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THE GRASS IS GREENER ISSUE

Lean budget looks forward

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL With a focus on strengthening core services and performing maintenance and infrastructure improvements deferred during times of economic hardship, the City Council is being asked to approve a budget of \$437.2 million, city officials said Tuesday.

The 2007-08 budget, which is \$16.7 million (or 3.7 percent) less than what is expected to be spent this fiscal year, would help pay for expanded youth programming, a permanent location for homeless feedings and a new community maintenance department to fight against wear and tear citywide, with the hopes the city will save on repairs in the long run. The budget is expected to be adopted in mid-June.

Schools will continue to be funded as well under the proposed budget, which sets aside \$7.2 million for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, an increase of \$750,000.

City Manager Lamont Ewell said the budget is a "stable, fiscally prudent" spending plan that aggressively addresses priorities identified by the public. He said the budget also braces the city for a "cooling effect" in the economy that could lead to deficits in the next two years.

Ewell was quick to point out Tuesday that the budget is leaner than the current year because of a decrease in citywide capital projects, not a decrease in services.

"It is actually less ... but not more conservative. I would say it's more targeted, allowing us to focus on areas the public wants to see more of," Ewell said on Tuesday afternoon, shortly before he was scheduled to present the budget to the City Council for discussion.

It will be Ewell's second budget as city manager, and unlike last year, when he had just six months on the job to prepare, Ewell has had plenty of time to work with all departments, giving him a better sense of how to make City Hall leaner and deliver services more effectively.

The result is a reorganization of City Hall

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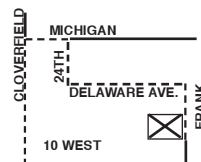
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Rich Sproul photography exhibit

2601 Main St., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library hosts an opening for outdoor photographer Richard Sproul, who will describe his approach to the craft of photography and the techniques he used to capture the images currently on display in the library's reading room. For more information, call (310) 392-3804 or visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.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.

Malibu Pier Sportfishing

23000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, 6 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Half-day Sportfishing boat excursions depart from the Malibu Pier seven days a week through May 31. Ticket prices are \$37.50 for all ages. The excursions last approximately 5 1/2 hours. A galley onboard will provide food and beverages for purchase. Fishing equipment is available for rent. For more information, call (310) 456-8031.

Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds a weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA.

Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop

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

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

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Peter Fletcher in concert

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

Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform at the Main Branch Library. Seating is limited. Tickets for this free event will be available outside the MLK, Jr. Auditorium one hour prior to the program.

City Hearts Fundraiser at Tracy Park Gallery

1431 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Tracy Park Gallery will host a fundraiser and book signing with Debbie Robins, author of "Where Peace Lives," to benefit City Hearts; a non-profit, art-based program providing at-risk kids with an arts education. Some of the teachers from City Hearts will be available to greet people and help with the balloon raffle, which features luxury prizes such as spa packages from Burke Williams and other specialty items. Tickets are \$35 per person and valet parking is complimentary. To order tickets call (310) 203-7841.

The 12 Steps for Everybody

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

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

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

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

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



Imagining his own kind of Dream Team

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE It might not be the Olympic Dream Team, but representing Team USA in the 12th European Maccabi Games is a huge honor for one SMC basketball player.

A freshman guard for the Corsairs, Noah Gottlieb was recently selected to play basketball with the American team in the Maccabi Games in Rome, an eight-day event beginning on July 4.

"I feel honored to even be asked to be a part of it," Gottlieb said.

The former Venice High School standout will have the opportunity to play alongside Division 1 college players such as Derek Glasser, the starting point guard from Arizona State University, and Zach Evans from Bucknell University.

The European Maccabi Games is just one of the few regional games — along with the Australia Games and Pan Am Games — held around the quadrennial Maccabiah Games in Israel. Dubbed as the "Jewish Olympics," the Maccabiah Games were established in 1932 to help get the new state of Israel into the Olympics, according to Jed Margolis, the executive director of Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel.

The Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel brought a team of 800 American athletes to the most recent Maccabiah Games in 2005, which drew more than 7,000 athletes from 55 countries.

About 1,700 athletes from 38 countries are expected to participate in the European Maccabi Games.

"It's an opportunity for people to feel proud of being Jewish, to represent their country and to see their world and meet their fellow Jews from around the world," Margolis said.

Gottlieb was recommended to join the American Team by Howard Fisher, who coaches the men's basketball team at the College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, SMC's rival in the Western State Conference.

Fisher coached the men's team in the Australia games last year and had taken notice of Gottlieb when SMC took on College of the Canyons this year.

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A TIME FOR REFLECTION

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Shoppers browse the goods on display outside during the annual Summer Sidewalk Sale over the weekend along Montana Avenue.

Dude, where's my board?

More travelers are going to great lengths for waves

BY IRENE MANAHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA Nestled within the Santa Monica Bay, surfers can be hard-pressed to catch a good wave just off this city's shore. So instead of waiting and waiting for the fickle surfing gods to roll them out locally, more and more surfers are hopping a flight to exotic locations around the world to satiate their wet and wild wanderlust.

The only problem for most is finding the time to book such a trip.

While many surfers have already marked their favorite spots, their island-hopping ways of late have been accompanied by a crop of local travel agents looking to put would-be Duke Kahanamokus in their favorite hotspots.

"Being brought up by the coast, we naturally have more surfers, and therefore, more clients," said Susan Tanzman, president of Martin's Travel & Tours on Sepulveda Boulevard.

The business of arranging surf vacations is booming in Southern California, a region stacked with busy professionals who are weekend warriors looking to relieve their long-board longings. Travel agencies, both general and specialized, have begun to catch on.

Oftentimes, the clients already know what they want from their trip, but just need help getting accommodated, according to Tanzman.

"We have a lot of clients who know everything about the surf, but who just aren't familiar with the travel stuff and that's where we come in," said Tanzman.

Together, travel agencies and hard-core surfheads have been teaming up to scope out the coasts with the best waves worldwide, at the best prices.

An agency that specializes solely in surfer travel understands the difficulty of arranging such a trip without having the time to do it.

"Surfing is a passion of mine, and I have traveled all around the world. I knew there

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Killing trees for commerce

Editor:

I can't believe the city has come up with yet another asinine idea: Getting rid of the wonderful old trees along Second and Fourth streets ("Shedding light," May 22). The inmates that run the asylum will not be happy until they totally decimate any remaining aspect of this former oasis of a city. As a resident of Santa Monica for 30 years, I continue to be dismayed at the mindless decisions that have dominated for the last 15 years or more. Allowing overdevelopment, in general and low income "projects" that do not give preference to Santa Monica residents, ignoring the traffic and decreasing quality of life here, and refusing to enforce current laws when it comes to the homeless population are just a few of the many problems that are a direct result of poor judgment and decision-making by the powers that be.

And let's not forget the City Council meetings! What fiascoes! I could go on, but no one listens. Tom Wolfe described it best in his essay "O Rotten Gotham: Sliding Down Into the Behavioral Sink." The behavioral sink (or toilet) is the direction in which Santa Monica is heading if the residents don't force a change at the ballot box.

Thanks to SMDP for allowing a long withheld rant, and keeping those of us that still read informed.

K.M. Pinto
Santa Monica

The soul-stripping of city continues

Editor:

It appears Bayside officials are in the dark ("Shedding light," May 22). The ginkgo biloba trees chosen to replace the fabulous old-growth ficus trees bear plum-like 1" fruit, shed leaves in the fall, can grow to 100 feet tall with a girth of 3-4 feet. (They are) recommended for zones 4 - 8. Santa Monica is zone 10.

Second and Fourth Streets will look as bare and soulless as the parking lots between Main Street and Neilson Way, where dozens of old-growth ficus were removed a few years ago. But that is what this city likes.

C. Johnson
Santa Monica

Falwell's life in perspective

Editor:

Even though Jerry Falwell had a lighter side, one tends to remember the other side – the public persona of the preacher we came to know so well. Falwell spotlighted everything that is wrong with Christian conservatives and the fundamentalist right. The preacher spent years fanning the flames of hate. Falwell led the charge of those trying to tear down the wall between church and state.

Falwell was a major player in the front line of the anti-abortion crazies and had a serious case of homophobia. If the right reverend had had his way, we would have prayer in school. Let's not mince words and try to glorify Jerry Falwell.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Rent control's time has come to end

Editor:

Good article on rent control ("First-come, first-served," May 19-20)! I used to live in a 12-unit rent-controlled building on San Vicente Boulevard in Santa Monica, and there is enormous abuse in rent-controlled buildings.

One of the tenants in the building owned a house in New Mexico. A couple owned a house in Calabasas and used the San Vicente unit for weekend getaways and for friends who were visiting the area; another couple had gross income over \$120,000; another tenant owned rental property by Santa Monica Community College; and another tenant actually rented out his unit at close to market rate to make several hundred dollars per month! All these people, none who were needy at all, were paying about half market rate for their units.

Tom Hallen
Santa Monica



Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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The jailed life: Hilton is poster girl for DUI

FOR THOSE WHO SAY THAT JAIL DOESN'T work as a deterrent, I give you Miss Paris Hilton.

If, by some chance, you were in one of the five or six places in the world where you don't get up-to-the-second news on Paris' comings and goings, she was arrested for DUI last September; driving erratically without headlights in a Mercedes McLaren that cost half a million dollars (the same car, incidentally, that showed the world Britney Spears' c-section scar). She pleaded no contest to a "wet and reckless" — that's DUI for most of us, but people who can afford \$500,000 cars can also afford good lawyers — and was sentenced to 36 months probation. Just stay out of trouble for three years and it will be like it never happened.

What nobody realized back then was that 36 months is a lifetime to a Hollywood socialite. In fact, three years before, hardly anybody had even heard of Paris Hilton — then came Rick Solomon, the sex tape and the "Simple Life" in Arkansas. The rest is history.

It took six whole months, but Paris was in trouble again in March. Somehow, the police noticed her again, speeding in her \$250,000 Bentley convertible with no headlights. And she had forgotten to take the court-appointed alcohol education class (like anyone needs to be educated about alcohol — pour, swallow, repeat), so her license was suspended. She said she asked her publicist if it was OK to drive and he said "yes." In spite of that, she was still arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, speeding without headlights on, and not taking the alcohol class.

She was humiliated. Her publicist was fired. She spent the next month acting like everything was fine. She partied with her boyfriend in L.A. She was on stage with Prince in Las Vegas. She shopped. She ate pinkberry. She basically did what Hollywood socialites do, oblivious to what was coming. So imagine her surprise when, at her sentencing hearing in May, she got 45 days of actual jail time. Ouch! That's half the summer (so not "hot"). Her mother said, "I can't believe all the money we spent on this." Mom's been around long enough to know that, unlike Martha Stewart (who can cook), Paris has nothing to offer the women who

will be calling the shots in the yard. And they made it known that they were eagerly expecting her arrival: Paris got death threats on her Myspace page, and one inmate even threatened to steal her shoes and beat her up if she complained.

She was terrified. Her lawyer was fired. Her new lawyer, working with her rehired publicist, convinced Paris that her only chance to avoid spending all 45 days in general population as the personal property of a biker chick serving 10 to 25 was to get off on good behavior. Paris has been trying her best to become a saint ever since. It seems that in order to avoid any unnecessary jail time, Paris will do anything: She'll ride a bike, she'll walk the dogs, she'll stay home at night, she'll go to church, she'll even be nice to Shana Moakler (OK, that may be a little too much). Anything to keep from spending too much time in a place where people hate her for her money, her beauty, her fame and her lifestyle - and can actually hurt her. Maybe that's why she's been in the gym working out every day.

Ironically, Michelle Rodriguez was arrested for a probation violation from a DUI last year. And her sentence was 60 days. Michelle turned herself in on a Thursday morning and the L.A. Sheriff's Department let her out in time to get drinks at the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel later that night. And nobody noticed. The only reason Paris is actually going to serve her time is because she's so unfathomably rich and so mind-blowingly famous. Soon, there will be a 24-hour press camp outside the Century Regional Detention Center and because the world will be watching, the L.A. Sheriff's Department will have to make an example of her. Young girls all over America watch her every move and Paris' punishment will show them what happens when you drink and drive.

Miss Paris Hilton's jail sentence and her public anguish before she serves it will be a deterrent for an entire generation of drunk American girls who might have tried to drive themselves home if they weren't petrified of some prisoner punching them in the face for their Pumas.

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The bright idea isn't such a quality one

Dear EarthTalk:

What is "light pollution?" Is it really a factor in breast cancer?

— Gudrun Smythe,
Madison, Wisconsin

THE GLOW OF CITY LIGHTS blotting out stars in the night sky has frustrated many a stargazer, but recent studies have shown that "light pollution" — defined as excess or obtrusive light at night — can actually have serious health effects. Researchers have found that exposure to bright nocturnal light can decrease the human body's production of melatonin, a hormone secreted at night that regulates our sleep-wake cycles. And decreased melatonin production has, in turn, been linked to higher rates of breast cancer in women.

"Light at night is now clearly a risk factor for breast cancer," says David Blask, a researcher at the Cooperstown, New York-based Mary Imogene Bassett Research Institute. "Breast tumors are awake during the day, and melatonin puts them to sleep at night."

Epidemiologist Richard Stevens of the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory first discovered the link between breast cancer and light pollution in the late 1980s. Stevens found that breast cancer rates were significantly higher in industrialized countries, where nighttime lighting is prevalent, than in developing regions.

Lending credence to Stevens' research are the findings of another researcher, William Hrushesky of the South Carolina-based Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center, who discovered that female night shift workers have a 50 percent greater risk of developing breast cancer than other working women. He also found that blind women have high melatonin concentrations and unusually low rates of breast cancer.

To reduce breast cancer risks from light pollution, Prevention magazine recommends nine hours of sleep nightly in a dark room devoid of both interior (computer screens) and exterior (street lamps) light sources. A study of 12,000 Finnish women found that those who slept nine hours nightly had less than one-third the risk of developing a breast tumor than those who slept only seven or eight hours. Even bright light from a trip to the bathroom can have an



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Light pollution causes other problems besides increased cancer risks. According to the Sierra Club, birds and animals can be confused by artificial lighting, leading them away from familiar foraging areas and disrupting their breeding cycles. And the photosynthetic cycles of deciduous trees (those that shed their leaves in the fall) have been shown to be disrupted due to the preponderance of artificial nighttime lights.

Another environmental impact of excessive use of artificial light is, of course, energy waste. The International Dark-Sky Association computes that unnecessary nighttime lighting wastes upwards of \$1.5 billion in electricity costs around the world each year while accounting for the release of more than 12 million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

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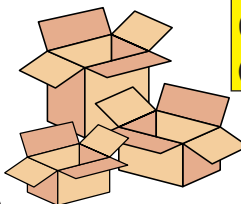
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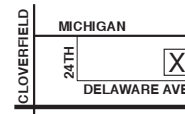
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The public hearing will be held on June 7, 2007 at 8:30 p.m., in the SMMUSD Board Room, 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891.

Subsequent to the public hearing on June 7, 2007 at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of \$120.97 per parcel, which includes a 3.5% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, from April 2006 through April 2007, was used to calculate the adjustment.

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Ron's words

God, family, country, beloved Nancy leap out in Reagan diaries

BY JEFF WILSON

Associated Press Writer

SIMI VALLEY God, family and country leap from the pages in the just-released diaries of former President Ronald Reagan, but the cover-to-cover theme in Reagan's writings from the world stage revolves around his beloved Nancy.

The 784-page "The Reagan Diaries," edited by Douglas Brinkley, debuted at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on Monday, a day before the \$35 book's national release. Mrs. Reagan placed two of the five maroon, leather-bound diaries in a display case.

Reagan wrote diary notations each night for his eight-years as one of the 20th century's most popular presidents, with the exception of a few days after he was shot by John Hinckley Jr. — "Getting shot hurts," he wrote.

One Jan. 19, 1989, Reagan wrote simply: "Tomorrow I stop being President."

The turbulent sweep of the White House years provides unvarnished details of acrimonious moments with his kids — "Insanity is hereditary you catch it from your kids" — optimism after meeting Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev (he refers to him as Gorby) and fears of war in the Middle East — "Sometimes I wonder if we are destined to witness Armageddon."

Reagan wrote of the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger ("A day we'll remember for the rest of our lives") and the 1981 assassination of Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat ("He was truly a great man, a kind man with warmth and humor.").

"Many times when books by historians or authors or journalists are out, it's their take. This is the president writing. No spin. No agenda," library executive director Duke Blackwood said.

The Reagan Library Foundation partnered with HarperCollins Publishers to print the diaries, described as the most detailed presidential record in American history. Few presidents since John Adams kept personal diaries, and the Reagan diaries certify the nation's 40th chief executive as one of the most prolific writers ever in the Oval Office.

The entries reveal a spare writing style that gives a concise sensibility into the private thoughts of the man known as the Great Communicator.

And not surprisingly, Nancy constantly creeps into his consciousness.

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An entry noting his wedding anniversary described their marriage as "29 years of more happiness than any man could rightly deserve." Another candidly recalled Mrs. Reagan's return to the White House after a long trip and "a race" between the president and dog Rex to be the first one to greet her.

"Personally, I believe it is the strongest love affair ever written from the White House," Blackwood said.

When Mrs. Reagan was away on her frequent "Just Say No" anti-drug crusades, Reagan wrote in his diary about going "upstairs to a lonely old house."

STATE BRIEFS

SANTA ANA

OC grand jury applauds jailhouse immigration checks

Sheriff Mike Carona's jailhouse immigration checks were praised by the Orange County grand jury, which urged large cities to follow the lead of the Sheriff's Department.

Carona partnered with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to train 14 deputies in checking the immigration status of inmates using federal databases. The plan was approved by the county Board of Supervisors in March.

The agreement with ICE also allows deputies to create a file on a foreign national and notify federal authorities that the inmate should be detained and possibly deported.

The county grand jury report released Monday said similar efforts should be made by the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton and Garden Grove.

Costa Mesa already has a full-time ICE agent in its jail, and Anaheim has had a part-time federal agent since January.

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LOS ANGELES

Teen arrested in killing after confrontation

A second teenager was arrested for the possibly gang-related killing of an Armenian man after a confrontation at a San Fernando Valley coffeehouse last month.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested by plainclothes detectives Monday night at Universal CityWalk for allegedly shooting Marat Manukyan on April 26, Detective Richard Wheeler said.

"He is believed to be the shooter," Wheeler said.

Manukyan was killed after a fight among a group of Armenians at a Starbucks in suburban North Hollywood.

The shooting stemmed from a fight Manukyan and acquaintances had with another group in which a chair was thrown at the Starbucks, investigators said.

AP

Spector defense targets testimony

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The defense in Phil Spector's murder trial sought to show Monday that his Brazilian immigrant chauffeur's English was so poor — and the man so frightened upon learning someone had just been shot to death at Spector's home — that he wrongly implicated the music producer.

Driver Adriano De Souza, a key prosecution witness, testified last week that he saw Spector come out of his home about 5 a.m. on Feb. 3, 2003, with a gun in his hand and say, "I think I killed somebody." De Souza said he looked into the home's foyer and saw actress Lana Clarkson's body slumped in a chair.

Defense attorney Bradley Brunon, during a cross-examination that lasted almost all day, noted that De Souza originally told officers who arrived at Spector's home that morning that Spector told him, "I think I shot somebody."

Then he asked him, "Do you think you might have heard, 'I think somebody was killed?'"

"No," De Souza replied. "The words I heard were clear."

De Souza couldn't explain why he'd changed his statement from shot to killed, but the prosecution later showed the jury transcripts showing the chauffeur was responding to a question from a police officer who used the word shot and that De Souza had used the word killed numerous times before and after he spoke to the officer.

De Souza did concede that he was tired and hungry, as well as frightened after hearing what he thought was a gunshot and then seeing Clarkson's body with blood on her face.

"It's hard to see and hear exactly when something is so frightening, isn't it?" Brunon asked.

"Yes, a little bit," De Souza replied.

The defense claims Clarkson shot herself.

The actress, best known for a role in the 1985 film "Barbarian Queen," was working as a hostess in a VIP room at the House of Blues when she met Spector shortly before 2 a.m. on Feb. 3, 2003. De Souza drove the couple to Spector's home after Clarkson got off work.

Spector, who sat without expression during De Souza's testimony, chatted amiably with his bodyguards and lawyers during a break in the trial.

“IT'S HARD TO SEE AND HEAR EXACTLY WHEN SOMETHING IS SO FRIGHTENING, ISN'T IT?”

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Spector rose to fame in the 1960s and '70s, transforming rock music with what became known as the "Wall of Sound" recording technique. He worked with such stars as the Ronettes, the Righteous Brothers, and produced solo albums by John Lennon and George Harrison.

Brunon also pointed out inconsistencies in where De Souza told various authorities Spector was holding a gun when he emerged from the mansion that morning. The attorney also displayed a picture of Clarkson's body, with a gun at her feet. Brunon also questioned whether De Souza was fluent enough in English to understand.

Assembly bill targets sale of celebrities' criminal documents

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
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SACRAMENTO The day Mel Gibson was arrested last summer for drunk driving, a celebrity news Web site posted the arrest report, a move that state lawmakers on Monday said violated the movie star's legal rights.

That prompted legislation crafted to deter both the media and law enforcement from exchanging money or other compensation for information in criminal investigations. It passed the state Assembly by a vote of 74-0.

"Mel Gibson was one of those cases where information was given out before his due process was executed," said the bill's author, Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, a Santa Monica Democrat whose district is home to Gibson and other celebrities.

The measure now goes to the Senate and must be signed by the governor before becoming law.

It would impose criminal penalties on a law enforcement officer, peace officer or anyone else involved in an investigation who sold details or tips about a case. Buyers also could be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$1,000.

In Gibson's case, the celebrity web site TMZ.com was the first to post the Lethal Weapon star's arrest report online on the evening of his arrest last July. The report, which the Web site said it did not pay for, revealed details of a drunken tirade in which Gibson was quoted as saying, "Jews are responsible for all the wars in the world." He later apologized for his comments.

Lawmakers said celebrity news Web sites such as TMZ, Smoking Gun and You Tube that compete to break stories have triggered concern among law enforcement agencies that Internet and nontraditional news outlets might pay for information before it is released.

TMZ spokeswoman Gillian Sheldon said Monday that the Web site did not pay for Gibson's arrest report.

"No financial compensation was given whatsoever," Sheldon said.

Still, Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian, R-Stockton, said he hoped the bill would "crack down on the glorification" of celebrities and the temptation of a few to profit in the competitive 24-hour news cycle.

"For the sake of a few dollars or to get someone their '15 minutes of fame,' it's not appropriate to sacrifice people's rights," Aghazarian said.

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Remodeling with a conscience

IN MY LAST COLUMN, I WENT INTO detail on how to do a quick remodel that would give you a very high return on your dollars spent. This week, I am presenting you with information on how to do a remodel for yourself. One of the wonderful things about owning your own home is that you have the opportunity to express yourself and your unique style.

You will recoup much of your remodel dollars when you sell. Real estate is an investment that will almost always be sold and passed on to someone else at some point in time. You may want to temper your own personal taste at times to make sure your remodel is palatable to other people. In other words, if you are into oak — a wood that is out of fashion right now — don't overdo it. If you are into dramatic mod, graphically black-and-white design — something that is considered chic right now — you may want to mellow out the contrast a bit. If you like architectural lines, try to avoid letting it get too stark by adding warm tones and natural materials. Generally, the most striking designs today will be considered the most dated and hopelessly trendy within the decade.

A common idea is to wait to do the remodel little by little. Sometimes this makes sense. However, I have a lot of clients that buy a property with big plans to redesign the space and then they do the remodel right before they put their home on the market for sale. If they put up the money early in their stay, they would have been able to enjoy the remodel and still recouped their investment during the sale.



Simon Says

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If you are going to do a complete remodel, you may want to avoid living through it. The dust alone can be unbearable. If your contractor tells you it will take 4-5 weeks, expect it to take 7-10 weeks. Although I just completely remodeled a two-bedroom condo in six weeks, most remodels take months and I have experience with more than a dozen remodels.

The biggest time drain is the lead time for things like custom manufactured cabinets, which can take three to six months depending on the manufacturer. If you are doing a mid-end property you may want to use Ikea cabinets, you can buy them and have them delivered the next day. They are also highly rated by Consumer Reports for quality. If your taste is compatible with hand-built cabinets, you may want to consider a cabinetmaker who should have an entire kitchen done and installed within a few weeks.

There are a lot of pitfalls to avoid while working with contractors. You can hire a general contractor to make things easier on yourself. Make sure you get one you really trust that has excellent references. This will lower your stress level, but it will cost you. And you should note that even with a general contractor, remodeling isn't easy. If you are low on money, you may want to run the remodel yourself and hire

sub-contractors. If you take on this position, plan on spending a couple hours a day on the project. When I am working with sub-contractors, I feel like I am a high school football coach. Sometimes they won't show up, they'll get in fights with each other and so on. I am sure that people have told you that they have an amazing contractor, unfortunately you need more than one guy to run a job. It is possible to do a job with only the best possible workpeople, however this will take months. Sometimes you can't wait for your favorite electrician. Regardless of who you hire, remodeling isn't easy, so be prepared.

Never pay workpeople up front. I generally give a 20-percent deposit at the end of the first day of work unless I've had a previously good experience with someone. If your granite counter top guy needs money for materials, pay the vendor directly. Don't give a guy a \$3,000 check on the first day of work. These contractors generally have other jobs going on at the same time as yours. You need to use your payments to keep them focused on your job. If you're too nice, they'll walk away with your money and you'll be chasing them down to finish the job.

This column could be a lot longer, but this should get you started. If you are looking for good people who work in Santa Monica, you can visit my Web site (santamonicasimon.com). Happy remodeling!

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BUSINESS

BP shuts 100,000 barrels of output in Prudhoe Bay

BY ALAN ZIBEL
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON BP said Tuesday it will shut down 100,000 barrels of Alaskan oil production for a "few days" after discovering a leaky pipe at a processing facility.

Analysts said the temporary loss of output at the Prudhoe Bay oil field should not have a dramatic impact on world oil markets, but with supplies already tight and crude futures trading near \$66 a barrel, any snag in the industry tends to make energy traders jittery.

Light sweet crude for June delivery fell \$1.36 to \$64.91 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

London-based BP said the leak was discovered Monday in a 12-inch pipe that collects water separated from the oil and gas it produces.

Some 400,000 barrels a day of oil are pumped at Prudhoe Bay, and BP has a 25 percent stake in the field. The company said its production loss would be 25,000 barrels per day.

"We're putting together inspection and repair plans to return the facility to normal operations," BP spokesman Neil Chapman in Houston said.

Aralon Trading Corp. analyst Phil Flynn downplayed the significance of the event for U.S. energy consumers.

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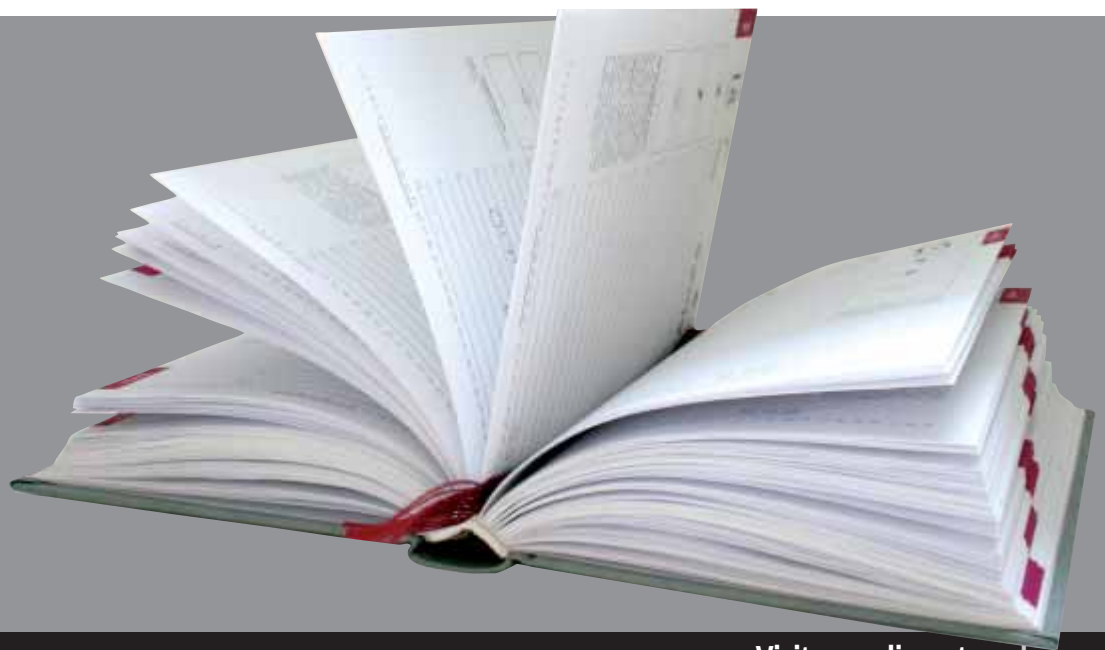
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Being socially responsible when investing

INVESTING IS ALL ABOUT MAKING money — or is it? When considering your investment options, the first thing that comes to mind is usually how much of a return will you receive on your original assets. But did you ever think that you could use your investment dollars to truly make a difference in other ways?

Whether you're a friend of the environment, or have deep religious convictions, you can actually match your social and ethical concerns with investments that are in harmony with your personal beliefs. When you decide to put your money into investments that correspond with your own set of values, you are engaging in what's known as socially responsible investing. It may sound a little odd at first, but this practice is a legitimate — and widely accepted — investment strategy.

Most socially responsible investors look for companies that reflect their beliefs by sharing certain characteristics, whether it's strong community involvement, extraordinary environmental practices, safe products or even impressive employee relations.



Market Matters

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Searching out these companies may seem like an overwhelming task, considering the vast number of firms in business today. However, you can always enlist the help of a qualified financial consultant, and you may even feel a sense of personal satisfaction once you discover those companies you deem worthy of your investment money.

In addition to specific stocks, you can also select from a wide variety of mutual funds that fall under the category of socially responsible. Many mutual funds, including stock funds, bond funds and even international funds, select securities based not only on sound fundamentals, but also according to the social values of the fund and its shareholders. Several exchange-traded funds have also been created in recent years targeting

socially responsible investors. These give you even more investment options to tie in with your own principles.

Another opportunity for socially responsible investing lies in private money management. Financial service firms typically offer the option of having some of your investment funds supervised by portfolio managers outside the firm, giving you access to many different managers. These managers can be selected on the basis of very specific guidelines to meet individual client needs. You can usually place both social restrictions and company restrictions in your individual portfolio. Finding a private money manager whose investment criteria match your social concerns is another opportunity for you to really feel a sense of personal responsibility with your money.

By now you may be thinking this sounds like a good idea. Sure, you'd like to know that your investment decisions are actually making a difference. But at the same time, you may be wondering how these types of investments compare with others that don't take

into consideration a social or ethical component. To give you an idea, take the example of the Domini 400 Social Index, a market index of 400 securities screened according to social and environmental criteria.

Measuring this socially responsible index against the bellwether S&P 500 index (which covers 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies in the U.S. market), you'll find that returns for the Domini closely resemble those for the S&P. In fact, when comparing the 10-year returns for the two indexes, they come in at an almost identical eight percent (8.01 percent for the Domini and 8.05 percent for the S&P). Keep in mind that past performance is no guarantee of future results, and you cannot invest directly in an index.

If you think socially responsible investing might be the right path for you, get in touch with a financial consultant to discuss your options.

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BUSINESS

Latest technology promises ease, speed, cleanliness and a bit of theater

BY J.M. HIRSCH

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO Standing in a long line at the grocer soon might get you through the checkout faster.

That's because a British company has designed a system to track and predict the movements of supermarket shoppers using thermal imaging. A computer analyzes data from infrared cameras, then advises when

and where additional cashiers are needed.

"The idea is that the more pleasant the checkout experience, the more you will buy," said Nick Stogdale, senior sales manager for InfraRed Integrated Systems' SMARTLANE product. The system is being tested by two U.S. chains.

The SMARTLANE was one of many new food-related technologies on display at this week's Food Marketing Institute show, where speed, ease, sanitation and a

touch of theater ruled.

Take the case of rotisserie chicken, one of the most popular items in the fast-growing prepared foods category: The latest crop of chicken roasters — those ubiquitous ovens that endlessly twirl crisp, golden chickens at grocers across the nation — are designed not just to cook, but also to capture your attention with good looks and funky design.

The same thinking also influenced the design of Montreal-based Hardt's Inferno

Rotisserie, which offers a crowd-pleasing self-cleaning function that looks like a sprinkler gone wild. For those who prefer their food slightly pixelated, food industry analyst Phil Lempert has teamed with Kraft Foods and the National Grocers Association to launch a virtual supermarket in the online fantasy world known as Second Life.

Though visitors to Phil's Supermarket can't actually buy groceries, they can guide their avatars.

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Real Estate 101

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Going once, going twice...

THE SAN DIEGO REAL ESTATE MARKET IS FEELING THE pain of receding real estate values. Dropping over the last several months, values show no sign of letting up in the near future. It is true that many houses and condos were overvalued in San Diego to begin with, but just because it happened in San Diego does not mean it cannot happen in Los Angeles.

When values begin to drop, the number of houses for sale — or inventory — begins to increase. A real estate market follows basic supply-and-demand economics — the more supply and less demand, the lower the value of the supply. In San Diego, some condominiums are selling for 20 percent of their appraised value a year ago. When there is a glut or oversupply of housing, some homeowners turn to auction houses to sell their home.

When you think of an auction house, you might think of anything from Christie's to Sotheby's to eBay. The concept is the same. An item is placed up for auction and the highest bidder wins. When it comes to real estate auctions there are usually three different types — absolute, minimum bid and reserve auctions. In an absolute auction, the property is sold regardless of the price. A minimum bid auction publishes the minimum price a property can be sold for, while a reserve auction is not disclosed and the seller reserves the right to accept or reject the highest bid. In San Diego a few weeks ago, an absolute auction was held where houses sold for between 10 and 50 percent below market value.

Every real estate auction is different. Some auctions are sealed bid auctions where a sealed bid is entered and the

highest bidder wins. Most real estate auctions require a buyer to bring cash or cash equivalent, such as cashier's checks, to actually purchase the property. An auction will usually offer a buyer fee simple title, meaning the buyer has the right of ownership to the land without any restrictions. Usually, the properties are listed before the auction date, sometimes the day before. However, some auction houses will not list the properties they are selling until the day of the auction.

If you are going to bid on a property, it is best to drive by and make sure you understand where it is located and if you can see any issues with the property. The problem with purchasing a home at auction is that you sometimes do not get a chance to walk through it. Any time several hundred thousand dollars are at stake, it can be nerve-wracking purchasing something almost sight unseen. Nevertheless, great deals can usually be found, and if you purchase a home 50 percent below market that needs little repairs you should be able to sell it for some sort of profit. Just remember that purchasing homes from auctions can be risky.

If buying a home through an auction appeals to you, do some research and try to find someone who has done it before. The advice you gain from an expert auction buyer can save you a lot of pain and suffering, helping ensure that when the auction hammer drops, your diamond in the rough doesn't turn out to be another lump of coal.

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BUSINESS

Aerospace companies target young recruits online to fill their openings

BY ALICIA CHANG

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LOS ANGELES Justin Wong, an aerospace engineering student from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was schmoozing on Facebook.com last fall when he came across a sleek Boeing job ad.

Wong, who had just interned at the aerospace company, saw the banner on the popular social networking site as a "two-way street" — a defense behemoth reaching out to today's youth in their virtual playground.

"My first impression was that Boeing is getting with the times," said the 21-year-old senior, who will work at Boeing's satellite division after graduation. "It shows the company is making an effort to talk to us on our level."

It's no secret the U.S. aerospace industry is rapidly graying: The average age of an aerospace worker was 45 in 2005. By next year, roughly one out of four will be eligible to retire.

Faced with a looming brain drain, companies are cooking up creative ways to lure and keep talent from chatting with students online to fast-tracking young workers to be future leaders.

Industry analysts say there's still time to stave off a shortage — if the effort begins now.

"The work force isn't going to suddenly disappear," said Jeremiah Gertler, assistant vice president of the Aerospace Industries Association, a trade group. "We actually have enough time to start building up the folks for the future."

For years, recruiters flooded college campuses, promoting internships, setting up luncheons and handing out leaflets at job fairs. While many aerospace and defense companies still consider face-to-face contact their best weapon, more are experimenting with virtual connections.

Recruiters are increasingly going out of their way to make interns feel welcome in a corporate environment, and that sometimes means speaking their language — on the Internet.

"We've got to go to their turf," Papandrea said.

It works both ways. Papandrea said

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For example, the Boeing Co. last year advertised a contest on Facebook to win an iPod Nano or iTunes gift card. Facebook users who entered the sweepstakes listened to a short video promoting the company and answered a multiple-choice quiz. The company then followed up with job openings.

Boeing also uses Facebook to keep in touch with workers hired through traditional channels. Interns who will work at the company's Southern California plants this summer were invited to join a Facebook group created by Rob Papandrea, a 28-year-old former Boeing engineer turned college recruiter.

Interns are valuable because many land full-time jobs after their gigs.

he often gets random messages on Facebook and other networking sites from young engineers interested in Boeing.

The Boeing intern group, with 127 members, has been messaging one another with a simple "hi" or questions about housing and other topics. The page even lists an invitation to a mixer later this month before summer internships start.

"It'll be a lot easier to break the ice and socialize," said intern Senad Basic, a 22-year-old computer science student at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The aerospace sector — loosely made up of people who design and develop aircraft, spacecraft, missiles and engine systems — was flush with engineers during the Cold War.

Targeting kids

Forest Service aims to get children out into the woods more

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Students from New York to Alaska will be exploring forests and wetlands as part of an effort by the U.S. Forest Service to get kids out of the classroom and into the woods.

The \$1.5 million "Kids in the Woods" program is aimed at a growing problem among American school children: a lack of direct experience with nature that experts say can contribute to childhood obesity, diabetes and even attention deficit disorder.

The program also is intended to nurture future environmental scientists and other Forest Service workers — an acute need for an agency with a graying work force, said Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell.

"We can help address troubling declines we see in the mental and physical health of our children. At the same time, we can inspire future conservation leaders, who can perpetuate the critical role nature role forests play in the quality of life for Americans," Kimbell said at a news conference Tuesday.

The grant program includes 24 projects in 15 states, mostly in the West. More than 23,000 children are expected to participate in the program, which is supported by a host of private groups, as well as state, federal and local agencies.

The Forest Service is providing \$500,000 in grants, with another \$1 million provided by partners including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Botanical Garden and the Gates Foundation.

In one project, students from the Harlem Link Charter School in New York City will explore forests and wetlands in the New York region, including the botanical garden and the Meadowlands Environmental Center in New Jersey.

In the Pacific Northwest, scholarship assistance will help 800 children attend educational programs at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument in Washington state. The program also will provide overnight trips for students in the Seattle area to learn more about conservation and environmental stewardship.

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Author Richard Louv, whose book "Last Child in the Woods" helped draw attention to the gap between kids and nature, applauded the Forest Service program. Louv called nature as essential to children's health as nutrition and adequate sleep.

"If kids are not going outside in nature who in the world is going to care about the spotted owl or any other endangered species?" he said.

Below-average hurricane season is expected by nation's forecasters

BY BRIAN CHARLTON
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Hawaii and the central Pacific face a slightly below-average hurricane season this summer with just two or three tropical cyclones expected, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted Monday.

But officials, including Gov. Linda Lingle, warned residents that a big storm could still hit the islands.

With sea surface temperatures colder than average, scientists at NOAA's Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu predicted possible La Nina conditions resulting in less tropical cyclone activity, which covers tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes over the central Pacific.

Those conditions and the overall reduction in hurricane activity in that region since 1995 led to the cooled-down prediction for the June-November season, said Jim Weyman, director of NOAA's Central Pacific Hurricane Center, at a news conference.

But he warned against not being prepared for hurricane conditions.

"When I give a slightly below average forecast it always troubles me because people always think they don't have to worry, and

that is not the message we want to take," Weyman said. "The message is it only takes that one to cause tremendous devastation."

The islands get an average of 4.5 tropical cyclones a year and one hurricane about every 15 years. Last year, the central Pacific had five tropical cyclones after NOAA predicted two to three.

Since 1959, 62 hurricanes, 67 tropical storms and 61 tropical depressions have been tracked in the central Pacific. The last hurricane to hit Hawaii was in 1992 when Iniki ravaged Kauai, killing six people and causing \$2.5 billion in damage.

Hurricane-force winds have never been recorded on Oahu, although scientists say the most populous Hawaiian island is just as likely to be hit by a major storm than the Big Island, Maui, Kauai or any other island in the chain.

If a hurricane does hit central Oahu, estimates predict damage could reach \$30 billion or more with thousands of lives at risk.

With winds up to 150 mph, Iniki left no part of Kauai untouched. It destroyed or damaged more than 10,000 homes and businesses and shattered the serenity of the island. Lingle, at the NOAA news conference, said she has worked to improve communication between agencies.



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DEFENDING THE UNIVERSE: Stormtroopers guard the door to the library to ensure Star Wars fans' safety.

Library celebrates a galaxy far, far away

Star Wars fans come out for celebration of 30-year old flick

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM Thirty years ago, an epic film featuring a gold robot, light sabers and stormtroopers clad in white premiered in 32 theaters nationwide. Little did the filmmakers know, but they would spawn a new science fiction subculture of fans who would remain devoted to the franchise for decades.

The first installment in George Lucas' phenomenally popular "Star Wars" series debuted on May 25, 1977, changing not only the face of science fiction, but movies in general.

In anticipation of a five-day blowout birthday party at the Los Angeles Convention Center that begins Thursday — advertised as the largest party ever thrown for "Star Wars" — the Santa Monica Public Library held a more modest event Monday night to celebrate the storied saga.

The film garnered lasting affection from millions of fans worldwide, some who notoriously dress up as characters from the movie or wait in line for days before the premiere of a prequel.

The public library-sponsored event centered on a discussion between two science fiction novelists — Steven Barnes and Michael Reaves — who wrote several "Star Wars" novels that were published between the prequels (the last three movies made, depicting the backstory of the original movie) to supplement additional plot lines.

Outside the auditorium, a group of "Star Wars" fans dressed as stormtroopers were busy posing for pictures with other plainclothes fans. Waddling around in their white costumes and carrying fake guns, the members were representing the 501st Stormtrooper Legion of the Southern California Garrison.

Each was in character, conversing with one another through microphones in their helmets.

The local "Star Wars" fan club makes appearances in charity events and conventions, according to Chris Knight, the leader of the pack.

Though the prequels were entertaining, they are not nearly as good as the original film, he said.

"When the new movie (Episode 1) came out, it got all of us back in the movie," Knight said.

The audience of about 40 people in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium was not filled with the type of "Star Wars" fans that some might envision would attend such an event — the costumed characters once ridiculed royally by Triumph the Insult Comic Dog on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Rather, the people who came out for the event were mainly casual "Star Wars" fans who watched several of the

movies, interspersed with a few hardcore science fiction fans.

Many of the children who attended the event were busy reading free "Star Wars" comic books during the discussion.

Sitting next to a poster of their most recent books — "The Cestus Deception" for Barnes and "Darth Maul: Shadow Hunter" for Reaves — the authors talked about how the first movie changed science fiction and how they don't believe Lucas will be as involved in future "Star Wars" movies, that is if episodes seven, eight and nine are ever produced.

The movies play on the childhood fantasies of robots and spaceships, while prompting people to ponder the basic truth of who they are, Barnes reasoned.

WHEN THE NEW MOVIE (EPISODE 1) CAME OUT, IT GOT ALL OF US BACK IN THE MOVIE."

Chris Knight, Stormtrooper

When the younger generation of viewers watch "Star Wars" today, they might not realize just how groundbreaking the original movie was, not only the storyline but the graphics used, said Barnes, adding that it's the kind of rare film that can hold his 2-year-old child's interest on images alone.

Science fiction has changed since the 1930s and 1940s and has become more serious over the years, according to Reaves, who insists the future of science fiction appears "grim."

Many movies today are filled with explosive special effects, but are not emotionally moving, Reaves said.

"Just because you can do everything on screen, doesn't mean you should," he said.

Barnes agreed, saying many of the science fiction movies are lacking substantive storylines, comparing the original "King Kong" film in 1933 and its simple special effects with the 2005 remake, which utilized complicated computer-generated effects. The original was much more moving, Barnes said.

Surprising to the audience, Barnes' favorite movie is not "Star Wars," but Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey."

He recalls watching "2001: A Space Odyssey" for the first time, sitting in the theater feeling stunned.

"It was a completely exceptional piece of work," Barnes said.

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New budget keeps sights on a future that may be slim

FROM BUDGET PAGE 1

and the creation of a new community maintenance department to develop a cost-effective strategy to maintaining city assets like the Santa Monica Pier, Palisades Park and city owned vehicles.

The reorganization is represented in the budget's overall theme, which is "translating strategy into result," according to Ewell.

"We have spent the last 10 months looking at our internal process and we think we are now ... ready to turn the corner and raise output for the benefit of the community."

The new community maintenance department, which will be in charge of graffiti removal, servicing street lights and mowing lawns, would have a budget of \$25 million and more than 200 employees.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

With the city's diverse sources of revenue, it has remained resilient relative to other communities in the state, allowing City Hall to focus on rebuilding the infrastructure while addressing community priorities, according to the city manager.

Tourism is up, unemployment remains low and the stock market is at record levels, all good news for Santa Monica.

The biggest perceived threat is the possible loss of the city's Utility Users Tax, which City Hall levies on those who use electricity, gas, water, sewer, cable television and phone service.

In August 2006, the IRS discontinued applying the federal excise tax to nearly all telephone communication service, except local exchange services. The loss could amount to between \$8 million and \$12 million annually for City Hall.

The timing is uncertain because cities are fighting the IRS in court. Last year, the City Council decided to establish a reserve of \$8.2 million to cushion the city from a potential loss in revenue. The 2008-09 budget plan assumes an additional \$4.8 million reduction in revenues.

Ewell said the council could consider to reaffirm the tax through a ballot initiative in November 2008 and eliminate any ambiguity.

Another economic indicator to look out for is the housing market. The region is experiencing somewhat of a slump, with permits for new housing units in the county projected to drop by 7.7 percent in 2007 and another 3 percent in 2008 — the lowest level since 2002.

"We are seeing homes staying on the market longer than before, but when I say longer, instead of selling in three days, homes may be staying on the market for, say, two months," Ewell said.

Property tax transfers are down 21 percent compared to last year, and the number of foreclosures are increasing. In 2006, there were a total of 140 foreclosures. So far this year, there have already been 114.

MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Ewell committed to going out into the community early on in the budget planning process. In a series of meetings held in December, city staff listened to what residents wanted to see their tax dollars spent on.

The budget is a direct reflection of that, according to Ewell. There is money set aside for streetscape improvements from Lincoln Boulevard to the west — a request of the Ocean Park Association, as well as funding to study diagonal parking in the Wilshire-Montana area.

The chief of police is looking at overhauling community policing after hearing from residents about the need for a change, and money is available to accelerate the synchronization of traffic lights.

The community meetings will be done annually, and Ewell promises to start the budget process earlier in the year.

As for how the budget compares to spending plans in other cities he has worked, the former city manager of San Diego and Durham, North Carolina, said Santa Monica does more than those cities would even dream of doing, such as the unique funding agreement with the school district.

"This is a community with a heart," Ewell said. "In the last city I worked in, it was austere, counting every penny while cutting back on services, never having enough money. Here, we have a great opportunity to help enhance the quality of life and it's nice to work with 2,100 people who take that seriously."

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CATCHING THE BIG ONE: Local surfers are known to go to great lengths to find the most monster of waves. They will often travel thousands of miles to find the perfect surfing spots.

Agencies help surfers scope out the waves

FROM SURF PAGE 3

was a market there,” said Sean Murphy, president of WaterWays Surf Adventures on Broadway. “There is need for a special operator providing surf travel.”

Before starting WaterWays, Murphy did a lot of freelance travel and scouted out the destinations that their agency now offers.

“Our general clientele doesn’t usually have that kind of time to go through the hardships (of finding that perfect vacation spot),” Murphy said. “The industry has changed. It was easy to just show up somewhere and find a place to stay, but now, you get somewhere and there’s no availability.”

HAVE BOARD, WILL TRAVEL

Since the surf isn’t prevalent here, Santa Monica surfer Krystal Peak, 21, said that her friends usually take the chance of traveling overseas without an agent.

strictly on the surf.

“Usually, my friends gather up a whole bunch of people and just go,” said Peak. “They grab their boards and fly to a coast off Bali or Fiji and stay at little beach hostels. They bum it and do it as inexpensively as they can.”

Peak figures travel agencies might be a better business for beginners who haven’t learned their way around the shores yet.

“Those who are seasoned have connections and know who to contact and how to get around,” said Peak.

Still, many full-time working surfers don’t mind investing in an agent if it guarantees them a room at their paradise vacation spot.

Travel agency clients “spend less time than they do money, and are willing to pay for the services,” according to Murphy.

It’s easy for WaterWays to sell their agency, Murphy said, because agents have the knowledge needed to help surfers.

“Clients will ask the agent for a lot of spe-



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A CREST SMILE: Namtou Island Resort in Fiji is the most popular trip for surfer excursions.

“We figure everything out — what they’ve done before, the types of accommodations they prefer, what they can afford, but most of all, it’s where the biggest and best surfs are over the year,” said Tanzman. “That’s what’s most important about their vacation.”

To keep prices down, Tanzman often recommends that clients who travel in big groups rent out a condo or a house.

Murphy helps surfers save by typically putting together all-inclusive land-and-air packages to exotic surf destinations around the world.

Some of the most popular destinations include El Salvador, Peru, Fiji and Indonesia, according to Murphy, who has personally surfed the terrain of all of WaterWays’ recommended sites.

Tanzman also recommends the north shore of Hawaii and coasts in Mexico and Australia.

“What’s interesting is that the surfs change at different times of the year for every location,” said Tanzman. “That’s when agents work especially hard to get the right surf for the time of the trip.”

This summer, Fiji and the coasts of South America are most favored by surfers, according to Tanzman and Murphy. And even though Hawaii’s well-known waves are mostly low this season, many surfers still take to the islands.

“Being in the middle of the ocean, Hawaii has good surfs year-round,” said Peak. “The winter has great surfs at the north shore and south shore is booming during the summer. Everyone knows in summer you do have better weather.”

“WE HAVE A LOT OF CLIENTS WHO ARE GREAT SURFERS, AND KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE SURF, BUT WHO JUST AREN’T FAMILIAR WITH THE TRAVEL STUFF. THAT’S WHERE WE COME IN.”

Susan Tanzman, President, Martin’s Travel & Tours

The Hawaii native often returns home and finds out where to surf by checking out news reports and finding out the weather on different shores.

“It’s really easy,” Peak said.

And after saving enough to make the trip, Peak and friends typically spend what’s left

cific information about the surf, season, structure, currents and boards,” said Murphy.

However, Tanzman says most clients are already familiar with that kind of information. Martin’s Travel just handles the rest.

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Hoopster going to Rome

FROM BALLER PAGE 3

"He's a pretty good competitor, just plays hard and can play both guard positions," said Fisher. "That kind of a tournament, in the event of an injury, needs a couple of players that can play multiple positions."

He played his freshman year at Santa Monica High School, sat out one year, and transferred to Venice High School his junior year, where he closed out his high school basketball career playing on the varsity team in both his junior and senior years.

Though he had a couple of offers to play in Division II schools, Gottlieb,

Though Gottlieb says he doesn't know why there are so few Jewish basketball players, and athletes in general, he believes it might have something to do with upbringing — an emphasis on the safety of receiving a college degree and working rather than relying on athleticism for income.

Gottlieb will have to raise \$5,000 for his trip to Rome and will look to raise funds in the best way he knows how — a free throw shootout at the SMC gymnasium on June 2.

In the two months that new SMC Coach Jesse Teplitzky has worked with Gottlieb, he has been impressed with the 18-year-old athlete's work ethic and dedication to the sport.

"It's a tremendous honor for anyone to represent our country in any international competition," Teplitzky said. "I know he's proud to represent this college and our country as well."

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SWISH: SMC freshman Noah Gottlieb is set to participate in the 12th Maccabi Games in Rome, Italy.

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL PROUD OF BEING JEWISH, TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRY AND TO SEE THEIR WORLD AND MEET THEIR FELLOW JEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD."

Jed Margolis, Executive Director of Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel

Gottlieb started playing basketball when he was 6, when his father introduced him to several sports at once, including soccer and baseball. By the time he was in fourth grade, basketball was the only sport that had really stuck.

opted to join the Corsairs, where he felt he could start over academically.

In a world where there are few Jewish basketball players, it's an honor to be able to participate in the Maccabi Games, Gottlieb said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Jump on a creative project this morning. Deal with people you love or care about in between, sprinkling your attention. By the afternoon, you could be all work and no play. Efficiency becomes important as, ironically, pieces of a puzzle drop away! Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ If you feel lackadaisical in the a.m., don't worry, you will energize. A fun encounter or great conversation increases your zest for the moment and living. Worry less, understanding that you can and will find answers. Tonight: Allow your imagination to add an idea or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Return calls and finish off a stalled conversation that wasn't going anywhere. You might be able to connect more deeply at this point. Family and security move up on your list of priorities. You might want to check out a situation carefully. Tonight: Happily homeward bound.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You are not inventing a difficult situation. What might be occurring would stress out many people. Knowing when to call a halt to spending could be important. Start talking about a problem instead of swallowing your feelings. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Express your strong reservations about a financial risk. Others will hear you; whether they will listen could be a totally different story. Know when to cut back and say "enough." A strong financial sense proves to be important. Tonight: Pay bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Understand what motivates others. You could see quite a display of feelings and emotions this morning. For the reserved Virgo, this situation, at best, creates discomfort. Take a strong stand if need be. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Use the morning for what you deem important. You will put your best foot forward, making new possibilities happen. Do loosen up with a person who you confide in, or vice versa. Knowing when to pull back also might be important. Tonight: Togetherness is a great theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ As you handle responsibilities, you also bathe in the limelight. You accomplish what many considered impossible. Take compliments with a grain of salt. A meeting adds to a sense of direction. Listen a lot. Tonight: Gather with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A last-minute effort to gain more information will pay off if done in the morning. Many demands and responsibilities drop on you. Accepting them is your choice. Think carefully. Tonight: Could be a late night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A partner really believes he or she understands more about the financial workings of a situation than you. Know when to pull back and let this person see the end results of his or her knowledge. The less said the better. Let actions speak. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Let another person absorb the limelight. You ultimately could be relieved not to have everything drop on you. Working with an associate or friend on a one-on-one level proves to be most effective. Know when to cut your losses. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Plunge into work this morning. The more you can get done before lunch the better. In the p.m., a networking or social opportunity just might be too tantalizing to walk away from. Don't resist. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

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Muscle up

James Bond star Craig says he's putting the bulk back on his frame

James Bond says his rippling muscles have gone a little flabby.

Bond star **DANIEL CRAIG** told reporters at the Cannes Film Festival that he had let himself go a little since putting himself

through a tough fitness regimen for last year's "Casino Royale."

"I had some down time," the 39-year-old actor said Monday. "I got to enjoy myself a bit. I'm getting back into shape now, I'm kind of

building myself up again."

Craig said the script for next Bond film, not yet titled, hasn't been finalized.

"Casino Royale," his first appearance as 007, "was very successful," Craig said. "But I know it's only

as good as the next one's going to be. We have to make the next one, I think, better than the last one to keep people happy."

Craig was in Cannes for a preview of "The Golden Compass," a fantasy adven-

ture that also stars Nicole Kidman. Craig portrays an explorer in the Indiana Jones vein – professorial in a beard and tweed suit, a change of pace from his Bond role.

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EXPECTING A BUNDLE OF JOY

DENNIS QUAID and his wife, Kimberly, are expecting twins later this year by a surrogate mother.

The 53-year-old actor and his wife are the biological parents, Quaid publicist Lisa Kasteler said Monday. The couple married in July 2004.

Quaid has a teenage son, Jack Henry Quaid, from his marriage to Meg Ryan.

His screen credits include "The Right Stuff," "The Rookie," "Far From Heaven," "The Big Easy" and "Great Balls of Fire!"

Quaid is now filming "The Express," Kasteler said.

AP

Alba 'loves' challenging any and all authority in her life

JESSICA ALBA – ranked No. 2 on this year's "Hot 100" list by Maxim magazine – has a rebellious side.

"I love challenging authority," the 26-year-old actress tells InStyle in its June issue, on newsstands Friday. "It probably wasn't easy being my parents. The second somebody says 'no' to me is the second I'm going to jump up and say 'yes!'"

Alba, whose screen credits include "Sin City" and "Into the Blue," reprises her role as Susan Storm/Invisible Woman in

"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," set for release June 15.

"My experience in this business is that if people think you're going to put people in seats because you have a fan base, it's more important than anything," she says.

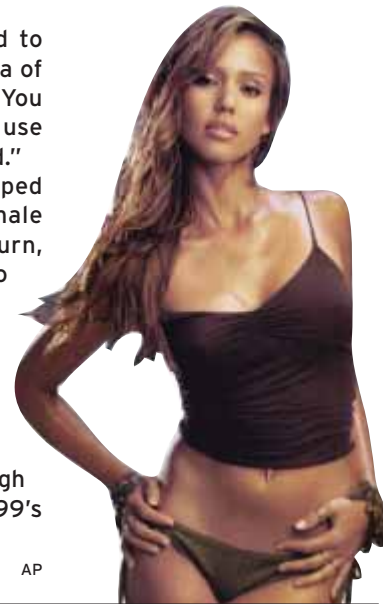
She's finally "getting to play characters and dive into things and not just be sort of this version of 'this girl,'" says Alba, who found she was typecast as "some kind of little tart."

"Because obviously, if you have a womanly fig-

ure, you're not allowed to have a brain or any idea of the world whatsoever. You just have to be hot and use your body to get ahead."

But that body helped win her countless male fans, and, in turn, increased her value to movie producers and casting directors.

"I had womanly curves at a young age," says Alba, who starred as a mean high school student in 1999's "Never Been Kissed."



AP



Fergie is gaining confidence

Although she's performed for thousands of fans as part of the Black Eyed Peas, **FERGIE** says she was a bundle of nerves when she decided to strike out on her own tour.

"I had fears all the way," she told The Associated Press on Monday. "I was nervous at first getting onstage without my guys ... having a show be all my material. Now I'm getting more comfortable with it and I'm having fun with it."

Fergie will bring the fun to fans starting this week with the Fergie Verizon VIP Tour that will run nationwide through July. The 32-year-old singer said the tour is "fulfilling my lifelong dream right now."

"And I'm finally proving to

myself that I can handle the stage," she said. "With this, I'm taking the lead, so it's finding out what I can do."

Fergie became a star when she joined the Black Eyed Peas four years ago and they went on to multiplatinum success with songs such as the Grammy-winning "My Humps" and "Where Is the Love."

But she didn't release her own album until last fall. So far, "The Dutchess" has sold more than 1 million copies, thanks to hits such as the club jams "Fergalicious" and "London Bridge."

However, Fergie, whose real name is Stacy Ferguson, said the success of more introspective songs such as "Glamorous" and her latest song, "Big Girls Don't Cry," have meant the

most to her.

"'London Bridge' and 'Fergalicious' were definitely more surface songs," she said. "I have a very serious side as well, and it's completely different, and you don't know whether people are going to embrace that or not."

The tour is special because "I'm doing a lot of personal songs, and it's letting people in, letting people in to the softer side."

Still, Fergie hasn't gotten too soft. She and Nelly Furtado had a brief war of words that had people buzzing. Fergie said it was blown out of proportion: "I've talked about it, I'm done talking about it ... I think both of us have careers and we can rely on our talent."

AP

Paula Abdul breaks nose, fractures toe

Talk about bad timing. **PAULA ABDUL** broke her nose this weekend – just days before the season finale of "American Idol" – when she fell while trying to avoid stepping on her Chihuahua.

Abdul was recovering from the mishap and planned to appear on Tuesday and Wednesday night's shows, her publicist,

David Brokaw, said Monday. (Two "Idol" contestants remain – Blake Lewis and Jordin Sparks.)

"She's a little sore, but is doing fine," Brokaw said.

Abdul, 44, told syndicated entertainment TV show "Extra" that she tore cartilage in her nose and fractured a toe.

"I took a nasty fall ... trying not to hurt my dog. I

bruised myself on my arm ... my chest, my waist all the way down to my hip. All from my little chubby Tulip," she said.

The dog wasn't hurt, Brokaw said.

This wasn't Abdul's first injury while judging the competition on the hit Fox network show.

She wore a sling in 2004 after surgery on her thumb,

which was infected by a flesh-eating fungus following an unsanitary manicure at a Los Angeles nail salon. (She testified in California a year later, urging tougher safety standards for salons.)

"Being a professional dancer, I'm no stranger to pain, but this time the pain was so excruciating."



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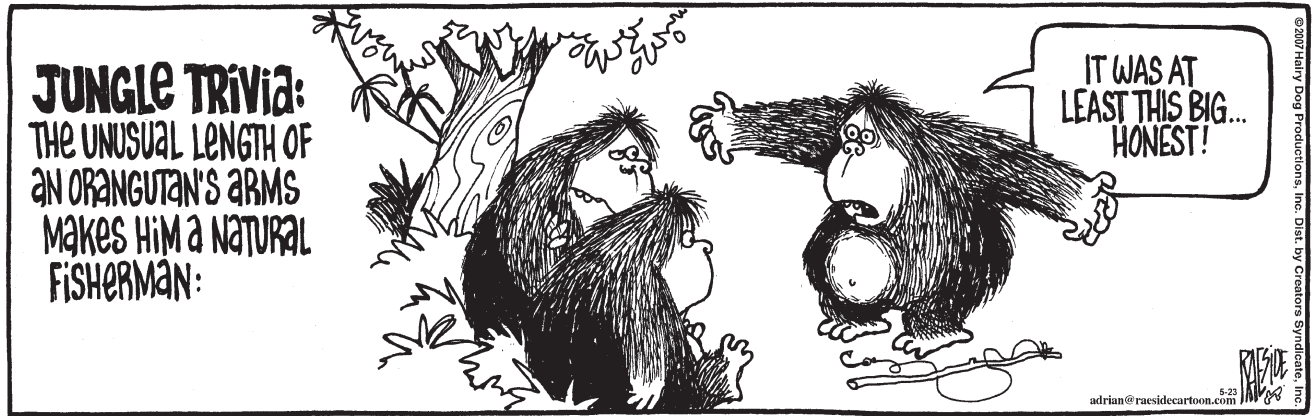
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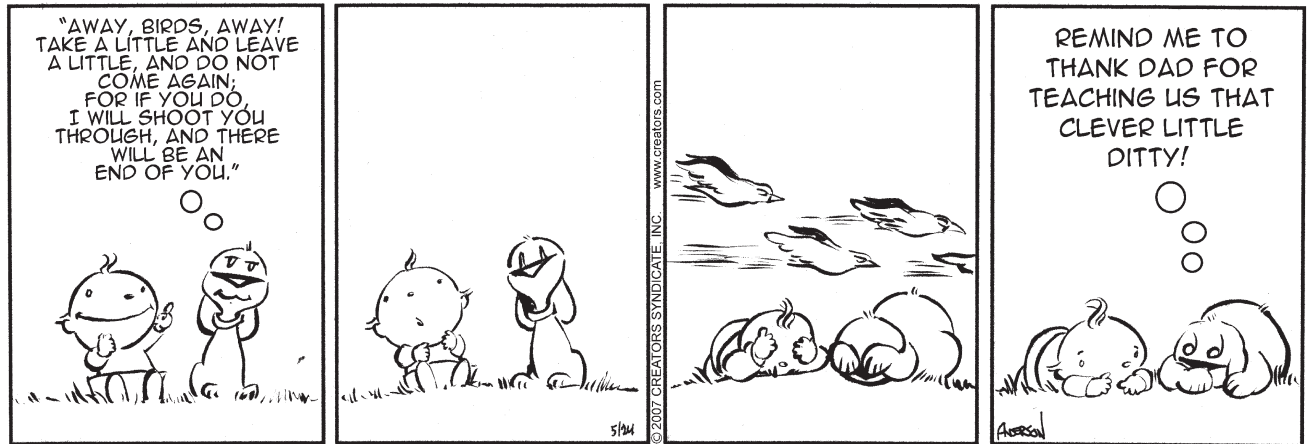
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36 "Don't Cry for Me" singer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Religiously strict Saudi Arabia can't have traditional Western-style beauty contests, but there was a pageant in April in remote Guweil'iya, about 75 miles from Riyadh: a beauty contest for camels. More than 250 owners brought more than 1,500 camels to be judged by such standards, said one organizer (according to a Reuters dispatch), as "the nose should be long and droop down" and "the ears should stand back, and the neck should be long" and "the hump should be high, but slightly to the back." Prizes included more than 70 SUVs.

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MINISTER ESTATE OF JUDY
ANN PEARSON aka JUDY A.
PEARSON aka JUDY PEARSON**

Case No. BP104536

To all heirs, beneficiar-
ies, creditors, contingent creditors,
and persons who may otherwise be
interested in the will or estate, or
both, of JUDY ANN PEARSON aka
JUDY A. PEARSON aka JUDY PEAR-
SON

A PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Jennifer
Pearson & Coleen Pearson in the Su-
perior Court of California, County of
LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Jennifer
Pearson & Coleen Pearson be ap-
pointed as personal representa-

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tive to administer the estate of the
decedent.

THE PETITION requests
authority to administer the estate
under the Independent
Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This
authority will allow the personal rep-
resenta-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 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.
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.

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Santa Monica Daily Press
CN776046 PEARSON May 16,17,23,
2007

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

Case No. SP007136

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OROZCO ELLIOTT

A PETITION FOR PRO-
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ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR
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Elliott & Mark E. Elliott be ap-
pointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the de-
cedent.

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 rep-
resenta-tive to take many actions
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A HEARING on the peti-
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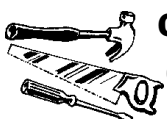
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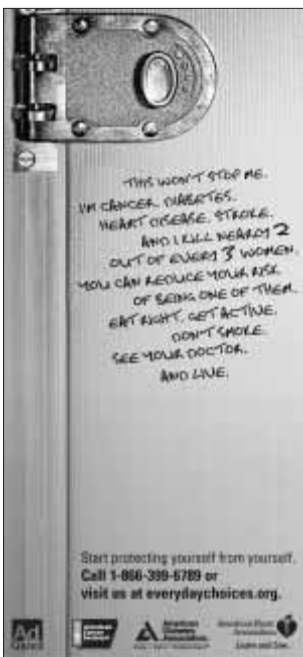
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