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Samohi students helping Uganda

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH The atrocities being exacted on young children in Northern Uganda might be a world away, but the distance isn't stopping a group of local teenagers from doing what they can to raise awareness about the devastation in the African country.

Over the past few months, the socially minded Santa Monica High School students have engaged in an array of fundraising tactics, everything from selling T-shirts to asking mom and dad straight up for money. It was an all-out attempt to meet their \$20,000 fundraising goal by midnight tonight to build schools in Northern Uganda.

The African country has been scarred by civil war since the early 1980s, a clash between the Uganda government and the

rebel group Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). The schools in Northern Uganda have been torn apart as a result of the conflict, leaving young children without a means to education.

Spearheaded by Schools for Schools, part of non-profit organization Invisible Children, the project pits high schools and colleges across the country against one another in friendly competition, each school trying to raise as much money possible to build 10 schools in Northern Uganda.

Samohi is among more than 50 schools in its region, helping raise more than \$139,000 to build the Sacred Heart Secondary School. Clustered in the same region are local Southern California schools like Brea Olinda High School, Los Altos High



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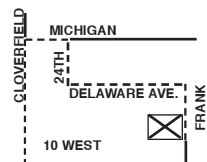
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in "The Bee Keeper's Apprentice." Group will meet on the Second Floor Community
Room of the Main Branch Library.

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 Mortenson. The book is a recounting
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 contempla-
tive life based on the author's academic study, "The Meaning of Silence in Quaker
Worship."

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Join Sustainable Works' next Green Living Workshop, a six-week course designed 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.

Thursday, May 17, 2007

6th Annual evening with L.A. Opera

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

Louis Bernstein of the L.A. Opera Speakers Bureau will be the guest speaker. He will
present a multimedia discussion on Federico Moreno Torroba's "Luisa Fernanda."

Make Your Home Healthy seminar

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library in collaboration with Co-Opportunity presents a dis-
cussion by Rebel Clair about unhealthy environmental issues in our homes and what
we can do to correct them.

'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kulturas Books. For more
information, call (310) 450-8707.

The 12 Steps for Everybody

16730 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The 12 Steps for Everybody's writing meeting is for all 12-Step programs or anyone
with a habitual problem or illness. Call (310) 454-5138 or e-mail info@12steps-
foreverybody.org for more information.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog
snacks and play time. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION:

In his op-ed piece ("Aren't SM lawmakers supposed to protect?") on May 14, it should
have stated that Martin Rubin, the director of Concerned Residents Against Airport
Pollution, lives in West Los Angeles.



ARTISTIC VISION

Santa Monica College photo students admire the works on display Tuesday at the 28th Annual Student Photo Show at the SMC Photography Gallery. The show runs through June 2.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Businesses thinking green

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

FAIRMONT MIRAMAR Companies in and around Santa Monica were recognized here Tuesday for their commitment to protecting the environment and improving the quality of life of their employees during the 12th Annual Sustainable Quality Awards.

The awards recognize local businesses and organizations that voluntarily enact policies and make renovations that result in cleaner air and water; less waste, pollution and traffic; higher levels of conservation and a more vibrant economy.

"This is about our future, our children,

our city and our culture," said John Bohn, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event along with City Hall and Sustainable Works, a non-profit promoting environmental practices to residents, college students and businesses.

"This is about how our children and future citizens will be able to survive," Bohn added.

City officials and members of the business community arrived in hybrids, bicycles or on foot to dine on salad that would later be used as compost as actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. handed out awards made from 100 percent recycled glass.

Begley, who has been known to arrive at Hollywood functions on a bicycle or in a

Eco-Limo, served as the emcee, encouraging the crowd to do whatever they could to promote sustainability, be it replacing light-bulbs in their homes with more energy efficient ones, or purchasing solar panels and a wind turbine to generate clean energy.

"This is a time of opportunity," Begley said. "It is up to us how we use this opportunity... Everyone can do something ... Go out and spread the word."

Protecting the environment is of the utmost importance and something that can be done without hurting the business community, said guest speaker Cindy Tuck, assis-

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Paying up for cleaner races

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN In answer to the City Council's question about publicly financing political campaigns, the public overwhelmingly said "yes."

Most residents said they were willing to foot the bill during a community meeting at the Ken Edwards Center on Tuesday, a meeting called by elected officials in efforts to amass feedback on election reform.

More than 50 people attended the event, which examined every aspect of the political process, from the city clerk's role in monitoring campaign expenditures to the influence that independent expenditure committees have on elections.

For the most part, residents feel democracy is alive and well in Santa Monica, however, special interest groups continue to have a greater impact on elections than in previous years, raising concerns that elected officials are being persuaded by big money, no longer owing their allegiance to constituents. Residents also spoke out against the multitude of mailers they receive, calling them misleading and a waste of paper.

"There is just way too much junk mail out there without any information on it ... and it's bad for the environment," said Valerie Griffin.

The meeting was scheduled after the council decided to put public financing on hold so that they could get a response from residents about whether or not they deemed it necessary.

Public financing has grown in popularity following last year's election, during which independent expenditure committees and candidates collectively spent around \$500,000. Voters remarked the election season also featured some of the most negative campaigning in recent memory.

While most council members supported the concept of "voter-owned elections" and the goal of limiting the influence special interest groups have on local contests, several officials expressed concern about the potential costs of such an endeavor, citing a city staff report that estimated a price tag of at least \$1.8 million per election if 18 candidates were to participate in the voluntary program.

That figure doesn't include the cost of administering the program, which would include routine audits, the distribution of funds under strict guidelines, and monitoring expenditures made by both participating and non-participating candidates.

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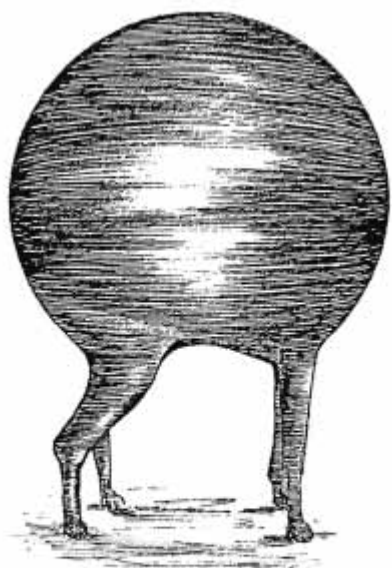
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RICHARD BROUWER is a 'neutral observer' living on the edge in The Netherlands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't put crunch on crunches

Editor:

As a neighborhood resident and user of the Fourth Street steps (189, but the way), I frequently see people exercising on the wide grass median south of Adelaide. I am astounded to learn ("Caught sweating the law," May 5-6) that such a seemingly healthful, harmless and quiet activity is prohibited and that police resources are being used to enforce the ban.

Given the problems with violence elsewhere in the city, and the anti-social behavior of some in and around Palisades Park and the promenade, it surprises me that the police would zealously enforce the anti-exercise prohibition.

Perhaps the anti-exercise policy should be re-thought, especially in view of the city's campaign to encourage people to be more physically active, and use of police time to serve more pressing public safety needs should be considered.

Beverly Reichel
Santa Monica

Possible presidents are a scary bunch

Editor:

The Republican Party has lost its way, becoming arms of the anti-abortion movement and the military industrial complex. The White House continues to search for a "war czar" as more Americans die in Iraq, as the war and occupation escalate, as all GOP presidential candidates say more of the same "if I'm elected."

Tom Tancredo (R-CO) said at a Republican debate: "It would be the greatest day of our country's history if Roe vs. Wade were overturned." Where does the decided majority of Americans who are pro-choice fit into Tancredo's limited thinking? Tommy Thompson, another GOP presidential contender, said in the same debate that businesses should be able to fire employees for being gay. The fact that these two men want to lead the country speaks volumes for the state of disrepair the Republican Party has fallen into.

A vote for the GOP in 2008 will be a vote to continue down the wrong road.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica



Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

If anybody deserves a break it's our boys

ONE OF THE THREE HIGH SCHOOLS I attended had a policy called "credit reduction." Two unexcused absences from any class meant you lost a credit-and-a-half for that class. If you got your credit reduced in two classes, then you didn't have enough to matriculate from one grade to the next and you had to make it up in summer school. The lesson was clear: If you don't show up, you don't get a vacation.

The Iraqi Council of Representatives is like our Congress. It was formed about a year ago and is made up of 275 members who pass laws, elect ministers and basically run the government. The Iraq Index is a compilation of on-the-ground statistics measuring life in Iraq. In the absence of a voting public, it's basically the ICR's report card. And according to the Index, it doesn't look good. Of their eight political benchmarks, they have made, literally, no progress on four of them — passing new election laws, scheduling provincial elections, planning national reconciliation and disbanding militias.

Their record on the remaining four benchmarks is also spotty. On the issue of amending the constitution to include the Sunnis, the Shiite-led government missed their September 2006 deadline, breaking U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad's (and President Bush's) October 2005 promise to the Sunnis that they would be included later if they participated in elections that December. On the issue of reversing de-Baathification, the prime minister sent Parliament's de-Baathification Committee a draft law in March, but as of April, the head of the committee hadn't received it. On oil revenue sharing, the Cabinet passed a law, but Parliament hasn't voted on it yet. The one bright spot is that a group of Sunni sheiks opposed to al-Qaida will form a political party and take part in future elections.

It's safe to say the Iraqi government is not the model of democracy the Bush administration had hoped it would be. And having failed to make any kind of meaningful progress on any of their benchmarks (and no progress at all on half of them), the ICR cannot get full credit. Yet, it is planning to take off on vacation for all of July and August.

While some Democrats in Congress are looking at a June deadline, there is now bi-partisan agreement that tangible results from the "surge" tactic should certainly be evident by September. And with General David Petraeus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker set to testify before Congress in September, the president apparently agrees.

But to the ICR, meeting benchmarks by June or September doesn't seem to matter. They seem to be saying that they'll get to them by June or they'll get to them in September. If

that's going to be their attitude, fine, so will we. As long as the ICR is on vacation, so are the U.S. Marines, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Treasury. No patrols, no troops, no guns, no equipment and no money until the ICR comes back to work. In a word: Consequences. That will be progress in and of itself.

IT'S SAFE TO SAY THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE MODEL OF DEMOCRACY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAD HOPED

We can use the time to practice our eventual, inevitable withdrawal and we can give some of our troops a bit of well-needed R&R at the same time. Then, in September, we'll make the return of our troops, equipment and money contingent on the Iraqi government meeting their now world-famous benchmarks. We effectively change the deal from "if you don't start to make progress, we have to think about leaving" to "if you don't continue to make progress, we won't be staying".

I realize that Asia is a continent more of tribes than nations, and that Western Asia (also known as the Middle East) is no different. But the fact remains that these two main tribes — the Sunni and the Shia — live within the borders of the nation of Iraq. It is long past time for the leaders of these tribes, in Iraq and elsewhere, to make some concessions to each other so their people in Iraq might have a future.

I say lock the Iraqi Council of Representatives in the Parliament building and tell them the clock is ticking and they're not getting out until they've made a deal. If they get a deal done in time, we'll still be there to let them out. If they don't, when they break the doors open we'll be gone, and they'll be face-to-face with what they've brought on themselves: A civil war between Sunni and Shia which has been brewing for 1,350 years and in which they must all immediately pick a side — and fight to the death for it.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

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DIRTY TRICKS: Poor minority communities are disproportionately exposed to pollution.

Clean air isn't just for the wealthiest people

Dear EarthTalk:

Are there organizations that specifically address the environmental challenges faced by poor and minority communities?

— Bill Macomber, Ann Arbor, MI

WHEN SOCIOLOGIST ROBERT BULLARD began uncovering the proximity of hazardous waste sites to minority neighborhoods across the American South during the course of his graduate research in the 1980s, the “environmental justice” movement was born. In the intervening two decades, environmental and human rights advocates around the U.S. and the world have launched thousands of nonprofit community groups to battle so-called “environmental racism” — whereby otherwise distressed and poor minority communities are disproportionately exposed to the brunt of industrial pollution in their own backyards.

Environmental justice is fundamentally a local issue, but several national groups have devoted considerable resources to righting wrongs and helping communities defend their rights to clean air and water. Perhaps the best known is the Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ), founded

by Lois Gibbs, the mom-turned-activist who in the early 1980s got authorities to shut down and remediate the Love Canal district of Niagara, New York, where buried industrial waste was causing serious health problems. CHEJ has since fought alongside thousands of communities to get toxic sites cleaned up and obtain restitution.

In other ongoing efforts, Environmental Defense’s “Living Cities” program pairs teams of scientists, lawyers and economists with local groups working to resolve environmental health issues in minority population centers. And the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) conducts studies, produces reports and policy analyses and mounts campaigns and lawsuits on various environmental justice issues, with a recent focus on helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Another big player is the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit public interest law firm that has championed several high-profile environmental justice cases since it began as the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in 1971.

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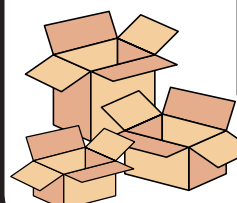
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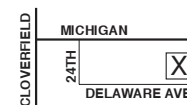
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The Q-Line

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Burning question

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This week's Q-Line question asks:

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[4003(a) Amended 12/1/88; Effective 12/13/88]
- (b) A tenant or landlord filing a petition for a rent decrease shall file along with the original petition, two copies of the petition.
- (c) Any tenant who intends to file a decrease petition shall, at least thirty (30) days but not more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the filing of the petition, notify the landlord, the landlord's authorized representative or the resident manager of the subject property in writing of the conditions or the loss of housing services upon which the intended petition will be based. In order to be accepted for filing, all tenant-initiated decrease petitions must be accompanied by a copy of the aforementioned written notification and an official Board proof of service form signed by the tenant, or the tenant's agent, declaring under penalty of perjury that the written notice has been served in the manner and upon the person or persons specified herein.
- (d) Any tenant who intends to file a decrease petition may, in lieu of the notice provided for in paragraph (c) above, attach a Compliance Order issued to the landlord by the Santa Monica Department of Building and Safety. The Compliance Order must include the conditions upon which the petition is based, and must have been sent to the landlord at least thirty (30) days but no more than one hundred eighty (180) days before a petition may be filed.

If the petition is based on other conditions not covered in the Compliance Order, the tenant must comply with the notice requirements of paragraph (c) above for these other conditions.

- (e) Notwithstanding the amount of increase or decrease in the maximum allowable rent requested by a petitioner, the Board or its hearing examiners may, upon proof submitted at a hearing and without further notice to the opposing party, grant an increase or decrease in an amount greater or lesser than the amount requested by a petitioner.

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[4003 Amended 05/10/07]

A complete copy of this regulation is available at the Rent Control office, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, (310) 458-8751 or on the website: www.smgov.net/rentcontrol



Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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Lending a hand to prospective buyers

IN TODAY'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA real estate market homes are still selling for a premium, but some houses remain on the market longer than homeowners would like. As a real estate market begins to cool, sellers tend to offer buyers incentives to purchase their home — one such incentive is owner financing. If a buyer has a gap between his lender financing and down payment, you as the seller could offer seller financing.

The most important thing to remember if you are a seller offering financing — or "carrying back" a promissory note — is to mimic lenders such as banks. Banks have been lending money to homeowners for decades and have an effective system. When carrying back paper for a buyer think of your local lender and all of the language and terms they expected of you. Replicating certain language will help prevent a buyer, from walking away from his obligation.

Like any good lender, the first thing you should do before offering a buyer financing is to request a personal financial statement. You want to know if the buyer has the qualifications to pay you back. As a seller, you will probably not use debt to income ratios, but will want to make sure the buyer is employed and earns enough income to carry both the lender's loan and your loan, along with his/her other financial obligations. In addition to requesting a personal financial statement, pull the buyers credit from all three bureaus. You want to make sure the buyer does not have any tax liens or bankruptcies on his credit. If you come across these items, ask the buyer what happened and ask for paperwork to verify what the buyer has told you. It is possible, although unlikely, that the buyer has a reasonable explanation for delinquencies and derogatory items. As a seller, you will have to make the final judgment call on whether or not you will provide financing to the new buyer.

If you have decided to extend financing to the buyer, make sure you write up a contract for the buyer to sign. You are actually extending a loan to the buyer and need to make sure you have the proper language in the contract. If you are concerned about writing a real estate contract, consult an attorney. It is better to spend a little money now getting it right instead of a lot of money later because you got it wrong.

Every real estate contract should have a maturity date and payment due date. Although this seems obvious, you would be surprised at how many people forget this rule. Like a lender, make the due date on either the first or 15th of every month and allow a grace period if you so choose. Clearly state what the penalty is for a late payment, and how it needs to be paid (i.e. will it be added to the loan amount or does it need to be paid with the next payment). Also, make sure you specifically state the

interest rate, amortization period and maturity date. If you are not sure about these items, consult an accountant as well as an attorney. It is also important that you collect an earnest money deposit from the buyer to cover you in case they do not follow the language in the contract.

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Another item you want the buyer to be aware of is homeowner's insurance. Make sure they have it continually. If the policy lapses, impose a penalty such as keeping the earnest money deposit. Also, make sure that the buyer pays his property taxes on time. Usually a lender will have taxes and insurance impounded with the payment, but you want to have a hook in the buyer as well. This is another reason for the earnest money deposit.

Two other items that need to be addressed are a due on sale clause and a prepayment penalty. A due on sale clause states that you, the seller, will be paid in full if the buyer sells the property. If you want, you can have language that allows a new buyer to be approved by you and thus assume the existing seller financing. If you are providing seller financing you probably will not want to be paid a large sum of money out of the blue, instead do what a bank does. One solution is to attach a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid off early. A prepayment penalty will discourage a buyer from paying off financing early, which in turn can keep you from getting hit with a large unexpected capital gain.

The tips above are for informational purposes only. Please consult an attorney before drafting a real estate contract. If done correctly owner financing can help sell a house faster than normal and even earn you some passive income in the process.

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Tips for handling disputes over fees

DISPUTING ASSESSMENTS

Q: The management company for our homeowner association has billed me for assessments that I dispute. They are constantly making errors. How do I dispute an assessment?

Answer: The California Civil Code permits owners, under certain circumstances, to dispute the imposition of assessments by their association using alternative dispute resolution. To challenge an assessment, an owner must:

- A.) Pay in full to the association:
 - 1) The amount of the assessment in dispute;
 - 2) Late charges;
 - 3) Interest; and
 - 4) All fees and costs associated with the preparation and filing of a notice of delinquent assessment (lien), including all mailing costs, and including attorney's fees not to exceed \$425.

B.) State by written notice that the amount is paid under protest; and,

C.) Mail such notice and payment to the association by certified mail not more than 35 days after the recording of the notice of delinquent assessment.

Upon receipt of such notice (and payment), the association must inform the owner that the owner may resolve the dispute through alternative dispute resolution, as set forth in Civil Code section 1354, civil action or any other procedure to resolve the dispute that may be available through the association.

The right of any owner to dispute the imposition of an assessment may not be exercised more than two times in any single year, nor more than three times within any five calendar years.

MOVE-IN FEES

Question: May our homeowners association charge a \$500 move-in fee whenever a new owner moves in?

Answer: No. Under California law, an association may not impose or collect an assessment or fee that exceeds the amount necessary

to defray the costs for which it is levied.

LAKE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Question: I live within a large homeowner association that includes a lake which is surrounded by homes. My home is not within view of the lake, nor do we use it. It seems unfair for us to be assessed for the maintenance of the lake when we can't even see it. Do we have any recourse?

Answer: Other than moving, no. If your CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) require that you pay a share of the maintenance, you must do so. It is a contractual obligation you agreed to when you purchased your home.

Even if you cannot see the lake or don't use it for recreational purposes, it is a unique amenity that increases the value of your property.

EQUAL OR UNEQUAL ASSESSMENTS

Question: As the owner of a property management company, I've noticed that while most homeowner associations have equal monthly assessments, some have unequal assessments. How is this determined?

Answer: It is determined on the basis of the budget submitted by the developer and approved by the California Department of Real Estate (DRE).

DRE regulations allow the use of variable (unequal) assessments only if one unit will derive as much as 10 percent more than another unit in the value of common goods and services supplied by the association.

This calculation requires a detailed analysis which separates variable costs from fixed costs.

If you need additional information, I suggest you obtain a DRE budget worksheet from the California Department of Real Estate.

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Updating gas mileage rules

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Lawyers for 11 states and several environmental groups told a federal appeals court Monday that the Bush administration failed to consider global warming when setting new gas mileage rules.

The plaintiffs, led by California's attorney general, told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that federal regulators ignored the effects of carbon dioxide emissions when calculating fuel economy standards for light trucks and sport utility vehicles.

The new mileage standards, announced in March 2006, require an increase in the average fuel economy for all passenger trucks sold in the United States from 22.2 miles per gallon to 23.5 miles per gallon by 2010.

Filed in November, the suit seeks to force the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to recalculate its mileage standards from scratch, with carbon diox-

ide emissions taken into account as a major factor in the agency's analysis.

Speaking outside the courthouse, Attorney General Jerry Brown called the March revisions "pathetic" and said it "has the hand of lobbying, not the mind of science."

Lawyers for the traffic safety administration, which sets the mileage standards, called the cost of greenhouse emissions from vehicles "unquantifiable" and said prioritizing their reduction went beyond the agency's legal mandate.

"Congress directed the agency to balance the ultimate goal of increased fuel economy against the need to preserve economic stability and consumer choice," Bush administration lawyers wrote in a brief responding to the lawsuit.

Federal law does not allow the agency to "disregard those considerations in favor of a full-bore effort to combat the global concerns raised by the emission of carbon dioxide by vehicles," the lawyers wrote.

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Local fitness center is looking at franchising

BY KEVIN HERRERA
DAILY PRESS STAFF WRITER

MID-CITY An exclusive fitness center based in Santa Monica that caters to the likes of NBA All-Star Shaquille O'Neal and Olympic gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg, a former swimming star at Santa Monica College, has decided to branch out and offer franchising opportunities to the average Joe looking to grab a piece of the \$17.6 billion health club industry.

VERT Fitness is looking to sell five franchises in or around Southern California by the end of the year, and another five by 2008. The ultimate goal is establish a center in every city where there is a pro football team, with a plan to have 320 locations by 2012, said Chad Emerson, director of franchise sales.

"We will basically help anyone who is interested in getting them the right type of equipment, finding the right facility, training and planning the grand opening, as well as provide enough financing for start-up costs," Emerson said. "That's why we really want to expand in this area. We really want to be hands on."

"In a sense, the franchisee will be a partner and we will help them day in and day out."

VERT, founded in 1999, is offering two accompanying businesses to franchise — a fitness facility and a physical therapy practice, providing the opportunity for dual revenue streams. Franchises are expected to start at \$150,000.

VERT stands for "velocity enhanced resistance training." In efforts to accomplish ultimate health goals, VERT uses a highly-advanced system of computer-controlled exercise equipment that allows athletes to train at the same speeds they perform without inertia providing a crutch.

"VERT trains the nervous system to contract muscles fast," said Ed Torkelson, founder and president of VERT. "The faster the muscles contract, the faster the particular limb moves. The faster the limb moves, the better that person can functionally perform."

VERT has become the preferred workout method for many athletes because it eliminates inertia associated with weights and allows for high-speed training of the type of fast-twitch muscle fibers. Using computer technology, VERT analyzes the speed, position and resistance of muscles 16,000 times per second throughout the entire range of motion.

With the system, trainers can help up to six clients at once because all their information and routines are stored in computers, which also helps keep costs down, according to Emerson.

The average training session can cost anywhere between \$25 and \$45.

VERT is a privately-owned company with a center on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica, and also in Hermosa Beach and Long Island, New York.

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Governor releases revised budget

BY AARON C. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday backed away from claims he could balance the state's operating budget next year, saying higher-than-expected education costs and slumping housing market revenue would leave California spending more money than it takes in.

Schwarzenegger's nearly \$104 billion revised spending plan, however, provided a window into the Republican governor's apparent new strategy for ending California's chronic budget imbalance.

The governor proposed selling EdFund, the state's quasi public organization that administers federally backed student loans for \$1 billion.

It was the second proposal by Schwarzenegger in less than a week to privatize an arm of state government.

Last week Schwarzenegger said he will ask the Legislature to consider leasing the California Lottery to the highest bidder. Schwarzenegger said on Monday that the state has received estimates that the gambling agency could fetch a price of up to \$37 billion.

Schwarzenegger also made clear those proposals may be the just the first of many to lure Wall Street investors to bid on state assets.

"There's so much money there," Schwarzenegger said. "Everyone in the capital has to look at that and say 'what a great opportunity there for us.' We could take a chunk, for instance, of the lottery money — of this billions and billions of dollars — we can take that and start paying down some of these unfunded liabilities that we have or we can go and use it for other purposes where we need it for programs," Schwarzenegger said.

Lawmakers from both parties said they are intrigued by the governor's privatization ideas.

Senate Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, said he didn't believe the state should be in the business of running the lotto, anyway. However, he did equate the governor's proposed lotto bidding war to "an expanded bake sale."

Schwarzenegger's finance director, Mike Genest, said privatizing the lottery could nearly wipe out California's deficits for the remainder of the decade, although it would not benefit the budget year beginning in July, he said.

Before Schwarzenegger can reach for such a budget fix-all, he must first hammer out a negotiated spending plan for the 2007-08 budget year.

Schwarzenegger's revised spending plan relies on more than \$5 billion in new, untested revenue sources and cuts to

welfare and the disabled that Democrats have vowed to fight.

Republicans, on the other hand, said the governor's proposed cuts may not go far enough, signaling a partisan fight over budget priorities.



THE STATE IS STILL ON AUTOPILOT SPENDING."

Dick Ackerman
Senate Minority Leader

The governor's May release kicks off a perennial sprint to the June 15 deadline for two-thirds of the Legislature to approve the budget. The required super majority means both Democrats and Republicans must approve of the plan. Schwarzenegger is supposed to sign the budget bill into law by June 30.

"The state is still on autopilot spending," said Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, R-Tustin. "We need to bring those expenses down."

Overall, the governor's plan would increase general fund spending by about 1.5 percent in the budget year that begins July 1, from \$102.3 billion to \$103.8 billion. That's slightly higher than the \$103.1 billion in spending Schwarzenegger proposed in January.

If the Legislature approves the sale of the EdFund and other new revenue sources, the deficit for the budget year will be \$1.4 billion, Schwarzenegger said. That is down from the peak of \$16 billion that was forecast the year he took office.

A surplus of nearly \$4 billion carried over from the current fiscal year allows the additional spending and gives Schwarzenegger room to set aside more than \$2 billion to boost its reserve fund and pay down debt early. The governor's revised spending plan contains no tax hikes.

He does, however, rely on reshuffling gas tax and tobacco settlement money, and making additional cuts to social services, to finish balancing the budget.

Schwarzenegger wants to cut \$500 million from the state's welfare system. His budget also calls for cutting cost-of-living increases for the aged, blind and disabled.

Democrats blasted those proposals, accusing Schwarzenegger of bowing to Wall Street pressure at the expense of the state's neediest children and families. The governor wants state expenditures and revenues to balance, in part so California can sell more bonds to build prisons, schools, dams and roads.

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Another incident of questionable gun play

Waitress surprises Spector trial with testimony of firearm

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A waitress who had told the jury in Phil Spector's murder trial that he was fatherly and protective recounted Monday an incident in which the record producer suddenly appeared with a rifle or shotgun to escort her and a friend out of his mansion and said it was for protection.

Kathy Sullivan testified she initially thought it was silly for him to escort them to a car with a gun, and that he looked like the cartoon character Elmer Fudd when he came downstairs with the weapon while wearing plaid.

She said she had told investigators that "it was the funniest picture in the whole wide world" but also testified that once she and her friend drove away she remarked, "I'm so glad we're out of there."

The surprise account by Sullivan, a server at one of Spector's favorite restaurants, was allowed by Superior Court

Judge Larry Paul Fidler after a hearing in which she previewed the testimony and the prosecutor argued that it was markedly different than the image of a paternalistic Spector that had been left with the jury.

"When's the last time you heard of a father walking his daughter to the bus station with a shotgun in his hand?" Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson said to the judge.

Defense attorney Roger Rosen argued that the incident was not relevant and was prejudicial.

Jackson countered that it was evidence that Spector had immediate access to weapons at his home.

Spector is accused of murdering actress Lana Clarkson in the foyer of his mansion. Clarkson died of a gunshot through the mouth in the early hours of Feb. 3, 2003. Spector's defense claims she shot herself. Four other women have testified Spector threatened them with guns in the preceding years.

Sullivan testified that in 1997 or 1998 she and another server named Susan who had become friends with Spector brought pizza and wine to his home and ended up spending the night there, each in a room of their own.

She said the next morning as they were about to depart, Spector left them in the

foyer and eventually returned carrying a long gun. Sullivan said she asked Spector what the weapon was for.

"He said one word. He said, 'Protection,'" she testified.

Asked by Jackson if she was uncomfortable seeing the gun, she said she was because she doesn't like guns.

The prosecutor asked why.

"Bad things happen when guns are around," she said.

Sullivan testified that Spector kept the gun pointed down the entire time as he walked out with them to Susan's car and that she never felt threatened by Spector, who eventually walked away from them.

But she indicated she and her friend were stunned.

"We were both very shocked by it and just (said) 'What was that?'" she testified.

Sullivan earlier testified about going drinking with Spector the night before Clarkson's death and described how they encountered Clarkson working as a hostess guarding the entrance to the House of Blues' Foundation Room, which an ex-club official said was for "Hollywood A-listers" who paid an annual fee of \$2,000.

Sullivan told of Spector ordering a series of drinks as they moved from restaurant to restaurant but said "it never crossed

my mind that he might be inebriated."

Other restaurant personnel who testified identified receipts that showed Spector gave a \$500 tip on a \$55 bill at Dan Tana's and a \$450 tip at House of Blues, part of \$1,200 in tips at four spots that night.

Former House of Blues general manager Aric Berghammer acknowledged under defense questioning that Spector did not appear to be staggering or having trouble moving in security videos showing Spector arriving there and later leaving with Clarkson.

Under cross-examination Sullivan agreed with characterizations of Spector as being mannerly and paternalistic.

"You said it seemed to you and Susan that Mr. Spector got a kick out of you," Rosen said.

That prompted Sullivan to tell a story.

"Well Susan and I were pretty crazy and we were working on a lounge act," she said. "And we would go up to Phillip's house and she would bring her guitar and we would do some of our numbers for him which were clearly terrible."

"It was just very kind and something like a dad would do when he saw his kid's ballet recital."

Agents going low-tech

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO The face- and fingerprint-matching technology that has been touted over the past decade as a sophisticated new way to stop terrorists and illegal immigrants from entering the country through Mexico has one major drawback: U.S. border inspectors almost never use it.

In fact, the necessary equipment is not even installed in vehicle lanes along the border.

Government officials told The Associated Press that checking more people would create too big a backup at the border, where hours-long traffic jams are already common.

Some members of Congress who voted for the system in 1996 are complaining they were misled. They said the intent was to use biometrics — or a person's unique physical traits — to screen everyone.

"Congress would not have gone to the trouble of requiring biometric features on the border crossing card if it knew the administration would not require that those features

be read by scanners," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, who wrote the legislation.

The U.S. government has spent tens of millions of dollars issuing visa cards digitally embedded with the holder's photo and fingerprints.

Holders of the cards come across the border tens of millions of times each year. But on average, in only about 2 percent of those cases are the cardholders screened with the biometric technology to verify their identities and check law-enforcement records, said Paul Morris, Customs and Border Protection's executive director of admissibility requirements and migration control.

The checks are done consistently only on the small portion of cardholders who seek permission to travel beyond the border region.

"As the technology becomes available, we can expand the current level of biometric matching," Morris said.

"There is not a technology solution currently available that will not cause delays that are well beyond the acceptable levels."

Children exposed to pesticides

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

STRATHMORE On Grandparents Day, Domitila Lemus accompanied her 8-year-old granddaughter to school. As the girls lined up behind Sunnyside Union Elementary, a foul mist drifted onto the playground from the adjacent orange groves, witnesses say.

Lemus started coughing, and two children collapsed in spasms, vomiting on the blacktop.

An Associated Press investigation found that over the past decade, hundreds, possibly thousands, of schoolchildren in California and other agricultural states have been exposed to farm chemicals linked to sickness, brain damage and birth defects. The family of at least one California teenager suspects pesticides caused her death.

But the government does little to monitor poisonous chemicals applied near thousands of schools. There are no federal laws specifically against spraying near schools, and advocates say California and the seven other states that have laws creating buffer zones around schools to protect them from pesticides don't do enough to enforce them.

"The regulations are inadequate. In the vast majority of cases, people who didn't follow the laws received at best a \$400 fine," said Margaret Reeves, a scientist with the Pesticide Action Network, a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco.

The pesticide industry says it is committed to safety, and regulators say they are doing their best to enforce the laws.

"Everyone wants to protect children," said California Department of Pesticide Regulation spokesman Glenn Brank. He said his agency is doing what it can to enforce the law with a shortage of agricultural inspectors.

In the Strathmore incident last November, grandparents said the spraying was being done less than 150 feet from the children. Tulare County authorities fined an unlicensed pest removal company \$1,100 for spraying a restricted weed killer that morning. But no action was taken over what witnesses said happened to the children, who have since recovered without apparent lasting effects.

Because no one reported the incident as a case of pesticide drift, county agricultural inspectors never swabbed the jungle gym or took grass samples, making it impossible to establish whether pesticide had, in fact, drifted onto the playground.



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Glenn Brank

California Department of Pesticide Regulation
spokesman

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not keep comprehensive national figures on students and teachers sickened by drifting pesticide.

In California, the No. 1 farm state and the one with the best records, there were 590 pesticide-related illnesses at schools from 1996 to 2005, according to state figures analyzed by the AP. More than a third of those were due to pesticide drift, the figures show. Activists say that those numbers are low and that many cases are never reported.

In California's long, flat interior, spraying season lasts seven months, from March through September. When citrus trees blossom and grapevines climb trellises, Lemus prays to the Virgin Mary that her granddaughter won't come home with her eyes watering and head pounding, unable to breathe.

Tulare County, where she lives, is one of the nation's most fertile farm regions, with more than half the schools within a quarter-mile of agricultural fields, according to the nonprofit Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment.

As suburbs push close to farmland, the rate of pesticide poisoning among children nationwide has risen in recent years, according to a 2005 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study found that 40 percent of all children sickened by pesticides at school were victims of drift — pesticide carried on the breeze.




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Firefighters mop up after Catalina blaze

By the Associated Press

AVALON Firefighters on Tuesday surrounded the 4,750-acre Santa Catalina Island wildfire that briefly threatened the Southern California resort isle's quaint town.

"The fire is definitely knocked down," said Inspector Ron Haralson of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The fire was contained, or surrounded, just after dawn Tuesday.

The firefighting force, which grew to 700 at the peak of the blaze last week, was down to 271 on Tuesday.

The remaining firefighters and equipment sent to the island when the fire broke out May 10 will likely return to the mainland

Wednesday, Haralson said.

Ferries carrying residents, workers and tourists resumed regular trips Monday to the island, a popular vacation getaway and film location more than 20 miles south of Los Angeles Harbor.

The blaze burned across the island's rugged, unpopulated interior and briefly threatened Avalon, leading to evacuation of most of the island's 4,000 residents.

Fourteen firefighters suffered minor injuries. One home and several sheds and storage buildings burned down.

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

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Cell phone tax ruling leaves \$167 million budget hole

The city is facing a \$167 million budget hole because an appellate court ruled Los Angeles illegally hiked cellular telephone taxes.

The city violated the California Constitution when it imposed the tax increase without getting voter approval required by Proposition 218, the state Court of Appeal said in a decision last week.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's 2007-2008 budget proposal counts on the \$167 million raised by the tax.

"We have to look at this as the potential loss of a major source of revenue now," said Councilman Bernard Parks, chairman of the council's Budget and Finance Committee. The committee is reviewing the mayor's \$7.8 billion spending plan.

"I think, in a worst-case scenario, you are looking at dramatic cuts in services, freezes and even employee layoffs," Parks said.

Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, a committee co-chair, said the city may appeal last week's ruling.

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LOS ANGELES

Gun charges dropped against East L.A. College student

Prosecutors dropped six of the most serious gun charges filed against a college student who allegedly posted pictures of unregistered assault weapons on his MySpace Web page.

Matthew Corwin, 23, the student body president at East Los Angeles College, was arrested April 30 for weapons violations and possession of stolen property after students and faculty members contacted authorities about the Web page showing Corwin in fatigues and holding weapons.

Corwin was initially charged with five counts of unlawful assault-weapon sales, four counts of unlawful possession of assault weapons, two counts of possession of a deadly weapon and one count of receiving stolen property.

But six weapons charges were dropped Monday after federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives officials said some of the firearms recently found at Corwin's home in Monterey Park were legal.

"After further investigation by the (federal officials) they determined that the Browning machine .30-caliber was lawful.

"So we dismissed six counts today. The remaining six counts will be prosecuted," district attorney's office spokeswoman Jane Robison said.

Corwin lawyer Chuck Michel said a post-Virginia Tech environment led to his client's arrest. "The only thing he is guilty of is indiscretion and bad timing," Michel said.

Corwin's bail was reduced Monday - from \$365,000 to \$120,000 - by a Superior Court judge in Alhambra.

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MOORPARK

Owner of escaped tiger sentenced to home detention

An owner of a Siberian tiger that was shot and killed as it roamed the hills near the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library two years ago was ordered to spend four months in home detention.

Roena "Emma" Hedengran, 54, had pleaded guilty to a federal misdemeanor count of failing to maintain records of exotic felines. She owned the tiger with her husband Gert "Abby" Hedengran, 58.

Along with home detention, Roena Hedengran was placed on three years probation and fined \$900, U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Thom Mrozek said Monday.

Her husband had pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, making false statements and failing to maintain proper records.

He was sentenced last week to eight months home detention, fined \$900 and placed on three years probation.

The couple now lives in Parumph, Nev.

In 2005, they moved with about 22 exotic cats from a licensed facility in Riverside County to an unlicensed facility in the Moorpark area of Ventura County.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2007-08 ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Amendment to the FY 2007-08 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan, which is a component of the Consolidated Plan, is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2005-10) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2005. Copies of the Proposed FY 2007-08 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending June 12, 2007. Copies are available at City Hall, the Santa Monica Public Library (main and branch libraries), and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to the above address by June 12, 2007, or you may present your comments verbally at the City Council public hearing on that date.

**The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007
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Recognizing skating's legacy

Landmarks Commission designates old Zephyr shop as a landmark

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET In the end, the reports of Dogtown's death were greatly exaggerated.

The former Zephyr and Jeff Ho Productions surf shop was designated as a cultural and historical landmark on Monday. The Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to save the building from demolition in perpetuity, an incredibly rare move in which a building was preserved not based on its architectural features, but for its cultural significance.

The west wing of 2001-2011 Main Street was the only portion of the structure saved from demolition in the historic designation. It is in the west wing where a group of unknown street kids from Dogtown crafted a new revolutionary style of skateboarding that they introduced during the 1975 Bahne-Cadillac National Skateboard Championship. Many credit the event — also known as the Del Mar Nationals — with jump-starting a revolution in skateboarding, transforming it from a largely recreational activity to an aggressive outlaw sport.

"I'm happy for the city of Santa Monica, glad that they've acknowledged the fact the building needed to be saved for historical and cultural value because of the surfing and skating industry that has been a part of Santa Monica for years," said Jeff Ho, former owner of the old skate shop. "That's one of the best things ... the city has done for the public."

The Zephyr shop actually took up about half of the west wing. Directly adjacent to the old shop, and also part of the west wing, is the Horizons West Surf Shop. Randy Wright, the owner of Horizons, rents the entire wing and keeps the old Zephyr surf shop as a shrine to the Z-Boys team, selling strictly Z-Boys and Dogtown merchandise.

The parking lot and the east and south wings of the structure will be demolished and converted into 14 units of mixed use multi-family housing units along with a below grade garage that will hold 48 parking spaces. The entire project is expected to be certified for Leadership in Energy

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ONE-STORY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

JEFF HO SURFBOARDS AND ZEPHYR PRODUCTIONS

Courtesy of Howard Laks Architects

HOW THE WEST WAS WON: Plans for the building at 2001-11 Main Street — designated as a city landmark on Monday — call for the preservation of the structure's west wing, which housed a culturally significant skateboard shop, while the east and south wings will be demolished to make way for a mixed-use building.

and Environmental Design by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The east and south wings are currently occupied as artist studios.

Some minor work will be done on the west wing, including a seismic retrofit and dry rot repair. The building will also be brought up to meet ADA standards and will undergo life, fire and safety upgrades to make it safe for the public, said Howard Laks of Howard Laks Architects.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be conducted to determine the affects the project will have on the neighborhood. The EIR is expected to take anywhere from six to nine months to complete. The project will then go before the Planning Commission for approval and

the Landmarks Commission thereafter for a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is required for any work done on a historically designated building.

It was a pleasant conclusion to a story that could've ended with the entire structure being demolished, considering that property owner Juli Doar had filed a demolition permit before she was informed of the historic significance of the building in October. She later withdrew the permit.

Former Dogtown skaters and community activists spoke out, demanding the entire structure be saved and arguing that demolition of the building would be a tragedy. Doar initially offered to fund a homage to skating history, suggesting murals and statues.

Following a series of Landmarks Commission meetings and community workshops, Doar came back to the commission last month offering a compromise — keeping the portion of the structure housing the old Zephyr shop and Horizons West Surf Shop, but tearing down the rest.

"It's been a somewhat time-consuming process for us, but it seems at least we're at a point where we can reach a conclusion," said Ken Kutcher, a land use attorney representing the owner.

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Murder for hire suspect nabbed in Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN Police officers arrested a man last week after he allegedly tried to hire an undercover cop to kill his friend. The suspect had been holding more than \$100,000 for the targeted friend and didn't want to give it back, according to police.

Investigators from the Santa Monica Police Department's narcotics and vice unit arrested Luis M. Cortez, 51, of Los Angeles, last Friday at his workplace in

Santa Monica.

Cortez and the intended victim have known each other for nearly 20 years.

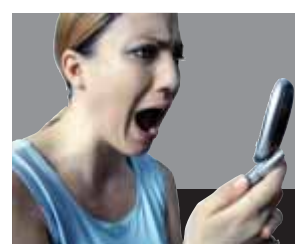
On May 2, Cortez contacted another friend and asked him to look for someone that could be hired to kill the victim, a police report said. Once the victim was dead, Cortez thought he could keep the money. The intermediary contacted the SMPD, who conducted the investigation leading to Cortez's arrest.

Investigators also served search warrants at Cortez's workplace and his residence in Los Angeles, where they recovered additional evidence.

Cortez was booked for soliciting another person to commit a murder and conspiracy to commit a crime. He is being held without bail.

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FACE OF THE NEEDY: "Invisible Children" aims to assist students in Uganda.

Santa Monica High kids help Uganda

FROM SCHOOLS PAGE 1

School, University of Southern California and the University of San Diego.

Leading the pack is Santa Monica High School, which bumped its total from a little more than \$17,000 to about \$20,300 with a donation on Monday from an anonymous donor who cut a check for three grand.

"I wanted to set a high goal even if we don't reach it," said Samohi senior and project leader Kelly Snyder.

The project was introduced to the student body by Snyder, who has been involved with Invisible Children after watching a documentary by the same name two years ago.

The documentary focuses on four young Uganda boys — Jacob, Tony, Thomas and Boni — and tells the story of their abduction and survival through their eyes. The directors — Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole — embarked on a trip to Uganda a few years ago and were horrified to discover young children were being trained as fighters by the LRA for their campaign. While many remain prisoners, some have managed to escape.

A big fan of the movie, Snyder has seen the documentary more than 20 times herself. Inspired, she asked every Social Studies teacher at Samohi to show the documentary in their classes this year.

Snyder then convinced the school to hold a series of assemblies in early February after the students had watched the film in their Social Studies classes. It was during these assemblies in Barnum Hall that Snyder and the core group of students in the Northern Uganda advocacy club proposed the Schools for Schools project.

"Our club grew three times in size after Barnum," said freshman and club member Lior Nachshon.

Since then, the students have been busy raising money, mindful that two students from the winning school of each cluster is invited to Northern Uganda over the summer. Two so-called "wild card" schools nationwide will also be invited on the trip.

Aside from tapping into their parents and friends for support, the students have reached out to the greater Samohi community, selling "Invisible Children" DVDs, black T-shirts reading "My heart is in Uganda," smoothies, and even enlisting teachers to raise funds in their classes.

The point was to make donating money easy for the students, Snyder said.

In club member Marisa Iannaccone's class, a

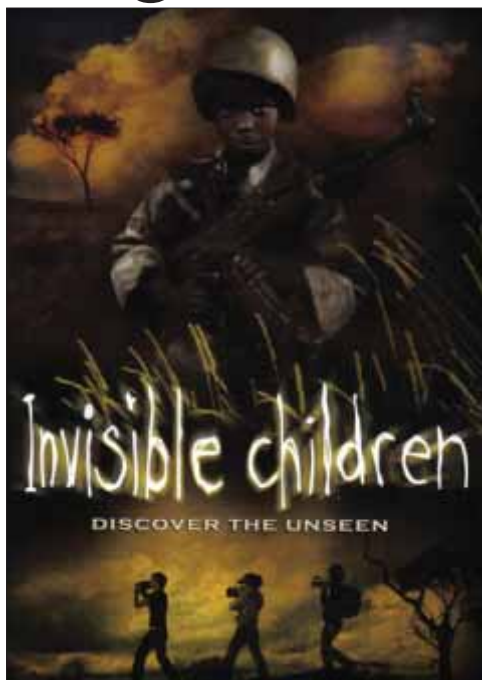


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MOVIE TIME: Poster for "Invisible Children."

teacher had set out a jar, asking students to donate their change. By the time the jar was full, it contained close to \$300, said Iannaccone, a freshman.

An Advanced Placement art class hosted an "Art for Uganda" auction, selling student paintings and ultimately raising \$1,100. Another class hosted a dinner where they showed clips of the documentary, raising \$1,400.

The Schools for Schools project has put things in perspective for these students who say the Samohi community has been able to unite and forget their differences, whether they're a senior or freshman, a social butterfly or socially awkward.

"This is the one place where we can forget our differences," said sophomore Haley Kang.

It even makes these students reconsider that trip to the local coffee shop to grab a caramel mocha drink.

"Every time you go to Starbucks, you think about what the money could go toward," said sophomore Casey Romaine.

To donate to Santa Monica High School's efforts with Schools for Schools, visit their Web site at <http://s4s.invisiblechildren.com/school/santa-monica-high-school>. Donations must be made by midnight.

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Recognition for thinking green

FROM GREEN PAGE 3

tant secretary for policy with the California Environmental Protection Agency.

"We can have a clean environment and a strong economy at the same time," Tuck said, quoting from her boss, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who appointed her in 2005, around the same time he enacted emission reduction targets and a plan to address global warming.

This year's grand prize winners are Eco-Limo, The Phelps Group, reDiscover, RMC Water & Environment, Wilshire Restaurant and Yoga Works.

Excellence winners for 2007 are London Sole, excellence in stewardship of the environment; California Recycles, excellence in stewardship of the environment and excellence in economic development; Ramer Architecture, environ-

ment and excellence in social responsibility; and the Venice Family Clinic, environment and social responsibility.

PET PERKS, NOT PET PEEVES

Kristen Thomas, a public relations specialist with the Phelps Group, a marketing and communications firm, said her company has recently completed a lighting retrofit that resulted in 93,000 less pounds of carbon emitted annually, or \$8,000 in savings, and is currently installing solar panels. The company is also employee-owned and provides pro bono services totaling \$50,000 a year to organizations such as Junior Blind of America.

"We are really excited about being recognized for our effort," said Thomas, who also mentioned her office is dog friendly. "We try to create a really enjoyable atmosphere. It's nice to go over and pet a puppy when you are having a bad day. It does make a

difference."

Larry Price with Yoga Works credited Sustainable Works and the Business Greening Program for helping the company identify ways to be more environmentally friendly. Yoga Works not only offsets its carbon emission by purchasing credits through Prana's Natural Power Initiative, they have also forced their office supply company Staples to carry permanent lines of biodegradable cleaners, making the products available to any commercial customer.

"It's really awesome," Price said about the awards. "We are really excited and hopefully our next step is to go for green business certification so we can be listed as a green business and proudly display that symbol in our window. It's what we want, what our students want and basically what the people want."

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Locals say yes to public-financed elections

FROM ELECTIONS PAGE 3

"There are a lot of things that need to be flushed out, but I think it's worth working with the public to come up with a community concept," remarked Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz during a debate in March.

Under the proposal, candidates would have to raise \$3,000 in qualifying contributions over three months to receive \$50,000 in public money. Prospective candidates could raise a minimum of \$5 per person or a maximum of \$30.

Once certified, a candidate would receive \$50,000 in public funds. Candidates may also receive an additional \$50,000, which would be used to respond to non-participating candidates and special interests groups that have spent in excess of \$50,000.

NOT QUITE CUT AND DRY

Questions still remain. Would any resident be able to contribute to qualifying candidates or only registered voters? How would City Hall pay for it, with money from the general fund or from a new tax?

City Clerk Maria Stewart, the director of records and election services, said she was

pleased with the turnout on Tuesday and some of the suggestions made by the public, which included creating a full-time Council, more immediate reporting of campaign expenditures, term limits and ranked voting.



WE NEED TO FIND SOME WAY TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD."

John Petz, education advocate

"I think people thought long and hard about what they wanted to say and were very thoughtful in their comments," Stewart said. "I think they are all interesting ideas. Anything that can help the City Council do outreach and connect better with the residents is a good thing. All had good ideas, but in the end, it is a matter of what the council wants to do and if there is funding available."

Stewart said some of the suggestions, such as placing stricter limits on contributions that can be made to independent expenditure committees, may not be possible because of federal law protecting freedom of speech and a lack of resources.

Stewart is expected to go back to the council this summer with her findings from the meeting and surveys completed online.

Ranked voting seemed to be as hot a topic as public financing, with former Mayor

Mike Feinstein in strong support of a new system. Some voters feel the current system is flawed, prompting them to withhold their vote for one candidate out of fear that they may bump off their preferred choice once all the votes are tallied.

In a ranked system, voters would prioritize their choices — from most desirable to the least. At present, residents vote for multiple candidates, with each vote carrying equal weight. This forces some to vote for only one or two candidates.

Other suggestions made by residents included holding more debates earlier in the process; increased fines for printing false

information on campaign literature; creating a non-profit to monitor expenditures and coordinate candidate questionnaires; more monitoring of polling places to look for irregularities or malfunctioning machines; and publishing a monthly newsletter in which candidates could communicate directly with voters and respond to attacks.

Residents were also disappointed with the lack of minority candidates.

"It's hard enough to come forward and participate, let alone be heard on the same level of the other candidates," said John Petz, an education advocate who has been involved in campaigns to raise money for schools. "We need to find some way to level the playing field."

Petz suggested creating some kind of questionnaire that would be developed by residents for the candidates to review and complete.

"We need to create a conversation in our community of what it is to be a citizen," Petz said. "We need to identify people who are living in the spirit of Santa Monica."

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Bonds' 756th homer unlikely to be costly

Amid controversy, demand expected to be light for baseball

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds may break Hank Aaron's record this season, but the slugger's 756th home run ball won't likely break any records at auction houses, according to several sports memorabilia experts.

Heritage Auction Galleries said Sunday it would pay \$1 million for the baseball Bonds is expected to hit this summer to establish a new career home run record. But executives acknowledged that the company was willing to part with seven figures in part because of all the publicity surrounding the milestone.

"We want press on it, and we want the news out there," said Chris Ivy, director of sports auctions for Heritage. "But overall, we'd just love to handle this baseball."

Had it not been for the Heritage offer, however, the ball would probably be worth \$400,000 to \$500,000, said rare collectibles appraiser David Kohler. Kohler's SCP Auctions handled the February sale of a Honus Wagner baseball card that went for \$2.35 million.

More valuable than Bonds' 756th ball, Kohler said, will be the last career home run ball returned by the San Francisco Giants' slugger, who says he has no intention of retiring soon. But even that ball isn't likely to fetch more than \$1 million, Kohler said.

"There's a lot of interest, but it's not the same as it used to be," said Kohler, whose company auctioned a signed 1923 Babe Ruth bat for \$1.25 million in 2004. "At the end of the day, it's just a new piece of memorabilia, and there's not a hysteria around baseball like a few years ago."

The highest price ever paid for baseball memorabilia was set in 1999 when comic artist Todd McFarlane snagged Mark McGwire's record single-season home run ball for \$3 million.

Collectors and appraisers say baseball memorabilia prices have stagnated or

declined since the start of a widespread federal inquiry into steroid use in 2003. That's when investigators shut down the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative in Burlingame, netting guilty pleas from BALCO founder Victor Conte and Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, among others.

The investigation has put intense scrutiny on Bonds, who told a 2003 federal grand jury he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Stefan Tesoriero, chief executive for Miami-based SportsMemorabilia.com, said he'd love to sell Bonds' 756th ball on his site, which will start hosting auctions at the end of summer. But he doubted the ball could get more than Heritage is asking — and certainly nowhere near the \$3 million fetched by McGwire's souvenir.

“AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT’S JUST A NEW PIECE OF MEMORABILIA.”

David Kohler
rare collectibles appraiser

Still, Bonds' role in the steroid scandal makes the value of his record-setting ball hard to predict. EBay had 69 bids on Bonds' 715th home-run ball before it sold for \$220,100 in August.

"Should Barry be convicted of something, we might see this become an infamous piece of memorabilia with cult appeal, and that could severely inflate the value," Tesoriero said. "Or maybe not."

Generally, memorabilia about beloved sports stars fetches more than that of talented athletes with attitude problems, he said. Babe Ruth items are perennial best sellers; those of surly tempered racist Ty Cobb are harder to sell, according to Tesoriero.

Bonds is particularly polarizing. Sports memorabilia seller Steven Kindborg says his Bonds' enthusiasts break down along generational lines.

CYCLING

Landis wears yellow to hearing

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

MALIBU Floyd Landis spent months crisscrossing the country to explain his defense to anyone who would listen. On Monday, he took his case before the people who can do something about it.

Wearing a yellow necktie instead of the yellow jersey earned when he won the Tour de France last year, Landis strode into the law building at Pepperdine University for the start of his long-awaited arbitration hearing.

"I'm excited to get the case under way," he said before the hearing began. "I hope the arbitrators rule fairly and on the facts. I'm confident if they do, I'll retain my title and be racing again."

His mother and father, Arlene and Paul, and his wife, Amber, sat behind the defense table. Before the proceedings began, Arlene Landis stepped to the front

of the room to snap a picture of her son and the team of lawyers leading his multi-million-dollar defense.

Then, it was showtime. Landis' lead attorney, Maurice Suh, didn't disappoint.

The disaster, Suh said, is the way the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has gone about prosecuting the case, which could result in a two-year suspension for Landis and make him the first cyclist in the 104-year history of the Tour de France to be stripped of his title.

Richard Young, the lead attorney presenting USADA's case, said in his opening statement that despite the publicity, this was simply another in a long list of cases USADA handles — one in which the cold, hard scientific data would prove an athlete had used synthetic testosterone.

"There's nothing unique about what the panel has to decide," Young said.



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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+
Wilcrest 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+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards west	C	A+
Carbon Beach at Silverwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint area)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	A+
Pena Creek at Los Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (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 (Chetopaque)	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- Vanguard 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+

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Time for friends, Cancer

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)

★★★ What you want might seem out of your reach. You cannot bring different ends together and have them work. Forget it. Decide on your personal priorities and let time do its magic. Tonight: A call might keep you up late. If you care, turn off the ringer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are strong and directed. Knowing this fact, you can handle a little confusion or someone dumping responsibilities on you. You'll make important decisions about your needs and goals. Tonight: If you can, get in early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Know when not to make plans or finalize an agreement. Today a haze might surround your thinking. Tomorrow is another day, especially in your case. You will be running on all cylinders at that point. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Use today as if there is no tomorrow, and get as much done as possible. Look at each person as if you might never see him or her again. Renew your energy through gratitude and awareness. Tonight: Time for friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ The spotlight is on you. You not only get the kudos but also might get blamed if there is a snafu. Someone you care about might be weaving a deceptive haze around you. Take a hard look at reality. Be a touch cynical. Tonight: Now, for the good times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Charge your creativity through conversations and detachment. Try to loosen up the limits that you impose upon your mind and seeing events only through your eyes. Some might decide to sign up for some type of mind-opening experience. Tonight: Allow your imagination to lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Someone you care about cannot be everything you would like him or her to be. Avoid risking right now, as a backfire might happen too easily. A key partnership enhances your life. Recognize this person and allow greater closeness. Tonight: One-on-one time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others might seem to be overly sure of themselves. Don't poke holes in their armor, trying to sprinkle some realism here and there. Rather, let events occur. Tonight: Go along for the ride, even if you are sure it is the world's highest roller coaster!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your choices might feel limited, especially as you would like to expand, be more creative and perhaps follow a path to a dream. Scratch that idea; put it on the back burner. Accomplish now, not tomorrow! Tonight: Choose a favorite tension-breaker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ When a problem arises, you will have the Band-Aid ready. Your smile opens doors and allows many to relax and trust you. Often you keep a lot hidden. For people to trust, they have to have a sense of openness. Tonight: A midweek romp.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Know when to back off. Your vision does not connect with what is happening. You might be choosing to see events in this haze, adding to your problems. Decide to be more practical. Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have a lot to say, but somehow there is a loophole in your thinking. Easily, though, you still could decide that you are 100 percent right-on. New beginnings become possible with discussions and facts. Not everything is your way. Tonight: Out on the merry-go-round of life.

Born Today

Pianist Liberace (1919)

Singer Janet Jackson (1966)

Actor Pierce Brosnan (1953)

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Happy Birthday!

This year, live your life with intensity and determination. Manifest creativity and have the courage to express it. Work on your listening skills, and you will be much happier with your relationships in general. Often, you run into people in authority who seem to be confusing yet idealistic. Make it your job to put practical steps into their plans. Traveling and education might play significant roles. If you are single, many find you extremely attractive. Who you choose for your sweetie might be someone quite different than if you wait until winter 2007. GEMINI might have unlimited ideas for using your funds!

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Voice of music

Mary J. Blige picked to receive ASCAP award

MARY J. BLIGE better make room on her trophy shelf.

The R&B diva, who won three Grammy Awards in February, will receive the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers' Voice of Music Award, the group

announced Tuesday.

The award will be presented June 25 at ASCAP's 20th-anniversary Rhythm & Soul Music Awards at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

"Mary J. Blige is not only the 'Queen of Hip-Hop Soul,' but also a guiding light," said ASCAP President Marilyn

Bergman in a statement. "Through all of her struggles, she was determined to find and maintain her own musical voice."

Blige, 36, has released seven chart-topping albums during her 15-year career, including last year's "The Breakthrough."

Besides her Grammys, Blige has won honors from the American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards and MTV Video Music Awards, among others.

"Mary exemplifies everything that this award stands for," said ASCAP official Jeanie Weems. "Her

music has been the voice of inspiration to women worldwide in both struggle and triumph."

Past recipients of the Voice of Music Award include Garth Brooks, Kenny Chesney, Diane Warren and Jimmy Webb.

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MOMMA DREA



DREA DE MATTEO, who played Adriana La Cerva on HBO's "The Sopranos," is pregnant with her first child.

The father is de Matteo's boyfriend, country singer Shooter Jennings, the actress' publicist, Amanda Silverman, said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Silverman didn't provide further details.

De Matteo, 35, concluded her run on "The Sopranos" when her character was killed in the fifth season of the hit mob drama. She also starred on "Joey."

AP

Stallone admits to charges

SYLVESTER STALLONE pleaded guilty Tuesday to two charges of importing banned substances into Australia, saying he takes the muscle-building drugs for a medical condition and didn't know he was breaking the law.

Stallone, star of the "Rocky" and "Rambo" films, didn't appear in court. He left Australia in February after authorities confiscated the substances.

"I made a terrible mistake, not because I was attempting to deceive anyone, but I was simply ignorant to your official rules," the 60-year-old actor said in a letter to Sydney Local Court.

"Years ago I was diagnosed with a condition and my doctors prescribed human growth hormone and testosterone for its

treatment. Under medical supervision I have continued to use both medications," he said.

Stallone didn't disclose the medical condition.

His lawyer, Phillip Boulten, said the actor had been taking the drugs for at least six years, and didn't realize he needed a license to bring them into Australia.

"This is not some back-alley body builder dealing covertly with some banned substance in some sort of secret way," he said. "This was a legitimate medical condition being treated by doctors of the top-ranking order in the West Coast of the United States."

Stallone doesn't face prison time because of the relatively minor nature of the crime. He could be fined thousands of dollars when he is sentenced

Monday.

He was charged after a customs search of his luggage in February revealed 48 vials of the human growth drug Jintropin.

Three days later, Stallone threw four vials out a window of his Sydney hotel when customs officials arrived to search his room, prosecutor David Agius told the court.

Stallone said he was carrying a large number of vials because he was going on location in Thailand for three months for a new movie.

Human growth hormone, a naturally occurring substance that can be replicated synthetically and is used to build muscle mass, is considered a performance-enhancing drug in Australia. It cannot be imported without a permit.

The maximum penalty

for bringing Jintropin into Australia without a license is a fine of \$91,500 and five years in prison. Stallone faces a maximum penalty of \$18,000 on each of the two charges and no prison time because the matter is being heard by a local, not federal, court.

Human growth hormone is available in Australia and the United States by prescription to treat specific medical conditions such as hormone deficiency and stunted growth in children.

The drugs are more widely available in the United States, where proponents say their benefits can range from helping athletes increase muscle mass to restoring energy in the elderly. There is no scientific consensus on the claimed benefits.

AP

Lohan and daughter sued by NYC photographer

LINDSAY LOHAN and her mother have been sued by a freelance photographer who claims the "Georgia Rule" actress hit him with a car in the West Village.

Photographer Giovanni Arnold claims he "sustained severe and permanent personal injuries" when he was struck by the BMW on March 13 on Ninth Avenue between 12th and 13th streets.

Arnold suffered injuries to both knees and was "still getting med-

ical treatment," his lawyer, Marc Mauser, said Tuesday. He said Arnold was seeking unspecified monetary damages "for his pain and suffering and his lost wages."

Robert Stephan Cohen, a lawyer for Lindsay Lohan and her mother, Dina, was in a meeting Tuesday and wasn't immediately available for comment, his office said.

The complaint claims the Lohans were "negligent, careless and reckless" with the vehicle.

The lawsuit, filed last Thursday, says the BMW was owned by Dina Lohan and that her daughter was driving it with her permission.

Arnold was reportedly among several photographers trailing the 20-year-old actress from a nightclub to the Hotel Gansevoort in the Meatpacking District.

Lohan reportedly told the New York Post in March that one of the photographers jumped on the hood of the car, accidentally knocking

Arnold down.

According to Mauser, Arnold was in front of the BMW when Lohan put it in reverse and then in drive, throwing him on the hood and then the ground. He said the actress stopped to check on Arnold before leaving.

The Lohans have 30 days to respond to the lawsuit, filed in state Supreme Court in the Bronx, the borough where Arnold lives.

AP

U2's Bono says industrial countries are failing

The world's biggest industrial countries are failing to keep up with financial promises they made to Africa, rocker-activist **BONO** said Tuesday, calling a new progress report "a cold shower" for the Group of Eight.

G-8 members in 2004-2006 contributed less than half the amount needed to make good on promises to double Africa aid to \$50 billion by 2010, according to a report released by DATA - Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa - an advocacy group founded by Bono, the 47-year-old frontman for Irish band U2.

"The G-8 are sleepwalking into a

crisis of credibility. I know the DATA report will feel like a cold shower, but I hope it will wake us all up," he said.

Bono is urging German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who chairs a G-8 summit in Germany next month, to ensure that members contribute what they said they would.

The report shows the G-8 increased aid by \$2.3 billion but says they need to increase aid by an additional \$3.1 billion to substantially help the people of Africa.

"These statistics are not just numbers on a page," Bono said. "They are people begging for their

lives, for two pills a day, a mother begging to immunize her children, a child begging not to become a mother at the age of 12."

The DATA report said aid money that does arrive has an effect. "Every day 1,450 Africans living with AIDS are put on life-saving drugs," the organization said, and 20 million African children are going to school for the first time, thanks in part to debt cancellations and aid increases.

Still, Bono warns that insufficient increases in aid could reverse progress already made. DATA says the G-8 must contribute \$7.4 billion

this year alone to reach its goal. If Germany makes good on its promises to help Africa, he said, the other G-8 members will do the same.

Britain and Japan have contributed most of the aid increase so far, it said.

Traveling later to European Union headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, Bono scolded France, Italy and other nations for using debt cancellation to mask cuts in regular aid payments to Africa.

"Debt cancellation has been used to hype the figures," he told reporters.

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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

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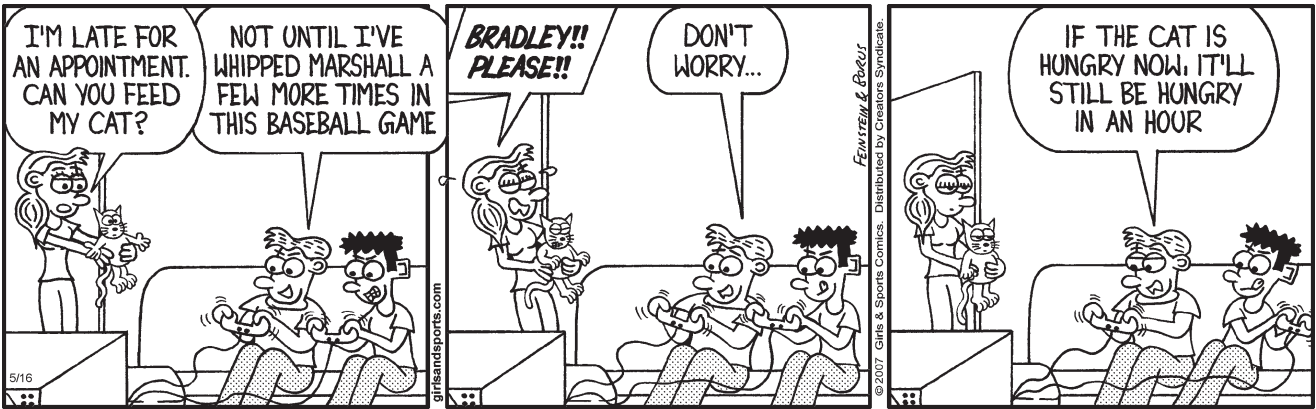
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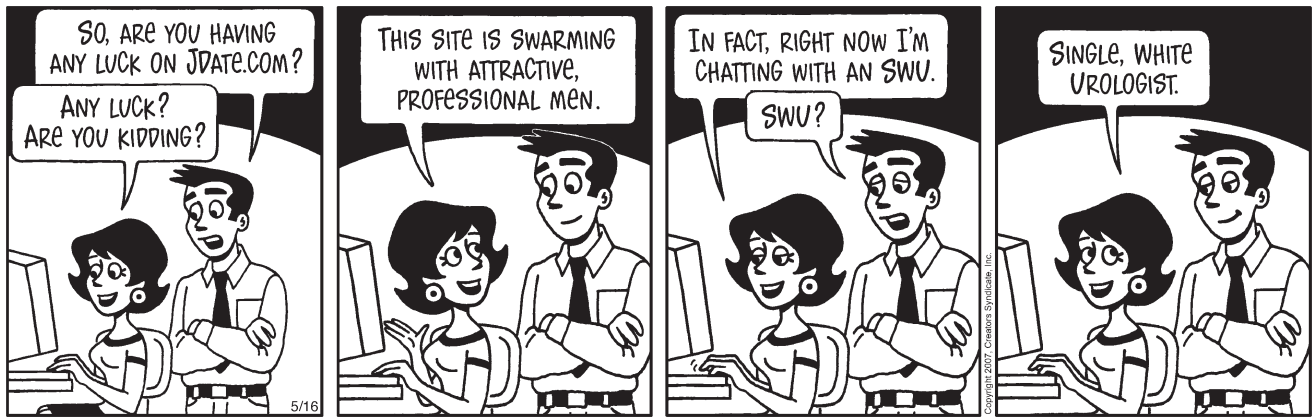
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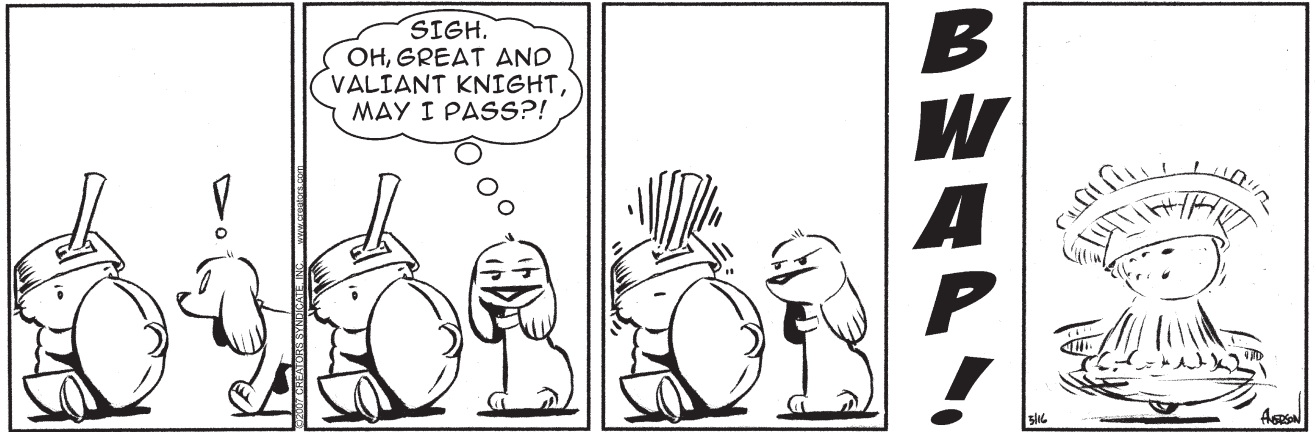
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWN-
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Date of Filing Application: MAY 9, 2007
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: ISLANDS
RESTAURANTS L-PSHIP.
The applicants listed above are applying to the
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell
alcoholic beverages at: 10948 W PICO BLVD, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90064.
Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GEN-
ERAL EATING PLACE.
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLE-
WOOD.
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5/16/2007

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF LUCY O.
ELLIOT aka LUCY OROZCO EL-
LIOTT**

Case No. SP007136

To all heirs, beneficiar-
ies, creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may otherwise be
interested in the will or estate, or
both, of LUCY O. ELLIOTT aka LUCY
OROZCO ELLIOTTA PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Carlos E. El-
liott & Mark E. Elliott in the Superior
Court of California, County of LOS
ANGELES.THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Carlos E.
Elliott & Mark E. Elliott be ap-
pointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the deced-
ent.THE PETITION requests
the decedent's will and codicils, if
any, be admitted to probate. The will
and any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the court.THE PETITION requests
authority to administer the estate
under the Independent
Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This
authority will allow the personal repre-
sentative to take many actions
without obtaining court approval.
Before taking certain very important
ac-tions, however, the personal repre-
sentative will be required to give
notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or con-
sented to the proposed action.) The
independent administration authority
will be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the peti-
tion and shows good cause why the
court should not grant the authority.A HEARING on the peti-
tion will be held on June 8, 2007 at
9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at
1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA
90401.IF YOU OBJECT to the
grant-ing of the petition, you should
ap-pear 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 CREDI-
TOR or a contingent creditor of the
deceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy to the
personal representative appointed by
the court within four months from
the date of first issuance of letters
as provided in Probate Code section
9100. The time for filing claims will
not expire before four months from
the hearing date noticed above.YOU MAY EXAMINE the
file kept by the court. If you are a
per-son interested in the estate, you
may file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of the
filing of an inventory and ap-praisal
of estate assets or of any petition or
account as provided in Probate Code
section 1250. A Request for Special
Notice form is available from the
court clerk.**Attorney for petitioner: BEVERLY R
SANDS ESQ
DEERING WALTHER & SANDS
2530 WILSHIRE BLVD
THIRD FL
SANTA MONICA CA 90403-4643
Santa Monica Daily Press
CN774233 ELLIOTT May 16,17,23, 2007****NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF JUDY
ANN PEARSON aka JUDY A.
PEARSON aka JUDY PEARSON**

Case No. BP104536

To all heirs, beneficiar-
ies, creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may otherwise be
interested in the will or estate, or
both, of JUDY ANN PEARSON aka
JUDY A. PEARSON aka JUDY PEAR-
SONA PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Jennifer
Pearson & Coleen Pearson in the Su-
perior Court of California, County of
LOS ANGELES.THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Jennifer
Pearson & Coleen Pearson be ap-
pointed as personal representa-
tive to administer the estate of the
decedent.THE PETITION requests
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sented to the proposed action.) The
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will be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the peti-
tion and shows good cause why the
court should not grant the authority.A HEARING on the peti-
tion will be held on June 13, 2007
at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located
at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA
90012.IF YOU OBJECT to the
grant-ing of the petition, you should
ap-pear at the hearing and state your
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with the court before the hearing.
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section 1250. A Request for Special
Notice form is available from the
court clerk.**Attorney for petitioner: CAROL PERRIN
ESQ
SBN 85952
GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP
2450 COLORADO AVE
STE 400E
SANTA MONICA CA 90404
Santa Monica Daily Press
CN776046 PEARSON May 16,17,23,
2007**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARINGWASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
TO BE REOPENED**The following waste discharge require-
ments/NPDES Permit is being re-
opened:****NAME**
County of Los Angeles
Municipal Storm Water
Discharge Permit
NPDES No. CAS004001
ORDER NO.
(Adoption Date)
01-182
December 13, 2001
Reason for Reopener
To amend permit in compliance
with a stipulation entered into by
the Regional BoardOn the basis of preliminary staff review
and application of lawful standards and
regulations, the California Regional Wa-
ter Quality Control Board, Los Angeles
Region, proposes to narrowly reopen
waste discharge requirements (WDRs)
for the Los Angeles County Municipal
Separate Storm Water Sewer System
(MS4) Permit (NPDES No.
CAS004001, Board Order No. 01-182
as amended by Order No.
R4-2006-0074) to incorporate a
non-storm water discharge prohibition
to be consistent with the summer dry
weather Waste Load Allocations set in
the Marina del Rey Harbor Mothers'
Beach and Back Basins Bacteria (MDR
Bacteria) Total Maximum Daily Load
(TMDL). The MDR Bacteria TMDL
adopted by the Regional Board went
into effect on March 18, 2004. Per-
sons wishing to comment upon or ob-
ject to the tentative revisions in the re-
opener, or submit evidence for the
Board to consider, are invited to submit
them in writing to the above address or
send them electronically to July 12,
2007
boardmeeting@waterboards.ca.gov.
To be evaluated and responded to by
Board staff, included in the Board's
agenda folder, and fully considered by
the Board, written comments or testi-
mony regarding the tentative revisions
must be received at the Regional Board
office by 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2007.
The Board will hold a public hearing on
July 12, 2007, at the Metropolitan Wa-
ter District of Southern California,
Board Meeting Room, 700 N. Alameda
Street, Los Angeles. Interested persons
are invited to attend. The Board will
hear any testimony pertinent to the pro-

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posed reopener and revisions to the
waste discharge requirements. Oral
statements will be heard; however, for
accuracy of the record, all testimony
should be in writing. The board meet-
ing, of which this hearing is a part, will
begin at 9:00 a.m. If there should not
be a quorum on the scheduled date of
this meeting, all cases will be automati-
cally continued to the next regularly
scheduled meeting on August 9, 2007.
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sheet, the summary of proposed
changes, the proposed changes to order
language except findings, and the pro-
posed changes to findings are available
online
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May 10, 2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE
NO. 20070724806 FIRST FILING. The following
person(s) is (are) doing business as BICO, THIRD
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PROMENADE, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401-3432.
The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SHLOMY
LEVY, 6355 GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE #315, CULVER
CITY, CA. 90230 This Business is being con-
ducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant
commenced to transact business under the ficti-
tious business name or names listed on
(Date)3/28/2007. Is/: SHLOMY LEVY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of
LOS ANGELES County on 3/28/2007. NOTICE: THIS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES
FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED
PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement
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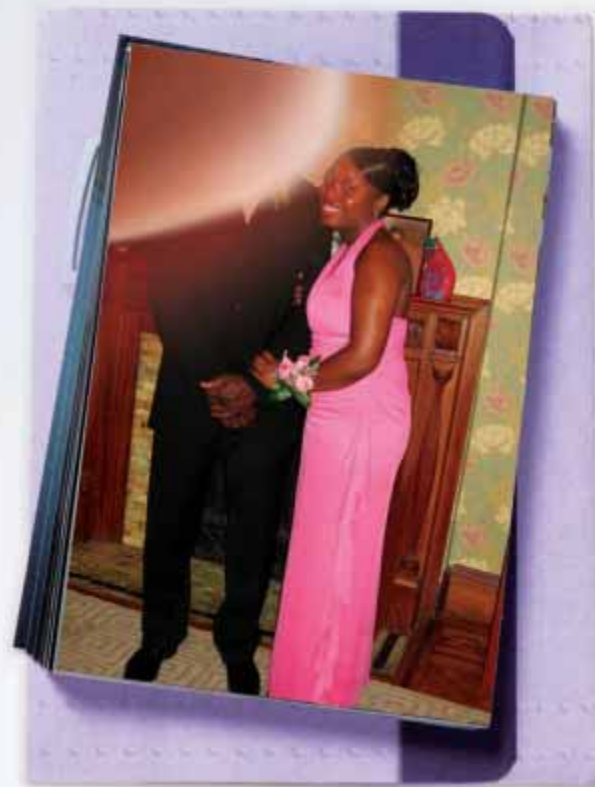
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