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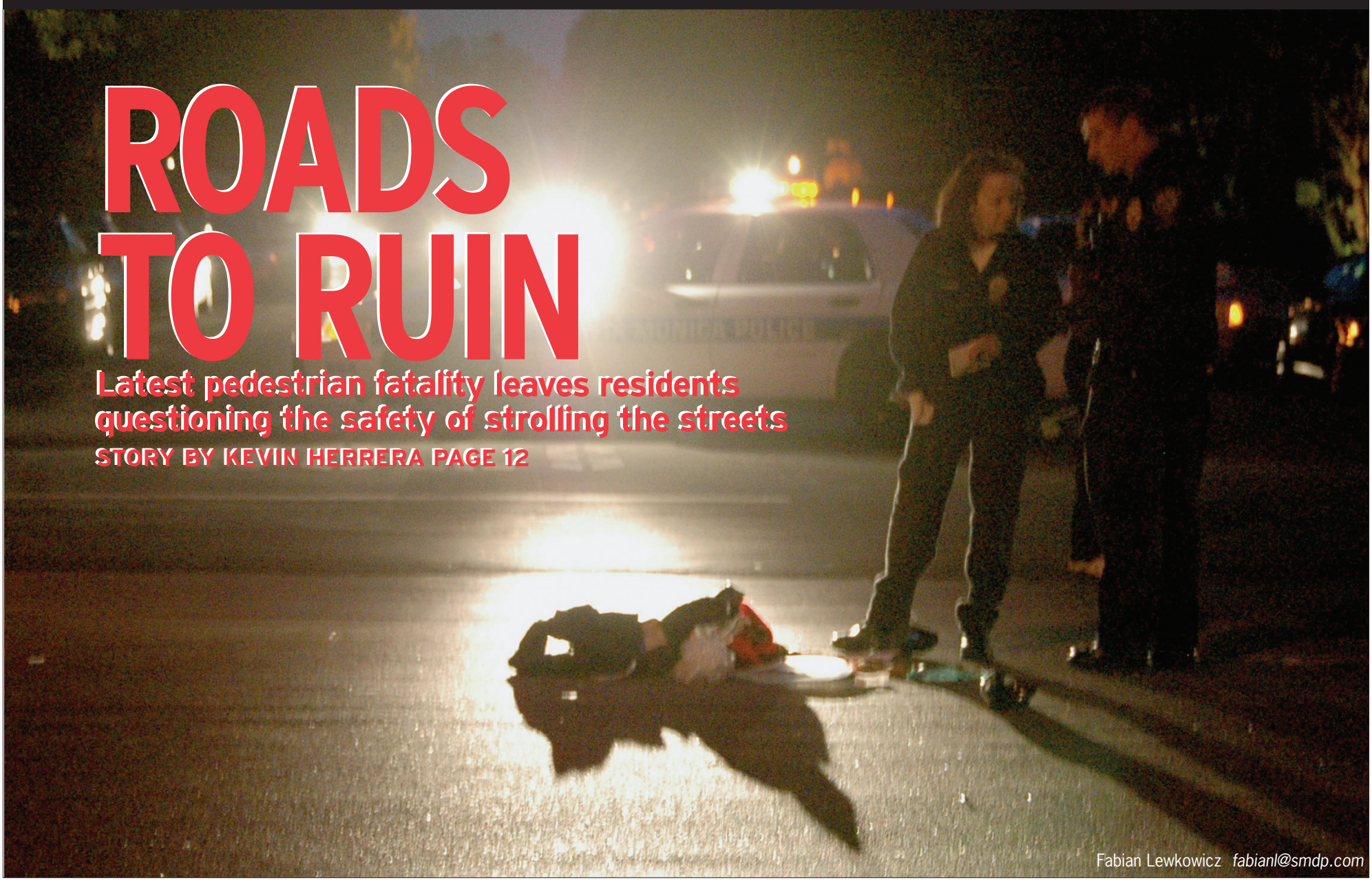
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Latest pedestrian fatality leaves residents questioning the safety of strolling the streets

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Supertanker may fly the coop

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

STATEWIDE Public safety advocates trying to save the super hero among fire prevention tools are hoping their efforts don't get burned by the state's budget crunch.

With the upcoming fire season in mind, Topanga Canyon-based Wildfire Research Network (WRN) has launched a grassroots organization to urge lawmakers in Sacramento to find the funding for continued use of a DC-10 Supertanker, an aircraft capable of dropping 12,000 gallons of flame retardant onto blazes.

For residents in Santa Monica and Malibu, particularly those who live along or in the Santa Monica Mountains, continued use of the supertanker could be vital considering the dry rainfall season.

WRN, which was founded in 2004 by residents of wildfire-prone communities in Southern California, has in recent weeks been ratcheting up its efforts to encourage Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislators to find funding in the upcoming budget to continue to have access to the aircraft.

Setting the supertanker apart from its smaller counterparts is its capability to carry and dump tens of thou-

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TRAILBLAZER: The DC-10 is the Big Kahuna of anti-fire aircraft.



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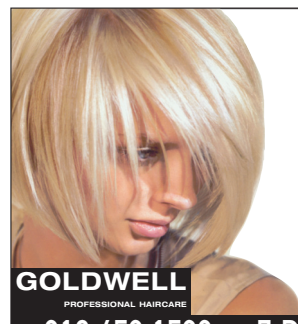
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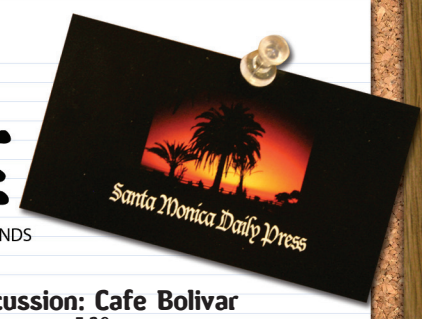
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Citywide Reads book discussion: Cafe Bolivar

1741 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join others in reading and discussing the Santa Monica Citywide Reads 2007 featured book, "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, at Cafe Bolivar.

Shabbat across America

206 Main St., Venice, 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Congregation Mishkon Tephilo is hosting the 11th annual coast-to-coast Shabbat celebration. Following services, Mishkon member Honorable Stephen Wilson will share reflections on his two decades as a United States District Court judge for the Central District of California. Dinner costs are $18 for adults and $5 for children under 13. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (310) 392-3029.

Malibu Pier sportfishing

23000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, 6 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Half-day sportfishing boat excursions will depart from the Malibu Pier seven days a week through May 31. Ticket prices are $37.50 for all ages. The excursions last approximately 5 1/2 hours. A galley onboard will provide food and beverages for purchase. Fishing equipment is available for rent. For more information and reservations, call (310) 456-8031.

Santa Monica Critical Mass bike ride

Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a month. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Saturday, May 5, 2007

Neil Labute's 'The Distance From Here'

1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"The Distance from Here" is Neil Labute's rarely performed, darkly humorous expose of life in suburbia. Labute, the author of the "The Shape of Things," and films such as "In the Company of Men," dissects the lives of three youths living in a suburban wasteland as they collide in a suffocating web of anger, deception and violence, turning his microscope from the halls of white collar privilege to the grunge-filled streets of suburbia. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., through May 20. Tickets are $15 for all seats. To purchase call (818) 986-9817 or visit www.theshorelinetheatre.com. A Guest Production in The Other Space at Santa Monica Playhouse.

An Afternoon with Audrey Niffenegger

1900 Pico Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Santa Monica Citywide Reads 2007 special event with Audrey Niffenegger, the author of this year's featured novel, "The Time Traveler's Wife," comes to Santa Monica to discuss and sign her book. Free program. All ages welcome. Event will be held at the Santa Monica College, Pavillion (Gym). Free weekend parking available in all SMC parking structures.

CPR and first aid certification

1700 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.
State of the Heart Fitness is sponsoring a CPR and first aid class at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel Fitness Center and Spa. Get certified in infant, child and adult CPR and first aid.

Shots for Tots & Teens

1711 Ocean Park Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
In partnership with Saint John's Health Center, Westside Family Health Center's Shots for Tots & Teens will provide free immunizations and TB skin tests to all infants and children under the age of 18. California law requires that all children must have up-to-date shot records to attend school or child care centers. The immunizations will protect against diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, rubella, hemophilus influenza, mumps, polio, tetanus and whooping cough diseases known to infect small children, as well as teenagers. For more information, call (310) 450-2191.

Embrace your space: Feng Shui in three easy steps

1247 Seventh St., 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Identify hidden energetic blocks, organize around sacred principles of alignment, and beautify your space. Seminar fee is $79 in advance, by May 4, or $99 at the door. To RSVP call (888) 828-5888 or info@merlifedesign.com.

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.



Tune in, turn on, pass tests

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer



CITYWIDE Music player. Miniature television. Cheating device?

The ever-evolving, ever-versatile iPod just might be the perfect toy for conniving students.

Mountain View High School in Meridian, Idaho, made national headlines recently when its administrators issued a directive to teachers that students would not be allowed to use their iPods during tests.

The order came after a teacher at Mountain View overhead students saying they could use their iPods to cheat on tests.

Students can utilize the digital devices to cheat in several ways — uploading a document counting the answers, or even vocally record the answers and play it back on their iPods during a test.

The school has not officially caught any students red-handed.

Though no incidents of cheating via iPod or other digital music player has been recorded in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, it could very well be just one more unexpected challenge the Board of Education and administrators face as schools continue to embrace technology.

It was in January when SMMUSD officials learned of student-made videos on YouTube.com — uploaded videos that poked fun at other students and teachers at Malibu High School. The videos were taped on school grounds with cell phone cameras.

The incident prompted members of the Board of Education to ponder drafting a policy regarding technology use and abuse on local campuses.

At this juncture, administrators are not considering banning any music players or other technological devices, which are already prohibited from being used in the classroom. The policy that is currently being drafted outlines student obligation and responsibilities when it comes to technology and use of the

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THE GOOD BOOK, GOOD TIMES

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Miritza Alarcon gives praise in front of City Hall on Thursday while taking part in National Day of Prayer ceremonies. The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

Old hands at the news

Senior citizens are keeping current by tackling hot topics

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

FAIRVIEW LIBRARY Global warming, the war in Iraq and the media's fascination with Britain's royal family were all topics tackled by a group of senior citizens at What's New This Week, a weekly discussion group intended to keep the elderly engaged in current events.

The spunky group is just one of several that meet at branches across the city as part of the city's effort to make libraries more than just a storage space for books and instead a gathering place where the public can exchange ideas.

"The mission of the library is to inform, educate and entertain and I think this group does all three," said Catherine Ronan, manager of the Fairview branch who created the What's New group. "We wanted to create a group that was of interest to older adults who don't necessarily want to go out at night or have issues with transportation."

The discussion group is hosted by Jack Nordhaus, who holds masters and doctoral degrees in European history and was a reviewer for the library's "Tuesdays with Books" program from 1982 to 2002.

The group, which attracts roughly six to nine guests per session, meets each Thursday at the library. Discussion begins promptly at 1 p.m. and ends sometime around 2 p.m.

During a recent session, the group focused primarily on President Bush's veto of an Iraq spending bill that would have compelled him to withdraw U.S troops from Iraq. Members of the group found it to be an interesting coincidence that Bush issued the veto four years after he triumphantly landed on an aircraft carrier to announce the end of "major combat operations."

Participants leaned heavily towards the left, however, there are a few Bush supporters who frequently attend to provide anoth-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City's bite worse than its bark

Editor:

I am disappointed in Santa Monica's policy regarding the use of the off-leash dog area. Park use should not be determined by municipal borders. This policy is unacceptable.

The city of Los Angeles welcomes, with open arms, the general public to our park system. In fact, residents of other municipalities, including the city of Santa Monica, routinely frequent our parks. It is only fair that Santa Monica, which is located in the heart of the 11th district, practice nondiscriminatory park use policies.

I sympathize with Santa Monica's commitment to protecting resources for its taxpayers. However, I have a responsibility to protect Los Angeles residents from unfair practices. Although Los Angeles residents live in very close proximity to this park and will be impacted by traffic to and from this location, they will not enjoy the benefits of this wonderful resource.

In conversations with Santa Monica officials, I have discussed ways in which we can work together to provide equal access for Los Angeles residents. I look forward to a successful partnership on this issue.

Bill Rosendahl
Los Angeles City Councilman

Home is where the airstrip is

Editor:

Shame on you!

I have been appalled at the spate of articles and letters attempting to denigrate the historic Santa Monica Airport. For example, your Daily Press staff writer who recently called the maybe 100 in all – representing 0.125 percent of our population – "a sea of protesters," when a "puddle of dissidents" would have been more apt.

The airport is one of the oldest in the country and was operation in 1917 – 90 years ago. I am an 84-year-old WWII vet, so I remember that President Roosevelt in early 1942 called on the U.S. manufacturers to build 60,000 airplanes over the next year – a number that many thought was impossible. He appointed Donald Douglas to lead the effort.

Since Douglas was building airplanes at the Santa Monica airport, it became the meeting place for the team of executives from the aircraft, automobile and most of all manufacturing in the U.S. to meet and plan this amazing feat. They did meet FDR's goals.

What kind of persons would go to the effort of buying a home near the airport, and then by exaggerating to the point of lying about the noise and pollution hazards of the area, attempt to have it closed?

Andy Byrnes
Santa Monica

Backyard breeding begets seething

Editor:

I am glad to know that the Santa Monica Animal Shelter is (finally!) letting people volunteer there.

I am shocked and dismayed, however, that the shelter does not require all pets to be spayed/neutered before adoption. By only "encouraging" people to do so guarantees there will be more backyard breeders and more unwanted homeless pets being "humanely euthanized" or worse.

Los Angeles Animal Services has been doing compulsory early age spay/neuter of dogs and cats [2 months old and weighing at least two pounds] and microchipping for years.

If it is true that Santa Monica does not have a mandatory spay/neuter policy, I hope they will correct this policy in the very near future. Not doing so represents animal cruelty to the many thousands of pets euthanized by overcrowded shelters every year.

C. Gerstley
Santa Monica

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Fret not, a better planet awaits us

TUESDAY WAS THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY of "Mission Accomplished" (or as I refer to it, "Nothing Accomplished.") I still can't believe that absurd aircraft carrier photo-op. It was embarrassing then, worse now. Fittingly, also on Tuesday, Bush vetoed the Iraq spending bill, calling benchmarks a recipe for failure. And who would know more about failure? The "Commander Guy," as he calls himself, has literally gotten every single thing wrong. Put it this way — if George Bush were the manager of a K-Mart, he'd have been fired long ago.

Much of the other news lately has been mundane. Take Rosie's leaving "The View." (It's sad that's considered news.) Rumor is her replacement may be Roseanne. For some that's going from bad to worse, although Rosie can be very funny. On Bill Maher, she pointed out the hypocrisy of the Bush administration's gay bashing when so many of them are gay.

"What upset Republicans about Monica Lewinsky," Roseanne joked, "was that she was a girl!"

News a little more earth shattering (pun intended) came from European astronomers who discovered a new planet. (Obviously not "new," but new to them.) They say it's potentially habitable, has earth-like temperatures, and may be a huge step in the search for "life in the universe." (As opposed to Washington, D.C.) Actually, this new planet may be none too soon because it looks like we're using this one up.

Adding to concerns back on earth are reports that as much as one-third of the world's bee population has suddenly disappeared. Pete Seeger's, "Where have all the flowers gone" should be renamed "Where have all the bees gone?" So much for honey baked hams. Years ago, we were worried about swarms of killer bees, now they've all left town. Thirty percent all our food, fruits, vegetables and nuts, come from plants pollinated by bees. Oh, well. People tell me there's a better planet ahead.

Scientists have named this new planet Gliese 581C. (Which explains why they're not in advertising.) They say Gliese is the right size and might have water in liquid form, which as it happens is how I like my water. In galactic terms, it is relatively close at 120 trillion miles away. But getting there could be pricey at today's gas prices. (Under Clinton $1.40 a gallon, under Bush $3.50 -- that may have been the real "Mission Accomplished.") But the way earth is literally melting, we may have no choice. Thankfully, the star Gliese closely orbits is much cooler than our sun, so also, we won't need nearly as much sunblock.

"The discovery is a significant step," said astronomer Michel Mayor, one of the 11 scientists who found the planet. (Was it really 11, or was it one guy shouting to the other 10, "Hey fellas, you're not gonna believe this!") Alan Boss, of the Carnegie Institution, calls it "a major milestone in this business." Funny, I never thought of astronomy as a business. The planet was discovered by use of a special instrument that splits light to find wobbles in different wave lengths. Those wobbles can reveal the existence of other worlds. On the other hand, a wobble in your satellite dish can really mess up your TV reception. Go figure.

GEORGE "COMMANDER GUY" BUSH'S WAR DRAGS ON ENDLESSLY, EXHAUSTING OUR TREASURE OF LIVES AND MONEY.

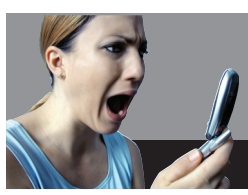
Before you book your extrastellar flight to Gliese, a few caveats. Anyone on the new planet would be instantly heavier and birthdays would pile up faster since it orbits its star every 13 days. (Like I'm not aging fast enough?) Gravity is 1.6 times as strong as earth's, so a 150-pound person would feel like 240 pounds, which could lead to an identity crisis for Kate Moss.

Talk of a new planet after we've ruined this one reminds me of when the nuclear energy industry first sold itself in the early '50s. In their finite wisdom, Congress timidly asked about the pesky "nuclear waste" problem. They were reassured by the time it became an issue, technology would solve it. Tell that to the folks who live near Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

In the meantime, the polar ice caps are melting 30 years sooner than predicted. George "Commander Guy" Bush's war drags on endlessly, exhausting our treasure of lives and money.

And then there's the bees. I'm hoping they come back soon. Somehow "saccharine baked ham" doesn't sound right. But maybe I shouldn't worry. People tell me there's a better planet ahead. I just hope it's ours.

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Work lies ahead in assisting victims

CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS were among so many Californians shocked by the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy. Our thoughts remain with the Virginia Tech victims, families, classmates and educators.

Though this horrific crime took place across the country, its lessons hit close to home.

The worst shooting incident of this kind in U.S. history demonstrates how tragically life can be altered. No matter how safe we may feel, how many precautions we take, we are all vulnerable to violent crime. It doesn't necessarily take a criminal with a gun; a drunk driver can cause similar mayhem.

The ordeal faced by surviving Virginia Tech victims and families is fundamentally the same as the challenge faced by victims of violent crime anywhere. The universal challenge for victims is recovering from physical, emotional and/or financial trauma.

Fortunately, California crime victims have had a state program to help them recover since 1965. During the past fiscal year, the California Victim Compensation Program approved more than 43,000 compensation claims and paid more than $66 million for victim benefits.

Tax dollars aren't used for crime victim payments. The funds come from restitution orders, fines and penalties against state and federal criminal offenders. The program pays for medical and dental treatment, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, crime-scene cleanup, relocation and other expenses that aren't covered by insurance or other sources of reimbursement.

Compensation is only one resource available to California crime victims. We can be proud of our state's legacy of victims' rights.

The Golden State can count many firsts, which include the establishment of the first compensation program in the nation in 1965, the first hospital-based rape treatment center, the first victim assistance program, and the first domestic violence center. In fact, California's leadership helped inspire the national victims' rights movement.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the California Victims' Bill of Rights, which was passed by voters in 1982. The Victims' Bill of Rights gave crime victims constitutional rights that include public safety being the top priority when setting bail, the right to speak at felony sentencing and parole hearings, and the right to restitution from the offender.

California's Victim Compensation Program is a leading state resource on restitution issues, working with counties and other state agencies to ensure the imposition of restitution orders and collections from offenders.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU IS A VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME, TAKE THAT FIRST STEP AND SEEK ASSISTANCE

Despite these successes, there is much work left to do. One of our top priorities is reaching out to California crime victims who suffer in silence or who simply are not aware that Victim Compensation Program services are available.

The latest report on criminal victimization from the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that 53 percent of violent crimes were never brought to the attention of law enforcement, and more than 60 percent of sexual assault crimes go unreported. Another bureau report shows teenagers are twice as likely to become victims of violent crime, but tend not to report the crime. The National Center on Elder Abuse reports more than 92 percent of elder abuse is unreported.

To reach these silent victims, we must overcome the barriers of disability, age, language, isolation and misunderstanding that keep them from achieving their rights.

Victims should be encouraged to report the crime to law enforcement. They can also get in touch with a local Victim Witness Assistance Center advocate in their county. Victims can seek assistance from domestic violence, sexual assault and other crisis centers. Victims can speak with their clergy, doctor, counselor or an attorney.

If you or someone close to you is a victim of violent crime, take that first step and seek assistance. California has many options and resources to help you.

ROSARIO MARIN is chair of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

The Q Line

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Grub on the cheap

The Daily Press recently scoured the area looking for inexpensive eats. We were surprised to find quite a few gems that offered a well-rounded meal for under $10. While we know we did our best to uncover the best bargains in town, we know that you, our readers, have some favorites that are worth recommending.

This week's Q-Line question asks:

Is there anyplace in town other than chain restaurants that offer a hearty meal for a crisp Hamilton or less?

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 07-002, 2000 Main Street. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the on-site sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with a new 97-seat restaurant (La Grande Orange) located in the CM-3 (Main Street Special Commercial) zoning district. The proposed restaurant will occupy a 4,263 square foot tenant space with a Main Street frontage of 120 linear feet. The restaurant is part of a four-story mixed-use building currently under construction (Archstone Main Street Apartments). According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.28.040(x), a CUP is required for uses in the CM district with more than 75 linear feet of Main Street frontage, Section 9.04.08.28.040(p) requires a CUP for restaurants in the CM district of fifty seats or greater, and SMMC Section 9.04.10.18.020 requires a CUP for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: LGO Hospitality, LLC. Property Owner: Archstone Smith Operating Trust.**

Extension 07-003, 1236 25th Street. The applicant is requesting a twelve (12) month extension of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map 04-029 which permitted the airspace subdivision of one lot into three parcels for the construction of a three-unit condominium. The application was approved by the Planning Commission on March 16, 2005. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant/Property Owner: Ali Heidari.**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Puffing his chest lands peacocker in prison

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, AT 4:15 P.M.
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Palisades Park regarding a man who was yelling at passersby, challenging them to fight. When officers made contact with the suspect, they determined the man was intoxicated. Officers said the suspect told them he was challenging people to fight because he wanted to "look strong in front of my woman." The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and disturbing the peace. He was identified as Steven Ray, 42, a transient. His bail was set at $5,000.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, AT 3:05 P.M.
Officers arrested a suspect wanted in connection with a robbery that occurred in March. Police said the suspect approached a woman he knew who was standing on a street corner in the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard. The suspect asked the woman for some money. When the female refused, telling the man she had no money, the suspect allegedly threatened to kill her and grabbed the victim by the shirt collar, put his arm around her neck and began to punch her in the chest several times. Police said a bystander yelled at the suspect to let the woman go. The suspect then walked over to the witness and threatened him before jumping on a bicycle. The suspect rode away and was apprehended about a month later. Police identified the suspect as Ronnie Clunie. No bail information was available.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, AT 4:30 P.M.
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Pacific Coast Highway regarding a suspicious person wandering through a condominium complex. When officers arrived, the suspect was walking out of the front door of the building. Officers detained the man and interviewed residents who said they did not recognize him. The suspect told officers that he was going to stay at the condo of a friend. He began naming various people, none of whom lived at the residence. Officers contacted the condo owner who said he had no idea who the suspect was and did not give anyone permission to stay at his home. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of burglary. He was identified as Scott Anthony Horowitz, 31, from Thousands Oaks. His bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, AT 8:20 P.M.
Police responded to the 1700 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a strong-arm robbery. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he was standing on a street corner when several men approached him and asked him if he had any "weed," police said. When he said no, the group asked him if he was a gang member. When the victim tried to walk away, the men grabbed him and began to hit him. They took his cell phone, which was valued at $500, and a hat valued at $31, police said. Officers on patrol later that evening stopped a vehicle that was occupied by men matching the description of the suspects. The victim was able to identify the men and they were taken into custody. One was a juvenile. The adults involved were identified as Javarro Emanuel Spinx, 20, of Westchester; Marvin Glen Wilson, 21, of Santa Monica; and Shamir Samaan, 19, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $50,000 each. All three were arrested for robbery.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, AT 12:15 A.M.
Officers on routine patrol in the 2300 block of Ocean Park Boulevard noticed a vehicle with a broken window and expired tags. Officers conducted a traffic stop. During an interview with the driver, officers noticed that he was exhibiting signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Officers searched the car and found a small amount of rock cocaine. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of narcotics. Officers said the car was a rental and the suspect broke a window because he had locked the keys inside. Officers said the suspect told them he was tired of waiting for the tow truck company and decided to break the window. He was identified as Bryan Richard Kontak, 33, of Marina del Rey. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, AT 12:55 A.M.
Officers on routine patrol spotted a man riding a bicycle without any lights, a violation. Officers stopped the man and conducted a consensual search of the suspect, discovering an American Express platinum card belonging to someone other than the suspect. Officers called the credit card company, and discovered the card had been stolen within the past 10 days. During that time, someone tried to use the card to purchase around $30,000 in goods at a Costco in Los Angeles. The purchase was not made. The suspect was identified as Jesse Leon Garrett, 32, from Venice. Bail was set at $20,000. He was booked for possession of a stolen credit card.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.


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Reagan chronicled his days in power

BY BROOKE DONALD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES "Getting shot hurts," Ronald Reagan wrote in one of his presidential diaries after he was seriously wounded in a 1981 assassination attempt.

The excerpt, like many others, provides a portrait of an uncomplicated and amiable man who — despite occasional periods of worry and bursts of temper — took his eight years as leader of the world's most powerful nation pretty much in stride.

Excerpts from the writings, which are in the custody of Reagan's wife, Nancy, were published in the June issue of Vanity Fair magazine, which went on newsstands in New York and Los Angeles on Wednesday. They were edited by historian Douglas Brinkley for a book.

Reagan wrote on a wide range of topics, including losing his temper with the Soviet Union, fearing for the world's survival, arguing with his son Ron Reagan and his daughter Patti Davis and suffering through an embarrassing moment with Prince Charles in which the heir to the British throne was served tea brewed from a tea bag.

The entry addressing the assassination attempt by John Hinckley Jr. outside a Washington hotel had Reagan recalling how he first thought he'd suffered just a broken rib at the hands of a Secret Service agent who shoved him into a car and jumped on top of him after the shooting started.

"I walked into the emergency room and was hoisted onto a cart where I was stripped of my clothes," Reagan wrote. "It was then we learned I'd been shot and had a bullet in my lung."

Before entering the White House in 1981, Reagan never kept a diary. During his two terms in office, he faithfully wrote everyday except when he was in the hospital.

According to his widow, Nancy Reagan, he would bring a volume with him when traveling.

Each page of the diaries — five 8-by-11 hardback books bound in maroon leather — are filled to the bottom with Reagan's neat handwriting. He sometimes used abbreviations, often referring to Democrats as "Dems" or "Demos," for example, and he never wrote out curse words, substituting h--l for hell.

The diaries also display a spare writing style that leaves irrelevant details aside, yet gives a colorful peek into the private thoughts of one of the most popular presidents in modern American history.

In one entry, Reagan scoffed at the assertions of one-time chief of staff Don Regan that he and his wife relied on astrological advice in plotting the stewardship of national affairs.

"The press have a new one thanks to Don Regan's book. We make decisions on the basis of going to astrologers," he wrote in May 1988. "The media are behaving like kids with a new toy — never mind that there is no truth in it."

Chinese-American man denies serving as a spy

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. A Chinese-born engineer accused of conspiring to export U.S. defense technologies denied Wednesday in federal court that he ever worked as a spy for the Chinese government.

"Are you a spy for the People's Republic of China?" defense attorney Ronald Kaye asked defendant Chi Mak.

"No," Mak replied.

Kaye then asked Mak if a man named Pu Pei-Liang was his "handler" in China, as the government has alleged. Mak said Pu was instead an acquaintance who took care of his sister-in-law's elderly mother and added that he has only spoken to Pu three times and met him once.

"Did you have any relationship with this man ... that he was your handler?" Kaye asked.

"No. I learned this term (handler) only from this case," said Mak.

Authorities believe Mak, a naturalized U.S. citizen, took thousands of pages of documents from his defense contractor employer, Power Paragon of Anaheim, and gave them to his brother, who passed them along to Chinese authorities over a number of years.

Mak, 66, was arrested in 2005 in Los Angeles after FBI agents stopped his brother and sister-in-law as they boarded a flight to Hong Kong. Investigators said they found three encrypted CDs in their luggage containing documents on a submarine propulsion system, a solid-state power switch for ships and a Power Point presentation on the future of power electronics.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to export defense material to China, failure to register as a foreign agent, attempted and actual export of defense articles and making false statements. His wife, brother and other relatives also have been indicted.

Mak testified that he first met Pu in 2000 while he was visiting his sister in Guangzhou, China. Mak said Pu seemed interested in commercial electronics and engaged Mak in a discussion about a magnetic levitation train being built in Shanghai.

Mak said he volunteered to send Pu some magazine articles about linear motors because he thought the gesture might help Mak's brother, who did business with Pu.

After that, Mak said, he only talked to Pu twice, both times by telephone to inquire about the health of his sister-in-law's mother.

He disputed statements from FBI agents who testified that Mak admitted during an untaped jailhouse interview that Pu was his handler and was employed by the Chinese government.

"I did not say that," Mak said. "They gave me three multiple choice options. Intelligence? I said no. Army? I said no. Government? I said I don't know."

Mak also testified that a distant relative named Gu Wei Hao attempted on two occasions to recruit him for work as a messenger, once by mail and once by speaking with Mak's wife.

Mak said he ignored the attempts.

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Bratton: Rally a 'grave concern'

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Coming under intense criticism, Police Chief William J. Bratton said Wednesday officers' use of brute force to disperse an immigration rally was of "grave concern" and promised a full investigation.

Bratton said officers fired 240 "nonlethal" rounds to clear MacArthur Park late Tuesday, images captured by numerous news videos showing officers striking people, including journalists, with batons and shooting the rubber bullets into crowds that included children

Images showed police hitting a television cameraman to the ground, shoving people who were walking away from officers and injuries from the rubber bullets — such as a Hispanic man with bleeding welts on his stomach and back. Lines of officers moved through the park firing the rubber rounds.

"The events of yesterday, with all (the training) that we do, should not have occurred," said Bratton at a tense press conference.

Rally organizers denounced the police action as brutal.

With Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa away in El Salvador, City Council President Eric Garcetti spoke to viewers of a televised news conference in English and Spanish, stressing the duty to protect the people's right to assemble and for "a free and unencumbered news media."

John Mack, president of the five-member Police Commission, said he was "deeply disturbed and very disappointed" by the images.

"This was not a pretty picture. This incident raises serious concern regarding the use of force by some individual officers," said Mack, who is one of Bratton's bosses. The civilian commission, which sets policy for the Police Department, has opened its own investigation.

Bratton said the clash occurred over 45 minutes to an hour as the rally wound down. He indicated police were initially trying to deal with 50 to 100 "agitators."

"The individuals were there to provoke police," said Bratton. "Unfortunately they got what they came for."

Rally organizers and reporters said the clashes started around 6 p.m., when police tried to disperse demonstrators who moved into a street. Authorities said several people threw rocks and bottles at officers, who used batons to push the crowd back onto the sidewalk and then cleared the park.

LA running behind in plan to install ritzy outdoor toilets

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A plan to place dozens of ritzy public toilets around town is, uh, running behind.

Three years since the first $300,000 toilet was installed, only seven are in place. Another is scheduled to open this month downtown.

The cushy automated devices carry instructions in several languages, including Braille, are either free or cost a quarter to enter, depending on location, and clean themselves.

The city hopes the facilities will lend a little class to areas ranging from Skid Row to the Miracle Mile. Such devices are found in such world-class cities as Hong Kong, New York and Paris.

The toilets are being paid for and maintained by two companies, CBS Outdoor and JCDecaux, under a 20-year "street furniture" contract with the city that also calls for construction of bus shelters and information kiosks. The companies got the rights to sell advertising space on the structures and guaranteed the city will get $150 million in revenues.

Los Angeles wants to install as many as 150 of the fancy toilets. However, they need to be hooked up to sewage, power, water and telephone lines and must be approved by a variety of city departments. Officials say that can be a slow process.

"It's a big city. There are so many departments you have to go through," said Francois Nion, co-managing director of the CBS-JCDecaux joint venture.

Previous public toilet efforts have been criticized. Many outdoor toilets downtown were removed after police said they were being used for prostitution and drug use.



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SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING

City of Santa Monica

DATE/TIME: May 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
- ARB 06-313, 1959 Twentieth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 06-377, 1231 Fourth Street: Commercial
- ARB 06-400, 210-212 Santa Monica Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- ARB 06-509, 1917 Twelfth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 06-525, 2121 Oak Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 06-551, 1543 Eleventh Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 06-583, 1829 Eleventh Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-042, 1427 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ARB 07-043, 1919 Fourth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-093, 505 Arizona Avenue: Religious Facility
- ARB 07-105, 2015 Idaho Avenue: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-108, 1866 Lincoln Boulevard: Commercial
- ARB 07-120, 503 Olympic Boulevard: Social Services Provider

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Republicans like Hollywood action

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Republican Rudy Giuliani once derided Hollywood in his Senate bid against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Today, as he pursues the presidency, he's collecting checks from actors Adam Sandler and Kelsey Grammer, and Paramount studio chief Brad Grey.

The entertainment industry has always been a wealth of cash for political candidates — a whopping $27.5 million in the 2004 election cycle — and Democrats traditionally have been the top draw. In the last election, $7 out of every $10 from the industry went to Democrats, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Yet, the latest campaign finance reports show Republicans making some inroads, not only with the handful of more conservative stars but also the generous Hollywood players hedging their bets.

Of the GOP candidates, Giuliani, the former New York city mayor, counted several big and small screen donors as well as producers and studio executives.

Sandler, who shares a love of the New York Yankees with Giuliani and tapped him for a cameo in his 2003 movie "Anger Management," contributed $2,100. "Frasier" star Grammer and his wife donated $6,900. Mark Vahradian, who produced "Annapolis" for Paramount, gave $2,100. Writer-producer Lionel Chetwynd, an Oscar nominee for co-writing 1974's "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz," gave more than $4,200.

Grey, who helped the mayor negotiate a book deal, kicked in $4,200 to Giuliani's campaign. Grey, the former executive producer of a Giuliani favorite — the acclaimed HBO mob drama, "The Sopranos" — also contributed to Clinton and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn.

Hollywood would have been an unlikely source of money for Giuliani eight years ago.

In his short-lived Senate bid, the then-mayor scoffed at celebrity culture, saying of Clinton: "She can have the Hollywood crowd." Throughout his two terms, Giuliani was no Hollywood favorite even though he sought to bring film dollars to the city.

He traded jabs with Rosie O'Donnell, criticized violence in movies and scuttled plans for the launch party for Talk Magazine, partly owned by Miramax Films, at the city-owned Brooklyn Navy Yards. Clinton appeared on the cover of the magazine's first issue.

Asked if Giuliani was looking at Hollywood differently, his campaign didn't respond directly.

"We are grateful for the support for Mayor Giuliani's leadership from across the country," spokesman Jarrod Agen said.

A West Coast trip for Thursday's debate at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley provides Giuliani and the other GOP candidates a chance to pick up a few more checks.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Settlement suits Santa Clarita groundwater parties

A $100 million groundwater cleanup deal was struck after a nearly seven-year legal battle with former and current owners of a defunct munitions plant.

Four Santa Clarita Valley water agencies agreed to the settlement calling for the Whittaker-Bermite facility's current and former owners to clean up the perchlorate contamination. The chemical is used in the manufacture of explosives, munitions and rocket fuel.

The Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Water Co. and Valencia Water Co. sued current and former operators of the munitions site after perchlorate was found in five Santa Clarita Valley wells.

"This ensures funding for a very important cleanup project in the Santa Clarita Valley. It's very nice that we have a cooperative approach," attorney Frederic A. Fudacz said.

The settlement, reported Thursday by the Daily Journal, must be approved by a federal bankruptcy judge in Arizona because the site's current owners, Remediation Financial Inc. and Arizona-based Santa Clarita LLC, filed for bankruptcy in 2002.

The 1,000-acre Bermite site manufactured ammunition, explosives, flares and detonators since the 1940s. Whittaker Corp. operated the site until 1999, when it was purchased by Remediation Financial and Santa Clarita LLC.

The settlement agreement reached by Whittaker, Remediation Financial and Santa Clarita provides $100 million for the construction of replacement wells, pipelines and a treatment facility to remove perchlorate.

"We are pleased to bring this negotiation to an end on a cooperative and amicable basis," Whittaker attorney Eric G. Lardiere said in a joint statement with the water agencies.

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LOS ANGELES

Landlord facing jail while tenants live in squalor

A landlord will spend up to five months in jail because hundreds of his tenants to live in squalor in downtown area buildings.

Darren Stern, president of Landmark Equity Management, pleaded no contest to nearly three dozen code violations at three buildings, the city attorney's office said Wednesday.

The criminal charges described leaking sewage and cockroach infestations.

It is rare for landlords to get jail sentences for code violations.

"If there were ever a slumlord that more richly deserved to spend time in jail, I do not know of him," said attorney Tai Glenn of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, which represents many of Stern's tenants.

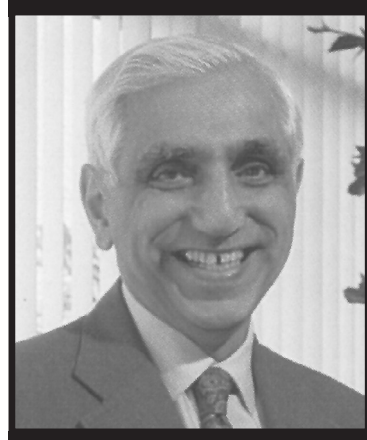
Stern declined comment.

His lawyer Nathan Hochman said Stern had "cooperated fully with bringing his buildings into compliance and addressing the tenants' concerns" and that he is "committed to continuing along this path in the future."

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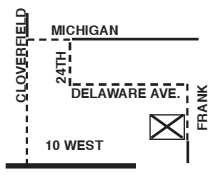
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following application:

Palisades Park (200 – 1500 blks Ocean Avenue), LC-06LM-009, Zoning: DP (Designated Parks) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a continued public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 06LM-009 for Palisades Park to determine whether the park should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica

2001-2011 Main Street, LC-07LM-002, Zoning: CM2 (Main Street Special Commercial). The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 07LM-002 for 2001-2011 Main Street to determine whether the improvements on the subject property should be designated, in whole or in part, as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: 2001 Main Street LLC.

415 Pacific Coast Highway (Palisades Beach Road), LC-07CA-005, Zoning: RVC (Residential-Visitor Commercial) District and Beach Overlay District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 07CA-005 for the approval of the lighting plan related to the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former Marion Davies Estate at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, a designated City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for this property. Applicant: City of Santa Monica. Owner: California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

When: **Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Jing Yeo, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Yeo by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at jing.yeo@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.



WE'VE GOT GUSHERS

Fabian Lewkowicz *faibianl@smdp.com*

Pedestrians on Main Street were forced Thursday to try and sidestep the overspray of some city sprinklers.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Happy 100th birthday, cowboy!

In honor of actor John Wayne's 100th birthday, the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica received a million dollar gift at the Institute Auxiliary's annual Odyssey Ball in late April.

His sons Patrick and Ethan Wayne, and the Wayne extended family presented the gift to Lou Lazatin, CEO of the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center. The funds came from the John Wayne Cancer Foundation and will benefit the John Wayne Cancer Institute's internationally-known fellowship program.

Since 1981, the John Wayne name has been committed by the Wayne family to cancer research and education in memory of their father who died of cancer.

DAILY PRESS

Santa Monica

Star parties and planet queens

"What Are Star Parties, and How Can I Find One?" and "Choosing a First Telescope!" are the feature shows at Santa Monica College's Friday Night Astronomy series in May.

"Star Parties" is scheduled for 8 p.m. on May 4 and 11 at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium. It will cover gatherings of telescope viewers in California and the West and even nearby haunts like the Griffith Observatory and Vazquez Rocks.

"Choosing a First Telescope!" will be held at 8 p.m. on May 18. The presentation will demystify the optical and mechanical jargon associated with telescopes and will provide guidance on determining what instrument is best for you.

The feature shows are preceded by "The Night Sky Show," which re-creates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration, at 7 p.m.

The John Drescher Planetarium, which features the Digistar projection system, is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets are $5 each or $9 for the "double bill," with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-4223.

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Media watchdogs are old hands at it

FROM **WHAT'S NEW** PAGE 3

er perspective, which is one of the reasons why Anita Henry attends.

"People come from different places and backgrounds, which is good," she said. "You need to have different views."

Others attend to blow off a little steam.

"Instead of hurling things at the T.V. you can come here and get it off your chest," said Pamela Simons.

Nordhaus said he scours the Internet, newspapers and magazines like the Economist for stories to discuss. More often than not, the conversations are centered around the Iraq war and other international events. On occasion, they will discuss local news, but usually the focus is on the world outside of Santa Monica.

For instance, participants recently discussed Rupert Murdoch's $5 billion bid to purchase the Wall Street Journal and Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice's visit to Syria and what that may mean for Middle East peace.

"We all learn together," Nordhaus said of the group. "I'm typically the youngest person in the room, so it's interesting for me to get to know who they are and to learn from their experiences. Some are World War II vets, others have lived in many countries around the world. It's a good group of people."

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> **Pamela Simons**
> participant, What's New This Week

Nina Ramos, a self-described news junkie, said she attends because she finds the discussions stimulating and it keeps here engaged.

"While we may be this strange group of people, I've learned that we all are pretty similar in what we think is important," Ramos said.

For Henry, it's all about discovering new things.

"What I've learned the most," she said, "is how little I actually know."

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Schools are grappling with iPods, technology

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Internet, according to Dr. Chiung "Sally" Chou, the district's chief academic officer.

"You need to put out guidelines so (students) know what the parameters are first," Chou said on Thursday. "Students here are very smart about what they need to do."

Schools first got a taste of things to come regarding technology when they received reports of so-called "cyber bullying" in the past few years on MySpace, a social networking Web site popular among teenagers and young adults.

"There are a lot of problems that I think school districts don't really have the answer for right now," said School Board Vice President Oscar de la Torre on Thursday. "It'll be a process for us to determine what the best course of action is."

With a new hot technological gadget being put out on the market seemingly every month, administrators will need to find a way to "respect privacy rights, but also protect the integrity of the public education process," de la Torre said.

One way administrators are keeping up with technology is training, paid for by technology grants the school district receives, Chou said.

"We need to be aware of students' use of technology and, at the same time, how we can effectively use technology to enhance teaching and learning," Chou said.

'NOT THAT KIND OF KID'

Using digital music players as a cheating device hasn't seemed to have caught on yet at Santa Monica High School, where iPods are wildly popular among students.

After school on Thursday, high school students could be seen walking along Lincoln Boulevard, each oblivious to the scene around them as they listened to their music players. Several students along the backside of Samohi on Seventh Street were listening to digital players as they awaited their parents to pick them up.

One student, who asked to remain anonymous, said he has thought of using an iPod to cheat on tests, but said he would never act on his idea since "I'm not that kind of kid."

Though iPods are not technically allowed in the classroom, some teachers will allow students to listen to music if they are finished with their tests, the student said.

Apple has also promoted the tiny and sleek toys as educational tools, painting the iPod as a device with which the student can learn on the go. Using software such as iLife, teachers and students can create their own content and upload it to their iPods.

A representative of Apple could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

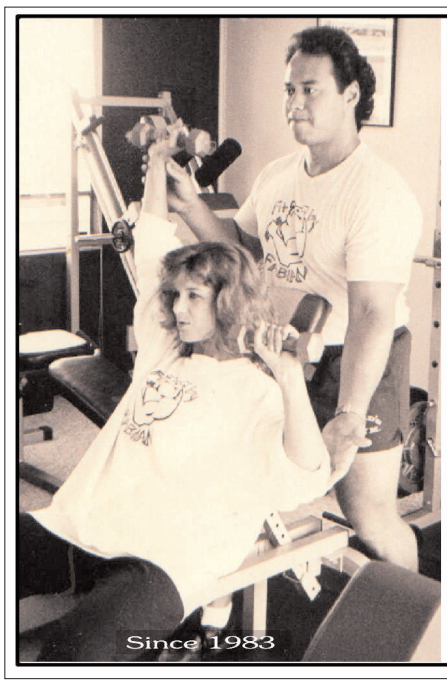
Meanwhile, Santa Monica College has welcomed the iPods with open arms, creating a podcast program called "SMC on iTunes U." The program enables students to download course materials onto their music player.

In some cases, the world would be easier if technology wasn't constantly changing and creating new obstacles for educators. But in other cases, these new technological advances are beneficial for enhancing education, he said.

"I saw a kid the other day come across some article on a Web site over a subject he was studying ... and he reached over and got his iPod and downloaded the article," Maybon said. "He was on a field trip sitting there reading an article."

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— The End of Corruption —

More and more, the nations are beginning to recognize, to take seriously and to deal with, an age-old problem, namely corruption. In some parts of the world corruption has been a way of life for centuries. This has benefited the few, of course, at the expense of the many. For untold ages, corrupt leaders and powerful politicians have waxed rich on the taxes imposed on their subjects and citizens. In modern times, the large corporations of the West have been found guilty of 'cooking the books' on a massive scale, while in the East it is taken for granted that every transaction needs the 'greasing' of someone's palm.


". . . corrupt governments fail and betray their peoples and so surrender their right to govern."

Corruption is endemic, and runs through some societies from the president or prime minister to the police and sport. Electoral corruption is rampant, as recent elections have demonstrated, even in countries supposedly dedicated to freedom and democracy. Such corrupt governments fail and betray their peoples and so surrender their right to govern.

In the midst of such corruption is it possible to engender trust without which the future for men would be bleak indeed? Without trust, a fairer sharing of resources would be a forlorn hope. Without trust, the global decisions required to sustain our planetary home would never be taken. Without blessed and beneficent trust, men would forfeit their right of Stewardship of Planet Earth, and would seal themselves off for aeons from further evolution.

Thus would it be, and thus should men tackle seriously, and without delay, the corrosive impact of corruption on every strata of society, and every nook and cranny of our planetary life.

To help men to do this, you may be sure that Maitreya will be at pains to demonstrate to men the eroding effect of corruption in all its many manifestations. He will show that if men would become the Gods they essentially are, they must abandon the old ways of deceit and subterfuge. To tackle the serious environmental problems, He will explain, men must work together, in trust. Without trust, Maitreya will emphasize, little can be done. So steeped in corruption themselves are the leaders of the nations, that they trust no one.

Maitreya will show that men have but one choice to create the necessary trust: to share the produce of this bounteous Earth more evenly across the world, and so end for ever the starvation and poverty of millions, dying in the midst of plenty.

Will the leaders listen to the words of Maitreya? For the most part, possibly, no, not at first. But soon the people everywhere will hear, and see the wisdom of Maitreya's advice. They will say amen to His wise words and support His Cause. World public opinion will find its voice and its Mentor, and against its power the obstructive voices of the greedy dictators and corrupt politicians will fade. So will it be, and so will begin the cleansing and transformation of this world.

This article, published in *Share International* magazine, was written by a Master of Wisdom. The Masters, headed by Maitreya, the World Teacher, are highly advanced teachers and advisors of humanity who are planning to work openly in the world very soon.

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AFTERMATH: A SMPD forensics officer analyzes the scene of a fatal accident Wednesday at the intersection of Fourth Street and Idaho Avenue. A 90-year-old man was killed crossing the street.

Deadly crash has residents fuming

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

FOURTH STREET An unmarked intersection that residents claim is notorious for car accidents was the site of a deadly crash on Wednesday evening, when a 90-year-old man was struck and killed by a motorist.

The elderly man was on Idaho Avenue crossing Fourth Street when he was hit by a 37-year-old female who was traveling southbound on Fourth Street in a 2007 BMW, according to police.

Witnesses said the man lay in the street like a "crumbled piece of tin foil," his dentures sitting in a pool of blood.

Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics transported the pedestrian to UCLA Hospital in Westwood, where he later died of his injuries.

The driver of the vehicle was not injured and has been cooperating with investigators, police said.

The identity of the victim had not been released as of 4 p.m. Thursday.

It was the third fatal traffic accident this year involving a pedestrian on a Santa Monica street, raising concerns about the safety of walking or bicycling in a city that aggressively promotes such environmentally friendly activities.

"I feel, as pedestrians, we take our lives in our hands every day as we walk in Santa Monica," said Jennifer French, who lives a few houses away from the latest accident and often hears the sound of screeching tires and twisting metal. "People speed and don't look out for pedestrians … I hope this (accident) will force them to do something now.

"They should have done something a long time ago."

The first accident occurred in January at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Euclid Street. An 80-year-old man was hit by a motorist as he was walking through a lighted crosswalk. Only three of the 25 lights were working at the time of the accident, police said.

At the time of the crash, investigators believed the setting sun may have been a factor in the crash.

In March, a 40-year-old woman was killed near Santa Monica Place when she was hit by an MTA bus while walking through a crosswalk on Second Street.

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>
> **Lamont Ewell**
> City manager, Santa Monica

City officials said they are looking into the three accidents to determine if more measures can be taken to ensure public safety.

"We are taking this matter very seriously," said City Manager Lamont Ewell, who on behalf of City Hall offered condolences to the family of the man killed Tuesday. "We are responsive, however, it never seems fast enough when you have fatalities like this, so I certainly understand the concerns."

Ewell said reports on the two previous accidents showed obstruction of the driver as being a contributing factor, which he said was "troubling," prompting him to have a discussion with the police chief about putting out public service announcements warning the public to be mindful of their surroundings and to pay attention when crossing the street or driving through an intersection.

"We want to encourage walking and bicycling, but we also want to encourage people to be very mindful of the distraction of drivers," Ewell said. "We all have encountered where someone nearly ran into us, whether on foot or in cars.

"We need to be mindful of how distracted some of our drivers have become over the years."

City Hall has responded to residents living along Ocean Park Boulevard, where there were five pedestrian-related accidents in 2006, one of which was fatal. City staff met with residents and is in the process of making improvements, Ewell said.

"I have also received e-mails from residents about looking into the Eastside and some of the neighborhoods there that are having problems," Ewell said.

RESIDENTS SOUND THE BELL

City Hall may also want to think about creating more bicycle lanes. With just 3 percent of its streets featuring an exclusive path for cyclists, the city gives itself a "poor" ranking in its Sustainable City Progress Report.

With more than 160 miles of arterial streets — those roadways designed for a high degree of mobility and traffic — the city has in place less than five miles' worth of designated paths.

Those living near Fourth Street and Idaho said they have warned the city for years about drivers speeding and the danger of not having a four-way stop at the intersection. One neighbor said several Christmas carolers were hit near the very spot where the man was killed Tuesday.

In six months, Brett Conrad said he has heard at least three accidents outside his apartment window. Casey Haley, a resident at Exbrook Arms, an assisted living facility on Fourth Street, said he has seen seven accidents in the last year and a half.

"They need to get a (stop) sign in here quick," said Greg Castleberry, also a resident of Exbrook Arms. "They need to put more motor officers here too to catch those speeding. You have all these jerks in their high-powered Ferraris and Mercedes coming flying through here. They need to do something now before another accident like this happens, which it will, if they don't act soon."

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Photo courtesy of 10 Tanker Air Carrier

WHERE'S THE FIRE? **The Supertanker is capable of dropping 10 times more fire retardant than any state fire prevention aircraft, yet its days combating California wildfires may be numbered.**

Non-profit out to save DC-10

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sands of flame retardant on to fires. In just one trip, the supertanker can drop the flame retardant — a mixture of fertilizer and iron oxide — around the existing blaze, creating a barrier and preventing the flames from proceeding past the line.

The supertanker can drop up to 12,000 gallons in eight seconds, creating a barrier — also known as the "building line" — longer than half a mile and about 50-100 feet wide. It can hold 10 times more flame retardant than any state fire prevention aircraft and five times more than any federally-used fire prevention aircraft.

"The fire will burn up to the retardant and will stop," said Tony Morris, founder of WRN, on Thursday. "The aircraft can be very important in providing the ability to contain it."

It took Victorville-based 10 Tanker Air Carrier close to four years to develop the supertanker, which was first introduced on a trial basis last year. The state signed a contract with 10 Tanker Air Carrier last fiscal year to use the supertanker on an as-needed basis, dishing out roughly $26,500 an hour for its use.

One of the problems with the on-call contract was the response time, since there was only one supertanker available. A seasonal contract would keep the supertanker exclusively available, Morris said.

The aircraft is based at the Victorville Airport, a central location allowing it to reach anywhere in the state within an hour, said Rick Hatton, managing partner of 10 Tanker Air Carrier.

The supertanker was used 26 times last year in California and Washington in fighting nine different fires.

The response from the state fire agencies was positive, Hatton said.

"We need this resource to supplement the initial attack response," said Mike Padilla, aviation manager for the California Department Forestry and Fire Protection.

Trying to build its business, 10 Tanker Air Carrier will no longer offer on call contracts and is seeking seasonal contracts with state agencies, bringing in more revenue to the company and allowing its engineers to build more supertankers.

> **"IT'S ALMOST LIKE INSURANCE ... YOU KIND OF HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FIRES AND DON'T NEED IT, BUT IT'S GOOD TO HAVE IT."**
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> **Rick Hatton**
> Managing partner, 10 Tanker Air Carrier

The base cost of the contract could be about $5 million with a minimum of 120 days, though the terms have not been discussed, Morris said.

Hatton did not want to disclose his asking price, but said it would be a multi-million dollar deal.

"It's almost like insurance," Hatton said. "You kind of hope you don't have any fires and don't need it, but it's good to have it."

The fate of the supertanker in California could lie in the hands of the state's Budget Subcommittee 3, which deals with natural resources including the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, who lives in Santa Monica and represents the 41st District, sits on the committee.

"She is supportive of it, but the problem is we have to understand the full budget," said Stephanie Burri, Brownley's chief of staff. "It's a good idea, but we have to figure out what the financial situation of the state is."

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Use of informants gets a looksee

BY BEN EVANS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A botched drug raid that ended the life of a 92-year-old woman in a hail of police gunfire is drawing questions from House members about the use of informants.

Police burst into Kathryn Johnston's Atlanta home last fall using a no-knock warrant they obtained by lying to a judge about drug activity there, according to prosecutors.

Afterward, when they realized their mistake, the officers tried to cover their tracks, and one has admitted planting drugs in the house and coaxing a street-level informant to go along with their story, according to court papers.

A host of influential black House members said the case highlights widespread misuse of police informants, and they pledged to address the issue in Congress.

"I see the shooting and killing of Ms. Johnston as one piece of a larger puzzle," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "We must utilize every means at our disposal ... to ensure that this kind of injustice never, ever happens again."

Lewis joined House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Mich., and other lawmakers in a meeting Wednesday with the Rev. Markel Hutchins. The Atlanta civil rights activist has acted as a spokesman for Johnston's family.

Hutchins also met with attorneys with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and with staffers for several senators. The meetings came as attorneys for Johnston's niece have filed a wrongful death claim with the city of Atlanta as a precursor to a lawsuit.

"We believe what happened with Ms. Johnston is just the tip of the iceberg and is more symptomatic than coincidental," Hutchins said in an interview. "We've got to deal with the culture of police departments in this country ... every young black person in America knows there's a problem with policing."

According to the plea agreements for two of the officers involved, police working on a tip from a suspected drug dealer falsely claimed that a secret police informant — Alex White — had witnessed a drug deal at Johnston's home so that they could get a no-knock warrant.

In the Nov. 21 raid, plainclothes narcotics officers burst into Johnston's house unannounced. Johnston fired one errant shot at the intruders, hitting no one, and the officers responded with 39 shots, five or six of which struck her.

After searching the home and finding no drugs, the officers tried to cover up the mistake, prosecutors said. One officer handcuffed the dying woman and planted three bags of marijuana in the basement of her house. He then called White and told him to pretend he had bought crack cocaine at the house, court papers say.

White, who traveled to Washington with Hutchins to meet with lawmakers, said in an interview that he never would have known that his name was used to obtain the warrant had the raid not turned fatal.

Republican Sen. Johnny Isakson of Georgia called the Johnston shooting a "terrible situation" but said it doesn't necessarily reflect on the practices of all officers.

"If you're asking me for a broad indictment of the Atlanta Police Department, I'm not going to give a broad indictment," Isakson said. "But when something like this happens it should cause us to review."

Prosecutors don't want death penalty for immigrants' driver

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY Federal prosecutors will not recommend the death penalty for three people charged in the deaths of eight illegal immigrants whose SUV rolled in southeastern Utah, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

Two more people were added to the case in an indictment returned this week by a grand jury.

Rigoberto Sales-Lopez, 30, was driving a Chevy Suburban before dawn April 16 when it rolled several times on U.S. 191 in the Four Corners area of Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona.

Eight of the 14 people aboard died. All were from Guatemala or Mexico, immigration agents said.

Sales-Lopez has been in custody since the crash. He pleaded not guilty during an arraignment Thursday in federal court.

The death penalty is a possible punishment for anyone convicted of transporting illegal aliens resulting in death.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Salt Lake City will not recommend death in this case, spokeswoman Melodie Rydalch said. The final decision, however, rests with the U.S. Justice Department in Washington.

After his arrest, Sales-Lopez told agents that he was offered $1,000 to drive the group to St. Louis from Arizona.

Some survivors told agents that he was fondling a woman before the crash, accounts that contradict his claim that he was trying to avoid hitting an animal when the vehicle rolled.

Two other people were indicted by a grand jury: passenger Felipe Sales-Perez and Adolfo Manuel Espinoza. Sales-Perez is in custody but has not appeared in court.

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BOXING

Mayweather and De La Hoya primed

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS After three months of verbal sparring, Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Oscar De La Hoya are just about ready to shut up and fight.

Boxing's best pound-for-pound fighter and its most popular champion said little to spark controversy or antagonize each other this week at the largest media gathering before their fight for De La Hoya's WBC 154-pound title Saturday night.

"I think I'm out of words," De La Hoya said at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino. "There really isn't much more to say. There's only one thing left to talk about, and that's the result."

That hasn't been the case during the colorful buildup to fight week. The innovative promotions for boxing's most anticipated fight in a half-decade included a widely praised HBO reality show, popular videos distributed on YouTube and an all-out blitz on every other media format.

After Mayweather (37-0, 24 KOs) taunted and threatened De La Hoya — and hung a replica of the Golden Boy's Olympic gold medal around a chicken's neck — during their 11-city promotional tour, the fighters' Las Vegas extravaganza was decidedly muted. Mayweather said only a few words on the dais, and De La Hoya (38-4, 30 KOs) was equally brief.

"I'm hungry, I know what it takes and I'm ready to go out there and die in the ring," said Mayweather, who wore $1 million in diamond jewelry.

The only vintage trash-talking came from Roger Mayweather, Floyd's uncle and trainer, who attacked the fighting credentials of Freddie Roach, De La Hoya's respected trainer. Roach didn't acknowledge Roger Mayweather's jabs with a reply.

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>
> Floyd Mayweather
> pro boxer

"Don't miss this one. It might not be too long," Roach said.

Though Mayweather claims to see fear in De La Hoya's eyes, both fighters seemed calm and comfortable. Those feelings could be due to their eight-figure paydays for what could end up being the most lucrative fight in boxing history.

Richard Schaefer, the chief executive of De La Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions, said the MGM Grand Garden Arena already has sold each of its 16,200 seats, and six casinos already have combined to sell 15,700 seats at closed-circuit viewing parties.

BASKETBALL

Fair play: Chicago's Deng wins sportsmanship award

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

DEERFIELD, Ill. Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng won the NBA's sportsmanship award Thursday, edging Shane Battier and four other divisional winners in a vote by players.

Deng received 52 first-place votes and 2,027 points — 22 more than Battier of Houston. Utah's Derek Fisher (1,953) was third, followed by the Los Angeles Clippers' Elton Brand (1,935), Atlanta's Joe Johnson (1,737) and Toronto's Anthony Parker (1,611).

The award honors the player who best exemplifies ethical behavior, fair play and integrity on the court, and the winner receives the Joe Dumars Trophy — named after the Detroit Pistons Hall of Fame guard, their president of basketball operations and the inaugural recipient.

"I haven't told my parents yet about it, but I think for them it means a lot more than any other award," Deng said. "I can win awards on the basketball court and it would mean a lot to me. But this award is on and off the court. It's something for me to give back to my parents. They will appreciate I'm being recognized for who I am."

Born in The Sudan, Deng was 5 when his family fled to Egypt after the government was overthrown. They eventually settled in England, where his parents still live. He spent his high school years at a prep school in New Jersey and went to Duke for a year before entering the NBA.

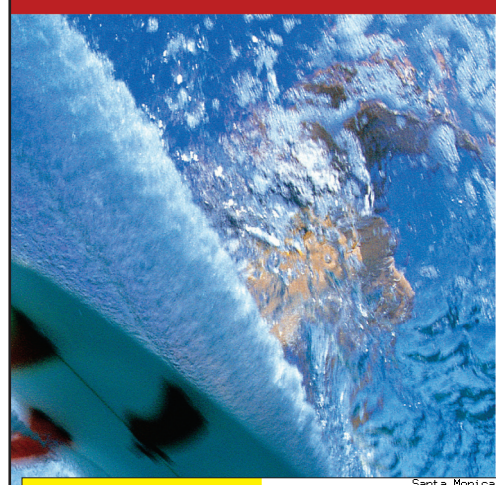
Deng is involved in numerous charities, and the league will donate $25,000 on his behalf to Pacific Garden Mission, the oldest continuously operating rescue mission in the country. It will also donate $10,000 to each of the divisional winners' chosen charities — Toronto Raptors Foundation on Parker's behalf; the Boys and Girls Club of Little Rock, Ark., on Johnson's behalf; the Boys and Girls Club of Houston on Battier's behalf; and Fisher Fellows of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and C.A.M.P. Inc. of Peekskill, N.Y., on behalf of Brand.

In his third year, Deng enjoyed his best season, averaging 18.8 points and 7.1 rebounds, and has been even better in helping the Bulls sweep defending champion Miami in the first round. Deng averaged 26.3 points and 9.0 against the Heat. The Bulls face Detroit in the second round beginning with Game 1 on Saturday.

"He really does epitomize everything I had hoped for as a person and a basketball player," general manager John Paxson said. "I think it's one of the reasons we've gotten to the level we're at this year. I'm truly proud of him. I think the world of him as a person and as a player."



SURF REPORT



SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 59°

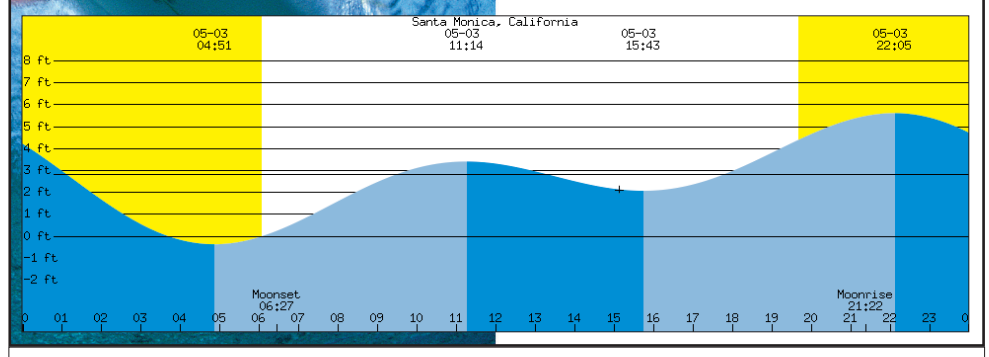
SWELL FORECAST (4-7 FT)

Today is when the surf picks up, but conditions are still questionable from the winds. We have some SW due from that New Zealand activity we've been tracking the past couple weeks, and we're in for some NW from the Aleutians. As for size, south facing breaks are looking at chest high 210-degree energy on Friday with 16-18 second periods, increasing on Saturday.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WIND ISSUES REMAIN IN THE FORECAST...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 21
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from Ford

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

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

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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Fun and games, Leo

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)
★★★★ You know what to do and how to deal with a sometimes touchy situation. If questioning your choices, choose to head in another direction. By taking the high road, you will see life from a more dynamic perspective. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Let others make choices. You might be able to influence someone through a discussion, but any other avenue will not work. You also could consider pulling out and doing something very different. Understand why others do what they do. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Allow more conversation to flow. Get to the bottom of an issue by being a better listener. How you view a personal situation could change dynamically. Others want to run with the ball. Say "yes." Tonight: Allow others, and yourself, to see both sides of an issue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Easy does it. You might have another opportunity to complete a project or get the job done. A different perspective helps you understand how effective you are. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Let your imagination soar. Others might be amazed by your new style or perspective. Look more deeply into your situation and possible solutions. Break past mental restraints and eye change more carefully. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and approach a situation differently. Your resolve and style take you to a new level of security. You know what works, but implementing it could take time. Touch base with a family member. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might know what you need to do. Consider more carefully your options that surround your daily conversations and sense of direction. Understand what is happening with a relative or sibling. Deal with people independently. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Work with a moveable financial matter. You might not have the answers just yet. Consider your options that involve a problem more carefully. Others want feedback and information. You might need to stall. Tonight: Take a hard look at your expenses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep smiling and know what needs to happen in order to clear out a problem. Where someone might hedge, cause a problem or encourage another look, you can tease the needed facts out. Use your creativity. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Know when to step back, as you could cause yourself a problem. What you think is a good risk could backfire. Think in terms of gains and growth. Zero in on what you want. Knowledge proves to be powerful. Tonight: Get some R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Where your friends are is where you might be found. You even turn work associates into allies, as your diplomacy rises to a new level. Experiment and turn an enemy into an ally too. You might be surprised by what happens. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take charge and handle a personal matter head-on. You make a must appearance because you need to clear the air. The clearest intent could backfire right now, as others are off doing their thing. Tonight: Out and about.

Born Today

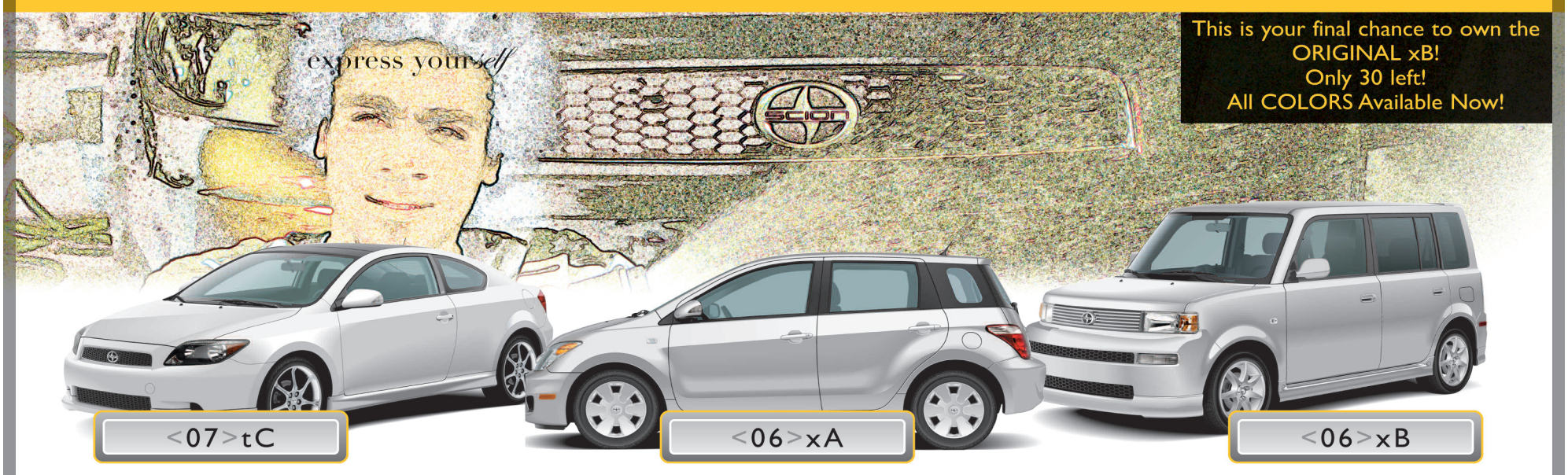
Actress Pia Zadora (1954)
Actress Audrey Hepburn (1929), political analyst George F. Will (1941)

Happy Birthday!

This year, listen to others carefully, even if you don't feel that you can make the impact you'd like by being passive. One-on-one relating might be the key to making others aware of your views. You have great ideas, but so do others. Carefully listen to feedback and show respect. You, in turn, will discover that others will give the same more often. Finances bloom because of someone else or a key partnership. If you are single, you enjoy relating on an individual, one-on-one level. Stress might cause maintaining a bond to be difficult. If you are attached, work as a duo. Allow your partner to run with the ball more often.

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'Tigress' talk

Pinkett Smith insists friend is not a prisoner of Cruise

JADA PINKETT SMITH says good friend Katie Holmes is an equal partner in her marriage with Tom Cruise.

"People think Tom and the Church of Scientology got something on Kate? They don't," the 35-year-old actress and wife of Will Smith tells People.com in a story posted Thursday. "Kate is running her own show. And she's a great mother. Her kids — Connor, Bella, Suri — are dynamic children and are extremely happy. And her husband is very, very happy."

Pinkett Smith denies reports that Holmes, 28, is a prisoner in her marriage to the 44-year-old actor, who's been depicted by the tabloids as a controlling husband.

"It burns my soul — I see her in the house with Tom; he doesn't have that on her! ... Let me tell you: Kate ain't no little wimpy kitty cat," says Pinkett Smith, who also calls Holmes a "tigress."

The Smiths — close friends of the Cruise-Holmes clan — attended the couple's lavish wedding in Italy last year. Pinkett Smith says Holmes "did not break a sweat" amid the media frenzy.

Dark-haired, blue-eyed Suri was born last year — again, media frenzy. Cruise has two children, Isabella and Connor, from his previous marriage to Nicole Kidman.

"She's young, she popped into motherhood very fast," Pinkett Smith says of Holmes. "If you think about the transition she's done, with as much grace she's had, and on top of it with the attacks — I don't know how she does it."

Pinkett Smith says she's amazed "how people want to focus on `She's tied up in the basement and he throws steaks to her at night and she gets to see Suri only on Sundays.' It's ridiculous."

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Report: Indian judge is jetted



A judge who issued an arrest warrant against **RICHARD GERE** for publicly kissing a Bollywood actress reportedly has been transferred from his job.

Judge Dinesh Gupta, a magistrate in the northwestern city of Jaipur, issued arrest orders last week for both Gere and Shilpa Shetty after the kiss at a public AIDS awareness event in New Delhi earlier in March.

The public display of affection drew an outcry among Hindu hard-liners, with rallies against the actors held in several cities. But the judge's arrest order also drew harsh criticism in India, with some lawyers saying it had no legal merit and made the country look ridiculous.

The Times of India reported Thursday that Gupta was transferred from his post in Jaipur to the small town of Kishangarh several hours away. The paper quoted High Court Commissioner C.P. Singh as saying the transfer was "routine," but he noted that the order came from a state chief justice. Officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Gupta had issued the arrest warrant following a complaint by a local lawyer, who said the public kiss was obscene. After viewing footage of the event, Gupta called the embrace and kiss "highly sexually erotic."

It was not immediately clear what effect the transfer would have on the arrest warrant. Gupta refused to comment on the transfer, the paper reported.

Gere, 57, apologized for any offense he may have caused in India, where public displays of affection are largely taboo. But he also said the whole controversy was manufactured by a small hardline political party.

Gere, who left shortly after the kiss, is a frequent visitor to India, promoting health issues and the cause of Tibetan exiles. The Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, has his headquarters in the northern Indian town of Dharmsala.

Shetty, a well-known actress in India, became an international star after her appearance on the British reality show "Celebrity Big Brother."

AP

Reagan: It's good to be on King

LARRY KING'S interviewing style appealed to former first lady Nancy Reagan because she didn't have to break a sweat.

During CNN's weeklong celebration of King's 50 years in broadcasting, Reagan was a call-in guest Wednesday to Katie Couric's turn-the-tables interview of the 73-year-old King. Couric asked what it was about his technique that works.

"You just feel at ease with Larry," she said. "He is a very easy interviewer for me, and I'm sure for everybody."

It may not exactly be what CNN wanted to hear, given that the network has taken criticism through the years for softballs lobbed on King's show.

"I once said to Larry, I think we were having dinner at your house, Larry, how can you go from one subject to another and so — seemingly so effortlessly?" she said. "I mean, I just don't know how you do it.

"And he said, `I'm curious. I'm just curious,"' she said. "And I suppose that is right. He is curious."

AP

50 Cent's 52-room pad on market

The 52-room mansion that rapper **50 CENT** has called home for more than three years, an estate once owned by boxer Mike Tyson, is up for sale.

The rap artist (real name: Curtis James Jackson III) bought the 48,000-plus-square-foot house in September 2003 for $4.1 million.

Since buying the mansion, 50 Cent has reportedly spent up to $6 million renovating the house, including adding a helicopter pad.

Curt Clemens, owner of Century 21 Clemens & Sons in Hartford, told the Hartford Courant Wednesday that he toured the house a few months ago after being contacted by representatives of the rapper who said he wanted to sell the property.

Clemens, who was the listing agent on the house when it was owned by Tyson, said that he was notified a few weeks ago that another real estate agent would be handling the sale.

"I was surprised it hadn't come on the market because we were expecting it," Clemens said. "He's put a lot into it, and it's all very tasteful, except the stripper poles."

AP

LAVIGNE THE LINGUIST



AVRIL LAVIGNE recorded the chorus to her new single "Girlfriend" in eight languages, and Mandarin was the toughest to master.

Besides English, the Canadian pop star recorded in French, Portuguese, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and Mandarin.

"The hardest one was actually Mandarin. Japanese was easy, sort of. French was easy, but German was difficult," the 22-year-old Lavigne said at a news conference Thursday in Hong Kong promoting her album, "The Best Damn Thing."

"But it was cool to record it in different languages because I have so many fans worldwide that speak all these languages. So I'm glad I did it."

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The Namesake (PG-13)
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Difficulty
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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.

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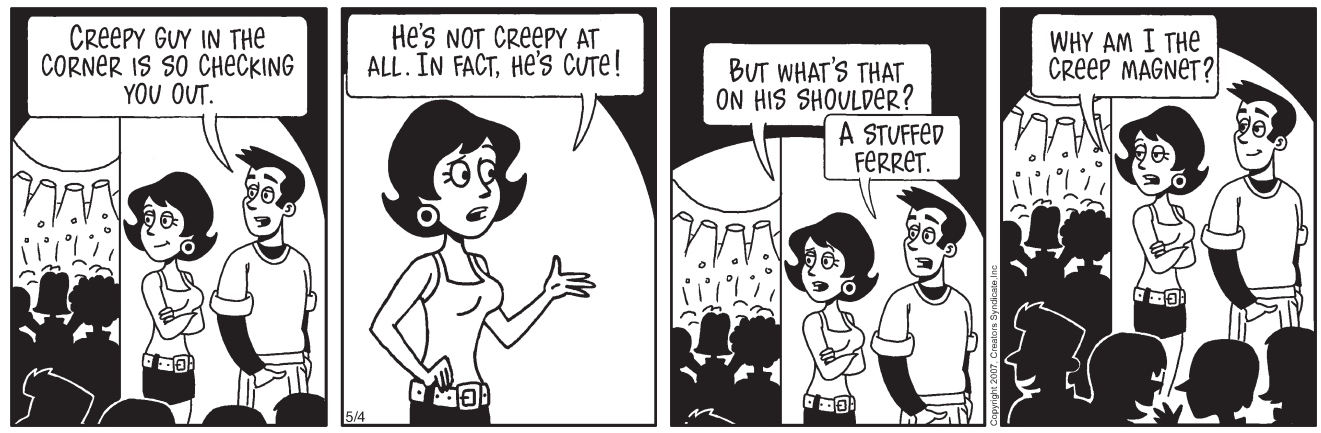
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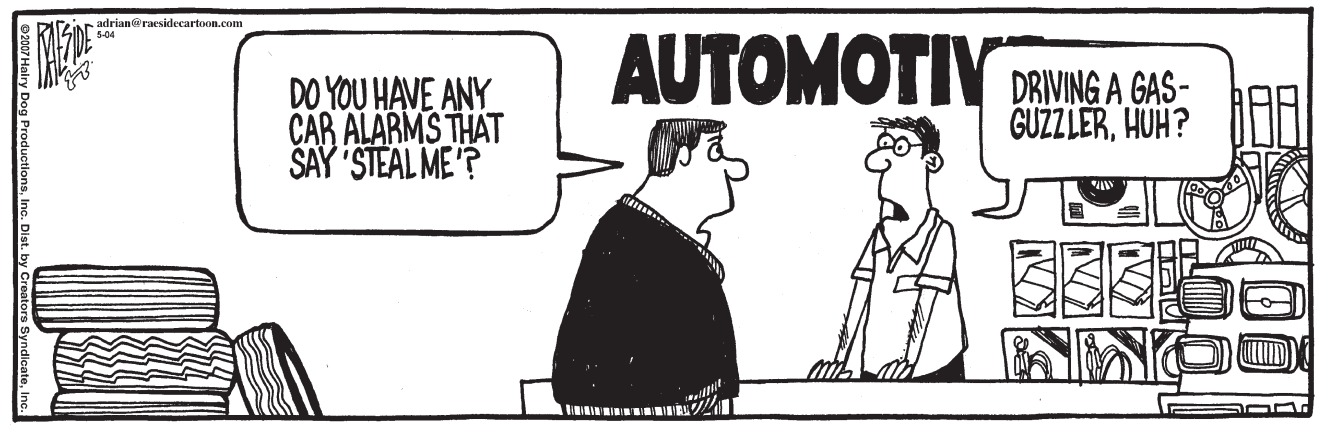
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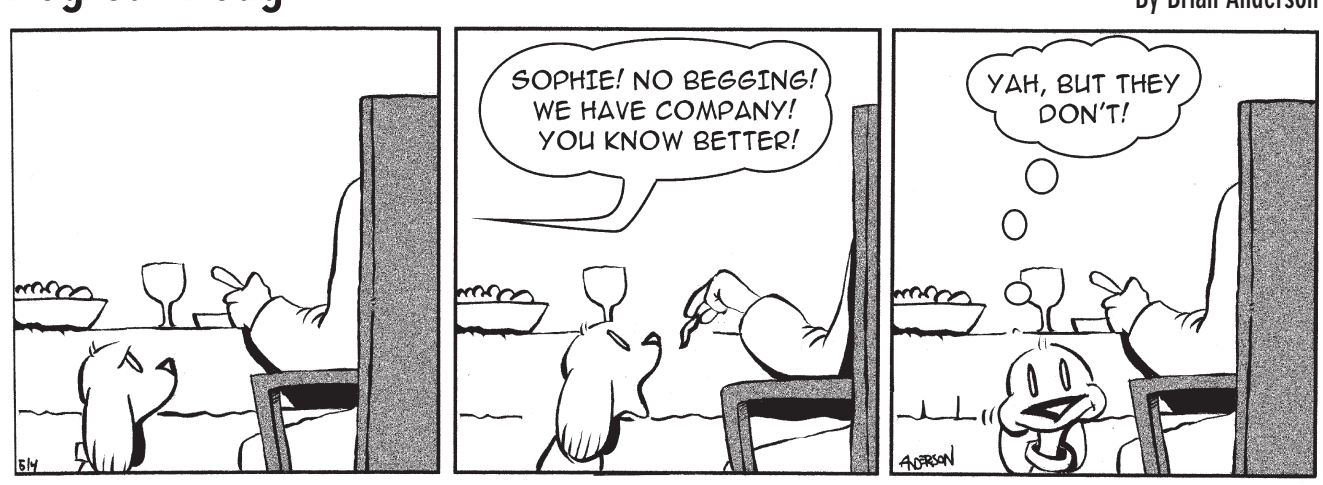
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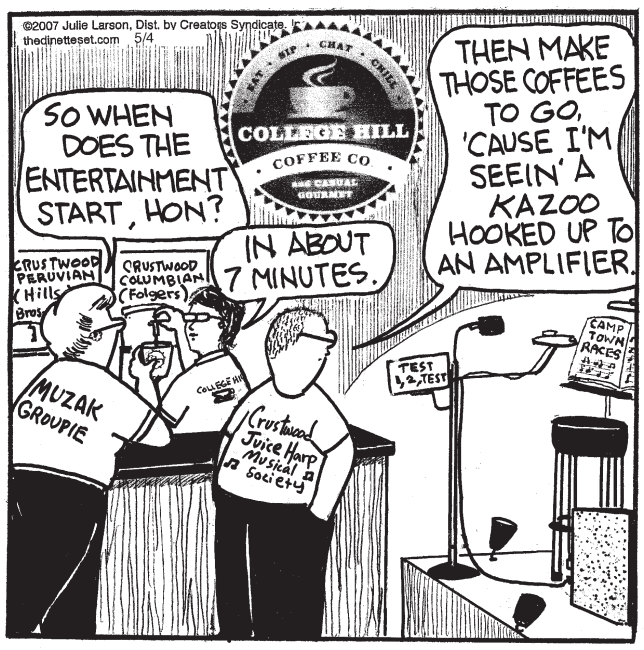


Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson



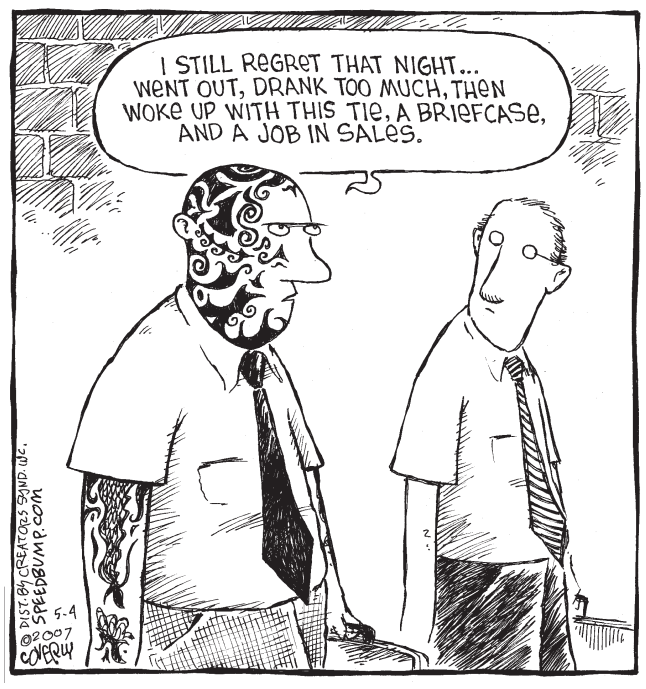
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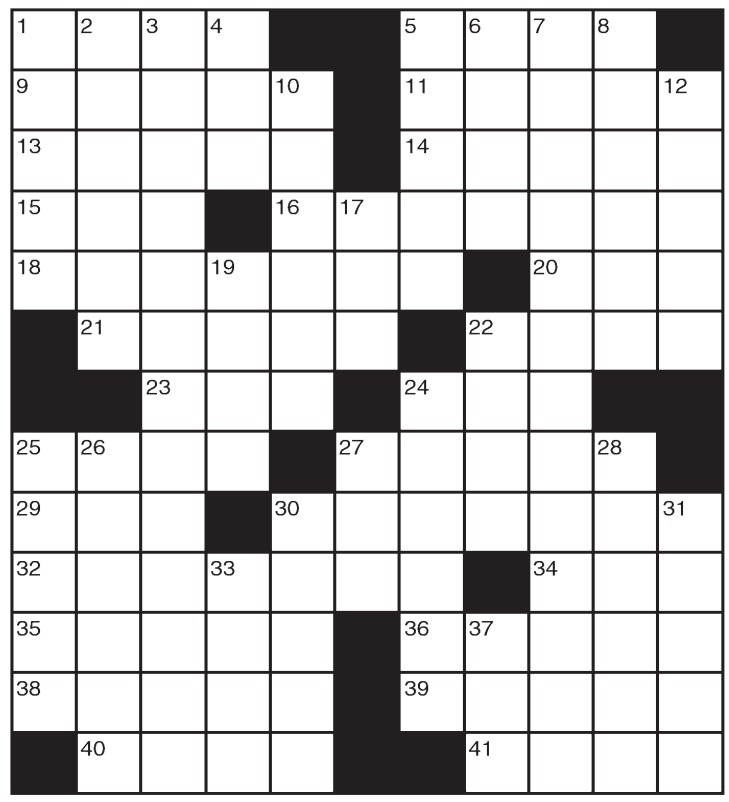
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In March, police in Trenton, N.J., arrested four men in separate incidents and learned that they fancy themselves as "diplomats" from the Abannaki Indigenous Nation and claim immunity from the laws of the "so-called planet Earth" (and, by the way, of Mars and Venus, as well). One allegedly possessed an unidentified "controlled substance," and the others were driving cars with made-up "diplomat" tags. The four showed no ostensible ties to the Abenaki Indigenous Nation, a tribe that first appeared in North America in the 17th century and which is still present in the northeastern U.S.

■ Anthony Perone, 20, pleaded guilty in March in Connecticut in connection with two stalking letters he admitted mailing to a woman he had fallen for in the third grade but who apparently had spurned him. The rambling, incoherent letters explicitly threatened death, and Perone had intended to send them anonymously, in that he wrote no return address on the envelopes. However, he lived with his mother and had given each envelope to her to mail, and, unknown to him, she had thoughtfully added his name and address before posting them.

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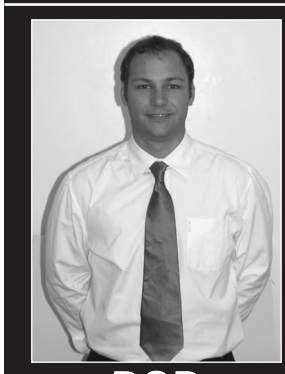
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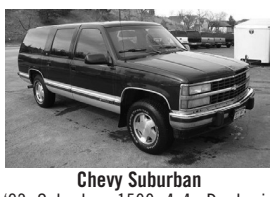
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and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State describing the land therein: A.P.N. #4276-014-039 Parcel 1 (A) an undivided 1 /12th interest lot(s) 1 of tract no. 35118, in the city of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in book 900 page(s) 50 and 51 of Maps, in the office of the county recorder of said county. Except therefrom units 101 to 104 inclusive, 201 to 204 inclusive, and 301 to 304 inclusive, as shown and defined on the condominium plan recorded September 1, 1978 as instrument no. 78-971686, official records of said county. (B) unit 303 as shown and defined on the condominium plan mentioned. Parcel 2 an exclusive easement to and exclusive right to use parking space(s) 303-P as shown on the condominium plan above mentioned. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1217 20th Street #303, Santa Monica, CA. 90404 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is: $331,989.29 (Estimated Amount). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Dated: 4/20/2007 Trustee Corps, as Successor Trustee By: Angela Lambert, Trustee Sales Officer Trustee Corps 2112 Business Center Drive, 2nd Floor Irvine, CA 92612 For Sale Information Contact: (714) 573-1965, (949) 252-8300 For Reinstatement/ Pay off requests contact: (949) 252-8300 P286900 4/20, 4/27, 05/04/2007

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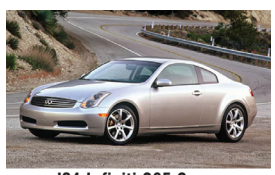


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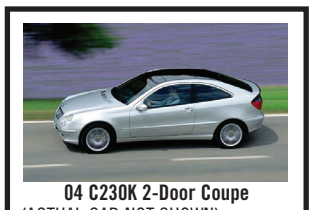
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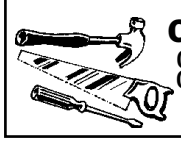
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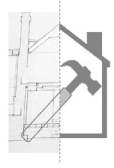
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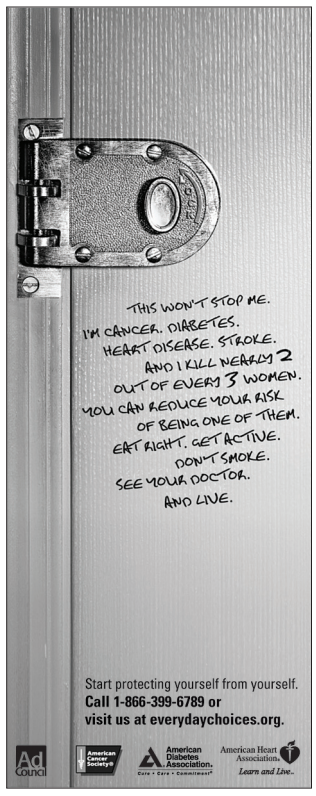
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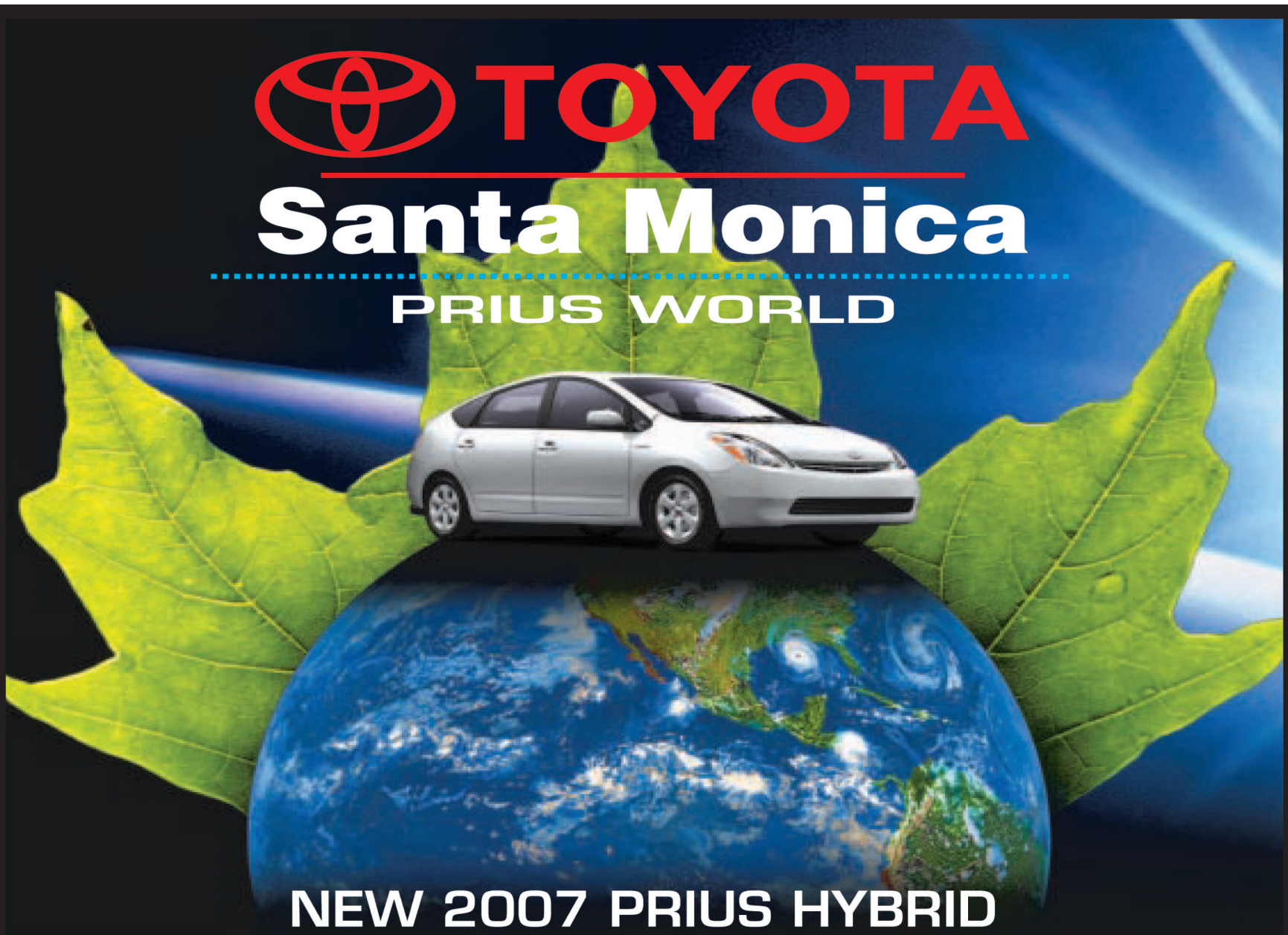
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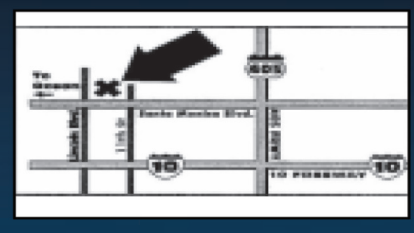
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