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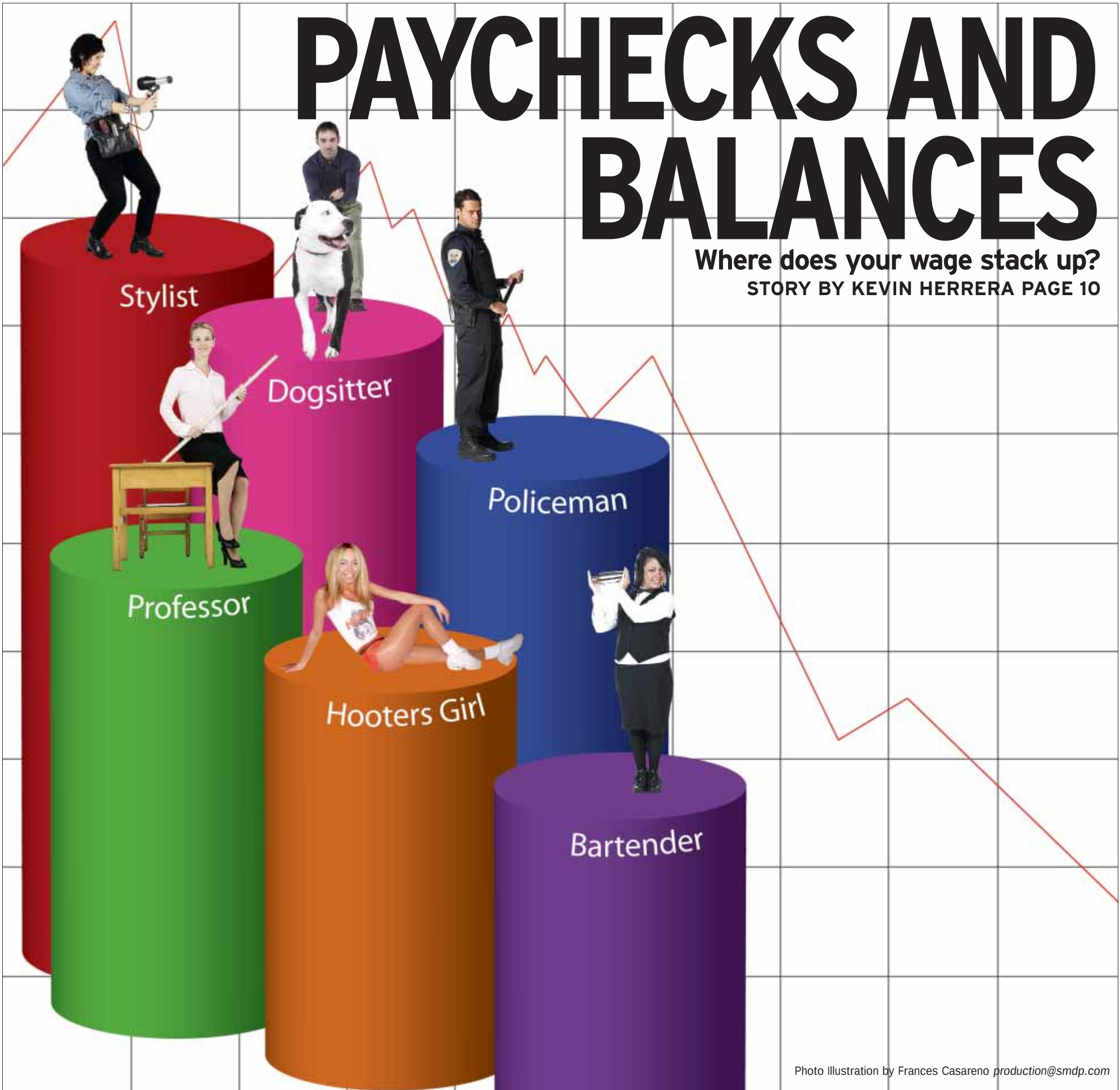


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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



This boy's bad and blue

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Harvelle's presents Eric Sardinas at Harvelle's new Redondo Beach location for one night only. Inspired by such musicians as Muddy Waters and Elvis Presley, from the age of 6, Sardinas is credited with reinventing peoples' traditional views of blues music. Tickets are available for \$20 at www.harvelles.com or \$30 at the door. Parking is free with validation.

'The Silver Key: A Search for the Way Out'

1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
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'Money & Run'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 p.m. — midnight
The Promenade Playhouse presents this action-adventure theatre serial that chronicles the exploits of two outlaw lovers — Run and Money. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.plays411.com/moneyandrund or call (323) 960-5774 for tickets.

'Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse'

10250 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.
This family theatre event about Lily the mouse, her teacher Mr. Slinger and Lilly's purple plastic purse is showing at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for children, 12 and under, and \$7 for adults. Reservations can be made by calling (310) 828-7519. For more information, visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Malibu Pier Sportfishing

23000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, 6 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Half-day Sportfishing boat excursions will 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 and reservations, call (310) 456-8031.

Sunday, May 27, 2007

Santa Monica Symphony concert

1855 Main St., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra will give a free Memorial Weekend concert featuring Ives' Second Symphony with its American themes, Beethoven's dramatic "Leonore Overture" No. 2, and Haydn's thrilling Trumpet Concerto played by virtuoso Darren Mulder. There will be a pre-concert talk by Professor Raymond Knapp at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium Meeting Room. For more information on this family-friendly event, visit www.smsymphony.org.

UCLA Jazz Reggae Festival

UCLA Campus, Westwood, noon — 7 p.m.
The 21st annual Jazz Reggae Festival boasts a line-up that includes Jill Scott, Soulive, Les Nubians and others. Advance tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door. UCLA students get in free on a first come-first served basis with a valid student ID. Tickets can be purchased through www.ticketmaster.com or via UCLA's Central Ticket Office at (310) 825-2101. For a schedule of events visit www.jazzreggaefest.com.

'The Modern West: American Landscapes 1890-1950'

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 11 a.m.
This LACMA exhibit explores the effects of the American West on American modernism. Pieces by Georgia O'Keeffe, Ansel Adams, Jackson Pollock and others will be on display. Tickets are \$9 for adults, seniors and students pay \$5, both with valid ID, and children are free. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.lacma.org or call the box office at (323) 857-6010.

'What's the Story?' workshop

3116 Second St., 2 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
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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.





A CREST KID

A surfer rides a wave off Santa Monica Beach earlier this week. Surfers can expect light and variable winds, with smooth seas most of the holiday weekend. Waves are forecasted to be waist-high.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

CityTV lightening up

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN SM If CSPAN, the Food Network, CNN, the Travel Channel, Starz and the city of Santa Monica all collaborated to create a new network, the result might look something like CityTV.

Though it's typically known as the provider of the televised City Council meetings, which it advertises as "the best live show on Tuesday nights in Santa Monica," the city's government access channel has been offering up more than just gavels and neckties to its viewers.

In a nod to its diverse programming, CityTV recently claimed two awards at the 11th Annual Star Awards on Thursday, capturing trophies for Best Social Documentary — for a segment on sustainability in Santa Monica, and Overall Excellence in the more than \$1 million annual budget category, beating out the city of Los Angeles and San Diego County.

The Star Awards recognizes achievements in government cable television throughout Southern California.

CityTV staffers add the two new trophies to a case already stocked with more than 300 awards, including nine Emmy Awards.

Founded 19 years ago by the city of Santa Monica, the station started out by televising live City Council meetings. By the time current Station Manager Robin Gee signed on in 1995, CityTV was well known for its documentaries, having already collected several Emmys.

The station is available to every cable subscriber in the city, reaching about 27,000 households.

Today, couch potatoes resting the remote on CityTV get their share of cooking shows, talk shows, news programs, movies, music and even reality shows. While the station isn't quite on par with MTV or the Food Network, the programs on CityTV do garner a good amount of dedicated viewers.

"Our mix of programming is unusual for a government cable channel," Gee said.

"Santa Monica is such a unique community, we try to reflect the community (in our programming)."

Besides regular broadcasts of City Council, Planning Commission, Rent Control Board and Board of Education meetings, CityTV offers more than 18 regular entertainment shows.

But surprisingly, it's the City Council meetings that draw the highest ratings, not because viewers want to see the elected officials quarrel, but to learn more about one of the many volatile issues in Santa Monica, such as homelessness and development.

For the non-civic minded viewer, CityTV offers a bevy of entertainment options, from "Get Out," the station's version of "Eye on LA," to "Fresh from the Farmers' Market," a cooking program using ingredients culled from the local open-air marts. Many of the shows are aimed at the interests of Santa Monicans, playing on popular topics such as

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Council holds back funding from schools

Officials will wait for district to clean up its act to release cash

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Citing concerns about transparency and accountability within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the City Council on Thursday voted to place \$7.2 million in education funding on hold until school officials address the use of gag orders that prevent parents and administrators from speaking out.

The decision to withhold the money followed lengthy talks regarding special education and the district's finances — a steady source of controversy following the school board's decision to grant a 5-percent raise to teachers over the objections of the former chief financial officer and the district's financial oversight committee.

Parents of students with special needs claim they were forced to enter into secret deals with school officials and sign gag orders in exchange for services not included in their child's initial Individualized Education Program, or IEP, which is developed by a team of professionals with a given child's parents. The IEP defines the student's particular disability and outlines the services necessary for the child to succeed.

Parents have indicated they are afraid to speak out because they did not want to violate the gag orders and jeopardize their child's education.

Another hot topic concerns the resignation of former Chief Financial Officer Winston Braham late last year and the \$189,000 settlement agreement he received, which included clauses preventing him from speaking publicly on district financial matters. Further, the agreement also prevents him from saying anything disparaging about the district.

On May 7, district officials amended the confidentiality clause, allowing Braham to testify before the council, which he has declined to do. According to published reports, Braham did not feel comfortable

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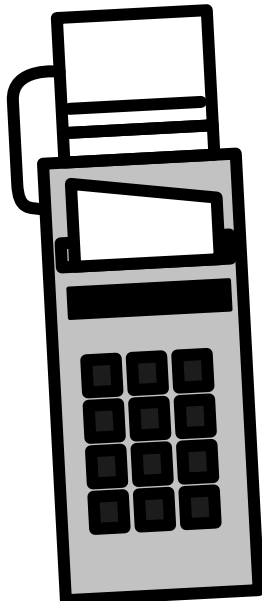
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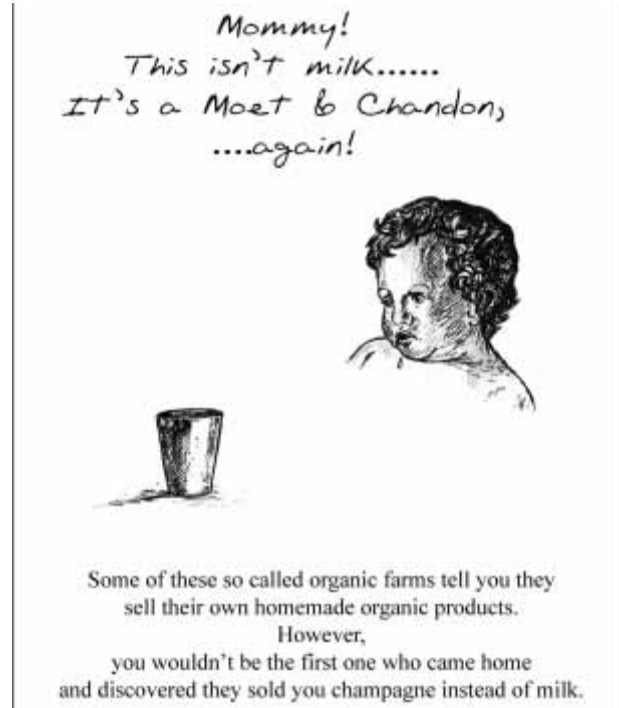


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundamentalists come in all shapes Editor:

Ron Lowe is right in his letter ("Fundamentalists spell our doom," May 18) about the dangers of the religious fundamentalists. It matters little if they are Muslim, Christian or any other religion. Religious fundamentalists are all the same – theirs is the only true faith, there is no other salvation than their way. If you do not believe as they do, you will end up in hell. Religious fundamentalists are not content to simply believe as they wish, they want others to do the same. By passing laws, if necessary, to force everyone to act as they believe to be correct and by pressuring politicians to act in the manner that they believe is correct, theirs is the only way to act when setting policies.

Mr. Lowe, and anyone else, may feel free to use the term "Christian Taliban." That is the term that most accurately describes those of their ilk.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Columnist can flash peace sign in Iraq Editor:

David Pisarra's rambling, convoluted piece regarding how we should honor the fallen on Memorial Day ("We don't honor the fallen as we should," May 22) was a real head-scratcher. Particularly towards the end (yeah, I know, I can't believe I read it that far, either). Pisarra says,

Here I was all this time thinking those flag-covered caskets were because of oil or George Bush trying to take over the world or something ... duh. Pisarra rides awful loose in the saddle of this fallen-soldier high horse of his.

Pisarra says, "We can't give honor to those who have fallen while we continue to wage war," and, "To honor the dead, we would send people on peace missions." He says that we can only remember the dead, not honor them, unless, of course, we do it his way.

Pisarra should get a clue. His Utopian end-all-war ideology about honoring fallen troops, though warm and fuzzy it may be, is void of substance and reality. Open minds, face paint, flowers, cultural exchanges, creativity and all the rest of his philosophy doesn't deter evil, it emboldens it, because to evil, peace is weakness. And that is what evil preys upon. Does he really believe that the Taliban or Al Qaeda, or any terror group, can be reasoned with? If Pisarra's ideas are so wonderful and sure, why doesn't he go to Iraq or Afghanistan, meet some warlords and practice what he preaches?

Traditional Memorial Day remembrances of those who died in preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is honoring them, Mr. Pisarra. Furthermore, after my little flag is planted at a veteran's marker and my prayer has been whispered, after names have been read, gun-salutes fired, missing-man formations flown, wreathes laid, Taps bugled, real tears dried, and wind-bag politicians ignored, the fallen want me, my family and my friends to have some summer fun.

James Zeruk Jr.
Veteran, United States Air Force



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No time like now to rewrite legacy

LAST WEEK, A NEWS STORY ON THE International Herald Tribune's Web site began with the following sentence: "The owner of Napoleon's penis died last Thursday in Englewood, New Jersey."

That sentence got my attention because I had always assumed that the owner of Napoleon's penis was Napoleon. I was also struck by the fact that owning this odd souvenir is what the deceased man from New Jersey will be remembered for. This is his legacy. I have a feeling that he had other things in his life that he might have preferred being remembered for. John K. Lattimer was not just a collector of odd memorabilia. He was a urologist — surprise, surprise — and a Columbia University professor. He is credited with developing a cure for renal tuberculosis and represented the United States at the World Health Organization. He was also a husband, a father and a grandfather. But when he passed away at 92, most of the stories about him began with and highlighted the unusual thing that he bought at an auction in 1969.

This illustrates that people are usually remembered for something very odd, very good or very bad in their lives. Even those of us who are not famous will have a legacy. So, after reading about Lattimer and the pride of Napoleon, I started thinking that maybe it's not such a bad idea to think about what we'd like our obituaries to say ... while we still have time to affect them.

In sports, there are people with unfortunate — and sometimes unfair — legacies, like Roberto "no mas" Duran, Bill "through his legs" Buckner and Steve "Cubs jinx" Bartman. In politics, we can all guess how the obituaries of Alberto Gonzales and Paul Wolfowitz would begin if they were written today. And despite his other accomplishments, Don Imus may have written his own legacy when he was fired from the radio for his racial slurs.

The good news is that these things can often be turned around. When Jimmy Carter left office, some journalists probably would have characterized him as "an ineffectual president best remembered for wearing a cardigan sweater while telling Americans to turn down their thermostats." But Carter turned this around by all of his humanitarian acts after he was president. He even won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003. So now he may be more remembered for all he's done since his presidency.

Speaking of the Nobel Prize, Alfred Nobel tried to turn his legacy around, too. He was an armaments manufacturer and the inventor of dynamite. But he left his vast fortune to fund the Nobel Prizes.

Al Gore would have been remembered as "the Democrat who lost a presidential election that no Democrat should have lost." But now he may be remembered as "the former vice president who taught millions

of people the dangers of global warming." (Unless he runs for president again, in which case he may be remembered as the Democrat who lost two elections for president that no Democrat should have lost).

President Bush still has time to avoid a legacy that would begin: "George W. Bush will always be remembered as the president who sent this country to war based on bad intelligence ..."

PRESIDENT BUSH STILL HAS TIME TO AVOID A LEGACY THAT WOULD BEGIN: "GEORGE W. BUSH WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS THE PRESIDENT WHO SENT THIS COUNTRY TO WAR BASED ON BAD INTELLIGENCE ..."

And of course, people like Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan have time to turn their legacies around. In Paris' case, for us to forget about her indiscretions, she might have to cure a couple of major diseases.

Most of us don't do things that make headlines, but we're still going to have a legacy. We're going to be remembered for how we conducted our "ordinary" lives. You might think you'll be remembered for your success in business, the honors you won in college or that big house you built. But what if your legacy will be: "Best known for not returning phone calls from old friends," "Always tipped only 10 percent" or "Was last seen stealing a parking spot from someone who was there first?"

Again, if you think your obituary might not be as flattering as you'd like, there's time to change. All we have to do is act the way we'd like to be remembered. I guess we should all aspire to do things that are so kind or so spectacular that even if we start collecting the sex organs of European leaders, that collection won't be what we're best remembered for. Wow, that's quite a challenge.

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A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

“When you put 200,000 bikes together, it sounds like a B-52 strike.”

— Michael DePaulo, a Vietnam veteran, who organizes Rolling Thunder's Memorial Day rally in Washington D.C. where thousands of motorcycle-riding vets, and their supporters, roll into the National Mall.

“If they help keep the trees here, then I'm all for it. I love the trees. They remind me of my childhood.”

— Angelique Gagnon, who recently moved to Santa Monica from Brooklyn, on the new rubber sidewalks springing up around town.

“Grow up. Stop complaining. And go get more skills..”

— Ruben Navarrette Jr., nationally syndicated columnist, in response to the common complaint by low-skilled Americans that illegal immigrants are stealing jobs

“If you shut down the entire rail system, you can't make up the deficit..”

— Marc Littman, Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman, on MTA's estimated \$10 million deficit. Fare hikes are being considered as a result

“Lock the door, don't go out with your stupid friends, have some home-cooked food, get a sense of reality.”

— Simon Cowell's advice to Britney Spears

“What is clear from today's botched execution is that the state doesn't know how to execute people without torturing them to death.”

— American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio attorney, Carrie Davis, on Thursday's botched execution of an inmate that took 10 attempts and a total of two hours.

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City of Santa Monica California Incline Bridge Replacement Project Draft EIR/EA Notice of Availability and Public Meeting

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED: The City of Santa Monica, in cooperation with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to reconstruct the structurally deficient California Incline to meet current seismic standards. The incline extends from the intersection of Ocean and California Avenues at the top of the Palisades Bluffs to State Route 1 (SR-1). The proposed project entails demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new incline at the same location. The new incline would be approximately 750 feet long and consist of a reinforced concrete slab structure with spans on the order of 44 feet. Overall width of the new incline would be 51 feet 8 inches, an increase of 5 feet 8 inches over the existing structure. The three 12-foot-wide vehicular lanes would be maintained; the proposed improvements would be designed to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists. Construction would also require the reconstruction of the upper and lower approaches to the California Incline at Ocean Avenue and SR-1, respectively. The new structure would be supported on pile bents founded below the unstable surface of the bluff. A new railing, similar to the existing concrete balustrade, would also be constructed. No lighting is proposed.

WHY THIS NOTICE: This notice is provided to (1) inform you that the City of Santa Monica has prepared a draft environmental impact report/environmental assessment (EIR/EA), which describes potential environmental impacts of the California Incline Bridge Replacement Project, and (2) invite you to attend the scheduled public meeting/workshop to find out more about the project and comment on the draft EIR/EA. The proposed project could result in unavoidable significant adverse impacts to historical resources, land use plans (historic preservation policies), and air quality (construction only).

DRAFT EIR/EA WORKSHOP
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Boulevard
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6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP: The workshop will be organized in an open house format and provide an opportunity for the public to submit written and verbal comments on the draft EIR/EA. Experts will be available to answer questions on a variety of topics, including the California Incline Bridge Replacement Project, the environmental process, and environmental issues, including traffic.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: The draft EIR/EA and related documents are available for public review at the Fairview Branch Library, 2102 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405. Additional copies of the draft EIR/EA and appendices are available at the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401; Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403; and Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The draft EIR/EA is also available for viewing on the City website.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: Your comments will be made part of the public record, and all substantive comments on environmental issues will be addressed in the final EIR/EA. Written comments on the draft EIR/EA will be accepted through July 9, 2007. Please send comments to Eugenia Chusid, Civil Engineering and Architecture, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Comments on the draft EIR/EA may also be sent via e-mail to Eugenia.Chusid@SMGOV.NET. For more information about the workshop, please contact Eugenia Chusid at 310-434-2618.

The QLine

DEBATE OVER RENT CONTROL RAISES A RUCKUS

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think rent control is in need of an overhaul?

Here are your responses:

"RENT CONTROL, IF IT IS TO SURVIVE, should indeed have an overhaul. They should be screening all recipients of this kind of financial aid. The cheaters should be weeded out."

"RENT CONTROL IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR city in order to keep a varied community because the land is so expensive here. We must keep rent control for us to keep a varied community and healthy community. I support it all the way."

"YOU HAVE THREE LEECHES ON THE City Council who are renters and have been renting for years on this rent control. They are Kevin McKeown, Pam O'Connor and Ken Genser ... all by their own admission. The people of Santa Monica need to unite and vote these people off the City Council. They need to organize and get term limits because these people will be there until they die. And these three same people do not pay property taxes and are determining how much property owners have to pay for services. This is ridiculous. These people are parasites who live off the citizens of the city of Santa Monica. I think it is disgusting. I cannot believe the citizens don't get together and throw out rent control and get these people off the council."

"FORGET RENT CONTROL! I THINK the City Council needs an overhaul, after seeing students' bus fares raised 100 percent and 300 percent. They seem to be functioning on the Every Child Left Behind concept."

"I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT THINK RENT control is in need of an overhaul. There is no way I could continue to live in Santa Monica without it. My rent is already plenty expensive."

"WHAT RENT CONTROL? FOR ALL intents and purposes, rent control ended with decontrol/recontrol. An example being that now, under decontrol, a three-bedroom apartment in a dingbat apartment building will now rent for \$36,000 per year. The real reason owners want to get rid of rent control is due to the other protections provided to renters under the program, such as evictions and rent reduction for poor maintenance."

"NEWER SANTA MONICA TENANTS LIKE me don't have a beef with those who have been here for years. We understand that rent control protects us both. I don't know why you would like to pit one against another?"

"NO RENT CONTROL OVERHAUL. ANY changes means testing the percent of time a renter occupies an apartment, age testing. It will result in more bureaucracy."

"THEY NEED TO DO SOMETHING WITH rent control because there are too many rich people abusing it, like that lawyer who had that apartment in the Ocean Park area and he had a house someplace else. He should have been kicked out."

"I THINK RENT CONTROL HAS BEEN very positive to our community. It has slowed gentrification. It has also slowed growth. It has helped maintain diversity in our community."

"DO I THINK RENT CONTROL IS IN NEED of an overhaul? No. If anything, rent control should persevere to strengthen renter protections. It allows Santa Monica to be a

diverse community economically. It is important to remain vigilant to maintain these rights."

"EVER SINCE RENT CONTROL WAS FIRST passed in 1979, not only was it a good idea, but it is part of the reason that Santa Monica became such a desirable place in the county. Stabilized rents and regulations and ordinances help to give tenants security, and also landlords, therefore possess some of the most enviable property in the county. If renters and landlords continue to respect each other, we can continue to have the most ideal city in all the county."

"THE ONLY OVERHAUL THAT RENT control needs is a revocation of the Ellis Act. Rent control needs to continue and be strengthened."

"RENT CONTROL BENEFITS ONLY THOSE living with a cheap subsidized rent, if living under possibly substandard conditions can be called a benefit. In Santa Monica, it serves to maintain SMRR in political control."

"I THOUGHT THE ORIGINAL MAIN reason for rent control was to control the rampant speculators buying apartment buildings then flipping them, thereby increasing the rent of long-time renters to help pay for the new mortgages. It has now morphed into low-income housing for out-of-staters or people who don't speak English. Rent control has helped eliminate the middle-class landlord. Look at all the Ellis Act evictions turned into condos."

"RENT CONTROL IS A SYSTEM THAT is unfair to landlords and those who pay market rents, both of whom subsidize those on rent control."

"NEARLY EVERYONE AGREES THAT Santa Monicans for Renters Rights have ruined a once quiet residential town and turned it into a tourist trap and worldwide homeless and insane asylum."

"THE PERSPECTIVE ON THE NATURE of the benefits of rent control should be better addressed in the press."

"OF COURSE RENT CONTROL NEEDS to be overhauled. Those leeches down there at the rent board suck \$11 a month from every renter in town. The whole rent board should be overhauled, extremely."

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Ailing troops

Returning soldiers not getting mental health care needed

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO U.S. troops returning from war with debilitating mental conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder are not always getting the care they need, a panel of experts told a presidential commission Thursday.

The Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, which President Bush appointed this year following revelations of poor conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, focused for the first time on PTSD. The bipartisan commission has been holding hearings on veterans care and will issue a set of recommendations this summer.

"The military system does not have enough resources, funding or personnel to adequately support the psychiatric health of service members and their families in peace and during conflict," Dr. Richard McCormick, a professor at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, told the commission. "This creates a perfect storm of barriers to receiving care."

McCormick, who recently helped compile a report for the secretary of defense on the nation's mental health care for veterans, said there is insufficient training of family members and medical personnel about psychological issues, and patients' care is often disrupted when they transition from active duty to retirement.

"Military treatment facilities currently

lack the resources to provide a full continuum of psychological health care for active duty service members and their families," he said.

PTSD is a reaction to stressful events that can lead to nightmares, flashbacks, insomnia, anxiety attacks, emotional detachment, violence, substance addiction and suicide.

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One of the major barriers to care is the stigma that exists in the military, McCormick said, as troops are reluctant to admit to experiencing symptoms.

"There are natural stress reactions, it doesn't mean you are weak, it means you are human," McCormick said.

Miguel Delgado, a former Navy corpsman who returned from Iraq in 2004, said the constant stresses of seeing injured Marines led him to develop PTSD. As a medic who was himself trained to recognize signs of combat stress in his troops, Delgado still hesitated before he contacted doctors about his symptoms.

According to Army psychiatrist Col. Elspeth Ritchie, 17 percent of soldiers who have seen combat in Iraq experience PTSD.

Giving respectful silence

Schoolmates mourn fallen soldier at Torrance's South High

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

TORRANCE Schoolmates held a moment of silence Thursday at the high school where slain Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. was remembered as a gentle jock — a "pumped up" athlete who made his friends laugh and comforted them when they were sad.

Anzack, 20, should be honored for "his service to America and for representing South High and Torrance so proudly and so well," Principal Scott McDowell told students in a second-period classroom announcement.

Anzack, an Army gunner, vanished with two other soldiers on May 12 when their combat team was ambushed about 20 miles outside of Baghdad. The attack killed four other Americans and an Iraqi.

Anzack's family, who a month ago heard false rumors of his death, were confronted with the reality on Wednesday night, when authorities identified a soldier's body found floating earlier in the day in the Euphrates river. He had been shot in the head.

"They told us, 'We're sorry to inform you the body we found has been identified as Joe,'" his aunt, Debbie Anzack of Torrance, told The Associated Press while choking back tears. "I'm in disbelief."

At South High, friends built a memorial of flowers, flags, candles and balloons on the front steps, where a sign read: "We love & miss you Joe Anzack. You're our HERO."

"I was in shock" at hearing of his death, said childhood friend Erika Esquivel, 20, of Torrance.

Just last month, Anzack sent her a MySpace Web site message wishing her a happy birthday, she said.

In high school, Anzack played football and was on the wrestling and swim teams. He was "always pumped up and ready to try something new," Esquivel said.

Anzack's football teammate Nick Ekbatani said he sent an e-mail message to the soldier after hearing rumors of his death a month ago. Anzack wrote back and declared: "I'm alive and kicking."

"I really wish he would e-mail me back again," said Ekbatani, 19. "I wish this was another rumor."

Josh Waybright, Anzack's football coach, laid the soldier's jersey on a shrine in front of the school during the afternoon.

The school will dedicate this year's season to Anzack, who was an all-league nose guard, and retire his number, 52.

"I don't think you get a better teammate than Joe Anzack," Waybright said. "He was loyal, committed, dedicated, loved the game of football, loved being part of a team. He was a coach's dream, to be honest."

Waybright said Anzack aspired to join the Special Forces.

"If I was sitting in a foxhole I want Joe Anzack right next to me," said Waybright.

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Facebook opens

BY RACHEL KONRAD
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Facebook Inc. is encouraging other companies to sell products and create software for use on the popular social networking site, hoping to expand into an all-purpose destination on the Web.

The company's 23-year-old founder and chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, said Thursday the move was similar to what Microsoft Corp. did decades ago, when the relatively obscure software maker began encouraging third-party companies to write programs for its personal computer operating system. The strategy made Microsoft phenomenally profitable and helped turn founder Bill Gates — like Zuckerberg, a Harvard University dropout — into world's richest man.

"Until now, social networks have been closed platforms," Zuckerberg told about 750 programmers attending the company's first developer conference, dubbed f8. "We're going to end that."

The Palo Alto-based startup has so far recruited about 65 companies to create software for the Facebook Platform, which will be opened up to any company starting Thursday night.

The best known third-party contributor so far is e-commerce powerhouse Amazon.com Inc., which is allowing Facebook members to publish book reviews on their profile pages. The feature will debut later this week.

Zuckerberg and his Harvard buddy, Dustin Moskovitz, co-founded Facebook in February 2004. The site was supposed to be the virtual version of paper "face books" that Harvard and other colleges distribute to freshmen.

But within a month, the site had caught on at Stanford, Columbia, and Yale. By December 2004, it had nearly 1 million active users.

After the site opened up registration to non-college students last September, it evolved into a major social networking destination to rival MySpace.com, owned by Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate News Corp.

Facebook now has more than 24 million users who have logged on in the past 30 days. Venture capital firms including Accel Partners have contributed more than \$35 million.

Critics say Facebook — which is getting more than 100,000 new registrations per day — can't maintain its scorching growth rate. Others worry that Zuckerberg and the company's other 20-something technophiles lack the experience and credibility to turn the site into a profitable, publicly traded company.

On Thursday in San Francisco, Zuckerberg — who sported a fleece jacket, baggy jeans and flip-flops — seemed well aware of the challenges ahead. Technical gaffes dogged his nearly hour-long speech, and he broke out in a visible sweat.

"We're the sixth most trafficked site in the U.S. and we can't seem to get our act together," Zuckerberg joked as he fumbled to synchronize his presentation slides.

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Second defendant convicted in murder plot

A second defendant was convicted in the murder-for-hire killing of a woman stabbed to death as police responding to a prowler call stood outside her front door.

Frankie Jaramillo, 32, of suburban Woodland Hills was one of three men charged for the 2004 stabbing death of Lynn Schockner, 50, in the backyard of her Bixby Knolls home.

Jaramillo was convicted by a Superior Court jury on Thursday of first-degree murder for his role in the killing. Jaramillo, who will be sentenced June 21, delivered money and instructions to the hit man on Schockner's behalf.

Manfred Schockner, the victim's 66-year-old estranged husband, still faces trial for allegedly masterminding the killing plan to avoid paying alimony.

Nicholas Harvey, 25, of Port Hueneme was convicted earlier of stabbing Lynn Schockner on Nov. 8, 2004, and is serving a life prison term.

Harvey told police in a taped interview played for jurors that he was offered \$5,000 to kill the woman and stage a burglary.

He contended he had second thoughts about following through with the attack and that he accidentally stabbed her after she surprised him in the backyard. Lynn Schockner's neck and hands were stabbed 10 times with a dagger.

Police investigating a prowler call found the woman's body on a backyard patio when she failed to return after going to get a key to open a locked gate.

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LOS ANGELES

Ridiculed feds halt cleanup of old Rocketdyne lab

Nearly a month after a federal judge said it was doing a lousy job, the Department of Energy announced it was temporarily halting cleanup at Boeing's Rocketdyne Field Laboratory.

A federal judge ruled earlier this month that the Department of Energy effort to rid the Santa Susana Field Laboratory of nuclear and chemical contamination was inadequate.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti ordered the department to complete a thorough environmental survey of the site before declaring it safe and releasing it for unrestricted use.

On Thursday, department officials said it was stopping work on the cleanup for 45 days while it consults with authorities.

"During this time, we will continue to perform environmental monitoring activities and place operations in a safe and stable configuration while we work with state and federal regulators and evaluate all input on a path forward," the agency said in a statement.

The 90-acre cleanup site is where the government conducted nuclear research.

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Lee's credibility gets scrutinized

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Twelve years ago, during the O.J. Simpson trial, forensic scientist Henry C. Lee mesmerized jurors with his analysis of scientific evidence in the celebrity murder case. Holding up a photo of what he said was a shoe print he declared ominously: "Something's wrong."

Despite challenges from others it was a statement simple and accessible enough to turn the tide in Simpson's case and was emblematic of the style that has made Lee a nationally renowned expert. He made forensic evidence understandable before "CSI" shows on TV transformed it into a pop culture subject.

Lee often carries a large magnifying glass to the witness stand, casting himself in the role of a modern day Sherlock Holmes. He also uses props to present a show-and-tell explanation that intrigues jurors.

But his extraordinary reputation is now under attack. A judge has ruled in the Phil Spector murder trial that Lee removed something from the scene where actress Lana Clarkson was shot and withheld it from the prosecution.

"Dr. Lee has a lot to lose here," said Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler, who cast doubt on the expert's credibility. The judge had heard testimony from several witnesses over a period of weeks on the mystery of a missing piece of fingernail at the crime scene.

The judge concluded that only one, lawyer Sara Caplan, had told the complete

truth. She said she saw Lee pick up something and place it in a vial.

"I find the following," said Fidler. "Dr. Lee did recover an item. It is flat, white, with rough edges. I cannot say if it is a fingernail. It has never been presented to the prosecution."

Lee denied during a hearing last week that he found such an item. He said his only findings were some white threads and a piece of bloodstained carpet.



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Jean Rosenbluth, University of Southern California Law professor

The prosecution contends the item Lee withheld was a piece of fingernail with the trace of a passing bullet that would show Clarkson was resisting having a gun placed in her mouth. Her right thumb was missing a piece of acrylic fingernail after her death.

During the hearing with jurors absent, Lee displayed his showmanship on the witness stand, complimenting prosecutor Alan Jackson on his good looks and producing cotton swabs and sticky notes he said he used to pick up and package evidence.

He became testy when challenged and said he felt his reputation was being dam-

aged by the prosecution's insinuations.

The session had been delayed because Lee had to fly in from Taiwan where he was consulting on a case. By the time the judge ruled Wednesday, he was traveling in Italy and could not be reached for comment.

The Chinese-born Lee, 69, whose parents fled to Taiwan when he was 6, still speaks with a heavy Chinese accent.

Lee, the retired director of the

teaches at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven which trains crime lab experts.

University of Southern California Law professor Jean Rosenbluth, who has been attending the Spector trial, noted the judge did not sanction Lee and issued what she called a "benign and narrow ruling." But she said it could smudge his career.

"Any time he takes the stand now he can be impeached with a finding by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge that he failed to turn over evidence," she said. "It's certainly not helpful."

But the defense attorneys who hired him to testify for Spector were seemingly unfazed by the ruling.

"Dr. Lee is a very credible witness," said defense attorney Christopher Plourd. "He didn't do anything wrong. Let the jury consider his credibility."

Plourd, who is handling scientific evidence, said, "We think it's an act of despair by the prosecutors because they don't like what the science shows. So they go after the scientist."

Prosecutors promised to call back all the witnesses who testified without the jury present in order to impeach Lee as a witness.

Although the substance of Lee's anticipated testimony is not known, he will most likely interpret trace evidence including blood spatter patterns to support the defense claim that Clarkson killed herself in Spector's home.

Clarkson, 40, best known for the 1985 cult film "Barbarian Queen," was working as a nightclub hostess when she met Spector, 67, in the early hours of Feb. 3, 2003.

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Great rate or buck short?

See where your salary ranks among Santa Monicans

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Some would say its impolite, even downright rude to ask, but there's something in us all that wants to tap the guy in the cubicle next to us on the shoulder and ask him what he's pulling down each month.

The answer just might be shocking, and could lead a few disgruntled workers to reconsider their career paths.

For instance, did you know that a former veterinarian's assistant-turned-dog-sitter — a profession some might consider trivial — can rake in more than \$75,000 a year? Or that a person operating the pier roller coaster, someone charged with ensuring the safety of our kids, earns just \$7.50 an hour with no benefits?

Recent surveys have shown that Americans are troubled by the widening income gap between the nation's highest earners and everyone else; a gap that has grown dramatically in recent decades. In the last five years, inflation and adjusted wages rose less than 1 percent per year for the vast majority of households.

So what is the gap in Santa Monica?

The top money makers are CEOs of major entertainment companies like Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. and

Activision, where executives earn anywhere from \$1.2 million to \$3.6 million. Those on the opposite end of the spectrum are working in the service industry, including fast-food cooks and bartenders, who make minimum wage, or \$7.50 an hour.

For those earning the bare minimum, tips often mean the difference between eating Top Ramen noodles or dining on fettucini alfredo.

"It really depends on the bar you work at," said Alicia Lecce, a bartender at the Britannia Pub in downtown Santa Monica near the Third Street Promenade. "Here, I can make anywhere from \$100 to \$300 in

In retail, workers tend to fair a little better than those serving up suds. However, just like bartending or waiting tables, a lot depends on the location. A popular, higher-end boutique offers a greater opportunity to make rent and have a little fun than working at a major retailer like J. Crew.

At A.B.S. Clothing Collection, located along Montana Avenue's trendy shopping district, sales associate Christina Cody estimates that she takes home \$1,500 every two weeks before taxes. That's for 40 hours of work and includes commission. In a good week though, she can make as much as \$1,700 before Uncle Sam takes

employed or finding a job in local government. With the former, it is the flexible hours and the freedom, while with the latter it's job security, structured pay increases, dependable benefits and every other Friday off, that is, if you work in City Hall.

Lyola Torres, a hairstylist and co-owner of Chase, a high-end salon on Wilshire Boulevard, said since going into business for herself she has seen her salary jump considerably, much of which has to do with her attention to her clients, which keeps people coming back.

"With salary and tips, I'm easily making over \$100,000 a year," said Torres, a stylist in high demand who can charge around \$400 to \$500 for a cut and color. "It really depends on what services the client wants, how creative and talented you are and how much you are willing to work."

"These are very long days. It doesn't come easy."

Torres said that straight out of beauty school, junior stylists make anywhere from \$18,000 to \$25,000 and often have to pay salons for a slot. Once promoted, a stylist can make \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year, but one also has to be willing to work long hours and drop what they are doing in their personal lives and attend to a client. Customer service is very important and can make or break a stylist.

"You better be prepared to come in early and stay late," Torres said.

But it's worth it, especially when a

I'M NOT POOR. I'M LIVING COMFORTABLY AND I MAKE ENOUGH, BUT I'D LIKE TO MAKE MORE. WHO WOULDN'T?"

Christina Cody, sales associate, A.B.S. Clothing Collection

a night. It's really the tips. Without them, I wouldn't be able to survive."

Despite the pay, Lecce said she loves her job because of the atmosphere. At the cozy watering hole, Lecce socializes with regulars who always have stories to tell, and as an aspiring actress, tending bar gives her the flexibility she needs to go on auditions.

"I think it's a good way for those who are trying to be creating to do other things," Lecce said. "It's a way to survive out here in LA, which is very expensive. You make good money and it's always a party."

his share. Without commission, Cody would earn just \$12 an hour, hardly enough to keep her out of poverty.

"I try to base my living on my hourly wage so I don't extend myself, but it's hard," said Cody, who has a bachelor's degree in the arts and dreams of becoming a designer. "I'm not poor. I'm living comfortably and I make enough, but I'd like to make more. Who wouldn't?"

IT'S MAKE OR BREAK

For many, the trick is being self-

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Santa Monica Police Chief Timothy Jackman – \$178,000

Teri Chiota, owner of Puppy Love pet-sitting – \$75,000 to \$85,000

Haydee, a waitress at Hooters in Santa Monica – \$28,000

City Council member – \$11,200

Lyola Torres, stylist and co-owner of Chase Salon – more than \$100,000.

District teacher – \$42,000 to \$60,000

United States Postal Worker – \$59,000

Bus Driver – \$29,913

Santa Monica firefighter – \$59,000 to \$74,000

SM police officer trainee – \$62,000 to \$76,000

Pool lifeguard (as needed) – \$37,000

Traffic services officer (meter maid) – \$42,000 to \$52,000

City TV manager – \$86,000 to \$106,000

Pipe fitter – \$45,000 to \$56,000

Wage comparison

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client walks in feeling frumpy and leaves with a smile on their face.

"When your hair looks great, you feel confident and you feel good," Torres said.

Those looking for something stable should consider the public sector, such as teaching or working in City Hall. Those just starting out in the teaching profession can earn as much as \$42,000 in Santa Monica, according to Harry Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. The average teacher with a master's degree can earn as much as \$60,000, if not more.

As for city employees, one only has to look at police officer trainees. They're not even cops yet, but pull down roughly \$76,000 a year. A custodian in his or her first year on the job can earn anywhere from \$32,000 to \$39,000, plus generous benefits.

And if one works hard enough, they could eventually become head of a department or the manager of an entire city. Police Chief Timothy Jackman earns \$178,000 a year, or \$14,833 a month, while City Manager Lamont Ewell, who is in charge of running the day-to-day operations at City Hall, pulls down \$245,000 a year, or \$20,416 a month — enough to buy new Acura every month.

City Council members, many of whom have a full-time job in addition to their council duties, earn \$932.11 per month, or about \$466 per meeting. The mayor

receives a bit more, with \$1,118.54 a month. Elected officials also receive \$50 for each housing and parking authority meeting and \$30 for the redevelopment agency.

In the end, how much one gets paid is important, but it's not the end all for

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some, especially those who are doing what they love to do.

"I get paid to play with dogs and cats all day long," said Teri Chiota, owner of Puppy Love, a pet-sitting service. "It is truly one of my favorite things in the world to do and I guess I'm just lucky enough to make a great living doing it."

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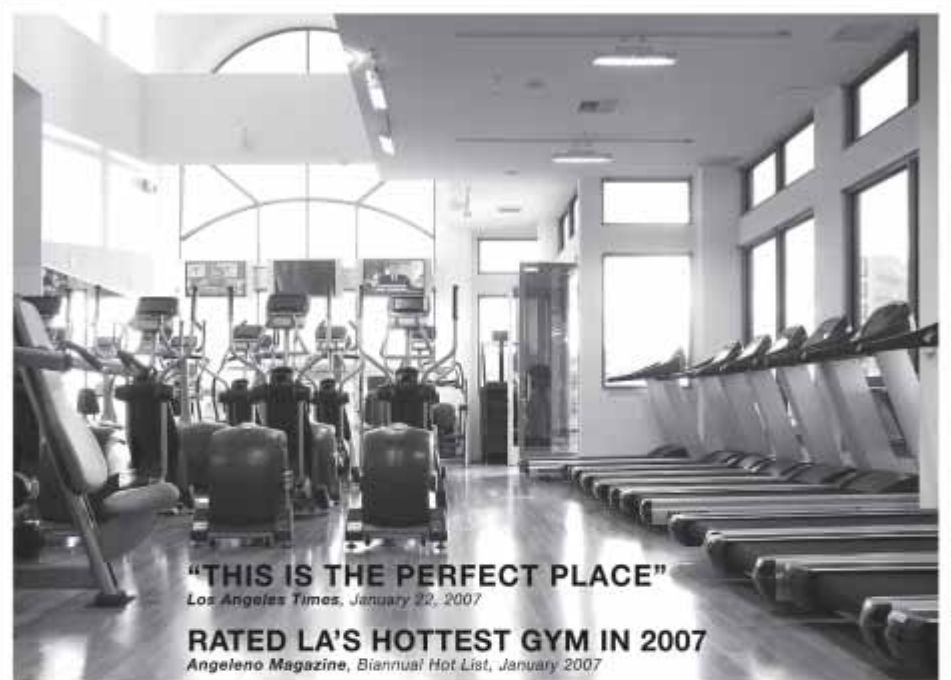
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ACHTUNG, BABY

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Female bodybuilders take part in a pose-off last Memorial Day weekend in Venice. The 2007 Muscle Beach International Classic Bodybuilding and Figure Championships begin on Sunday, with activities and shows, while the final competition will be staged on Monday at 1 p.m.

Focus on variety

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sustainability and diversity.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Over the years, City TV has also given average people the opportunity to show their faces on television, regardless if they live in Santa Monica.

Pacific Palisades resident Peter Kreitler has been the co-host of "Earth Talk Today" throughout the show's 10-year run. A talk show centered around environmental issues, the show touches on what is perhaps one of the most interesting topics to Santa Monicans, or at least to their city officials — sustainability.

The show was developed around the city leadership interested in putting Santa Monica at the forefront of taking on environmental issues. Kreitler initially pitched the idea of the show to Craig Perkins, the city's director of Environmental and Public Works, asking if he could highlight some of the department's programs, while at the same time, looking at the broader issues impacting Santa Monica.

The show has featured advocates and experts on environmental issues, the head of the state's Committee on Natural Resources and green living celebrities like Ed Begley Jr.

Up until last week, the show taped in a cable studio in Van Nuys, but is now filmed in what is considered the most sustainable building on the West Coast — the NRDC building on Second Street.

For Kreitler, there was very little stage fright sitting before a camera, considering he is an ordained Episcopalian priest and has spent nearly his entire life in front of a large audience.

"I thought it was important for the primary medium for communication today to have good environmental programming," Kreitler said.

Several of the programs have involved partnerships with organizations.

A collaboration between CityTV and Saint John's Hospital, "Coffee Break" is a talk show focusing on how residents can live healthier and more active lives. The show is hosted by two vice presidents at Saint John's — Robert Klein, a former NFL and USC standout football player,

and Paula Golden.

A seasoned face to cable television in Massachusetts, Golden approached Klein four years ago about co-hosting the show with her, or "twisted his arm," as Klein recalls the encounter.

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Robin Gee
CityTV Station Manager

The show started with a call-in segment but quickly switched to a guest format. Along with many CityTV original programming, "Coffee Break" is filmed in the Santa Monica City Council chambers, which is redecorated for each show.

Government access television has turned some of the hosts into local celebrities, including Connie Martinson of Beverly Hills, the host of "Connie Martinson Talks Books" for two decades.

Throughout the years, Martinson has interviewed some of the most famous authors in the world, including Mary Higgins Clark, Dean Koontz and Ray Bradbury.

Politicians have also stopped by her show, including former Vice President Al Gore and Senator Barak Obama before each decided to run for the Oval Office.

"I asked him, 'why aren't you running for president?'" Martinson said of her interview with Gore.

The talk show is shown in government access channels across the state, including Los Angeles and San Francisco. It's also streamed online.

"(The people that watch) really care," Martinson said of government stations. "It's financially not in the same bracket as FOX, but people watch."

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Spill bummer

By The Associated Press

VENICE BEACH Memorial Day weekend beach bums may want to steer clear of Venice and Dockweiler beaches following a sewage spill earlier this week.

Authorities say some 5,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Ballona Creek Wednesday after tree roots apparently blocked a set of municipal sewage pipes.

That sewage line has been repaired, but county officials directed lifeguards to post

warning signs by Thursday morning in the area a quarter-mile north and south of Ballona Creek.

They say the sewage spill should keep Venice and Dockweiler beach visitors out of the water until at least this afternoon.

County health officials say bacteria levels in the water will be tested again today and tomorrow.

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Transparency cited by Council as reason for withholding cash

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speaking publicly because of the disparaging remarks clause.

Council members expressed strong support for public education and highlighted a multitude of achievements made by local students and administrators, including Malibu and Santa Monica high schools being named amongst the top 200 high schools in the nation.

Still, many could not get over the lack of transparency. Some stated that even though they believe the district is doing well, the gag orders create the perception that there is something to hide.

"I am a firm believer that public entities and school districts and this council have to be transparent," said Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz, who sponsored the motion to withhold funding.

"No parent, no student should live in fear for any reason," said Katz, who recalled his own dealings with the district when his two sons were in special education, calling the arrangement he made "Gestapo" like. "The fact is we have a great school district, (but) there's a glitch and that glitch needs to be changed ... The school board (has) to act."

Only then will the council give the district the funds, according to the motion.

'NEEDS TO BE REMEDIED'

School board President Kathy Wisnicki said her colleagues have taken the council's concerns "to heart" and have engaged over the last few months in a comprehensive budget development process, complete with independent reviews that show the district's finances to be stable despite the recent pay raise and declining enrollment.

Wisnicki said the district spends \$12.5 million from the general fund on special education — three times the state average per student.

"We go above and beyond what state and federal sources give to the district," Wisnicki said.

The board is looking to hire more special education instructors and bring services in-house, she added.

It was almost a year ago when several parents accused former Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services Tim Walker of brokering the so-called secret deals with the students' IEPs. If parents are unhappy with the IEP, they could opt to file for Due Process or meet with Walker to settle any disputes. The district has a policy to settle such disputes before they reach the point of litigation, Wisnicki said.

The parents alleged that their children lost out on services because of the settlements.

"There are many who would be here

tonight, but are afraid," said Tricia Crane, the mother of a special education student and member of the special education advisory committee for the district. "I have no desire to harm the district, but this needs to be remedied."

Crane said she was able to afford an attorney to make sure her child received the best possible education, but worries that there are other parents who do not have the financial ability to do that, and therefore, are losing out.

Wisnicki intimated confidentiality agreements were signed as part of a settlement between special education parents and the district in an effort to protect the privacy of children and their parents, and to prevent parents from comparing services, which could lead to perceptions of inequality in how the district deals with special needs students.

Wisnicki added that the agreements help to protect parents from attorneys promising extra services they may not be able to deliver.

Councilman Bob Holbrook, who served on the school board for eight years before joining the council, said he understands the difficulties in providing a quality education when funding from the state is unreliable. That was part of the reason why the council decided to enter into a funding agreement with the district in the first place.

That said, Holbrook also expressed concern about the gag orders signed by parents with special needs children.

Councilman Bobby Shriver said he thought the clause in Braham's contract regarding disparaging remarks was "a joke" when he first heard it. When he found out it was on the level, he called the city attorney to ask her if she had seen anything like it in other agreements. She had not.

"For the record, I think this is sad," Shriver said. "I looked forward to voting for this increase with great enthusiasm, even considered appropriating more ... (but) I can't vote to give this money until these matters are dealt with."

Wisnicki said Friday that the school board is open to discussing the issues at hand.

"I think we are all in agreement to look at the possibilities," she said.

It was too early to know when a meeting of the school board would be scheduled to deal with the concerns of the council, but Wisnicki said district staff is looking into the issue.

"This is very complex and I don't think there is one simple solution," she said. "We are very happy that the council ended up putting a placeholder for education funding in their budget. That was the best outcome given the concerns of the council."

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Infrared visions

BY ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

Before heading outdoors to char up some grub, Santa Monicans may want to make a quick trip to the local hardware store to get hip on the latest innovation lighting a fire under the barbecue set.

Leading grill makers have added super hot infrared burners that sear the meat to lock in moisture and flavor at prices affordable to amateur cooks. The technology has been available to professional chefs and well-heeled consumers for about 25 years, but the cost — up to \$5,000 for some units — was too much for many weekend grillers.

With the expiration of a key patent on the technology, major gas grill manufacturers, including market leader Char-Broil, have scrambled to bring infrared cooking to the masses with models in the \$500 to \$1,000 range.

The grills are still powered by propane and have traditional gas burners that heat mostly by convection — or hot air. But they also can cook foods with radiant heat generated by one or more infrared burners. (Infrared is light that falls between the visible and microwave portions of the electromagnetic spectrum.)

Char-Broil says its advanced burners operate at 450 to 900 degrees, hotter than the 450 to 750 degrees of standard gas burners. And unlike charcoal, which can require 20 to 30 minutes to reach its 700-degree cooking temperature, heat from the infrared burners can be changed quickly, the company says.

Most leading grill makers, including Solaire, Weber and Jenn-Air, also offer

grills that use infrared.

"It's terrific," said Leslie Wheeler, a spokeswoman for the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, an industry group in Arlington, Va. "Grills nowadays give you many options."

She owns one of the infrared grills and said it's impressive.

"Infrared is really hot," she said. "They're great for searing and then either you turn it down or move over to another burner for cooking."

Cooks can sear steaks or hamburgers, steam vegetables and give their meats a smoky taste by tossing a few wood chips onto the burner, said Rob Schwing, a Char-Broil vice president.

"Infrared has done to the grill business what the microwave did to the indoor kitchen," he said. "It's presenting consumers with a whole new way of cooking."

Bill Best, founder of Thermal Electric Corp. of Columbia, S.C., developed the technology in the 1960s, primarily to give automakers a faster way to dry the paint on cars. That led to high-end grills for professional cooks and wealthy consumers.

The original infrared burners — and some offered currently to consumers — contained ceramic material that was hard to clean, prone to flare-ups and fragile, Schwing said.

Char-Broil formed a strategic alliance with Best's company to develop a new generation of burners known as the Char-Broil TEC series. The fragile ceramics have been eliminated. They have a layer of high-temperature glass to shield the burners from drippings and to provide even heat distribution.



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HOT UNDER THE COLLAR: Santa Monica Police Chief Timothy Jackman helps Candido Vivanco, owner of Candy's Gourmet Sausage, grill up some carne asada at Virginia Avenue Park in March.

Memorial Day grilling pointers

By Daily Press staff

Not only is May National Barbecue Month, but consumers across the U.S. will be firing up their grills for Memorial Day.

And that's a lot of grilling. According to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, 81 percent of all U.S. households now own a grill. Magic American Products offers seven simple solutions for grilling success this Memorial Day.

1. Place the grill in an open area away from buildings and low hanging brush or trees.

2. Place a heat-resistant pad beneath your grill to protect your deck or patio from greasy messes.

3. Be sure to keep baking soda nearby to control a grease fire, as well as a fire extinguisher, and never leave a grill unattended while hot.

4. Heat the grill for 5-10 minutes before grilling. This will ensure any cleaning residue has burned off.

5. Apply a light coat of cooking oil or spray to the grill grate prior to use, this will make clean-up a cinch.

6. Clean the interior grill completely.

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NHL
Ducks face former coach in NHL finals

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

Bryan Murray has vivid memories of the Anaheim Ducks' run to the Stanley Cup finals in 2003.

They're back in the NHL championship series, and so is Murray — this time as coach of the Ottawa Senators.

He spent the 2001-02 season as the Ducks' coach, and was their general manager the following season when they made their first appearance in the Cup finals, losing to New Jersey in Game 7.

Recalling how the Ducks managed to win the playoff opener that year against Detroit despite being outplayed, Murray said, "It seemed from that point on the players started to believe they could win. (Goalie Jean-Sebastien) Giguere was obviously great. Somehow or other we found a way to win games in tight spots.

"So I remember very clearly. You don't get that many trips to the finals. That was a great run, great time, and I'm sure when we go back this time the fans will be very much into it and have high expectations again."

Giguere, Rob Niedermayer, Andy McDonald and Samuel Pahlsson are the only players still with the Ducks from that 2002-03 squad, although Murray had a hand in bringing in some of the younger players who have made an impact for Anaheim.

"We traded for Rob Niedermayer, and there are some guys there from when I coached, there are still a few left," Murray said Thursday during a conference call. "So there's always great interest. I mean when they were playing other teams, I watched very closely."

Murray said that Ducks GM Brian Burke and he are good friends, and "It's certainly his team now. I really enjoyed my time there. We had a great staff in the office as well as in the scouting and hockey department. We have some players that they did a heck of a job as far as drafting or signing as free agents out of college."

The Senators are making their debut in the Stanley Cup finals, so a first-time NHL champion is certain to come out of the series that begins Monday night in Anaheim.

The 64-year-old Murray became the Senators' coach on June 8, 2004.

After serving as coach of the Ducks for one season, he had become their GM in May 2002 and hired Mike Babcock as coach. Babcock left for Detroit after two seasons and earlier this week was back in Anaheim — where the Ducks beat the Red Wings in Game 6 to take the Western Conference title.

Murray previously coached at Washington, Detroit and Florida — where he was GM when the Panthers made it to the 1996 Stanley Cup finals.

MLB
Chew on this: All you can eat dogs at Dodger Stadium

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Luis Serrano is working on his second Dodger Dog and the game hasn't even begun.

"On a good night, I'll eat seven," he said, smiling.

That's how it goes in the new all-you-can-eat seats way out in right field at Dodger Stadium, where fans wolf down as many Dodger Dogs, nachos, peanuts, popcorn and soda as their bellies allow for one price.

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"You get your money's worth, for sure," said Serrano, a slender 33-year-old from suburban Glendora who likes to bet his buddies how much they can chow down.

"I've won almost all of them," he said, balancing a paper tray loaded with two more Dodger Dogs, nachos and peanuts on his lap.

His friend, Michael Latta of Alhambra, chomped on a mustard- and onion-slathered Dodger Dog in the right field pavilion, sponsored by, naturally, a chain of convenience stores.

"We're more prone to eating more since we're in here. We wouldn't have done this over there," Latta said, gesturing toward the rest of the stadium.

There's another eat-up-a-storm section in this venerable place — the Dugout Club behind home plate. But at \$400 a seat, which includes traditional fare delivered by a wait staff and a high-end buffet — it's out of reach for many in the bust-a-gut section.

Launched this season, the outfield eat-a-

thon opens 90 minutes before the first pitch and lasts until the start of the seventh inning. Ticket prices range from \$20 for group sales to \$40 for day-of-game walk-ups. Some games are \$25 during designated promotions.

"The fans love it," said Marty Greenspun, Dodgers executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"It was an isolated area that we could really focus and test," he said. "No one has done this big of a seating section for this price in all of professional sports. It's been a hit since day one."

Some items aren't in play — beer (\$8 and \$10), ice cream and candy are sold from carts at regular prices. But they are included at some other major-league ballparks, which do versions of the eat-til-you-drop concept in smaller seating areas.

Since then, the Dodgers say the section has sold out eight times in 24 home games, with attendance averaging 2,000 in the 3,000 seats.

The Dodgers have ranked second in attendance in the majors for three consecutive seasons, but the right-field pavilion often sat empty in the 56,000-seat stadium. It opened only if the left-field seats, which cost \$10, sold out or for large groups. Last season, right-field seats cost \$6-to-\$8.

"Even with our great attendance, there's still seats that go unsold," Greenspun said, explaining that this model was a way to offer fans a defined price.

Greenspun said a handful of other professional sports teams have contacted the Dodgers about copying the idea, including the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers.



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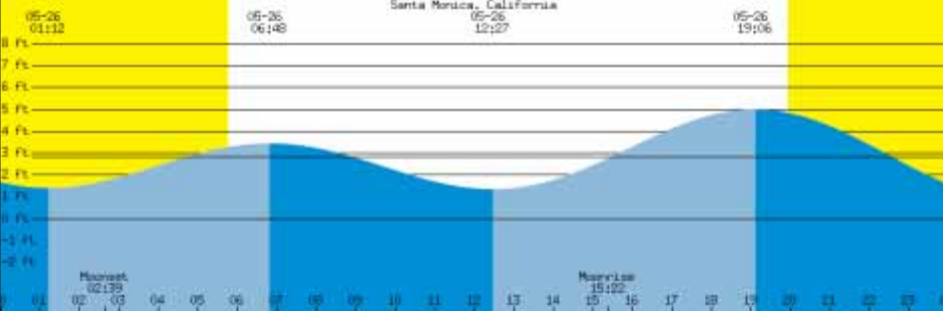
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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 19
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 2

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camille Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	A+
Emekel Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chaulianga)	A+	ns
Grand Beach at Tomaras Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	F
Lido Canyon Creek mouth	C	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	B	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+	Venice Beach at Brakes Ave. drain	B	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Canyon fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Sunridge Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	B	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWW jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Taganga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hypanian Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Cashbeck Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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Chat up a storm, Leo

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★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Whatever unfurls, enjoy rather than critique. You have a choice of whether to enjoy the moment or get uptight because the show doesn't run perfectly. Recognize your limits. Let go and flow. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Understand the pivotal role you play in the next few days. Not everything is as it seems. Someone might not be demonstrating his or her true feelings. Let go of anger, and follow through on what you know to be right. Tonight: Visit with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your sense of fun and enjoyment emerges. Though you could be overwhelmed by what is happening, flow with events. Don't let an assertive friend push you in a direction you would prefer not to go. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Once more, others look to you for their cue. Listen more completely to what is shared. Feelings play a big role in events. Express your understanding clearly and accept your role in the happenings around you. Tonight: Could be late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ What you say and how you say it defines the reactions of others. Today, be carefree yet sensitive to someone with whom you might have an issue. Choose not to let a situation interfere with your holiday weekend. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Indulgence is easily the path to problems. If someone is egging you on, know when to turn around and say "no." Your ability to work with others emerges and could make a difficult situation dissipate. Tonight: Do your thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ The Moon highlights you. Stop, take a deep breath and feel the energy. Now look around. You can have nearly anything. What would knock your socks off? Go for that particular desire, knowing you have what it takes. Tonight: Out on the town.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Step back and perhaps be less direct. A nurturing approach eases pressure and allows new beginnings. Your sixth sense works overtime. Get into the spirit of a get-together without being a major force behind it. Tonight: Just let it all happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Friends surround you. If you want or expect to party, you will love what happens. Whatever your expectations, you'll find yourself surrounded by friends and people who want to be your friends. Celebrate summer's approach. Tonight: You could go to the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take a stand and handle what goes down carefully. Though you might not agree, you certainly might enjoy what is happening. "Live and let live" becomes the theme for the moment. Bring family and friends together. Tonight: Enjoy your entourage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ How you handle a personal matter might surprise even you. Looking at the big picture proves to be helpful and informative. A day trip could be relaxing and a lot of fun. Avoid your traditional Memorial weekend activities. Tonight: A lot to enjoy and think about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Someone very important in your life makes his or her goals clear. Your ability to relate to and perhaps integrate this person's ideas could make or break the next few days. Judge less and enjoy more. Tonight: Make sure to spend special time with a loved one.

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Singer Stevie Nicks (1948)
Actor Peter Cushing (1913)

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This year you will break precedent in many different areas of your life. Your ability to acknowledge change and do things differently separates you from many. Meetings and friendships prove to be unusually important in your life choices. A male friend steps forward but could be pushy, regardless of your gender. Learn to support yourself and say "no." Your creativity surges, infusing your life with energy and success. If you are single, you find many who want to be your sweetie. The real issue is who you want and what type of relationship you seek. Let LIBRA add to the joy in your life.

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‘Stack of fun’ Irwin’s new show makes saving animals enjoyable

BINDI IRWIN wants her new TV show to continue the educational and conservation work of her father, the late “Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin.

“I’m proud to be showing kids that conservation and helping wildlife is a stack of fun,” the 8-year-old Bindi said Friday at the Australian launch of “Bindi: The

Jungle Girl.”

“It’s just the most amazing thing that we could ever do,” she said.

Producers say the show will feature Steve Irwin in scenes shot before he was killed by a stingray last fall while filming one of his popular television documentaries.

Irwin’s widow, Terri, said her husband would have

been very proud of his daughter’s debut. The series will air on the Discovery Kids Channel in the United States and the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

“I think he would have said, ‘Crikey mate, I couldn’t wait for Bindi to take over,’” Terri Irwin said.

Bindi was being groomed as Irwin’s successor in his TV and con-

servation business, which includes a family run animal park at Beerwah in Queensland state.

“Bindi’s been filming with us since she first hatched,” Terri Irwin said. “It was a natural progression to be doing her own shows, and Steve was involved with the first seven episodes.”

“He really enjoyed

watching Bindi doing and showcasing the wildlife that he worked with for so many years,” she said. “It gave him great pleasure.”

“Bindi: The Jungle Girl” premieres June 9 on the Discovery Kids Channel.

Bindi will also host “My Daddy the Croc Hunter,” a one-hour special to air June 8 on the Animal Planet.

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NO MORE ACTING FOR PAUL

PAUL NEWMAN says he’s given up acting.

“I’m not able to work anymore as an actor at the level I would want to,” Newman, 82, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” on Thursday. “You start to lose your memory, your confidence, your invention. So that’s pretty much a closed book for me.”

Newman, star of films such as “Hud,” “Cool Hand Luke” and “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” added: “I’ve been doing it for 50 years. That’s enough.”

He has other plates spinning. Newman plans to focus on the Dressing Room, his new organic restaurant in Westport, Conn., and his Hole in the Wall Gang camps for critically ill children.

His Newman’s Own brand of dressings, pasta sauces, popcorn and salsa has raised more than \$200 million for charities.

Newman, who won an Oscar for his leading role in 1986’s “The Color of Money,” was last seen – or heard, rather – as the voice of Doc Hudson in the 2006 animated feature “Cars.”

AP

O’Neal avoids facing charges

Prosecutors declined Friday to charge **RYAN O’NEAL** with assault with a deadly weapon for firing a gun during a brawl with his older son earlier this year.

There was insufficient evidence “to prove this case to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt,” said a report from the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office.

“Witnesses gave, in different interviews, conflicting stories” of what happened during the brawl, said Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the district attorney’s office.

Mark Werksman, O’Neal’s attorney, said prosecutors did the right thing by declining to pursue the case.

“It’s a tremendous relief for Mr. O’Neal to have this

resolved favorably in this manner,” said Werksman, claiming his client acted in self-defense.

O’Neal, 66, was arrested at his Malibu home Feb. 3 for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and negligent discharge of a firearm. He was freed on a \$50,000 bond.

The actor has said he fired a warning shot to scare his 42-year-old son, Griffin O’Neal, who had attacked him with a fireplace poker.

He said his son lashed out at him during a fight, but he ducked and the poker struck Griffin O’Neal’s girlfriend, Joanna Berry, who was eight months’ pregnant.

She received a serious eye injury and needed stitches for a facial cut,

said Gloria Allred, an attorney who represented both Berry and Griffin O’Neal.

Werksman said Ryan O’Neal suffered bruises to his arms and legs when he was struck several times.

Allred said prosecutors never considered filing charges against Griffin O’Neal in the case.

“There was no evidence to support that allegation that he, in any way, committed any criminal conduct,” she said.

Since Ryan O’Neal won’t face criminal charges, Griffin O’Neal and his girlfriend, “will now explore all of their legal options,” such as a lawsuit, Allred said.

She also said Berry gave birth earlier this year and the couple was busy “focusing on their new baby, loving their baby.”

AP

Pennington pleads no contest

TY PENNINGTON, host of ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” pleaded no contest Friday in a misdemeanor drunken driving case.

Pennington, 42, had been charged with two misdemeanor counts – driving with a blood-alcohol level above the 0.08 percent limit and driving under the influence of

alcohol.

He pleaded no contest to the first count and the other count was dismissed, said Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the city attorney’s office. Mateljan said it was a normal disposition for a first offense.

A judge placed Pennington on three years’ probation, restricted his

driving privileges for 90 days and ordered him to participate in a 90-day alcohol program and attend a Mothers Against Drunk Drivers meeting, Mateljan said.

He faced up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine if convicted of the charges by a Superior Court jury.

Pennington was arrest-

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Lubbock takes Buddy Holly’s name off locations

Don’t plan on strolling down the **BUDDY HOLLY** Walk of Fame the next time you’re in his West Texas birthplace. The City Council has rescinded a 1995 resolution that created the name.

The vote came Thursday after Civic Lubbock Inc, a nonprofit group created by the city in 1956, faced a dis-

pute with Holly’s widow, Maria Elena Holly, over payment for the use of the rocker’s name at the Walk of Fame and Buddy Holly Terrace.

Holly died in 1959. His widow had been seeking a licensing agreement and name usage fees for the two sites.

Dan Burns, president of Civic Lubbock, estimated the payment

could have been as high as \$10,000 a year.

“We couldn’t see putting that kind of money out to use his name,” Burns said.

City Council members passed a resolution rescinding the 1995 version by a 6-0 vote.

The Walk of Fame and Buddy Holly Terrace will now be known as the West Texas Hall of Fame

and West Texas Terrace.

Civic Lubbock Inc works to attract top entertainment and operates concessions at several city-owned venues. It is governed by a board appointed by the City Council.

Maria Holly said in a statement that she wasn’t properly asked whether her husband’s name could be used.

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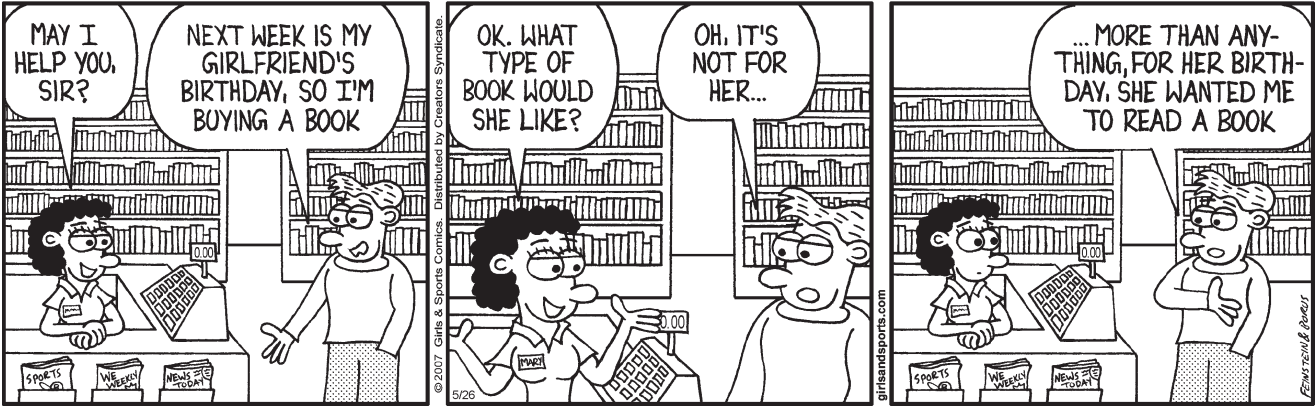
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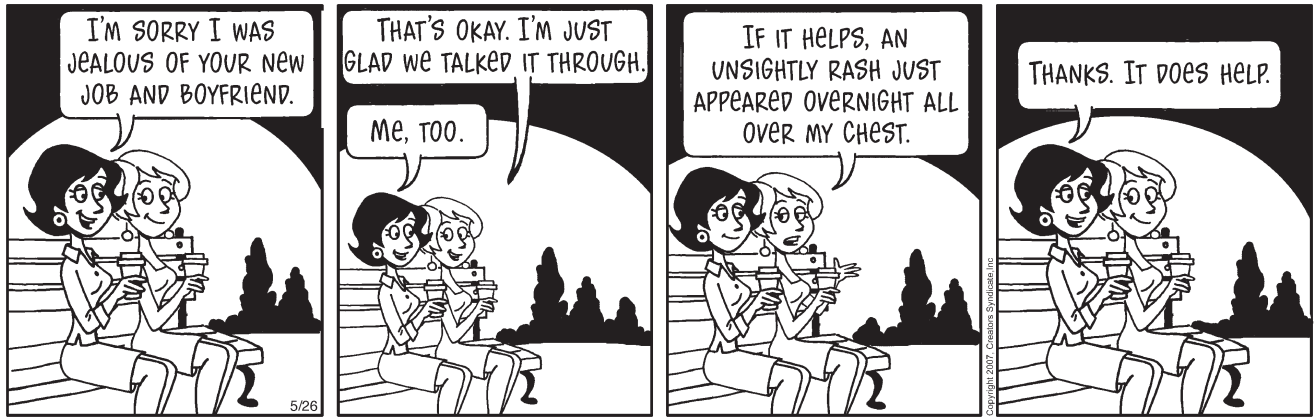
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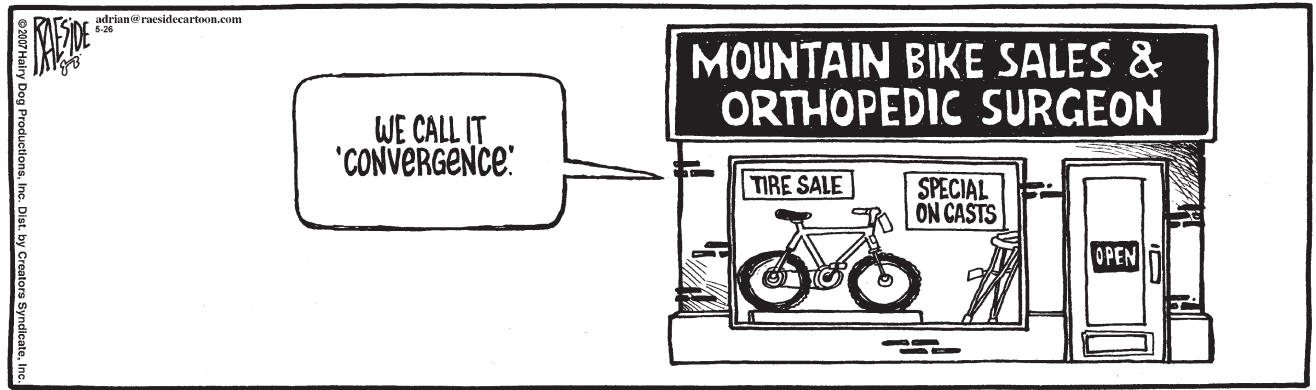
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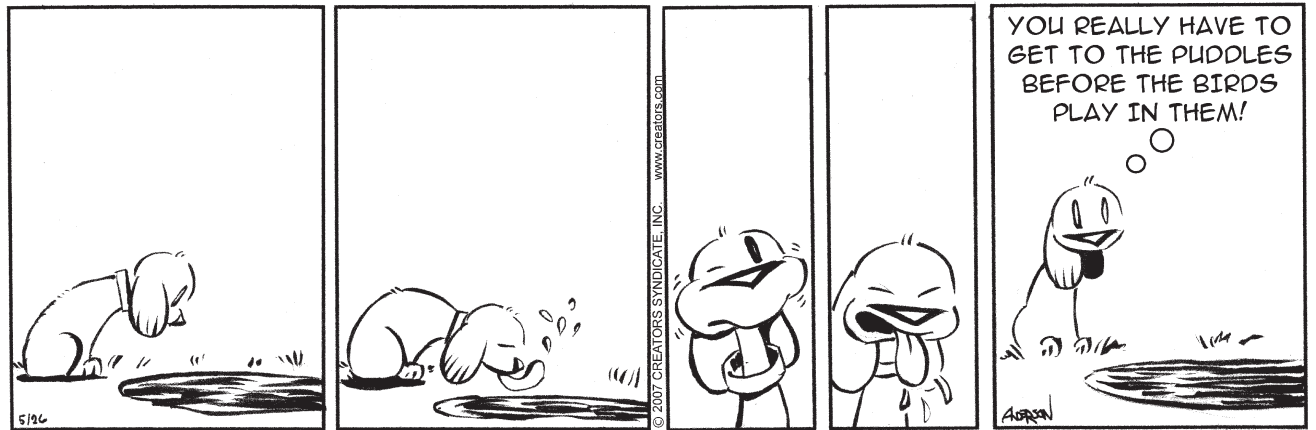
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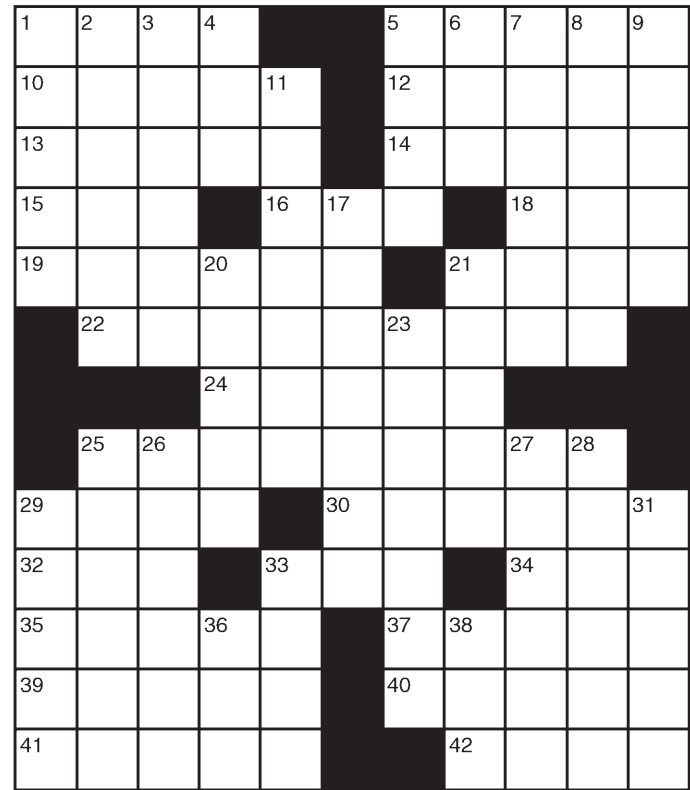
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Last year, a BBC News correspondent in Sudan reported that village elders in the Upper Nile state had punished Charles Tombe, who had been caught being amorous with a goat, by requiring him to pay a dowry to the goat's owner, to endure a "wedding" to the goat, and to treat the goat as his "wife" to embarrass him. The dispatch ran worldwide and was the most popular story on the BBC News' Web site for 2006. BBC News reported in May 2007 that the goat, "Rose," which had given birth to one kid in the interim (clearly, not fathered by Tombe), had recently passed away after choking on a plastic bag.

■ Names in the News: (1) The Des Moines, Iowa, woman who was the victim in December of an Iowa Methodist Medical Center policy on disposal of amputated body parts (the woman wanted to take her toe with her): Gladys Goose. (2) The 41-year-old woman charged with assault in February, in a suburb of Tampa, Fla., after she allegedly grabbed a high-heeled shoe and smacked her boyfriend in the head several times: Kari Barefoot. (3) The name dog breeders apparently give to the increasingly common crossbreed of a shih tzu with a bulldog (according to a March story in London's Guardian): bullshih.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1293 Earthquake strikes Kamakura, Japan, kills 30,000.

1538 Geneva expels John Calvin and his followers from the city. Calvin lives in exile in Strasbourg for the next three years.

1770 The Orlov Revolt, a first attempt to revolt against the Turks before the Greek War of Independence ends in disaster for the Greeks.

1830 The Indian Removal Act is passed by the U.S. Congress; it is signed into law by President Andrew Jackson two days later.

1864 Montana is organized as a United States territory.

1889 Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.

1928 The first motion picture is projected publicly in Athens, Greece.

1966 British Guiana gains independence, becoming Guyana.

1969 John Lennon and Yoko Ono begin their second Bed-In for Peace at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal.

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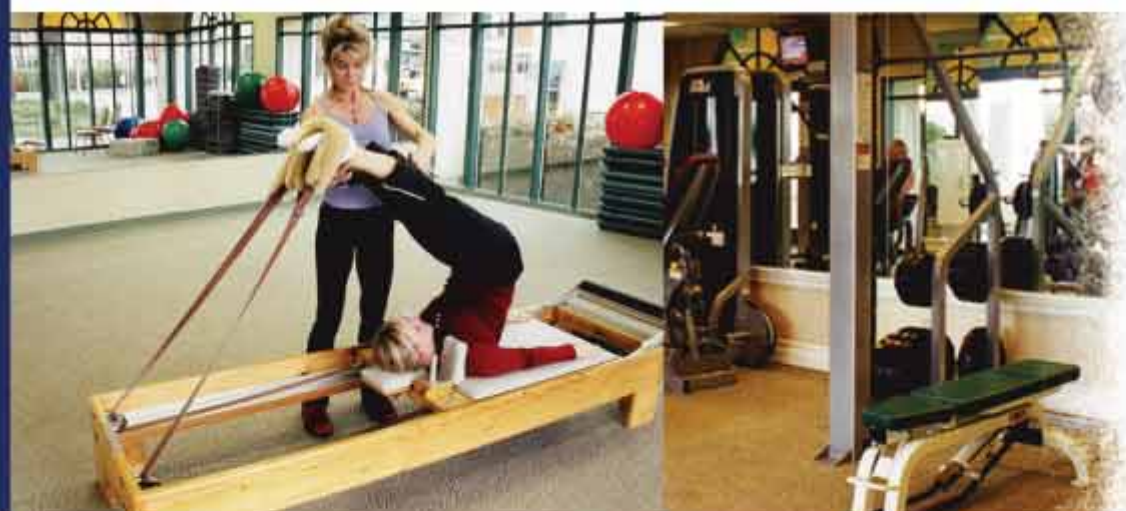
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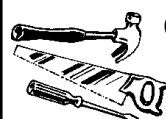
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