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Locals plan their dream home

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER Santa Monicans might disagree on rent control and other citywide issues, but they are united in one vision — to one day see a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community where parking is abundant and mom-and-pop stores are thriving.

They're the elements of a Santa Monican's utopia, where motorists and bicyclists can peacefully coexist and new development is designed to scale with the existing neighborhood.

The feedback from three neighborhood workshops held in March and April were absorbed Monday night during a citywide meeting on the formulation of an updated Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the city's general plan. Last updated in 1984, the LUCE would shape the city's developmental appearance in the future through changes in the city's Zoning Ordinance.

The walls of the East Annex in the Civic Center were lined with worksheets, maps and photos from each of the three previous workshops, which covered the Sunset and Ocean Park neighborhoods, the Wilshire and Mid City regions, and the Pico neighborhood.

Scribbled on the worksheets were notations to improve each neighborhood. One person recommended removing chain link fences along Pico Boulevard while another resident suggested implementing an electric shuttle bus service on Wilshire Boulevard. Removing through traffic from the residential streets in Sunset and Ocean parks was also suggested.

"The main theme was we have got to come together with a shared vision," said Eileen Fogarty, director of the city's Planning and Community Development. "We will not succeed if we have winners and losers."

Everyone's voice must be represented in the LUCE, Fogarty added.

Taking suggestions and community input from the work-

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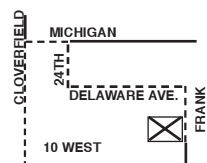
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Los Angeles-area allergists will offer free screenings for people who are experi-
encing breathing problems, such as chronic coughing, wheezing and shortness of
breath. Screenings will be available at Centinela Freeman Hospital in Marina del Rey.
A list of screening sites, information about asthma and online self-tests called the
LQ Test and Kids' Asthma Check are available at www.acaai.org.

Single parents networking party at Spitfire Grill

3300 Airport Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Meet Westside single parents while helping schools. Purchase online tickets and
receive more information by visiting www.westsidesingleparents.com. Tickets are
\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, includes food, refreshments and 'Speed
Networking' games.

Wildlife Wendy & Her Tropical Birds

5309 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
The West L.A. Bird Club presents Wildlife Wendy. Wendy and her parrots have
appeared in movies and TV shows. Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free.
Entrance is in rear of the American Legion in Culver City. For more information
and upcoming speakers and events visit www.westlambirdclub.com.

'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kulturas Books.
For more information, call (310) 450-8707.

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join Sustainable Works' next Green Living Workshop, a six-week course designed
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turned away for lack of funds. To reserve your space today, call Anna Cummins
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Thursday, May 10, 2007

Literature book club

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
A discussion of classic literature led by book reviewer Heather Hoffman. Free and
open to the public.

Citywide Reads book discussion at the Ken Edwards Center

1527 Fourth St., 2 p.m. — 3:30 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
the Ken Edwards Center.

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2020 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
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registration is required. For more information or to register visit
www.rapiddating.com. Appetizers and cocktails will be served.

Veteran Appreciation Day

1220 Engracia Ave., Torrance, 9 a.m.
The Torrance Workforce Service is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Veteran's
Appreciation Day. The event will include an "Employer and Resource Fair" in
which local businesses interested in hiring veterans will be on hand to discuss job
opportunities. Additionally, there will also be several veteran resource agencies
participating to provide referrals and benefit information. This event is free and
open to the public.

The 12 Steps for Everybody

16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone
with a habitual problem or illness. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail info@12steps-foreverybody.org for more information.

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.





BEACH? BLANKET? BINGO!

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

It was back to the beach for thousands in the region on Tuesday, as temperatures reached the low 90s, according to accuweather.com. The heat wave will likely be short-lived, however, as temperatures are expected to return to the low-70s today and into the weekend.

Site to get a facelift

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CYBER SPACE The Web portal into the city of Santa Monica is about to get an extreme makeover.

Three years after the Web site — santa-monica.org — received a facelift, the city is contracting another Web designer for a big revamp.

"We thought it was a good time to redesign the site," said Jory Wolf, the chief information officer with the city's Information Systems Division. "We find that it's (site) not as easy to navigate as we like it to be."

The city is currently in the process of receiving proposals and will close its bidding on May 24. A new designer should be selected by the end of the month and the new site should be up and running by August. The new site is estimated to cost just under \$40,000.

The trouble with the current Web site is its template and color scheme, which Wolf called "overwhelming" since it restricts the amount of flexibility departments have in posting photos and other color presentations.

The goal with the new site would be to make it more visually accessible as the current layout is too overcrowded, said Kate Vernez, the assistant to the City Manager for governmental relations.

"I think it's too crowded," Vernez said. "If you look at it, it's kind of a rigid framework."

She also pointed out that many of the graphics on the Web site are outdated, including the top three, which reads, "Shape the Future 2025," "Motion by the Ocean," and "Issues in Action: Homelessness."

"We're looking for clarity and crispness," she said.

City staff is looking to private corporate Web sites as a model to follow, specifically pointing out the Apple and Sony sites as excellent examples of the direction they would like to go.

"Their templates are very simple and it allows, as you navigate the site, to have a

Smoking ban at SMC catching fire

First students approve prohibiting smoking, now board has vote

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Students who light up at Santa Monica College better enjoy those drags, because it looks as if a ban on smoking on campus is getting more addictive by the day.

The Associated Students on Monday passed a resolution in support of making SMC a smoke-free campus and an influential advisory group is expected to do

the same when it takes up the issue this afternoon.

If the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC) backs the ban, their recommendation would go straight to the college president, who would then be in charge of bringing the issue before the Board of Trustees, who would make the final policy decision.

DPAC is comprised of faculty, administrators, classified employees and students.

While there seems to be a lot of support for the ban, some members of DPAC are not so sure it will be supported by the entire council.

"There are a lot of people on both sides, so right now I'm going to stay neutral," said Bernie Rosenloecher, a member of DPAC and the union representative for all classified

employees at the college, which includes nurses, custodians and clerical workers. "Amongst our union members there are folks on both sides of the fence."

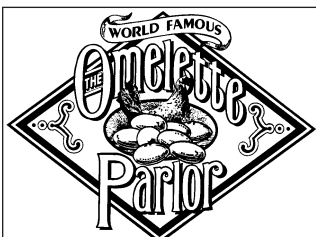
Currently, smoking at SMC is prohibited within 25 feet of any building, open window or public entrance, said Bruce Smith, a spokesman for the college.

Students voted overwhelmingly in April to make SMC smoke free. Of the 2,222 students who participated in the election, 62.9 percent were in favor of the ban, while 37.1 percent were not. SMC has more than 30,000 students who attend classes each year.

Those opposed to a ban cite the low turnout for the election as reason enough to not move forward with the proposal, while

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheating is a mindset, not a device
Editor:

I am responding to two issues in the May 4 issue of the SMDP.

First, the article on iPods being used to cheat on tests (“Tune in, turn on, pass tests”): If a child has not been taught by their parents that cheaters cheat themselves, let them attain their goal of being uneducated.

The second issue is to respond to C. Gerstley’s letter stating that the Santa Monica Animal Shelter does not require neutering (“Backyard breeding begets seething”). Since when? I adopted a kitten there in 2002 and paid the fee which covered the kitten being neutered. I did not take him home the day I adopted him, he was sent directly to the veterinarian, where I could pick him up (after shots and neutering) the next day. I was delighted that they took care of this important issue even before I took him home. I am glad C. Gerstley is concerned with this very important issue, but unless the shelter has changed its policy from 2002, he or she has nothing to worry about.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Mission may soon be accomplished
Editor:

The Bush administration might go down in history as the most successful ever in American history, successful in achieving its own goal, that is. The goal is the maximum amount of money for FOB (Friends of Bush) and the profits may continue long after 2008.

On Jan. 7, a British publication, The Independent, carried a long and detailed article entitled “Blood and oil: How the West will profit from Iraq’s most precious commodity.” It described a new law, now under consideration by the Iraqi government, that would allow large foreign investments in Iraqi oil under terms very favorable to the companies for the next 30 years. Of great significance is the fact that: “The law was drafted with the help of a U.S. consultancy firm hired by the U.S. government” (Shortnews.com, Jan. 8).

The American public is nearly completely unaware of this scheme. With the exception of a recent (and highly informative) article in the San Francisco Chronicle (“Why there was no exit plan,” April 30) articles in the U.S. press about the new law have not discussed the enormous profits foreign oil companies will make, focusing on how profits will be shared within Iraq, which Kamil Mahdi, writing in Britain’s Guardian on Jan. 16, interprets as a device to “ease the passage of the law and the sellout to oil corporations.”

According to Ghazi Sabir-Ali, former director of Iraq’s Northern Oil Company, writing in the Middle East Economic Survey, it is a law which “many Iraqis, experts in economics and the petroleum industry, look on with horror, considering it to be passing over the wealth of Iraq to foreign companies” (March 26). The Iraqi Labor Union Leadership released a statement in December criticizing the proposal, stating strong opposition to “the handing of authority and control over the oil to foreign companies, that aim to make big profits at the expense of the people.”

While Congress and media debate the troop surge, a timetable for withdrawal and the firing of lawyers in the Justice Department, the Bush administration is coming closer and closer to achieving what may have been its true goal all along: Massive profits, lasting for decades, for the oil industry and related industries.

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Do American citizens
have a right to guns?

“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

— Second Amendment

FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, RESIDENTS OF the District of Columbia have been threatened with conviction and imprisonment simply for having a gun in their homes.

In keeping with a District-wide law, all handguns were prohibited, unless they were registered before 1976. Even pistols registered prior to the ban could not be carried from room to room within a home without a license. Furthermore, licensed guns had to be kept locked up or disassembled.

Critics have long decried the District’s gun ban as the most restrictive in the nation. But Shelly Parker and five other D.C. residents went a step beyond complaining to challenge the law in federal court, claiming that it barred the very protection the Second Amendment guarantees—the right to self defense.

Parker v. District of Columbia calls attention to the ongoing debate over the Second Amendment—namely, whose rights does it protect and how far does it go in protecting those rights?

In ruling against Parker, a federal district court insisted that the Second Amendment confers only a “collective right.” This position is affirmed by gun control advocates like the ACLU, which insist that the Second Amendment is “intended mainly to protect the right of the states to maintain militias to assure their own freedom and security against the central government. Except for lawful police and military purposes, the possession of weapons by individuals is not constitutionally protected.”

However, the historical view espoused by those such as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and George Mason and most recently by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals says that, in fact, the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to bear arms. In writing for the court’s 2-1 majority, Judge Laurence Silberman pointed out, “In determining whether the Second Amendment’s guarantee is an individual one, or some sort of collective right, the most important word is the one the drafters chose to describe the holders of the right—‘the people.’” Silberman went on to recognize that the Second Amendment does not confer a right but rather recognizes a natural right inherent in our humanity.

This affirmation of the people’s right to keep and bear arms has also been supported by numerous constitutional experts like Harvard law school professor Laurence Tribe. According to Tribe, the Framers clearly believed that “people possessed a natural right to keep and bear arms.”

History is on Tribe’s side. With the despotism of a tyrannical king fresh in their minds, the Framers knew they had to provide a means for the people to defend themselves against a tyrannical government. They believed the right to keep and bear arms enabled a citizen to stand up to the government. If the government got out of hand, you could defend yourself—you could rebel.

After all, that’s what happened in 1776.

The Framers wanted to ensure that if the government had control of the military, as it does today—including the National Guard—citizens would have a means of protecting themselves. Thus, they specifically added the Second Amendment to the Constitution to ensure that individuals—ordinary Americans—had a means of protecting themselves not only against their own government but against intruders. Furthermore, early Americans relied on ordinary weapons for many things, often keeping them in their homes.

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There is nothing more solidly embedded in the Constitution than the right to bear arms. As Congressman Ron Paul (R-Tex.) has said, “Can anyone seriously contend that the Founders, who had just expelled their British rulers mostly by use of light arms, did not want the individual farmer, blacksmith, or merchant to be armed? Those individuals would have been killed or imprisoned by the King’s soldiers if they had relied on a federal armed force to protect them.”

“Our Founders, having just expelled the British army, knew that the right to bear arms serves as the guardian of every other right,” continued Paul. “This is the principle so often ignored by both sides in the gun control debate. Only armed citizens can resist tyrannical government.”

Nevertheless, more than 200 years later, the Second Amendment has been laid siege to and gutted by gun control advocates and the forces of political correctness. While it must be conceded that the individual citizen could not hope to defend him or herself against local and federal law enforcement dressed in military gear, armed to the teeth with armored vehicles and weapons of mass destruction, shouldn’t Americans at least be able to protect themselves, their families and their homes against criminals?

As George Mason declared, “To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.” While Congress can, of course, reasonably regulate certain types of weapons such as assault rifles, banning law-abiding citizens from having handguns in their own homes for self-defense or owning hunting rifles goes far beyond anything the Framers contemplated.

To argue otherwise is ridiculous.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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Good things appear to come in green packages

Dear EarthTalk

I see so much waste in packaging every day – from water in self-serve bottles to all the foil and cardboard you have to break through to get to a new print cartridge. What is being done to make packaging more “green friendly,” including cutting out as much of it as possible?

Jeanne L., Canton, CT

THANKS TO FORWARD-THINKING ACTION by the European Union (EU), people around the world are beginning to recognize that wasteful packaging puts unnecessary stress on the environment. In 1994, the EU issued a “Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste,” putting the responsibility of waste reduction and reclamation on manufacturers instead of on retailers, consumers and local governments.

The program, popularly known as “Producer Pays” or “Extended Producer Responsibility,” requires product makers to either take back their packaging (consumers can leave it behind in the store or send it back in the mail at the producers’ expense), or pay a fee to an organization called “Green Dot” that will handle it for them. “Green Dot” is now the standard take-back program in two-dozen European countries.

According to Bette Fishbein of INFORM, Inc., a nonprofit environmental research organization based in the U.S., the concept has “spread like wildfire” and has been adopted by many industrialized nations — including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Taiwan — but not yet by the United States, which could certainly benefit. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), annual generation of municipal solid waste in the U.S. increased from 88 million tons in 1960 to 229 million tons in 2001, with con-



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WASTING AWAY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says annual generation of municipal solid waste in the U.S. is increasing.

tainers and packaging making up almost a third of the weight.

Maine has followed the European model and initiated its own “Producer Pays” program; the first in the U.S., Maine requires electronics makers to fund consolidation centers where used TV and computer monitors are sent. According to the state’s Department of Environmental Protection, “Maine’s electronic waste recycling law ... is a national model, as it protects our environment, saves taxpayers money and puts costs where they belong to encourage safe design and recycling of electronic wastes.”

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Sharing our parks with L.A. dogs

The new Airport Park recently opened amid considerable fanfare, but there seems to be one thing ruining the afterglow. The dog park portion of the facility is open to just Santa Monica’s canines, angering some nearby L.A. residents.

This week’s Q-Line question asks:
Should the dog park be open to all or just to local residents?

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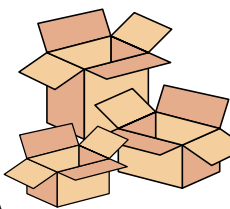
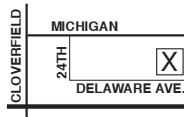
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Woman calls 'demonic' Spector a threat

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A woman who became close to Phil Spector in the 1980s testified Monday that after being sweet and attentive he suddenly turned "demonic," put a gun to her face when she tried to leave at the end of a party, forced her at gunpoint into his bedroom and to disrobe and then tried to have sex with her.

Dianne Ogden, a veteran music talent coordinator, was the second woman called by the prosecution to support its case that the famed record producer's pattern of threatening women with guns led to the killing of actress Lana Clarkson, who was shot through the mouth at Spector's suburban Alhambra mansion on Feb. 3, 2003.

Ogden told of a 1989 incident in which Spector seemed to undergo a personality change as she put her purse over her shoulder and tried to leave another Spector mansion in Pasadena after a party.

"He was screaming at me, the F-word," she said. "He wasn't my Phil, not the man I loved. It wasn't him. He was demonic. It scared the hell out of me."

She said he first approached her with a rifle, then picked up a pistol and "he put it all over me, yelling things."

Ogden pointed to various parts of her face to indicate where the gun was pointed.

"It was like he was taken over by something. It wasn't Phillip. ... It was a high-pitched screaming voice and the F-word was in there everywhere and 'b----,'" the witness said, becoming tearful.

"I said, 'Phillip, please let me go. Put the gun down,'" she testified.

Ogden said she was terrified.

"I couldn't hear him anymore. It was like, 'What am I going to do? He's going to kill me,'" she testified.

At that point, she said, Spector ordered her up to his bedroom.

"Did he try to be intimate?" asked Deputy District Attorney Pat Dixon.

"Yes he did," she said. "... He did it by gunpoint. He wanted to rape me."

Ogden said Spector tried to have sex with her and it was "icky."

"I had never had a sexual relationship with him," she said.

"Did you that night?" asked Dixon.

"He tried," she said.

The next morning, the witness said, she

awoke to Spector singing in the shower "like nothing had happened."

Ogden said Spector never talked about what happened and never said he was sorry.

"I really did care about him and if we were going to make love I didn't want it to be like that," she said.

At some point during the incident, she said, "He said he was going to blow my brains out. That wasn't romantic."

"Did he say it once or more than once?" asked Dixon. "Over and over again," she said.

In spite of the confrontation, she said, "I still cared about him and I knew he had a problem, a drinking problem. I thought if he wasn't drinking that wouldn't have happened. I forgave him."

Ogden said that over the years she would hear from Spector occasionally.

States compete to host deadly disease research laboratory

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON A dozen states are competing for a government research lab full of killer germs like anthrax, avian flu and foot-and-mouth disease — a prospect some of their residents want to avoid like the plague.

The states are bidding for a proposed 520,000-square-foot National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility that will cost at least \$450 million to build. It would replace an aging, smaller lab at Plum Island, N.Y., where security lapses after the 2001 terrorist attacks drew scrutiny from Congress and government investigators.

The Homeland Security Department facility promises at least 300 lab-related jobs, and more in construction.

Congress provided money for the \$47 million design and architecture, but no money has been appropriated yet for construction or operations.

States' written bids have not been made public. However, they were required to make available at least 30 acres of land.

The competition intensified last month as federal officials began visits to 17 potential sites.

The government has said it would take into account offers of roads, cheap water supplies and discounted utilities, and states are dangling their premier scientific expertise and community treasures as bait.

"Protecting human life and our livestock and food supply is important to society and we want to be a part of that," said Harold Timboe, a university researcher in San Antonio who is leading the city's effort. San Antonio is offering three sites.

Officials visited one of the sites Monday morning and were visiting a second later in the day and the third Tuesday.

Besides Texas, which has a total of four sites in contention, states bidding for the site are California, Georgia, Kansas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Georgia, Kansas and Mississippi are offering two sites each, while Kentucky and Tennessee are working together for one site in Kentucky.

In June, officials will narrow down their options to three to five sites. The winner should be announced in October 2008, with the lab operating by 2014.

Pockets of opposition have emerged in some states.

The Dunn, Wis., Town Board, the Dane, Wis., County Board of Supervisors and the Tracy, Calif., City Council voted to oppose the sites proposed for their communities.

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Cop changes

Ranking L.A. police official at May 1 clash is demoted

BY ANDREW GLAZER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The highest ranking police official at the scene of a violent May 1 clash between officers and people at an immigration rally last week was demoted Monday and his second-in-command was reassigned, Police Chief William Bratton said.

Deputy Chief Caylor "Lee" Carter Jr., commanding officer of Operations Central Bureau, was demoted to the rank of commander and assigned to his home. Cmdr. Louis Gray was moved to a post in the Office of Operations.

Bratton announced the moves at a press conference along with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the president of the city's civilian Police Commission, John Mack.

"I have to be comfortable with the leadership around me," Bratton said, but he noted that he could not state the specific reasons for the moves because they were personnel matters.

"This is a personnel decision, this is not a disciplinary action," Bratton said.

Police were videotaped using batons and firing rubber bullets at rally-goers and jour-

nalists gathered in MacArthur Park after an otherwise peaceful march for immigration reform. Bratton said a group of agitators threw rocks and bottles at officers wearing riot gear.

Neither Carter nor Gray returned messages left at their offices.

Carter has been in the department for more than three decades and was responsible for deployment of 1,700 officers serving more than 1 million residents in an area the size of Washington, D.C., according to the department's Web site.

Gray joined the force 39 years ago. A statement attributed to him on the Web site said he is a "strong supporter" of community policing.

"Forming partnerships with the community and solving problems together is the best way to combat crime and improve the quality of life for all persons who live and work in the City of Los Angeles," it said.

Los Angeles police leaders over the years have repeatedly faced intense public criticism for failing to take action after reports of police brutality.

Both Bratton and Villaraigosa said they are ultimately responsible for what happened.

The local American Civil Liberties Union organizations has stood by its endorsement of a second term for Bratton.

"We all have responsibility and we're assuming that responsibility by ensuring that we get to the bottom of what happened here," Villaraigosa said.

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Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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Making buildings green cut costs

THE WORD "GREEN" IS USED A LOT when describing new home construction. Many builders have learned that homeowners want homes that are energy efficient, causing lower impact on the environment. Most homes built today have to comply with myriad energy efficiency criteria set by the government, but what about the older homes in California that do not meet the energy efficiency of new homes? What can be done to improve them? If you are an owner of an older home, you do have options to improve the structure's energy efficiency. Four things you can do are planting trees, painting using low or no volatile organic compound paints, replacing windows and adding or upgrading insulation.

If you are fortunate enough to have a yard, you may want to think about doing strategic landscaping such as planting trees or shrubs. If one of the sections of your home faces south unobtrusively, you may want to plant a deciduous tree or two to provide shade. A tree will offer shade to a window and keep part of your home cool naturally, helping to keep those air-conditioning bills down. Now that you've learned how to cool down the air, let's talk about a way to clean it up.

According to the EPA, indoor air is three times more polluted than outdoor air. One of the major causes of indoor pollution are paints and finishes. Over time older paints and finishes release low levels of toxic emissions into the air. The source of these emissions is known as volatile organic compounds or VOC. Today you can buy paints and finishes that contain low or no VOC. Repainting the inside of a dated home with new paints can help keep you from toxic exposure. Having clean air inside your home is important and so is finding a way to trap it to keep energy bills low.

In Southern California, many older homes have single pane windows. Windows are a leading cause for heating and cooling loss in a home. The energy efficiency of windows is determined by their U or R-values. According to the

Department of Energy, manufacturers usually represent the energy efficiency of windows in terms of their U-values (conductance of heat) or their R-values (resistance to heat flow). If a window's R-value is high, it will lose less heat than one with a lower R-value. If a window's U-value is low, it will lose less heat than one with a higher U-value. U-values are the reciprocals of R-values. Most window manufacturers use R-values in rating their windows. In general, the higher the number of panes or layers of glass a window has the more energy efficient it will be. For example, a double pane window will be more energy efficient than a single pane window. Windows provide one barrier against energy loss and insulation provides another.

Insulation may not be the most exciting purchase for your home, but it is one of the best investments. Quality insulation is worth its weight in gold. Insulation can be blown in between walls or laid out. Most people are familiar with batting insulation, which comes in pink or yellow sheets and is typically made of fiberglass. Placing new insulation, especially in ceilings and roofs, will help lower utilities bills. Lower utility bills easily compensates for the cost of new insulation, sometimes within a year. One thing to remember when insulating a home is to place foam or rubber insulation around switches and outlets. These areas can lead to a huge loss in energy efficiency.

If you have an older home you can make it more energy efficient. It may take a little bit of elbow grease or hiring the right person for the job, but planting trees, interior repainting, replacing windows and improving insulation are all excellent ways to increase the efficiency and value of an older home. Most costs are recouped after a few years with the reduction in utility bills, saving both the environment and your checkbook.

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Remodeling tips for buyers and sellers

IF YOU JUST BOUGHT A NEW HOME OR will be selling your current residence in the near future you may be thinking about doing some remodeling. Regardless of which you are undertaking you might want to keep in mind getting the best return on the dollars you invest in your remodel. A good Realtor with experience in your area should be pretty good at advising you which remodel will get you the best return on your investment.

THE QUICKIE, THREE TO FIVE DAYS

Sometimes it only makes sense to do a quick clean up of the surfaces in a home, I call this the quickie. It should take only a few days to complete. Paint everything — if you have old 1970s-era cabinets or anything else that dates the property paint them too. Shampoo the carpets. If you can't get the stains out replace them. If you own a property with bad pet smells you will want to seal the cement or plywood floors. Floors like this are porous. If you replace the carpet without sealing the floor the odors will return. Not too many homes on the Westside have old oak hardwood floors. If they do, you can refinish them or, depending on the cost, replace them or put some throw rugs down. After painting and cleaning up the carpet situation, replace all the old knobs and hinges (don't forget to do the hinges) with brushed nickel/stainless steel and or chrome hardware. Try not to keep any old hardware that has paint on it. It looks cheap and rental-like. And finally, change out all the old wall sockets and switches to new white plastic ones. It will surprise you by just how much better your property will look. About a month ago I listed a condo that was in terrible shape — really bad. We did a "quickie" and the place sold in the first few days for about 10 percent (\$60,000) more than what a half dozen other Realtors thought it was worth. People remarked on how well the seller had kept the place up. Cost: \$2,000 to \$4,000.

THE MODERATE, SEVEN TO 12 DAYS

This includes everything I wrote about in the "quickie" with just a few more touches. You keep your cabinets but replace the kitchen counter tops with granite. There are

pre-fabricated granite counters that are manufactured in places like China in large pieces with bull-nose edges and six inch back splashes that are very inexpensive. You keep the cabinets in the bathrooms but replace the old outdated tile, linoleum or carpet on the floors with travertine tiles. There was a time when travertine was about \$10 a square foot. You can now find very good quality travertine tiles for around \$3.50 a square foot. Take the old shower/bath combo doors off and replace with a new frame-less door available at home depot for under \$400. You can also just use a stylish curtain. Anything is better than an old crummy 1960s or 1970s shower door. Cost: \$6,000 to \$15,000.

THE COMPLETE, ONE TO 24 MONTHS

If you're doing a complete remodel, it is best not to skimp on quality. In other words, avoid doing any of the things recommended in the Moderate and Quickie. On the Westside you will get a much better return on a complete remodel if it is done high-end. This means quality, exclusive finishes like Caesarstone quartz countertops, exotic woods, expensive tile, high-end brand name appliances like Viking and working with a designer or using your own well-developed aesthetic. Everything is of course relative, you probably won't put a Viking range in a 600 square-foot condo, but you should certainly put one in a 2,500 square-foot house. It's the difference between a polo shirt without the logo and with the logo — people pay more for the logo. Cost: \$35,000 to 200,000.

As a real estate agent I have seen a lot of remodeled properties. One person will have spent \$150,000 for a remodel that doesn't look as good as another person who spent \$60,000. I am not exaggerating. There are ways to do things that will save you a lot of money. In two weeks I will be publishing a column on how to save money, not on how to cut corners, but how to avoid the common mistakes that people make when remodeling.

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REAL ESTATE

For the individual who has everything, a place to put it

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press Writer

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho What to get the man who has everything? How about some place to keep all his stuff.

Garage condos are the latest must-have for the well-to-do.

For between \$42,000 and \$116,000, a company called GarageTown USA will sell a posh garage to people who need a place to store their toys, work on hot rods or expand their businesses.

The garages are located at sites that look like ordinary storage rental facilities, but they come with some unusual features, including heat and air conditioning, a clubhouse for owners and the society of like-minded folks.

"It's a storage community, a lifestyle," said Carrie Berglund, marketing manager for GarageTown, which is based here and has built or is building about 20 facilities in Idaho, Washington, Colorado, Texas, Alaska and Arizona.

One unit sold to three guys who needed a place for their band to practice, after their wives forbade loud music at home.

What kind of music? "They're a garage band," Berglund said.

Other buyers use their units to store big boats, fancy cars or collectibles, she said.

Garage condos are typically bigger (48 feet long by 20 feet high) and offer security and climate control that isn't available with standard storage.

There are communal bathrooms and

showers to clean up after working up a sweat.

The clubhouses have a kitchen, leather furniture and big-screen televisions. The units are wired for telephone and cable television, and have wireless internet access.

So far, the garage condos are appreciating in value, making them a good investment,

IT'S A STORAGE COMMUNITY, A LIFESTYLE."

Carrie Berglund
marketing manager for GarageTown

Berglund said.

While most people are unlikely to spend \$76 per square foot for an empty metal box, the condo garages tend to be most popular with the affluent, Berglund said. GarageTown had a display at the recent Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., and took nine reservations for units at its new facility in Chandler, Ariz., she said.

The condo concept is so new and limited that the Self Storage Association, an industry trade group based in Alexandria, Va., does not keep statistics on it, said spokesman Tim Dietz.

There are some 51,000 facilities in the country that rent storage space, but only a handful that sell such space, he said.



Market Matters

Brian Hepp

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Learning the ins and outs of 403(b) plans

When it comes to building a nest egg for your future, there are various savings options available including IRAs, stock and bond investments, as well as employer sponsored 401(k) and 403(b) plans. With so many choices out there, it is important for you to select what's right for you. Your age, occupation and financial goals are just some of the things that come into play when choosing an investment strategy.

As an example let's say that you are in your mid-twenties and have just started working at a local non-profit organization. You've heard an earful about the importance of starting a retirement savings plan at a young age, but you aren't sure what is available to you. A good place to start may be your employer sponsored retirement savings plan, such as a 403(b).

A 403(b) plan is a voluntary, tax-advantaged retirement savings program that can be offered only to qualifying nonprofit organizations including school systems, educational institutions, humane societies, social welfare agencies, charitable institutions, museums and universities.

Your employer may sponsor one of two types of 403(b) plans. The first type of 403(b) is called a non-ERISA (for the Employee Retirement Income Security Act) plan. This means that your participation is entirely voluntary and your employer will not contribute to the plan. Contributions

are made on a pretax basis through a salary reduction agreement between you and your employer. It is important to remember that the amount taken out of your salary will be considered part of your wages for purposes of determining Social Security and unemployment taxes.

The second type of 403(b) is called an ERISA plan. This means that your plan can be funded with employer matching contributions, employer discretionary contributions, as well as employee pre-tax contributions, employee after-tax contributions or a combination thereof.

No matter which type of 403(b) plan you participate in, the employee pre-tax contribution limit is the same.

For 2007, you will be able to contribute up to 100 percent of your compensation or \$15,500, whichever is less. Remember that the money you contribute is 100 percent vested, which means that it belongs to you from the time that you make the contribution. The money your employer contributes may be subject to a vesting schedule, which means that you may have to be employed for a certain length of time before you have full access to the employer contributions in the account.

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Death toll from Kansas tornado hits 10

**BY ROXANA HEGEMAN
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GREENSBURG, Kan. A police officer who was critically injured in the tornado that tore apart Greensburg was removed from life support early Tuesday, a few hours after his daughter was married at his bedside. His death raised the tornado's toll to 10.

Robert Tim Buckman, a 46-year-old officer from nearby Macksville, suffered a head injury in Friday's storm that killed nine others in Greensburg, officials said. He died early Tuesday at a Wichita hospital, his son Derick Buckman told The Associated Press.

"He died being a hero," Derick Buckman said. "He was sworn to protect people, and that's what he was doing the night he got picked up by a tornado."

During his final hours, Robert Buckman symbolically gave away his 18-year-old daughter in a marriage ceremony at his bedside, his son said. The family's hometown preacher officiated at the ceremony for Kylee Buckman and her boyfriend, Josh Mondello, 22, Derick's best friend.

"He was there with his daughter to give her away," said Derick Buckman, a 25-year-old firefighter.

Search and rescue operations were continuing Tuesday in Greensburg, where emergency responders have struggled to determine if any of its 1,600 residents are missing because so many are staying with friends or relatives rather than in shelters.

President Bush was to tour the damage on Wednesday.

The 1.7-mile-wide Category F-5 enhanced tornado, with wind estimated at 205 mph, destroyed about 95 percent of this farming town on Friday.

It was part of a weekend of violent storms that tore across

the Plains and were blamed for two other deaths elsewhere in Kansas. Two more deaths were blamed on flooding caused by the storms' heavy rainfall, one in Oklahoma and one in Kansas.

The death toll in Greensburg could have been much worse, but for a 20-minute warning that gave people time to take shelter in basements and storm cellars.

"When you look around at the devastation here, it is amazing that there aren't more deaths," said Sharon Watson, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "You really can't look in any direction without seeing destruction, without seeing houses that are demolished, piles of rubble."

The last day anyone was found alive in the wreckage of Greensburg was early Saturday, when two elderly women were pulled from the wreckage of a Mennonite church.

Five trailers to house displaced families have arrived.

Utah Capitol finally braced against quake

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY The Utah Capitol has been cushioned against an earthquake.

A major quake still is expected to leave some damage and the building unfit for occupancy, but people will be able to walk out of it alive, Jerod Johnson, a structural engineer, said Tuesday.

"It's impossible to make an earthquake-proof building. That's a term we hear a lot that makes us cringe. But we greatly improved its seismic performance to preserve the lives of the occupants and the building itself, the crown jewel of Utah," said Johnson, of Reaveley Engineers & Associates Inc.

Queen Elizabeth tours NASA center

BY DESMOND BUTLER
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WASHINGTON Queen Elizabeth II heard three astronauts describe their work aboard the international space station Tuesday as she neared the end of a whirlwind, six-day U.S. tour.

The crew members — American Suni Williams and two Russians, Commander Fyodor Yurchikhin and Flight Engineer Oleg Kotov — answered questions from British-born NASA astronaut C. Michael Foale, who stood next to the queen. The video link at the Goddard Space Flight Center was one-way, so the crew members could not see the queen standing by silently wearing a large yellow hat.

After hearing from the astronauts, the British royal continued a tour of Goddard, in suburban Greenbelt, Md. The flight center is home to the largest organization of scientists and engineers in the United States, according to NASA.

Later in the day, the queen is expected to pay tribute to American soldiers with a

trip to the National World War II memorial before capping her by hosting a dinner for President Bush and his wife, Laura, at the British Embassy. It was a return favor for the white-tie state dinner Bush put on for the royal couple Monday night at the White House.

The queen, accompanied by her husband Prince Philip, had a full day of sightseeing in the U.S. capital planned for Tuesday, including a stop at the Children's National Medical Center with the first lady.

It was to be the British Monarch's first visit to the war memorial, which was dedicated in 2004. The queen, a teenage princess during World War II, won permission in 1945 from her father, King George VI, to join the war effort as a driver in the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army. She became known as No. 230873 Second Subaltern Elizabeth Windsor.

The royal couple will fly back to England Tuesday night.

On Monday morning, the Bushes waited

on a near-perfect spring day as the queen and Prince Philip arrived by limousine for their official welcome at the White House. The two couples briefly shook hands before moving on to the formal welcome, which included trumpet fanfares and a 21-gun salute.

The day ended with a second visit to the White House for the administration's first white-tie state dinner. It was designed to showcase American culture and cuisine. But the hosts did not forget to include special touches designed to honor its British ally and make the queen feel welcome.

The centuries-old vermeil flatware and candelabras came from a London silversmith. A made-of-sugar replica of the queen's 1953 coronation rose graced the cake.

English farmhouse cheeses accompanied the salad course. And the traditional "special guest" invited only at the last minute was sure to be of interest to a horse enthusiast such as the queen: Calvin Borel, the jockey who rode Street Sense to victory.



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Passersby were treated to an impromptu Powerpoint presentation on the side of a building at the corner of Main Street and Pico Boulevard on Monday night.

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Getting broke down on Broadway

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With its string of boarded up storefronts and hastily posted “For Lease” signs, Broadway could become known as the Great Blight Way.

While the Third Street Promenade continues to be a draw, those just west of the popular shopping district are experiencing a drastic drop-off in business due to a lack of foot traffic, evident by the line of storefronts in the 100 block of Broadway that have been sitting vacant for months.

The owners of shoe stores, restaurants and hair salons have been hurt by the closure of Robinsons-May last year and the cold weather in the early part of the year that deterred visitors from walking down to the beach, instead turning their attention to the promenade and its wide variety of restaurants and retail.

Rents as high as \$6 per square foot haven’t helped either, leading some to question whether or not opening up shop in downtown — anywhere other than Third Street — is a good business decision.

“Drawing in foot traffic is getting a lot harder, and I don’t know exactly why, but business is down anywhere from 10 to 15 percent this year,” said Gerardo Reyes, a “Paisano Partner” at Buca di Beppo on Second Street, just off Broadway. “It seems that the number of people in this area has decreased. If it hasn’t, they certainly aren’t coming here.”

Businesses have been complaining for years about the lack of interest in those streets adjacent to the promenade, urging

city officials to invest more resources into the surrounding blocks to make them more attractive.

With the absence of a major anchor like Robinsons-May, and the slow death of Santa Monica Place, the problem seems to have only gotten worse.



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“That corner has had a difficult time of late,” said Rob York, a consultant for Bayside District Corp., a public-private management company that helps City Hall manage and promote downtown. “The challenge is you need strong corners to get the interior blocks working and the interiors have really been the toughest spots over the years, so it is really important to get that corner (on Second Street and Broadway) up and running and create that interest.”

“That area has really been a mixed bag.”

Despite the struggles of opening a small businesses there, York believes the corner is ripe for success and should be helped by the arrival of a popular Beverly Hills-based restaurant, Buddha’s Belly, which will be located at the corner adjacent to Hotel Carmel and the former Caspian Grill. Signs for two frozen yogurt shops — Kiwiberri

and Citrus Valley — and a pizza parlor were hanging above some of the storefronts Tuesday, promising that they would be “coming soon.”

As for City Hall, staff is working on street improvements to Fourth and Second streets that are intended to increase pedestrian traf-

fic and make the areas more lively, according to Andy Agle, director of housing and economic development.

“If you look at the evolution of downtown, when we (remodeled) Third Street, it really was the focus of so much activity,” Agle said. “Over time, activity has expanded and certainly Fourth Street has a lot of energy there, so I think it will be a combination of factors, including the renovation of the mall and other city projects.”

In addition to the streetscape improvements, City Hall is planning to remodel several downtown parking structures, including Structure No. 6 on Second Street, and with that build more street-oriented storefronts on the ground floors.

Macerich Co., the Santa Monica-based owner of the mall, is in the process of

remodeling the Frank Gehry-designed structure, with the goal of creating an open-air mall that better connects with the promenade and the Civic Center.

Even if the remodel is a success, there still is no guarantee that it will bring more business to Second Street and Broadway. There are some who believe that a new mall may actually distract even more people.

“I really think it’s a Catch-22,” said Roy Zia, owner of Saints Studio, a hair salon on Broadway across the street from the mall. “If they leave the mall as it is, we would probably continue to suffer, but if they remodel it, there’s no telling what would happen. People may not even give us a second look.”

Zia and others suggested more signage alerting visitors to the businesses and attractions on Second and Fourth streets. Others seem content to let word of mouth take its course.

Most everyone agrees something needs to be done.

“There really seems to be no love,” said Heather Olson, a manager at Jinky’s Cafe on Second Street. “Maybe we should just post more fliers or something.”

Zia, who has operated Saints on Broadway for 14 years, said there really is no secret to success.

“You just have to be willing to work your ass off,” Zia said.

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City residents discuss growth

FROM PLAN PAGE 1

shops, city staff compiled a list of so-called guiding neighborhood "principles," asking residents in attendance to rate the list of 46 principles in order of preference. Principles are outlined under six different sections, addressing issues such as parking and transportation, urban design for mixed-use neighborhoods, boulevards and walkable communities.

City consultant Daniel Iacofano of Moore-Iacofano-Goltsman moderated the community discussion throughout the evening, reviewing several of the principles and asking residents to raise one of three cards to express their sentiments — green if they agreed, yellow if they were unsure and red if they disagreed.

For the most part, residents seemed to be in agreement with the majority of the guiding principles that were highlighted. These principles point to a city filled with community gathering places where there is plenty of alternative transportation and where there is preservation of the existing housing stock.

One woman said biking is more dangerous now that there are more designated bike lanes because it gives bicyclists a false sense of security. Another resident said the city should try to encourage more underground parking, while another resident urged the city to protect local small businesses.

Many of the desired amenities already exist in Santa Monica, Nina Fresco, who is also the chairwoman of the Landmarks Commission, pointed out.

"We're not rebuilding the entire city from

scratch," Fresco said. "We're trying to add to the best parts without contributing to the parts we're not so fond of."

Though there were common themes from all three community workshops, there were suggestions specific to each neighborhood. The residents of the Pico Neighborhood agreed that they wanted to see traffic congestion resolved at Pico and Cloverfield boulevards, an underground tunnel to Trader Joe's and less fast food restaurants.

The residents of the Wilshire and Mid City areas said they would like to see more green landscaping, parking eliminated during morning peak traffic hours and diagonal parking on 15th Street. The residents in the south side of the city — Ocean and Sunset parks — believe there should be a pedestrian bridge over the intersection of Ocean Park and Lincoln boulevards as well as public restrooms.

City staff will report to City Council on June 19, asking it to support the initial direction of the Land Use and Circulation Element as well as the guiding principles. Staff will then hold another workshop for the industrial community on June 23 before taking a summer break. In the fall, another workshop will be held on workforce housing. The goal is to present a draft of the LUCE to the Planning Commission and City Council in the late winter of next year.

"If you think in terms of the general plan, this is the first couple of chapters," Fogarty said.

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New Web site expected to be launched later this year

FROM SITE PAGE 3

variety of experiences," Wolf said. "It's not always the same colors, not always the same format, and it's easy to navigate because it doesn't change erratically."

Created in 2004, the city's current site, with the famous city logo and Santa Monica Pier sign, has received dozens of awards over the years, including the Public Technology Institute awards and the Los Angeles Business Journal award.

WE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO REDESIGN THE SITE."

Jory Wolf

Chief Information Officer, Information Services Division

The site allows residents to receive city services without making a trip to City Hall, saving both residents and city staff time. Santa Monica became a leader in virtual services in 1996 when it first started using the Web as a medium through which residents could pay their bills and download forms.

Today, residents can register online for recreation activities, pay their water and

refuse bills, apply for building permits and inspections, and pay their parking tickets. Archived broadcasts from City Council, Planning Commission and Rent Control Board meetings are also streamed online. The city is also looking to offer downloadable podcasts of those meetings.

The site draws millions of hits every year and 23 million hits are expected next year.

The current site was designed at a time when the long scroll format was popular. Many cities that adopted this format ended with sites similar to the crowded newspaper format, Wolf said.

The Santa Monica Police Department is looking to create a site around the community's needs, offering new services such as a mapping system with crime statistics.

Ideally, the new site would also include information specific to each neighborhood, said Eric Uller, the lead public safety system analyst.

The SMPD is looking to add more e-commerce services to its current list, which allows residents to contest parking tickets online and submit a request to receive police reports, though those reports can only be picked up in person.

"It's about making it easier for the citizens of the community," Uller said.

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SMOKE 'EM WHILE YOU GOT 'EM: A Santa Monica College student lights up outside of the SMC Science Building in this photo from January. A campus-wide ban on smoking continues to move closer to becoming reality.

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those who support it have used the results to back their claim that students have given the Board of Trustees a clear mandate.

In 2005, students were asked whether or not they would prefer a smoke-free campus or the establishment of smoking areas. The vote was virtually split down the middle, with half the students in favor of an all out

ban, according to the Associated Students.

If SMC were to ban smoking on its campuses, it would join City Hall in enacting some of the most far-reaching restrictions on smoking in the nation, aside from Calabasas, which has outlawed smoking in public all together.

Late last year, elected officials voted to ban smoking at the Third Street Promenade, all outdoor dining areas, bus stops, ATM

lines and other service areas, as well as within 20 feet of any window or entrance open to the public.

Smoking has also been outlawed at all parks, the beach, restaurants and bars.

More municipalities are enacting bans following reports by the U.S. Surgeon General and the California Air Resources Board that labeled second-hand smoke a toxic air contaminant that leads to prema-

ture death. The U.S. Surgeon General went so far as to say there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

DPAC is scheduled to meet today at 3 p.m. in Drescher Hall at the main campus.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

NBA Roy unanimous for NBA all-rookie team

Portland guard Brandon Roy, the NBA Rookie of the Year, was a unanimous choice Tuesday for the league's all-rookie team.

Roy led the first team with 58 points, followed by Toronto's Andrea Bargnani (57), Minnesota's Randy Foye (48), Memphis' Rudy Gay (39) and Toronto's Jorge Garbajosa (37) and Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge (37) in voting by the league's head coaches.

Roy led all rookies with averages of 16.8 points, 4.0 assists and 35.4 minutes in 57 games. He scored at least 20 points 16 times, despite a heel problem that caused him to miss 20 games early in the season.

Bargnani, the first pick in the 2006 draft, was third among rookies with 11.6 points a game. Foye averaged 10.1 points and 2.7 rebounds in 82 games with the Timberwolves, while Garbajosa finished fifth among rookies in rebounding. Aldridge led all rookies in blocks (1.16 a game), had six double-doubles and was fourth in rebounding.

The second team was led by Utah's Paul Millsap, Charlotte's Adam Morrison, Chicago's Tyrus Thomas and Minnesota's Craig Smith. Boston's Rajon Rondo, Charlotte's Walter Hermann and New Jersey's Marcus Williams were tied for the final spot on the squad.

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MLB Clemens begins comeback in Lexington

New destination, same origin for the Rocket's return to the majors.

Two days after signing a prorated \$28 million contract with the pitching-starved New York Yankees, Roger Clemens wore pinstriped pants and a Yankees cap while throwing from a mound at the University of Kentucky.

"The arm feels good," Clemens said after the workout. "Right now I've just got to get that soreness that every pitcher understands. I've got to get it in my legs and out as quick as possible so that I know I can handle the stress of a major league game."

The workout took place in the same city – albeit a different stadium – where the seven-time Cy Young Award winner began his comeback last year. Then a member of the Houston Astros, Clemens' first tuneup was with the Class A Lexington Legends, where son Koby plays third base.

But as a member of another organization, Clemens couldn't work out at the Astros' facility this time. Instead, the future Hall of Famer threw for more than an hour at Cliff Hagan Stadium, allowing him to attend Koby's game down the road later in the day.

"Believe me, I've thrown on top of buildings to get my work done," Clemens said.

Clemens tried an assortment of fastballs, splitters and breaking balls during the workout. Although hitters stood in the batter's box, he asked that none of them swing. The live batting practice was to begin when Koby arrived, but Clemens shooed the media away.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Seco/Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lochosa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Bread 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	B	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	F	A+
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	C	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mulholland Rd.	C	ns
Surfblower Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfblower Beach (beach location)- daily	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	A+
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19348 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+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 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 Polga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Teares Canyon drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Marble storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	F
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Venice City Beach, at the Raza 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 Topaz St.	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagguard tower	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	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)	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygiene Treatment Plant	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Tension weaves into the day. How you deal with this type of energy becomes important. Look to your ultimate goal. Feel free to pull in the support of others. Don't let your finances be at risk. You know what works. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others look for answers, and you appear to be the one who needs to find the solutions! Responsibilities might weigh heavily on you. Don't try to push people out of their comfort zones, unless you want a backfire. Tonight: Set an example.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Break from precedent, though slow down and explain why you are heading in a new direction. Not everyone can see events and solutions the same way you do. Don't let a problematic situation weigh on you. Tonight: Off to the movies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Let someone else run with the ball. This person bellyaches about having events flow in the manner in which he or she wants. Let go of a need to control; go through the immediate discomfort, and you will like the end results. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to defer, even if you are willing to accept more responsibility. Curb a tendency to be difficult or a touch critical. If you don't, you will be surrounded by a more difficult situation. Creativity comes forward. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Keep your nose to the grindstone and avoid getting involved in anyone's issues. You will be happier, as will others. Fatigue or a sense of helplessness might invade a project or a meeting. Don't allow this to happen! Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might be taken aback by how others are going at each other, rather than concentrating on the issue. If you can, intercede and help others focus on the issues at hand. You laugh, and others will smile. Understand your role in current events. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to approach situations differently. Yet pressure from a higher-up or a respected friend might point to heading in another direction. Don't get into a habit of nitpicking and getting into power plays. Tonight: Could be a late night!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ What you say and think will make a big difference. Consider your options carefully before deciding to head down an unusual path. If red flags appear, stop. Your sensitivity and openness prove to be winners. Tonight: Meet a friend for munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your finances and stability might be at stake. Someone you listen to often might have a negative idea or could be rather judgmental. You might want to think before you make any commitments. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ The Moon in your sign opens you up to new beginnings. How you handle difficult people reflects who you are and where you are coming from. Don't say "no" to a problem. Dig in and handle it. You have a lot going for you. Tonight: You call the shots.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Say little; think much. What comes up as a great decision or idea marks your decisions. You might be too tired to push and complete what you need to. Laugh and relax. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

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TOM SIZEMORE, on probation for a drug rap, was arrested Tuesday for investigation of possessing methamphetamine as he sat in a car outside a Bakersfield hotel.

The 45-year-old actor, of Calabasas, was arrested after drugs were found in his car outside the Four Points Sheraton hotel, said police Detective Greg Terry.

Officers were called to the hotel at about 7:30 a.m. by a report that a man had challenged an employee to fight while trying to check in, Terry said.

The man, believed to be an associate of Sizemore's,

had gotten into a dispute over whether he had a reservation, the detective said.

Jason Salcido, 33, of Whittier, was found to be on parole, and officers found he was carrying a "narcotic smoking pipe," Terry said.

Officers learned that he and Sizemore were together and saw Sizemore sitting in a 2004 Ford Mustang in the hotel parking lot.

"He displayed symptoms of being under the influence," Terry said.

A search of the car turned up two bags of suspected methamphetamine and "some additional nar-

cotics smoking pipes," Terry said.

Sizemore was arrested and booked at the Kern County Jail for investigation of possession of methamphetamine, being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of narcotic paraphernalia, the detective said.

Calls to representatives of Sizemore, who appeared in the movies "Saving Private Ryan" and "Black Hawk Down," weren't immediately returned.

The actor was convicted of methamphetamine possession in October 2004.

Tom Sizemore arrested in Bakersfield, for dope

His probation was revoked the next year after he acknowledged using a prosthetic device to fake a drug test and failing to be checked for drugs every three days.

Probation was later reinstated but Sizemore faced another parole revocation and prison time after testing positive for drug use in January 2006.

After tearfully acknowledging he used drugs, he was given three years' probation and ordered to submit to weekly drug tests.

The actor also was convicted in 2003 of domestic violence involving former

Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, an ex-girlfriend. He had been free on bail pending an appeal in that case.

Salcido was booked for investigation of possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, being under the influence of a controlled substance, parole violation and disturbing the peace by challenging to fight, Terry said.

Police couldn't immediately say what Salcido was on parole for. It also wasn't known whether he had retained an attorney.

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BAYLESS NAMED TOP CHEF

RICK BAYLESS, a chef credited with changing the profile of Mexican food in the U.S., has received one of the top James Beard Foundation awards. His 20-year-old Chicago restaurant, Frontera Grill, has been named Outstanding Restaurant for 2007.

It was his third James Beard award, considered to be among the most important in the food world. Winners were selected by a committee of their peers, and announced at a gala dinner Monday night at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall.

Bayless and his wife Deann opened Frontera Grill in 1987, the same year he wrote "Authentic Mexican: Regional Cooking From The Heart of Mexico." The restaurant was designed to highlight contemporary regional Mexican cooking, with seasonal ingredients, and rich moles.

AP

Schwarzenegger hasn't reviewed petition asking for Paris' pardon

The many moods of **PARIS HILTON** shifted again when the jail-bound socialite rehired the publicist she blamed for her 45-day sentence.

Elliot Mintz confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he is again representing the 26-year-old socialite, who was ordered to report to county jail by June 5 for violating the terms of her probation in an alcohol-related reck-

less driving case.

Mintz, 62, wouldn't elaborate on why he reunited with Hilton. The publicist, whose clients have included John Lennon and Bob Dylan, issued a statement Sunday night that he and Hilton had parted ways over an apparent "misunderstanding she received from me regarding the terms of her probation."

In a court appearance Friday, Hilton told the judge

Mintz informed her it was all right to drive on a suspended license for work obligations. Mintz also testified Hilton believed she was allowed to drive. The judge called Mintz's testimony worthless.

Hilton - star of E! network's reality show "The Simple Life" - has called the sentence unfair, and her fans have posted a petition on the Internet urging Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to

pardon her.

"I feel that I was treated unfairly and that the sentence is both cruel and unwarranted and I don't deserve this," Hilton told photographers assembled outside her home Saturday. In an interview for the June issue of Harper's Bazaar, Hilton says: "I get in more trouble just because of who I am. The cops do it all the time."

AP

Prince will play 21 concerts in London

Prince, whose hits include "Purple Rain" and "Kiss," will play 21 shows in London this summer.

The eclectic pop superstar, who is a Jehovah's Witness, said he wouldn't be playing any other European dates in 2007 because he must devote time to studying the Bible.

Tickets for the Earth

Tour, set to begin Aug. 1, will be priced at \$62 in tribute to his last album, "3121," he said Tuesday at a press conference.

Fans will receive a copy of his new album with their ticket.

"Last time I was here, a lot of people didn't get to see me, so we are trying to make it affordable for

everybody," said Prince, who spoke to the media in a darkened room lined with purple drapes. "That's why we are doing such an extended stay."

The tour will begin with seven nights at London's O2 Arena. It will also include some secret club gigs. Tickets for the O2 Arena shows go on sale

Friday morning.

"There are going to be so many nights here that we are going to change the show every night," he said.

Prince also declared himself "a big fan" of English chanteuse Amy Winehouse and said he hoped she would show up at one of his shows.

AP

Chow sued by former waiters

MICHAEL CHOW, whose designer restaurants attract the celebrity set, used "degradation as a management technique" at his two Manhattan locations, according to a federal lawsuit.

The \$5 million lawsuit, filed Monday by three ex-waiters, also accuses Chow of deducting waiters' tips for not listening attentively to him, speaking out of turn and failing to wear a perfectly starched uniform, which they buy with their

own money.

Martin Singer, a lawyer for Chow, called the lawsuit "specious and without merit. It's completely frivolous."

Chow's Web site states that movements of his waiters - filling glasses, changing tablecloths, delicately de-boning rare, fresh pieces of fish - are parts in an elaborate symphony of which he is, ultimately, the conductor.

Louis Pechman, the lawyer for one of the plain-

tiffs, claims in the lawsuit that Chow was, in fact, "a conductor with an iron baton," who demanded "cult-like attention" from his staff, tapping or lightly slapping waiters' heads to make sure they were listening.

Chow opened his first restaurant in London in 1968. He then opened locations in Los Angeles and New York - Mr. Chow on 57th Street and Mr. Chow Tribeca.

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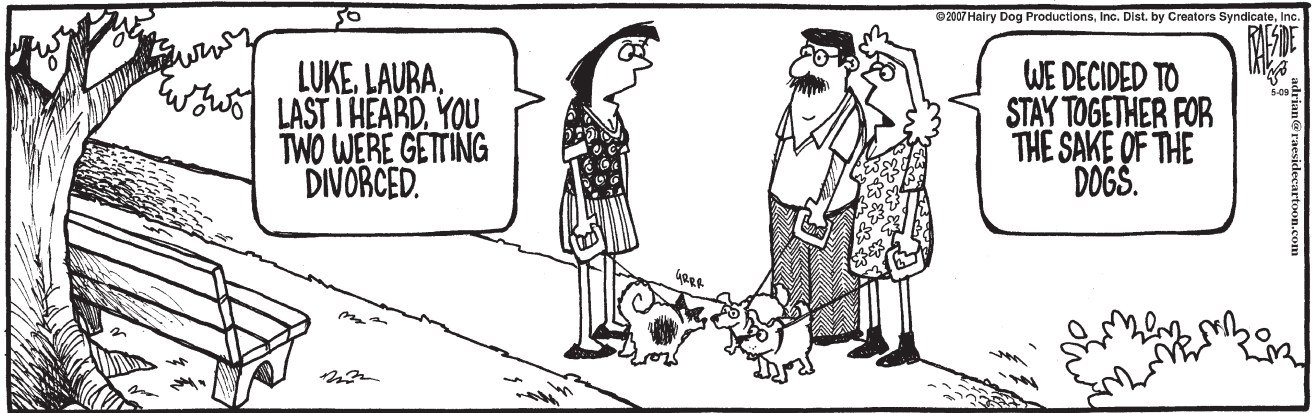
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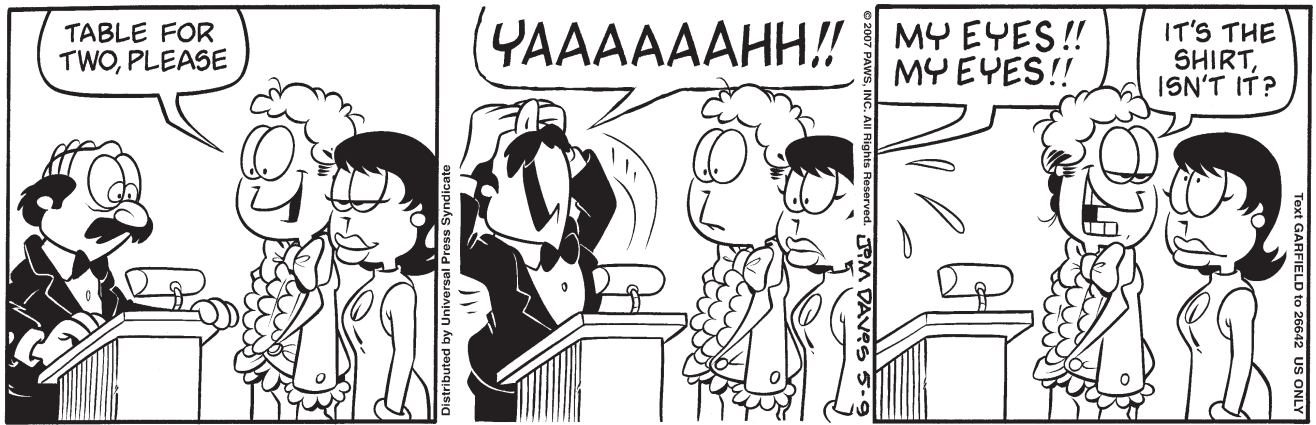
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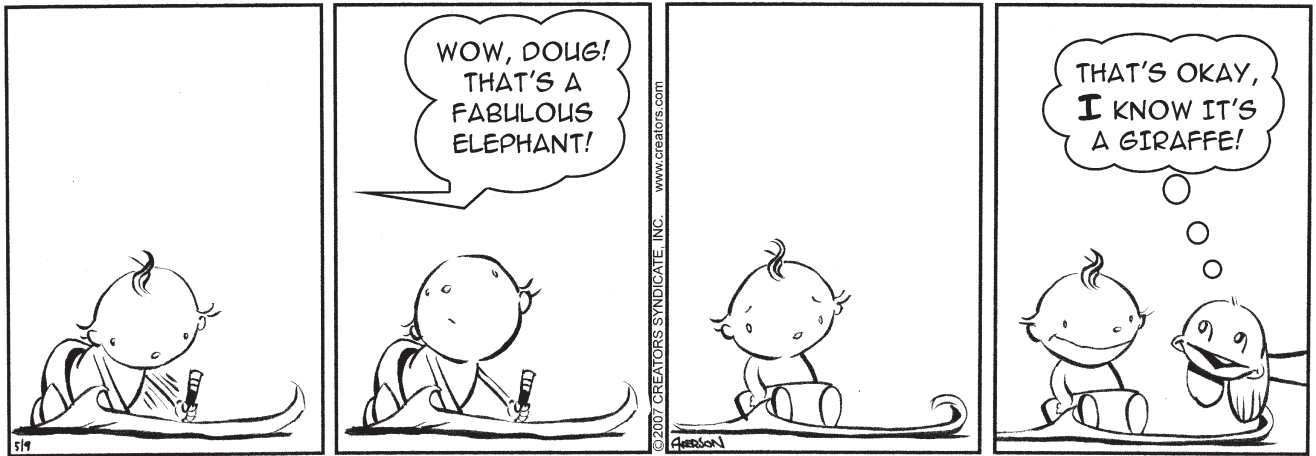
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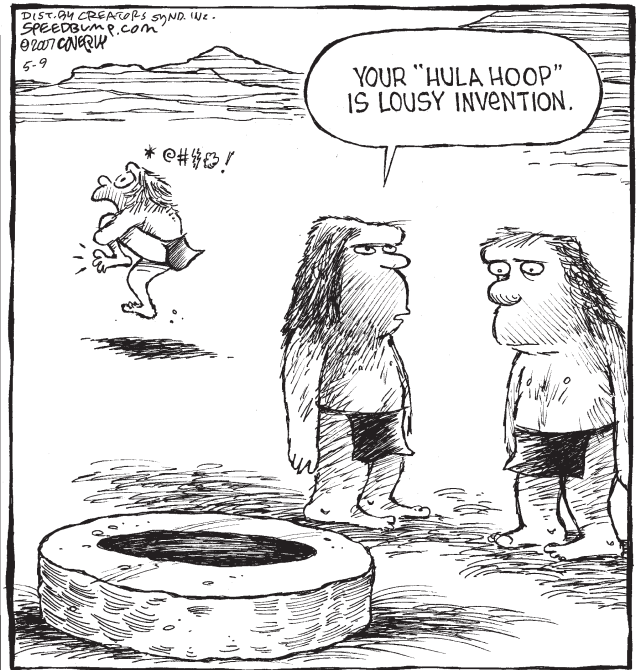
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- 19 Releasing, with conditions
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- 32 Ball club?
- 33 Early auto
- 34 Ark's resting site
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- 17 Cheap hotels
- 20 "The Lord of the Rings" beast
- 21 Hair goop
- 24 Pilot's employer
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Following a three-year investigation by federal and local authorities in Orange County, Calif., the owners of at least 10 massage parlors were arrested in March and accused of running prostitution establishments. Among the investigators' findings was that, to reduce the cost of supplying condoms, the salons urged customers to use plastic food wrap, which management bought in large quantities. Said District Attorney Tom Rackauckas, "I really don't think about (plastic food wrap) in the same way anymore."

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The Continuing Crisis: (1) New performance-appraisal rules by India's Ministry of Personnel, for the country's senior-level bureaucrats, included a request that females disclose the dates of their last menstrual period, according to an April Reuters dispatch (but within days of the rules' release, the ministry rescinded that provision). (2) In April, near New Orleans, motorcyclist Charles Warren, minding his own business in the left lane of Interstate 12, was hit by a bathtub (which had fallen from a pickup truck in the right lane) and was hospitalized with severe injuries.

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1926 Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett claim to have flown over the North Pole (later discovery of his diary seems to indicate that this did not happen).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. L-024546-JM
(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: HWA CHANG, INC, 1106 MONTANA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
(3) The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME AS ABOVE
(4) The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: YONG HWAN KWON, 615 S KENMORE AVE, #104, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE-NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPLETE OF THAT CERTAIN BUSINESS and is located at: 1106 MONTANA AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at the said location is: MASTER CLEANERS
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MAY 25, 2007, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, ESCROW NO. L-024546-JM, ESCROW OFFICER: JANICE MIN
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(9) The last date for filing claims is: MAY 24, 2007
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
PAUL FEJER
CASE NO. BP103463

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PAUL FEJER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KARL J. POLLACK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KARL J. POLLACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and

Notices

any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/30/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20070724806 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BICO, THIRD STREET PROMENADE, 1400 THIRD STREET PROMENADE, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401-3432. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHLOMY LEVY, 6355 GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE #315, CULVER CITY, CA. 90230 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)3/28/2007. /s/ SHLOMY LEVY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 3/28/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq. Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 4/25/2007, 5/2/2007, 5/9/2007, 5/16/2007

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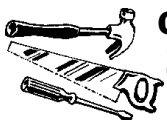
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