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DIGGING IT: Santa Monica College is nearing completion of a new quad. SMC officials are considering a bond measure to continue improvements.

SMC considers \$295M bond measure

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMC Looking to remain competitive in the local educational scene and upgrade outdated structures damaged in the Long Beach and Northridge earthquakes, Santa Monica College trustees have begun the long process of updating their facilities master plan, which could include a \$295 million bond measure in November.

Among the projects to be added to the planning document are a new math and

sciences building on the Main Campus (\$40 million from the state has already been secured for this project), upgrading stands at Corsair Field, home to both the SMC and Santa Monica High School football teams, and expanding the Academy of Entertainment and Technology, located in the heart of Santa Monica's media and entertainment district.

"The last time we adopted a [facilities master plan] was 10 years ago and we've done a lot of planning since then," said Don Girard, senior director of government rela-

tions and institutional communications. "This is meant to bring projects into the document and make some adjustments that will be supported by the community."

That could prove to be a challenge as voters become more concerned about property values and the rising cost of everyday goods and services. Voters will most likely be asked to approve a bond measure this fall, the third time a bond or parcel tax has appeared on a ballot in the last six years.

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City's tree removal plan can go forward

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN L.A. The California Appellate Court on Wednesday denied a petition by the Santa Monica Treesavers on its challenge of a controversial tree removal plan, giving City Hall the green light to begin uprooting the specimens in question.

The decision came just hours after City Hall rejected a settlement offer from the Treesavers who proposed dropping the seven-month-old lawsuit in exchange for abandoning the tree relocation portion of the plan, which at one point included removing 23 structurally unstable trees and transplanting 31 others.

"I am pleased that the courts have upheld the city's position and that we may now move forward to enhance these streets and protect public safety," City Manager Lamont Ewell said. "The city intends to proceed with the removal of 23 trees that are structurally unstable, and implement the other improvements."

A timetable has not been set for the tree removal aspect of the project.

The decision came as disappointing news for the grassroots organization which has championed preserving the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets for nearly a year, staging protest rallies and threatening to chain themselves to the trees.

The group has taken numerous measures to halt the tree removal plan, including nominating the trees for landmark status and filing a

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Santa Monica Police Department searches for assailants

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The Santa Monica Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying those responsible for what officers believe was an assault that occurred on Sunday.

Officers have no information on a suspect or suspects and want to see if anyone

may have witnessed the alleged assault or knows the victim and may have information about possible enemies, said SMPD Sgt. Renaldi Thruston.

"Right now we really don't have much," Thruston said. "That's why we put the victim's name out there, to see if anybody knows him and why someone may have wanted to attack him."

Officers responded to the 1900 block of 20th Street on Sunday, May 11 around 11:30 p.m. after receiving a report about a man lying unconscious on the sidewalk. When officers arrived, they saw that the man had severe injuries to his face. Paramedics from the Santa Monica Fire Department were summoned and transported the victim to a local hospital.

Once treated, officers were able to deter-

mine that he was the victim of an assault. The victim was identified as Santa Monica resident Preston Brumfield.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the SMPD at (310) 458-8451 or (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-Crime.

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The City of Santa Monica is sponsoring its annual Bike to Work Day. The event includes a free bike valet and prizes. Remember to ride safely. For information, call (310) 458-8955.

The Meathands have it

4455 Overland Ave. Culver City, 8 p.m.

The "Magic Meathands" perform an hour of fully improvised hilarity based on audience suggestions and participation. The show is presented by director Bill Johnson, in a great cafe that offers delicious coffee, food, drinks and comfortable couches. What sets this improv group apart is their personal connection with the audience and community, so their best material comes directly from the people around them. For information, call (310) 559-8868.

Laugh your chakras off

717 Broadway, 11 a.m.

Led by Kim Selbert, a certified laughter yoga leader, this class utilizes simple and fun laughter exercises to promote better health. Bet you didn't know that you could change your life through the simple act of laughing. This class takes place at Shakti's Elements in Downtown.

What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

Friday, May 16, 2008

West on the Westside

1026 Wilshire Blvd., 9 p.m.

Cool crooner John West will be bringing his laid-back brand of jazzy pop to the Temple Bar. For more information, call (310) 393-6611.

Dancing with Isabelle and Reiko

1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m.

Learn how to dance hot salsa in a relaxed atmosphere with Isabelle and Reiko. There are two classes offered: One for beginners and another for more advanced dancers. Once both classes are over, hang out for a while and socialize with fellow students. For more information, call (310) 392-3493.

More than meets the eye

1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

"The Transformers," a group of Emmy-winning comedy writers from a number of hit TV shows comes together to perform their high-wire improv antics every Friday through August. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

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VISION OF THE FUTURE: The Village will house 324 residences and 20,000 square feet of commercial retail space, featuring a publicly-accessible pedestrian street and plaza and a protected children's playground. The City Council agreed to allow the project to move forward on Tuesday.

The Village clears first hurdle

City Council gives initial approval to mixed-use project

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A long-anticipated mixed-use residential project in the Civic Center area received a major boost toward realization as the City Council on Tuesday pushed forward the first of two approvals necessary to ratify a development agreement.

The Village project barely received the four-vote majority to move forward as Councilmember Bob Holbrook abstained and Councilmember Bobby Shriver cast in opposition, feeling the development was much too large in scale. Councilmember Pam O'Connor was absent.

"Despite the fact that I think people worked their fingers off to get (the project) in the amazing shape it's in now, I still feel it's much too big ... and will be much bigger than it looks despite the hard efforts of the

design team," Shriver said.

The development agreement will come before the council in the coming weeks for final adoption before the project moves on to the Architectural Review Board.

"It's the kind of project that we're going to look back on many years from now and future generations are going to thank us for building and really creating a vibrant new environment where people can live and have recreation facilities nearby," Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom said.

Designed in conjunction by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners and Koning Eizenberg Architecture, The Village will house 324 residences and 20,000 square feet of commercial retail space, featuring a publicly-accessible pedestrian street and plaza and a protected children's playground. The project will be located behind the Rand Corp. site between Main Street and Ocean

Avenue.

The project will include 160 affordable and 164 market-rate condominiums, including several affordable artist live/work spaces.

The development agreement outlines several conditions that must be met by the developer — Related California — including a \$500,000 contribution toward the future Civic Center child care facility and a transportation plan that would institute shared parking and pay \$700,000 for transit enhancements. The buildings will also be LEED certified, a designation used for green-friendly projects by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"This creates needed new housing without displacing any existing residents in our existing neighborhoods," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said.

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Malibu bans plastic bags

DAILY PRESS STAFF

MALIBU The four supermarkets in Malibu have six months to comply with a new law banning plastic bags. Restaurants and other retailers have up to a year.

The City Council this week unanimously approved an ordinance banning plastic bags and establishing a \$1,000 fine.

Environmentalists are pleased, saying plastic bags clog storm drains and drift out to sea where they can kill marine life. Heal the Bay's Sarah Abramson says the average American uses 600 plastic bags a year.

At Monday's council meeting, Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich asked the city's staff to study imposing a fee on paper bags to encourage people to bring reusable bags.

The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in January adopted a voluntary program encouraging grocers in the unincorporated areas of the county to curb the use of ecologically unfriendly bags, a move that was criticized as not going far enough.

Californians go through an estimated 19 billion plastic bags every year, approximately 6 billion of which come from Los Angeles County alone, according to statistics by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. City Hall in 2005 conducted a survey of 25 local grocers and food markets and found they distribute a total of 23 million plastic bags each year.

Malibu joins cities such as Santa Monica in the banning of plastic bags. The plastic bag ban in Santa Monica has received widespread support from the community, who urged city officials to follow the leads of their colleagues in cities like San Francisco, which banned non-biodegradable plastic bags last year.

Environmental leaders often point to the detrimental effects that plastic bags have on the marine bio life, polluting the waters and killing thousands of sea animals that mistake it for food every year.

Many also note that plastic bags are a wasteful use of petroleum, a finite resource that would be better served in other forms, like medical equipment.

In addition to banning single-use plastic bags, which are the flimsy bags often distributed by grocers and liquor stores, the recently approved ordinance could also require retailers to charge a paper bag fee, a step toward slowly changing consumer behavior and encouraging a switch to reusable bags, Santa Monica city officials said.

Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Another airport perspective

Editor:

Ladies and Gentlemen [of the City Council],
When I requested an opportunity to address you, I was told that I would only be permitted three minutes and that my appearance could not be scheduled for a firm time and might be delayed until late at night. Therefore, I have elected to send you this letter as a more practical way of getting on the record [about] the effect of your efforts to thwart the use of the Santa Monica Airport by aircraft owners like me. My office is directly across from the ramp at Atlantic Aviation, which is the point of take off for most of the jets. Consequently, it is one of the noisiest locations in town. I can tell you that none of the noises impact my doing business and I don't believe that others near the airport can honestly disagree with that.

About five years ago I acquired an aircraft and based it at the airport and relocated my firm [there]. A major consideration was the time efficiency of being able to work up to flight time and to be able to go to my office immediately upon landing; this efficiency has been shared by other members of my firm. Now you propose either to ban my aircraft, or to make it impractical by shortening the runway with special installations. This reduces the appeal to my firm and me to stay in Santa Monica.

Since moving, Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC (TCP) has expanded from about 20 persons to about 75 persons and has a multi-million dollar payroll. A number of our executives now live in Santa Monica and we spend millions of dollars in the community. In addition, we have been paying gross receipts tax of about \$200,000 per year. In addition, we have been exceptional citizens because every member of our firm is required to do community service every year.

We have scrupulously obeyed the noise limits and our advanced and carefully maintained instruments virtually eliminate any chance of an accident. In fact, I understand that for the entire existence of the airport, no jet aircraft has ever had an accident.

Because of overloads at LAX, and decreasing hangar availability at Van Nuys, it would be both burdensome and expensive for me to relocate our plane. Certainly, I would be extremely discouraged that the Santa Monica would discriminate against people who do no harm, pose no credible threat, and contribute so much to the community.

When moving here, I relied on the contract that the FAA has with the city and believe that it would be honored by both parties. I even planned to build a green office building in Santa Monica as a permanent home for our firm. To say that I am disillusioned would be an understatement.

I believe that the general economy is going to cause significant contractions in Santa Monica's tax collections both from retail sales and from other sources. At the same time, I have been dismayed by the reductions in your budget for public schools. I believe that some other businesses currently housed in Santa Monica are suffering reversals that will greatly reduce their level of employment. I don't think that it is a wise move to drive away people like me, especially given the outlook for your revenues and costs. Ask yourself who the beneficiaries are: a windfall gain for houses near the airport. Are there members of your council who are so indebted to these property owners so that they are uncaring about the economic impacts on the city?

Michael E. Tennenbaum
Santa Monica



Dispatches from Dystopia

Ryan Hyatt

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Love's combatants become casualties

MY BEST FRIEND ARRIVED ON MY doorstep last Sunday afternoon on the verge of murder or suicide.

He wasn't sure which, and so he wanted me to help weigh his options.

*Steve De Ludid, 31, who I have known 20 years, spent the next several hours anguishing languidly on my patio lounge chair, divulging a pathetic tale in the shadow of trees. I sat by his side, consoling him over his steady stream of tears.

Steve's live-in girlfriend, Veronica Vengent, 26, left him for our mutual friend. Steve and Veronica were together seven years.

Theirs was a tumultuous relationship from the beginning. They met on the street. She was a college student and L.A. native with a rocky home life and little means. He was a college graduate from Chicago whose parents were happily married. He worked full time supporting himself as a substitute teacher and played in a rock band.

Veronica hoped her involvement with Steve would bring her the happiness she longed for but wasn't sure she could attain without him because of self-doubts, depression and insecurities.

Steve was unwilling to be the partner she sought. He supported her financially and to some extent, emotionally, making their dream of a life together appear to be a reality. She moved into his apartment and finished her degree while serving as his friend, lover and homemaker. Secretly, however, Steve sought satisfaction elsewhere with regular, nauseating and destructive affairs.

Veronica discovered the truth and never left nor healed. The roots of their lives became more entangled and dysfunctional over the years. Steve became her dark knight, fulfilling her material needs while killing her soul with his extra-relationship conquests. Veronica had no reason to stay, save she had nowhere else to go, and so she remained and used him. They lost credibility with friends as their psychic exploitation of each other reinforced a brutal codependency.

Veronica found a confidant in Chuck D. Scepter, a documentary maker and good friend of Steve's who often visits L.A. between his international film projects. Chuck and Veronica began corresponding. Soon she knew more about his happenings and whereabouts than Steve.

It seemed odd to many in our social circle. Steve blew off this friendship-at-large as a frivolous emotional attachment, fair pay-back for the abuse he had inflicted on Veronica. Steve honestly believed the rela-

tionship went no further.

Around this time the volatile couple seems to have reached an unspoken agreement. Steve and Veronica began focusing on the good in their relationship — the genuine enjoyment they felt when together.

From the outside, it seemed as if they were maturing and settling in the relationship. Thus, their sudden breakup came as a surprise.

In April, Veronica was laid off from her job as a legal assistant. Steve, now a high school biology teacher, had just begun one of a regularly scheduled vacation.

They decided to take advantage of their mutual time off and travel to Guatemala where Veronica's mother lives. Meanwhile, Chuck was in town and stayed at their apartment. All three agreed to meet in New York at the end of the month.

During a family party, Veronica and her mother had a bonding moment. Steve took a picture of them and asked what was said.

"I asked for my mother's blessing to break up with you," Veronica said. "She gave it. We're through."

Steve didn't believe her. They continued to New York and rendezvoused with Chuck. Steve became the third wheel as the three traipsed around Central Park and attended late-night parties. Steve returned to work in LA on Veronica's suggestion. She stayed.

Steve came home from class last week. Veronica's belongings were cleared out of his apartment. Chuck admitted Veronica moved to Taiwan with him. He's working on another documentary. She will teach English.

I wonder if Chuck has told Sophie — his own girlfriend — about Veronica yet. Maybe he has her shackled up in a swank apartment and intends to keep his new mistress a secret, however long it lasts.

Having expressed his jealousy and grief, Steve realized neither murder nor suicide is a viable option for him. He left my house with a desire to seek counseling. He hopes to be open and honest in his next relationship as he picks up the pieces from the destruction his betrayal has wrought. Hopefully Veronica and Chuck will do the same someday. Karma's a bitch.

*Names have been changed to protect the not-so innocent.

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A sick routine

ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN officially diagnosed, it is a fact that the colds I catch are always much worse than those which afflict the average person.

I managed to escape this winter in perfect health.

Then I go to Disney World last week and in 85-degree heat come down with some nasty virus.

When I'm healthy, I have a mature outlook on being sick.

I give solid medical advice to other people on how they can speed up their recoveries. After all, it would be a shame to let all those years of "ER" watching (the George Clooney era, of course) go to waste.

I always promise myself I won't be melodramatic if I fall ill, that I'll take it like a man and keep functioning like a normal human being, but all bets are off at the first signs of a scratchy throat.

The first thing I do when I get sick is head straight to a pharmacy and walk up and down the aisles studying the cold remedies.

I scrutinize the healing powers of each to calculate how many of my own symptoms I can match.

However, few packaged therapies exist that can truly heal me when I ail. My mom's chicken soup is my No. 1 panacea. I keep a stash of it in the freezer at all times, but at present, the stock is running dangerously low.

And unfortunately, FAA guidelines are such that I'm no longer able to transport any soup back with me when I visit my family. You know, because apparently, I could blow up a plane with a matzoh ball.

So, that means that the only instance in which the remaining soup may be consumed is if my death is imminent.

My cold last week was bad, but even I'll admit it wasn't that bad.

Still, I appreciate a good showing of sympathy when I'm sick, so I appreciate my husband's offers to fetch a helicopter to take me to the hospital, which is a half a mile from our house, whenever I sneeze.

It's always a good move on his part, but he needs to learn just a bit more about the kind of sympathy I require when I'm sick.

My dad could give him a few pointers. He's got it down.

He's not a doctor, he's never played one on TV, and between an Advil and an anvil, he probably couldn't determine which

would cause a headache and which would cure one. But he's the best sympathy-giver I know.

It warms my heart every time I call him coughing and sniffing — he immediately tells me I sound awful, and suggests I make a doctor's appointment immediately, get started on a round of strong anti-biotics and stay home in bed and do nothing but sleep, read and watch movies.

I mean, he gets that for all he knows, I could have contracted some rare and incurable strain of the common cold that will scar me with a red, runny nose and clogged ears for years to come.

My mom, on the other hand, tells me exactly what I never want to hear when I'm sick: "You're young, you'll heal," or "It's probably a little 24-hour bug," or "Oh, is that all you have?" or "It's just a cold."

As legend has it, I was once sick in the fourth grade and the substitute school nurse determined I should go home instead of infecting other kids.

I had the nurse call my dad to come pick me up.

He was at his office in the city, 40 miles away, and kindly asked the nurse if she would please notify his wife, who was a teacher in the very same school and was likely just down the hall in her classroom. As soon as I heard my mom was to be alerted, I sighed heavily, shrugged off my jacket and slunk back to class.

Beyond sympathy, the most important thing when I'm sick is that I'm well-equipped.

I will only blow my nose with Kleenex Ultra Soft tissues (uncolored and unscented, please). Almond Sunset herbal tea (with honey from one of the little plastic bears) is the sole hot beverage I can tolerate. I will not gargle with salt water.

Blessing me after I've sneezed more than twice in a row will only irritate me. I don't like to be told I'm looking or sounding better when I still feel cruddy.

Miracles performed or attempted in my honor when I'm under the weather are always appreciated.

After all, since my sore throats are so much more sore than anyone else's, I figure I deserve it.

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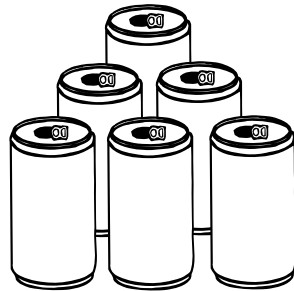
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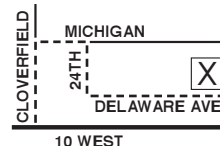


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MARTINEZ

Tug hits refinery pipeline spilling gas into bay

The Coast Guard says a significant amount of gasoline may have spilled into San Francisco Bay after a tugboat struck a refinery pipeline. The collision took place sometime during the night at the Tesoro Petroleum's Golden Eagle Refinery in Martinez, about 30 miles east of San Francisco. It wasn't known how much gasoline spilled into the bay, but a Coast Guard spokesman says it's "a large amount."

Refinery crews and the Coast Guard are beginning clean up. There are no other details. The Tesoro facility can refine 166,000 barrels of crude oil each day. The Golden Eagle refinery is the company's largest facility and the second-largest refinery in Northern California. ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA

Sheriff wants early inmate releases

Orange County's acting sheriff lost his bid for court permission to release inmates up to five days early to ease jail overcrowding.

Acting Sheriff Jack Anderson filed for a temporary court order May 6 asking for early releases. Deputy Council Counsel Wendy Phillips says the population in five Orange County jails "consistently exceeds rated capacities." But Superior Court Judge Thomas Borris denied the request, saying the sheriff didn't notify the district attorney's office and the California attorney general's office of the plan. Borris says he will reconsider the early release request if prosecutors are notified. District Attorney Tony Rackauckas says he opposes early releases. There are about 6,307 inmates in Orange County jails that have a capacity of 5,075. AP

HAWTHORNE

Homeless man sleeping under train loses limbs

A homeless man sleeping under a train lost an arm and leg when workers moved the Union Pacific freight car in Hawthorne. Police Lt. Mike Ishii says the man was conscious and talking when he arrived Tuesday afternoon at Los Angeles County-Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance. He was in serious condition. Investigators say motorist driving past the tracks near Northrop and Prairie avenues spotted the injured man. His name wasn't disclosed. AP

SAN BERNARDINO

SoCal county bans sex offenders from ice cream trucks

Sex offenders cannot operate ice cream trucks in San Bernardino County.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the child protection ordinance on Tuesday and it will likely go into effect July 3.

Previously, registered sex offenders could obtain a business license to operate ice cream trucks in the county. There aren't any convicted sex offenders operating ice cream trucks in San Bernardino County, but the law was proposed by Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt after one was found in neighboring Riverside County. Mitzelfelt calls it a "commonsense precaution" that gives parents additional peace of mind. The ordinance gets a second reading June 3 and will become law a month later. AP

CARPINTERIA

School board forms committee to quell mascot uproar

Carpinteria High School's warrior mascot could be staying.

The Carpinteria Unified School District board decided Tuesday night that a committee will be formed to make a recommendation on Native American imagery on the school campus. The school board had voted last month to keep the school's Warrior team name but remove paintings, logos, murals and other images depicting the school's American Indian mascot. The board decision was based on a complaint from a student member of the Chumash tribe who complained the school's mascot perpetuates stereotypes and offensive to Native Americans. Student and parent demonstrations followed, and the decision to form a committee came after Tuesday's contentious meeting attended by about 700 angry people. AP

SCOTTS VALLEY

Chicken pox hits small community

A chicken pox outbreak has sickened at least 35 youngsters at Scotts Valley schools.

Santa Cruz County health officials says youngsters at elementary and middle schools began coming down with chicken pox last month. Scotts Valley is just north of Santa Cruz. Brook Knoll Elementary School principal Kathy Frandle says the outbreak began with a fourth grader there. The outbreak then spread to Vine Hill Elementary and Scotts Valley Middle School, where the latest case was reported Monday. Although the three schools are miles apart, officials speculate that children spread the illness through sporting events, socializing and sibling contact.

Health officials hope to controlled the spread of chicken pox by keeping ill students at home and encouraging parents to seek a booster shot for their children. AP

SALINAS

School principal arrested for coke possession

The embattled principal at Greenfield Elementary School has been arrested for alleged cocaine possession. Greenfield police and Monterey County district attorney's office investigators raided Raul Herrera-Arteaga's north Salinas home early Tuesday and seized computers and other items. Police Chief Joe Grebmeier says officers returned Tuesday afternoon and found two bags of cocaine in Herrera-Arteaga's right sock. The principal was arrested and booked for investigation of possession of a controlled substance. A month ago, parents held a rally to protest Herrera-Arteaga's reassignment in the district. The district attorney's office and Greenfield police have been investigating Herrera-Arteaga for weeks, but the nature of the probe hasn't been disclosed. AP

CAYUCOS

County warns beachgoers to avoid ocean

Swimmers and surfers are being warned to stay out of the water at Cayucos State Beach because of high bacteria levels. San Luis Obispo County health officials posted signs Tuesday after routine water tests showed the water was unsafe. The county Department of Environmental Health samples 20 popular beaches each week and tests them for several types of bacterial that can indicate unhealthy conditions. AP

L.A. prosecutor taken off case of slain football star

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The community solidarity that followed the killing of high school football star Jamiel Shaw Jr. did not last.

A prosecutor has been pulled from the case after clashing with Shaw's parents, who are demanding hate-crime charges against the suspect, believed to belong to a violent Hispanic gang. And the family is fighting suggestions that an affinity for a rival gang was what led to Shaw's slaying March 2.

At the heart of the friction is the polarizing issue of race in a city known for its diversity of cultures. Shaw, 17, was black; prosecutors say the man charged with killing him, Pedro Espinoza, is in the country illegally.

Shaw's family is fighting for passage of "Jamiel's Law," which would overturn a long-standing rule preventing Los Angeles police from inquiring about suspects' immigration status. It has not been welcomed in all corners; opponents say it could deter illegal immigrants from reporting crimes.

The rift between the Shaws and the district attorney's office was exposed last week when Jamiel Shaw Sr., 47, and his ex-wife Anita Shaw, 43, met with District Attorney Steve Cooley to complain about Michele Hanisee, the prosecutor on the case.

Jamiel Shaw said Hanisee pressured him to stop pushing for the law and threatened to depict their son as a gang member unless they dropped demands that she prosecute the case as a hate crime.

"Basically, she came across as being pro-immigration," Shaw said Tuesday. "She was definitely putting pressure on the family."

The district attorney's office denied Shaw's claims, but spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said Hanisee was taken off the case because it "was a marriage that wasn't working."

Hanisee referred questions to Gibbons, who said the prosecutor had no reason to pressure the Shaws or to claim their son was a gang member.

Two new prosecutors were assigned to the case, and investigators are taking a fresh look at whether hate crimes could be charged. An earlier initial investigation found no evidence to warrant the charge, Gibbons said.

Prosecutors say Espinoza, believed to be a member of the 18th Street gang, drove to Shaw's neighborhood and shot him after asking him a question about his gang affiliation. Espinoza had been released from jail on weapons charges just one day before the shooting.

Espinoza's attorney Jorge Guzman declined to comment. A preliminary hearing is set for Thursday.

Politicians, residents and activists rallied around Shaw's

family. Shaw was a standout on the gridiron and appeared destined for a sports scholarship at a top university. His mother was in the Army serving in Iraq.

The mayor and other officials attended his funeral and placed a plaque on the spot where Shaw was gunned down.

At a vigil two nights after his son's killing, Shaw Sr. appealed for calm and said he did not believe his son was killed because of the color of his skin. That changed, he said, when he learned Espinoza was in the country illegally and had served time in jail, where hostilities between black and Hispanic inmates run deep.

"He was killed because he was black," Shaw said Tuesday. "A lot of these killings in L.A. have been disguised as gang because they don't want the racial part to come out, the black and brown problem."

County prosecutors have previously pressed high-profile hate crime cases, and federal authorities recently accused members of a South Los Angeles Hispanic gang of targeting blacks. But the degree to which violence in the city is race-related remains a sensitive issue among local officials.

Police Chief William Bratton recently reacted angrily at a news conference when asked whether a spate of shootings was race-related. He softened his rhetoric after some black residents criticized him for not taking their fears seriously, but still points to statistics showing the vast majority of homicides do not cross racial lines.

Police say Shaw was never in a gang, but a gang expert sparked an angry reaction on talk radio and elsewhere by saying Shaw may have been targeted for identifying in some way with a rival gang in his neighborhood.

Alex Alonso posted an article on a Web site that quoted comments reportedly written by Shaw on his MySpace.com page that included insulting remarks about the 18th Street and Crip gangs. Alonso also said Shaw was wearing a red belt when he was shot, a color associated with the Blood gang.

Homicide detective Frank Carillo, who is overseeing the investigation, said none of those things would make Shaw a gang member.

Most kids growing up in neighborhoods like Jamiel's would know gang members. That in itself does not mean someone has a gang affiliation, or else "that would make every student at a school a gang associate," he said.

Bloodhound, a self-described nonviolent member of the L.A. Bloods who declined to give his real name for fear of reprisals, said three Blood gangs are active in Jamiel's neighborhood. For kids growing up in the area, it's almost impossible to avoid interacting with gang members on some level.

"Younger cats his own age that are from one of the Blood gangs would have applied a little peer pressure," Bloodhound said.



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Mock attack defeats lab security

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Mock terrorists defeated security personnel in a recent drill at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where nuclear weapons research is conducted, federal officials said Tuesday.

A critical piece of the lab's defense failed during the test when a truck-mounted Gatling gun, capable of firing more than 50 rounds a second, got stuck before it could be deployed. The cause was a faulty hydraulic mechanism that has since been corrected, according to a federal energy official familiar with the security assessment.

The mock assault, and the "disappointing" results of a sweeping security assessment, spurred immediate changes at the lab, including an expanded security staff and a daily security training regimen, said Susan Houghton, the lab's chief spokeswoman. Previously, some training was only conducted quarterly.

Other federal officials acknowledged the shortcomings discovered in the assessment in March and April, while also pointing out that the mock assault was far from realistic.

The assault team started at the fence line of Livermore's "Superblock" facility, where nuclear weapons research is

conducted, and where plutonium has historically been stored.

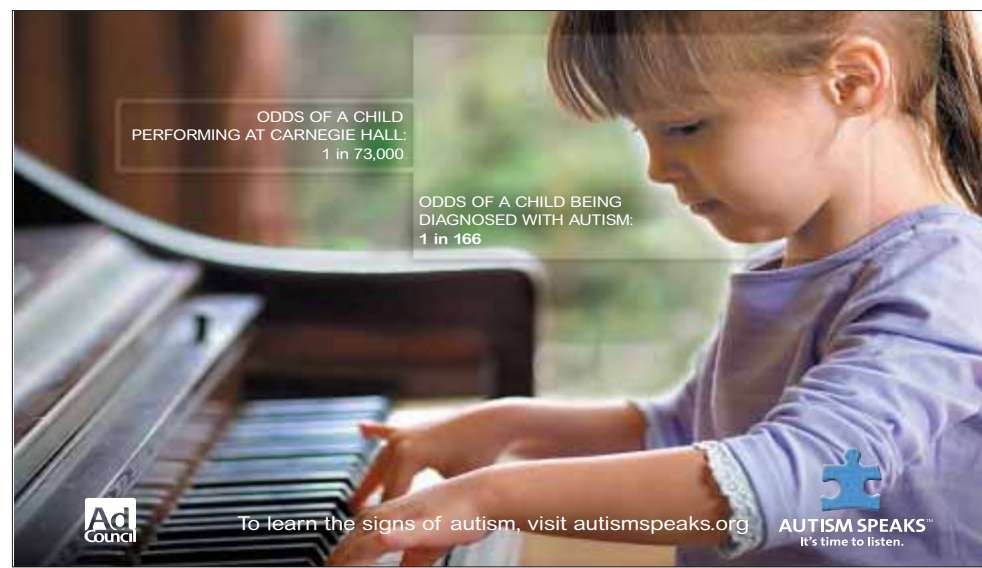
Before the exercise began, the attackers hauled all-terrain vehicles, torches and explosives inside the fence, and carefully walked the interior of the buildings they would later "storm," said the Department of Energy official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the assessment.

The attackers, drawn from other federal facilities, "battled" with Livermore security personnel using sophisticated simulated weapons akin to those used in laser tag, the official said. Some security forces defending the lab "survived," but not all. Overall, the facility was rated effective in four key areas, but needing improvement in four others, the official said.

The findings of the exercise underscored "a number of areas that require immediate attention," said Bill Ostendorff, principal deputy of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The "force on force" exercise was part of a broader assessment that examined cybersecurity, including e-mail vulnerabilities, and "physical and operational" security, Houghton said.

All of the officials interviewed declined to say what the objective of the mock attack was.



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City Hall plans to proceed with ficus tree removal plan

FROM TREES PAGE 1

lawsuit against City Hall.

"We're disappointed in the decision but we made a good faith settlement offer to the city last night and the city indicated that it would be willing to engage in some settlement negotiations regarding the trees," Tom Nitti, the Treesavers attorney, said. "It is my understanding that Treesavers intend to pursue those settlement negotiations."

The City Manager's Office received the two-page proposal earlier this week from the Treesavers, outlined within it a series of conditions that must be met by City Hall, including preserving 14 trees identified as having low-risk failure potential in a report by consulting arborist, Cy Carlberg. The Treesavers also asked that the medium risk failure trees be preserved through corrective pruning.

Assistant City Attorney Joe Lawrence called the proposal disappointing considering the Treesavers approached city officials last week with a proposal that he said had "promise," but could not elaborate on the specifics.

"The letter does not reflect at all the proposal made last week and it is an unfortunate step backwards," Lawrence said. "If the Treesavers wish to discuss other settlement proposals, the city may be interested."

The proposal originated in a conversation between the city manager and Nitti who said that the key to any resolution would be the preservation of the remaining seven trees slated for relocation. Nitti said he recalled mentioning in the conversation that any other terms would be discussed with the Treesavers and subsequently made in the official settlement offer.

"The seven trees are a big concern," Nitti said. "If we can get over that hump, then we're well toward making a proposal we can all live with."

He pointed out that while the Treesavers were not victorious in court, many of the trees have been saved since the lawsuit was filed. City Hall originally proposed relocating 31 ficus trees but reduced that number recently after surveying underground utilities and concluding that seven would be needed for relocation to the proposed Palisades Garden Walk on the former Rand Corp. site.

Nitti said he expects the next step for the Treesavers would be to meet with city officials to talk about the remaining trees and does not anticipate any new court filings at this time.

The settlement offer also asked that a committee with at least three members from the general public be formed to choose the replacement trees. The plan currently calls for two ginkgo biloba trees to replace each removed ficus.

The Treesavers in March filed a challenge to an earlier decision by Superior Court Judge Ann Jones who ruled the group's lawsuit claiming City Hall had violated state environmental laws actually came more than a year too late. The organization filed a lawsuit in October 2007 alleging that City Hall had failed to follow the California Environmental Quality Act when it didn't file an impact report about the streetscape improvement project.

Jones found the 180-day clock during which time a lawsuit could be filed began ticking in October 2005 when city officials determined the project was CEQA exempt. The Treesavers argued that city officials misled the public in stating the street trees were exempt, classifying them as facilities in the 2005 report, rather than as trees.

In addition to removing the trees, the street beautification project, which is part of the Downtown Urban Design Plan, includes improving lighting, repairing sidewalks and extending curbs on Second and Fourth streets from Colorado Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard. The Downtown Urban Design Plan was first analyzed under CEQA and approved in 1997.

But the court ruling that the lawsuit was not filed in time does not mean that the community's concerns are not valid, Jerry Rubin, the plaintiff in the case, said.

"Virtually every neighborhood organization said the seven trees should not be relocated," Rubin said. "We tried numerous times to get a (winning) solution to settle this and we feel the city has an obligation to meet with us and I'm hoping they will."

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LOOKING AHEAD: The Village gained initial approval from the City Council Tuesday despite some dissent from area residents that believe it would make the Civic Center too congested.

Some feel project is too big for city

FROM THE VILLAGE PAGE 3

The proposal has undergone a number of changes since it was presented to the council in December, including an increase in open space, a redistribution of massing and greater pedestrian orientation, according to Sarah Lejeune, the senior planner with City Hall.

The project received support from several residents who attended the council meeting, including Housing Commission member Jason Parry who said the designs for The Village improve with each look by the developer.

"The thing that I'm a little torn about is (whether) we should move forward because

every time it's been presented, I've seen it get better and better," Parry said.

But the project wasn't without its opponents. Art Harris, who called himself the "designated dissenter," said the project is too big and dense for the area.

"Someone should at least indicate that silence is not assent," Harris said. "This project is too big and a lot of people feel it is too big."

Mayor Herb Katz, who voted for the project, agreed that the development is too large in concept.

"I wish it weren't so dense," he said.

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Survey shows strong support for SMC bond

FROM SMC PAGE 1

In 2002, voters approved Measure U, which raised \$160 million. In 2004 it was Measure S at \$135 million. For the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, voters in 1998 approved Proposition X for \$42 million, Measure BB in 2006 for \$268 million, and Measure R in 2007, which combined two existing parcel taxes generating roughly \$10 million a year for area public schools.

Voters may be experiencing bond financing fatigue and will surely be more cautious about picking up the tab this time around.

"Voters in Santa Monica are extremely generous when it comes to education, whether it be the college or the school district, but it is a different time now and some people are concerned about real estate values and living expenses," said Sharon Gilpin, a political consultant who has worked in city politics for the last 20 years.

"You can't ignore the budget gloom in Sacramento," Gilpin added. "People will have a critical eye and the college will really have to make its case as to why this is needed and why they need the money now. It's a much tougher environment than it was just a few years ago."

If approved in November, the \$295 million bond would total \$7.34 per month for an average homeowner or condo owner and about \$1.12 per month for renters, according to SMC officials.

Residents living near the college have already expressed a reluctance to support another bond measure out of fear that it will lead to more construction and congestion in their neighborhoods.

Some have questioned why the residents of Santa Monica and Malibu should pay for the bond given that an overwhelming majority — more than 70 percent — of students attending SMC are not residents of those two cities.

"With the rising cost of gas, the rising cost of living, rising health care costs and the slow economy and housing market, I can think of many other ways I would rather spend my hard earned \$7.34 per month that would ultimately benefit me and my community rather than just the community of SMC," said Laura Thixton, a resident of Sunset Park who spoke out against the bond at a board meeting Monday.

"Enough is enough," she added.

Residents in Sunset Park, which bares the brunt of congestion from the college, said they are not against education or the mission of the college, but are simply concerned about their quality of life and would like to see efforts made to build facilities in other locations on the Westside that could better serve students who do not live in the area.

"All of my children went to SMC and Santa Monica schools. I voted for those bonds, certainly the first one," said Lorraine Sanchez, who serves on the SMC bond oversight committee. "But at this point I think we are suffering from bond fatigue and building fatigue."

The Main Campus has seen an increase in construction over the last five years, with the college adding a new theater and performing arts space, new library and humanities building. The construction is part of a three phase facilities master plan approved in 1998, Girard said.

Phase III is the modernization phase that includes projects that will assist SMC in preparing students for jobs of the 21st century and competing in a global economy, including improving the teaching of math, science and technology.

SMC officials will be hosting meetings over the coming months with residents and other community stakeholders to get their input on the facilities master plan.

The college has in the past been good at explaining in detail why bond measures are needed and what they will pay for, Gilpin said. They'll need to continue that trend if they hope to get the support of voters.

So far, officials feel confident that they are heading in the right direction. In March voters were interviewed to determine public opinion on a potential bond measure. All were registered voters of Santa Monica and Malibu and were likely to participate in the November election, Girard said.

Thirteen of the 15 focus group members and 68 percent of the 500 voters interviewed for a survey indicated that they would likely vote "yes" on a SMC bond measure in the amount of \$295 million "to replace buildings, upgrade fire safety; construct and equip math and science laboratories; improve student training in science, technology, media, communications, computers, and emerging high-tech fields; achieve energy savings, complete earthquake repairs; with citizen's oversight, annual performance and financial audits; and no funds for administration."

Of those who participated in the survey, 85 percent rated the college as excellent or good in its performance, and 94 percent considered the college an important part of the community. Fifty-eight percent said that they or someone in their immediate family has attended the college and that 52 percent had been on the college campus within the past year to attend a class, lecture or other event. Fifteen percent said they are members of KCRW, the public radio station housed at SMC.

"Having a college in this community not only adds to the prestige of a location, but it affects our lifestyle by the types of community services we have," said Chui Tsang, president of SMC. "It is something we treasure and address the core values we have as a community."

With so much of the media focusing on negative stories regarding education, Tsang said SMC is an example of something positive. Programs are successful, helping young and old transition into the workforce.

"We are serving the community on so many levels," Tsang said. "The community throughout the years has built a really first-rate college, maybe one of the best community colleges in the nation. For us it's about how we can continue this outstanding mission."

Another way to look at the college is its impact on property values. In the past, residents living near the college complained about crime and traffic, but now many who are in the market to sell their properties say the college has been a tremendous asset because of its facilities, such as the Swim Center, said Kate Bransfield, a realtor with Coldwell Banker in Santa Monica.

"More and more I have clients that feel (the college) is a real positive," Bransfield said.

For those who are on the fence, Girard said he has been telling them that the best thing about investing in the college is that the money spent remains in the community. Facilities built with bond money become a part of the community. Girard said residents must also remember that they pay a very small portion of the cost of operating the college, around 7 or 10 percent. The rest comes from student fees and other sources.

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Fewer summer fliers are expected, but packed planes persist

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WASHINGTON Fewer Americans are expected to fly this summer, but don't expect more empty seats as carriers park planes to help offset surging fuel costs.

The trade group for the nation's largest airlines on Tuesday forecast 211.5 million passengers will travel on domestic carriers between June 1 and Aug. 31. That would be a 1.3 percent drop from last summer.

Airlines are reducing their carrying capacity amid slower economic growth and rising jet fuel prices, the Air Transport Association said.

But planes will be nearly 85 percent full and delays emanating from New York-area airports will remain a problem, ATA President and Chief Executive James May said. Late flights cost carriers more than \$10 billion annually, a drag on profits that have them "doing all they can to avoid lengthy delays," May said.

"It's in our best interest to minimize those delays to the fullest extent possible," May said. "They cost us in terms of customer loyalty ... (and) real dollars."

Some large U.S. carriers last week again raised ticket prices to offset surging fuel costs. Raising fares and charging for extra bags and other amenities have been the preferred coping mechanisms for airlines paying about 82 percent more for jet-fuel than they did a year ago.

Still, May said further fare hikes this summer are "inevitable."

Rick Seane, chief executive of airfare research site FareCompare.com, does not

share the view of analysts who say we've hit the "tipping point" on fare hikes — 11 of 15 attempts have been successful this year. But the trade group's summer forecast and an unusual move by Delta Air Lines in recent days suggest an end to the increases may not just be wishful thinking.

Delta last week raised fares by \$20 roundtrip as a fuel surcharge, and its five largest competitors quickly followed suit. But on Sunday, the Atlanta-based carrier rolled back almost half of the increases, largely on flights that service its home city where competition is fierce with low-cost carriers Southwest Airlines and AirTran Airways.

"It's the first time I've seen Delta be sensitive about overlap markets," Seane said, adding that he'll be convinced a hike hiatus is coming when demand for business travel slumps.

Elsewhere, the current economic conditions present a "good news-bad news" scenario for international carriers that serve the U.S., said Steve Lott, a spokesman for the International Air Transport Association.

"International air traffic originating in the U.S. this summer will likely be slower ... (but) the weak dollar and economic growth in other parts of the world makes the U.S. an attractive destination and a good value for inbound leisure passengers," Lott said.

The last summer that domestic airlines carried fewer passengers was 2006, which was down 1 percent from the prior year, according to the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics. But domestic airlines carried about 213.8 million passengers last summer, a record number for that period.

Playing the cat match game

BY LINDA LOMBARDI

Associated Press Writer

It happens to all of us. You fall in love with someone's looks... but then he's not quite what you expected. Even, sometimes, if he's a cat.

"People come in and say, I had a black and white tuxedo cat before, so that's what I want," says Jim Monsma of the Washington Animal Rescue League in Washington, D.C. "But cats are not all the same. They have widely divergent personalities."

That's why the shelter is now using the Feline-ality program, developed by behaviorist Dr. Emily Weiss of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Part of the ASPCA's Meet Your Match program, which also includes Canine-ality for dogs, the program assesses a variety of behaviors in individual cats. It rates the animals on confidence and sociability, which Weiss' research has shown are independent of each other. The program then tallies those assessments to place the cat into nine personality categories, which can be matched with a family's situation and desires.

It's not unlike a magazine quiz to find out, "Which kind of cat are you?"

The program is used at 45 shelters, with additional facilities preparing to use it.

On this day in the Washington shelter, Monsma brings Barnaby the cat into an unfa-

miliar room and opens the carrier.

Barnaby shoots out and takes charge, checking out the room and everything in it. Monsma uses a stopwatch to track how much time Barnaby spends on social interactions. For example, he adds up how many seconds Barnaby spends trying to get on his lap. He also monitors his noises and blink rate, both indicators of sociability.

Monsma then initiates some interaction, offering a hand, three different toys and hug. Each transaction earns Barnaby some points.

His total comes out high on both scales — he's both highly sociable and highly confident.

All of the types have fun, vivid names and descriptions. Barnaby is "leader of the band." His opposite, a cat low on both scales, is called a "private investigator," who stays out of trouble.

A more middle of the road cat is familiar to many people: the "personal assistant." "You're working on the computer? Let me press the keys. Reading the paper? I'll hold the pages down for you... You'll wonder how you ever managed without me," according to program literature.

Equally important to the Feline-ality program is the fact that people differ, too. Adopters fill out a questionnaire and the results give them a color code, telling them which set of personality types would be best for them to consider.

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LOCATION DRY WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth C ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth A+ ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Altos creeks A+ ns
Escorial Canyon at El Morado State Beach A+ ns
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth A+ ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth A+ ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private) A+ ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth D ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach F ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth A ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach F ns
Pueco State Beach at creek mouth D ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pueco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. F ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fences A+ ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily D ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east A+ ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon A ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero) B ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs A+ ns
Pena Creek at Las Tareas County Beach A+ ns
Tuna Canyon A+ ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth F ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach 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
LOCATION DRY WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bol Air Day Club drain near fence A+ ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain A+ ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain A+ ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chouteauqan) A+ ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain A+ ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain A+ ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier D ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain A ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants) A+ ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain A+ ns
Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain A+ ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain A+ ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain A+ ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards north A+ ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St. A+ ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower A ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Bellina Creek mouth B ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain A+ ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach A+ ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty) A+ ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain A+ ns
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MLB
Chicago considers signing Edmonds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO The Cubs were on the verge Wednesday of signing free agent outfielder Jim Edmonds, who was released last week by the San Diego Padres.
Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said before Wednesday night's game that Edmonds was on his way to Chicago and must pass a physical before he can join the team.
An eight-time Gold Glove winner and four-time All-Star, the 37-year-old Edmonds strained his right calf in a spring training game on March 6 and started the season on the disabled list. He was activated on April 5 and batted .178 in 26 games with one homer and six RBIs—well below his .286 career average.
"I think just in general most people feel he's still got something left in the tank. I think he's going to be a motivated player," Hendry said. "Obviously we're not going to ask him to have to go out there every single day."

Hendry said scouts felt that Edmonds was improving before he was released. Hendry said Edmonds may have tried to come back too soon from the calf injury.
Edmonds had an \$8 million salary this year, which is being mostly paid by San Diego. The Padres received \$2 million from the St. Louis Cardinals when they acquired Edmonds on Dec. 15 for minor league third baseman David Freese.
Edmonds was a key figure in the very heated Cardinals-Cubs rivalry during his eight years in St. Louis.
He has 32 career homers against the Cubs, including 17 at Wrigley Field. A left-handed hitter, he might platoon with Reed Johnson in center field.
"There are really no negatives in it," Hendry said. "You're not giving up players and you're not spending a lot of dollars. ... Hopefully, he'll be able to give us a great portion of the Jim Edmonds we all knew and used to fear in a lot of ways. He used to play well against us and played well in this park."

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Say yes, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Others might not mean to be challenging, especially at work or in public. Don't balk or react to an outrageous statement. Rather, let the other person have his or her head space. You cannot control anyone but yourself! Tonight: Who would you have the most fun with? Find that person.	Gather your bills.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Focus on what you can do, not where there are obstacles and problems. A phone call or an information-gathering mission could end in a stalemate. Leave those issues and questions alone. There is always a tomorrow. Tonight: Relax. Rest.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to roust others and let them become a greater part of a project continues to remain high. You might have strong feelings about a family member or someone you consider that close. Tonight: Go create exactly what you want!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Creativity fills in the gaps. You might not have all the answers, but you have many. If an associate becomes touchy or difficult, let this person go the way he or she wants to go. Save your energy. Tonight: Take a hint from Aries.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Know when to kick back. Inevitably someone misreads your actions or words. Learning to confirm what you hear as well as what you say could be very important ultimately. Think "better communication." Consider taking a course or seminar that will sharpen your abilities. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might not have all the answers, but others are clearly challenging you to think more deeply and to get to the root of a problem. Know that you don't need to do this now. Emphasis is on home and family. Tonight: Buy a special item that will make your home even nicer.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Friends and colleagues support you in getting what you want. Stay focused and understand everyone has his or her limits. Discuss a lack on your side, not with embarrassment but with openness. Tonight: You'll find answers.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if you need to make the first move in a convoluted situation. How you deal with someone could change radically if you are honest with yourself. How much does this person grease the wheels of your daily life? Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your ability to lead and your strength of personality translate differently than they have in the past. Listen to what is being shared. Take a stand if need be, or accept a position of leadership. Others will cheer you on. Tonight: Say yes.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the costs – and not just financial – of moving in a certain direction. You don't need to push someone to get him or her to understand. You don't need to "buy" someone either – a relationship is either positive or it's not. Tonight:	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Take an overview. If you feel that you shouldn't tolerate what is going on anymore, think very carefully. Profoundly change how you deal with this situation, and action might not be as necessary. Tonight: Be adventurous.
	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Work with a partner directly. Your goals and your friendships are beginning to reflect the new you. A partner might have difficulty adjusting. Tonight: Say yes to living.

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You are vital and dramatic this year. Your energy allows you to move mountains. Focus on accomplishment. For some of you, this might look like going to school or gaining more expertise in your chosen field. You will make your mark. With all this additional energy, look to changes on the home front. Some of you might opt for new homes; others might remodel. If you are single, you will meet someone very different but at times quite controlling. Learn how to be with this person without falling into a power play. If you are attached, the two of you might be working on control games or power plays. LEO can trigger quite a brouhaha.

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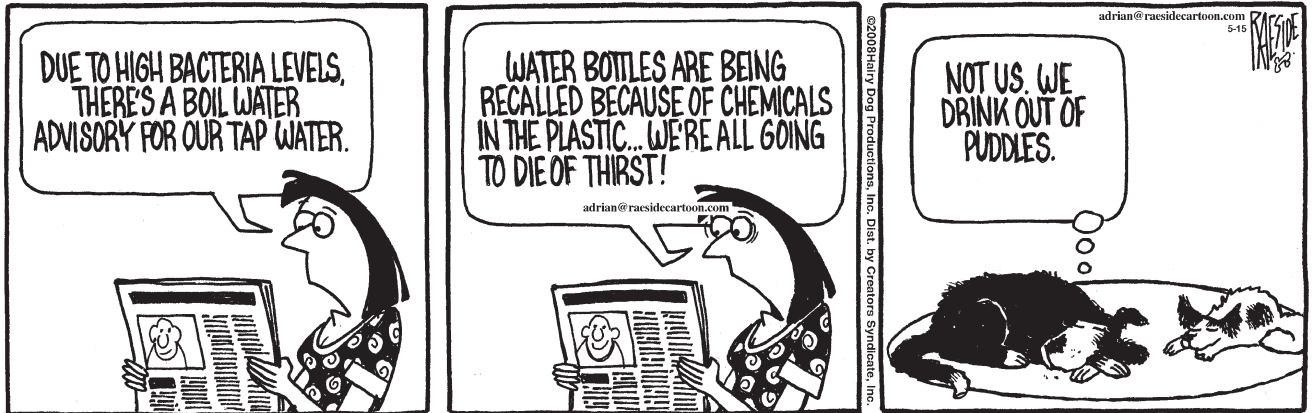
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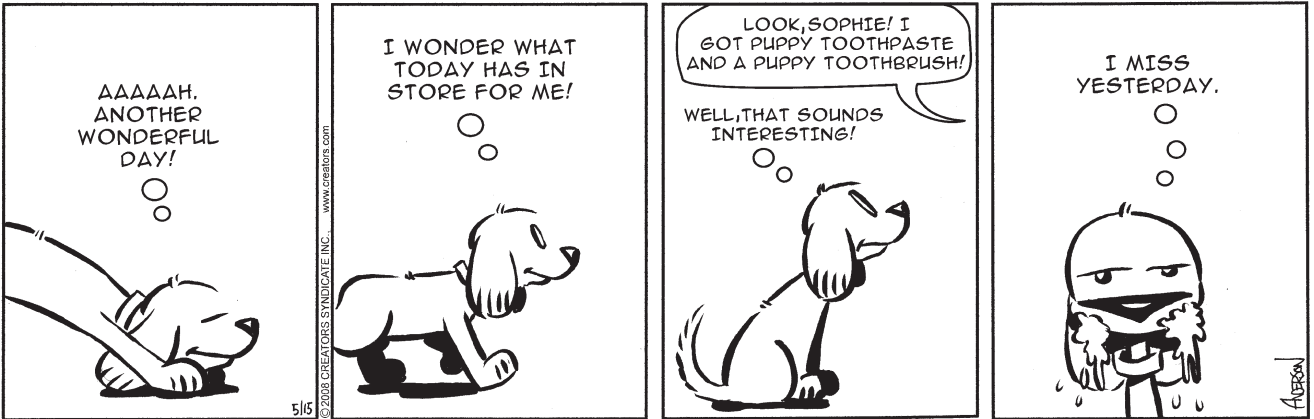
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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Invites

- 1 Whodunit foundation
- 5 Cut off
- 11 Electrified
- 12 John Glenn, for one
- 13 Exploited
- 14 Folk-blues singer
- 15 Exotic dancer
- 17 Chiding sound
- 18 Kitchen output
- 22 Oil barrels
- 24 Party
- 25 Canoe need
- 26 Annex
- 27 Looks after

- 30 Best Picture of 1955
- 32 Auto flop
- 33 Leaf carrier
- 34 Infamous emperor
- 38 Missis-sippi discoverer
- 41 Hockey's Lindros
- 42 Wears away
- 43 Spring time
- 44 Tall boots

DOWN

- 1 Asset
- 2 Shopping aid
- 3 Capsizes
- 4 Dullsville
- 5 Barn-storming feat
- 6 "Heavens!"
- 7 South Dakota capital
- 8 Poker prize
- 9 Pig out
- 10 "CSI" evidence
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Charity on the Cutting Edge: "Obviously, this is not as important as helping starving kids in Africa, but it's the same basis," Karla Rae Morris told Canada's Sun newspapers in February. "They want to help us out," she said, referring to her benefactors who had donated money (from two men, over \$1,000 (Cdn) each) so that she could afford breast implants, based on arrangements commenced by the Web site MyFreeImplants.com, which facilitates e-mail exchanges and chats for prospective contributors and collects the money until the goal is reached. "It's like donating to any charity," said Morris, of her donors. "You feel like you're doing good."

■ Bright Ideas: Among the notable offerings at the International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, Switzerland, in April were beer-flavored jelly (non-alcoholic) to spread on biscuits, and artificial, removable nose hair (swabs of pipe cleaner for the nostrils to block pollen and dust). ("Most people do not have enough nose hair," inventor Gensheng Sun told The Associated Press.) Italian engineer Enrico Berruti said it was his personal laziness that led him to develop a bed that makes itself, with automatic sheet-shaking and straightening. Diane Cheong Lee Mei of China swore that her novel computer software employed algorithms sophisticated enough to enable the user to detect the gender of any e-mail writer.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1911 The Supreme Court ordered the dissolution of Standard Oil Co., ruling it was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

1930 Registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland, Calif.-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport, a forerunner of United Airlines.

1942 Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for nonessential vehicles.

1948 Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

1958 Vice President Richard Nixon received a hero's welcome on his return from a violence-marred tour of Latin America.

WORD UP!

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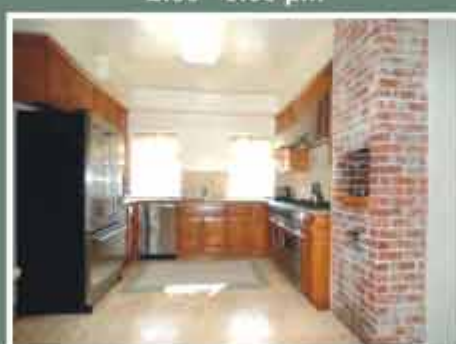
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