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THE GIVING IT UP FOR GREEN ISSUE

Recognizing sustainability Local businesses awarded for going green

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD It might not have the international prestige of the Oscars or Grammys but local businesses with an environmental flair are nevertheless pleased to accept this award, on their own or someone else's behalf.

A dozen Santa Monica companies on

Monday took an emerald-colored trophy back to the office, the awards symbolizing their role in greening the Earth by incorporating environmentally-friendly practices with business operations.

All were honored during the 13th annual Sustainable Quality Awards at the Sheraton Delfina, the winners — ranging from a hotel to an architecture firm — recognized for their successful marriage of business practices and

environmentalism, whether it be installing compact fluorescent light bulbs or printing on 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper.

Hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and City Hall, the event itself was also sustainable, from the trophies — made from 100 percent recycled glass — to the food waste, which was later composted.

The SQA was founded as a way to recog-

nize green businesses, launched a year after the City Council adopted the Sustainable City Plan, a time when there were no Toyota hybrid vehicles or CFLs.

"The most common green business practice was counting the money in the drawer at the end of the day," Dean Kubani, the environmental programs manager for City Hall,

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WAITING FOR TAKE OFF: The City Council will consider tonight the new location of the Museum of Flying. Elected officials are looking at designating a location at 3090/3100 Airport Ave. as the home of the museum, bringing it closer to the DC-3 Monument Plaza and Airport Park. The DC-3 was built by the McDonald Douglas Company and named the "Spirit of Santa Monica."

Airport museum ready to fly in the future

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY MELODY HANATANI

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CITY HALL The Museum of Flying will get a new home.

The City Council is expected tonight to designate the southwest corner of Airport Avenue and Donald Douglas Loop South as the future home of the museum, which has

been closed since 2002 for a lack of funding.

The new location — 3090/3100 Airport Ave. — will bring the museum closer to the DC-3 Monument Plaza and Airport Park.

"The combination of the Museum of Flying and DC-3 Monument Plaza would create an historical and cultural focal point on the airport that would be easily accessible to the public," according to a report prepared by Bob

Trimborn, the airport manager.

Established in 1974 as the Donald Douglas Museum and Library, the Museum of Flying once operated south of Airport Avenue before moving to the Supermarine Complex in 1989, operating there until its closure. The new site is a mixed-use facility and currently houses 13

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Rent Control 101

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

Landlords looking to avoid the common pitfalls of leasing can attend a free seminar on the basics of rent control. The seminar, hosted by staff with the Rent Control Board, will cover topics such as rents, amenities, maintenance, eviction limitations, restrictions on change of use and services available through the Rent Control office. All owners and managers are encouraged to attend. The seminar, which is held quarterly, will take place in the Second Floor Multi-Purpose Room at the Main Library. Library doors do not open until 10 a.m. so those attending should enter from Sixth Street or through the parking garage. For more information, contact Noram Diaz, (310) 458-8751.

Book worms unite

1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Come and discuss the latest Santa Monica Citywide Reads selection “The Highest Tide,” with trained volunteer facilitators and fans of author Jim Lynch. No registration is required. The reading will be held at Barnes & Noble.

Lunch with the Rotary

1250 Capri Dr., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

Partner for your health

1332 Sixth St., 11:30 a.m.

The California Partnership for Long-Term Care is an innovative program of the State of California, Department of Health Services. The Partnership’s mission is to provide Californians with affordable, quality on-going care insurance protection, so you will not be forced to spend everything you have worked for.

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Say cheese

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

As studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia, George Hurrell shot some of the world’s most beautiful and intriguing personalities, creating the template for the Hollywood glamour portrait. His flawless photography was instrumental in shaping the images of stars such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney and Rita Hayworth. An exhibition at the California Heritage Museum entitled “Lights! Camera! Glamour! The Photography of George Hurrell” shows more than eighty iconic photographs ranging from Jean Harlow, and Clark Gable to Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger. The exhibition also features a replica of Hurrell’s studio, with his camera, boom light and hand-painted screen and a room of nude portraits, many of which are being shown for the first time. A lecture and film series in collaboration with Santa Monica Public Library accompanies this exhibition. For more information contact calmuseum@earthlink.net or (310) 392 8537.

A case of Ricketts

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

Author Eric Enno Tamm will discuss the life and work of trail blazing ecologist Ed Ricketts, who not only had significant influence on the marine science community, but also on his famous friends, authors John Steinbeck and Joseph Campbell. Steinbeck immortalized Ricketts as “Doc” in his famed novel “Cannery Row.” Tamm is the author of “Beyond the Outer Shores,” a biography of Ed Ricketts. Tamm has worked as a journalist as well as in British Columbia’s commercial fishing industry and campaigns on the subjects of sustainable development and community-based fisheries issues. The event will be held in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. For more information contact Randi Parent, (310) 393-6149.

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.



Former LAPD cop gets 13 years for running drug ring

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES Former Los Angeles Police Officer Ruben Palomares was sentenced Monday to 158 months in prison for organizing a group of law enforcement officers and associates who staged a series of home invasion robberies made to look like legitimate searches, but in fact were nothing more than drug rip-offs, authorities said.

Palomares, 38, was sentenced by United States District Judge Gary A. Feess, said Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office.

Palomares pleaded guilty four years ago to conspiracy to violate civil rights, conspiracy to possess narcotics with intent to distribute, violating civil rights and using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

When he pleaded guilty, Palomares admitted committing more than 40 home invasion robberies throughout the Los Angeles metropolitan area between early 1999 and June of 2001. Palomares and his co-conspirators used their law enforcement status to gain entry into the homes of suspected drug dealers and to steal whatever drugs or money they found inside.

"With brazen disregard for the safety of those he was victimizing, Ruben Palomares repeatedly violated the sanctity of the law he was sworn to uphold," said United States Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien. "Public corruption cases like this are among the most serious and important cases that we prosecute. Preserving the public's right to integrity throughout all levels of government is one of the Justice Department's highest priorities."

Palomares was previously sentenced to 15 years in prison for possession with the intent to distribute cocaine in a case brought by the United States Attorney's Office in San Diego. He has already served just over six years in custody on that case. With today's sentencing, Palomares is facing a cumulative sentence of 20 years in federal prison, where there is no parole.

"These defendants and their fellow conspirators repeatedly abused their positions of trust to invade the homes and prey upon the very people they had sworn to serve and protect,"

said Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. "While the vast majority of law enforcement officers carry out their difficult duties in a professional manner, the Department of Justice will continue to vigorously prosecute those who cross the line and commit such wanton and unlawful acts."

Palomares is one of 19 defendants and one of five former police officers to be convicted of participating in the scheme. Palomares' sentencing comes one week after Judge Feess sentenced Former Long Beach Police Officer Joseph Ferguson to 97 months in prison for participating in the robberies.

Three former police officers are still awaiting sentencing, including William Ferguson, a former LAPD Officer and Joseph Ferguson's older brother, who faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 82 years imprisonment when he is sentenced next Monday.

Palomares, who admitted he was the organizer and leader of robbery ring, had faced up to life imprisonment, but prosecutors recommended that he receive a lower sentence after he testified against the Ferguson brothers, who were the only conspirators who went to trial.

During the Fergusons' trial earlier this year, Palomares described how robberies were generally committed after the conspirators received information that a particular location was involved in narcotics trafficking.

After planning the operation and conducting surveillance, the robbery team — which usually consisted of multiple sworn police officers either in uniform or displaying a badge — gained access to the residences by falsely telling any occupants that they were conducting a legitimate search for drugs or drug dealers.

Victims were often restrained, handcuffed, threatened or assaulted during the search. The assaults included firing a stun gun at a victim, striking victims with police batons and putting a gun in the mouth of a victim. When the group stole narcotics, they would use civilian co-conspirators to sell the drugs and then split the profits among the group.

The investigation in the Palomares robbery ring was conducted by a task force comprised of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the LAPD and the LBPd.



photo courtesy Santa Monica Rugby Club

CHAMPIONS: Santa Monica Rugby Club's Under 14 boys team came from 10 points behind at halftime to beat Fullerton 12-10 in the Southern California Youth Rugby championships this past Sunday in San Luis Obispo. Last minute heroics by Chris Collins playing wing resulted in the tying score, with Dylan Pritchard slotting the 2-point conversion for the win just as time expired. The title is the first for the U14 boys from Santa Monica, an impressive feat in only their second season as a team. The squad includes six players from Lincoln Middle School, plus students from other area schools including Paul Revere, Lycee Francais, Campbell Hall and Harvard-Westlake.

It's that time again: Don't get burned

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES The official start of summer is right around the corner, but it's never too early to learn more about protecting your skin from excessive sun exposure.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health would like to remind sun lovers that while it's great to spend time outdoors, it's even better to protect yourself against harmful rays.

"Enjoying the sunshine and all that the outdoors has to offer should be done in the most skin healthy way possible," said Jonathan E. Fielding, director of public health for the county. "Skin cancer is still the most common form of cancer diagnosed in the United States, so it's important for men, women, and children to protect themselves by applying a sunscreen with a minimum Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15, avoiding tanning and tanning beds, staying in the shade as much as possible, and avoiding the sun between the peak hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m."

Facts about skin cancer:

- Skin cancer is most common form of cancer in the United States. The two most common types of skin cancer, basal cell and

squamous cell carcinomas, are highly curable. Melanoma, the third most common skin cancer, is more dangerous, especially for young people.

- Melanoma is the third most common cancer in women aged 20-39.

- In 2004, nearly 8,000 people in the U.S. died of melanomas of the skin and other skin cancers (not including basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas).

- More than 90% of all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure.

- A person's risk for skin cancer doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns, especially if the sunburns occurred during childhood.

- Other risk factors include: light skin color, family and/or personal history of skin cancer, exposure to the sun through work and play, light colored eyes and hair, and having a large number of moles.

Prevention tips:

- Avoid the sun and stay in the shade between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

- Do not burn.

- Cover up with long sleeves and pants,

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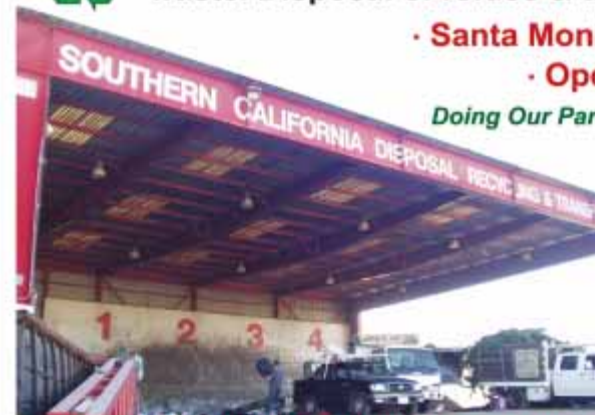


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The Adelaide Stairs

Editor:

Every morning I round the bend
I see the Pacific, my lifelong friend
She beckons me with open arms
I lose myself in her infinite charms
I wind my way down the Adelaide Stairs
Forgetting my worries, I've nary a care
I hop down Entrada to West Channel Road
I watch the Pacific for me unfold
As I slink through the tunnel to pounce on the sand
I stumble across a tragic man
The bum's in bad shape, he's lost in a haze
I pray the man will see better days
I hit the sand running, the birds see me coming
They fly overhead, their beauty is stunning
And there's my amiga, all turquoise blue
Her sea foam glistens as I think of you
Her life gives me hope that I've found my true love
She whispers to me, It's in the stars above
I feel her vibrations pulse through my veins
It's a life-giving force, calming and sane
Before I return to the hustle and woes
I blow her a kiss and dip in my toes
I head back to the tunnel, kicking a rock
I pass by the bum, still sleeping it off
I see a magic garden on West Channel Road
A mermaid, a captain and a cheerful old toad
I bounce back up the Adelaide Stairs
Passing strangers on the way, running in pairs
When I reach the top, I blow one last kiss
It's the stairway to heaven and eternal bliss.

Heidi Siegmund Cuda

Santa Monica

Freedom from the tax man

Editor:

George Bush's economic stimulus package will give individuals who have an income between \$3,000 and \$75,000 check amounts of \$300 to \$600, according to www.jbs.org/. Married taxpayers who earn up to \$150,000 will receive \$1,200. Included in this package is also a \$300-per-child tax credit. According to CNNMoney.com, "The package also includes tax breaks for equipment purchases by businesses, as well as payments to disabled veterans and some senior citizens."

Critics of the measure included congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul. In his weekly column, Paul stated: "I am in favor of taxpayers getting some of their money back, however temporary tax cuts and one-time rebates will not 'fix' the economy. What we desperately need right now is real deep significant tax cuts that are enabled by big spending cuts and reduction of government waste that is so rampant. Unfortunately, too many in Washington still believe we can spend our way into prosperity, which does not work and never has."

I agree. The government is merely returning money that was ours to start with. Instead Congress should abolish the Marxist Progressive Income Tax by repealing the 16th Amendment and return us to the freedom to invest in unregulated production for prosperity.

Frank M. Pelteson

Las Vegas



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Stability v. elasticity

YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED. YOU ARE NOT entitled to a home in Santa Monica, a good paying job, and low gas prices. Neither am I.

There has been much complaining of late about how the oil companies are ripping people off, and how unfair it all is. That is a load of cow manure.

Yes, prices are high, yes, the companies are making a profit. That is their job. They are supposed to make a profit. They owe it to their shareholders, the little old ladies in Omaha who put their savings into oil companies.

You know what doesn't make a profit? Medicare — the government health insurance program for the elderly. And do you know how they support that? With your taxes. That is an entitlement. If you live long enough, and if Medicare survives in its present form, you will then be "entitled" to receive benefits.

Gasoline, home values, rents, good jobs, these are all controlled by a market. How you do in that market is in many ways beyond your ability to decide, granted. But, nowhere in our U.S. Constitution, state Constitution, local municipal codes or in our society does it say that you are entitled to cheap gas, low rent and a high paying job.

Those of us who choose to live in Santa Monica, picked it because of its beautiful weather, small town feel, proximity to the beach and the lifestyle that it affords us. We choose to live here because our life is short and we want to live in the best place we can afford.

That's a key thought, "what we can afford." Because so much of our position in life boils down to our income, and our income is an outgrowth of the work that we have put in, to get to where we are, and the choices that we make.

I'm an entrepreneur, I'm a lawyer, I like being self-employed. I enjoy the freedom that it affords me to enjoy my life. It comes at a price. I never know for certain what my next week's income is going to be.

We go through lean times, periods when there are no new clients coming in with divorces, no new child custody battles. It is those periods when the thought occurs to me that a regular salaried job sounds really good.

The security of working for someone else is a safety blanket that many of us choose, for all sorts of reasons. When I was in law school, I needed to have a job

because I did not have the time to go find clients, do the administrative work of running a company and be able to study. So I took a job waiting tables at Rusty's on the pier.

It was a good job, tips were decent, my hourly rate was standard minimum wage and it got me through the hell that is law school.

For those people who have a family, you need to have the security of knowing where the next meal is coming from. You have chosen to put someone else in charge of worrying about the overall health of the business, and you get to enjoy your kids.

The price for your stability and security of income however, comes at the price of elasticity of your income. So long as you are working for someone else, there is an agreed upon, set wage schedule.

This stability allows you to budget and plan, but the problem is that you have no elasticity in your income. That is why a spike in the price of gasoline hurt so much.

For someone who is a regular wage earner, they don't see an increase in their income until their annual review, and then it's likely to be a small percentage of their wages. This is the trap of being a wage earner.

Self-employed people on the other hand, those who don't have security in their income stream, who do have to worry about where their next clients are coming from, have the flexibility, the elasticity in their income to adapt to price increases in gasoline, food and housing.

As a self-employed person, I have much greater control over my income, but I also have more risk.

Life is all about balance, so is the marketplace. For years we have had cheap gasoline in America, the market is finally catching up to us.

The whiners amongst us need to lose their sense of entitlement and recognize that the choices they make are nothing more than a tradeoff. Some of us chose security over risk — that gives stability in income; it comes at the cost of adaptability and elasticity in income level.

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SIGN LANGUAGE: Women working at a sewing factory in pre-war Baghdad perform a different type of flashing.

Flashed in Fallouja

BACK WHEN IT WAS JUST ANOTHER angry Iraqi city and months before it became the major flashpoint in U.S./Iraqi relations, I toured Fallouja.

I was investigating war damage at a water treatment plant, several weeks after President Bush's declaration of "mission accomplished," when a man exposed himself to me. He had been brushing close against me as I walked along the narrow sidewalks that separated the water treatment ponds, the folds of his shoulder-to-ankle robe commingling uncomfortably with my long skirt in the 115 degree heat. I pulled my purse in front of me, defensively elbowing space between us.

Later, while I was interviewing the water district manager about her staff's heroic efforts to keep the water flowing during the first onslaught of war, this strange man squatted unobtrusively in a doorway, caught my eye, and lifted his dishdasha, displaying how Allah had been very, uh, generous to him.

I was shocked! And awed. Talk about weapons of mass distraction! What's a white girl in a war zone to do? Being flashed in Fallouja isn't covered in the human rights' handbook.

I knew from his quietly creepy behavior that he was violating standards. But, should I speak up and risk offending my hosts? The town was already pretty edgy. Later that afternoon, I would be warned that Falloujans had vowed "to kill an American a day" in retaliation for the U.S. troops' gunfire exchange with locals who had taken refuge in a school.

Schools are revered in Iraq, and our blanketing one with bullets had further ignited this rebellious community.

But, I was always taught that bullies bank on us staying politely silent.

"That man exposed himself to me!" I pointed at him as stiffly as he had to me.

My male translator looked at me, confused. This gentle man, whose religious practice kept him from even touching a member of the opposite gender, repeated something in Arabic to the water treatment workers gathered around us. Meanwhile, in the confusion, the exhibitionist had lowered his dishdasha and skulked out.

Well, I had no idea I would cause such a stir! Workers ran after the man, mortified that his aberrant behavior might reflect on them. They made such a fuss with their apologies, I began to feel guilty.

"It was no big deal," I offered, rolling my eyes. "Really, it was no big deal." I lied.

I guess one of the men understood my double-entendre, because he burst out laughing, easing the tension.

We lose so much in war, and humor is right there with truth among the first casualties. Standing in battle-scarred Fallouja, a stranger and I started the rebuilding by bonding over a very worn pun, proving that when we're brave enough to laugh at ourselves, what really gets exposed is our humanity.

KELLY HAYES-RAITT visited Iraq with a women's delegation in February 2003 and returned in July 2003. She will spend this summer in Syria assisting Iraqi refugees through a program organized by the Middle East Fellowship (www.MiddleEastFellowship.org). The program is open to the public and she welcomes company. Hayes-Raitt blogs at www.PeacePATHFoundation.org.

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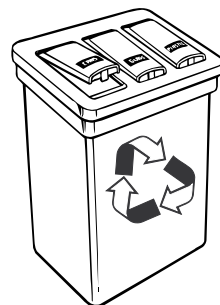
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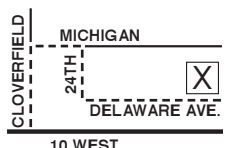
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New state speaker takes over in time for budget crunch

STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Democrat Karen Bass takes over as Assembly speaker today, just in time to deal with what could turn out to be the state budget deadlock to end all budget deadlocks.

The former community activist will become the first black woman to hold the Assembly's top leadership post, succeeding fellow Los Angeles Democrat Fabian Nunez, who will be termed out of office in December.

Bass will find out just how tough her first few months as speaker are likely to be on Wednesday, when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will release his revised state budget proposal and deficit projections.

The difference between anticipated revenue and projected spending is expected to be large, although possibly not as big as the governor indicated last month.

At an event in Garden Grove, Schwarzenegger said the budget was "\$20 billion out of whack," but H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for the state Department of Finance, said that figure was a "worst-case projection." Schwarzenegger announced it before his budget advisers provided him with updated revenue and cost figures.

"He certainly did not want to lowball the potential for how great a problem it may be," Palmer said.

Even a somewhat smaller deficit could lead to an extended deadlock between Democrats and Republicans over how to close the gap. Republicans have refused to consider raising taxes or eliminating any tax breaks to generate more revenue, and Democrats say they won't support a cuts-only budget.

It would take at least two Republican votes in the Senate and six in the Assembly to put together the two-thirds majorities needed to approve a budget, assuming all Democrats vote for it.

Lawmakers are supposed to approve a new budget each year by June 15, a little more than two weeks before the start of a new fiscal year on July 1. That's a deadline that has been met only four times in the last 30 years.

The record for the longest-delayed budget was set in 2002, according to records kept by the Department of Finance. Lawmakers didn't approve a new spending plan until Aug. 31 that year. Last year, the budget passed on Aug. 21.

Another lengthy budget stalemate could force the state to resort to a more costly form of borrowing, issuing what are called revenue anticipation warrants, to ease cash-flow problems in September, Palmer said.

Those warrants carry higher interest rates and can result in lower credit ratings for the state. Use of the warrants in 2002 and 2003 resulted in the state's credit rating being downgraded, forcing it to pay significantly higher interest rates when it sold bonds to pay for various infrastructure projects, Palmer said.

Bass, 54, said she's ready for the challenge. Her "first, second and third priority" will be reaching a budget agreement, she said.

"I think the state is in a crisis, and I have always been interested and willing to step up when I feel the most needed," she said.

She hopes to get a deal by the end of August, at the latest.



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Karen Bass
Assembly speaker

"I can't imagine a cuts-only budget, because over the last few years we have cut back severely," she said. "I'm not sure how much more meat there is on the bone."

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

PORN TAX — It would cost more to buy an X-rated video and potentially to attend a strip club if Assemblyman Charles Calderon has his way. The Whittier Democrat has introduced legislation that would slap a 25 percent tax on sales of adult material, including pay-per-view movies, and on the income of an "adult entertainment venue." The extra revenue could be used to deal with what Calderon calls the "numerous negative secondary effects" of adult entertainment, including crime and health care costs.

THIRSTY PLANTS — Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, wants to give homeowners, gardeners and landscapers a hand in saving water. He has a bill that would require that plants sold in containers of five gallons or less come with labels spelling out if they need a little or a lot of water to survive.

SOLAR CONDOMINIUMS — Condominium projects and other so-called common interest developments could not prohibit their residents from installing solar energy systems under legislation by Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, R-Santa Clarita. It's scheduled to be considered today by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

CLEAN ENERGY — Sen. Elaine Alquist, D-Santa Clara, wants to scrap tax breaks for oil production and instead offer a tax credit for investments in so-called clean energy projects. Her bill is on the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee's agenda on Wednesday.

TRADE-IN BONUS — New car buyers would save on sales taxes if they traded in an older vehicle under a bill by Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Temecula, that also is scheduled to be considered Wednesday by the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. The measure would allow buyers to subtract the value of the traded-in vehicle from the new vehicle when computing sales taxes on the new vehicle. Hollingsworth says the measure would help get older, more heavily polluting autos off the road.

Associated Press Writer Samantha Young contributed to this report.



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Rocky Mountain natural-gas production soars

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Rocky Mountain natural-gas production is soaring as new pipelines take away the region's bounty.

Utah, Wyoming and Colorado together are producing 8.2 billion cubic feet of gas a day _ an increase of 1 billion cubic feet from a year ago, said Porter Bennett, president and chief executive for energy analysts Bentek Energy LLC.

Bennett said Rocky Mountain producers were holding back gas last year because of constraints in pipeline systems that drove spot prices under \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet. The price has recovered to \$8.39, and producers are tapping wells as fast as they can.

The difference? The 1,678-mile Rockies Express, a pipeline from Meeker, Colo., to Clarington, Ohio, that is largely built and partly operational.

Nearing full capacity, the Rockies Express will move 1.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day _ a third more gas than the daily consumption of Denver and other cities along Colorado's Rocky Mountain Front.

Wyoming has vaulted to No. 2 among gas-producing states behind Texas. Colorado ranks sixth and Utah eighth, according to the Utah Geological Survey.

Gas drillers last year set a production

record in Utah. Drillers produced more than 385 billion cubic feet of natural gas, up 12 percent over 2006.

Bennett said it isn't clear if the increased production is sustainable over the long run. It could drive market prices down, prompting producers to shut off wells and store their gas. That, however, isn't always practical because it can cost more money to restart a well.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining attributes Utah's increase to markedly higher drilling. There were nearly 4,700 wells producing gas in 2007.

Uintah County was the state's largest producer of natural gas, followed by Emery, San Juan and Summit counties.

Oil production, once in decline, rebounded to more than 19 million barrels _ the highest since 1997 but still below the record of 41 million barrels.

Duchesne County is the state's biggest oil producer.

Wolverine Gas & Oil Corp. of Grand Rapids, Mich., is producing 10 percent of Utah's crude oil after making a wildcat discovery in 2004 near Sigurd in central Utah.

The company's Covenant Field is in a slow decline, but the company made another oil discovery nearby in Salina, said Michael Vanden Berg of the Utah Geological Survey.

NC biologist names trapdoor spider after rocker Neil Young

NATASHA ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. You can call Neil Young the new spiderman.

A biologist has named a newly discovered trapdoor spider after rock star Neil Young: *Myrmekiaphila neilyoungi*.

The musician is "worthy of that honor" because he's been an activist for social and political issues, said East Carolina University biologist Jason Bond.

Bond, 40, examined in a collection at the American Museum of Natural History in New York where it was identified as a new species that's indigenous to Alabama. He sent students there to collect more specimens.

It's not the first time Bond has bestowed

a beloved name on a new spider species.

He named one species *Stasimopus mendelai* after South African civil rights leader Nelson Mandela. The spider *Apomastus kristenae* is named after his wife, Kristen.

"I've got about 30 new species of trapdoor spiders from California that I have in the queue to put names to and I've got a few people in mind," Bond said. However, he says, "We don't always name things after people."

The 62-year-old Young has released more than 30 albums since 1969. His most recent, "Chrome Dreams II," was released last October. Considered one of rock's most influential figures, he was inducted into the Rock'N'Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

Ties make a comeback: Thin is in

DIONNE WALKER
Associated Press Writer

Almost as predictable as getting a tie for Father's Day is getting at least one destined for the back of the closet, be it covered in penguins or wide enough to top a flagpole.

But choosing a good tie doesn't have to be an exercise in luck. The answer lies in mixing a bit of the old with the new _ combining classic patterns to appeal to dad's safer side

in slimmer, modern shapes that nudge his fashion forward.

But the biggest trend, fashion insiders agree, involves size.

"The slimming trend is probably one of the most significant things," explains Jerry Balest, vice president of men's fashion for Macy's Merchandising Group. "Thin is in."

Macy's recently resized its men's ties; now a tie that had traditionally been 4 inches at its widest will shrink to 3 1/2 inches.

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HOME COOKING: (Above) Volunteers and members of Ocean Park Association cooked up a hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausage for residents who attended an open house by the Santa Monica Fire Department at Fire Station No. 2 on Saturday morning. The event was in recognition of National Fire Service Day and gave residents a chance to meet their fire fighters, take a tour around the fire house and watch demonstrations. Urth Caffe on Main Street donated coffee and dessert. (Right) Firefighters showed how they transport an injured person from the top of a building down to emergency personell who can then administer treatment in safety. City officials including Mayor Herb Katz, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom, City Councilman Kevin McKeown and City Manager Lamont Ewell joined in on the fun with fire Chief Jim Hone and police Chief Timothy Jackman.



With summer comes cancer concern

FROM SUN DAMAGE PAGE 3

and wear a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses if you will be spending time in the sun.

- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths. Use a sunless tanner instead.

- A sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day may reduce one's risk if used properly. The recommended amount to apply is one ounce for full-

body coverage. Make sure to reapply sunscreen after outdoor activities, such as swimming, running, or gardening.

- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreen should be used on babies over the age of six months.

- Do a skin self-check from head-to-toe every month. Make sure to check along your scalp, the back of your neck, and between your fingers and toes.

Make note of any unusual spots or moles.

- See a dermatologist periodically for a professional skin exam.

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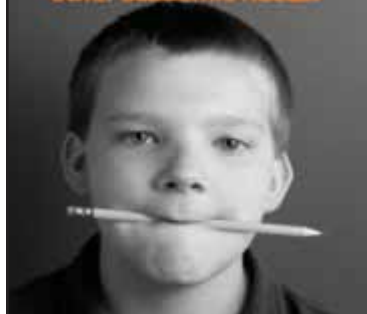
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Green businesses get recognized for policies

FROM AWARDS PAGE 1

joked at the luncheon.

The number of green businesses has grown in Santa Monica since that first awards show, the city now having the highest concentration in the United States with more than 250.

Among the winners were four businesses that received the grand prize, their environmental undertakings far more extensive, such as the 9 kilowatts of solar power installed at The Lobster and the LEED certified projects designed by Duvivier architects. LEED — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design — is a green rating used by the United States Green Building Council. Santa Monica is home to the highest concentration of LEED certified buildings in the country, according to Kubani.

Many of the award recipients have a Green Business Certification and/or have undergone the Business Greening Program at Sustainable Works. Among the most recent to receive the certification was The Lobster, whose menu features seafood that is sustainably caught or farm-raised.

“It feels awkward to accept an award for doing something that’s right,” Jack DeNicola, the restaurant general manager, said.

The restaurant is also planning on installing a solar water heating system.

“Doing the right thing is rewarding in itself,” he said.

The event was hosted by “Earth Talk Today” co-hosts Peter Kreidler and Alexandra Paul, who had a role in 1990s beach drama, “Baywatch.” The keynote speaker was Gay Browne, the founder of Santa Monica-based Greenopia, a directory for everything green in

Los Angeles.

She conceptualized the idea for Greenopia after the difficulty she experienced in building a green home in the Pacific Palisades, the seemingly endless hours spent researching developers and interior designers that specialized in sustainability.

Approximately 15 percent of the businesses in the guide are from Santa Monica, a considerable number that can be attributed to green business friendly Santa Monica, she said.

“Its commitment to green business is unbelievable,” Browne said, pointing out that a New Yorker recently told her that Santa Monica is the most progressive green city in the country.

For some winners, the award comes long after they first began instituting green practices.

Taxi Taxi started by converting its fleet of high-end European vehicles into biodiesel, the line eventually phased out because it was proven unfeasible.

The taxi company today now uses hybrid vehicles and is the first in the county to operate a hybrid fleet.

The business won an award for excellence in stewardship of the environment and economic development. It saves an estimated \$77,000 a year in gas by using the hybrids as opposed to conventional vehicles. All of their marketing materials are also printed on 100 percent post consumer recycled paper.

“Hybrid is the future,” Ayman Radwan, one of the partners of Taxi Taxi, said. “You can gas up anywhere and it holds 40 miles to the gallon.”

“The customers love it and the drivers love it,” he said.

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City Hall looks at hybrid SUV

FROM CONSENT PAGE 1

tenants, all of whom will see their leases expire in February 2009, allowing the development of the museum. The proposal contains at least \$800,000 for renovations to the facility, which includes constructing display structures.

“The museum... would create a cultural focal point for the airport,” Trimborn states. “It would display aircraft, artifacts and exhibits relevant to the history of the Douglas Aircraft Company, the airport and the city of Santa Monica.”

The museum will fund the construction and operation over a seven-year-lease with City Hall. The monthly rental is being proposed at \$2,000 a month.

MORE HYBRIDS

City Hall could get three Toyota hybrid sport utility vehicles if the council approves a purchase order from Toyota of Santa Monica, part of more than \$301,000 in spending items at the meeting.

The hybrids, estimated to cost a combined \$111,000, will be purchased as part of City Hall’s Vehicle Replacement Program. The SUVs will be used by the operations and customers relations staff.

The council is also expected to approve a \$189,000 contract with the Wildan Group to provide professional services with capital improvement projects.

NOT HISTORIC ENOUGH

The dispute over the ficus trees, while still

alive in court, is over at least on one count.

The City Council is expected to certify a statement denying the historic significance of the ficus trees lining Second and Fourth streets in Downtown Santa Monica. The council in February denied an appeal filed by the Santa Monica Treesavers, challenging an earlier Landmarks Commission decision that the trees are not landmark-worthy.

The Treesavers argued that the ficus have a historic connection to the development of the downtown area as well as the women’s and environmental movement in Santa Monica. The trees were planted thanks to the efforts of Jacqueline Girion, a Santa Monica resident who served on the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce’s beautification committee in the 1960s.

The trees meanwhile are being tied up in the court, barring City Hall from removing the ficus as part of a downtown beautification project.

The council is also expected to certify a statement that will allow a new home to be constructed at 2642 Second St., located within the Third Street Historic District. Several district residents filed an appeal to a Landmarks Commission decision in January approving the project to move forward. Opponents to the project have called it in the modernist style and out of character with the district. The home is neither a landmark property nor a contributing structure to the district. The council sided with the commission in February.

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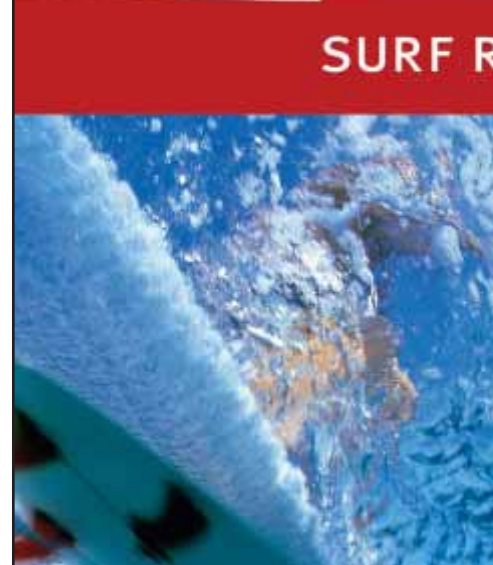
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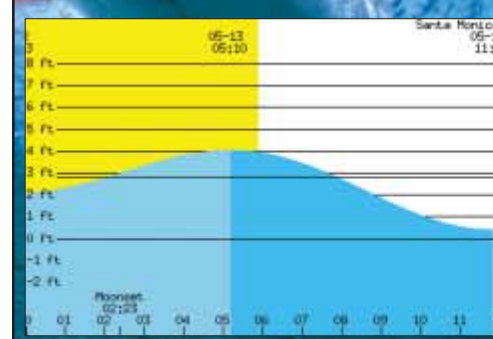


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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	C	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Day Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Choussaguan)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Vanice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns	Vanice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Vanice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A+	ns	Vanice Fishing Pier - 50 yards north	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	D	ns	Vanice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bellina Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tareas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

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Suspects in Taylor murder won't face the death penalty

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI Prosecutors said Monday they will not seek the death penalty against four people charged with murdering Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor because the accused shooter was a minor when the crime was committed.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that people cannot be executed for crimes committed when they're under 18, and it's a well established legal principle that others involved in the same case as a minor cannot face the ultimate penalty if they are less directly responsible.

Assistant State Attorney Reid Rubin filed notice Friday that the death penalty will be waived. That means the four suspects could get a maximum of life in prison if convicted of first-degree murder after a trial scheduled to begin Aug. 25.

Eric Rivera Jr., who turned 18 last month, was 17 at the time police say he shot Taylor during a botched robbery at the Pro Bowl safety's Miami-area home in November. Taylor, 24, died of massive blood loss after he was shot in the upper leg.

The Taylor family accepted prosecutor's explanation for the move, a family spokesman said.

"All the co-defendants can't be subject to the death penalty if the (alleged) shooter is not," said Richard Sharpstein, a lawyer who has acted as spokesman for the Taylor family. "There are no issues of discretion here. There's no choice."

Prosecutors and defense attorneys are barred from discussing the case with reporters under a gag order. But Hunte's attorney, Michael Hornung said in a telephone interview that prosecutors would have had to prove a conspiracy aimed at killing Taylor in order to seek death for the three adults.

"I'm not shocked or surprised they are not going forward with the death penalty," Hornung said. "That would have been challenging legally."

Taylor was an All-American at the University of Miami and was a member of the Hurricanes' national championship team in 2001.

He was selected with the fifth overall pick of the 2004 draft by the Redskins and made the Pro Bowl in 2006 and 2007.

Ex-Pats video asst. to meet with Goodell, Specter

BY RACHEL COHEN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Former Patriots video assistant Matt Walsh will meet separately with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Sen. Arlen Specter today to discuss New England's video-taping of opposing coaches' playcalling signals in violation of league rules.

Walsh is scheduled to meet with Goodell at the NFL offices in New York at 7:30 a.m. Afterward, he will travel to Washington to meet with Specter. Specter, the senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been critical of the NFL's handling of the investigation.

Goodell and Specter each plan to hold a news conference after meeting with Walsh.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000, while the team was fined \$250,000 and forced to forfeit its 2008 first-round draft choice. The Spygate investigation began after the NFL confiscated tapes from a New England

employee who recorded the New York Jets' defensive signals from the sideline during the 2007 opener.

Last week, Walsh sent the NFL eight videotapes that showed the Patriots recording play-calling signals. The tapes included signals by coaches of five opponents in six games from 2000-02. The league said the tapes were consistent with what it already knew.

Walsh worked for New England from 1997 to 2003. His name surfaced just before this year's Super Bowl, nearly five months after the Patriots were sanctioned.

After more than two months of negotiations, lawyers for the league and Walsh finally agreed April 23 to terms that would allow him to talk with Goodell. They include an agreement by the Patriots not to sue Walsh and to pay his legal expenses and his airfare to New York from Hawaii, where he is now a golf pro.

Goodell has said that the Patriots could be subject to further sanctions if new information about previously unknown infractions arises.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might be the victim of too much information. You could be quite overwhelmed by everything you need to consider and evaluate. Know that you can do it and make an excellent choice. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.	might be a bit difficult, especially as you cannot see where this person is going. Sit back and pretend that you are watching a play. Perspective and humor help. Tonight: Rest up.
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Rethink a situation or approach it far differently. Your ability to ask the right questions helps you sort out what could have been a very confusing situation. Listen to others without coloring their words. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might do some mental traveling and see events and people differently as a result. If you cannot gain a perspective, you actually might need to detach physically from a situation. You could be amazed by what comes up. Tonight: Easy works.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Honor your feelings by doing something quite differently. How you handle a personal matter could change radically. If you want to open up to a change, you can, but be aware that a steady plan won't evolve yet. Tonight: Pay bills first.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You visualize a partnership far differently from others. Rather than compare notes, understand that each person is unique and has many different expectations. What rocks your boat could be very different from what rocks another's. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Rethink a situation as you see all the problems that surround the discussion. You might want to take the lead. Investigate possibilities and allow others to examine issues openly as well. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Do whatever you need to do to make a situation work. You might feel pressured by someone you look up to. Finally, you see there is an answer, but not the one you thought would work. Right now nurturing looks like support. Tonight: Easy does it.
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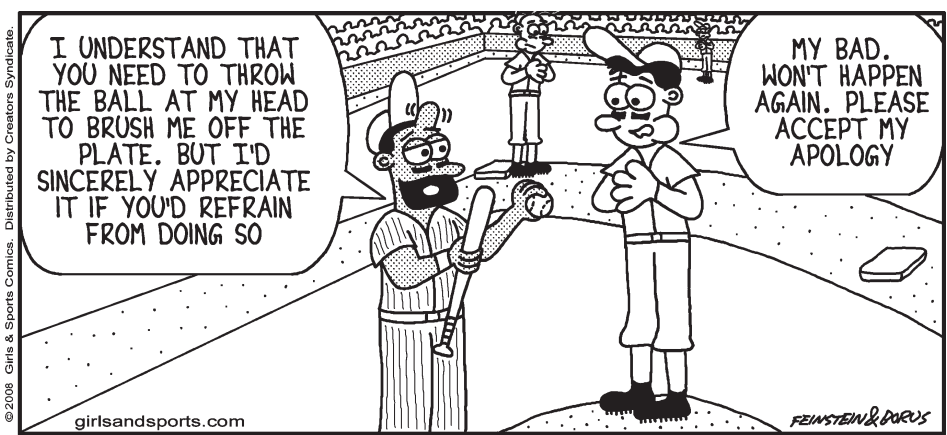
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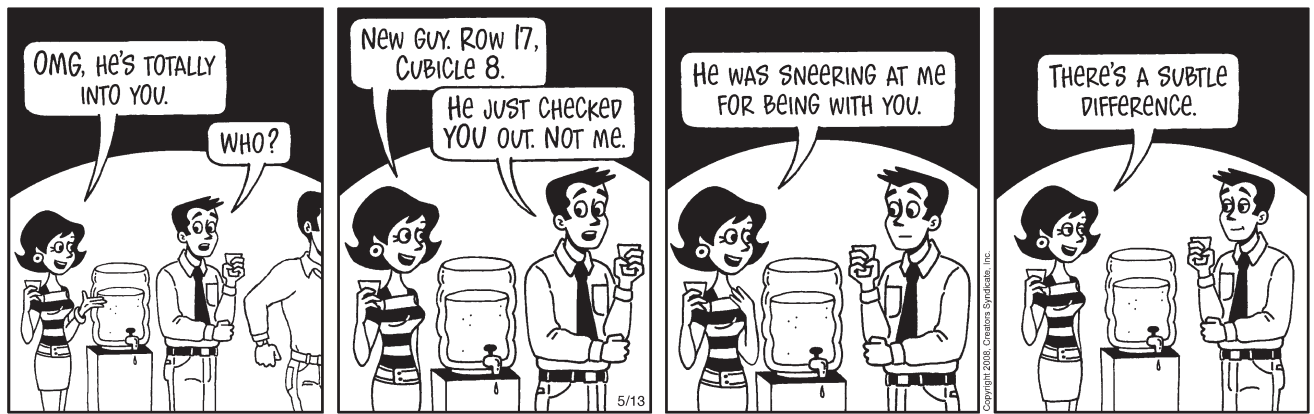
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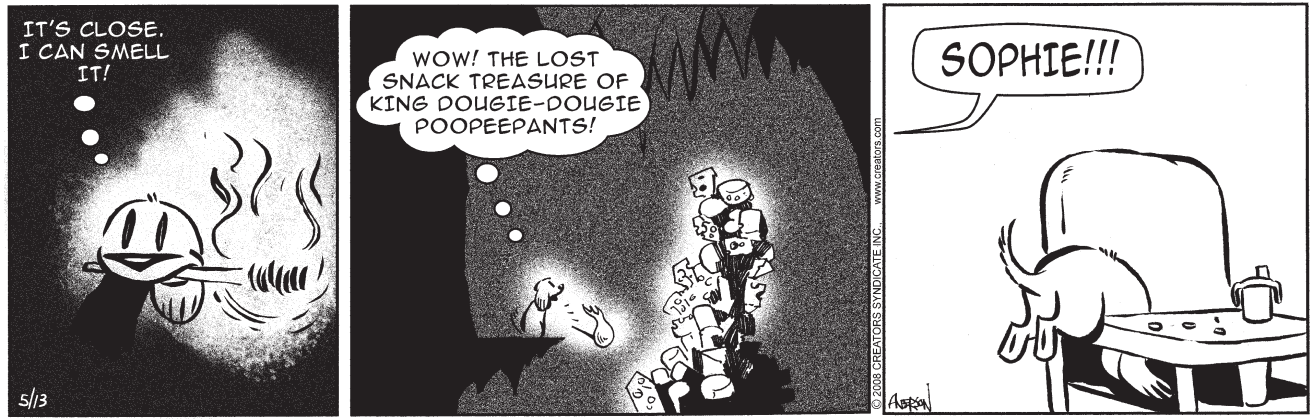
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- 1 Home for José
 - 5 Mexican snacks
 - 10 Fake name
 - 12 Unaided
 - 13 Pixar movie
 - 15 Print measures
 - 16 Kitchen pest
 - 17 Cover
 - 18 Bar order
 - 20 Have supper
 - 21 Portugal's neighbor
 - 22 Clarinet part
 - 23 Catch
 - 25 Breather
 - 28 Lab work
 - 31 A single time
 - 32 Small maps
 - 34 Keats work
 - 35 Homer's bartending pal
 - 36 Nogoodnik
 - 37 Pixar movie
 - 40 Chris of the court
 - 41 Art supporter
 - 42 Bowling button
 - 43 Window piece
- DOWN**
- 1 Gave a hoot
 - 2 Los —, New Mexico
 - 3 Takes notice
 - 4 Battery size
 - 5 Lacking slack
 - 6 Ring great
 - 7 Lassie, for one
 - 8 One way to shop
 - 9 Ranked, in tennis
 - 11 Soviet tyrant

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Yesterday's answer

- 14 Pledge of Allegiance phrase
- 19 Treat the turkey
- 20 Attire
- 24 Misplay
- 25 Shingles pro
- 26 Salad green
- 27 Act parts
- 29 Opera's Stratas
- 30 Flower part
- 33 Took the wrong way
- 35 Catching need
- 38 Rap's Dr. —
- 39 Forty winks

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Almost-anything-goes "ultimate fighting," also known as "human cockfighting," is a major "sport," mostly in Southern and Western states, but only in Missouri are kids as young as 6 permitted on the mats, according to a March Associated Press dispatch from Carthage, Mo. Members of the Garage Boys Fight Crew, ages up to 14, including one girl, regularly square off with only a few concessions in rules and protective gear from their adult counterparts. Parents seem to regard the sport as casually as they regard Little League or soccer, and sportsmanship is in evidence, as kids are still best friends, pummeling each other inside the cage but then heading off afterward to play video games.

■ Prairie Orchard Farms in Manitoba told Toronto's Globe and Mail in March that it has been successfully infusing hogs with omega-3s, the oils that get the best press among fatty acids, since it is found plentifully in healthful salmon and other seafood. A laboratory analysis of a slab of Prairie Orchard's "enriched" ham had the omega-3s of almost one-fourth of a large salmon filet, but the best news of all was that a 100-gram side of bacon equaled that of the salmon filet.

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1846 the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

1917 three children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

1940 in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

1954 President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

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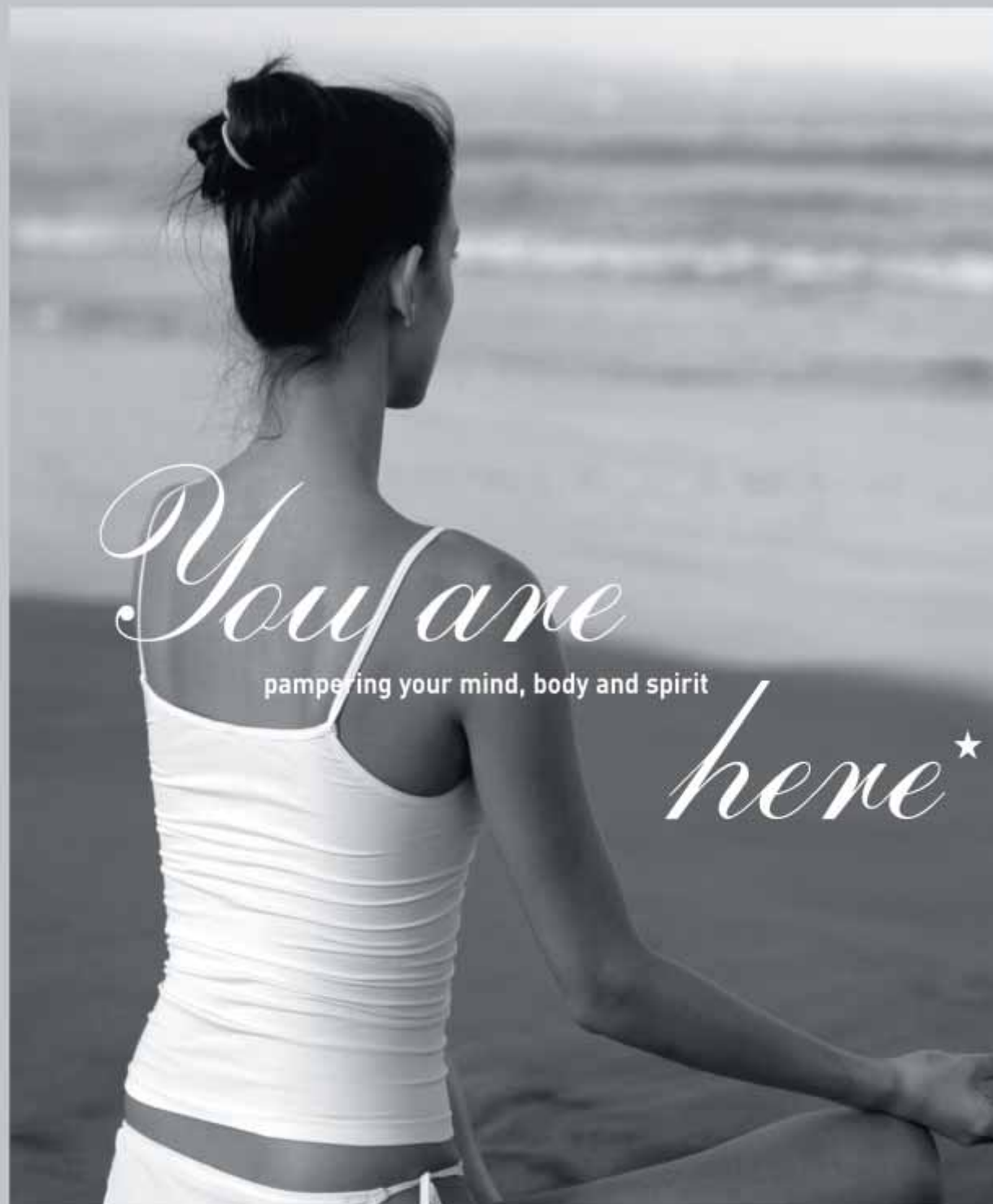
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