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OUT SPOKEN: Yolanda King, daughter of famed civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., passed away in Santa Monica on Tuesday. She was 51.

MLK's daughter passes

BY ERRIN HAINES

Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA Yolanda King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest child who pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking, collapsed and died here on Tuesday. She was 51.

The family did not know the cause of death, but relatives think it might have been a heart problem, said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center in Atlanta.

"She was an actress, author, producer, advocate for peace and nonviolence, who was known and loved for her motivational and inspirational contributions to society," the King family said in a statement.

King was a popular presence in Santa Monica, which

stages one of Southern California's largest celebrations of her father each January at the Soka Gakkai International auditorium on Wilshire Boulevard. It was there that she delivered an inspirational speech in January 2006, before marching to the then-new Santa Monica Library on Santa Monica Boulevard for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium.

Andrew Young, a former mayor of Atlanta and a lieutenant of her father's, said King was going to her brother Dexter's home when she collapsed in the doorway.

Her death came less than a year and a half after her mother, Coretta Scott King, died in January 2006 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke. Her

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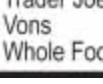
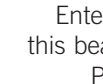
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Make Your Home Healthy seminar
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Public Library, in collaboration with Co-Opportunity, presents a discussion by Rebel Clair about unhealthy environmental issues in our homes and what we can do to correct them.

'Being Prepared for Disaster'
1450 11th St., 7 p.m.
The American Red Cross of Santa Monica is offering free classes on disaster preparedness on May 17 and May 31. A reservation for either of the two sessions is recommended. Both sessions will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Capacity is limited to 40 persons. For additional information, call (310) 394-3773 during week-day business hours or visit www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

'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.
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Friday, May 18, 2007

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1855 Main St., noon — 6 p.m.
The "My Favorite! Bead Show" will exhibit at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium with more than 85 bead dealers exhibiting and selling beads made from gemstone, glass, clay, wood and other available materials. There will also be finished pieces available. Wendy Simpson-Conner will be featured at the show, holding free bead stringing demonstrations throughout the weekend. Admission is \$6; children 16 and under are free. Visit www.InterGem.com for more details.

Mark Strickland's 'Indomitable Spirit'
90 N. Daisy Ave., Pasadena, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
"Indomitable Spirit" is a selection of large-scale murals in oil on canvas. The artist's opening exhibit with reception is tonight at Public Works. This event is free. Artwork is available for viewing after opening by appointment only. Call (626) 564-9890 for more information. The exhibit runs through June 1st.

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.



CLARIFICATION
The front page photo depicting the Horizons West Surf Shop on Santa Monica Boulevard that appeared on May 16 should have been credited to Staff Photographer Fabian Lewkowicz.

District to approve courses

SMMUSD will add online selections

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A popular college offering could soon be made available to high school students, as school administrators ponder allowing students to take online courses.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Chiung-Sally Chou is expected to introduce Policy 6143.3 at the Board of Education meeting tonight, a policy that would pave alternative ways for students to earn high school credits, making a high school diploma more attainable for some students in the district.

The policy would allow students to earn up to 20 high school credits per school year through online courses from a pre-approved vendor.

School officials are waiting on the University of California system to finalize its online course policy, which could dictate the direction in which the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District would steer in its own policy. The UC policy would list the vendors from whom the students could take online courses for credit, according to Chou.

There are students in the district currently enrolled in online courses through different providers and school officials want to ensure those courses will be accepted for credit, not only with SMMUSD, but with colleges.

"We want to make sure students are not just taking any courses," Chiung said.

Online courses could also be offered through the district.

"We definitely could look into offering courses," Chiung said. "If teachers express interest in developing online courses, we're going to entertain."

Harry Keiley, the president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, warned that school officials will need to approach online course offer-

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ON THE TRADING BLOCK: City hall is trying to find a willing trading partner to swap a prime piece of real estate located at 1920 Ocean Way for another parcel someplace in the city that would be suitable for an affordable housing project.

City looking to trade

Lawmakers hope to swap properties

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE. Like the general manager of a pro basketball team or a couple of kids sitting on the porch with a stack of baseball cards, City Hall is looking to make a trade.

On the table is a prime piece of real estate located just a few feet from the beach at 1920 Ocean Way. In return for the 23,000-square-foot vacant lot, City Hall would like to receive something of equal or greater size on which to construct affordable housing.

City staff is currently working on a request for proposals (RFP) and is hoping to attract a number of offers for the City Council to consider. Preference will be

given to those offering a site in which more than 33 affordable units could be built, and one that is located as close as possible to the 1920 Ocean Way property, said Housing Manager Bob Moncrief.

City Hall is looking to create more affordable housing to serve workers in the coastal area, which includes several hotels, including Casa del Mar, which is located directly north of the property on the trading block.

"It would be nice to see hotel workers who make the type of salaries that would allow them to qualify for this type of housing be able to live close to where they work," Moncrief said. "We should all have an opportunity to live by the beach."

The property became an issue in the last election when some supporters of Councilman Kevin McKeown, a proponent of affordable housing, claimed the owners of Casa del Mar and Shutters were spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to defeat him so that the property

would not be used for low-cost living.

Tim Dubois, chief executive officer of the Edward Thomas Management Co., which runs the two hotels, could not be reached for comment. A consultant for the company said it is still interested in the property and has been negotiating with City Hall for several years on a land swap involving a graded parking lot at 1828 Ocean Avenue, just a short distance from the city-owned property.

"We have not seen the RFP yet so we don't know exactly what we would propose or what would be feasible," said Kim Karie, a consultant with the Karie Group. "I'm not aware of any concerns with the city moving forward with (an affordable housing) project."

Karie said if the land was acquired by the hotel, zoning regulations would prevent any expansion, restaurant or other

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciating what’s right with the city
Editor:

So much criticism, so much complaining about the newly opened dog park at Santa Monica Airport! I am among those who hope that West Los Angeles residents and their dogs will be welcomed into the new park, I am reasonably confident that an agreement will be worked out to most people’s satisfaction. Meanwhile, however, has anyone thanked the decision-makers, the designers and the workers who created this wonderful new area where dogs can run free and where their owners can enjoy the doggie antics and the company of one another? It is a beautiful, clean and thoughtfully laid out park, even if it isn’t right smack in the middle of my own neighborhood – where there isn’t any open land, anyway!

Thank you to everyone concerned. Nothing is perfect; life isn’t perfect. Reading letters in the “Daily Press” saddens me. They are so often about what isn’t good rather than what is.

Kathy McTaggart
Santa Monica

Leave opinions to the soldiers
Editor:

Re: “Torn Away” by Melody Hanatani (May 12)
(Ms. Hanatani) has the nerve to say “... Though it’s difficult at times, he (Marine Lowell Watson) tries not to let politics and the ongoing debate regarding the war sway his decision to serve his country.” Gee, I wonder why it’s difficult at times?

Her second fumble was not mentioning Santa Monica Police Officer Ricardo Crocker. Rick Crocker was killed on May 26, 2005 during his third tour as a Marine major. He was not insignificant – he was a good cop, and as a PAL (Police Activities League) mentor, was loved by many of Santa Monica’s children. There are many photos of him with smiling kids in Iraq, too.

Gee, I wonder ... If (Ms. Hanatani) had not felt compelled to slap her politics in my face, maybe she and the Daily Press could have used that paragraph space for Major Crocker.

One last thing, in spite of the sour note, I commend the Daily Press for the overall focus on our local troops, and above all, God bless our heroes.

James Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica

Airport didn’t just manifest itself
Editor:

Re: Letter of Kali D. Davis (May 3)
Ms. Davis cites the noise, pollution and safety factors of the Santa Monica Airport. Another way to look at flights is the marvelous engineering of a given aircraft, plus the expertise of the pilots. Sitting in the cockpit of any craft flying out of Santa Monica is a joyous experience of knowing your instruments and soaring above the earth. Take a cockpit flight with this in mind and it will give you a different perspective of flight.

The time-worn cliché of “close the airport” is mouth-work of residents who surely knew there was an airport in the vicinity before purchasing their homes. One doesn’t move to a neighborhood near a freeway, for instance, then demand the freeway be moved to accommodate their sensitivities. Ms. Davis moved near the airport by personal choice.

Betty A. Darling
Santa Monica



Guest Commentary

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Jamestown gave birth to secularism

ON MAY 14, AMERICA COMMEMORATED the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. The occasion provides us with an opportunity to understand and celebrate the distinctive, secular ideal underlying America’s freedom and prosperity.

Although many Americans recognize that Jamestown was the first permanent English colony in North America (predating the Pilgrims and Puritans of Massachusetts by over a decade), too many mistakenly view the religious ethos of the New England colonies as the impetus for America’s flourishing. But the religious colonists, whose moral outlook stands opposed to our ideals of intellectual and political liberty, merely transplanted Old World ideas to new soil. The New World that promised opportunity and progress had begun in Jamestown, where the defining spirit of American individualism was born.

The Jamestown settlement project began, not as a Puritan escape to pursue and enforce a dogmatic faith, but with a group of profit-seeking investors in London pooling capital in a joint-stock company, a forerunner of our modern corporations. Members of the Virginia Company had organized with the goal of uncovering economic opportunity in North America by finding precious metals and possibly a water route to the Pacific.

The intrepid band of 104 adventurers who survived the Atlantic journey, braved a forbidding wilderness, established Jamestown, and faced extreme peril. In its first fragile decade, Jamestown lost hundreds of settlers to disease, starvation, and war, with casualty rates in one harsh winter reaching 80 percent of the colony. Eventually, under the deft leadership of Captain John Smith, the colony weathered these trials to emerge with renewed resolve. Smith himself had risen from modest circumstances in England to lead these adventurers, and he saw America as a land where his kind of self-reliance could flourish.

Though the Virginia Company found little gold and no sea route to Asia, they soon discovered something vastly more important — that economic opportunity lay wherever men were left free to work and create new wealth. In contrast to the rigid class structure and static economy of Jacobean England, America promised rewards based on individual merit. It was this spirit, and not the Puritan belief in cosmic predestination and unthinking duty to God, that attracted men to pursue their own earthly success in the New World.

“Here every man may be master and owner of his own labor and land,” Smith noted in one of his many promotional books intended to attract new settlers to America. “If he have nothing but his hands,” he boasted, “he may set up his trade, and by industry quickly grow rich.” For Smith and the other early settlers of Jamestown, the profound significance of America lay in the possibility that a man could choose, pursue, and realize his own destiny — it lay in a new

ideal of individual liberty.

By the late 18th century, under the growing influence of that ideal, the colonists began to resist and protest against British imperial controls on their economic and political freedom, which led to the American Revolution. In framing our constitutional government, the Founders put individualism into political practice by protecting individual rights against the claims of any cleric, monarch, or legislative majority. The new nation’s founding ideals had emerged in opposition to the religious morality that entailed obedience to Biblical teachings and authority, conformity to the group, and condemnation of worldliness and material success.

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Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the individualist spirit born in Jamestown brought countless millions to America, each looking to create a better life for himself. Through the years, that spirit has fostered untold prosperity by encouraging self-reliant innovators like Thomas Edison, Andrew Carnegie or James J. Hill. Its legacy lives on in America today, in anyone who believes that each individual owns his own life and has an inalienable right to pursue his own happiness.

In the centuries since Jamestown, America has thrived because of this distinctive ideal — an ideal in marked contrast not only to America’s religious colonies but also to the rest of the world today, where duty to the group or to divine command still subjugates millions.

Americans should pause to celebrate the full significance of the Jamestown anniversary as an opportunity to appreciate and rededicate themselves to America’s noble spirit of individualism. Doing so will help remind us of the need to defend this value from those who would compromise or attack it. Doing any less would be an act of injustice to those brave men who helped to shape our most important institutions.

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Don't blame parents, blame the silly name

KIDS CAN BE CRUEL, BUT OFTENTIMES their parents are worse.

Many moms and dads seemingly have subconscious axes to grind from the moment their precious bundles of joy enter the world. How else to explain naming a newborn "A'Dream?"

Calling a child Lisa, Susan, Andrea or Adam, Michael or Scott, for example, doesn't suffice for some. No, the desire that burns in some parents for their offspring to rise above others in a unique or extraordinary manner frequently begins at birth when they confer upon them inimitable names. However, most times the distinctive monikers are most remarkable only in that they condemn the name-bearers to lifetimes of being forced to spell and/or explain their names.

Take, for instance, Michele with one L ... Robyn with a Y ... Brie, like the cheese ... Shea, as in the stadium.

I enjoy being a Meredith, but the sailing hasn't always been smooth. The incorrect pronunciations and misspellings are incessant and varied, albeit occasionally creative: Merideth, Marybeth, Meridith, Meredyth, Maredeth, Marydeth, Merth (no, really). Ali, Alli, Allie, Ally, Alyson, Allyson, Alison, and Allison know what I'm talking about.

But at least the state of Arizona put my name on a souvenir license plate and spelled it correctly, giving me one more store-bought personalized souvenir than many others will never possess.

Then there are those who are forever sentenced to being mistaken for members of the opposite gender over the phone or through the mail because of their androgynous names. Am I wrong, Jamie, Pat, Ricky, Dylan, Cory, Lynn, Adrian, Jesse, Kelly, Carson, Jordan, Hayden, Alex, Jackie and Taylor?

And why plague a child with anything that has the possibility of yielding any of the following nicknames: Scooter, Chip or Dick? The year 1952 ended with 1953, which is also when those names became past prime. Besides, no matter what anyone says, when a kid gets called Skippy, it's never a good thing. Seriously.

If the names Ray, Carl, Wayne or Earl appear on your driver's license, just turn yourself into the authorities now before the A&E network does a special two-hour "Biography" on your record number of gruesome serial killings.

Some less-than-traditional names are benign, like those taken from street signs —

Madison and Cooper. Other innocent tags are inspired by the seasons — Autumn, Winter and Summer. (Sadly and mysteriously, Spring has never made the cut.) The weather stirs others when it comes time to name the kids, hence Sunshine and Rain. (Perhaps Sleet and Humidity will be popular on the next generation of birth certificates.) Growing up, I knew a girl, April, whose younger sisters were named May and June. Rumor has it they had a dog named July. It was kind of cute, in a pukey sort of way.

It's practically a requirement for celebrities to bestow outlandish names on their kids (e.g. Eddie Van Halen and Valerie Bertinelli [Wolfgang], Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin [Apple and Moses], Jermaine Jackson [Jermajesty and Jaafar], Demi Moore and Bruce Willis [Rumer, Scout and Tallulah — although she's having hers legally changed because it's so damn awful], Jason Lee [Pilot Inspektor], George Foreman [George Jr., George III, George IV, George V and George VI]). But most kids of famous parents live in Los Angeles, and, let's face it, something is mostly weird about everyone in L.A. Besides, if your dad is a two-time world heavyweight champion or if your parents collectively display an Oscar and four Grammys on the mantle in the den, chances are slim that anyone will make you give up your favorite swing in the playground or shake you down for milk money.

Report to therapy immediately if your first name is Lester or Tawana, but blaming parents for an unfortunate last name is senseless — surnames are factory-issued and non-refundable. However, do go ahead and wag a finger of reproach at Mom and Dad if they've opted to burden you with a hyphenated last name. Hyphenated last names all but guarantee that anyone filling out a form with those little boxes will run out of the little boxes before the spelling is complete. Just pick one last name and go with it.

Nope, a last name can't be helped, but when it comes to the first name, parents should always heed the immortal wisdom of George Carlin, who said: "Soft names make soft people ... I'll bet you 10 times out of 10, Nicky, Vinnie and Tony would beat the shit out of Todd, Kyle and Tucker."

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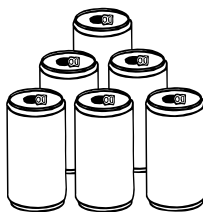
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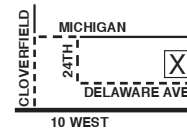
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Venice wary of corporations

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE For years, the Subway sandwich shop on Pacific Avenue was the token chain establishment in the predominantly mom-and-pop section off Windward Circle. Initially an unwelcome presence, the locals eventually shrugged and went on their way.

But last year, Corporate America came to town once again, this time in the form of Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, which set up shop on the corner of Windward Avenue and Pacific Street, catty corner from Cafe Collage, a long-time independently owned coffee shop.

Soon after, Campos, a Mexican eatery with locations throughout the Westside, moved in across the street from La Fiesta Mexican Grill.

Though the number of chain- and corporate-owned establishments still comprise a very small percentage of overall businesses in this neighborhood of West Los Angeles, the increasing presence is sounding alarm bells for many long-time residents and small business owners, many of whom proudly proclaim the area is for "locals only."

Late Wednesday morning, Elena Lerma, a Venice resident of 14 years, was enjoying her regular morning coffee outside Cafe Collage with good friend Dr. John Michel, a hardcore Venice resident since 1961.

They sipped their coffee and chatted about life, occasionally looking up to wave at the familiar faces passing by. With a heavy gray beard and sporting a "Venice

Beach" hat, Michel, a parapsychologist and holistic healer, sat atop a pile of newspapers. The two meet there almost every day.



**I DON'T THINK
A CHAIN COULD
SUSTAIN THAT CHARM."**

Carla Framularo,
manager of Animal House

Michel calls it the "corporate takeover of Venice Beach," impacting not only the businesses off Windward Circle, but spreading onto Venice Beach, forcing artists and musicians off the boardwalk with the lottery system, which regulates boardwalk space.

Though it currently feels as though Venice is undergoing a corporate abduction, Lerma said she believes the spirit of Venice — the mystical spirit of the small independent business — can't be broken.

The area has always persevered, Lerma said.

"It's like a wave," she said. "What's left is the heart and soul."

Down the street from Cafe Collage, Carla Framularo was busy managing Animal House, a clothing store on Windward Avenue specializing in vintage clothing. The store is nestled just off Venice Beach among small restaurants and shops selling tourist attractive items,

like beach dresses, sandals and necklaces.

Like many of the locals, Framularo doesn't welcome the presence of chain stores, saying she was attracted to the area initially because of the charm of small boutiques and restaurants. The chain restaurants also tend to sell unhealthy food lacking nutrition, Framularo said.

"I don't think a chain could sustain that charm," Framularo said.

THREAT OF THE MERMAID

Acting on the concerns of residents, Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, who represents the 11th District, which includes Venice, filed a motion in February for the city to adopt a "Formula Retail Ordinance"

Citing the city of Coronado, which implemented a similar ordinance in December 2000, Rosendahl states in the motion that the ordinance would "regulate the proliferation of formula retail stores located on Abbot Kinney Boulevard from Venice Boulevard to Main Street and Ocean Front Walk, north of Washington Boulevard in the Venice community."

A formula business is defined as a restaurant, retail, hotel or other establishment where the services offered and methods of operation are standardized, as well as the architecture, uniform and decor. Well-known businesses like McDonald's and Starbucks would likely fall under the ordinance.

In Coronado, formula businesses must obtain a special use permit to operate in

the city.

Business owners among the revitalized neighborhood of Abbot Kinney, home to small clothing boutiques, independent coffee houses and restaurants, are boiling over the recent opening of pinkberry, a frozen yogurt dessert shop with locations across Los Angeles.

Upset over the increasing presence of formula retail stores, two long-time Venice residents — Dawn Hollier and Melissa Bechtel — launched VeniceUnchained.org, circulating a petition among residents and business owners to encourage lawmakers to enforce a ban on chain stores.

On the front page of the Web site is a doctored photo of the intersection of California Avenue and Abbot Kinney Boulevard. A Domino's Pizza, Starbucks, Claire's Accessories and Taco Bell are superimposed on the picture, with a caption reading, "Is this how the corner of Abbot Kinney and California will look in a few years?"

A group of business owners on Abbot Kinney casually met a few nights ago to express their concerns to one another about the presence of pinkberry on the street. Though the business owners are not happy that pinkberry is in town, they would've accepted its presence had it not been for its exterior design — a fluorescent green and blue grill that illuminates at night, said Amanda Dugan, the owner

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Residents cool to chain businesses

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of a clothing boutique store, Brick Lane. While it's respectable that pinkberry was started by a young female entrepreneur, Dugan said she isn't happy with the "aesthetically horrifying" storefront.

The business owners seem upset with the fact that the street lacks trash cans and sufficient parking. Many customers come into the stores carrying empty pinkberry containers, asking shopowners if they could dispose of it in the store.

"It's been unbelievable to all of us," Dugan said.

For Tales and Toys owner Elizabeth Ryan, the biggest issue with pinkberry has been the lack of trash cans.

"They don't even have a trash can in front of their place," she said.

The locals here speak in a dismayed tone of a possible opening of a Starbucks on the street, a business whose presence could be unwelcome by many of the long-time residents and store owners.

Even with Starbucks, Dugan knows the

local residents such as herself will continue to support the two small independent coffee shops on Abbot Kinney — Abbot's Habit and Stroh's Gourmet — but believes tourists will be drawn to the familiar sight of the mermaid in the green and white logo.

"Starbucks will be the demise (of Stroh's and Abbot's Habit)," Dugan said.

If tourists opt for the Starbucks, they will miss the "great cup of coffee at Abbot's Habit or the fantastic sandwiches at Stroh's," Dugan said.

Though it's sad to see the chain stores move in, "it is what it is," Ryan said.

Ryan believes the restaurants and coffee shops stand to lose the most against the chain businesses. It's doubtful that retailers like Toys "R" Us would move in across the street, Ryan said.

Whether chain stores will move in is ultimately up to the landlords who control the leases, she added.

"What makes Abbot Kinney, Abbot Kinney is the small boutiques," Ryan said.

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High school students could earn online course credit

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ings with great caution, adding that nothing replaces the significance of teacher-student interaction in the classroom.

"We need to be mindful of the fact the single most important determinant to student success inside the school is the quality of the classroom teacher," Keiley said.

THE MOST IMPORTANT DETERMINANT TO STUDENT SUCCESS ... IS THE QUALITY OF THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

Harry Keiley

President, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association

The online courses could prove to be beneficial in helping students at Community Day School and Olympic High School get back on track to graduation. Students are usually sent to both schools when they fall short in credits.

During the 2007-08 school year, high school principals will evaluate the effectiveness of the online courses and determine which would be acceptable for high school credit, the policy states. The list of the approved courses will be available in July of next year.

MAKING LIKE THE COLLEGIATES DO

Online courses are currently popular among community colleges across the country. Santa Monica College started offering the online courses in 1999, start-

ing with 30 sections and an enrollment of 700 students. Today, the college offers 650 online courses for 16,500 students enrolled online.

Nearly every single discipline is represented in the online course offerings, but a student is not yet able to attain an associate's degree strictly through online classes. A few core classes have yet to be offered online.

"It has enabled the district to grow in areas it would be limited if relying only on classroom space," said Julie Yarrish, the director of online services and support for SMC. "Where we are geographically, we're pretty impacted. Parking is always a challenge and we've been able to provide these classes online and may not have been able to grow exponentially had we been limited to these classrooms."

The online classes enable students from across the country to enroll in Santa Monica College without leaving the confines of their home. Students taking a week or two of vacation can do so without missing class, Yarrish said.

Through online classes, students can log on for lecture material at any time. Test times are usually more restricted, with professors requiring that students take the exam during a certain period of time.

One of the disadvantages of online classes is the misperception that it's not as difficult as in classroom courses, Yarrish said.

The college tries to simulate the in-classroom experience as much as possible, creating group assignments and threaded discussion boards.

Even if Santa Monica-Malibu Unified one day offers online courses, administrators will urge students to continue attending classes on campus.

"We want kids to come to school and have the social interaction with peers and teachers," Chou said.

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Metro Considering Fare Change

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A Tough Choice: Adjust Fares Or Reduce Service

It's a very tough choice. Metro doesn't want to leave you stranded by reducing existing bus service, halt new projects like Rapid Express and rail expansion, or cut back on the transit improvements we've worked so hard to give you. So we're faced with the choice of raising fares or reducing service levels to what we can afford.

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Transit systems in many major cities already charge \$2 base fares. A day pass costs \$9 in Boston, \$8 in Atlanta and \$7 in New York City. Metro wants to keep its \$1.25 cash fare — already the lowest of any major transit operator in the nation — in place until January 2009. Even with other adjustments to pass prices, Metro customers will still pay an average of only 86¢ per ride.

100 High-Capacity Buses Purchased

Metro is buying 100 more 60-foot-long high-capacity buses to improve service on its most popular lines. The articulated buses being purchased can seat almost 50% more passengers (57) than standard 40-foot models. Final delivery of the buses will be completed in 2008.

Metro Rapid Introduces Express Service

Fast is getting faster. Express rush hour service on two Metro Rapid lines will begin next month. Rapid Express Line 940 on Hawthorne Boulevard between the South Bay Galleria and downtown LA and Rapid Express Line 920 on Wilshire Boulevard between the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Rail station and Santa Monica will make as few as four stops along the routes.



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CONTINUING A LEGACY: Yolanda King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s oldest daughter, gives an inspirational speech at the Soka Gakkai International's Ikeda Auditorium during a birthday celebration for her father in January 2006.

Remembering King

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struggle prompted her daughter to work with the American Heart Association to raise awareness about strokes, especially among blacks.

Yolanda King, who lived in California, was an actress, ran a production company and appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi." She played Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries "King."

"Yolanda was lovely. She wore the mantle of princess, and she wore it with dignity and charm," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, one of her father's close aides in the civil rights movement. He added she was "thoroughly committed to the movement and found her own means of expressing that commitment through drama."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who also worked with her father, said: "She lived with a lot of the trauma of our struggle. The movement was in her DNA." The Rev. Al Sharpton called her a "torch bearer for her parents and a committed activist in her own right."

White House press secretary Tony Snow said President Bush and the first lady were sad to learn of King's death, adding, "Our thoughts are with the King family today."

Yolanda King founded and led Higher Ground Productions, billed as a "gateway for inner peace, unity and global transformation." On her company's Web site, she described her mission as encouraging personal growth and positive social change.

The flag at The King Center, where she was a board member, flew at half-staff on Wednesday.

Yolanda Denise King — nicknamed Yoki by the family — was born Nov. 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., where her father was then preaching. Her brother Martin III was born in 1957; brother Dexter in 1961; and sister Bernice in 1963.

She was just two weeks old when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus there, leading to the Montgomery bus boycott spearheaded by her father.

When she was 10 weeks old, the King family home was bombed in Jan. 30, 1956, as her father attended a boycott rally. Neither she nor her mother was injured when the device exploded on the front porch.

In 1963, when she was 7, her father mentioned her and

her siblings at the March on Washington, saying: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

She was 12 when her father was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968.



THE MOVEMENT WAS IN HER DNA."

Rev. Joseph Lowery
close aid to Martin Luther King Jr.

King was a 1976 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she majored in theater and Afro-American studies. She also earned a master's degree in theater from New York University.

Yolanda King was the most visible of the four children during this year's Martin Luther King Day in January, the first since her mother's death.

When asked by The Associated Press at that event how she was dealing with the loss of her mother, she responded: "I connected with her spirit so strongly. I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

At her father's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, she performed a series of solo skits that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus and a college student's recollection of the 1963 campaign to desegregate Birmingham, Ala.

She also urged the audience to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday each year to ask tough questions about their own beliefs about prejudice.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," she said.

Funeral arrangements would be announced later, the family said in a brief statement.

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City Hall became the owner of the property in 1979, and in 2001, reaffirmed its commitment to use the property for affordable housing. At that time, "sporadic" negotiations began with Edward Thomas on a swap, but no terms were reached.

At a council meeting on May 25, 2005, city staff requested permission to move forward with construction, however, at the request of Edward Thomas, the council backed off and allowed negotiations to continue, Moncrief said.

Shortly after the arrival of new City Manager Lamont Ewell, he met with Edward Thomas to determine if they were still interested, which they said they were. Under the law, any trade must be done competitively, prompting the search for other interested parties.

Staff has recommended that any property under consideration be currently zoned for residential use and, at minimum, provide a 30-percent increase in the number of affordable units that could be built. The property must also be located in Santa Monica and be restricted for long-term affordability.

The process, from solicitation to council recommendation, is estimated to take about four months.

Moncrief said that while priority will be given to property owners with sites



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LET'S MAKE A DEAL: City Hall is looking to trade a prime piece of real estate, a 23,000-square-foot vacant lot located just a few feet from the beach at 1920 Ocean Way, for a comparable parcel on which to build affordable housing. The hotel Casa del Mar is located north of the property.

nearby, city staff isn't going to dismiss proposals for property at a different location within the city that could be larger in size.

The location of affordable housing has

been a contentious issue for some, particularly those in the Pico Neighborhood and Sunset Park, who feel they have a disproportionate number of affordable housing projects in their area.

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Cement poured to plug tunnel

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO A small fleet of cement mixers began pouring concrete Tuesday to plug the longest secret tunnel ever discovered along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The 2,400-foot passage connected a warehouse near the Tijuana, Mexico, airport to a small office inside a warehouse in Otay Mesa, a San Diego industrial district within sight of the border fence.

The stretch running under U.S. soil — about 2,100 feet, or the length of seven football fields — is being filled to prevent smugglers and traffickers from accessing any portion of the passage.

Contractors are using a type of cement that isn't strong enough to be used as a tunnel wall, said Rich McMahan, a project manager for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Before the giant passage was discovered, standard practice had been to simply block tunnel entrances.

Authorities have found 53 underground passages of varied degrees of sophistication since they increased surveillance after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Mexican agents found 2 tons of marijuana inside the tunnel after finding a cement shaft inside a warehouse just south of the border in January 2006.

A cement shaft 10 feet wide and 7 feet

long dropped nearly 80 feet to a tunnel that authorities described as the most sophisticated clandestine passage they had ever seen.

The full length was lined and equipped with pulleys, electrical wiring and water pumps.

Federal investigators believe the tunnel was built by Mexican workers for the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix drug cartel and may have been in use for several months before it was discovered.

"I would be astounded if there were not other tunnels out there," said Frank Marwood, a special agent for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "But I don't think we have interstate system underground yet, at least I hope not."

In the past year, federal and military agencies have begun sharing more intelligence and data collected from underground sensors that can pick up digging sounds, Marwood said.

At least six other tunnels considered at risk of use by smugglers are scheduled to be filled over the next two months, at a cost of \$2.7 million.

The tunnels include one at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing, three in Calexico, about 120 miles east of San Diego, and two in Nogales, Ariz.

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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Parks may ban smoking because of high fire danger

The city may consider banning smoking and open flames in most parks after a blaze that burned about a fifth of Griffith Park.

Park commissioners voted Wednesday to ask the city attorney's office to draft a ban that would last from April 1 to Nov. 1.

"We have found that the most common cause of accidental fires in city parks were attributed to smoking and cooking," said Kevin Regan, assistant general manager of the Recreation and Parks Department.

Smoking was banned in most city and county parks in 2002 but some have designated smoking areas.

The City Council would have to approve the ban.

Earlier this month, a wildfire burned 820 acres of Griffith Park and forced the closure of local landmarks such as the Griffith Observatory and the zoo. A homeless man who said he fell asleep while smoking was questioned by investigators but the cause of the blaze still has not been officially determined.

Los Angeles is in the middle of a record dry spell. Only about 3.2 inches of rain have fallen since July 1.

In other action, park commissioners agreed to set up an account so people could contribute money for restoring burned areas of Griffith Park.

"We have received an unprecedented number of calls, e-mails and other correspondence from the public wanting to donate their time and money," Regan said.

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THERMAL

Workers scarce for Coachella Valley table grape harvest

Immigration raids are being blamed in part for a Coachella Valley agricultural worker shortage that has reduced the table grape picking pool up to 20 percent.

The grape harvest, which represents about a fifth of Coachella Valley's agriculture revenue, runs through June and labor contractors said the shrinking pool of workers will mean longer hours and weekend picking.

An estimated 15,000 migrant workers are needed for the eight-week table grape harvest.

"It's a lot shorter this year than any other year. There's not enough people," said Omar Mohamed, owner of OM Contracting in Thermal. He's been turning away business because there aren't enough workers. Mohamed said some farmers blame stalled immigration reform for the scarcity of migrant workers. Others said last week's immigration raids in the Coachella Valley that resulted in 39 arrests is contributing to the shortage.

"I think the remedy is legislation that can provide documents and ways to work it out," said Lauro Barajas, regional director for United Farm Workers.

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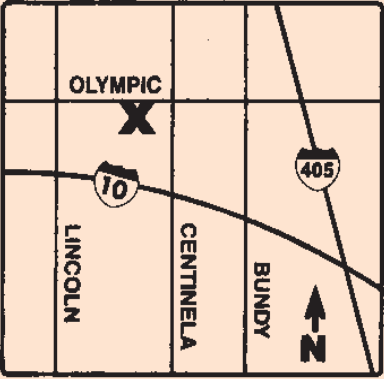
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW UNITED STATES COINS

Public gets Presidential coins free

Everyone who claims the \$8 newly revealed Presidential Money Gallery gets the entire first year of new Presidential Golden Dollar Coins Free

By DANIEL G. WOOD
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

Have you heard about the free money giveaway that's sweeping the nation?

Well, listen up because here it is.

Everyone who gets in on this will be among the first to get the U.S. Mint's dazzling new Presidential Golden Dollar Coins.

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These valuable coins are being

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So, what's the catch?

Just be absolutely sure to call in your claim before the 72 hour deadline if you want to get the entire first year's coins free.

This is all happening because the World Reserve is issuing the newly revealed Presidential Money Gallery to the general public to hold all forty of the U.S. Mint's® first ever Presidential Dollar Coins. Rations of

these coins are uncertain because each dollar is only minted for just 93 days and all of them will be delivered according to the U.S. Mint's release schedule.

"These new Presidential Coins are beyond compare because they're actually carved with edge lettering bearing the date, Mint mark, IN GOD WE TRUST and E PLURIBUS UNUM, which results in the coin's rare tactile feel," said Director Aaron T. Stryker from the World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"Once they're gone, they're gone

and by law once the U.S. Mint shuts off, they will never be minted again. That's why the World's premier private numismatic exchange is widely advertising its plans to issue the Presidential Money Gallery. We want to make absolutely sure readers of this newspaper know that there are only 3 days left on this announcement to get the entire first year of Presidential Dollar Coins free, in never-circulated condition," Stryker said.

Those who get in on this free giveaway by claiming the World Reserve's exclusive Presidential Money Gallery will be able to show off the entire collection of all 40 of the U.S. Presidential Coins. That's why it's so important to beat the 72 hour deadline right now.

"At the rate we are giving these away we will be forced to hand out more than \$1 million of these valuable new Presidential Dollar Coins free to the general public," Stryker said.

Collectors are trying to get all they can because these are no ordinary coins. These are real U.S. Treasury first issues in never-circulated condition. Smart collectors know how valuable first issue coins can be.

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DRAWBACK: Button-mashing battles tarnish Spider-Man 3's game play.

Spider-Man 3 ★★☆☆

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

X-BOX 360 As he flies through the sky with the greatest of ease, Peter Parker seems to have it made in the third installment of Activision's hit video game franchise "Spider-man."

The lovable, mild-mannered comic book hero/college student has got the girl, he's still a photographer for the Daily Bugle, and has finally smoothed things over with the NYPD and the public at large, who no longer view him as a pesky vigilante.

But just when things seem to be going so well, disaster strikes. Spidey must now face three hard-edged villains — Venom, Sandman and the new Green Goblin — each of whom are hell bent on destroying the webbed wonder. If that's not enough, there are three gangs running amok throughout Manhattan and a gigantic lizard terrorizing the subway system, leaving Spidey with very little time to enjoy romantic jaunts with his love, Mary Jane.

Therein lies the problem with "Spider-man 3," a visually-stunning game that entertains, but is often frustrating and unfulfilling due to a series of tedious button-mashing battles and a first-person view that does not automatically adjust with the action on the screen, leaving a gamer dazed and confused as a gang of attackers pounce from behind.

Granted, there are some pretty awesome moves and punishing power combos that one can unleash on their enemies, however, being faced with a group of five to 10 bad guys at once can be overwhelming, forcing a player to abandon technique and start smashing buttons to survive. Blocking is difficult, but when done correctly can rid an entire room of thugs. For the three main villains, be prepared to use it constantly.

There is also a new cinematic aspect to the game in which users are required to press a series of buttons as they flash on

the screen. Failing to hit the right one can cause Spidey to get his head smashed against a steel beam or fall from the highest of heights. The graphics during those scenes should be commended, but in other cuts some of the people look boxy and distorted.

Fans will no doubt experience a sense of euphoria as they swing with ease from skyscrapers thanks to user-friendly controls. The learning curve is only about 20 minutes or so, with a fun tutorial to start.

Kudos to the creators at Activision for staying truthful to the franchise's story and enhancing several aspects of the video game, such as expanding the open environment to allow for greater exploration (Wow, check out Central Park and the Empire State Building!) and scores of new tasks and adventures that are sure to keep the avid gamer occupied for weeks. Bored of bashing punks? Try skydiving.

Most of the film's cast, including Tobey McGuire, do voice-work for the game and some of the battle sequences follow the film exactly, much of which has to do with the fact that the creators were allowed to see storyboards and initial special effects shots from the film.

With the first two installments pulling in a staggering \$462 million in the U.S. alone, according to market research firm NPD, it's a safe bet that the third "Spider-man" game will do well. It seems the creators felt this way too and may have rested on their laurels, producing a game that is as fun as its predecessors, but does not take advantage of the new possibilities presented by the next generation of gaming consoles.

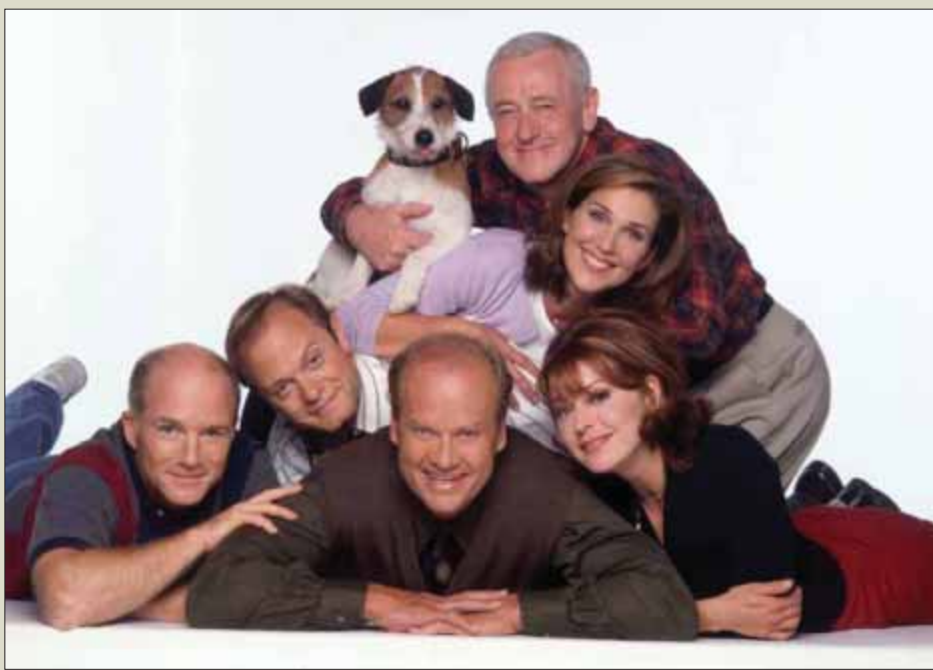
"Spider-man 3" is available on all major gaming systems, including your PC.

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



'Frasier' Ninth Season

A four disc look at the humorous events surrounding the life of a Seattle psychologist (Kelsey Grammer) and his popular radio show. This collection includes the 200th episode of the enduring sitcom which is the only one to have won five consecutive Outstanding Comedy Series Emmy Awards. (Paramount)

'Big' Extended Edition

Tom Hanks stars as the boy who grew up overnight but inside he is still a 12 year-old. Dealing with adult issues like romance and a career make for interesting approaches from a pre-teen in an adult body. Viewers of this two-disc set will be living large with a bevy of bonus material including a dozen minutes of deleted scenes, writer/director commentaries, and back story features. (Fox)

'Essential Classics'

This widescreen box set offers a trio of Hollywood's greatest pictures in a tidy four-disc package brilliantly re-mastered – John Huston's "The Maltese Falcon" features Humphrey Bogart as private eye Sam Spade, Orson Welles' mystery masterpiece that stems from the final utterance of a dying magnate in "Citizen Kane," and Charlton Heston in the epic story of betrayal and revenge in "Ben Hur." Befitting their high status (winner of a dozen Academy Awards), the set comes with many extras from short subject newsreels, commentaries from Roger Ebert as well as Bogart and Welles biographers, storyboard galleries, clips from premieres, rare stills, production notes, even awards statistics. (Warner Bros.)

'Reel Baseball' Films from the Silent Era

An array of very rare material is offered on this two-disc set with two features and eleven shorts including one of the very first images of the sport on film – 1899's "Casey at the Bat" or "The Fate of the Rotten Umpire." Legendary slugger Babe Ruth makes his motion picture debut in the 1920 drama – "Headin' Home." John Gilbert, Colleen Moore, and Charles Ray, superstars of the silent era, are featured in "The Busher." (Kino)

'The Guns of Navarone' Collector's Edition

Oscar winners Gregory Peck, David Niven, and Anthony Quinn band together as Allied specialists on a harrowing mission to disable two powerful long-range guns atop a Nazi-occupied island fortress. The double-disc set is loaded with extras including a message from screenwriter Carl Foreman, commentary by film historian Stephen Rubin and director Lee Thompson, roots of the historic music score, profile of co-star James Darren on his Greek honeymoon, details on the challenging restoration process, and a retrospective documentary. (Sony)

'Comedy of Power'

Isabelle Huppert gives a compelling performance as a French magistrate driven to end white-collar crime of executives dipping into the public till. Her obsessive efforts make some inroads but it becomes a lonely life filled with threats and intimidations. From veteran French New Wave director Claude Chabrol, the picture was inspired by real political and economic corruption between a major oil conglomerate and senior politicians.

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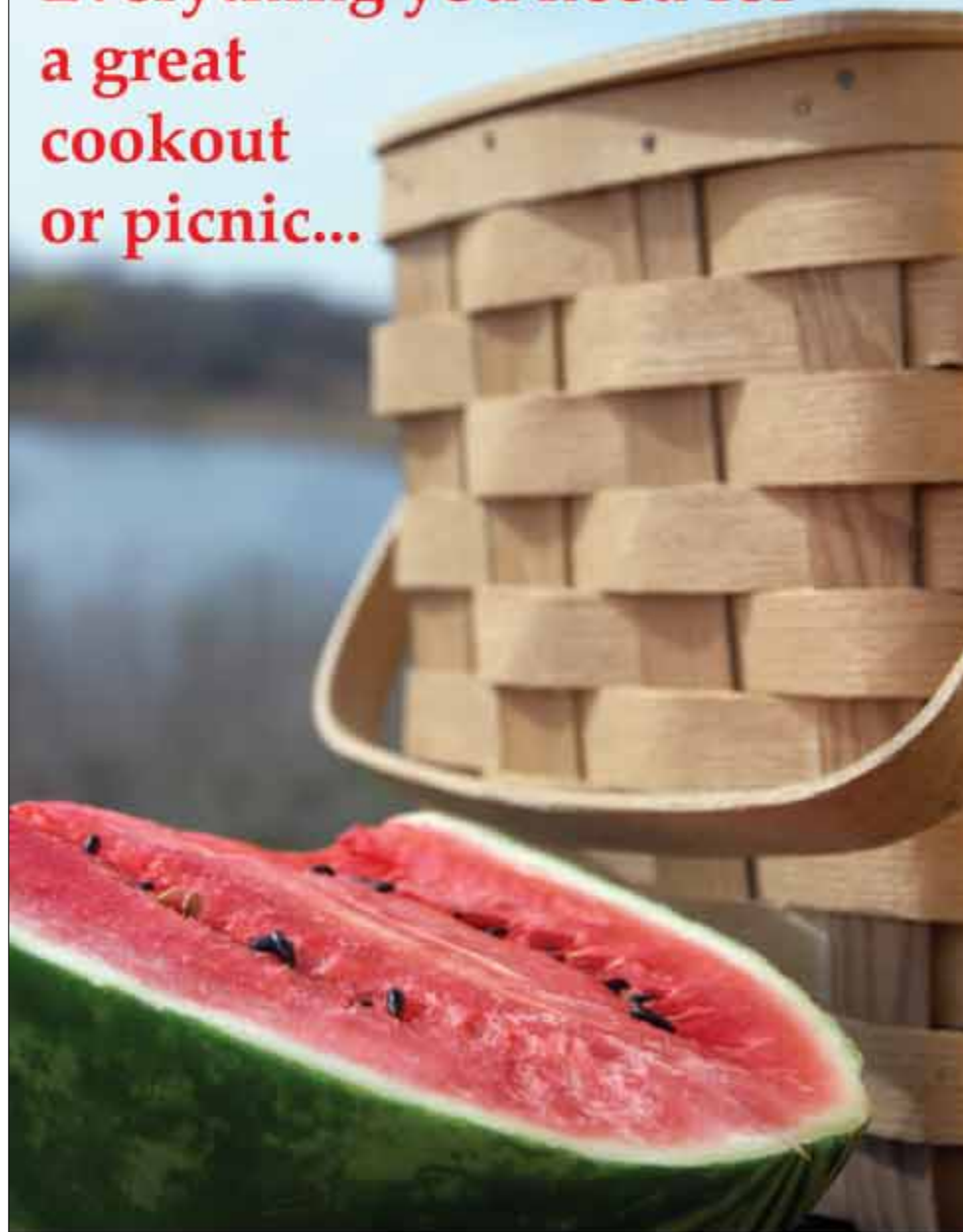
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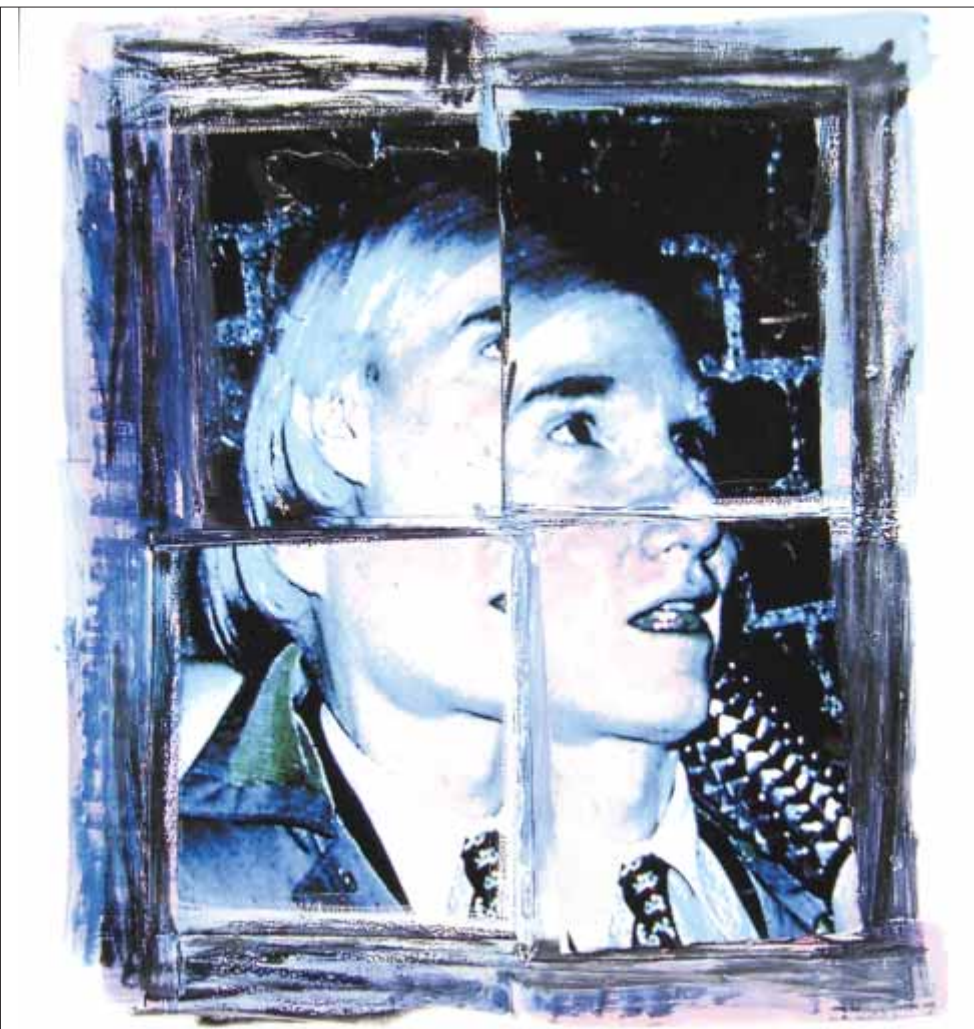


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Joester's mixed-media approach taps into the energy of the live on-stage performances he captured nearly 30 years ago. Exhibiting the photographs in a new context, he uses varied materials, such as nail polish and pieces of burlap combined with gold leaf paint to capture the style and energy of each rock artist.

Joester has created album sleeves and posters for musicians including Bob Marley, Ginger Baker and Be Bop Deluxe. In November of 2005 and 2006, he exhibited his work in a private show at the former Andy Warhol Factory in New York.

The opening reception will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. The exhibit is available through June 10 and regular exhibit hours are Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. The Mr. Musichead Rock Art Gallery is located at 7511 W. Sunset Blvd. in Hollywood. For more information call (323) 876-0042.

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'The Older I Get...'

By Don Weill • Running Press

Henri Frederic Amiel, a Swiss philosopher, has said "To know how to grow old is the master-work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living."

Don Weill has been able to make that chapter easier for us. Everyone is going to age. This collection of poems celebrates the process.

It has been said that age is a matter of the mind. The baby boomer generation — those born between 1946 and 1964 — have a saying, the current 60 is the new 40. If you don't mind it doesn't matter. Don Weill, born 1930, seems to agree with that philosophy. He seems to be facing aging with grace.

Mr. Weill states he was influenced by A. E. Houseman, John Greenleaf Whittier, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Francois Villon, and William Wordsworth. In the preface he shares where he slipped in a line or two from their poems. It really improves them.

The poems were written over a 40-year period of time yet they have the freshness of today. If I were looking for a small gift to give to my friends soon approaching middle age this would be the book I would get them. It brings a smile and a sense of hope for the future.

The author uses three rhyme scans. There is the abcb, the aabb, the abab.

An example of the abcb scan is found in "Never Too Late:"

*When old folks
Find new romances,
It restores one's faith
In second changes.*

The aabb poems are his long ones so I will quote a portion of "Watching The Sun" to illustrate:

*When I first retired, I have to admit,
I missed the old rat race, more than a bit.
I'd cherished the teamwork, the goals and the feel
Of triumph that comes after closing a deal.
Back then it was pressure that kept me alive.
I knew only one business gear—overdrive.*

The abab poem scan is seen in "I'd Like You To Meet":

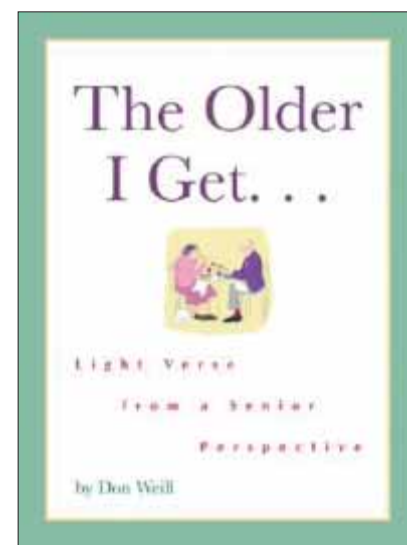


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*I see him among all the others
And ought to go over, I know.
We two were both classmates and brothers
A hundred or more years ago.
We gravely vowed friendship eternal
Through failure or fortune or fame
And I would be fiercely fraternal
Could I but remember his name.*

The book contains line drawings by Linda Braucht.

I feel "The Older I Get..." is delightful and bright as well as uplifting. I enjoy the cheerful tone of the poems. I am sure that readers will feel the same way. The book has the sub title "Light Verse from a Senior Perspective" and this is exactly what it offers.

Don Weill has had poems published before in The Saturday Evening Post, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal to name a few. He has another book of verse called "The Reluctant Investor and Other Light Verse." With a background in journalism, he has been a reporter for the Long Island Star-Journal and has owned a small daily newspaper, The Somerset Star, in Somerville, New Jersey.

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Santa Monica Festival draws in the throngs

Before reading any further, get your calendar out now and mark this down: Sunday, May 20, Santa Monica Festival, All Day Long. If you do nothing else this weekend, you've got to visit the Festival. You won't find an event anywhere in L.A. County that can match this one in the quality of performers, craft workshops, environmental awareness and good, healthy fun for everyone.

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Senate rejects cutting off funds

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Senate on Wednesday rejected legislation that would cut off money for combat operations in Iraq after March 31, 2008.

The vote was a loss for Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and other Democrats who want to end the war. But the effort picked up support from members, including presidential hopefuls previously reluctant to limit war funding — an indication of the conflict's unpopularity among voters.

The proposal lost 29-67 on a procedural vote, falling 31 votes short of the necessary votes to advance.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Democratic presidential front-runner, previously opposed setting a deadline on the war. But she said she agreed to back the measure "because we, as a united party, must work together with clarity of purpose and mission to begin bringing our troops home and end this war."

Sen. Barack Obama, another leading 2008 prospect, said he would prefer a plan that offers more flexibility but wanted "to send a strong statement to the Iraqi government,

the president and my Republican colleagues that it's long past time to change course."

"We don't want to send the message to the troops" that Congress does not support



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Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader

The proposal had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to advance under Senate rules, but was intended to gauge the tolerance of members on anti-war legislation. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid staged a series of war votes Wednesday to inform negotiations with the House on a war spending bill.

"We stand united.... in our belief that troops are enmeshed in an intractable civil war," said Reid, D-Nev.

Feingold's measure, co-sponsored by Reid and Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., proved divisive for Democrats.

Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he opposes any measure that cuts off money for the war.

them, said Levin, D-Mich. "We're going to support those troops."

"I'm not crazy about the language in the Feingold amendment, but I am crazy about the idea that we have to keep the pressure on," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., who also wants the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Senate vote on Feingold's legislation was one of several expected Wednesday, as the Democratic-controlled Congress struggles to clear legislation for Bush's signature by the end of next week to continue U.S. military operations through Sept. 30.

The House last week passed legislation funding the war on two separate, 60-day installments.

The Senate must take the next step by passing its own measure. Given the political forces at work, that legislation will be a placeholder, its only purpose to trigger three-way negotiations involving the House, Senate and Bush administration on a final compromise.

As a result, officials said Tuesday that Reid and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell had discussed jointly advancing a bill so barebones that it would contain no funds and do little more than express congressional support for the troops.

Negotiations on the final compromise are expected to take days.

Wednesday's votes on Feingold and other proposals "will provide strong guidance to our conferees and help shape the conference negotiations we have ahead of us," said Reid.

In addition to Feingold's measure, members were expected to vote on legislation by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., that would threaten billions of dollars in U.S. aid for Iraq if Baghdad does not make progress on certain military and political reforms.

Reid said he would oppose Warner's measure.

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Wind could spread New Jersey fire

BY WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press Writer

Firefighters in New Jersey kept an anxious eye on the weather Wednesday as they battled a massive wildfire that had consumed about 20 square miles of brush after a military jet dropped a flare on a bombing range.

With the dry conditions, strong wind gusts quickly fanned the blaze through the Warren Grove Gunnery Range about 25 miles north of Atlantic City.

No deaths or injuries had been attributed to the fire, but it forced the evacuation of about 2,500 homes along the border between Ocean and Burlington counties. Lt. Col. James Garcia, a spokesman for the New Jersey Air National Guard, said the fire was believed to have been started Tuesday afternoon with a flare dropped from an F-16 fighter jet.

The same range was involved when a National Guard jet accidentally strafed an elementary school with large-caliber rounds in 2004 during a training exercise.

Firefighters worked overnight to create fire breaks along the Garden State Parkway

in effort to contain the blaze, and state police said they would close a portion of the toll road if visibility became dangerously low.

Showers and thunderstorms were forecast for Wednesday, but so were 20 mph winds that could spread the flames.

Two other major fires were also burning in the United States on Wednesday.

Along the Florida-Georgia state line, firefighters were making progress against a blaze that had charred 390 square miles across the two states and forced hundreds of people to evacuate homes. "Overnight, we had a good night. Winds were a threat on Monday and Tuesday, but today we are just expecting variable winds 4-5 mph," Columbia County spokesman Harvey Campbell said.

In northern Minnesota, residents chased from their homes by a forest fire on the Gunflint Trail were told they would be allowed to return for brief visits starting Thursday. The fire has burned 117 square miles of Minnesota and Canada, and many cabins and smaller structures have been destroyed. But two days of wet, cool weather have helped firefighters get the blaze 50 percent contained on the U.S. side.

"I'm dreading to see the black," said Lorraine Carpenter, whose garage was lost but home on Sea Gull Lake survived when the fire burned through the surrounding forest. "That is not going to be pretty."

The people evacuated in southern New Jersey included residents of several retirement communities, patients from a nursing home and students from an outdoor survival school. Nearly 700 people were in shelters Wednesday morning, said Drew Lieb of the New Jersey State Police.

The fire destroyed three homes and 12 to 15 were heavily damaged in Ocean County, said Forest Fire Service assistant division warden Chris Irick.

Helen Sura, who evacuated a housing development in Barnegat, said she and her cat, aptly named Smoky, spent a sleepless night in her car in a Burger King parking lot.

"I didn't grab anything but the cat and myself, and we scrambled," she said.

Stan Wesolowski of Barnegat also fled the flames.

"It looked like big black clouds, lit up with orange fire, 40, 50 feet in the air, coming right toward you," he said. "It was a wall of flames coming right down the street."

Natives get first crack at mansions

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU The Japanese billionaire allowing needy Native Hawaiian families to move into his upscale Oahu homes rent-free said Tuesday he hopes to have five more mansions ready by the end of next month.

Genshiro Kawamoto moved three families — either homeless or on the verge of homelessness — into three of his homes in Honolulu's ritzy Kahala neighborhood in March.

Kawamoto is currently having concrete gates, walls and swimming pools, "which can be hazardous to small children," removed from the five homes, he said in a statement faxed to media.

The real estate developer announced plans in October to have eight low-income Hawaiian families move into eight of his Kahala Avenue homes.

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TENNIS

Federer struggles to beat Monaco

Nadal extends his record winning streak on clay to 78 matches

BY NESHA STARCEVIC
AP Sports Writer

HAMBURG, Germany Rafael Nadal extended his record winning streak on clay to 78 matches Wednesday by beating Oscar Hernandez 7-5, 6-1 to reach the third round of the Hamburg Masters and a matchup with the last player to beat him on clay.

Earlier, Roger Federer struggled to beat Juan Monaco 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the second round.

Federer, who needs to win the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, has gone four straight tournaments without a title — his worst stretch since becoming the top-ranked player in February 2004.

“It was a tough first match. Obviously he’s a good clay-court player,” Federer said. “I am glad I came through.”

Playing under a canvas roof on the center court on a rainy and cool day, Federer broke Monaco for a 5-4 lead in the final set and then served out the match, converting his first match point with a service winner.

“The court was extremely slow in the wet conditions. It was a good hard-fought match, maybe that’s what I needed. I got a chance at the end of the third set and I was able to use it,” Federer said. “I haven’t played that great in recent weeks. I just need to get back into match groove, pick up as many wins as I can before the French Open.”

Nadal, seeded second behind Federer, cruised after clinching the first set. Nadal is looking for his tour-leading fifth title of the year.

“It was a tough first set. It was cold, rain, much different than in Rome, much

slower,” said Nadal, who won his third straight Italian Open on Sunday.

He next faces Igor Andrejev, who beat Nadal in the Valencia Open quarterfinals on April 8, 2005.

“It’s nothing special for me, but he is a very good player. He has an unbelievable forehand,” said Nadal, who beat Andrejev in three sets at the start of the year in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Andrejev beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4.

Also, Carlos Moya rallied to upset 10th-seeded Tomas Berdych 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (6), and 16th-seeded Lleyton Hewitt defeated Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Wednesday’s match was Federer’s first since he split with coach Tony Roche over the weekend.

“I WAS FOCUSED TOTALLY ON THE MATCH.”

Roger Federer
tennis player

“I was focused totally on the match. It’s a good sign that I was focused on how to play, how to adapt to the conditions,” said Federer, who intends to go to the French Open and Wimbledon without a coach.

Federer has won the Hamburg Masters in three of his last four visits. The Hamburg event is an important warmup for the French Open.

Federer improved his record on clay this year to 6-2. He had 44 winners against Monaco, who had 12. But Federer also had 12 more unforced errors with 38.

The rain suspended play on outside courts, which have no roofs.

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MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Sherpa guide scales Mount Everest for record 17th time

BY BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
Associated Press Writer

KATMANDU, Nepal A veteran Sherpa guide scaled Mount Everest for a record 17th time Wednesday, beating his own previous record, mountaineering officials said.

Apa, who goes by one name, reached the 29,035-foot summit with seven other Sherpas and a Western climber, said Ang Tshering, president of the Nepal Mountaineering Association.

Apa, 46, is one of the most respected climbers in the mountaineering community. His closest competitor — fellow Sherpa guide Chewang Nima, 41 — scaled the peak a 14th time last year.

Apa was leading a team calling themselves the “Super Sherpas Expedition” on a charity climb to raise education funds for children of the Nepalese mountain guides. He and his teammates had set out to

make a documentary about the climb and all money raised will go toward providing better education and health care for children in their community at the foothills of the mountain.

Like most Sherpas, Apa grew up in the foothills of Everest, and began carrying equipment and supplies for trekkers and mountaineers at an early age.

He made his first summit of Everest in 1989 and has been climbing almost every year since.

Sherpas were mostly yak herders and traders living in the Himalayas until Nepal opened its borders to tourism in 1950. Their stamina and knowledge of the mountains make them expert guides and porters for foreign mountaineers.

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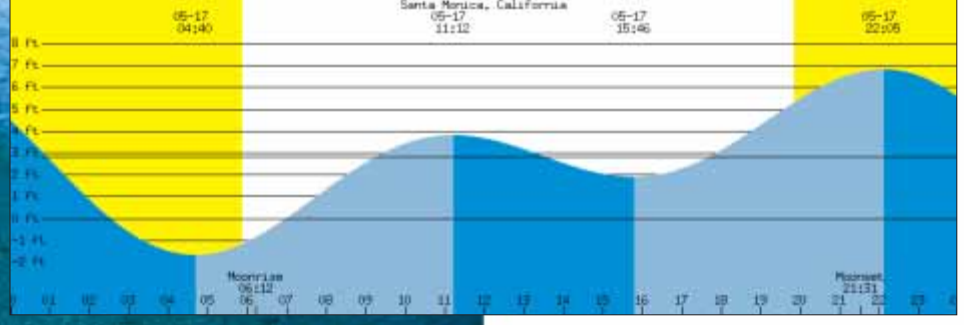
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Today the 17th this NW should peak with size possibly at a more consistent chest high for west facing breaks, but peaky and weak. There should be less of an onshore flow Thursday, and the AM could even see light offshore breezes.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
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Santa Monica, California

Time	Tide
05-17 04:40	Low
05-17 11:12	High
05-17 18:46	Low
05-17 22:06	High

BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of: **May 8, 2007**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 4 weeks)

Number of sewage spills — 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0

Number of wet days — 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 44 / 21

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 4 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepat Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Enchilado Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tancos Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Wildcat 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
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	D	A+
Salinas Canyon at Don Becker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sartrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Sartrider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards west	C	A+
Carbon Beach at Silverstar Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint use)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19048 PCI stairs	A	A+
Pine Creek at Los Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCI (1/4 mile west of Sunset drain)	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY — each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET — grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns — no sample taken

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chastanope)	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montrose Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenner 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 Pico 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 Hypocrite Treatment Plant	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+

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Think getaway, Libra

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)
★★★★★ Your energy and feedback could define a project, event or relationship. Be sure you need to take the initiative. Others listen and also respond in a dynamic manner. Actually, many options appear. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You express yourself through what you offer. Opt to flow with situations, choosing to share mental and emotional resources. What is bothering you might not be valid. A partner puts in his or her two cents, making a situation even more complicated. Tonight: Sort through options.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Let a friend in on a secret or project. This person will add extra zip. Zoom in on what you want. Others propose many different ideas, which might be even better than yours. Learn to use the mental mix rather than have it your way. Tonight: Whatever you touch works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Step back. You might need time to think and evaluate. A fiery individual in your life could cause a headache or two. Pick and choose your words with care, as they might be more inflammatory than you realize. Tonight: Make space for your needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Energize, knowing you are capable of pulling white rabbits out of black hats. Your priorities could vary, but, understanding that Lady Luck is riding on your shoulder, choose carefully. Curb unusual risking. Tonight: Know that you are top dog.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand, especially if you feel it is long overdue. An ability to sort through issues, as well as high organizational abilities, defines you as a winner. Others admire your capabilities and skills. Prioritizing your time and maintaining a personal life might challenge you. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If you look at the circumstances around an issue, you might find some answers. Break present thought patterns, if possible. Brainstorm with those who don't think like you do. Consider a visit with a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Think getaway!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner knows what he or she thinks. You need to validate this person rather than play devil's advocate. Surprising results ensue. Work on greater financial stability and check out investments. Know who you can trust. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might be locked in the role of follower. A key person seems destined to follow a particular course. Be smart: Don't interfere. You'll discover just how much this person knows and has to offer. Creativity surges. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Be more realistic and forthcoming. How you deal with someone might change. Listen to and evaluate ideas without personal bias. If you do, you could discover the power in another approach. Tonight: Let a bond start to sizzle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ When you are on a roll, your creativity spins out, providing many options and possibilities. Focus on romance or spend time with a child. Some of you might decide to write your memoirs. Let go and just express yourself. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ "Family values" plays a strong role in decisions. Recognize that everyone cannot be put into a cookie-cutter mold. Still, you might need to pull back and gain a perspective. Demands and responsibilities call. Tonight: Juggle different aspects of your life.

Born Today

Singer Enya (1961)
Boxer Sugar Ray Leonard (1956), actor Bill Paxton (1955)



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Happy Birthday!

This year you create one mental opportunity after another. Let go of thoughts about what others think. In key relationships, you will notice that others express more interest and want greater involvement. This situation might make you uncomfortable. If you are single, you have much more going for you than you are aware of. If you are attached, plan a special winter holiday vacation, which will bring you closer together. Your significant other finds many ways to spend money. Either separate your funds or make his or her behavior OK in your mind. GEMINI's chattiness can wear you out!

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Protected

British lawmakers say copyright law should be extended to protect artists

British copyright laws should be extended to prevent aging artists such as **PAUL MCCARTNEY** and **CLIFF RICHARD** from missing out on royalties later in life, an influential committee of British lawmakers said Wednesday.

McCartney, 64, and Richard, 66, are among some 7,000 people, including backing singers, who are on the verge of losing royalties for their early music releases because of a 50-year limit on copyright for sound recordings.

CHRISTINA LOVES SHANGHAI

For **CHRISTINA AGUILERA**, there ain't no other city but Shanghai.

Aguilera, a four-time Grammy Award winner, will perform June 26 at the Grand Stage, host to performances by the Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton and the Black Eyed Peas.

The tour date is listed on her Web site.

Aguilera's sexy act apparently didn't faze China's cultural officials, who told the Rolling Stones not to sing some of their racier hits and canceled a performance by Jay-Z after deeming the rapper's lyrics "vulgar."

Aguilera has sold more than 25 million albums. The 26-year-old singer is on tour to promote her latest album, "Back to Basics," which includes the songs "Ain't No Other Man," "Hurt" and "Candyman."

Ticket prices will range from \$26 to \$260 for the concert.

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They want Britain to match the 95-year copyright period granted for recorded music in the United States, which would allow them to benefit financially from an Internet-driven revival of back catalogs.

The House of Commons culture committee, which is made up of lawmakers from all political parties, struck a middle ground, proposing that the copyright be extended to at least 70 years.

"We strongly believe that copyright represents a

moral right of a creator to choose to retain ownership and control of their own intellectual property," the committee said.

"We have not heard a convincing reason why a composer and his or her heirs should benefit from a term of copyright which extends for lifetime and beyond, but a performer should not," they added, referring to contrasting laws that allow families of composers and songwriters to keep the copyright to their compositions for 70

years after they die.

The committee's report clashes with an earlier government-commissioned review, which backed the present 50-year rule because it believed extending copyright could hurt Britain's trade balance and provide little benefit to performers or consumers.

The so-called Gowers report was heavily criticized within the industry for focusing on the economic effects rather than the moral rights of artists.

"The Gowers report was

far too long on economic theory and far too short on fairness to British copyright holders," said John Kennedy, chairman of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry.

"The committee ... has backed two simple principles _ that U.K. performers must get a term of copyright protection comparable to composers, and that Britain must not be left with weaker copyright protection than its international partners."

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Bono trying to clear the air

BONO is grappling with a new version of the unforgettable fire, and it has nothing to do with his band's 1984 album: The rocker-activist is embroiled in a flap over fireplaces at his Manhattan apartment building.

The U2 frontman has told co-op board members at the stately San Remo that smoke from other residents' fireplaces is wafting into the penthouse duplex he shares with his family, The New York Times reported.

The building's fireplaces have long-standing prob-

lems, said Leni May, the wife of board member Peter May.

"Bono was so nice," she said. "He said, 'Listen, whatever I can do to get these things working, but it's emptying into my apartment and I can't have smoke like that.'" The singer told the board that one of his four children has asthma, Leni May said.

The building's board banned the use of fireplaces to study the issue, raising the ire of some owners whose units include them, the Times said.

Principle Management,

the company that manages U2, said the singer was raising a safety concern, not a personal peeve.

"This is not a Bono issue," a Principle Management representative said. "It's a building issue. It's about health and safety regulations."

The 1930 building on Central Park West has had several other celebrity residents, including Dustin Hoffman and Diane Keaton. The building's board famously said no to Madonna when she tried to buy an apartment there in 1985.

Bono bought his apartment from Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs, said the listing broker, Roger Erickson, a senior managing director at Sothebys International Realty.

Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson, and his wife, Ali Hewson, also have homes in Dublin, Ireland, and in the south of France.

The singer, 47, has become prominent in politics as well as rock. He was in Germany this week to push for more aid to Africa from the world's biggest industrial countries.

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ZZ Top cancels European tour

ZZ TOP has canceled its European tour so Dusty Hill can undergo treatment for a benign growth in his inner ear that's affecting his hearing.

Dr. Shawn Nasser, a California otolaryngologist who is treating the 57-year-old bassist/singer, said preliminary plans don't

include surgery.

"In the near-term, we plan to stabilize Dusty's hearing and symptoms with medication and a conservative management strategy," he said in a statement.

ZZ Top got its start in Houston in 1969 when local guitarist Billy Gibbons got

together with Hill and drummer Frank Beard, from Dallas-based band American Blues.

The band has been touring for much of the spring. Its European tour was to start June 15 in Leipzig, Germany, and run into early July.

More U.S. dates were set for July and August. Those

shows, starting July 15 in Dallas, weren't expected to be affected.

"I'm looking forward to dealing with this problem and getting back out there with Billy and Frank," Hill said. "I'm sure we'll put this behind us very shortly."

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ABC announces Walsh's show, 'Private Practice'

KATE WALSH has plenty of reasons to celebrate this week.

ABC announced that she'll star in a "Grey's

Anatomy" spinoff in the fall, and the 39-year-old actress told Us Weekly magazine Tuesday that she's engaged.

"It happened a few days ago," Walsh said of her engagement to Alex Young, a studio executive. "I'm on cloud nine."

"Private Practice" takes her "Grey's Anatomy" character, Dr. Addison Shepherd, from Seattle and moves her to Los Angeles.

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There she reconnects with a friend whose medical practice needs an obstetrician.

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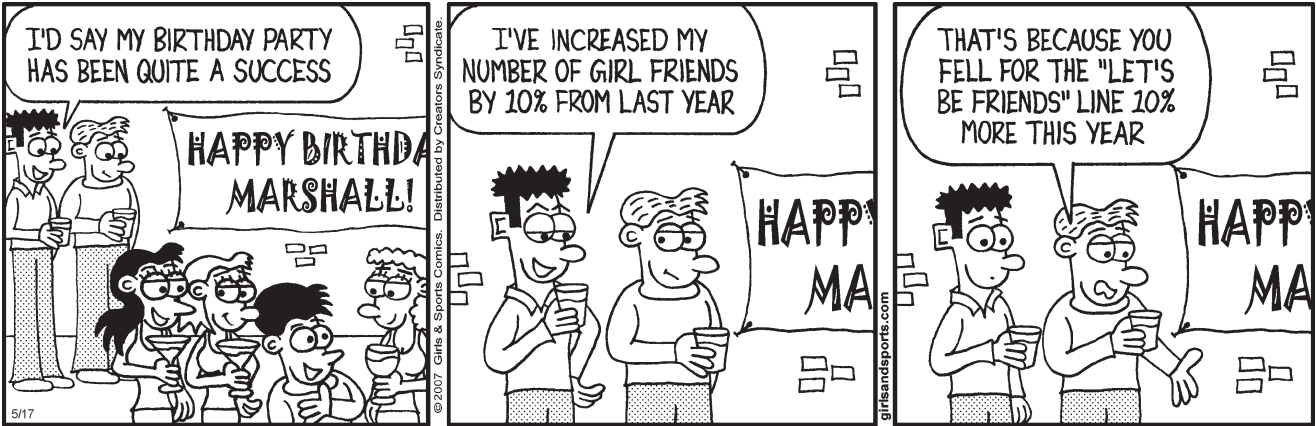
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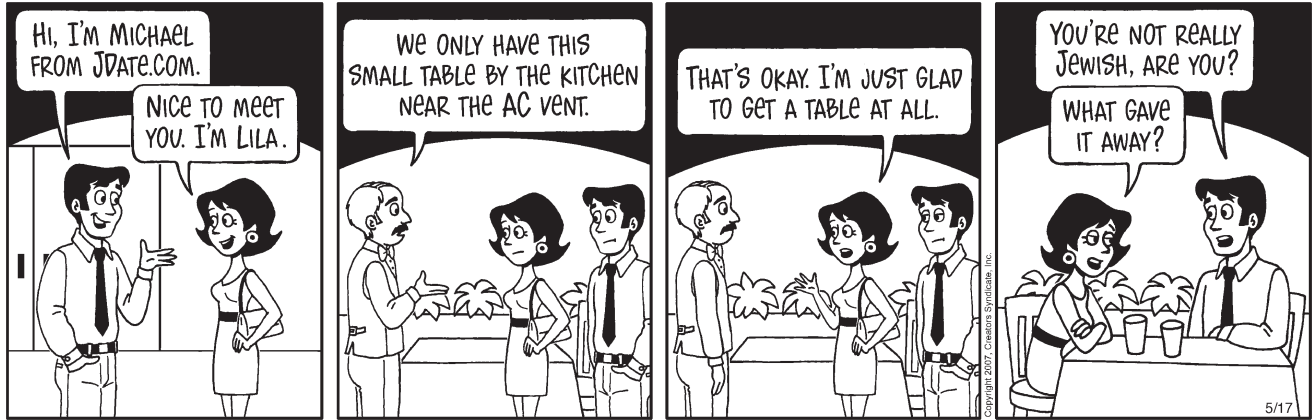
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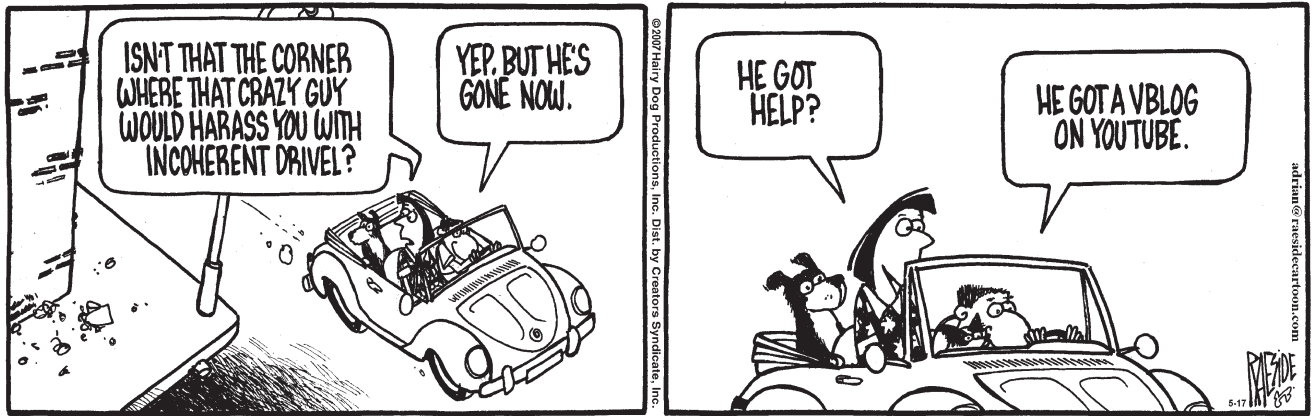
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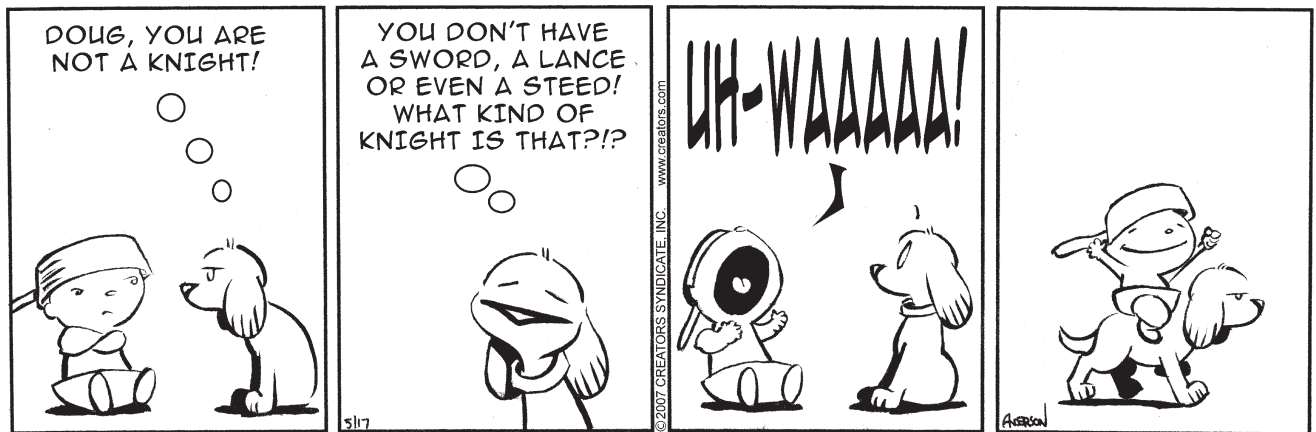
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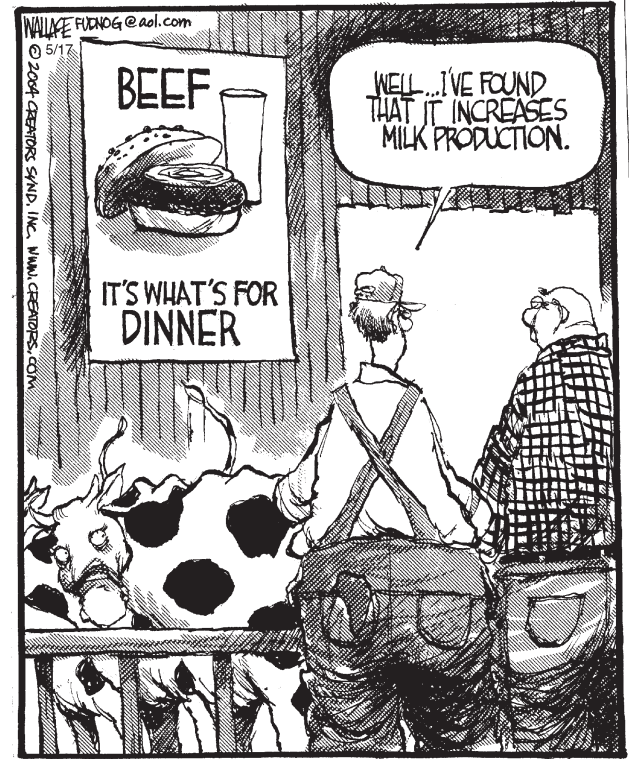
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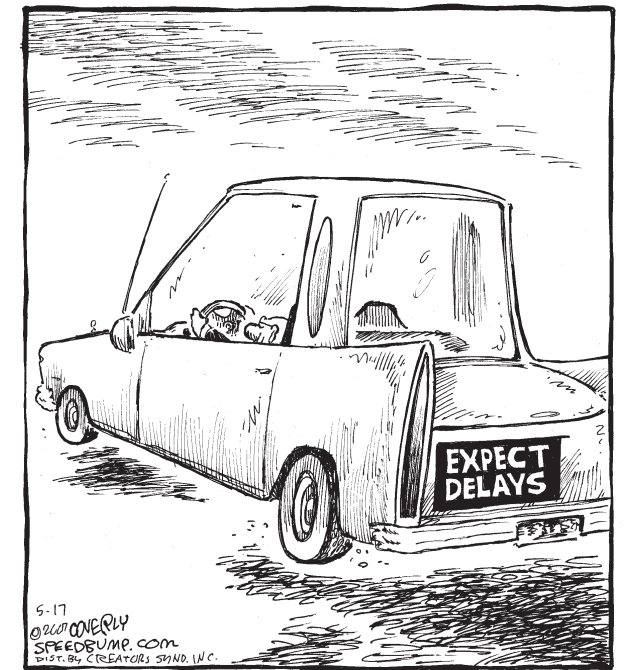
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Yesterday's answer

- 19 Focused one's thoughts
- 20 Muffin makeup
- 21 Utters of film
- 22 Lab aide
- 23 Red color
- 28 Break away
- 29 Book boo-boos
- 30 Crude
- 31 Last
- 35 Scads
- 36 "Aw, heck!"
- 37 Pump, for one
- 38 Nasty dog
- 39 Jargon suffix
- 40 Agent, for short

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Jackpot: \$17M

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Jackpot: \$13M

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1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:43.29

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mexico City taxi driver Manuel Quiroz was seeking a sponsor earlier this year for his pursuit of the world raw-chili-pepper-eating contest. Supposedly, he can guzzle dozens of them at one sitting and even harmlessly squeeze their juice into his eyes.
■ In February, Dublin, Ireland, software engineer Michael Killian demonstrated his sideways-traveling bicycle, in which a rider sits and pedals facing perpendicular to front and back, with each hand controlling a wheel, e.g., squeezing the right handlebar and pedaling moves the bike rightward.
■ In March three homeless men were awarded \$10,000 each in a settlement with the city of Las Vegas because they were arrested in November for violating a since-repealed ordinance. The men had been cited for "illegally" sleeping within 500 feet of public urine or feces (a restriction the city thought would drive the homeless to isolated parts of town to relieve themselves and/or to sleep.) (In December, New York City panhandler Eddie Wise won \$100,000 from the city when a judge ruled he had been illegally arrested 27 times under a law that had been ruled unconstitutional in 1992.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1875 Aristides wins the first Kentucky Derby.
1943 The United States Army contracts with the University of Pennsylvania's Moore School to develop the ENIAC.
1954 The United States Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.
1973 Watergate scandal: Hearings begin in the United States Senate and are televised.
1974 Police in Los Angeles, California, raid the Symbionese Liberation Army's headquarters, killing six members, including Camilla Hall.
1984 Prince Charles calls a proposed addition to the National Gallery, London, a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend," sparking controversies on the proper role of the Royal Family and the course of modern architecture.
1998 David Wells of the New York Yankees pitches the 15th perfect game in baseball history against the Minnesota Twins at Yankee Stadium.
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sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust,
with interest and late charges thereon, as pro-
vided in the note(s), advances, under the terms
of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees,
charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total
amount (at the time of the initial publication of
the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set
forth below. The amount may be greater on the
day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID
LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s):
AMALIO LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded:
3/10/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0021285 in
book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the of-
fice of the Recorder of SANTA BARBARA County,
California; Date of Sale: 6/6/2007 at 1:00 PM
Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County
Courthouse, 1100 Anacapa Street, Santa Bar-
bara, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other
charges: \$356,216.91 The purported property ad-
dress is: 403 WEST CRESTON STREET SANTA
MONICA, CA 93458 Assessors Parcel No.
117-065-32 The undersigned Trustee disclaims
any liability for any incorrectness of the property
address or other common designation, if any,
shown herein. If no street address or other com-
mon designation is shown, directions to the lo-
cation of the property may be obtained by sending a
written request to the beneficiary within 10 days
of the date of first publication of this Notice of
Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for
any reason, the successful bidder's sole and ex-
clusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid
to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall
have no further recourse. Date: 5/16/2007 Quality
Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego,
CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE infor-
mation only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to:
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645-7711 ext 400 Diego Juarez, Asst. Trustee
Sale Officer If you have previously been dis-
charged through bankruptcy, you may have been
released of personal liability for this loan in
which case this letter is intended to exercise the
note holder's rights against the real property
only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER
AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAIN-
ED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE
CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As
required by law, you are hereby notified that a
negative credit report reflecting on your credit re-
cord may be submitted to a credit report agency
if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obli-
gations. ASAP# 849970 05/17/2007, 05/24/2007,
05/31/2007**Attorney for petitioner: BEVERLY R
SANDS ESQ
DEERING WALTHER & SANDS
2530 WILSHIRE BLVD
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SANTA MONICA CA 90403-4643
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CN774233 ELLIOTT May 16,17,23, 2007****NOTICE**
Pursuant To California Self-Storage Facility Act
(B & P Code 21700 ET SEQ) the Undersigned Will
Sell At Public Auction. On The Below Listed Day,
Time, And Location. Notice Of Public Sale Of Per-
sonal Property: The Personal Property Including,
But Not Limited To Listed Items Stored By The
Following Persons Or Businesses On The 22nd
Day Of May 2007 At 1:00 PM At: AA Olympic 3250
Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica, Ca. 90404 (310)
829-2525
THE FOLLOWING LIST IS A DE-SCRIPTION OF THE
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
Storage Unit #
2268 - Kevin Harper - boxes, bags, clothes,
crates, cd's, movies, plastic drawers, loveseat,
big screen TV
2827 - Richard Knox - pictures, boxes, chairs,
guitar case, crates, wicker shelf, table
2456 - Leydy Lopez - picture, boxes, bed, table &
chairs, bags, big mirror, fax machine, TV, refrig-
erator
1010 - James Gastineau - stroller, boxes, guitar,
surfboard, bike, TV, chairs, crates, cooler, picture,
boxes, baby items, plastic containers, power drill
0006 - Jan Holtfreter - picture, bags, chairs,
dresser, nightstand, rocker chair
2715 - Christopher Mendicino - boxes, batman
molds, computer, dvd's, cd's, lp's, TV, fan, pic-
tures, stereo equipment**NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF LUCY O.
ELLIOTT aka LUCY OROZCO EL-
LIOTT**

Case No. SP007136

NoticesTo 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 re-
presenta-tive to take many actions
without obtaining court approval.
Before taking certain very important
ac-tions, however, the personal re-
pre-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
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CN75769 5-22-07 May 10,17, 2007**Notices****NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF JUDY
ANN PEARSON aka JUDY A.
PEARSON aka JUDY PEARSON**
Case No. BP104536To 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-
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tive to administer the estate of 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
objections or file written objections
with the court before the hearing.
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Notice form is available from the
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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****SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso)
SC092820
INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW
AND CONFERENCE CONTINUED TO
8/28/07, DEPT: H, 8:30 A.M. PER OR-
DER OF 4/20/07**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL
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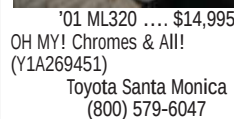
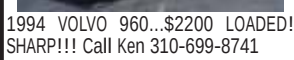
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A DEED OF TRUST, DATED August 23, 2006. UN-
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PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.
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OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 30, 2007 at
10:00am, Cal-Western Receivance Corporation,
as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to
Deed of Trust recorded August 30, 2006, as
Inst. No. 06 1932585 in book XX, page XX of Official
Records in the office of the County Recorder of
Los Angeles County, State of California, execu-
ted by Raphael Ben Abu, A Single Man, will sell
at public auction to highest bidder for cash,
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bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit
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vings and loan association, savings association,
or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the
Financial Code and authorized to do business in
this state: At the West side of the Los Angeles
County Courthouse, Southeast District, 12720
Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California, all right,
title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under
said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said
County and State described as: Completely de-
scribed in said deed of trust The street address
and other common designation, if any, of the real
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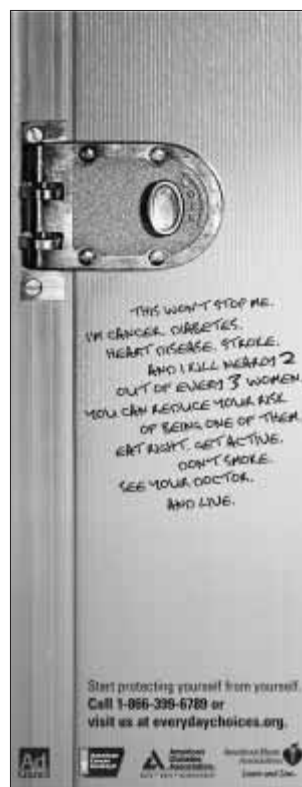
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