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Finding a pet just went high-tech

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE There's more to watch on video Web sites like YouTube than footage of a hair-pulling catfight between two girls or a drunken David Hasselhoff eating his hamburger off the floor.

Animal shelters and pet adoption agencies across the country are tapping into the popularity of self-made online videos made accessible through sites like YouTube and iFilm. Adoption sites like Pets911.com have added a video feature to supplement pet profiles created by animal shelters, giving the potential pet owner a glimpse of the dog or cat before they take

a trip down to the pound.

"They say a picture is worth a thousand words ... a video would have to be worth at least a million," said Tracyann Mains, program director for Pets911.

K9 Connection, an OPCC-run pilot program that brings at-risk teens together with pets from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, has taken advantage of the YouTube craze, having produced several videos on some of the animals that were harder to adopt out.

"The impact of the video goes beyond just getting the dog adopted," said Glen Zipper, project director for K9 Connection "It raises awareness for the organization."

Zipper creates the videos for animals that have not

received enough attention after staying at the shelter for more than a month.

The videos have been successful for some dogs, while others seem to be having a harder time getting out.

After being featured on CityTV and having a video on YouTube, Pinky the white pit bull was finally adopted last week after a stay in the Santa Monica Animal Shelter that lasted several months. Last month, the dog was sent to Zen4K9S under the care of dog psychologist Linn Boyke — who was trained by Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan — and Boyke fell in love with the pink-nosed

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Learning cooking trade was never so delicious

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Believe it or not, the ultimate cheap eat in town — the best bang for the buck — might just be an elegant sit-down restaurant located a stone's throw away from the Santa Monica Airport.

Hailed as the best kept secret in Santa Monica by some, Bistro 31, a restaurant run by students in the Art Institute of Los Angeles' Culinary Arts Program, offers a fine dining experience at hole-in-the-wall prices. Since the students are responsible for nearly all aspects of the restaurant, from cooking to cleaning to serving, all meals are served with little to no markup. The purpose of Bistro 31 is not to make money, but to teach students how to run a restaurant, and most importantly, that customer service comes first.

Located on the first floor of the Art Institute of Los Angeles, the restaurant is surrounded by offices and fitness centers in a business park near the border with West Los Angeles. The area offers few culinary options aside from the dining car situated on the cul-de-sac just outside the Art Institute. Lacking restaurant-like architectural features on the exterior, Bistro 31 is easy to miss.

So-called because it is a bistro on 31st Street, the eatery is one of the final mandatory classes students enrolled in the school's culinary program take before receiving their degrees. The restaurant is open Monday through Wednesday for lunch from 11:30



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ON THE JOB TRAINING: Sonia Garcia (at right), a culinary student at the Art Institute of Los Angeles, wraps bread Monday in the kitchen at Bistro 31, an odd little student-run eatery that many hail as the best kept secret in Santa Monica. Since students are responsible for nearly all aspects of the restaurant, from cooking to cleaning to serving, all meals are served with little to no markup.



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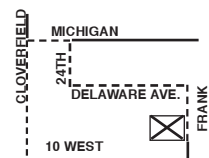

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour star in the romantic time-travel movie
"Somewhere in Time." All ages are welcome to this free screening. Seating is first
come, first served in the Main Library's auditorium.

Citywide Reads Teen Book Discussion at the Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Teens read and discuss the Santa Monica Citywide Reads 2007 fea-
tured book, "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger in the Main Branch
Library's Second Floor Community Room.

Rent Control seminar for Santa Monica tenants

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Tenants will learn the basics of the Santa Monica rent control laws. There will be an
opportunity to ask questions. Among the topics to be discussed will be issues con-
cerning amenities, maintenance issues and eviction protections.

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

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

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

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mystery book discussion

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

Read and discuss Laurie R. King's inventive revival of the Sherlock Holmes character
in "The Bee Keeper's Apprentice." Group will meet on the Second Floor Community
Room of the Main Branch Library.

Identity theft seminar

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1 p.m.

The seminar will focus on what identity theft is and how it happens, protection and
what actions to take if victimized. The meeting will take place at the Santa Monica
Family YMCA Community Room on the Second Floor. Admission is free.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Club

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortensen. The book is a recount-
ing of one man's mission to fight terrorism and build nations one school at a time.

Dysfunctional Family Film Festival

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

A screening of the film "In America" will be followed by a panel discussion of
family dynamics. The film portrays an Irish immigrant family adjusting to life in
New York City.

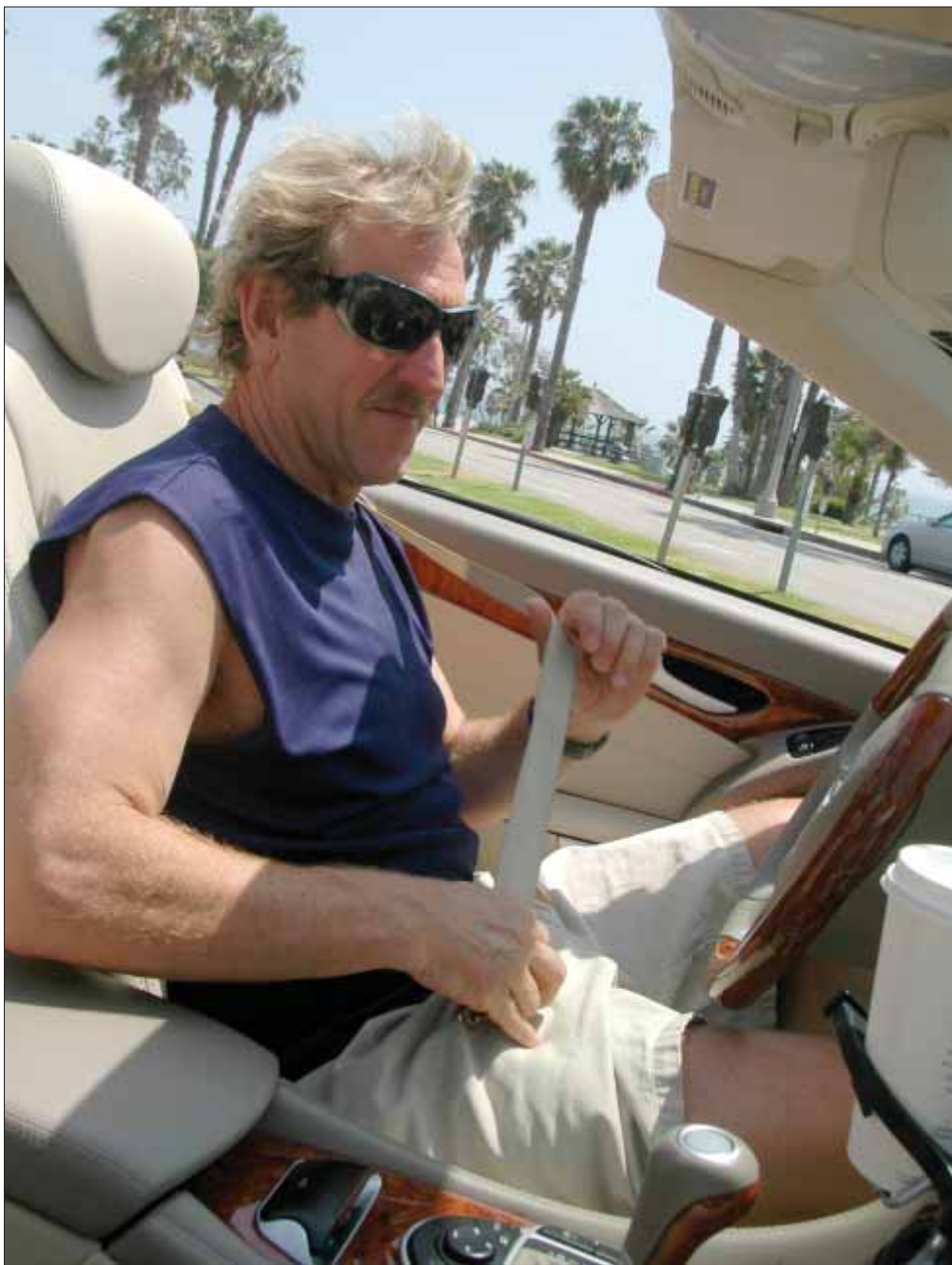
Author presentation and book signing

2601 Main St., 7:30 p.m. — midnight

Stanford J. Searl Jr. will be at the Ocean Park Library to discuss and sign
his book "Voices from the Silence." The book illustrates ways of entering a
more contemplative life based on the author's academic study,
"The Meaning of Silence in Quaker Worship."

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FEELING STRAPPED: Steve Barnes buckles up Monday before hitting the road in his SL500 Mercedes on Ocean Avenue. Law enforcement officials are paying close attention to seatbelt laws as the summer travel season approaches.

If you don't click it be ready for tickets

By Daily Press staff

CITYWIDE As more and more new graduates, day trippers and families move ahead on the open roads this summer, the men and women in blue are making sure they hold something back.

The Santa Monica Police Department is working with other law enforcement agencies from across the state during the annual "Click It or Ticket" seatbelt enforcement campaign — timed to coincide with the heavy summer travel period beginning on memorial day weekend.

Officers are paying extra attention to drivers over the next three weeks, especially teens, who tend to use seatbelts at a lower rate than the state average, according to Christopher J. Murphy, director of the state's Office of Traffic Safety.

"It is our hope to see even more gains in California's seatbelt use rate this year," Murphy said. "We are particularly interested in making sure the state's teen population is buckling up in greater numbers."

In 2005, more than 700 people died in accidents during which they were not wearing seatbelts. Officials estimate half would have lived had they buckled up.

California's 2006 teen seat belt rate was 90.8 percent — well below the state rate of 93.4 percent, but up from 88.6 percent in 2006.

Last year, the SMDP issued 703 tickets for riding without a seatbelt, officials said.

"It takes a mere two seconds to buckle a seatbelt — those two seconds could literally save a life," said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I'm asking all drivers and passengers to buckle up on every single trip, no matter how short or close to home."

The effort, which began Monday, will continue through June 3. In addition to aggressive enforcement, there will also be advertising and public awareness campaigns.

California currently has the fourth-highest seatbelt use rate in the nation, with the 2006 Click It or Ticket campaign resulting in an increase in the state's seatbelt use rate from 92.5 percent in 2005 to 93.4 in 2006. Since the campaign first began in 2005, nearly one million more drivers and their passengers are buckling up.

"Our department will be putting forth tremendous resources to make sure we have officers on the roads looking for drivers and passengers who are not buckling up," said Police Chief Timothy Jackman. "The intent of the Click it or Ticket campaign is simple — to save lives and prevent injuries."

Under state law, every passenger in the car, including the driver, is required to wear a seatbelt at all times. If stopped and found to be in violation, law enforcement will issue citations without warning. Tickets for seatbelt violations range from \$80 to \$91 for adults.

When children under 6 are not properly secured in a vehicle, the parent or driver can receive points on their driving record, with a fine of \$330 to \$401 on a first offense and \$795 to \$791 on a second offense.

Funding for the overtime to support the campaign was provided through a \$5.7 million grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Approximately 270 police departments across the state are taking part in the initiative.

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Report: City still a prospective target for compensation claims

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL From October to December of last year, City Hall was ordered to pay nearly \$3 million in liability and workers' compensation claims, according to a report recently released to the City Council.

The findings were the first in a regular series of quarterly reports to the council summarizing claims and settlement information related to lawsuits and workers' compensation. The next report is expected to be released

within the next week or so, according to Tom Phillips, risk manager for City Hall.

Under the "highlights" section of the report, City Hall received 229 new claims during the second quarter of fiscal year 2006-07. That pushed the total of open claims to 400.

Of the 222 claims that were closed in that period, 144 were closed without City Hall having to pay. Only 19 claims (or 8 percent) resulted in litigation.

The majority of the claims were made by those who rode the Big Blue Bus — around

31 percent. Other claims had to do with sewer backups, tree branches falling, police operations and people tripping over sidewalks, said Jeanette Schachtner, chief deputy city attorney for the Civil Liability Division.

"Aside from Farmers' Market litigation, the number of (lawsuits filed) has remained pretty consistent over the last few years," Schachtner said. "As far as how much has been paid out, it varies from year to year depending on the cases ... there is always a variety."

"We'll get a one or two employment related cases a year, a few police cases, but the

majority are traffic accidents."

The council just recently approved payments in the amount of \$105,000 for a civil rights case and \$35,000 resulting from an accident with a city vehicle.

On the flip side, the council approved a settlement in which City Hall received \$53,300 in back taxes. From October to December of last year, \$99,953 was recovered for damages sustained to city property.

In regards to workers' compensation

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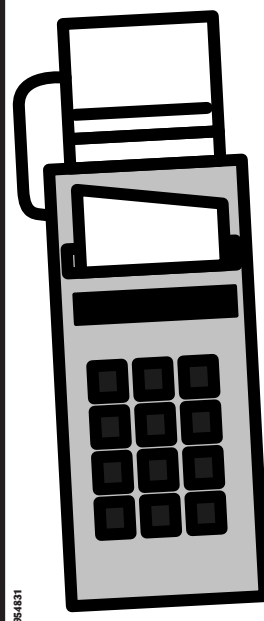
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deportation is no laughing matter
Editor:

It's 3:20 a.m. I'm still up trying to figure out what reader Mike Kirwan was trying to say about Paris Hilton or why his letter was even printed ("Socialite should be shipped off," May 11). What does South Africa and apartheid have to do with Americans and Paris Hilton? I'm getting darn sick and tired of hearing people suggest "deporting" Americans from their own country!

With the serious issues we face in this state – in this country – it's amazing to me that all anyone can get riled up about is a harmless young heiress that committed a misdemeanor!

Jimmy Cannon
Sherman Oaks

Santa Monica drew first blood
Editor:

Seth (Barnes should) ask himself how Santa Monica residents would feel if a large, new artificially turfed soccer field in Mar Vista were suddenly closed off to non-Los Angeles residents ("Let's do away with doggie democracy," May 10). Oh, that's right, the neighborhood council in Mar Vista recently took action to make sure that equitable access was available to players from any locality.

As much as I believe that the city of Los Angeles should reimburse the city of Santa Monica to ensure full access of this off-leash dog park (make it a joint venture, so to speak) and create more off-leash dog parks within Los Angeles city limits, perhaps the wisdom of creating a park on the city limits and closing its facilities to its immediate neighbors should be called into question.

Seth should ask himself whether slapping a neighbor in the face is something that wouldn't draw a response ... and also whether a pompous (column) like his wouldn't draw a similar response.

Ken Alpern
Los Angeles

City's urban planners are pathetic
Editor:

Your support for (limiting) L.A. residents at the new airport dog park is extremely shortsighted ("Someone should stick a muzzle on Rosendahl," May 10). Other local cities welcome all southern California residents to their facilities. Culver City, with a dog park almost exactly the size of the airport facility, welcomes Mar Vista residents and told them so. El Segundo's beautiful dog park is open to all. L.A.'s parks are even open to Santa Monicans. Santa Monica residents can and do use the crowded Westminster dog park in Venice. Santa Monica residents use Griffith Park, have been sighted at Travel Town, take their dogs to Runyon Canyon and have plots at the L.A. run Oceanview Gardens. Should Los Angeles ban Santa Monica residents from these facilities on pain of a \$150 fine?

Your beef should be with the city of Santa Monica. What rational planning agency would choose a site for the first new park in 24 years that is about a mile from the nearest residence in the city? Banning L.A. residents who live across the street is not the way to make up for what is, frankly, one of the stupidest bits of urban planning to come down the pike in many years.

Charles Axilbund
Mar Vista

Thanking cops for the little things
Editor:

This letter is to publicly thank the fine officers of the SMPD who found my lost wallet and returned it to me. I am temporarily living in Santa Monica and left my wallet in a grocery store cart. When I went back to the grocery store, the wallet was gone. I had given up all hope of ever seeing this wallet again. I didn't care about the cash that was in it, but I had licenses pertaining to my job, credit cards, drivers license, military ID, etc.

These fine officers – Bill Heric and Chris Kauhman – found my wallet in a vehicle they had stopped. They tracked me down through my out-of-state driver's license and showed up at my doorstep with my wallet. I wouldn't have been able to recognize these fine officers without the help of another exceptional officer – Mike Frederico.

An enormous thank you to these outstanding officers!
Irene McHutchison
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Hop in the jacuzzi
for some hot topics

THERE ARE SEVERAL HOT TOPICS IN THE news these days, and whether we are discussing the territoriality of the dog parks or the likelihood of global thermonuclear war, everyone has an opinion. Personally, I am in favor of an open door policy on the dog parks, so long as they are properly licensed in their respective home cities and 'fixed' properly, but I also think that might not be such a bad idea for the people parks too.

As for global thermonuclear war, I'm against it, but there is really very little I can do about it other than, when I come across a crazed whacko with a thermonuclear device, turn him (or her) in to the authorities.

I love chatting with people. It is one of the reasons that I love going to my gym. Well, really, it's the Jacuzzi I go for, and occasionally I do some laps in the pool. The reason I go for the Jacuzzi is the communal atmosphere that takes over. People get into conversations and we share all the various opinions, and bits of real and imagined facts on why the world works the way it does.

I have a membership at one of the local beach hotels. It makes for a nice environment and one of the main reasons that I like it is the people I meet. Instead of always seeing the same people, there is a constant flow of new blood. Yes, there are the regulars such as me and my crew on Thursday nights, but you also have tourists and people who are here on business to pique your interest and keep things interesting.

This past weekend, I was in the Jacuzzi and chatting with a guy who works for a major airplane manufacturer. He was in town for the past month and was sharing stories on how the airline industry was affected by 9/11 and how it is now being affected by the low dollar. Everything in the airline industry is done in the U.S. dollar, so when our dollar gets devalued, it makes companies like Airbus lose profitability.

He was an interesting guy to me, because when you are a business junkie like I am, you love to hear stories of how things are built and work, and more importantly, what doesn't work. Having access to another point of view allows me to see the world more clearly sometimes. Plus, he had great stories about the factory that makes airplanes, and how it's a production line that has 11 sets of airplane wings being built simultaneously. Just amazing!

Other times we get into political discussions, and those can be very illuminating when you have people from different cultures bringing their world knowledge to the conversation. There are the old standby discussions of Arab/Israeli, North/South Korea, the Muslim conflicts and the latest on the wars and how to "win" them.

Sometimes I get people who want to share with me their ideas on how to fix a

problem, and you can tell that they have spent considerable time thinking about the issues and how to resolve them. This past weekend, a guy I met at the gym, Anthony, told me of his idea on how to "solve" the immigration problem.

In typical capitalist form, he pitched me the idea on allowing illegal immigrants the right to buy their way to citizenship. For a meager \$15,000 per person, payable over 30 years at a low interest rate, a person becomes a U.S. citizen. They would have to regularly file their income taxes and generally be a good citizen. There is a bonus program attached to his idea, so if you turn in other illegals, you get a \$250 credit towards your citizenship purchase.

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He wanted to use the monies provided by these newly minted citizens to be to fund the building of the wall that separates the U.S. from Mexico, and with added enforcement and stricter controls we could regulate the numbers of immigrants better. The \$250 bounty would of course motivate others to turn in illegals who have overstayed their time.

There would also be a 'buy-in' provision for an employer who was willing to fund the whole citizenship fee in one payment. I thought that this was a nice thought, for all those computer companies that are having trouble getting H1B visas for their engineers.

I'm not particularly fond of his proposal. It smacks of indentured servitude, and second class citizenry to me, but hey, it's just one more of those interesting ideas you hear about, chatting with people.

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Retaking the Hill

Lee H. Hamilton

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Finding a solution is politics' specialty

OVER THE YEARS, I'VE MET WITH A LOT of high school and college students, and there's one question they come up with time after time: What, they want to know, is politics really about?

Having spent a good part of my life in the trenches, I long ago arrived at an answer that I thought reflected reality and was sufficiently cynical to make me believable. Politics, I would tell them, is about power: Getting it, keeping it and using it to advance one's agenda.

At least, that's what I said until I ran across a comment by the eminent historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., who died recently. He had a different, and far more useful, answer. Politics is about "the search for remedy," he said.

We live at a time when such a belief seems outdated and hopelessly earnest. Americans have watched their politicians over the years with increasing skepticism, and come to the belief that politics is about anything but an honest effort to resolve the issues that confront us. It's about personal egos. It's about enriching oneself. It's about winning elections or wielding power for its own sake.

What's disheartening is that politicians themselves have contributed to this abandonment of sincerity. Often they — and especially their consultants — talk about politics as a highly technical and fascinating game whose largest purpose is to experience the thrill of victory. In one of this year's gubernatorial primaries, there's a leading candidate whose advertising ends in the tagline, "The only Republican who can win in November." Don't get me wrong; electability is hardly irrelevant to a primary voter. But should it be the chief thing we look for in a political leader?

What Schlesinger invited us to do was to search beneath the definitions we've given politics over the years, and to find an underlying purpose. All those "abouts" you hear now — it's about ego, it's about money, it's about power — are partly true, or at least, true in certain cases. But they're inadequate when it comes to describing what politics in a democracy is truly about: It's how we wrestle with and try to resolve the challenges that confront us.

To see why this is so important, think for a moment about some of the tremendously difficult issues we face. There is a constant barrage in Washington right now of finger-

pointing and ex post facto analysis of what went wrong in Iraq. These have their place, if only because we should learn from our mistakes, but seen through the lens of Schlesinger's formulation they are political sideshows. The real challenge is to devise a remedy to the situation at hand that can be embraced and implemented by a divided government. That is what true politicians are spending their time on.

So, too, with our health care system. There hasn't been an all-out effort to tackle the many issues that assail it since the failure of the Clinton plan more than a decade ago. The result is that the system has grown more expensive, more wasteful, and less helpful to growing numbers of Americans. It is a situation that calls for politics at its best, an honest and concerted effort to find a remedy that is not only fair and lasting, but also can win the support of a diverse nation.

You'll notice that in both these examples I've added something to Schlesinger's phrase: That solutions have to be pragmatic and broadly acceptable. If politics at heart is a means to an end — the end being an actual fix to a problem — then it is not just about the search for an answer, but about making that answer work.

This means that the best politicians don't just dream up policy solutions regardless of context: They also think about how those solutions would work in the real world; they think about the forces that can help them and those that can block them; and perhaps above all, they think about how to build the broadest consensus possible behind their solutions, so that they have a realistic chance of taking root and flourishing.

Our next national election is a year and a half away. But as politicians start competing for your attention, I'd ask you to keep Schlesinger in mind. Are the people in front of you interested in constructive problem-solving? Can they engage wholeheartedly in "the search for remedy"? If so, they deserve our praise. If not, perhaps they — and we — would be better off if they spent some time out of office, contemplating what politics should really be about.

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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Should kids settle down or get active?

Dear Dorie,

I have a 2-year-old and a 3-year-old and they seem to be from two different planets when it comes to physical activity. My oldest seems pretty calm most of the time and my youngest won't stop moving. Is there some way to get the little one to settle down or should I be trying to make the older one more active?

Split Personality

Dear Split,

Congratulations for parenting two toddlers and taking the time to write a letter. Your hands are full and will be for a while but hang in there, preschool is just around the corner.

Regarding changing one or the other, I have yet to hear of an effective way to manipulate the temperament of a child. In fact, some people suggest that any attempt to calm one down or pump one up would be abusive because their true personality is being challenged. You have two children that are unique individuals with different wants and needs. One child is not

better than the other, they're just different (although one may be easier). While this may make it difficult to parent with consistency, at least it's not boring.

Your primary job regarding their physical development is to guard both of them from injury while providing them with ways to explore and develop their motor skills. Public park playgrounds are your best bet. Stay physically close to the active one but keep your eye on your oldest. I like to call it the "helicopter" mode, as you need to hover nearby but only swoop in when the inevitable fall or crash gets likely.

You can take practical steps to make the home environment physically safer for the active toddler, but usually they find ways to climb and run that you haven't even imagined. Your oldest may just need more time to acquire the same level of activity or might always be more sedentary. Quiet space and manipulatives (small objects for small fingers) will probably be more up his alley. Good luck.

Dorie

Tooth decay is on the rise for young children

BY MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

Tooth decay in young children's baby teeth is on the rise, a worrying trend that signals the preschool crowd is eating too much sugar, according to the largest government study of the nation's dental health in more than 25 years.

The study also noted a drop in the proportion of non-elderly adults who have visited a dentist in the past year — a possible indicator of declining dental insurance.

But there was some good news: Older children have fewer cavities and adults have less periodontal disease than in the past, and more of the elderly are retaining their teeth.

"Overall, we can say that most Americans are noticing an improvement in their oral health," said the study's lead author, Dr. Bruce Dye of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Experts are concerned about the prevalence of cavities in baby teeth of children ages 2 to 5. It increased to 28 percent in 1999-2004, from 24 percent in 1988-1994, according to the report.

Tooth decay in young children had been decreasing for 40 years. Some studies have suggested the trend might have ended, but the new report contains the first statistically significant proof the trend has reversed, dental experts said.

One reason is that parents are giving their children more processed snack foods than in the past, and more bottled water or other drinks instead of fluoridated tap water, Dye said.

"They're relying more on fruit snacks, juice boxes, candy and soda" for the sustenance of preschoolers, he said.

Others experts agree diet is at least part of the explanation for the rising cavity rates.

"The same things contributing to the obesity epidemic can also contribute to tooth decay," said Dr. Gary Rozier, a dentist who teaches public health policy at the University of North Carolina.

Inadequate dental care may also play a role. Cavities in young children can form very quickly, and parents should begin bringing their children to the dentist at age 1, said Dr. Joel Berg, chairman of the University of Washington's Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

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Parents also must help their young children brush properly. "Preschoolers don't have the dexterity to really clean their teeth," Berg said.

Baby teeth naturally fall out as children age, but dentists say untreated decay can spread and is too dangerous to go untreated.

Rotten baby teeth are treated with fillings or — if the decay is extensive — extraction. But baby teeth fill certain spaces in the mouth, so their early removal may lead to crowding when adult teeth come in.

The study is based on an annual federal survey of about 5,000 people. It includes detailed in-person health interviews, and medical and dental examinations.

New Alcatraz

Tour delves deeper into daily life at the historic SF prison

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Darwin Coon is constantly reminded of his time on Alcatraz. The former bank robber can see the notorious island prison from just outside his front door in the city's North Beach district.

Coon remembers thinking he'd never get out alive, and was among the last inmates to leave when U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy closed the federal penitentiary in 1963. Years later, when a niece asked him to show her his old cell, he responded: "I never wanted to go back there."

Now 74, Coon finally did go back, and his recollections of daily life on "The Rock" are now part of an updated audio tour unveiled this month as part of a \$3.5-million renovation aimed at making Alcatraz more accessible.

The improvements also include an elevator that gives access to the elderly and disabled and allowed the National Park Service to open another floor of the prison. And visitors now enter Alcatraz the same way new inmates did: through the dank shower room where "fresh fish" were hosed off before being issued their jail clothes.

Getting Coon and the others to share their stories was vital because many Alcatraz alumni are dying, said Rich Weideman, spokesman for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, a nonprofit that helps to preserve Bay Area parks.

Updating the 20-year-old prison tour also provided an opportunity to inject new perspectives that had previously been ignored.

"In the housing of inmates at Alcatraz it was deemed necessary to keep blacks away from whites," Phillip Bergen, a captain of the guards at Alcatraz, says on the audio tour.

While other federal prisons integrated their inmate populations, Alcatraz never did.

"They tried (integration), and they opened up, and they had such a high population of hostile rednecks, and such a low population comparatively of blacks, that they soon found out they couldn't do it," Bergen says.



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spokesman for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, a nonprofit that helps to preserve Bay Area parks.

And of the 100 or so guards who served, only a few blacks were ever hired, including tour contributor Ron Battles. He says life on The Rock mirrored American culture of the 1950s and that he faced persistent discrimination from white colleagues.

Listening to stories from inmates and guards while strolling through the cold, gray prison has long been part of the experience that draws that brings 1.3 million visitors to Alcatraz each year. The original, groundbreaking audio tour was created in 1987.

Demographic shift may sway election for vacant House seat

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES California's shifting demographics could bring change to a coastal congressional district that for decades has been represented by black politicians.

A special election is set for June 26 to fill the seat left vacant by the death last month of Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term Democrat who represented the area stretching from the bustling port city of Long Beach to the gritty industrial blocks of Compton.

Since Millender-McDonald was first elected 13 years ago many neighborhoods in the heavily Democratic district have seen a surge in newcomers, especially Hispanics. Census estimates show between 1990 and 2005 the black population slipped more than 18 percent to about a quarter of the district, while the Hispanic population climbed nearly 26 percent to more than 40 percent.

The reshaped population mirrors changes across Southern California, where an expanding Hispanic population exerts greater political influence. The 2005 election of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa — the first Hispanic mayor in Los Angeles since the 19th century — was seen as a capstone moment in the ascendancy of Latino politicians.

Villaraigosa was elected after promising to bridge racial divides in the city but his victory highlighted fears among some blacks that political gains for Hispanics would come at their expense, gradually eroding gains going back to the civil rights era.

More than a dozen potential contenders have signaled they might run for the open House seat. The filing deadline is Monday.

The announced candidates include state Sen. Jenny Oropeza, D-Long Beach, a Hispanic who has represented the area for years in the state Legislature. At least two major black candidates have said they will run — Millender-McDonald's daughter, Valerie McDonald, and state Assemblywoman Laura Richardson — raising the prospect the black vote could be diluted.

"It's created an alarm among black leadership," said Kerman Maddox, a public affairs consultant who been active in black politics in Southern California since the 1980s.

If Oropeza wins, "it might open the floodgates for other non-African American candidates to run for seats held traditionally by other African-Americans," Maddox said. "The concern is this is the beginning of a domino effect."

If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff will be held in August.

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Using the Web to help pets find new homes

FROM PETS PAGE 1

dog, adopting it officially last week.

Pinky's video had received about 600 hits.

Meanwhile, Karma was found lying on the 10 Freeway and spent almost a year at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter before she was taken into a foster home. The dog did not adapt well to the environment and is now also hanging out with Boyke.

Karma's video on YouTube is approaching 4,000 hits. It shows the 2-year-old dog — who, according to K9 Connection, is “not a big fan of cats” — lounging around outside, his tongue happily hanging out of its mouth.

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Tracyann Mains, program director, Pets911.com

Showing a dog playing with someone and staring right into the camera says more than a picture, and might be just enough to motivate a potential dog owner to come down and meet the dog, Zipper said.

A VIRTUAL BOND

The appeal of posting the video on YouTube is it not only gets hits from viewers who find the link through the K9 Connection Web site, but from pet lovers just browsing the popular site.

“We're seeing more and more users share content, not just for entertainment value, but also for other practical means like pet adoption,” a YouTube spokesperson said on Monday. “Video is a very compelling and effective way to deliver a message.”

Pets911 launched its video feature on Friday and about 30 pet profiles now contain video attachments. The site works with up to 10,000 shelters across the country.

The videos highlight a would-be pet's personality, allowing potential owners to forge an emotional bond with the pet over the Internet before they go in live to see the dog or the cat.

“These little guys and girls can't speak for themselves,” Mains said. “We hope by giving them motion and letting people see them, their little personalities and how they interact with people would really paint a vivid picture with how they can fit in with other people's lives.”

Still, there are detractors, like Melya Kaplan, executive



Photo courtesy Youtube.com

INNOVATIVE ADOPTION: K9 Connection is using Youtube.com to help find a home for Karma the dog.

director of Voice for the Animals, a Santa Monica-based pet adoption agency. Kaplan hasn't bought into the idea of capturing an animal's personality through a video or picture.

Animals respond differently to different environments and people, Kaplan said.

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Once fierce blaze mostly contained

By Associated Press

AVALON A wildfire that had threatened a resort community on Santa Catalina Island was nearly contained Sunday as crews kept it from spreading from the island's rugged, unpopulated interior, officials said.

Firefighters surrounded about 76 percent of the 4,750-acre blaze and expected full containment by Tuesday evening, Los Angeles County fire Capt. Andrew Olvera. One home and six businesses burned Thursday, but no one was seriously injured.

Businesses were open again in the seaside resort town of Avalon as most of the 4,000 evacuated residents had returned to the island, where damage was estimated at \$3 million.

"We have a sense of duty to the town to bring it back to normal," delicatessen owner Rick Miller said as he unloaded supplies from his van. "People get hungry and it doesn't hurt

to see businesses open and calm restored."

Fog and temperatures in the 60s diminished the threat of the fire spreading. The blaze was burning across about 7.4 square miles but was isolated in the back country of the 76-square-mile island, more than 20 miles off the Southern California coast.

About 200 customers were still without electricity because of power lines damaged by the fire, said Gil Alexander of Southern California Edison. Power was expected to be fully restored sometime this week, he said in a statement.

The fire appeared to have been ignited by contractors working on antennas at a radio station in the island's interior, Avalon Fire Chief Steven Hoefs said.

Bill Agresta, chief engineer at station KBRT-AM, said three contractors had been cutting steel antenna cable with a gas-powered circular saw Thursday when the fire started.



DANGEROUSLY CHEESY

John Necich, 84, feeds a Cheeto snack to a seagull that drops by along the Santa Monica Pier on Sunday. Gulls are known to be aggressive in taking food from the hands of people, whether it is offered or not.

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Workers comp reform pays dividends for SM City Hall

FROM CLAIMS PAGE 3

claims, the report showed that reforms enacted at the state level are having an impact, helping to keep costs down.

"Three years ago, our workers' compensation costs were around \$6 million," Phillips said. "Last year, that dropped to around \$3.5 million."

The majority of the claims are generated by five departments with the highest level of risk-based activities or most labor-intensive, the report said, including the police department (29 percent), Big Blue Bus (23 percent) and Environmental and Public Works Management (21 percent).

Through the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 06-07, the total number of claims

came in at \$2,201,703, which paid for medical and indemnity expenses, including temporary and permanent disability and vocational rehabilitation benefits, according to the report.

To make sure employees are protected, City Hall provides training sessions and safety classes and tracks the number of hours employees participate.

The programs include defensive driving, injury prevention, wellness/fitness, forklift operation and the recently created heat stress program, which is to help those workers who spend much of their day working in the sun and could succumb to heat stroke.

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Welder Rafael Cardenas, of United Storm Water Inc., attaches a metal screen to the storm drain at Ocean and Hollister avenues on Monday. Crews will be affixing screens to all the storm drains throughout Santa Monica. The primary reason for the work was to stop the flow of trash and other waste into Santa Monica Bay. Street runoff is commonly cited as a major source of oceanic pollution off the Southern California coast.

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Bistro 31 offers student cooking at extremely low prices

FROM EATS PAGE 1

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

But the dozen students enrolled in the class arrive hours earlier, just as chefs would at a real restaurant, cutting the vegetables, setting the tables and briefing the staff on the weekly specials.

The 11-week course splits the class in half as six of the students spend the first half of the quarter working in the kitchen while the other six students run the restaurant in the front of the house, seating customers, taking orders, serving the drinks and meals, checking up on customers and running their bills.

The course gives the students, some of whom have never worked in a restaurant kitchen, the opportunity to learn the inner

workings of running a successful eatery, from washing dishes to preparing ingredients to interacting with customers. All roles are important in operating a restaurant.

In the back of the house, the class allows students to develop a sense of timing and speed in preparing and plating food as well as learning about amount and quantity, said Chef Sylvan Rivet, the instructor.

"We teach students that it's not easy to work [at a restaurant]," Rivet said.

The lunch menu was the masterpiece of Rivet, who is the owner/chef at Amuse-Bouche in Los Angeles. Monday's menu featured specials such as the Fricassee of Duck a L'Orange with spring vegetables for \$10, Osso Bucco Milanese style served with Provencale Ratatouille for \$16, and Vichyssoise with Truffle Oil for \$5.

The most popular item on the menu by

far is the seared Atlantic Salmon steak served with potato crust and a California pesto salad for \$11. For dessert, pastry students have nearly perfected the favorite on the menu — the dessert medley Bistro "Trio" Sweet Temptations, which includes samplings of the Madagascar Creme Brulee, Chocolate Soufflé, and Peach Pannacotta.

The restaurant has been reviewed by the Los Angeles Times and Zagat, which called Bistro 31 "Californian Cuisine that's 'worth twice the price.'" The Zagat plaque sits proudly on the wall adjacent to the cash register, with ratings of 22 points for food, 15 for decor and 18 for service.

"Culinary students understand what it takes to run a restaurant and gain a sense of reality," said Christophe Bernard, the academic chair of Culinary Arts and Management.

Not all the students in the class have dreams of opening a restaurant some day. Louis Hernandez, who was serving customers during Monday's lunch rush, is graduating next year with aspirations to open a franchise.

"It's helped me get to know somewhat of a basic restaurant experience without it being too busy here," Hernandez said. "A lot of people don't get that experience."

Until he reaches the goal of opening a franchise,

he wants to become the executive chef at a hotel.

While Hernandez was busy serving, Bryan Raives was busy cooking and plating a seared Atlantic Salmon steak. Raives is currently working at the Claim Jumper in Thousand Oaks, doing the basic cold food preparation like creating salads. Bistro 31 has given Raives the opportunity to work in front of a hot grill. Though he's busy cutting vegetables for Claim Jumper, Raives dreams of opening his own cake decorating shop or sushi bar.

The Art Institute receives calls frequently from area restaurants, asking if there are any students interested in applying to become a prep or line cook. Prior to graduation, all students are required to meet with a senior graduate employment advisor from whom they receive career placement and resume assistance.

About 50 percent of the students already have jobs lined up by the time they meet with the advisor, said Leticia Pinon, a senior graduate employment advisor.

Many of these students will go on to become line cooks, prep cooks and banquet chefs at Amuse-Bouche are graduates of the Art Institute.

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SOCCER

Long season keeps Real Madrid close

BY CHRIS LEHOURITES
AP Sports Writer

LONDON The seemingly never-ending soccer season in Spain is playing right into the hands of Real Madrid.

And that means David Beckham, the soon-to-be Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder who has not won a trophy in four seasons with Madrid, has a chance to leave Spain with something other than a bad taste in his mouth.

The 29-time league champions took over sole possession of first place Saturday for the first time this season, and they did it by scoring three second-half goals in a 4-3 win over Espanyol. The win was the team's seventh in its last eight games.

If Madrid can hang on over the final four games, it would end its worst slump since the early 1950s.

"We now depend on ourselves to win," said Madrid forward Gonzalo Higuain, who scored the winning goal against Espanyol in the 89th minute. "We are on the right path to become champions."

And that's something not too many people — Beckham least of all — thought possible only a few weeks ago.

Madrid went through a tough period shortly after Beckham announced in January he would leave the team and head to California. One win in seven league matches, plus elimination from the Champions League, contributed to the feeling that Madrid would stretch its trophyless streak to at least 2008.

The going wasn't all that good for Beckham, either. Since his decision to leave Madrid for greener pastures — and greener

money — he has been benched, reinstated, injured and even suspended because of too many yellow cards.

That's a far cry from his days at Manchester United.

Before joining Madrid in 2003, Beckham was the star player on the 1999 United team that won the Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup. The former England captain also won five other Premier League titles and one more FA Cup in his time in England.

“WE NOW DEPEND ON OURSELVES TO WIN. WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH TO BECOME CHAMPIONS.”

Gonzalo Higuain
Real Madrid forward

Now, with FC Barcelona slumping to only three wins in its last six league games, Beckham has a chance to prove that his move to Spain wasn't a total waste.

After Saturday's win and Barcelona's 1-1 draw with Real Betis on Sunday, Madrid is tied on points with the defending champions and two points ahead of third-place Sevilla.

The tiebreaker in Spain is head-to-head results, and Madrid beat Barcelona 2-0 at home in October and then played to a 3-3 draw in March.

NBA

Colangelo is top executive

By the Associated Press

TORONTO Bryan Colangelo is following his father's path, although he didn't pay attention to the weather.

Colangelo, the Toronto Raptors' president and general manager, was chosen as the NBA's Executive of the Year for the second time Monday. He also won the award with Phoenix in 2004-05.

"To me it was about opportunity," Colangelo said. "It was about a situation that I thought was a good situation to go to because there was nothing but upside. It was a chance to really make some difference fast.

"Fortunately for us, a lot of the moves that we made worked out this year and it resulted in us turning around the franchise."

Building around forward Chris Bosh, Colangelo added Andrea Barganani with the first pick in the 2006 draft and signed Anthony Parker and forward Jorge Garbajosa from Europe. Colangelo also swung trades for guard T.J. Ford, center Rashaun Nesterovic and forward Kris Humphries.

The revamped roster tied a franchise record with 47 wins and captured its first Atlantic Division title before losing to the New Jersey Nets in the first round of the playoffs.

"This award is somewhat bittersweet given that we're not playing right now,"

Colangelo said. "We've got changes to make. We want to make the roster better and we want to compete in the East for years to come."

Colangelo, who spent 15 years with Phoenix before moving to Toronto, received 20 votes to nine for Houston Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson, who finished second in the voting of 45 league executives.

The award, presented by The Sporting News, comes after Sam Mitchell was honored as coach of the year last month.

Mitchell's contract expires June 30 but Colangelo said talks are underway on an extension. He also said one NBA team has officially sought permission to speak to Mitchell, while another has asked informally about the status of contract talks.

"The response was basically I'm not prepared to release Sam to speak to other teams at this stage," Colangelo said. "It's far too early in the process and we're not at that point yet."

Colangelo acknowledged that the easy part is over in Toronto.

"The fact of the matter is there's a lot of work to do," Colangelo said. "We find ourselves division champions and that's probably a surprise to everyone, but that's not good enough. We want to get to the point where we can advance in the playoffs and build things."



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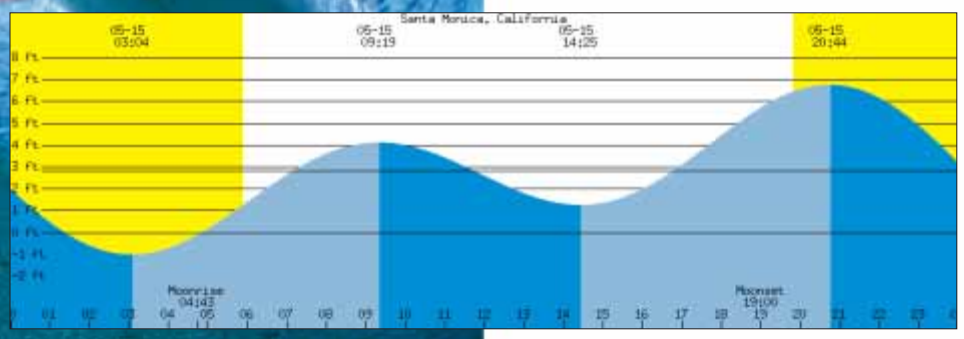
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BEACH REPORT CARD


NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of:
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)
Number of sewage spills — 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0
Number of wet days — 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 44 / 21
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 4 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 72 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Winkler Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth	D	A+
Salinas Canyon at Don Blecker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sartrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Sartrider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards west	C	A+
Carbon Beach at Silverwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint area)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 13048 PCI stairs	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	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 17200 PCI (1/4 mile west of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND
DRY — each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET — grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns — no sample taken



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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.
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Chat away, Pisces

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Mars, the planet that rules your sign, now adds a certain pizzazz and high energy. Yes, times are changing. You are energized, magnetic and ready to greet life's opportunities. Don't allow someone to make your decisions for you. Tonight: A big smile says it all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You understand and can work with nearly any situation life tosses at you. Express your caring through nurturing. Others finally are prepared to respond. A partnership flourishes and points to a new direction. Tonight: What would knock your socks off?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Express reserve and choose to be discreet. If people feel safe, they will blossom and go in a new direction. Understanding opens doors. Consider your financial options more carefully. Decide what size risk feels OK. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll gain through awareness of others. Smiling, you can pry open even the tightest person. As news and opinions unfurl, you get a different perspective. Know that anything can happen, if you want it to. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Step up to the plate. Others depend on your leadership skills and keen insight. Your instincts might be right-on as to how to handle a boss or someone you need on your team. You might discover that this is the time to ask for a pay raise or a promotion. Tonight: Schedule dinner with a relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stop. Actions, though they feel great, might not accomplish what dynamic thinking can. Make calls and find someone with expertise. Have you been thinking about a class or a workshop? Sign up. Don't hesitate. Tonight: Surf the Net or curl up with a good book.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work with one person at a time. Your effectiveness is increased with that extra personal touch. Know when to say "enough" and back off of a financial "deal." Risks could ultimately hurt. Tonight: Be with your most favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others continue to dominate many different facets of your life. Let down your defenses and need for control. You actually might be thrilled to not always be carrying the banner. News from a distance opens up yet another option. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Make it OK to put in a long day. You will feel your best if you accomplish as much as you can. Ultimately, a practical attitude will make you feel good, if nothing else. A partner could be (and wants to be) most distracting. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Tap into your many resources and create a more positive situation. Clearly others see your efforts and want to pitch in. Don't let your mind go off on a wild tangent. The only person who will get hurt is you. Tonight: Spice up the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ If you can, work from home. The other solution is making your workplace a friendlier spot. Add a plant or two, or bring in doughnuts to stimulate a happier, familial atmosphere. A little chat goes a long way. Tonight: Act like your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Establish your authority and abilities. Make a phone call. Catch up on news. Schedule special time with a child or new friend. You are right-on with any problem. Trust your abilities. Others pick up on your confidence. Tonight: Chat away.

Born Today
Actor Chazz Palminteri (1951)
Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler (1981)
Author L. Frank Baum (1856)



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Happy Birthday!
This year develop and use your skills and charm. Others will find you particularly appealing. A softer, gentler style creates a sense of comfort with many people. As good vibes flow this year, you tear down many obstacles that you thought were "forever." Recognize the role a partnership or key association plays in what occurs. This person also might be a source of additional funds. If you are single, you'll draw admirers like honey attracts a bear. By next year, you could be hooked up. If you are attached, your relationship will become closer because of your attitude.

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Fat chance

Chow Yun-fat tentatively agrees to return to John Woo's new project

CHOW YUN-FAT has tentatively agreed to rejoin the cast of John Woo's new Chinese epic, "Red Cliff," a publicist for one of the investors said Monday.

Chow dropped out of the film as shooting began last month. The 51-year-old Hong Kong actor claimed he got the script late and didn't

have time to prepare, an allegation that Woo's producer, Terence Chang, has disputed.

His departure generated headlines because of Chow's famous on-screen partnership with Woo. The filmmaker made Chow an icon after casting him in the 1986 Hong Kong classic "A Better Tomorrow."

Tony Leung Chiu-wai then agreed to step into Chow's role as the general Zhou Yu. Leung had previously left "Red Cliff" because he said it came too soon after his last movie. He was replaced by Taiwanese-Japanese heartthrob Takeshi Kaneshiro in the role of strategist Zhuge Liang.

Now Chow wants back in, too, after a round of negative press has given the impression that he was behaving like a prima donna.

Although he hasn't yet signed a contract, Chow has verbally agreed to return for a role to be determined, said Wen Wengli, spokesman for the

state-run China Film Group.

However, major casting decisions won't be changed, he said.

At a press conference last week, Woo said Chow's withdrawal dealt him a heavy blow while he paid an emotional tribute to Leung for taking Chow's place.

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MARIJA'S HOMECOMING

MARIJA SERIFOVIC was given a hero's welcome by some 30,000 fans when she returned to Serbia after winning the 2007 Eurovision Song Contest in Finland.

"Ave, Marija," read one of the banners in the crowd around city hall in the Serbian capital Sunday, where authorities organized the homecoming event.

"I won for Serbia, I won for all of you!" the 22-year-old singer said after landing at Belgrade airport, delighting much of the Balkan country, which has been craving recognition after years of pariah status brought about by Serbia's role in the 1990s Balkan wars.

Serifovic won the annual extravaganza with a heart-wrenching ballad "Molitva (The Prayer)."

She sang the tune Sunday evening from the balcony of the mayor's office while the crowd chanted "Serbia! Serbia!"

Congratulations also poured in from government officials, political parties and President Boris Tadic, who said Serifovic's success "brought a great joy to all of Serbia."

The competition was broadcast live.

AP

Bono has advice for Germany

BONO urged Germany on Monday to use next month's Group of Eight meeting as a platform to push for more aid for Africa.

Speaking after talks with Kurt Beck, the leader of Germany's Social Democrats, which make up half of Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing coalition, Bono said he was thankful the G-8 talks were

being held here.

"We know that we have your support and that Germany will keep its promises," the U2 front-man/activist said.

Bono, 47, said important breakthroughs for Africa had come at previous G-8 talks, including pledges to forgive much African debt from last year's summit and funding for important programs from the 1999

meeting in Cologne.

"As a result of the (Cologne) resolutions, today 20 million more African children are going to school," he said.

Merkel has pledged a strong focus on Africa at the summit, being held in the northern town of Heiligendamm.

"We know that we can really help with our resources ... and we want to

show to this continent our understanding of freedom, justice and solidarity is not limited to us, but goes for the whole world," she said over the weekend in her weekly podcast.

She identified as key points continuing efforts to forgive debt and increase development aid funds, and helping the fight against HIV/AIDS.

AP

Shetty appeals to highest court

Bollywood actress **SHILPA SHETTY** asked the Supreme Court on Monday to shift an obscenity case against her and Hollywood star Richard Gere to a nearby court so she can fight the allegations, her lawyer said.

Shetty asked the court to transfer jurisdiction over the case to Mumbai, where she lives, lawyer Anand Grover said.

A judge in the northwestern Indian city of Jaipur issued an arrest warrant last month for Gere and summoned Shetty to his court, saying that Gere's kissing of the actress at a public AIDS awareness event in New Delhi contravened India's strict public obscenity laws.

The judge has since been transferred from his

post, and official charges have not yet been lodged.

The Supreme Court will rule on the issue Tuesday, Grover said. Both defendants would be affected by any shift of venue.

"In the meantime, the court should stay proceedings against Shetty," he said, adding that he was not representing Gere in the case.

It was not immediately clear if Gere would be represented by an Indian attorney.

Public displays of affection are largely taboo in India, and the kiss drew an outcry among Hindu hardliners, with rallies against the actors held in several cities. But the judge's arrest order also drew harsh criticism in India, with some lawyers saying it

had no legal merit and made the country look ridiculous.

Gere, 57, apologized for any offense he may have caused. But he also said the whole controversy was manufactured by a small hard-line political party.

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

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

A fellow contestant, sparked public outrage.

AP

GRANDPA DONALD

DONALD TRUMP became a grandfather over the weekend, 14 months after he became a dad all over again.

The baby girl, Kai Madison, was born to Donald Trump Jr. and his wife, Vanessa, both 29, on Saturday in New York, according to published reports. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, the reports said.

Donald Trump Jr. told People magazine from the hospital that he is getting used to the idea of being a father. "Everyone's great," he said.

He said the girl's name comes from her maternal grandfather, a Danish musician.

Kai will get to grow up alongside her uncle.

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The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
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Difficulty
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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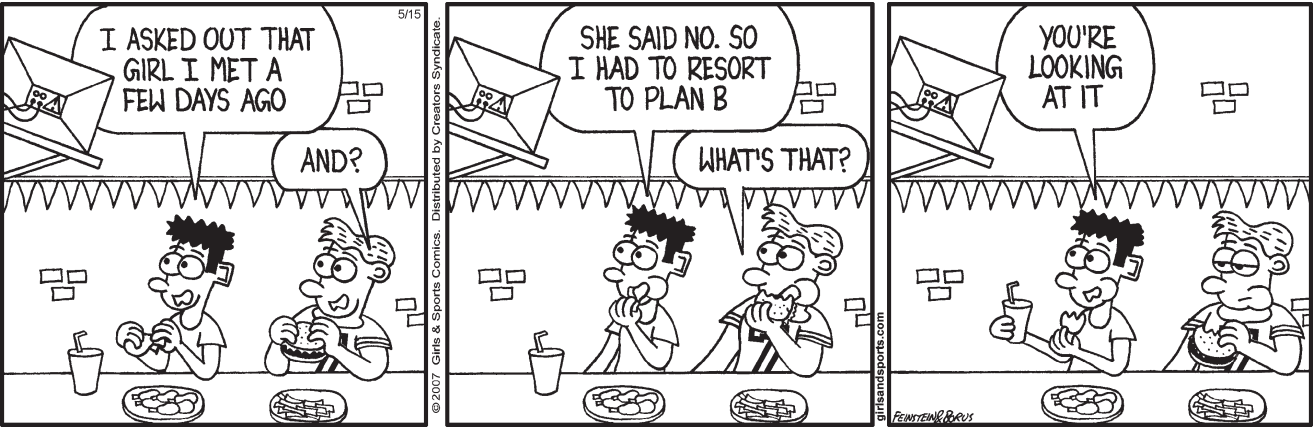
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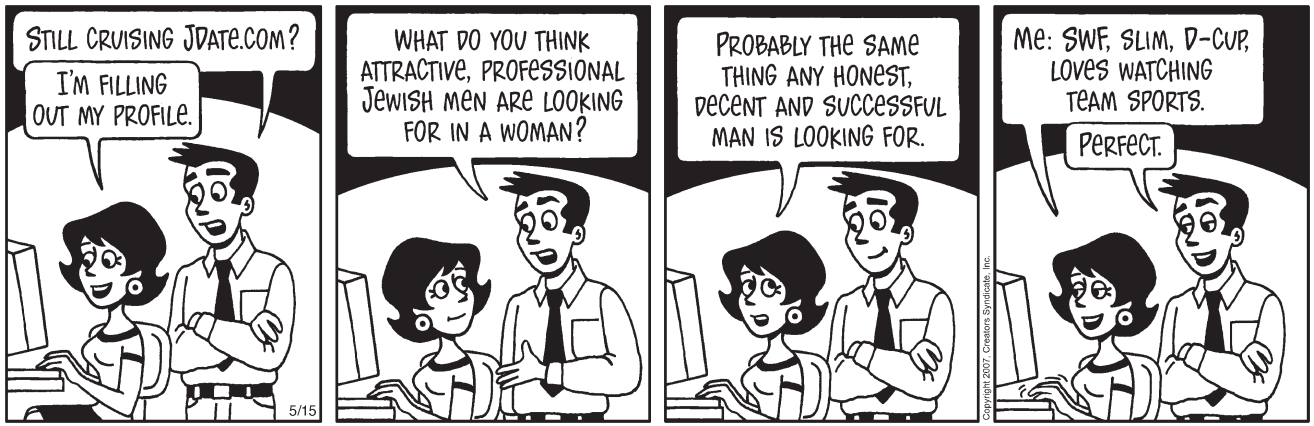
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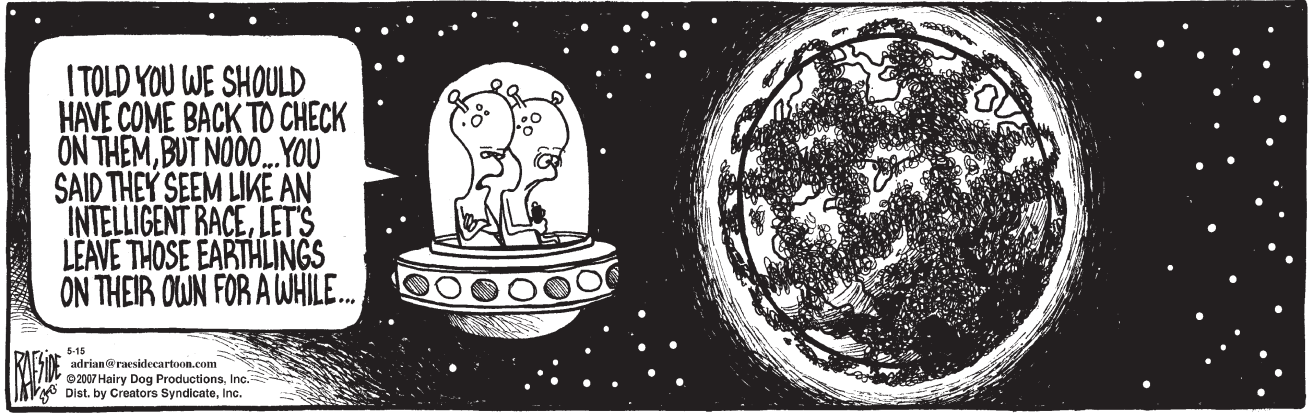
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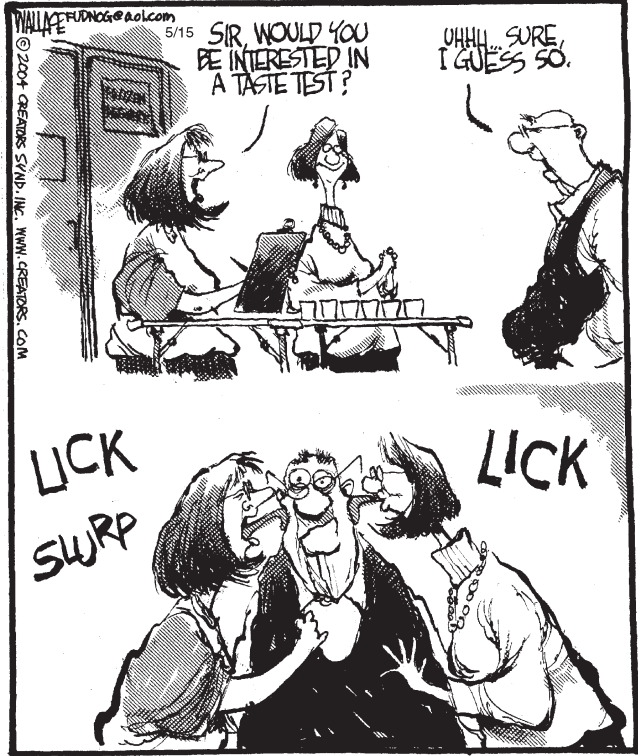
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 - 5 Gold, for one
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 - 15 Gardner of film
 - 16 Box of tools
 - 17 Place
 - 18 Inferior
 - 20 French father
 - 21 Give another prompt to
 - 22 Lewd look
 - 23 Cobbler fruit
 - 25 Flower part
 - 28 Harvests
 - 31 Ripken and others
 - 32 Canada's capital
 - 34 Band booster
 - 35 Ghost cry
 - 36 Quirk
 - 37 1992 Steve Martin film
 - 40 School paper
 - 41 Yard sur-rounder
- DOWN**
- 42 Loads cargo
 - 43 Cheering words
 - 1 Kind of basin
 - 2 Indignant cry
 - 3 Make happy
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 - 5 TV's Lauer
 - 6 Botch
 - 7 Pate cover
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 - 9 Cross-word entry
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Yesterday's answer

- 14 Safe from blazes
- 19 Swindles
- 20 Fold
- 24 Excuse from punishment
- 25 Justice symbol
- 26 Least wild
- 27 Border city
- 29 Copper coating
- 30 Exchange
- 33 Aspirin targets
- 35 Half the babies
- 38 Pussy foot
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In breathtaking attention to detail reminiscent of the movie "The Great Escape," some inmates at Michigan's Kinross Correctional Facility chipped through 8 inches of concrete, then continued tunneling until they had cleared the facility's two external walls by an extra 25 feet, but then a guard spotted an irregularity near a cell wall and discovered the operation. When stopped in March, the inmates were only 6 feet away (straight up) from freedom. (As in the movie, their greatest accomplishment was figuring out how to dispose of all that dug-out dirt without being noticed.)

■ To get her reluctant terrier "Missy" to eat dog food, Elaine Larabie decided to be a role model and eat some herself, after which, Missy indeed began nibbling at it. The next day, both Larabie and Missy were in Ottawa, Ontario, hospitals, vomiting and foaming at the mouth. The incident occurred in March, during the first days of the alert over rat-poison-laced pet food, and doctors suspected that as the culprit, but no definitive conclusion was reported in the press, and both Larabie and Missy recovered.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1252 Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull ad extirpanda, which authorizes the torture of heretics in the Medieval Inquisition. Torture quickly gains widespread usage across Catholic Europe.

1514 Jodocus Badius Ascensius publishes Christiern Pedersen's Latin version of Saxo's Gesta Danorum, the oldest known version of that work.

1525 The battle of Frankenhausen ends the Peasants' War.

1567 Mary Queen of Scots weds James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell, her third husband.

1602 Bartholomew Gosnold becomes the first European to see Cape Cod.

1618 Johannes Kepler confirms his previously rejected discovery of the third law of planetary motion (he first discovered it on March 8 but soon rejected the idea after some initial calculations were made).

1701 The War of the Spanish Succession begins.

1718 James Puckle, a London lawyer, patents the world's first machine gun.

1756 The Seven Years' War begins when England declares war on France.

WORD UP!

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The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 2424 SEPULVEDA BLVD, STE D, TORRANCE, CA 90501 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 1, 2007
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The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: UNITED ESCROW CO, 2424 SEPULVEDA BLVD, STE D, TORRANCE, CA 90501 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be MAY 31, 2007, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF AHMAD MOHAMMADIAN

Case No. LP012757

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AHMAD MOHAMMADIAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Soheila Mo-hammadian in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Soheila Mo-hammadian 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 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 many 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 August 2, 2007 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. A located at 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing 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

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Attorney for petitioner:
ALICE A. SALVO ESQ
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PAUL FEJER CASE NO. BP103463

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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 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 many 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

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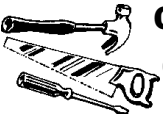
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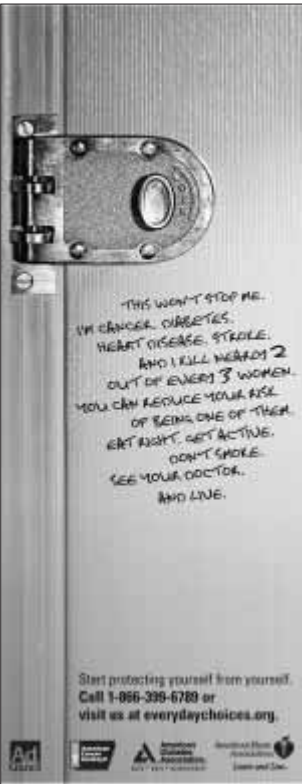
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