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THE EDITORIAL ASSETS ISSUE

Schools get a chunk of change

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The sun is peaking through the dark clouds cast over the school district's budget dilemma.

City Council is expected tonight to approve staff recommendations for a \$750,000 increase in its annual contribution to the school district for use of its facilities, bringing the total proportion to \$7.2 million for fiscal year 2007-08.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is currently facing a deficit of approximately \$3 million for the 2007-08 fiscal school year.

"The council and the city government have always been supportive of our schools," said school board member Jose Escarce on Monday. "I am deeply grateful and certainly very gratified by the continued support of the city to our schools."

The contribution is part of the Master Facility Use Agreement, a contract whereby

the city provides unrestricted revenue to the SMMUSD in exchange for use of school facilities in Santa Monica. The five-year agreement was signed in June 2005 — though it was retroactive to 2004 — with the understanding it could be renewed again in 2009.

The city's use of the school fields is central in the agreement, said Escarce, who was school board president when the Master Facility Use Agreement was first crafted.

City and school officials originally agreed

on an annual base contribution of \$6 million, allowing the amount to automatically adjust itself every year according to the Consumer Price Index. The contribution amount has risen accordingly, to \$6.5 million for the current fiscal school year.

In addition to the contribution through the Master Facility Use Agreement, the city also provides \$5.3 million for school site youth programs and another \$10 million for

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COMMUNICATION



REQUIEM FOR THE PAY PHONE

The advent of cell phones could spell the end for public receivers

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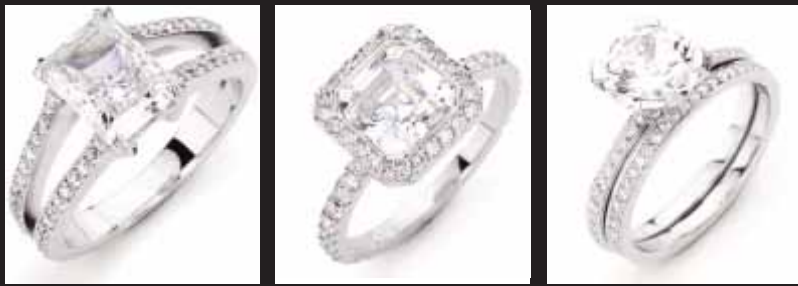
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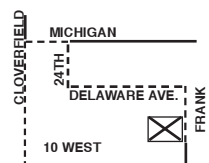
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Six art institutes within California and one in Vancouver have teamed up with American Red Cross Blood Services to hold a regional blood drive today. To donate blood, visit the Art Institute of California — Los Angeles. For more information, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

'Shreddings 2 — So What?'

8609 Washington Blvd., Culver City, noon — 6 p.m.

"Shreddings 2 — So What?" is an installation by ah'be landscape architects. The installation comprises of an abstract forest of 20 whimsical and shaggy paper trees, constructed from two-thirds of a ton of recycled paper that has accumulated in the course of the landscape architects' work. The exhibit will be held at the Museum of Design Art and Architecture. Viewing hours are Thursday-Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.ahbe.com.

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

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

Sustainable Works' Green Living Workshop is a six-week course designed to help residents learn about important environmental issues, save valuable resources, lower utility bills and protect household health. Cost is a suggested donation of \$25 for the full six weeks; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. To reserve your space, call Anna Cummins at (310) 458-8716, ext. 1 or e-mail her at Cumminsanna@smc.edu.

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.

Write-Away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., noon — 3 p.m.

Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers. For further information visit www.writeawaywritinggroup.com.

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Single-Parents networking party at Spitfire Grill

3300 Airport Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Meet single moms and dads from the Westside and have fun while helping schools. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door; includes food, refreshments and 'Speed Networking' games. Purchase online tickets and receive more information by visiting www.westsidesingleparents.com.

Exploring artists' books and their authors

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

This year's Citywide Reads featured author, Audrey Niffenegger, also teaches the art and design aspect of artists' books. The Getty Research Institute's Joyce Pellerano Ludmer joins the Santa Monica Public Library to explain this unique art form. This all-ages program is free. Event to be held in the auditorium of the Main Branch Library.

Montana Avenue branch book club

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

This year's City Wide Reads selection, "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, will be discussed.

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.



CORRECTION

A picture in the April 21-22 edition of the Daily Press depicting 11-year-old skateboarder Dennis Han (page 17) should have been credited to Christine Chang. Also, the picture of skateboarders on page 16 ("Drawing a crowd") was a file photo, and not captured recently of teens at the West Los Angeles Courthouse.



Photo courtesy of NASA
SUN SHOT: Photos released by NASA show completely new aspects of the sun's surface.

NASA's new shots of the sun are in 3D

BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

GREENBELT, Md. NASA released the first three-dimensional images of the sun Monday, saying the photos taken from twin spacecraft may lead to better predictions of solar eruptions that can affect communications and power lines on Earth.

"The first reaction was 'Great, the instruments work,' but beyond that the first reaction was 'Wow!'" scientist Simon Plunkett said as he explained the images to a room full of journalists and scientists wearing 3D glasses.

The images from the STEREO spacecraft (for Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory) are available on the Internet and at museums and science centers nationwide.

The twin spacecraft, launched in October, are orbiting the Sun, one slightly ahead of the Earth and one behind. The separation, just like the distance between our two eyes, provides the depth perception that allows the 3D images to be obtained.

That depth perception is also particularly helpful for studying a type of solar eruption called a coronal mass ejection. Along with overloading power lines and disrupting satellite communications, the eruptions can endanger astronauts on spacewalks. Scientists would like to improve predictions of the arrival time from the current day or so

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Photo courtesy of the SMPD
TOTAL LOSS: The remains of a Chrysler PT Cruiser tell the tale of Sunday's deadly explosion, which claimed the life of a 59-year-old Santa Monica resident and his dog. The blast on the 1900 block of Stewart Street is thought to have been caused by a leaking compressed gas canister that was stored in the car.

Car explosion kills man, dog

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET An afternoon explosion on Sunday shook a small trailer park community here and claimed the life of a long-time resident and his trusty canine companion.

Santa Monica police officers responded to reports of an explosion at 1930 Stewart St. — the Mountain View Mobile Inn — at 3:53 p.m. to find the charred remains of a brand new Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Lying nearby with critical injuries was 59-year-old James Wright Marshall, who was transported to the trauma center at UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, where he later died.

An autopsy has yet to take place, according to the LA County Coroner's office.

A subsequent investigation found several compressed gas canisters stored in the PT Cruiser, which was gutted in the blast. Officers believe one of the canisters on the passenger side of the vehicle was leaking and the explosion was sparked once Marshall opened the door, according to Lt. Alex Padilla of the Santa Monica Police Department.

A neighbor who lives just a few trailers away, Chris McLeod, said Marshall was welding in front of his trailer the day before and believes the victim might have left on the valve of a mep gas chamber. The explo-

sion was probably sparked by the dome light when Marshall opened the door, McLeod suggested.

The explosion caused significant damages to Marshall's trailer home along with two adjacent homes. There were no other serious injuries reported.

Marshall's Pomeranian, Bear, was found dead at the scene. His other Pomeranian, Tiny Dancer, was transported to the local animal clinic where he was listed in critical condition as of Monday afternoon. The dog is expected to live and will be kept with the Santa Monica Animal Shelter for a mini-

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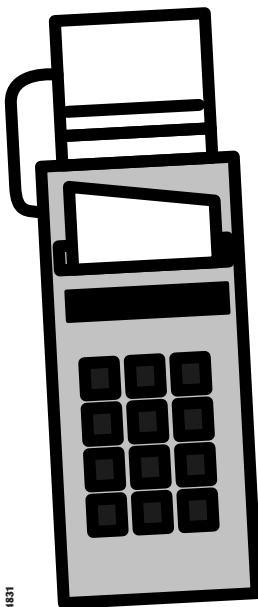
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why we complain about the airport Editor:

There is a common misperception that Santa Monica Airport was here before the neighborhood grew around it ("Grounding pollution," April 23). However, in reviewing a recent UCLA legal analysis of the 1984 agreement between Santa Monica and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), I was surprised to find that the existence of homes preceded the airport. Santa Monica Airport was not designed for jets, and the agreement between city and the FAA was predicated upon the original fleet mix, which also did not include jets. Now, larger and larger jets, and more and more of them, use the airport each year. This represents an increase of over 1,500 percent since 1983.

Homes around Santa Monica Airport are closer to the runway ends than any other airport in the state. In addition, the airport has no buffer zones, which are considered to be so important that Congress recently required that all commercial airports install Runway Safety Areas. By the FAA's own guidelines, if Santa Monica Airport were newly built, it would require 1,000 feet of clearance on both ends of the runway in order to accommodate the kind of jets that are currently in use.

A USC environmental scientist used mapping technology to show that several square blocks of homes adjacent to Santa Monica Airport would be destroyed in the event of a runway overrun akin to one that occurred in 2005 at a comparable airport in Texas, involving a type of plane that uses Santa Monica Airport.

My main concern is the jet pollution, which I have been able to smell consistently from my home for the past 10 years. When my son was in 7th grade, he did a study with the guidance of environmental scientists from UCLA, USC and the California Air Resources Board, and found that jets from Santa Monica Airport spew forth gobs of highly toxic ultrafine particles that infiltrate the community. The levels that he found were five times higher than what you would find near a freeway and 40 times more concentrated than what you would find in a sample of air. My son found peak levels to be associated with fumes, particularly from idling and taxiing. This spawned a series of studies by distinguished scientists that have confirmed his findings. A recent UCLA-USC study reported that the number of ultrafine particles in jet exhaust, during idle or take-off mode, is about one quadrillion (that's 10, followed by 15 zeroes!) per kilogram of jet fuel burned.

This is why we have the right – and responsibility – to complain.

Ping Ho

Member, Friends of Sunset Park Airport Committee

Homeless situation is dire Editor:

Amongst all the talk of the homeless situation in Santa Monica, something I never see addressed is the problem of extortionists. These are the people who or may not be homeless, but come into the city on the weekend to try to extort money from people. Some of them do not just stand on a corner (or sit in a wheelchair), with a cardboard sign, but rather, walk around the (Third Street) Promenade and the busy streets pressuring people to give them money. I have seen how they operate. They usually pick on young couples, or tourists who are so intimidated. They will readily fork over some cash just to be left alone. And if you're sitting at an outdoor dining establishment, prepare to be harassed.

There is one man whom I have seen operate in this fashion for over 10 years! I never see him Monday-Thursday, but as soon as Friday, Saturday and Sunday roll around, there he is roaming the streets and doing his act of intimidation. (He also has a handicap placard, so he parks his car in a handicap space on Ocean Avenue while he wanders the streets.) Is there a no panhandling law on the books? If so, why can't it be enforced? It's one thing to see the homeless sleeping in the parks, but do we really need to see people on every single street corner asking for change or holding up a sign? Why is it, the performers on the promenade need a permit to try to procure money, but these people do not? I have lived in this city for over 17 years and the situation has never been worse.

Gavin Smith
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Doctors are catalysts for improvement, too

(Editor's note: Disclaimer — David Pizarra owns Gateway SleepLabs, a medical diagnostic company.)

IN POLITICS, THE PHRASE "THE THIRD rail" is used in reference to a topic that no one wants to touch because, like the electrified third rail of a subway system, touch it and you die.

The most dangerous of all third rails in politics is social security. That is because you cannot change it without annoying the beneficiaries by reducing their monthly allotments, and you cannot make any changes to it without annoying the benefactors by raising their contributions to it, which come directly from their paychecks.

This same type of analysis is what we are facing in the problem arena of how to fix the distribution of medicine in this country. We have technologies and treatments to cure or alleviate almost every condition but poverty.

There are drugs you can take which can enhance your physical performance, and others to help with your mental performance. We can increase your life expectancy and lower your blood pressure. We can extend your bedroom performance and move hair on your head.

But the one thing that we cannot do adequately is alleviate poverty. The poor in this state, and really the world as a whole, have an inability to get all the medical care that is available.

There is a reason for this. We live in a world of capitalists. Capitalism is the natural order of life. We need look no further than the lowly ant colony to see it in action. There is a queen and she makes workers all day long. The workers, who all perform various tasks for the benefit of the colony, provide her with everything she needs to keep doing her part in creating more workers.

Now some would say this is not capitalism, it is communism. Everyone doing their part for the benefit of the colony. However, the colony does not create the queen, she creates the colony.

This is much like the way in which a company is created. The workers do not band together and say, "Let's build a business." Rather, one person says, "I want to build a business that does X," and they start doing it. Then they hire someone else. But all the initial investment comes from one person, or occasionally a small group of people might band together to build something, but that is rarer.

Society likes to look to medicine and say, "there goes a group of altruistic people," that doctors and nurses are saving lives for the sake of saving lives. We paint doctors and nurses as saintly, heroes in white coats, and saviors.

Certainly, this romantic vision is rooted in truth. Any visit to an emergency room and one will see frantic doctors and nurses giving their all to save the life of someone who is unknown.

There is no doubt that doctors are dedicated to their profession. Why else would anyone go through the hell that is medical school and residency, only to enter the world saddled with crushing debt, and a society that is desperately trying to put them out of business?

Yes, society is trying to put doctors out of business. It starts with the patients who pay premiums and complain that they cannot get all the medical treatment they need at no or low cost. Then there are the politicians who will sell out the doctors to placate the patients in order to get votes. The insurance companies limit what they pay for, to maximize their profits.

Through it all, there is the smoke and mirrors of what medicine is all about. When it is convenient for a politician to say, "medicine should be available for all," she takes the altruistic high road. But when the insurance companies balk, she says, "companies should be allowed to make a profit."

So is medicine an altruistic endeavor or a business? Well, it's both. But without the business side the altruistic side cannot exist.

Just because we can prevent, cure or treat an individual person's medical condition, doesn't mean that everyone is entitled to treatment. Treatments must be administered — the doctor needs to be paid.

Doctors have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in themselves, and they need to be compensated for their investment. It would be a wonderful world if everyone was treated for everything, and we had all that our hearts desire.

But we don't live in that world. We live in a world of capitalism, which includes doctors, nurses and hospitals. The sooner we remember that, the sooner we can come up with real solutions to the real problems of the day.

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Guest Commentary

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Latinos and choices in today's education

ONE LESSON WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM our public schools is that spending doesn't guarantee excellence. Our country chalks up about \$9,000 per student on public schools each year, yet too many children aren't receiving a quality education.

First, let's consider the facts, specifically as they relate to a growing minority: Hispanic Americans.

According to the Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options, nearly half of all Hispanics (42 percent) fail to graduate from high school. That's probably because 44 percent of Hispanic students don't read "adequately." Among those who do graduate, only one in five is prepared to go to college. In short, Hispanics — the largest minority group in the United States — are also the most under-educated.

To reverse those failures, it's time to consider every possible alternative so we can begin providing the best possible education to our children. And a critical reform will be the expansion of school choice.

The underlying premise of school choice is simple: We need to increase accountability by promoting competition and innovation in our public schools. Through a system of vouchers, tax-credits and scholarship, parents should be given the option to choose the best school for their children, whether public, private or charter.

School choice, of course, promotes competition among schools, and consequently all schools will be compelled to ensure they're providing the best possible education to all students. That's the only way public schools will be able to compete with public and private schools in the area.

School-choice programs are succeeding across the country. In Milwaukee, a popular school-voucher program is now helping nearly 20,000 children attend a school of their parents' choice. The program has boosted participating students' test scores and graduation rates. Similar school-choice programs are proving successful in cities including Cleveland and Washington, D.C. and states including Arizona and Florida.

Lawmakers are now considering whether to bring real school choice to Texas.

Earlier this month, 5,000 parents rallied at the state capitol asking legislators to allow the use of tax dollars to send their students to better schools. Despite popular support among parents, the school-choice plans

under consideration at the capitol face an uncertain future, because powerful interest groups would prefer to simply spend more money in the hope that things will somehow magically improve.

Among the most powerful proponents for the status quo are public school teacher labor unions. They oppose any plan that would create competition by giving parents greater power to choose the best school for their children.

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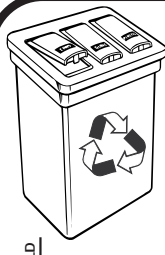
But as the stats cited above prove, a lack of money isn't the problem. The problem is that we continue to invest in a broken public school system that fails so many of our children.

The latest U.S. government figures show that nearly 20 percent of the student population is Hispanic, and the Hispanic American student population is expected to continue its rapid growth. Sadly, though, our country is in peril of sending out an ill-educated workforce with a weak mastery of the English language.

The surest way to change that is by giving every family the power to use its share of public-school funding to choose the best schools for their children. This isn't a Hispanic-American issue. It's one that demand the creativity, innovation and collaboration of all Americans.

Expanding school choice is the logical place to start.

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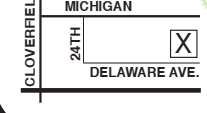


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Dorie Meek

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Dear Dorie

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Pregnant and Preparing

Dear Preparing

Congratulations on your pregnancy and good luck with labor and delivery.

For provider research, each area in the state of California is required to have a local resource and referral agency for licensed child care. This agency serves all families with young children. Ours is called, "Connections for Children" and is located at 2701 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 253 in Santa Monica. They can be reached

by telephone at (310) 452-3202.

Be prepared to tell them if you want home-based or center-based child care, full-time or part-time hours and if you need financial subsidy of any kind. They will provide a small list of centers for you to call and visit. If none of those work out, they will provide additional centers.

You may also want to consider a private caregiver (aka Nanny). They can be cost-effective and flexible for infant care. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no licensing or accreditation process for nannies so you have to go on personal referral.

Special kudos for advance preparation and again, good luck in the fall.

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Parents who bribe their kids are softys

BY MARTHA IRVINE

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO Call it a reward, or just "bribery."

Whichever it is, many parents today readily admit to buying off their children, who get goodies for anything from behaving in a restaurant to sleeping all night in their own beds.

Often, the rewards are for behaviors their own parents would have simply expected, just because they said so. The new dynamic - sometimes seen as a backlash to that strictness - has some parenting experts wondering if today's parents have gone too soft.

"It's definitely more our generation," Kirsten Whipple, a 35-year-old mom in Northbrook, Ill., says with a quiet laugh. "I'm sure our parents would be appalled if they knew how much we bribe our children."

She can see why they might be - but she and her husband try not to overuse rewards and have found they work best for smaller things. For instance, they might offer their boys, ages 5 and 8, a special dessert or a chance to rent a video game if they listen to their baby sitter. A good report card might earn a dinner out to celebrate.

Whipple has noticed a downside though - what she calls a "sense of entitlement."

"Oftentimes, it leads to good behavior with a question attached: 'What are you going to give me?'" she says.

That's part of what worries parenting experts.

"I think that reward systems have a time and a place and work really well to help develop capacities - if we need them to go above and beyond," says Marcy Safyer, director of the Adelphi University Institute for Parenting.

She remembers how, as a child, her own parents promised her an ice cream if she could sit quietly through religious services.

"But what often gets lost for people is being able to figure out how to communicate to their kids that doing the thing is

rewarding enough," Safyer says.

Feeling rested in the morning, for instance, could be seen as the reward for not getting up at night.

"Instead, parents are paying their kids to get good grades; they pay their kids to go to sleep, pay their kids to be toilet trained," Safyer says, meaning payment as a material reward.

Parents and experts alike agree that the dynamic is partly a reflection of the world we live in - where many families have more than previous generations.

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It's unrealistic to think a parent wouldn't reward their children with material things sometimes, says Robin Lanzi, a clinical psychologist and mother of four who's the research director at the Center on Health and Education at Georgetown University.

"But you want to make sure that they match the behavior, so it's not something huge for something small," Lanzi says.

She recalls hearing about a father who offered his child a Nintendo Wii game system for scoring a couple of goals in a soccer game.

"There's always this upping the ante," Lanzi says.

Pew study finds teens limit social-networking utilization

BY ANICK JESDANUN

AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK Teens generally don't think twice about including their first names and photos on their personal online profiles, but most refrain from using full names or making their profiles fully public, a new survey finds.

The Pew Internet and American Life Project reported Wednesday that two-thirds of teens with profiles on blogs or social-networking sites have restricted access to their profiles in some fashion, such as by requiring passwords or making them available only to friends on an approved list.

The study comes amid growing concerns about online predators and other dangers on popular online hangouts like News Corp.'s MySpace and Facebook, which encourage their youth-oriented visitors to expand their circles of friends through messaging tools and personal profile pages.

Social-networking sites have responded by offering users more controls over how much they make public and warning them about revealing too much.

According to Pew, fewer than a third of teens with profiles use their last names, and a similar number include their e-mail addresses. Only 2 percent list their cell phone numbers.

But 79 percent have included photos of themselves, with girls more likely to do so. Eighty-two percent use their first names, and half identify their schools.

"Teens are manifesting the tension between wanting to keep themselves safe online and wanting to share themselves with their friends and potentially make new ones," said Amanda Lenhart, a senior research specialist at Pew.

"Teens, particularly girls and younger teens, have gotten the message about protecting themselves on social networks, but the fun of these networks is the ability to share yourself with others on them."

Dashiell Feiler, a 16-year-old high school junior, said he keeps his profiles open, but uses at most his first name and last initial. He said people who find him tend to be friends anyway.

"I just thought I didn't want anybody to figure out where I live," he said.

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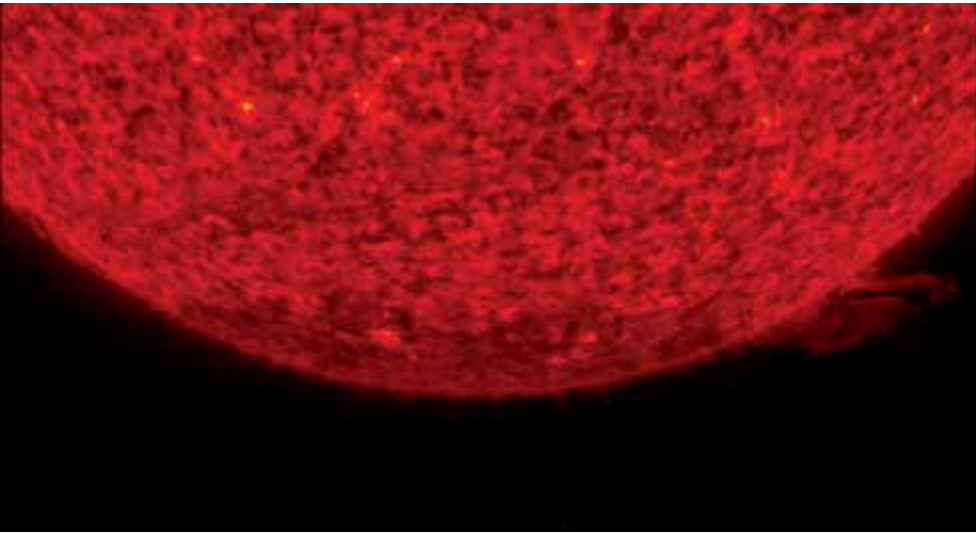


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to a few hours, said Russell Howard, principal investigator for the Naval Research Laboratory project.

STEREO program scientist Madhulika Guhathakurta said scientists have until now been “modeling in the dark” when it came to predicting solar storms. The twin spacecraft give researchers the vantage point to “provide the observations needed to validate the models.”

The sun has been relatively quiet since the launch, so STEREO scientists have not predicted the arrival of any storms yet, Plunkett said.

The eruptions — also called solar flares — typically blow a billion tons of the sun’s

atmosphere into space at a speed of 1 million mph. Besides power and communications problems, the phenomenon is responsible for the northern lights, or aurora borealis, the luminous display of lights seen in the upper latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere.

STEREO scientist Michael Kaiser said scientists would like to be able to predict solar disturbances, just as meteorologists are able to predict hurricane formation.

“We’d like to do the same thing with solar storms,” Kaiser said. “We aren’t quite there yet.”

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STATE BRIEFS

RIALTO City to audit perchlorate cleanup expenses

The City Council agreed to have an audit of the \$20 million it has spent on lawsuits to force cleanup of drinking water contaminated with perchlorate, a chemical used in rocket fuel and defense manufacturing.

Councilman Ed Scott said he called for the probe to assure the public that the money is being spent wisely.

Councilman Joe Baca Jr. has used discussion of the audit to question the city’s cleanup strategy, which relies on lawsuits against dozens of corporations and government entities.

He said he wants to know if there are other ways besides the lawsuits to clean up the perchlorate and whether city staff can do some of the work the city is paying attorneys and consultants to do.

Officials estimate the contamination could cost from \$200 million to \$300 million to clean up.

In July, the city’s legal team is scheduled to argue before the State Water Resources Control Board that three corporations it says are responsible for the pollution should clean up much of the contamination.

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VENTURA Plan seeks to stop tortoise-eating ravens

Federal wildlife officials have devised a plan to aid dwindling tortoise populations in Southern California’s deserts by reducing the number of ravens who prey on them.

Under the Fish and Wildlife Service plan, businesses and residents in desert towns would be instructed to keep their trash from becoming food sources for the birds, officials said.

Individual ravens found to be preying on tortoises would be killed, according to the plan that is circulating for public comment with a May 7 deadline.

Plans for more widespread killing of ravens were considered, but were likely to be rejected, officials said.

Ravens were once rare in the desert, but as humans spread across the desert, the birds followed, finding food in landfills, trash cans and campgrounds.

The population of ravens in the Mojave and Colorado deserts of California is thought to range between 30,000 and 45,000 birds.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO Halberstam killed in Bay Area crash

David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author who chronicled the Washington press corps, the Vietnam War generation and baseball, was killed in a car crash early Monday, a coroner said. He was 73.

Halberstam, who lived in New York and Nantucket, Mass., was a passenger in a car that was broadsided by another vehicle in Menlo Park, south of San Francisco, according to San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault.

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Virginia Tech students return

BY JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

BLACKSBURG, Va. Thousands of Virginia Tech students and faculty filled the center of campus Monday to pay solemn tribute to the victims of the last week's massacre — listening quietly as a bell tolled for the dead on the day classes resumed at the grief-stricken school.

An antique, 850-pound brass bell was installed on a limestone rostrum for the occasion, and 33 white balloons were released into the air in memory of the victims of the 32 victims and the gunman, Seung-Hui Cho. About 1,000 balloons in Virginia Tech colors — maroon and orange — were also released.

"I've been back with my friends, but I don't know how it's going to feel, seeing the empty seats in the classroom, noticing the people who aren't here anymore," said David Patton, a 19-year-old freshman who was friends with two of the victims. "I'm wondering where they are now, if they are in heaven, and when I'll see them again."

The chimes of the bell echoed through the campus, covered with a week's worth of memorials and tributes to the students, including flowers, writings and candles.

The bell rang at 9:45 a.m., around the time when Cho killed 30 students and faculty members in a classroom building before committing suicide. Monday's tribute lasted 11 minutes, as the bell rang for each of the victims and Cho.

As the crowd broke up, people started to chant, "Let's Go Hokies" several times.

"I thought last week as time goes by that I could forget this tragic incident," graduate student Sijung Kim said. "But as time goes by I find I cannot forget."

"It's only been a week, but it seems so long ago," said Marc Hamel, 43, a political science student. "Getting back into class is really going to help."



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Sijung Kim, graduate student

A moment of silence was also observed at about 7:15 a.m., near the dormitory where Cho's first victims, Ryan Clark and Emily Hilscher, were killed.

In front of the dorm, a small marching band from Alabama played "America the Beautiful" and carried a banner that read, "Alabama loves VT Hokies. Be strong, press on."

Afterward, a group of students and campus ministers brought 33 white prayer flags from the dorm to the school's War Memorial Chapel. They placed the flags in front of the campus landmark and adorned them with pastel-colored ribbons as the Beatles' song "The Long and Winding Road" played

through loudspeakers.

"You could choose to either be sad, or cheer up a little and continue the regular routine," said student Juan Carlos Ugarte, 22. "Right now, I think all of us need to cheer up."

Ugarte, a senior from Bolivia, wrote a message on a yellow ribbon for one of the victims, Reema Samaha. "God will forever be with you. I will always pray for you, and remember."

Andy Koch, a former roommate of the gunman, was among the many students who remembered the shooting Monday. "Last night, I didn't sleep much," he said.

On the main campus lawn stood a semi-circle of stones — 33 chunks of locally quarried limestone to remember each of the dead.

Someone left a laminated letter at Cho's stone, along with a lit purple candle.

"Cho, you greatly underestimated our strength, courage and compassion. You have broken our hearts, but you have not broken our spirits. We are stronger and prouder than ever. I have never been more proud to be a Hokie. Love, in the end, will always pre-

vail. Erin J."

University officials were not sure how many students planned to be back Monday. Virginia Tech is allowing students to drop classes without penalty or to accept their current grades if they want to spend the rest of the year at their parents' homes grieving last week's campus massacre.

Whatever decisions they make academically, many students say they will do their mourning on campus.

"I want to go back to class just to be with the other students. If you just left without going back to classes, you would just go home and keep thinking about it," said Rianne Floyd, who returned to campus after spending most of last week with her family and avoiding news coverage of the tragedy. "At least here, being with other students, we can get some kind of closure."

Students began returning as more details about the rampage emerged. Dr. William Massello, the assistant state medical examiner in Roanoke, said Cho died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head after firing enough shots to wound his victims more than 100 times.

Meanwhile, Virginia Tech's Student Government Association issued a statement Sunday asking the news media to respect the privacy of students and leave campus. Around campus, camera crews and reporters are routinely met with scorn, including comments such as "go home."

Feds kick in \$10.7 million to fight potato worms

BY TODD DVORAK
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Federal aid is on the way to help Idaho potato growers battle a microscopic worm discovered last year that caused four countries to ban fresh U.S. potato imports.

Last week, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns approved \$10.7 million in emergency funding to help growers eradicate the potato cyst nematode. The pest is not considered harmful to humans, but can shrink yields by as much as 80 percent.

"This is huge for the Idaho potato industry and specifically for our growers," said Frank Muir, president of the Idaho Potato Commission. "This is exactly what we needed."

The worm was initially discovered during routine testing last April in a field in south-

eastern Idaho. Additional testing led to a quarantine on six nearby fields, an area spanning about 10,000 acres.

After the initial discovery, all fresh U.S. potato imports were banned by Japan, followed by South Korea, Canada and Mexico. The discovery and market bans alarmed growers and industry leaders in Idaho, the nation's leading potato producer.

Idaho farmers grow about one-third of all the potatoes in the United States. In 2005, the most recent year figures are available, the state produced 12.5 billion pounds of potatoes worth about \$700 million to farmers.

The federal money will be used to inject a pesticide in the soil of restricted fields, which will then be covered with plastic, creating a layer of intense heat that researchers hope will wipe out the worm. The strategy was

developed in January by a team of scientists from around the world.

The regimen may have to be repeated for as long as six years before the worm is eliminated, said Mike Cooper, deputy administrator at the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

"The big thing is we feel like we've caught this early enough and isolated it to give us a good chance at getting rid of it," Cooper said. "If we'd have caught it later we'd be going down some different roads right now."

Scientists say the worm does not embed itself inside the tuber, but instead feeds on vines and roots, draining valuable nutrients and stunting plant growth.

Last fall, Johanns authorized \$13 million in emergency spending for testing, enabling researchers to analyze more than 38,000 soil

samples from across the state.

The swift reaction and eradication strategy has helped ease concerns abroad, officials say. Earlier this year, Canada and Mexico lifted bans on fresh potatoes, and Idaho growers recently delivered 10 truckloads to Mexico, Muir said.

Japan remains closed to fresh potatoes, but accepts frozen products. Exports to South Korea are complicated by trade issues, Muir said.

"It hurt us in that these four markets shut down immediately," Muir said. "But overall, it's hard to say if there was a net loss because we managed to redirect those potatoes domestically."

Officials say another round of testing for the nematode has already started in some fields across the state.

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Schools to get extra \$750,000 from city

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community-based off site programs.

The agreement also allows both parties to meet in January 2007 and January 2009 to discuss changes to the base amount, said Deputy City Manager Mona Miyasato on Monday.

An Adjustment Conference Committee convened in January to get the ball rolling, with the group — composed of Mayor Richard Bloom, School Board President Kathy Wisnicki, Board Vice President Oscar de la Torre, City Manager P. Lamont Ewell and Superintendent Dianne Talarico — reaching an agreement at the end of March.

“The city manager and I and the team of people who were at the negotiating table met at a good point and I think we are both in support of the recommendation that is going to council tomorrow night,” Talarico said Monday.

Both the city and schools face daunting challenges in the future with regards to their respective budget situations. Facing declining enrollment, the school stands to lose more revenue as a result of its moratorium on non-resident students. The city, on the other hand, is looking at a potential loss of approximately \$12 million in User Utility Taxes.

The agreement specifies that the city’s “Big 8” sources of revenue must be evaluated in adjusting the base contribution to the school district. The so-called “Big 8” includes revenue streams such as sales tax, property tax, transient occupancy tax and business license tax.

Two conditions must be met in adjusting the Master Facility Use base, according to the agreement, including total revenue growth over the past two fiscal years and revenue growth in each of the past two fiscal years. Due to anomalies that occurred in the “Big 8” when the agreement was drafted, only one of the two conditions was met — the total growth, according to a city staff report.



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School Board member

Despite the fact that only one condition was met, the committee is still recommending a \$750,000 increase.

“The committee recognized the need by the school district, given its financial challenges, and the intent was always to look at the needs of both parties and ...to look at the fiscal conditions of both groups and recognize their needs,” Miyasato said. “With that in mind, the committee proposed \$750,000.”

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Neighbors describe explosion as similar to an earthquake

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mum of 10 days in case any of Marshall’s family members or those who knew the dog well are interested in adopting the pet, said Officer Darcie Shepherd of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Still, if it appears the Pomeranian is suffering from its injuries and “won’t have an excellent quality of life,” it may be euthanized, Shepherd said.

“These are two very well-cared for dogs that the owner, I know for a fact, loved these dogs very much in speaking with him in the past,” Shepherd said.

Neighbors described Marshall, an HVAC specialist, as a man who mostly kept to himself and was dedicated to his dogs, with whom he was often seen walking around the small trailer community off Stewart Street.

Just a few trailers down lives Betty Dorland, who said Marshall had worked on her furnace over the past few years. The victim was always working on cars, she said.

In the aftermath of the explosion, neighbors gathered Monday around a cordoned off area as work crews cleaned out the wreckage from the blast. Neighbors watched while exchanging personal stories of where they were when the explosion occurred.

A resident of the park for 23 years, Phyllis Goff was sitting at her computer when she heard a loud boom and saw the picture frames on her counter and walls fall off from the impact. She immediately thought there was an earthquake until she realized the

noise was too loud for an earthquake.

She lives just a few yards away from Marshall’s home.

“It was like they got pulled off,” Goff said, pointing to a wall picture that hung above her toilet.

Hanging out in his trailer on Monday afternoon, Dennis Brusseau said he was taking a nap on Sunday when his eyes snapped open, believing an earthquake was shaking his trailer. It wasn’t until later that he found out there was an explosion and that his neighbor had died.

A resident of Mountain View Mobile Inn for more than 12 years, Brusseau said he didn’t know Marshall very well and would occasionally wave whenever he saw his neighbor doing laundry.

“I keep to myself and I guess he kept to himself,” Brusseau said.

The explosion could be heard for blocks. Jennifer Karp lives in an apartment complex three blocks away at the corner of Kansas Avenue and 27th Street and said her complex “shook like there was an earthquake.” Car pieces could be found as far as a block away, Karp said.

A resident of the trailer park for two years, McLeod was helping Marshall work on a limousine eight days ago, holding a flashlight overhead as Marshall worked on the car.

“He was one of our characters,” McLeod said. “He annoyed some and was loved by others.”

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Busy signals few and far between

Finding a pay phone in Santa Monica is nearly impossible

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM On the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway sits one of the last remaining phone booths on the Westside. Its plastic panels — that is, the ones that still remain — are menacingly scratched up and scrawled over by vandals.

Its condition is so unappealing that Jeff Parsons wouldn't even think of using it.

"I'd rather run into a restaurant and ask them if I could use their phone," the UCLA student said as he walked to the Third Street Promenade to have lunch with friends. "It just looks pretty dingy, like it hasn't been cleaned in a while. I wouldn't want to put that up to my ear ... Besides, I have my cell phone."

Parsons isn't alone. With 233 million Americans using cell phones as their predominant mode of communication (a recent survey found that 84 percent of people have not used a pay phone in more than a year), pay phones and phone booths are quickly becoming obsolete. More and more, phone companies are removing them altogether due to a lack of interest. Very few are added, and when they are, most are placed in high traffic areas like airports, train stations and popular shopping districts like the promenade, where there are at least four pay phones on each block.

PAY PHONES ARE CERTAINLY GOING THE WAY OF THE HORSE AND BUGGY. TODAY, IT IS ALL ABOUT MOBILITY AND THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF WIRELESS."

Joe Farren

a spokesman for CTIA-The Wireless Association

"Pay phones are certainly going the way of the horse and buggy," said Joe Farren, a spokesman for CTIA-The Wireless Association, which was founded in 1984 to represent service providers, manufacturers and Internet companies. "Today, it is all about mobility and that is the essence of wireless. It is essentially a desktop computer in the palm of your hand so you can stay in touch and connected, regardless of where you are. Pay phones just don't have that."

The telephone booth became a common fixture in industrialized countries in the early 1900s and gained in popularity until the 1970s, when many were removed so that phones could be made more accessible to the handicapped. Booths became a part of American culture, serving as the changing room for Superman and a time-traveling



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BYE, JOVE: The owner of the Cock 'N' Bull pub on Lincoln Boulevard suspended service in his old-fashioned, red English telephone booth two years ago due to a lack of use. Today, the booth serves solely as decoration.

device in the film "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure." In 2002, there was even a movie entitled "Phone Booth" that took place almost entirely within one.

But with the influx of wireless technology, Hollywood screenwriters, just like the average consumer, have shifted towards cell phones, submitting scripts in which a cell phone becomes just as important to a story as the central character, as in the 2004 film "Cellular."

ENTERING THE DEAD ZONES

Phone companies are acutely aware of the decline in usage, and have cut back on the number of pay phones in circulation, however, they remain committed to providing the service where needed. To determine that, providers regularly conduct surveys on usage and make changes accordingly, said Jon Davies, spokesman for Verizon, the leading provider of phone service in Santa Monica.

"Nationally, we operate around a quarter of a million pay phones — that's down more than 40 percent over the last five to 10 years," Davies said. "But having said that, we still have a niche for pay phones."

Around 15 percent of Americans still do not have cell phones, and those who do sometimes run into "dead zones" where cell phone signals cannot be transmitted to a nearby antenna, Davies said.

As for booths, they have been removed over time because of maintenance issues and the decline in the use of pay phones. Other than the booth on Fourth Street and Broadway, Davies said he can only think of two others in Palos Verdes and a few more scattered throughout the county.

Some businesses will pay Verizon to keep pay phones up and running, which can run anywhere from \$75 to \$100 a month.

"A lot of places like gas stations or bars and restaurants will request they stay because it's good for business," Davies said. "Customers may come in to use the phone and walk out with a soda, some food and other stuff."



Photo courtesy of Payphone-project
COLD CALLING: This fully functional phone booth was carved from ice at the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks, Alaska. The popularity of the cell phone has rendered more public phones, and all their unique shapes and designs, increasingly obsolete.

Maintaining a pay phone became too expensive for Tony Moogan, owner of the Cock 'N' Bull pub on Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica. Patrons used to be able to step into an old-fashioned, red English telephone booth, but Moogan had to suspend service two or three years ago because not many people were using it. Now the booth is used solely for decoration.

"It seems everyone has a cell phone these days," Moogan said. "They're taking over the world."

Despite the lack of interest by the general public, there are still those who can't get enough of phone booths. There are companies that specialize in repairing and designing phone booths for homes, offices and hotel lobbies, as well as Web sites dedicated to phone booth enthusiasts, complete with pictures and testimonials.

Mark Thomas, a New Yorker, runs Payphone-Project.com. On his site he has photos of pay phones and booths from all over the world, including one booth made entirely of ice in Fairbanks, Alaska, as part of the World Ice Art Championships. Thomas believes strongly in maintaining the pay phone network in the event of an emergency, such as a terrorist attack or a major flood or ice

storm, to guard against a blackout.

"They need to be maintained, not as profit centers, but as public resources," Thomas said via e-mail. "As the quantity of these public pay phones decreases, their value increases, especially in times of emergency. Knowing where you could make a call in an emergency is valuable, but more valuable would be knowing where you could not make a call."

It is Thomas' goal to create a map of communication dead zones, where cell phones do not work and all public telephones have been removed.

That sounds like a good idea to Carrie Barr, who occasionally forgets to pack her cell phone in her purse before she leaves for work in the morning. It doesn't happen often, but when it does, Barr feels "naked" without it and is glad that there are pay phones near her office, just in case of an emergency.

"It's kind of like, you never notice (pay phones) when you're out," Barr said, "but when you need them, you're glad they're there."

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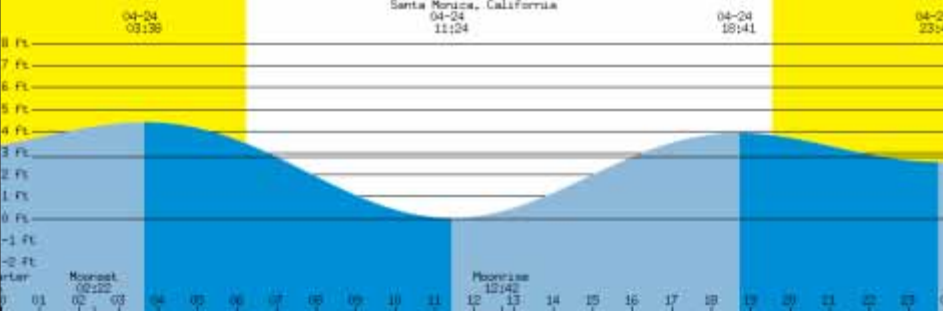
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	B	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	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	C	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.	D	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	A	ns	Venice Beach-- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	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	A	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)	D	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	C	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	A+	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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As you wish, Scorpio

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)
★★★ Pressure challenges creativity to bubble forth. At the same time, don't get yourself in a situation where the flip side of a risk might cause you a nearly irreversible problem. Tension surrounds even the best-thought-out plans. Tonight: A child appreciates your attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might believe you are anchored. Others react in a manner that is no longer acceptable. How you deal with someone could radically change. Believe a family member, even if you are uncomfortable. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Sometimes your words could be misconstrued. Other people's thoughts could hurt your feelings. Use a certain awareness, and you will come out ahead. Know what is possible when sharing ideas. Tonight: At your favorite hangout.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Finances could press very hard, and you might want to review a situation more carefully. Investigate what is possible with an eye to reaching an important goal. You might not be comfortable in the immediate, but you'll be happier in the long run. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ How you handle a tense situation involving an authority figure defines the outcome. You can be sure not everyone likes or understands what is happening. Support yourself, as you are unlikely to get a consensus. Tonight: As you like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Rethink a personal matter. Putting the issue on the table might not be comfortable, to say the least. Understand that you might need to do just that to find resolution. Stretch beyond your comfort zone. Tonight: Take needed personal time.

Born Today

Singer Kelly Clarkson (1982),
Singer, actress Barbra Streisand (1942),
Actress Shirley MacLaine (1934)



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Happy Birthday!
Your instincts tell you what to do to get your desired results this year. If you are not coming from a centered point of view, you could experience a total backfire. Although you might not want to slow down, you must in order to stay centered at times. Realize your limits through discussion and feedback this year. Often what you want might not be possible on your timetable. Use care with finances. If you are single, you might want a homey type of relationship in which you spend a lot of time together privately. If you are attached, a new home or a change in your lifestyle could enhance your bond.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA
Suns' Barbosa wins Sixth Man Award
Leandro Barbosa won the NBA's Sixth Man Award on Monday after a season in which he averaged 18.0 points and helped lead the Phoenix Suns to the second-best record in the league.
The fourth-year guard from Brazil received 101 of a possible 127 first-place votes and 578 points from a media panel. San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili was second with 269 points and Dallas guard Jerry Stackhouse was third with 210.
The vote was announced a day after Barbosa scored 15 straight points in the second half to spark the Suns' comeback in their playoff opener. Barbosa finished with 26 points, matching his career playoff high, in the 95-87 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.
This season, he came off the bench in 62 of 80 games. Barbosa scored 20 or more points in 33 games and averaged 4.0 assists and 2.7 rebounds. The Suns went 61-21 this season, and only Dallas had a better record.
He is the fourth Suns' player to win the award, joining Eddie Johnson (1988-89), Danny Manning (1997-98) and Rodney Rogers (1999-00).

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NCAA BASKETBALL
North Carolina's Wright heading for NBA draft
North Carolina freshman Brandan Wright plans to enter the NBA draft in June.
The 6-foot-9 forward said during a news conference Monday he doesn't intend to sign with an agent yet – a move that would keep open the possibility of a return to school next year. But coach Roy Williams said Wright was almost certain to remain in the draft.
Wright is expected to be a high first-round pick thanks to his long, lean frame and soft touch around the basket. He ranked second on the team at 14.7 points and 6.2 rebounds a game, joining All-American Tyler Hansbrough on a dominating front line.
He shot 64.6 percent, leading the Atlantic Coast Conference while setting the league's freshman record. He was the ACC rookie of the year – the third straight season a Tar Heel won the award – and was honored as most valuable player of the league tournament for helping North Carolina win its first title in nine years.
Hansbrough said this month he would return for his junior season. Also, Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington said they would be back for their sophomore seasons.

uation for his new team.
Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner for Los Angeles, was appearing in consecutive games for the Rangers for the first time Sunday when he started favoring his right leg after his 11th pitch. He was diagnosed with a hip injury.
After missing most of the past two seasons with elbow and back injuries, Gagne signed a one-year, \$6 million deal loaded with bonus opportunities. He had one save in 3 1-3 scoreless innings after starting the season on the disabled list.
On Saturday, Manager Ron Washington made a trip to the mound because he thought something was wrong with Gagne. But when he reached the mound, Gagne said he was fine, and he finished the game, a 7-0 victory over Oakland.
It was different Sunday. Gagne limped noticeably after his last pitch and stayed on the field only about a minute after Washington and the training staff came out. Akinori Otsuka, last year's Rangers closer, came on to record the final two outs for the save in a 4-3 win over the A's.
Texas recalled right-hander Frank Francisco, who was out of the big leagues for two years with elbow problems before returning late last season. Francisco was a key member of a bullpen that helped keep Texas in contention until the final days in 2004.
This season at Triple-A Oklahoma, Francisco didn't allow a hit or earned run in six innings, striking out 14 and walking three. He was 1-0 with two saves in five appearances.

MLB
A's place Bradley, Harden on the disabled list
Just when Rich Harden was hoping for a healthy, full season, he got hurt again.
The Oakland Athletics placed their ace right-hander on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a strained right shoulder and also put center fielder Milton Bradley on the DL.
The 25-year-old Harden went 4-0 with a 4.24 ERA in only nine starts last season because of two stints on the disabled list with a lower back and elbow injury.
The A's said Sunday that Harden, who threw a bullpen session before the game, would not make his scheduled start Tuesday at home against Baltimore. He left his outing April 15 against the New York Yankees in the seventh inning with a stiff throwing shoulder, but manager Bob Geren had said Harden probably wouldn't need to go on the DL.
"It's not how we drew it up in December," assistant general manager David Forst said. "We probably could have avoided it with Rich, but in order to be fair to Rich let's give him a couple of extra days. He's eligible to come off May 1, so as soon as Rich says he's ready."
Bradley left Sunday's game in the sixth inning with a strained left hamstring, the same injury that caused him to miss six games from April 11-18. This is his ninth career stint on the DL and his third in two seasons with the A's. Bradley missed 59 games.

MLB
Rangers put Gagne on DL
The Texas Rangers put closer Eric Gagne on the 15-day disabled list Monday, a day after the oft-injured right-hander left the game in the middle of just his second save sit-

‘Entertainer’ ‘Idol’ Sanjaya tells world, ‘I’m not just a musician’

SANJAYA MALAKAR is so famous, he can't walk anywhere without getting noticed.

"It's really weird. I mean, I'm just Sanjaya from Seattle," the 17-year-old "American Idol" cast-off said Monday on "Live With Regis and Kelly."

"It's paparazzi (who) get at you," he said, "and fans

come up and try to give you hugs and get autographs. I would love to just be able to hug everyone and give autographs and take pictures, but you can't."

Malakar was voted off the Fox talent competition last week after a long and unlikely run in which he outlasted better singers and captivated millions of TV viewers

with his goofy charm and ever-changing hairdos.

He wants to be a triple threat: singer, actor and model.

"Like, I really – what I want to do is experience the whole entertainment business because, I mean, I'm not just a musician, I'm an entertainer," Malakar said.

Fresh off "American

Idol," the lanky teen/media It Boy is in demand. Another stop on his post-show publicity tour was David Letterman's "Late Show" on CBS, where Malakar was to read the "Top Ten" list Monday night.

On Saturday, he attended a White House correspondents' dinner in Washington as a guest of

People magazine.

"It was really weird because the governor of New York came up to me and said, 'I'm a fan, I vote,'" Malakar said.

"That's fantastic," said Kelly Ripa, co-host of the syndicated daytime talk show.

"It was really weird," Malakar said.

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DAVE AND REGIS

DAVID LETTERMAN will be Regis Philbin's first guest when he returns Thursday to "Live With Regis and Kelly" after having triple heart bypass surgery six weeks ago.

Philbin was a guest host on CBS' "Late Show" after Letterman underwent heart bypass surgery in 2000. He also stepped in when Letterman was recovering from an eye infection in 2003.

"Very appropriate," said "Live" co-host Kelly Ripa, who made the announcement Monday on the syndicated talk show.

Philbin, 75, has been at home recuperating since his surgery last month.

He has been a frequent guest on Letterman's late-night show.

AP

Western Heritage Awards gives honor to legendary actors McQueen, Elliott

SAM ELLIOTT and the late Steve McQueen have been inducted into the Hall of Great Western Performers.

They were honored at the 46th annual Western Heritage Awards on Saturday. A sellout crowd of more than 1,200 attended the event at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Veteran stuntman Dean Smith received the Board

of Directors' Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been a stunt-double for Roy Rogers, Dale Robertson, Ben Johnson, Robert Redford, Robert Duvall and Steve Martin, among others.

"What a great night you've made for this old cowboy. I'm glad to be included in this museum with all my heroes," Smith said. "I want to thank

everyone who's helped me. I've spent a lifetime playing cowboys and Indians, competing in rodeos and making Western movies."

Elliott, 62, served as master of ceremonies.

McQueen died in 1980 at the age of 50. He starred in Western films including "The Magnificent Seven," "Junior Bonner" and "Nevada Smith." He also starred as Josh Randall in

the popular 1950s TV series "Wanted: Dead or Alive."

"Truce," starring Buck Taylor and Michaela Lange, won the award for outstanding theatrical motion picture. "Broken Trail," starring Robert Duvall and Thomas Haden Church, won the award for outstanding television feature film.

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Marin donates digital works by Latinos

CHEECH MARIN is donating copies of works from his Mexican-American art collection to some of the nation's best-known museums and universities.

Recipients include the Smithsonian, UCLA, the

San Antonio Museum of Art, where the collection debuted in 2001, and Marin's alma mater, California State University, Northridge.

The 60-year-old actor-comedian says he'll donate

50 sets of high-quality digital prints of "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge," which has been on tour for about five years.

Marin has voiced roles in animated films such as

"Cars" and "Oliver & Company." His acting credits also include roles in the "Spy Kids" movies and the TV series "Judging Amy" and "Nash Bridges."

AP

Sandler plays gay poseur in upcoming movie

ADAM SANDLER says there's a moral to his upcoming movie, in which he plays a heterosexual fireman who pretends to be gay.

"This movie says there's

nothing wrong with being gay. There's just something wrong with being gay for Kevin James," Sandler told Newsweek.

James, star of the CBS comedy "The King of

Queens," and Sandler portray firemen pretending to be a gay couple to receive domestic partnership benefits. The film, "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," is

scheduled to be released July 20.

"I know Kevin, and it's kind of a strange thing to have to play. So to ease the tension, before the first day of shooting, we had sex

with each other," Sandler said. "We just got it out of the way so it wouldn't be an issue. It's an old tip I picked up from working with (Jack) Nicholson."

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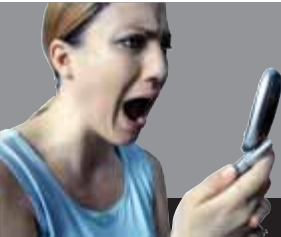
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2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
The Lookout (R)
2:05, 7:10
Pathfinder (R)
2:35, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
Reign Over Me (R)
4:25, 9:30

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300 (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Are We Done Yet? (PG)
2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Blades of Glory (Pg-13)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Disturbia (PG-13)
1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
The Hoax (R)
2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
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1:10, 4:20, 8:00
The Namesake (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Year of the Dog (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

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Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters (R)
12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50
Fracture (R)
11:00a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Meet the Robinsons in Disney Digital (G)
11:30a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Perfect Stranger (R)
11:20a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
The Reaping (R)
11:50a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
Shooter (R)
11:10a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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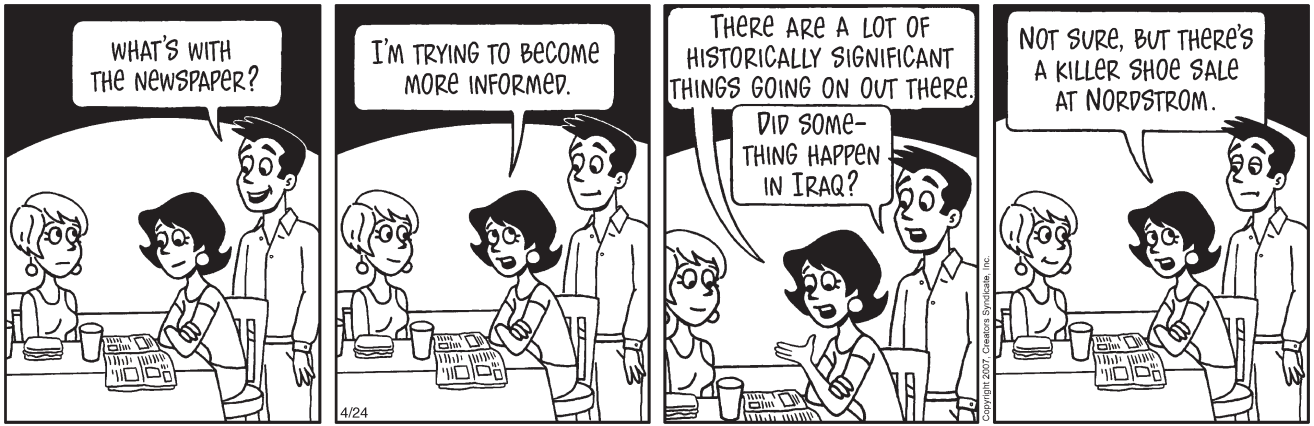
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



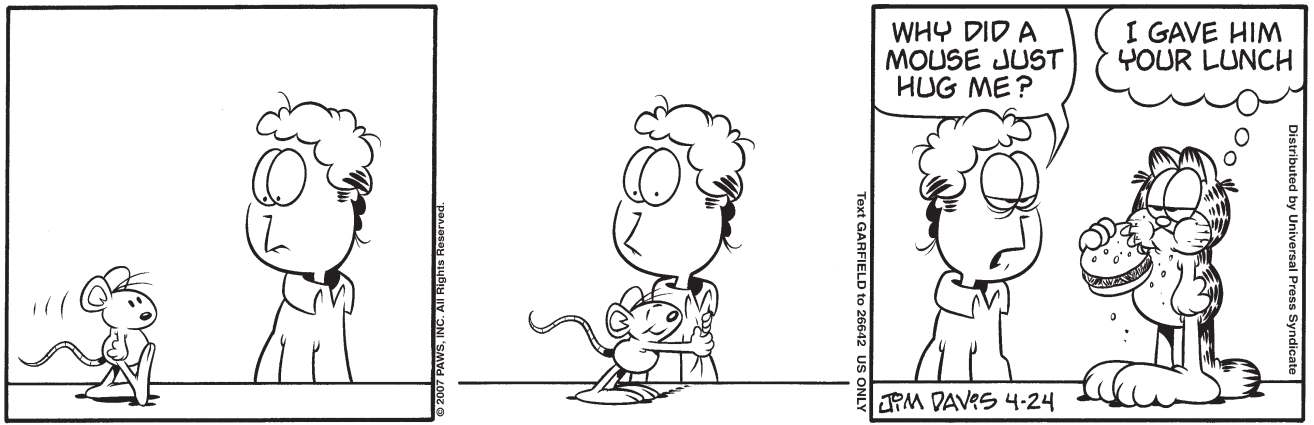
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- 24 Before today
- 25 Lot buy
- 26 Rebel general
- 27 Confined
- 29 Walk in water
- 30 Theater fixture
- 31 Stallion's mate
- 32 Wall painting
- 34 Ability to spend freely
- 40 Story monster
- 41 Quiz-show fodder
- 42 Take to the sky
- 43 Upright

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- 3 Emergency broadcast
- 4 Chiding sound
- 5 Top
- 6 Lowly worker
- 7 Strong cardboard
- 8 Dined
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- 10 High times
- 14 Fragrant wood
- 16 Wise guys
- 17 Likely
- 19 Grinding tooth

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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Shoe material
- 21 Pinnacle
- 22 Grammys category
- 23 Golfer's need
- 25 Funny fellow
- 28 Meddle
- 29 Kind of closet
- 31 Computer shortcut
- 33 Writer Philip
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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
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Jackpot: \$47M

Super LOTTO
2 12 20 36 46
Meganumber: 15
Jackpot: \$32M

Fantasy 5
2 8 28 31 36

DAILY 3
MIDDAY: 6 3 5
EVENING: 2 2 0

DAILY DERRY
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:47:98

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Army drill sergeant Edmundo Estrada, 35, was arraigned in January in Hampton, Va., on charges of indecent assault, on a complaint by a young subordinate who said Estrada prescribed a confidence-building regimen in which the two men role-played from a pornographic movie, with the trainee dressing as a Superman character and Estrada performing sexual acts on him. According to the arrest affidavit, when Estrada "torture(d)" the trainee, the man was to respond by "moaning." (Another trainee accused Estrada of trying to photograph his squad bare-chested, claiming he needed to document their physical growth.)

■ Finally, after four weeks of one customer's walking out on a dinner check, the staff of an O'Charley's restaurant in Bloomington, Ind., caught him. The diner had appeared on four consecutive Wednesdays nights, ordered two gin and tonics each time, then eaten a rib-eye steak each time, then asked to use the rest room each time, and then walked out on the same \$25.96 tab each time. On March 28, the staff finally wised up and waited for him outside as he again tried to sneak out, and he was arrested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1704 The first regular newspaper in the United States, the Boston, Massachusetts New-Letter, is published.

1800 The United States Library of Congress is established when President John Adams signs legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress".

1953 Winston Churchill is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom

1961 Bob Dylan earned a \$50 session fee for playing harmonica on Harry Belafonte's "Midnight Special." It was his recording debut.

1990 Gruinard Island, Scotland, is officially declared free of anthrax after 48 years of quarantine.

1993 An IRA bomb devastates the Bishopsgate area of City of London.

1996 In the United States, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 is introduced.

2004 US lifts economic sanctions imposed on Libya 18 years previously, as a reward for its cooperation in eliminating weapons of mass destruction

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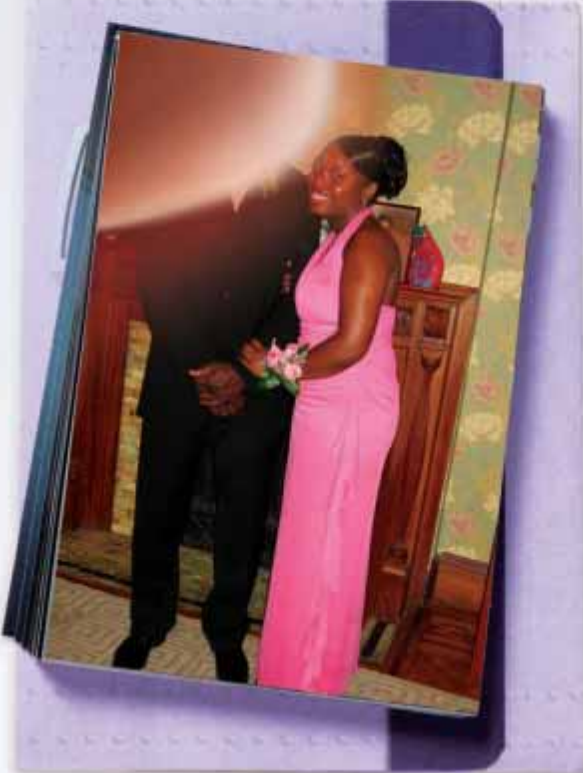
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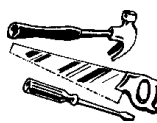
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