through choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Grease the wheels in your life. Mutual cooperation can make any job easier than in the past. How you see someone might change after you work with this person more closely. Think positively. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub, or refresh your mind by taking a walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Remember, there is no such thing as "impossible" as you head toward new vistas. You might want to revitalize your thinking through animated conversations. Others might see what you don't. Tonight: We can count on your playfulness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Consider your options more carefully. Go for security rather than a nebulous offer. Whichever you choose, you need to be more comfortable and directed. Evaluate your decisions from a financial perspective. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your words have an impact and take you in a new direction. Evaluate positive changes with an eye to realizing a goal more quickly. Your imagination and inner knowledge take you in a new direction. Tonight: Say what you need to. Don't hold back.

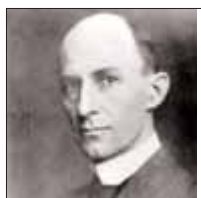
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Tap into your sixth sense. You might want to move forward and try another approach. Emphasize what is positive. Don't step back and cause yourself a problem. Be open to positive change. Tonight: Gather your bills.

Born Today

Aviator Wilbur Wright (1867)
Singer Dusty Springfield (1939)
Actor, comedian Martin Lawrence (1965)

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Up for grabs

Anna Nicole Smith's diaries fail to sell at recent auction

Two diaries written by **ANNA NICOLE SMITH** in the early 1990s failed to sell at an auction this weekend, but are now available for a minimum bid of \$25,000 each, an the auction house said Sunday.

"We have a buy-it-now situation," said Doug

Norwine, the director of music and entertainment memorabilia at Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas.

There were at least two bidders on the diaries, but both pulled out of the auction that ended Saturday. Among their concerns were allegations by Smith's lawyer-turned-partner,

Howard K. Stern, that the diaries had been stolen and should be returned to her estate, Norwine said.

"They just got cold feet," he said.

The auction house obtained the journals and other items from an anonymous German businessman who purchased the

items on eBay for more than \$500,000 several weeks ago. The German businessman decided to auction the diaries after securing the publishing rights, Norwine said.

Norwine said he had vetted the history of the journals and believed they were legitimately obtained

by a celebrity memorabilia dealer in Los Angeles before going up for sale on eBay.

The diaries from 1992 and 1994 cover a range of topics, from Smith's love of octogenarian oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II to concerns about her eating.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charlie Sheen settles lawsuit

CHARLIE SHEEN has settled a lawsuit against him filed by a woman who claimed that one of the characters on his hit TV show "Two and a Half Men" was based on her.

Ursula Auburn sued Sheen in April 2006, claiming the "wacky neighbor and female stalker Rose" on the

show was based on her. The way Rose talks, dresses and looks all resemble Auburn, the lawsuit claimed. Sheen never sought Auburn's permission, according to the suit.

The suit was settled March 14, according to Superior Court documents, which do not dis-

close more details.

Calls on Saturday night to Sheen's attorney, Bruce Isaacs, and Auburn's attorney, Edward Kang, were not immediately returned.

The lawsuit claimed there were numerous situations on the show involving Rose and Sheen's character, Charlie Harper, that

resembled experiences Auburn had with the actor.

That included an episode where Rose creates a Web site detailing Harper's womanizing ways, according to the lawsuit. In real life, Auburn created a web site detailing her relationship with Sheen.

AP

Hillary asked about Sanjaya

Under-talented "American Idol" contestant **SANJAYA MALAKAR** is even getting the attention of presidential candidates these days.

During a radio call-in on WOKQ-FM, Sen. Hillary

Clinton was asked what the United States can do about Malakar, the television show's underdog candidate who critics say lacks any shred of talent.

"That's the best ques-

tion I've been asked in a long time," Clinton said. "Well, you know, people can vote for whomever they want. That's true in my election, and it's true on 'American Idol.'"

Known for his madcap hairstyles, Sanjaya, 17, has prompted controversy by surviving deep into the voting on this season's "Idol."

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Agassi accidentally swats wife's face

ANDRE AGASSI accidentally hit Steffi Graf in the face with his tennis racket, cutting his wife's lip, as the pair played a game while holding hands for a fundraiser following the U.S. Clay Court Championships

finals on Sunday.

Graf got three stitches from a doctor who had paid \$70,000 for a trip to play tennis with the couple, officials said.

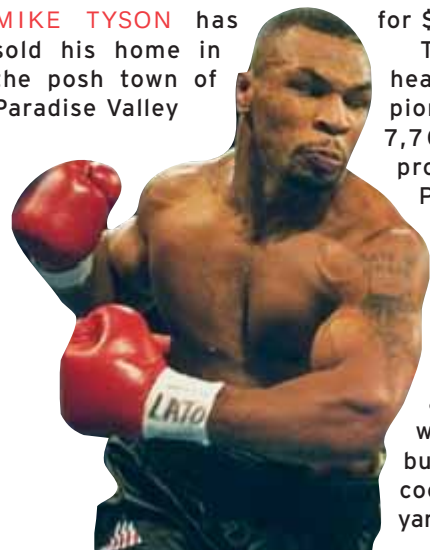
"She's OK," Agassi said. "It was an unfortunate accident."

The couple was in town for Agassi's part in a reality show called 'The Big Give,' an upcoming Oprah Winfrey production. An auction raised at least \$225,000 Sunday for a Houston-area elementary school chosen for the show.

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Iron Mike sells home in Phoenix

MIKE TYSON has sold his home in the posh town of Paradise Valley



for \$2.3 million.

The former heavyweight champion bought the 7,700-square-foot property in the Phoenix suburb two years ago for \$2.1 million.

The boxer caused a commotion in the town shortly after buying it when he began building a pigeon coop in the backyard. He didn't have

the proper permits, but later obtained them and built the coop, which housed dozens of the birds.

Kris LaCroix, a real estate agent with the Equitable Real Estate Co., said the coop was removed before she listed the house.

"It's very well built and sits on a gorgeous lot," LaCroix said, adding that it was "a pleasure" working with Tyson on the sale.

She said the home

was initially listed at \$2.45 million. It was on the market for more than three months, according to the Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service.

Tyson is facing an August trial in Maricopa County on felony drug possession charges and two misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of drugs. He was arrested Dec. 29 in Scottsdale after driving away from a nightclub.

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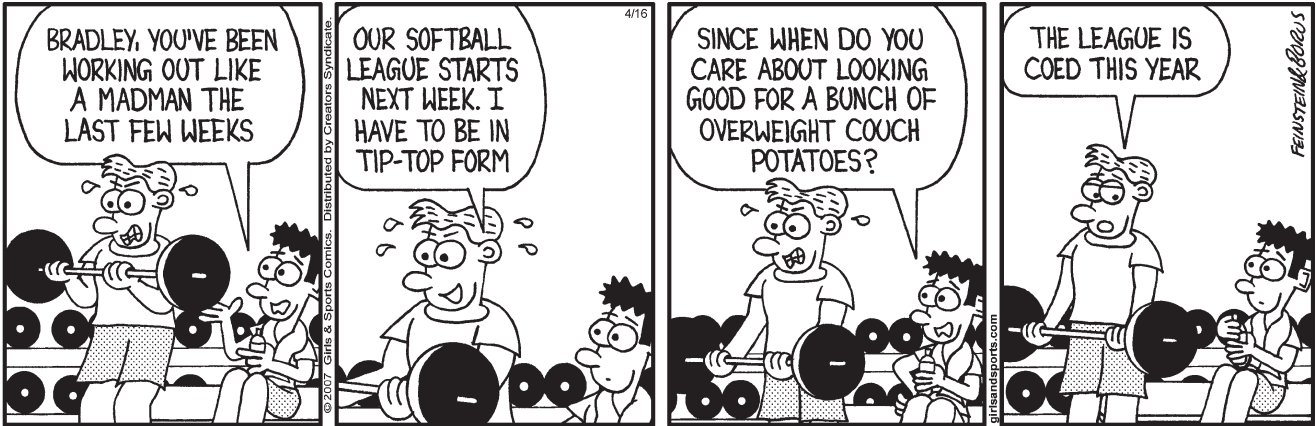
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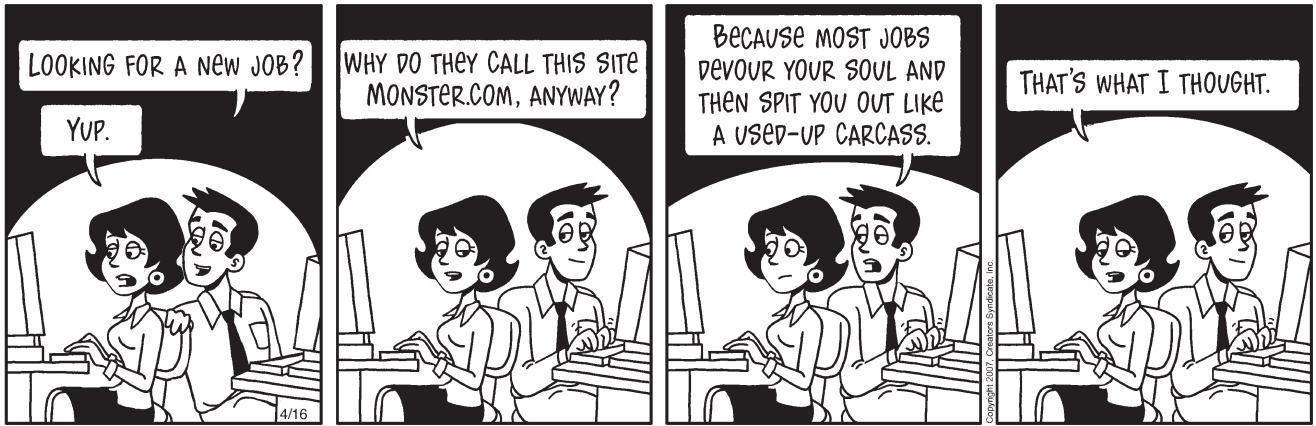
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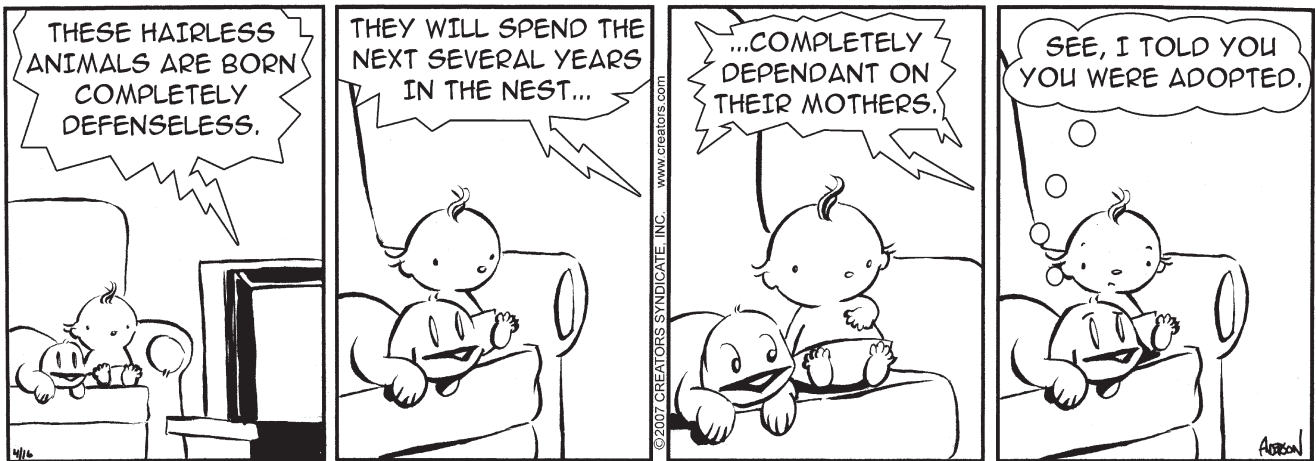
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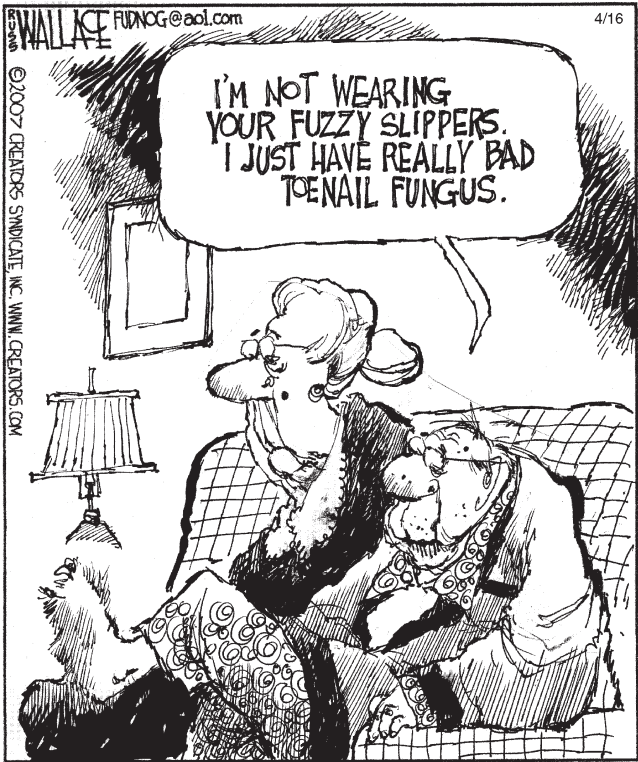
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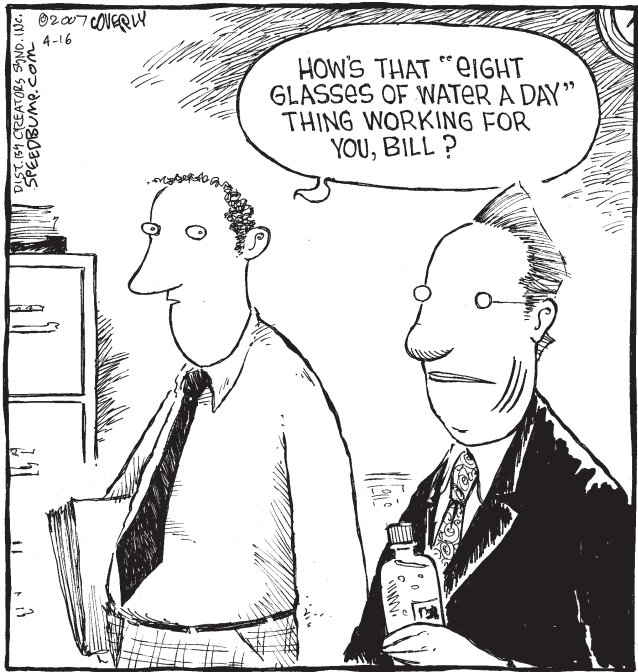
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- 5 Got up
- 10 Spoken
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- 15 Under discussion
- 17 In the past
- 18 Motives
- 19 Spigot
- 20 Stick out
- 21 Corn bread
- 22 Deadly
- 25 Pub game
- 26 Swear
- 27 Funny fellow
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- 34 Eerie
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- 16 Inner being

- 21 Man at the wheel
- 22 Phoenix in the Harry Potter books
- 23 Made use (of)
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- 27 Awe
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, a news crew for the Milwaukee station WDJT-TV, which was reporting a story on the danger of thin ice covering Big Muskego Lake, watched as their high-tech van's driver mistakenly drove onto the lake and broke through the ice, ruining the expensive vehicle. (2) At a fancy, catered-food affair for the World Social Forum meeting at the five-star Windsor Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, in January (where participants munched between discussion sessions on, among other topics, world hunger), street kids who normally beg for food money downtown raided the facility and picked the tables clean. ■ Mario Sims, 21, had his bail revoked, for a second time, by a judge in Racine, Wis., in March, after he cut off his electronic monitoring device and hopped into a limousine to be driven to Chicago in order to be a guest on "The Jerry Springer Show," where he announced that he will marry his soon-to-arrive baby's mother, who is Sims' half-sister. Sims was also a guest on the show last year, defending his affair with the woman.

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1521 Martin Luther's first appearance before the Diet of Worms to be examined by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and the other estates of the empire.

1582 Spanish conquistador Hernando de Lerma founds the settlement of Salta, Argentina.

1853 The first passenger rail opens in India, from Bori Bunder, Bombay to Thane.

1862 American Civil War: Battle at Lee's Mills in Virginia.

1862 American Civil War: A bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. pens his famous Letter from Birmingham Jail while incarcerated in Birmingham, Alabama

1972 Apollo program: Apollo 16 launches towards the Moon from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

1998 The Nashville Tornado of 1998, one of the most serious urban tornadoes causes one death and significantly damages downtown Nashville, Tennessee.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/12/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 3/26/2007, 4/2/2007, 4/9/2007, 4/16/2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070413944 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOS ANGELES FLUTE ORCHESTRA, 748 NAVY STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JONNA NEWCOMB-CARTER, 748 NAVY STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)9/1/1999. /s/: JONNA NEWCOMB-CARTER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070738100 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MEURER CHEN CONSULTING, 1212 STANLEY AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CHRISTOPHER CHEN, 2050 FAIR PARK AVE UNIT 308, LOS ANGELES, CA 90041, MICHAEL MEURER, 1517 CORINTH AVE #6, LA. CA 90025 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: MICHAEL MEURER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070558974 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STILL ROCKIN', 1340 W. CURSON ST., APT #5, TORRANCE, CA 90501. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HUGO TORRES, 1340 W. CURSON ST., APT #5, TORRANCE, CA 90501; REGIE RODRIGUEZ, 1340 W. CURSON ST., APT #5, TORRANCE, CA 90501 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HUGO TORRES; REGIE RODRIGUEZ
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070582939 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SIXTH STAR COMPUTER CYBER, 10414 DOROTHY AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN MANUEL DESALES, 10414 DOROTHY AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JUAN DESALES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070528165 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HARMONY NAIL AND THREADING SALON, 54 S. PASADENA AVE., PASADENA, CA 91105. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JENNIFER HA DIEP, 506 LA LOMA RD., GLENDALE, CA 91206 This Business is being conducted by, husband and wife. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: JENNIFER DIEP
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 2070545045 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARLOS CRUZ PORTABLE WELDING SERVICES, 1347 W. 58TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : CARLOS CRUZ, 1347 W. 58TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: CARLOS CRUZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070727201 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MICROSERVE TECHNOLOGIES, 6924 CANBY AVE., SUITE #116, RESEDA, CA 91335. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MAURICE REY, 12526 WOODLEY AVE., GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)3/1/2007. /s/: MAURICE A. REY This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/28/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 4/16/2007, 4/23/2007, 4/30/2007, 5/7/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070725730 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SANDOVAL CONSTRUCTION, 139 S. VALENCIA AVE., GLEN-DORA, CA 91741. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : RONAL SANDOVAL, 139 S. VALENCIA AVE., GLEN-DORA, CA 91741 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: RONAL SANDOVAL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/28/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 4/16/2007, 4/23/2007, 4/30/2007, 5/7/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070755784 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RETOR FIT QUICK, 13015 VAN NESS, GARDENA, CA, 90249. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : LEOTIS DUNN, 13015 VAN NESS, GARDENA, CA 90249; SONDRA J. DUNN, 13015 VAN NESS, GARDENA, CA 90249; MICCA M. WILLIAMS, 8508 SCOTTCH PINE LANE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311 This Business is being conducted by, co-partners. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SONDRA DUNN; LEOTIS DUNN; MICCA M. WILLIAMS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/30/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 4/16/2007, 4/23/2007, 4/30/2007, 5/7/2007

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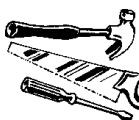
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