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CLEARING THE STREETS? Backers of the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic believe gridlock could be mitigated if the initiative is approved.

Traffic-fighting initiative qualifies for fall ballot

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL The question of whether commercial growth should be severely restricted in Santa Monica will come before voters this fall.

The Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, often referred to as RIFT, qualified for the November election, receiving the necessary

5,800 signatures of registered Santa Monica voters.

The measure, which was authored by Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, seeks to combat traffic congestion in the city by placing an annual cap of 75,000 square feet on new commercial development over the next 15 years, excluding schools, hospitals and other community spaces.

The campaign behind the measure spent 10 weeks gathering more than 10,000 signatures and submitted the petition to the City Clerk in late April.

"If we had 20 weeks we would've had 20,000 signatures and that is as many signatures as we need to win," Diana Gordon, co-

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Treesavers to stage night rally

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The image of 23 down ficus trees fresh in their minds, a group of activists are planning to stage an all-night peace rally in protest of what they are calling, "The May 16 Tree Massacre."

Just four days after the specimens were removed from Second and Fourth streets, identified by city officials as structurally unstable and a threat to public safety, the Santa Monica Treesavers say they intend to camp out on the front steps of City Hall from 5 p.m. today until 9 a.m. Wednesday, their overnight stay coinciding with the City Council's study session on the upcoming budget.

Several activists plan to speak during the council meeting, which will touch on the Community Maintenance Department's budget, requesting that more money be spent on tree planting rather than removal.

The Treesavers are protesting a tree removal plan that is part of a beautification project for Downtown Santa Monica, including the removal of 23 unstable trees and the relocation of seven others. The trees were destroyed during the early morning hours of last Friday, just two days after the California Appellate Court dismissed a petition by the Treesavers challenging the ficus removal and relocation plan, giving City Hall the green light to proceed with the project.

The streetscape improvement project includes sidewalk repairs, lighting enhancements and curb extensions. Each removed

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Jury selection starts in Farmers' Market civil trial

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN L.A. Jury selection for the civil suit brought in connection with the Santa Monica Farmers' Market tragedy commenced on Monday, nearly five years after the fatal crash took the lives of 10 people.

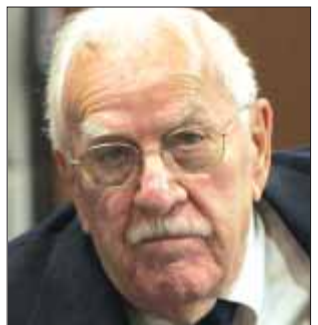
Attorneys met at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles where they fielded 60 prospective jurors, testing their knowledge of the case with a questionnaire, the results of which they will review on Tuesday before reconvening back in court on Wednesday.

"We questioned jurors for hardship and to see if they had preconceived (opinions) that made them unsuitable to be fair in the case," Geoffrey Wells, one of the attorney for the plaintiffs, said.

Remaining qualified jurors will then be further questioned on

Wednesday before the 12-person panel is selected. Opening statements could begin on Friday.

It was July 16, 2003 when George Russell Weller, 91, plowed through a crowded Farmers' Market in



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Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Santa Monica YMCA, Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Come and join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club — an organization made up of volunteers that provides community support through grants, volunteer hours and much more — for their weekly club luncheon at the Santa Monica YMCA. Members use these meetings to increase fundraising efforts and spread the word on support committees and community events. Special guest speakers will be attending the luncheon. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

12 Steps For Everybody

16370 Bollinger Dr., Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

12 Steps for Everybody's one-hour 12-Step Writing Meeting hosts a more intensive practice to the traditional 12-Step program — reading literature, going to meetings, finding a sponsor and then working the 12 Steps. This program is for anyone who would like to join, or anyone with a habitual problem or illness. For more information, call (310) 454-5138, or e-mail info@12stepsforeverybody.org.

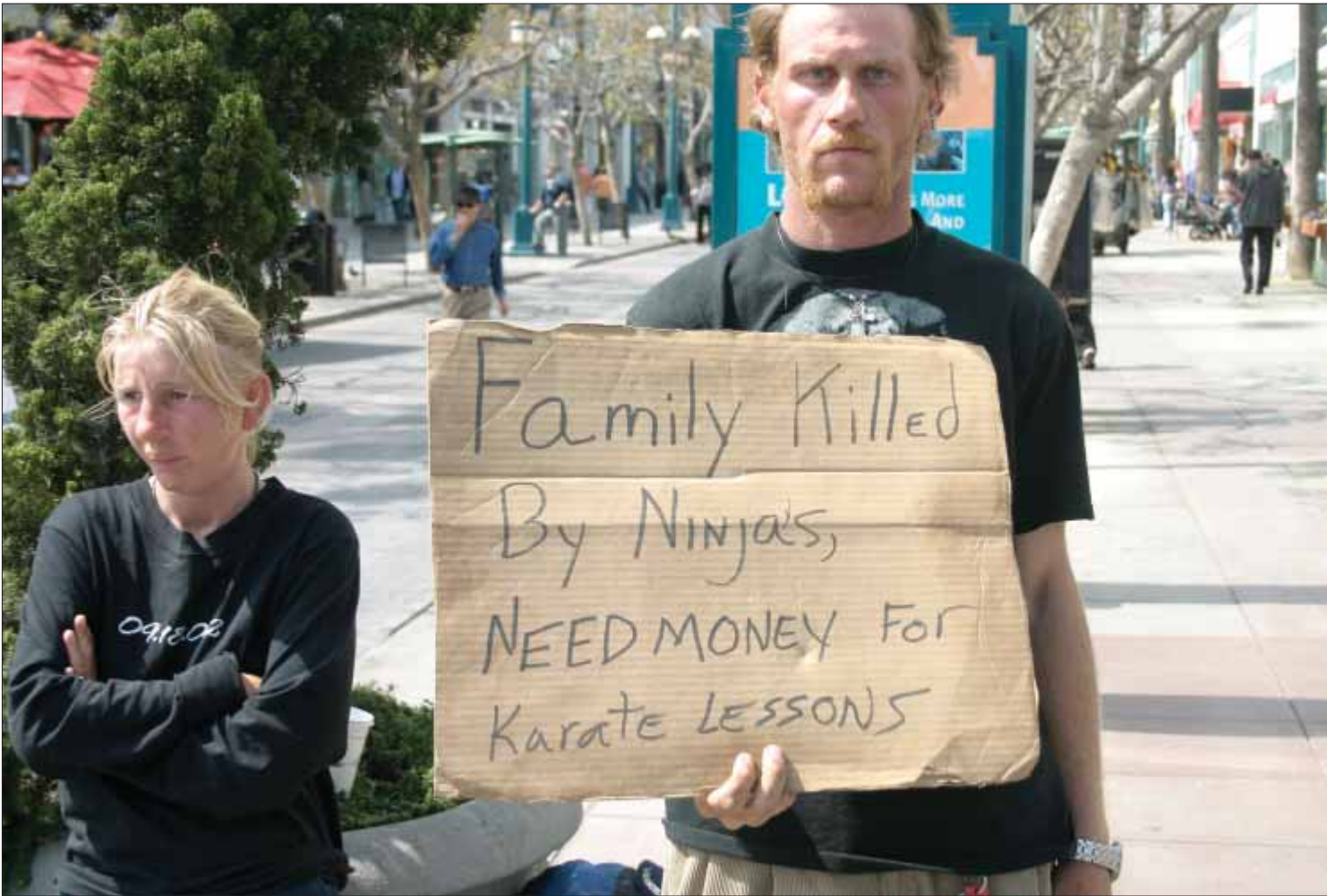
Say cheese

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

As studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia, George Hurrell shot some of the world's most beautiful and intriguing personalities, creating the template for the Hollywood glamour portrait. His flawless photography was instrumental in shaping the images of stars such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney and Rita Hayworth. An exhibition at the California Heritage Museum entitled "Lights! Camera! Glamour! The Photography of George Hurrell" shows more than eighty iconic photographs ranging from Jean Harlow, and Clark Gable to Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger. For more information contact calmuseum@earthlink.net or (310) 392 8537.

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.





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COMING SOON: A City Hall marketing campaign is designed to stop people from giving money directly to homeless panhandlers.

Panhandling campaign still a work in progress

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A marketing campaign aimed at curbing panhandling in Downtown Santa Monica could roll out in time for the holiday shopping season.

A senior associate with consulting firm GMMB, which was contracted by City Hall earlier this year to create the \$100,000 anti-panhandling campaign, said last week that a public opinion survey on homelessness was recently completed and educational marketing materials should be ready for distribution this winter, possibly as soon as the fall.

The survey was conducted in the downtown area in late March, a sample size that

included 314 respondents, many of whom reside in Santa Monica and Greater L.A.

About half of the Santa Monica residents who responded said that panhandling was an extremely or very serious problem in the city, as compared to 28 percent of the overall respondents who felt the same way. Only about 12 percent of Santa Monica residents said they frequently give to panhandlers as opposed to 16.7 percent of international visitors. International visitors comprised the largest group of respondents who say they are never asked to give money.

More than half of the respondents who never give money said they believe the cash is used for negative purposes, as opposed to 27 percent of those who always contribute,

saying they believe the resources are used to better the recipient's situation.

The consulting firm also interviewed 31 stakeholders, ranging from business owners to social-service providers, on their thoughts of the campaign.

"For the most part, people really see the value in educating the public about why we should try to curtail direct giving to panhandling," Tanja Hester, a senior associate with GMMB, said during the City Council meeting last week.

The campaign is aimed at advising the public against giving to panhandlers and instead suggests donating the money to a

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SoCal home sales jump during April

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO Home sales surged 22 percent in Southern California in April compared with March, as bargain-hunters bought lower-end homes in areas hardest hit by foreclosures, a research firm said Monday.

Still, sales were down 19 percent from April 2007, marking the weakest April tally since 1995, DataQuick Information Systems said.

In addition, the region's median home price fell 24 percent from a year earlier to \$385,000.

The month-to-month sales increase in the six-county region was well above the average gain of only 1.2 percent seen from March to April since DataQuick began keeping statistics in 1988.

"Quite a few more buyers stepped off the sidelines last month to snap up homes at substantial discounts relative to the market's short-lived peak," DataQuick President Marshall Prentice said.

Sales of new and resale homes and condos reached 15,615 in April, up from 12,808 in March and the highest monthly total in Southern California since August, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

Sales were down, however, from 19,269 in April 2007, marking the weakest April tally since 1995, DataQuick said.

Homes under \$500,000 accounted for two-thirds of the monthly sales gain in the region that includes Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties, DataQuick said.

Riverside County, which the firm calls the "epicenter" of foreclosures and price declines in Southern California, posted the region's only annual sales increase — 6.7 percent, its first in two years.

Foreclosures drew buyers. Nearly 38 percent of homes resold in April in the region were in foreclosure at some point during the previous 12 months, compared with 36 percent in March and only 5 percent in April 2007, DataQuick said.

In Riverside County, foreclosures accounted for 53 percent of such sales.

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Doing away with Indian gaming Editor:

As presidential candidates and candidates/ husbands proclaim their allegiance to “Indian Country,” one can only hope that the media now realizes that the collusion of Indian gaming and our representative government is not a benign tumor affecting small, rural towns.

It is an aggressive cancer and killer of democracy. Evidence of the aggressiveness of this killer cancer was re-exposed just recently.

In meetings with community groups, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Carl Artman said he fully supports tribal interests and doesn’t care if Indian casino hosting communities are “annihilated.”

This is not the first time that Mr. Artman had made his agenda known.

In 2002 as tribal attorney for the Oneida Indians he told citizens of Hobart, Wisc., to get ready to be “extinguished.”

Note that Mr. Artman is using his position of authority and federal power to support tribal interests and not impoverished Indian tribes.

Tribal interests were brilliant in using small communities to quietly feed the Indian gaming cancer into a \$27 billion industry that has no accountability to the public.

The media paid little attention thinking Indian gaming affected only small, rural towns.

Now the Indian gaming industry is the most powerful lobbying group, surpassing the teacher’s union and trial lawyers as the largest political contributor.

Ironically, only 11 percent or less of impoverished Indians are benefiting from the \$27 billion Indian gaming windfall.

Hundreds of Indian gaming communities stagger under the weight of crime and corruption of tribal gambling and land expansion.

They watch, horrified as the un-taxed gambling entity buys up their community.

Local and state politicians and local and state government agencies tell communities there is nothing they can do because of sovereignty or because tribal issues are controlled by the feds.

The state tells them negotiations for more slot machines is none of their business.

The feds tell them they have no standing to oppose tribal land expansion.

This cancer is spreading.

It is time to investigate the Department of the Interior and all other agencies and politicians who support tribal interests and Indian gaming.

Kathy Cleary
Los Olivos, Calif.

War, war and more war

Editor:

President Bush says more war.

Republican presidential front-runner John McCain says much more war. (McCain states that he wants American soldiers to remain in Iraq for 100 years or more)

Republicans say more war.

Evangelical Republicans are gung ho for more war.

You know what the military-industrial complex wants?

The abbreviated defense budget is \$475 billion (over \$700 billion when concealed costs are included) this year and Republicans are legislating for more.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it – George Santayana. Those who cannot remember the past seven years under George Bush are doomed to repeat it with John McCain as president.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

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What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

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Giving back to veterans in need

THIS PAST JANUARY I WAS SITTING IN A Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, observing the people around me. One of them, a bull of a man, was watching the news-feeds on the advertising monitors, I asked him if he could recall any of the ads he had just watched, he replied no, and that opened a conversation between us.

He had a military background, and was clearly a student of history, and soon we started speaking about the faux patriotism that we have today, versus the attitude of sacrifice and common endeavor that was the hallmark of World War II.

I had to agree with him, for one of my pet peeves are those annoying little yellow ribbon stickers that people buy to put on their cars that say “support the troops.” I see that as such an empty gesture. It is too easy to buy a sticker at a carwash and use that to proclaim your support.

If you go to The Galley, you can see the type of publicity campaign that was waged to generate a sense of unity and camaraderie to bring us together as a nation, a nation at war. There are posters that proclaim “Sacrifice at home, so that they wont have to” with a line drawing of a sailor.

We had Victory gardens, people went without luxury goods, like meat, to provide for our troops. Everyone understood that sacrifice was necessary, even if some of them didn’t participate.

Today, no civilian family understands that sacrifice is necessary, and I can’t name one person, besides President George W. Bush, who has given up anything to assist in the war effort. The President’s sacrifice however, is telling — he gave up golf.

On the one hand, I think that is a slap in the face to the brave men and women who do serve in the armed forces.

Anyone who has played golf understands that this is a rich white man’s game for the leisure set. At least when played at the non-professional level. To be the President and to say that he has given up golf to show solidarity with the military families seems condescending.

On the other hand, I’ve given up nothing. My life, and those of my fellow Americans, continues on. We make no sacrifices, we don’t really follow what is going on in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sudan.

So long as we can buy our ribs by the multi-pack, and enjoy our big screen TVs, the fact that over 4,000 Americans have died in Iraq and more than 500 in Afghanistan, according to icasualties.org, is not something that is shocking anymore to the American conscience.

The appalling fact is that those numbers are grossly underreporting the reality of the true cost to our troops. Thanks to the Department of Defense’s arcane rules of what is “hostile” there are many deaths that are reported as non-hostile.

There are also many more who are now injured, and thanks to advances in medicine survive, but are grossly wounded and disabled. Those veterans then come back to a

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Veteran’s Administration that is under-funded, and is overwhelmed with the physical and mental needs of the returning soldiers who are not receiving the care they need for months, and in some cases, years.

That is why I am urging everyone this Memorial Day, if you want to support the troops, do something of value. Send a check to the VA, or the VFW, or VeteransforPeace.org. Buy a vet a steak dinner, and listen to what they have to say about the costs of this war, or any war.

Memorial Day is to remember the fallen. We dedicated this day to the soldiers who have made the “greatest sacrifice” possible, for others to live.

But as funerals are for the living to process the grief, so the purpose of Memorial Day is for the living to remember the dead.

Remembering is more appropriate to me, than honoring them. We can’t give honor to those who have fallen, while we continue to wage war.

If we wanted to honor the dead we would work for peace. We would do more than put flags on grave markers and hold parades listening to hot-air politicians espouse Wal-Mart patriotism.

We need to come together this Memorial Day to remember that sacrifice is an important part of a nation at war. The world has changed, and goods are plentiful, so what we need to sacrifice is our time — by giving some of it to the veteran in need.

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A salute from one CCC boy to another

BEFORE THEY BECAME KNOWN AS TOM Brokaw's Greatest Generation, many of the young men who served in World War II were part of the Civilian Conservation Corps. They were the "CCC boys" who planted trees, built parks and trails, and fought fires and floods.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was created 75 years ago, signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on March 31, 1933.

It was just a few weeks after his March inauguration, in the midst of the Depression. The CCC offered jobs, room and board and a salary of \$30 a month, with \$25 sent home to impoverished families.

Young men began signing up immediately. There were three million of them over the life of the program, and they left us quite a legacy. But when the program ended in 1942, the nation was at war with no time for monuments or accolades.

The Civilian Conservation Corps' achievements are vast. With camps in every one of the 48 states, the CCC built most of the state parks across the nation, including more than 20 parks in California.

If you've hiked on Mt. Diablo or camped at Pfeiffer Big Sur you've seen the CCC's handiwork.

If you've heated a pot of coffee at your campsite, it was likely on one of thousands of stone stoves the CCC built. Crews also worked in the national parks, such as Yosemite.

They constructed trails and massive granite steps — work that I as a backcountry trails supervisor admired first-hand 50 years later.

There were 30,000 young men working in California CCC camps in 1934. That same year, an 18-year-old named Robert Griffiths was living in Utica, New York. "Things were tough. We were hungry, in bad shape," he said. "My father read about the CCC and went down to city hall to see if I were eligible. I was and joined about a week later." He stayed for three years.

Today, Griffiths is 91 years old and lives near Sacramento. He doesn't quite look like a "CCC boy" anymore, but the impact of the program has never left him.

More than 30 years ago, he co-founded

the CCC national alumni association and helped get California's Conservation Corps State Museum off the ground in the 1980s. He planted a tree in Capitol Park with Gov. George Deukmejian for the CCC's 50th anniversary. And he recently spoke about the 1930s CCC to Sacramento high school students.

Griffiths wouldn't have much difficulty recognizing today's California Conservation Corps. There are women now, yes, but from the acronym on down, the programs and core values are much alike.

Our corpsmembers tackle a portfolio of natural resource work throughout the state that includes energy conservation and today's other environmental priorities.

The Civilian Conservation Corps embodied service to our country during the roughest of times.

We have a younger generation now who may not be as hungry or poor, but who are learning life's lessons through hard work and service to others.

The original CCC set an example — and a high bar — for the programs it spawned. Today's California program was established by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1976, the first corps since FDR's time.

More than 100 regional and state corps have followed, then the national AmeriCorps program in 1993. Just last month, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver announced the creation of the first cabinet-level position in the country for service and volunteering.

All of these efforts have a direct line of ancestry back to the Civilian Conservation Corps.

As head of our modern-day CCC, my dream is to ultimately leave a legacy of both projects and outstanding citizens as did our predecessors.

We salute the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps and know we have some very big boots to fill.

DAVID MURAKI is director of the California Conservation Corps. He joined the program on Jan. 22, 1978 as a crew supervisor and worked in various positions until 1996. He returned to the Corps after being appointed director by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007.

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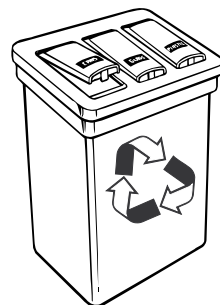
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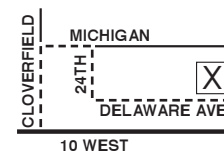
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BY LISA A. FLAM

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK It's hard enough for parents to say goodbye to their kids at drop-off time at preschool or the baby sitter's house. Add in the threat of a disaster, and the thought of being unable to reach them can make things scary.

Despite recent disasters including the 2001 terrorist attacks, many child-care providers don't have emergency plans for their charges, experts say. Parents need to take matters into their own hands by asking if plans are in place, says Linda Smith, executive director of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies.

"The vast majority of child care in this country is not prepared for a disaster, other than a fire drill," says Smith, whose organization has 800 agencies around the country that refer parents to day care centers, preschools and home-based care.

"Our goal is to have parents make sure they ask: 'What are the plans? Where will the children be taken? How long is the child going to be cared for?'" she said.

Unlike K-12 public schools, which are largely complying with a federal mandate to have a disaster plan, early childhood education and care is not federally regulated, and few states require disaster planning, Smith says. While some providers obtain accreditation from private organizations that mandate planning, they make up less than 10 percent of centers nationwide, she says.

Parents and caregivers can't anticipate every potential danger. Still, asking questions and being prepared can make parents feel more at ease. Some parents are doing just that.

Jim Cowen was not yet a father on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was a Navy lieutenant at work at the Pentagon. On that day, he knew his girlfriend was safe and recalls "how difficult it was for me, when I had no one but myself to worry about."

Now his daughter, Samantha, who turns 2 in August, attends a day-care program about a block from the White House, and Cowen has made sure he understands what would happen with her in another emergency.

"Now, my first thought is, where is my daughter and how do I get to her and how do we get out of here?" said Cowen, 38, of Alexandria, Va.

"I feel confident because I sat down and asked questions and walked through potential situations," says Cowen.

For example, he knows the center's two evacuation sites and could run there from his office in about 20 minutes and that the program has supplies if the kids were to stay put in a crisis. He also keeps a lightweight stroller, diapers and other supplies in his car.

Some parents don't inquire about disaster plans with child care providers because they don't think something bad will ever happen to them, or they are embarrassed to ask, says Don Owens, public affairs director for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, an accreditation organization that requires a disaster plan.

"We clearly as an association don't think enough parents are asking for this," Owens said.

Once children are ready for kindergarten, if they attend public school, their school most likely will have a plan, as more than 95 percent

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

If your child is one of the nearly 8 million who are age 4 and younger who attend a center- or home-based child care program or stay with a nanny, sitter or another non-relative, you should make sure plans are in place for coping with a natural disaster, terrorist attack or other major event.

For day-care facilities:

- Find out how children will be evacuated and where they will go. Providers should have at least two evacuation sites, and parents should know where they are.
- Provide at least two ways to be contacted, including through someone outside their geographic area. Ask the program director for a contact number or a way to get information during an emergency.
- Keep your contact information with the school current.
- Provide an extra supply of medicine if a child takes it regularly, and inquire how infants and children with special needs will be tended.
- Home-based or small care centers should make sure they are known to emergency officials. Some centers are tucked away in neighborhoods, churches and community buildings.
- Providers should make nametags or ID bands ahead of time for each child that are helpful if a child gets separated during an evacuation.
- Providers should learn about the types of disasters likely to occur in their areas, and know when to stay put and when to evacuate.

For baby sitters and nannies:

- Discuss evacuation plans and meeting spots.
- Prepare a kit that includes information like phone numbers and emergency contacts, copies of the children's birth certificates and health insurance information, says Deneane Maldonado, president of the Coral Springs, Fla.-based Nanny Poppinz agency that has about 12,000 nannies nationwide.
- Remember to include some contacts out of the geographic area. You may want to get phone numbers of your caregivers' relatives or friends as well.
- In hurricane-prone South Florida, Maldonado recommends parents leave \$150 in cash for each day a nanny may be evacuated with the children, and fill out a form allowing her to get medical treatment for them. Don't forget extra medicine.
- Make plans for emergencies that may keep a parent from getting or even calling home one night, such as during the 2003 blackout, says Susan Tokayer, who owns Family Helpers agency in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.,

For all parents:

- Realize you can't plan for everything.

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of districts are meeting the federal requirement to have one, said William Modzeleski, an associate assistant deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.

But the government doesn't tell districts what the plans should say. Parents should ask if the plan is up to date, regularly practiced and coordinated with local emergency officials, he said.

Smith, of the national referral association, acknowledges that preparations for a disaster can scare parents.

"They're not intended to," she said. "They're intended to be precautions so people don't panic at the last minute."

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Voters to decide whether to limit commercial growth

FROM RIFT PAGE 1

chair of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, said. "Residents are fed up and are willing to make the decision themselves as to how much commercial growth and traffic is reasonable for Santa Monica."

City officials have raised concerns that the initiative would negatively impact the Land Use and Circulation Element, the update of the general plan which guides development in the city for the next two decades.

The LUCE strategy framework was recently released to the public and will be discussed at a series of meetings later this week.

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors unanimously voted to oppose the RIFT, citing concerns with possible impacts on mass transit funding and the ability to create workforce housing.

City Hall is currently conducting an economic and fiscal assessment and traffic impact study associated with the RIFT ini-

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Diana Gordon,
Co-chair, Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City

tiative, examining areas such as housing, employment, infrastructure and quality of life. The study is expected to be presented to the City Council on June 24.

"Residents are understanding that we're losing what Santa Monica is, that traffic is becoming unbearable and our streets can't handle any more cars," Gordon said.

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Trial nears for market civil case

FROM TRIAL PAGE 1

Downtown Santa Monica, killing 10 people and injuring 63 others.

He was convicted on 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter in October 2006 and was sentenced to five years probation. His criminal conviction is being appealed.

The victims are suing both Weller and the Bayside District Corp., a public-private company that manages the downtown area, including the strips of Arizona Avenue and Second Street where the market is held every

Wednesday. The plaintiffs in the suits are claiming that the outdoor marketplace lacked proper protection for the public.

The civil case will focus on three remaining lawsuits out of more than 40, many of which were settled out of court. The remaining cases represent about a dozen plaintiffs.

It is unclear whether Weller will testify in the civil trial. A pre-recorded deposition by Weller will be used if he is unable to appear, Wells said.

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Home sales lag behind last year's numbers

FROM HOMES PAGE 3

April's median price of \$385,000 in the region was unchanged from March, the first time in eight months the price didn't fall from the previous month.

The median price peaked in April 2007 at \$505,000, a figure reached several times last spring and summer.

It's premature to say that April's numbers signaled a potential housing rebound in California, one of the nation's hottest markets during the boom, said DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage.

Uncertainties include whether the economy gets stuck in a recession, whether the credit crunch persists, and if foreclosures continue to rise, he said.

"I think we're a ways from seeing much of a rebound in home values," he said. "When

you put on a super sale, people show up and buy."

Sales were strongest in areas hit by steep price declines and foreclosures.

Along with Riverside County, the areas included Chula Vista in San Diego County, Lancaster in Los Angeles County, Anaheim and Lake Forest in Orange County and Victorville in San Bernardino County.

DataQuick said it was still looking for a sales rebound in midpriced and higher-end markets along the coast.

The availability of large loans have fallen sharply in the past eight months, causing prices to fall, DataQuick said.

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Treesavers to ask for more money for tree planting

FROM RALLY PAGE 1

and relocated ficus tree will be replaced with two ginkgo biloba trees.

City officials said the seven-month delay in the project — starting last October when the court restrained City Hall from removing the trees — has cost taxpayers more than \$100,000 and endangered approximately \$3 million in federal and regional funding.

“We want to make sure the city abandons its plans to relocate the seven healthy ficus trees,” Jerry Rubin, the plaintiff in the lawsuit and Treesavers leader, said.

The Treesavers are also calling on the council to form an urban forestry commission that would advise on tree removal proposals. A discussion item about the proposed commission has been placed on the June 24 council agenda.

The seven ficus trees are slated to be relocated to the Palisades Garden Walk on the former Rand Corp. site. City Manager Lamont Ewell pointed out that City Hall has a 95 percent success rate in relocating trees, which supports the urban forest by extending the city’s canopy, moving them to areas that allow the specimens to better flourish.

“The relocation of the seven trees is actually in support of their long-term



Photo courtesy J. Scott Smith

GROUNDING: The city removed 23 ficus trees from the downtown area on Friday.

health and vitality, and in essence retains canopy,” Ewell said. “Relocation to the Palisades Garden Walk park spares them from the regular root pruning necessary to prevent them from creating tripping hazards by displacing the sidewalks.

“Relocation allows their canopies to grow without constant pruning and also gives them the opportunity to grow closer to their natural size,” he added.

The Treesavers argue that some of the trees that were taken out were healthy, pointing to a report by consulting arborist Cy Carlberg who found that 14 of the 23 trees removed were identified as having a low-risk failure potential. Several of those 14 trees had

a hazard rating of seven and eight out of 12.

“These are trees that were cut down unnecessarily,” Rubin said.

Mayor Herb Katz said he does not foresee the council reopening the discussion about the seven remaining ficus trees in the project, considering that the majority of the councilmembers — with the exception of Councilmember Kevin McKeown — voted for the project.

“We have been through these hearings with the Treesavers several times and we have been to court,” Katz said. “I don’t know what else we can do.”

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NEWS MAKER: Jerry Rubin, leader of the Santa Monica Treesavers, speaks with members of the media on Friday.

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City consultant completes public opinion survey on homeless panhandling

FROM CAMPAIGN PAGE 3

social service provider that works directly with the homeless. Such campaigns have been successful in cities like Denver which launched the "Give a Better Way" campaign in 2006, cutting down panhandling in the 16th Street outdoor mall — the city's equivalent of the Third Street Promenade — by 93 percent. An estimated \$4.5 million was handed out to panhandlers in Denver in 2006.

"There is a strong desire to frame the campaign in terms of compassion ... so this isn't about judging people or stereotyping anyone," Hester said. "It's about helping people to see that direct giving may not be the most compassionate choice."

Councilmember Kevin McKeown suggested that those who donate to a social-service provider be awarded an "I gave" sticker that they can wear, letting panhandlers know that they have already contributed toward their cause.

Panhandling could have more of an impact on promenade businesses after the reopening of Santa Monica Place in 2009, a privately-owned space where homeless activities can be restricted, according to Councilmember Bob Holbrook.

"It's imperative we really get a handle on this or there will be severe impacts on some



File photo

COLLECTIONS: Homeless individuals often panhandle for change in the downtown area.

UPDATE ON MEAL PROVIDERS

About eight months after two of the largest volunteer meal providers — HOPE and Hand-to-Hand — moved into the new OPCC Annenberg Access Center, the two groups have settled in, serving meals and reaching out to 90 to 200 people a day, according to Julie Rusk, the human services manager for City Hall.

In her homeless update to the council, Rusk mentioned that she has met with HOPE and Hand-to-Hand to discuss the homeless action plan and how the meal providers might refocus their efforts to support the goals of the plan.

She added that there are currently six to eight groups that provide outdoor meals in Santa Monica.

"Staff continues to work with those groups and individuals to encourage them to partner and bring food distribution indoors," she said.

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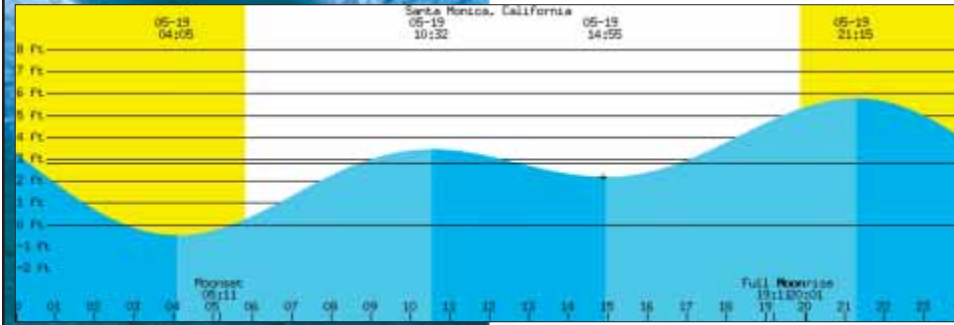
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	C	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Day Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescadero State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chouatagan)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
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Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards north	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	D	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topwell St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Mania del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bellina Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tumbas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns			
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Hang out, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Situations encourage an overview rather than an immediate answer. The process might be more significant than the end results. With this knowledge, you can and will make headway. Consider yourself an explorer rather than a solution-finder. Tonight: Let your mind wander.	Stay close to home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You have an impact like few can or will have. Your mind helps you travel to new horizons and do what might appear to many as new or revolutionary. Tonight: Hang out.	
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You often learn the hard way, but how much fun is that? Learn to look at the big picture. Right now you will need to defer to someone who is absolutely sure that he or she is right. Open doors rather than close them. Tonight: A discussion could be like a ping-pong match!	
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might feel a distinct switch in energy, as if the Force is on your side. Listen to your instincts, but at the same time avoid major challenges. Tonight: Do what you do best – socialize.	
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Let others do what they must. You could be overly tired or simply have had too much on your plate. Sometimes it is nice to say that you are done with an issue. Try it on for size, if nothing else. Lie back. Do only what you must. Tonight: Yawn ... get some extra zzz's.	
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your willingness to be creative and a bit avant-garde is known by many. Others see you stepping up to the plate and greeting accomplishment once more. Tonight: Let your hair down.	
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Focus on family values and priorities. You won't go wrong if you stay centered on these topics. Problems will ensue if you get distracted. Bosses or authority figures could demand way too much – another opportunity to practice saying no diplomatically. Tonight:	
	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be careful when dealing with money. What seems like a great idea one minute could be a disaster in the making the next. Don't travel down that path. Rather, open up to new possibilities. Think positively. Tonight: Pay bills, then decide.
	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You know what is happening, especially as you seem to be taking the lead and dominating. Others respond well to your leadership. Make what you want happen. Tonight: Act like the world is your oyster!
	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Know when to back off and let someone else take the lead. You don't always need to be "the one." In fact, you might enjoy a break from the hectic pace. Decide what is reasonable as far as taking some time off. Tonight: Vanish. You really can.
	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Zoom in where there are discussions and people. Events happen quickly and definitively. You could be close to impossible to stop. Lighten up and know when something is really impossible. Tonight: Happy with friends.
	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be pushing way too hard, but you don't see any path around this problem. Knowing what is possible could be critical to your well-being. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

Happy birthday

You have a lot going for you this birthday year, especially after 2008. You discover the sheer magic of your personality and charisma. Knowing how to mobilize and use your different talents could be instrumental. Events and situations invite you to look at the big picture. If you are single, understand that you remain so by choice. Look around; see your options. If you are attached, travel and perhaps taking a mutual interest in a hobby will enhance your bond. SAGITTARIUS can often challenge you.

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★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
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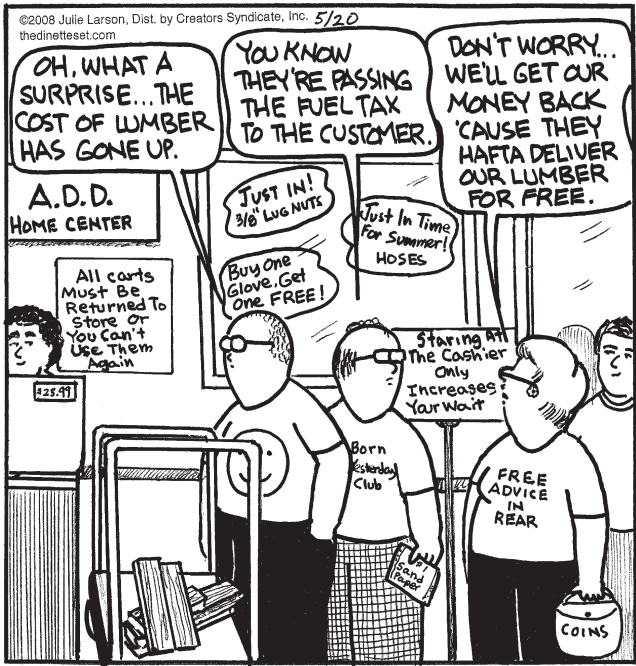
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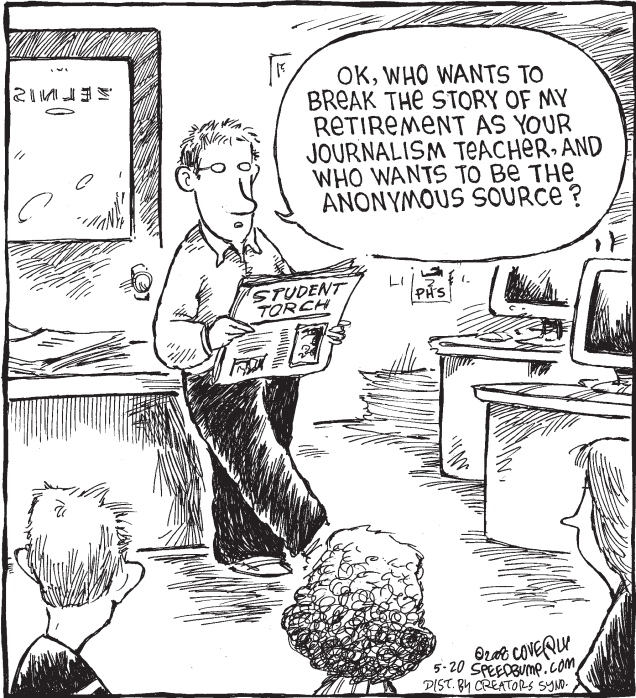
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- 11 To-do list
- 12 Fix text
- 13 Not dating others
- 15 Bother
- 16 Taunt
- 18 Stage show
- 21 Not even close
- 22 Did garden work
- 24 Cry of discovery
- 25 Paver's goo
- 26 Pop
- 27 Like some fog
- 29 Pound hound
- 30 Infamous emperor
- 31 Brewing need
- 32 Composer Bruckner
- 34 Continuing to succeed
- 40 Last of the Stuarts
- 41 Illinois city
- 42 Corrals
- 43 Catches some z's

DOWN

- 3 Kauai souvenir
- 4 Poor
- 5 Painter Degas
- 6 Speedy
- 7 Firefly, for one
- 8 Civil-rights leader Wells
- 9 Lend a hand
- 10 Hog holder
- 14 Candle
- 16 Pitcher Santana
- 17 Delight
- 19 Make sense
- 20 "In the Seven Woods" poet

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Beanie or beret
- 22 Method
- 23 Banned bug-killer
- 25 Skimpy swimwear
- 28 Girder lifters
- 29 Madison's successor
- 31 Traveler's stop
- 33 Recipe amts.
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Freddie Johnson, 49, was arrested in New York City in April, for the 53rd time after he allegedly once again rubbed up against women on crowded trains. He is such a menace (a 57-page rap sheet) that a special NYPD detail follows him around, certain that he will re-offend. Shortly after the arrest, the New York Daily News reported that his twin brother, Teddy, is now serving an eight-year sentence in upstate New York for a series of subway gropings of his own. A retired police officer told the Daily News that he saw the brothers almost every day and could tell them apart only by their clothes. Freddie, he said, was "blue collar" while Teddy conducted his fondlings "always dressed in a blazer and slacks."

Gary Weaver, 41, arrested on a disorderly conduct charge in Cincinnati, was discovered to have an outstanding theft warrant from 1990 involving \$21.64. The temporary bond on Weaver in 1990, based on his prior record, had been \$1 million, and the 2008 judge refused to change that. (Extra fact: The \$21.64 theft was based on Weaver's paying a store in part with a roll of dimes that were really pennies but with a dime at each end.) (2) Representatives of about 300 Islamic madrassa schools, meeting in New Delhi in April, decided that Muslims could not buy health insurance because the Quran forbids gambling (although they said they would continue to explore ways of reconciling Sharia law with health care financing).

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1506 explorer Christopher Columbus died in Spain.

1861 North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

1902 the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

1927 Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

1932 Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

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She and Clyde loved camping and spent time with their children water-skiing and enjoying the out-of-doors. She supported her children in music lessons, in their academic work, their professions and their personal lives. She was a good friend and neighbor during her 55 years living in Venice. Anna was a volunteer at the Senior Center and was declared "Venice Living Legend" in 1995 by the Venice Historical Society.

In 2003 Anna moved to Santa Cruz to be closer to her family and has received very loving care at Capitola Manor.

Survivors include three sons, Clyde and his wife, Shelia, of Aptos, Jim of Grass Valley and Bill of West Hollywood, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, three great-great granddaughters, her sister-in-law Lucille, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Services will be Thursday, May 22nd at Inglewood Memorial Park, 720 East Florence Ave., Inglewood where she will be laid to rest next to her parents and her sister.

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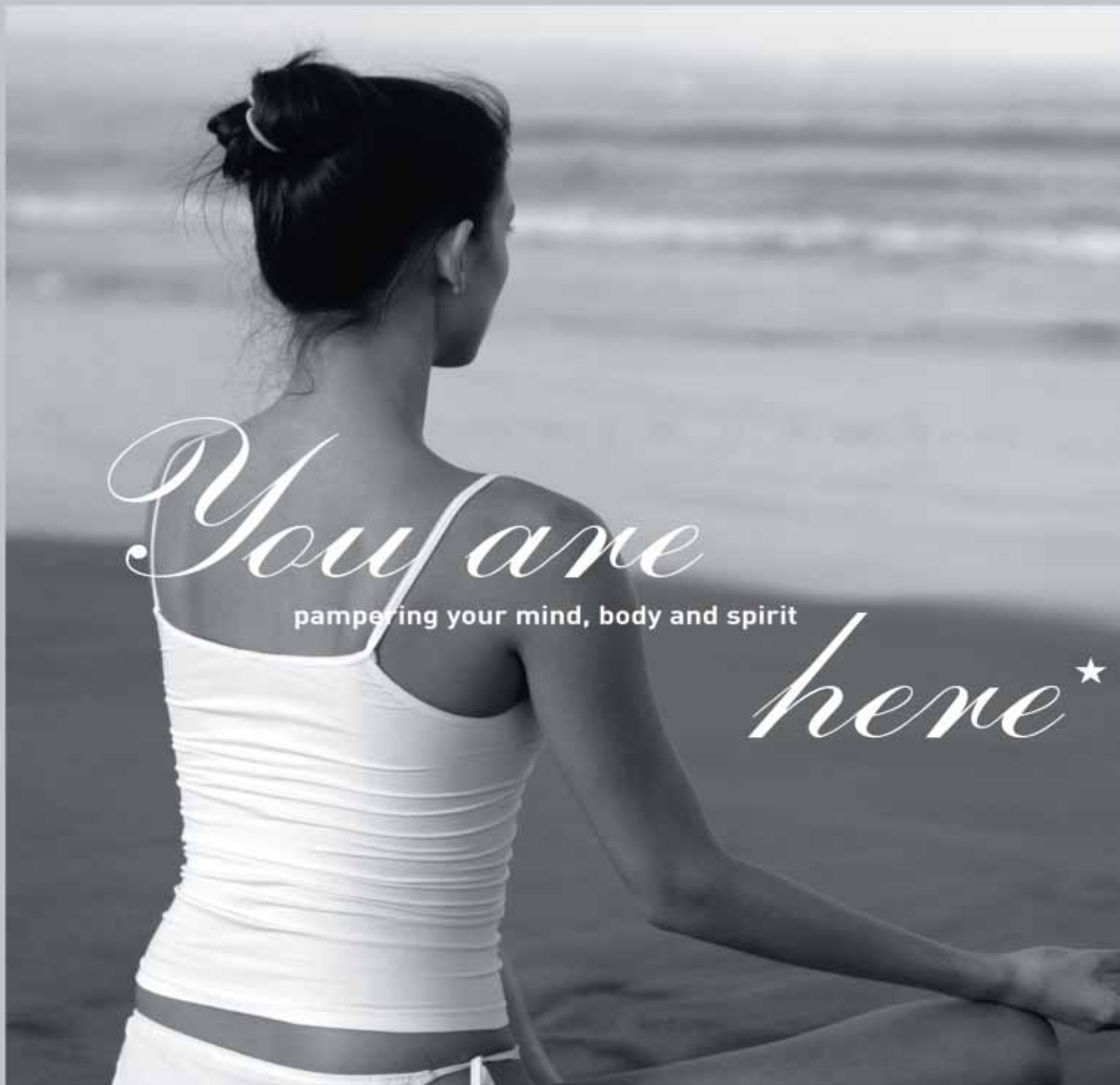
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