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Vikings thinking like champions

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Even before Santa Monica High School takes the field tonight for their CIF Division IV Championship game, the Vikings have made it to "The Show."

The Vikings (24-9) will try to win their first title in more than 20 years when they square off against the Covina Charter Oak Chargers (19-7) at legendary Dodger Stadium.

Samohi is seeking just the second championship in school history, according to Norm Lacy, the school's athletic director.

"This is really exciting for the players, the school and the community," Lacy said.

The varsity team almost didn't make it, having to overcome a 4-1 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning of Tuesday's semifinal match against second-seeded Covina Northview. The club benefited from two infield errors and second-base-man John Huerta's game-winning double in the clutch.

Scheduled to pitch for the Vikes tonight is sophomore Tyler Skaggs, who threw 2 2/3 scoreless innings in a 3-0 win over host El Segundo in the quarterfinals. Skaggs will have to be in top form when he goes up against Charter Oak, which has scored a combined 41 runs in its last three games.

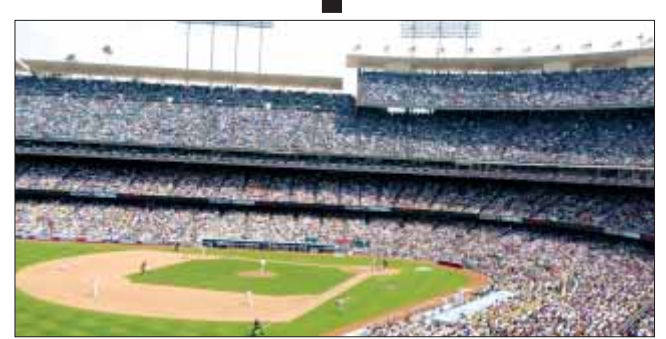


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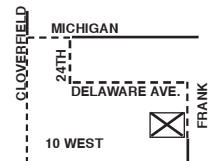
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Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a month. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

'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.

Fridays at Santa Monica Bar and Grille

3321 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.
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8433 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 9 p.m. — 11 p.m.
The Comedy Store presents this musical-comedy event, starring Ester Goldberg and featuring her orchestra, The Archibald Leeches. Tickets are available by calling (323) 656-3225. Tickets are \$25, with a two-drink minimum.

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Samohi All-Classes Picnic

601 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
All Santa Monica High School graduates are invited to the 18th Annual Samohi All-Class Picnic. Guests are welcome to bring their own food or can purchase barbecued food at the event. Check out the Greek, the Vikes Inn, the Hall of Fame and trophy and memorabilia displays. The Class of '47, who will celebrate their 60-year reunion, will also be honored. Free parking is available. For more information, call Jim Jaffe at (310) 396-7027 or e-mail him at jljaffe@earthlink.net. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

'Homebound'

2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Tarryn Teresa Gallery presents the debut solo exhibition of Los Angeles-based artist Sunny Scarlett. "Homebound" addresses issues of personal and national identity. To learn about the gallery, their hours and more, visit www.tarrynteresa.com.

Book-to-Movie Screening: 'Jaws'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Steven Spielberg's ominous movie about beach-swimming is here just in time for summer. All ages are welcome to this free event. Seating is first come-first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Book signing

13400 Maxella Ave., Marina del Rey, noon — 4 p.m.
Robyn Busfield will be signing copies of her book, "It's Time to Get Selfish," at the Marina Barnes & Noble.

'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/moneyandrun 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 are suggested and can be made by calling (310) 828-7519. For more information, visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

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EASY DOES IT: Karen Weeks, 29, concentrates while taking her driving test at the Santa Monica DMV on Thursday. After Weeks passed the test, she reported having had the most problems answering questions to do with pets riding along as passengers.

DMV tests the limits

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Trying to get a license to drive is enough to drive Pauline Johnson mad.

It's not the bureaucracy or the long lines at the DMV that are wearing her down. It's the written test, something she hasn't taken in years, but must now pass so that she can continue to drive to work and transport her kids from one soccer match to another.

"I didn't think it was going to be as hard as it is, but I actually had a little trouble with it," said the 37-year-old Johnson. "I haven't studied the (California Driver Handbook), gosh, since I was probably 16 or so. I've just been renewing my license by mail, but this year I just kind of let it slip and now I'm here."

It took Johnson two times to pass the written test consisting of 30 questions that range from simple queries about speed limits on residential streets to more challenging

ones like: How long does a driver have before they must report the sale or transfer of a vehicle? (Answer: Five days).

"You think you can go in there and ace it because you drive every day, but it's pretty surprising how little you really remember," Johnson said.

She isn't alone. A recent survey of drivers revealed that many don't have adequate knowledge of the basic rules of the road. In fact, one in six licensed drivers would fail a written state drivers test if they took it today, according to the third annual GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test.

The survey found that 84 percent of the 36 million licensed drivers couldn't identify the correct action to take when approaching a steady yellow traffic light (Answer: Stop if it is safe to do so).

California ranked 22nd in the nation, with an overall average score on the test of 77.5. Seventy percent or higher is required to pass the test. Sixteen percent of California drivers

who participated in the survey failed the test.

"All Americans need a refresher course when it comes to basic driving rules," said Gary Kusumi, CEO and president of GMAC Insurance Personal Lines Division. "Being a safe driver is about conduct, judgment and knowledge. We're hoping this year's results encourage people to arm themselves with the knowledge they need to stay safe."

Respondents completed 20 questions drawn from actual DMV tests. They found two questions particularly vexing this year, driving scores down across the board — 81 percent couldn't identify the proper following distance from the car in front of them (Answer: Two seconds).

Other points of interest drawn from the Drivers Test include:

- The older the driver, the higher the test score. Drivers 35-plus years old were most likely to pass.

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Kid agents looking for a contract

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVENUE Watching cartoons are so last year.

While most kids are preoccupied watching "Jimmy Neutron" or playing video games, Roosevelt Elementary fourth graders Samantha Hsieh and Natalie D'Amico have taken a different approach to playtime.

While attending a school whose motto is "to open a book is to open a mind," the two close friends aren't just engrossed in reading their favorite book, they're in the midst of getting it published.

The young entrepreneurs have formed Sam & Nan Literary Agency in an attempt to secure a publisher for one of their favorite children's books — "Chase Against Time," written by the school's third grade teacher, Steve Reifman.

To celebrate the launch of the new venture, the two girls threw a party and meet-and-greet with Reifman at D'Amico's home on Wednesday, presenting a DVD they created about "Chase Against Time" and distributing a synopsis of the story.

A fan of FOX Broadcasting Company's hit show "24," Reifman decided to write a short children's novel adapting similar concepts as the drama — a thriller in which an entire season takes place over a 24 hour period.

"Chase Against Time" tells the story of Chase Matthews, a fourth grader at Apple Valley Elementary School who investigates the mysterious disappearance of a cello that was to be sold at an auction to save the school's music program.

The story takes place during a typical school day — 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — and Roosevelt Elementary School serves as the layout of the Apple Valley campus, Reifman said.

Before "Chase Against Time" came along, the only other book that had really captured D'Amico's interest was "The Report Card" by Andrew Clements, a real page turner.

"I never thought I would read another (page turner) until I read "Chase Against Time," she said.

For many kids, Harry Potter is a favorite book, but these girls claim that "Chase

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City leaders ignore constituents
Editor:

In this past week, there have been several meaningful letters printed that bemoan the downward slide of what once was a beautiful little city on the ocean. In Friday’s paper, Robert Pawloski writes a heartfelt letter (“So much for this city being green,” May 25) about the demise of the lovely trees on Second and Fourth streets that the “brilliant” city planners/City Council members have decided must go. You see, the trees beautify where they want to see ugly – so down these lovely, living trees go. And we pay them to decide this.

And if you think ugly is not their intent, just look at all the monstrosities of buildings going up. The one that is a real eyesore is the parking structure put up in from of the Civic Center. Even parking structures can look better. And then, after the ugly thing was up, someone decided that putting Howard Johnson-colored banners would look really classy. What a mess! The designer/architect must be one of the ones with friends in high places that Bill Bauer speaks of in his columns.

Then there is the traffic; the no-leaf blower laws no one enforces; smoking laws the city doesn’t enforce; the almost-tripling of the bus fare for seniors; the raising of bus fares for students; the drug addicts and alcoholics taking over the city; and the countless apartment/condos going up, pouring more and more and more traffic into the streets.

Letters are written to the SMDP daily about these issues and the people who create the problems just yawn and go back to business and usual. Why not? We had a chance last year to send a message at voting time, and instead, reelected the people who, over the years, created the downward slide we are in.

As you walk past the Third Street Promenade on Broadway toward the ocean, you are assaulted with the heavy and pervasive odor of urine. You know the Grove and Universal CityWalk know how to keep clean, why is this a challenge for Santa Monica? The rent charged on the promenade should ensure a pristine place for all to enjoy. Now, only the street people enjoy it, as they do the parks, the alleys, the doorways, the yards, etc.

I would so love to write a letter about the beauty of Santa Monica. Once, I could have, and I profoundly hope to be able to do it again. I will when the responsible people do something to reverse the urban blight now invading the city.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Arlington West just might save lives
Editor:

As a veteran who visits Arlington West frequently, I could refute everything Bill Bauer says in “Arlington West exploits the dead” (May 28). The (fallen soldiers) have already been, not only exploited, but also murdered by the lies of the White House. If Arlington West does nothing else but change the minds of our youth, who have been brain-washed by school-backed military recruits, and keeps them from enlisting, it has served an important purpose.

As for (Paul A.) Morin (“It’s time to respect Memorial Day”), I know of no better way to honor the dead veterans on Memorial Day than to promise to do everything in my power to keep the number of veterans’ headstones from increasing.

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica

Lower the flags for our troops
Editor:

(David) Pissarra’s “We don’t honor the fallen as we should” (May 22) expresses many of my thoughts. For several years, while protesting the war in front of the federal building, I would see the flags and feel they should be at half-mast all the time.

When they finally flew that way for the 32 murdered students, I called my representative, but was told this was not a legislative matter, it was an executive one – meaning the president! Undaunted, I wrote the president, telling him that if the flags could be half-mast for the 32 murdered students, they could certainly be lowered for 3,332 (number at that time) murdered military.

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica



The Rand Stand

Thomas A. Bowden

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Assisted suicide is a given right

HERE’S A QUIZ: DURING THE EIGHT years Dr. Jack Kevorkian languished in a Michigan prison, how many state legislatures reformed their laws against physician-assisted suicide? Answer: none. Oregon remains the only state to have provided clear procedures by which doctors can end their dying patients’ pain and suffering while protecting themselves from criminal prosecution.

For 10 years now, Oregon doctors have been permitted to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to a mentally competent, terminally ill patient who makes written and oral requests, consults two physicians and endures a mandatory waiting period. The patient’s free choice is paramount throughout this process. Neither relatives nor doctors can apply on the patient’s behalf, and the patient himself administers the lethal dose.

Elsewhere in America, however, the political influence of religious conservatism has thwarted passage of similar legislation, leaving terminal patients to select from a macabre menu of frightening, painful, and often violent end-of-life techniques universally regarded as too inhumane for use on sick dogs or mass murderers.

Consider Percy Bridgman, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who, at 79, was entering the final stages of terminal cancer. Wracked with pain and bereft of hope, he got a gun and somehow found courage to pull the trigger, knowing he was condemning others to the agony of discovering his bloody remains. His final note said simply: “It is not decent for society to make a man do this to himself. Probably this is the last day I will be able to do it myself.”

What lawmakers must grasp is that there is no rational, secular basis upon which the government can properly prevent any individual from choosing to end his own life. When religious conservatives use secular laws to enforce their idea of God’s will, they threaten the central principle on which America was founded.

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed, for the first time in the history of nations, that each person exists as an end in himself. This basic truth — which finds political expression in the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--means, in practical terms, that you need no one’s permission to live, and that no one may forcibly obstruct your efforts to achieve your own personal happiness.

But what if happiness becomes impossible to attain? What if a dread disease, or some other calamity, drains all joy from life, leaving only misery and suffering? The right to life includes and implies the right to commit suicide. To hold otherwise — to declare that society must give you permission to kill yourself — is to contradict the right to life at its root. If you have a duty to

go on living, despite your better judgment, then your life does not belong to you, and you exist by permission, not by right.

For these reasons, each individual has the right to decide the hour of his death and to implement that solemn decision as best he can. The choice is his because the life is his. And if a doctor is willing (not forced) to assist in the suicide, based on an objective assessment of his patient’s mental and physical state, the law should not stand in his way.

...CONSERVATIVES HAVE NO RIGHT TO FORCE SUCH MINDLESS, MEDIEVAL MISERY UPON DOCTORS AND PATIENTS WHO REFUSE TO REGARD THEIR PRECIOUS LIVES AS PLAYTHINGS OF A CRUEL GOD.

Religious conservatives’ opposition to the Oregon approach stems from the belief that human life is a gift from the Lord, who puts us here on earth to carry out His will. Thus, the very idea of suicide is anathema, because one who “plays God” by causing his own death, or assisting in the death of another, insults his Maker and invites eternal damnation, not to mention divine retribution against the decadent society that permits such sinful behavior.

If a religious conservative contracts a terminal disease, he has a legal right to regard his own God’s will as paramount, and to instruct his doctor to stand by and let him suffer, just as long as his body and mind can endure the agony, until the last bitter paroxysm carries him to the grave. But conservatives have no right to force such mindless, medieval misery upon doctors and patients who refuse to regard their precious lives as playthings of a cruel God.

Secular and rational state legislators should regard the occasion of Dr. Kevorkian’s release from jail as a stinging reminder that 49 of the 50 states have failed to take meaningful steps toward recognizing and protecting an individual’s unconditional right to commit suicide.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Time to consider impeaching a pair

MONDAY WAS MEMORIAL DAY, A holiday to honor those who died fighting for our country. It was originally called Decoration Day during the Civil War, when southern women decorated graves while singing the hymn "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping." Today, it's associated with parades, barbecues and mattress sales. I went to the beach, but not to get sun.

Every Sunday, just north of the pier, lays Arlington West, a temporary memorial erected in the sand by Veterans For Peace. White crosses and flag-draped coffins cover the beach, a haunting reminder of the human cost of war. The nonpartisan and nonsectarian memorial is for the public to contemplate the war and learn about the needs of those returning, something we civilians rarely think about.

I wish every pro-war member of Congress would see Arlington West. Before the Memorial Day recess, Congressman John Boehner inexplicably wept as he urged support for Bush's no-strings war funding bill. "After 3,000 of our citizens died at the hands of these terrorists, when are we going to take them on? When are we going to defeat them?"

With all due respect, what the hell is he talking about? The people responsible for 9/11 were in Afghanistan. There was no al-Qaeda in Iraq before we showed up. What would we do if we were subjected to an occupation? It's four years and many Iraqis still don't have water or electricity. Among the many blunders of the occupation, we didn't seal the borders, allowing al-Qaeda to infiltrate. But they account for only 4 percent of the violence. The simple truth is, our soldiers are trapped in the crossfire of a 1,400-year-old civil war.

Following his emotional speech, Boehner wiped his eyes and told CNN, "It's been a long month." Actually, it's been a long four years, two months and 14 days, but who's counting? Boehner shed tears for the Trade Center victims, but what about the 3,452 dead GI's, the 25,549 seriously wounded and the 107 who committed suicide? Ten GI's died on Memorial Day alone!

I wonder if Boehner shed tears over the scandalous condition at Walter Reed that's still not fixed. Does he weep that it takes a vet filing a disability claim an average of 177 days for a response and 657 days for an appeal? George Bush's mantra is "support

the troops," but why don't his own daughters volunteer weekends at Walter Reed?

The Washington Post reported U.S. intelligence in January 2003 predicted the invasion would: Foment sectarian violence, empower al-Qaeda, strengthen Iran and increase funding for terrorist groups in the Muslim world. Didn't anybody read those reports?

There was no real debate on the war. If you were against it, you were labeled unpatriotic. After the WMD fiasco, the slogan became: "We have to finish the mission." What mission? We already won the war. We toppled Saddam. (Even if we had to choreograph the statue falling.) The new mission is to train Iraqi troops. Great, except some of the troops we train by day are the very terrorists killing us by night! But neo-cons predict if we don't stay, they'll follow us home. So far, the Bush-Cheney braintrust has gotten every single prediction wrong. Why do we still listen?

The kids whose photos I stared at that day — many died because of inferior body armor or Humvees without hard sides. Finally, they've developed new Humvees which prevent 90 percent of IED deaths, but four years into this war, we still have too few. In WWII, we produced a plane an hour! The incompetence is enough to make you scream, cry or want to impeach somebody ... or two somebodies!

Since last Memorial Day, another 1,000 brave GI's have perished. Meanwhile, the embassy we're building is the biggest in the world. Bush says, like in South Korea, he would like to see our presence in Iraq for 50 years! (Or until the oil runs out?) At best, Iraq will be a theocracy closely aligned with "axis of evil" Iran. Is it any wonder so many generals label the invasion the worst strategic mistake in our country's history?

If I sound like a broken record, I'll gladly shut up if next Memorial Day our troops are back home. Now, that would be a real holiday. During this war, 99 percent of us haven't been touched personally. Arlington West needs volunteers. That's supporting the troops.

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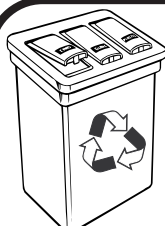
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SUBJECT: 06APP-047 (Appeal of Landmarks Designation 06LM-008)
130 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Landmarks Commission
APPELLANT: Or Khaim Hashalom
PROPERTY OWNER: Or Khaim Hashalom

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Landmarks Commission Designation of the Property at 130-142 San Vicente Blvd. as a City Landmark. The property includes a 28-unit two- and three-story vernacular Modern style garden apartment complex originally known as the Teriton Apartments, which was designed by architect Sanford Kent and constructed in 1949. The Landmarks Commission filed the designation application on September 11, 2006, and unanimously voted to designate the property on December 11, 2006.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, June 12, 2007, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 06APP-047
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MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Landmarks and Third Street Neighborhood Ordinances and Guidelines are available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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ESPAÑOL

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The Q-Line

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Seeing through the haze

Transparency in government and leadership is a hot topic these days. The public's need to know is sometimes trumped in favor of privacy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2007

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

Use Permit 06-013, 2730 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit to construct a telecommunications facility. The facility will consist of three panel antennas and GPS antenna mounted on the exterior of an existing penthouse wall and three panel antennas mounted behind a proposed seventeen-foot screen wall which will also house a 2-foot diameter microwave antenna and associated telecommunications equipment. The proposed panel antennas do not comply with the non-parabolic commercial antenna standards set forth in SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.10.06.110(b) the Zoning Administrator may modify the standards subject to approval of a Use Permit. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant: Royal Street Communications, LLC. Property Owner: Arden Realty Finance, LLC.**

Use Permit 07-001, 1340 15th Street. The applicant requests approval to install six new antennas and four equipment cabinets for an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on the roof of an existing six-story, approximately 60-foot tall building. The antennas are proposed in three sectors and will be screened by an eight-foot high screen wall. The four proposed telecommunication equipment cabinets will be located in a 990 square foot lease area on the building's roof. The project does not comply with the height, location, or screening requirements of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) 9.04.10.06.110(a)(6). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b) the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the design standards for non-parabolic commercial antennas. The request to modify the regulations and design standards requires a Use Permit application. [Planner: Gina Szilak] [Continued from March 13, 2007 and April 10, 2007.] **Applicant: Sprint-Nextel. Property Owner: David Weiss.**

Variance 07-007, 1423 Ashland Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a Variance to allow second floor addition to an existing single-family residence, a portion of which constitutes a third story. The proposal also includes approximately 120 square foot addition to the existing ground floor. The existing finished first floor of the residence is more than 3 feet above the property's average natural grade; therefore, the additional second floor addition constitutes a third story addition. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(k), the applicant may request a variance to allow an additional story which would otherwise not be permitted for an existing residential structure. [Planner: Grace Cho] **Applicant/Property Owner: Wasaburo & Teresa Sakamoto.**

Variance 07-009, 2722 2nd Street. The applicant requests approval of a modification to the off-street parking requirements to permit one parking space to be provided in the front yard setback area of an existing single family dwelling located in the Ocean Park (OP2) Multi-Family District. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.08.080(a)(1), a curb cut to provide street access to an on-site parking space is permitted when the property has no adjacent side or rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject site has no rear or side alley. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.190(b)(2) permits parking in the front _ of a parcel in a multifamily district when there is no adjacent rear or side alley but not within the front yard setback area. The applicant has filed a variance application pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(b) which permits modifications to off-street parking requirements for the proposed parking space within the front yard setback area. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **Applicant/Property Owner: Janne Shirley.**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

CRIME WATCH

A switch to decaf might be in order

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

TUESDAY, MAY 22, AT 10:45 A.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade – Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf – regarding an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke to a woman who said that she had coffee thrown in her face by another customer. The victim said she noticed the suspect was making a mess at the condiment counter, pouring cream into her coffee and on the table. The victim said she asked the suspect if something was wrong and that's when she threw the coffee, which was cold because of all the cream added to it, police said. Once the woman threw the coffee, she calmly walked out of the store. She was arrested a few blocks away and booked for assault and battery and for being in violation of her parole. She was identified as Pat Harris Richardson, 36, a transient. No bail was set because she was on parole.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, AT 11:55 P.M.

Officers on routine patrol in the 2300 block of Ocean Park Boulevard noticed a woman acting strangely while walking in front of the Pavilions Motel. Concerned, officers pulled over to see if the woman was OK. The woman ended up having a crack cocaine pipe on her possession, police said. She was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was identified as Georgie Danielle McNary, 54, of Granada Hills. Her bail was set at \$250.

MONDAY, MAY 28, AT 3:10 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1600 block of Cloverfield Boulevard – Ralphs – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said that the suspect walked into the store, took a couple of packages of cheese and then hid them under his shirt. He then allegedly walked over to another isle and took a couple of boxes of razor blades and other items. Security said the man then walked out of the store without paying. He was detained in the parking lot and the items, totaling \$69.79, were recovered. The suspect was arrested for petty theft. He was identified as Petrit Zenelaj, 76, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$1,000.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, AT 12:30 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol noticed a vehicle speeding along Lincoln Boulevard in the 3100 block. Officers make a traffic stop and interview the driver and his passenger, who appeared to be under the influence of a stimulant. Officers searched the vehicle and discovered a container of pills, which the driver said were Cialis, a drug used by those suffering from erectile dysfunction. Officers determined that the pills were really Vicodin, a pain killer. The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and his passenger was booked for being under the influence. The driver was identified as Danny Kaye Butler, 57, of Marina del Rey. His bail was set at \$10,000. The passenger as identified as Kathleen Schaddel, 37. No bail information was available for Schaddel.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, AT 4 P.M.

Officers responded to an alley in the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a suspect urinating in public. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect for question. That's when they discovered the man was on parole for commercial burglary. Officers conducted a search of the suspect and found a new shirt with the price tag still attached tucked in his waste band. The shirt was from Foot Locker. Police said the suspect was seen earlier during the day at the store, but employees could not determine whether or not he stole anything. Officers arrested the suspect for possession of stolen property. He was identified as Lane Steven Bohannon, 49, of Inglewood. No bail was set because he was on parole.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, AT 1:15 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol in the 2300 block of Ocean Avenue stopped two men who were seen walking up to a group of people putting on their roller skates. Officers said the men looked suspicious and retreated quickly from the group once the officers arrived. Officers recovered a loaded handgun at the scene and placed the two men under arrest for suspicion of attempted robbery. They were identified as Dwight Keanen McKinley, 39, of Los Angeles, who received no bail, and Eyeking Rahim Scott, 26, also of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Staff Writer Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

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LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Spector defense presses coroner

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A coroner who concluded that Lana Clarkson's death was a homicide testified Wednesday in music producer Phil Spector's murder trial that he cannot tell from autopsy results whether the actress was holding the gun that killed her.

Under cross-examination by a defense attorney, Dr. Louis Pena said he actually left the manner of death in the case undetermined for seven months before he wrote a report finding it was a homicide.

The defense is seeking to show that the 40-year-old actress pulled the trigger of a handgun inserted in her mouth.

Pena said that Clarkson had gunshot residue on both of her hands and he classified the case as "pending" until he finally signed off on it and entered a death certificate on Sept. 19, 2003.

Pena was asked whether the gunshot residue meant Clarkson was holding the gun when it was fired.

"There are two ways to look at it," said Pena. "It implies the person could have been holding a weapon at the time of discharge or could be in the vicinity."

"And you classified it as a homicide?" asked defense attorney Christopher Plourd.

"Right," said the witness.

"Is there any medical fact inconsistent with it being a self-inflicted gunshot wound?" asked Plourd.

Pena said it was very difficult to answer that question because extensive investiga-

tion is needed.

Plourd then asked, "From the medical findings, you cannot tell if Lana Clarkson was holding the gun?"

"Correct," said Pena.

"From the trajectory of the bullet, is there anything inconsistent with her holding the gun?" the attorney asked.

"Given that scenario, it's not," Pena said.

Jurors were later shown Pena's final conclusion which read: "Based upon the history, circumstances, law enforcement police reports and autopsy, as currently known, the manner of death is homicide."

The coroner testified Tuesday under prosecution questioning that Clarkson had a bruise on her tongue indicating a trauma, possibly from the gun being shoved in her mouth, and had recent bruises on her right arm and hand. But he conceded Wednesday he didn't consider the tongue bruise significant until prosecutor Alan Jackson raised the matter recently. He said other forensic pathologists might disagree with his interpretation of it.

Spector had met the actress in the early morning of Feb. 3, 2003, at the House of Blues nightclub where she was a hostess. She went home with him and two hours after they arrived at his mansion she was dead, slumped in a chair in a foyer, her spine severed by a bullet.

The coroner's second day on the stand began with disclosures that there were crime lab mistakes in evidence collection and handling including a forensic dentist's loss of a piece of a tooth.

Labor divided over farm guest-worker program

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

SANGER In the 1960s, farm labor leader Cesar Chavez rallied fieldhands to speak out against a guest worker program that recruited millions of Mexicans to pick crops at low wages.

Today, farmworker advocates are throwing their weight behind a proposal in the current Senate immigration bill that would bring thousands of laborers to the fields but offer them virtually no chance of putting down roots in the U.S.

The United Farm Workers say it is their best shot at improving working conditions in fields nationwide, and especially in California, where 92 percent of workers are foreign-born.

Activists complain that immigrant farmworkers are sometimes underpaid, not paid at all, overworked, exposed to pesticides, given poor housing or subjected to other abuses.

Some aging members of the last temporary-worker push — the Bracero Program, which operated from 1942 to 1964 — worry the plan could repeat past indignities.

"If they're going to have braceros again, well, they need protection," said Agustin Oropeza, an 82-year-old from Zamora, Mexico, who picked oranges, lemons, lettuce and tomatoes in California in the

1940s and '50s. "They can't just leave them to sleep in the middle of the fields and drink from puddles, like they did with us."

THEY CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM TO SLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELDS AND DRINK FROM PUDDLES."

Agustin Oropeza
farm worker

The proposed AgJobs program brokered between growers and the UFW over the past decade would open the way to legal status for those who have worked in U.S. agriculture for at least 150 days over a two-year period ending Dec. 31, 2006. The program would be capped at 1.5 million.

After that, new farm laborers would be recruited in their home countries and brought to the U.S. under an existing guest worker program, but would be able to stay for only 10 months at a time.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO DEDICATE EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR THE BUNDY CAMPUS

On May 14, 2007, the Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution of intention to dedicate an easement to the City of Los Angeles for a traffic signal for the Bundy Campus. A public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees on June 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, 90405 on whether to approve such dedication. In accordance with Education Code Section 81314, petition protesting the proposed dedication must be filed by the commencement of the public hearing. For further information, please contact: Lisa Rose, 310-434-4402.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF ITS INTENTION TO DEDICATE AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR THE BUNDY CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 81310 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District to dedicate an easement to another public entity for public street or highway purposes, WHEREAS, the Bundy Master Plan includes the construction of a traffic signal to provide safe ingress into the Bundy Campus from the northeast corner of the property,

WHEREAS, to facilitate the construction of the traffic signal the City of Los Angeles requires the dedication of an easement over property of the District adjacent to 3171 South Bundy Drive,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of said District hereby resolves that it is the intent of this Board of Trustees to dedicate to City of Los Angeles an easement for public street purposes over, along, upon and across that portion of real property in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, belonging to said District, and more particularly described as follows and in Exhibit "A"[on file in the Office of the President/Superintendent]:

THE SOUTHWESTERLY 2.00 FEET OF THE NORTHEASTERLY 12.00 FEET OF LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 17636 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 482, PAGE 33 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing be held by this Board at the Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, 90405, on June 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said dedication should not be made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS Resolution and of the time and place of holding said meeting shall be given by posting copies of said Resolution in three (3) public places within said District not less than ten (10) days before the date of said meeting and by publishing the notice of adoption of this Resolution once not less than five (5) days before the date of said meeting in the Daily Press, a newspaper of general circulation, published in said District, cost of said publication to be paid by District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District this 14th day of May, 2007, by the following vote, which constitutes a two-thirds majority of said Board as required by law:

AYES: Trustees Finkel, Greenstein, Jaffe, Walzer, Vice Chair Rader, and Chair Aminoff
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Trustee Quiñones-Perez

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, CHUI L. TSANG, Board Secretary for the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by said Board at a meeting thereof at the time and place and by the vote above stated, which Resolution is on file and of record in the office of said Board.

_____/s/ Chui L. Tsang_____

STATE BRIEFS

CALIMESA

Landlocked school, sitting empty, to get access road

A modern \$34 million school completed last year to ease campus overcrowding in the growing San Geronio Pass area has stood empty in a field because of a dispute over a road. A deal has now been struck to lengthen Sandalwood Drive by a mile so it will reach Mesa View Middle School, which has been landlocked in a brushy northern Riverside County field during a legal battle over an access road. The school is now expected to open to 800 students by next year. The city had claimed in a lawsuit against the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District that the road was unsafe for students because it lacked sidewalks and street-lights and would generate excessive traffic. In a settlement reached May 15, the city persuaded the developer of a nearby housing tract to dedicate the right of way of Sandalwood Drive to the city for the school access. The district then agreed to pay \$5.8 million to lengthen Sandalwood so it will reach the campus. The cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa sued the district five years ago because of traffic and environmental concerns over plans to use another roadway to access the site. Both sides settled, with district agreeing to use the street only in emergencies. While the school was being built, the district drafted a new road plan but the city rejected it and sued in October.

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Hackers raid city bank account

Computer hackers broke into the city's general fund account and stole \$450,000, officials said. Investigators believe the thieves were able to access the account by using a spyware program to steal passwords from a city-owned laptop computer, Treasurer Karen Avilla said Wednesday. After she discovered the theft, Avilla notified the city's bank, which was able to freeze 90 percent of the money, she said. Sheriff's deputies and Secret Service agents are still trying to track down the remaining \$45,000. The frozen assets will be returned to the city, while insurance will cover any money that can't be recovered. "There won't be any loss to us either way," Avilla said. "Hopefully, there's going to be someone prosecuted."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Audit faults schools' access for disabled

School district officials have failed to improve access and services for students with disabilities more than a decade after agreeing to make school buildings compliant with state and federal laws, according to an independent audit. The report released Wednesday found ramps with handrails that stopped short, new bleachers without wheelchair seating and outdoor lunch tables without wheelchair access, among other problems. Auditors found numerous problems in each of the 19 schools selected randomly for compliance, including four new campuses. Auditors examined the schools to evaluate the district's compliance with two consent decrees issued as part of a settlement of a 1993 lawsuit alleging that the district had failed to provide adequate special education. The district agreed to make future schools accessible to the disabled and spend at least \$87.5 million to upgrade existing campuses to provide access. The monitor appointed to oversee the improvements, Frederick Weintraub, said after the audit's release that the district had failed so dismally that it "appears indicative of a systemic problem in the management and oversight of the district's facilities program." School district general counsel Kevin Reed said the school district has made improvements. "The district takes this report very seriously," he said. "The facts on the ground are not yet documented in the manner they need to be to satisfy the independent monitor."

AP

VICTORVILLE

Guard arrested after bingo hall theft

A man was arrested after money was stolen from a bingo parlor where he worked as a guard, authorities said. Jawicidi Samuels, 28, was arrested for investigation of stealing the undisclosed sum from the Community Bingo Hall and using the cash to fund a two-week spending and gambling spree in Las Vegas with his girlfriend, San Bernardino County sheriff's Detective Al Huff said this week. Samuels was seen on video surveillance on May 8 going into the bingo hall's office and walking out with "suspicious packages," before leaving his post unmanned, Huff said. Investigators tracked him to Inglewood, where he was arrested on suspicion of grand theft, burglary and embezzlement. The girlfriend, Sinovia Martin, 22, was arrested for investigatoin of being an accessory to those crimes, Huff said.

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Going home

Lost whales appear to have returned to ocean after journey

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO More than two weeks after they were first spotted far up the Sacramento River, two lost humpback whales appeared to have finally found their way home Wednesday.

Since the previously conspicuous pair had not been seen for a full day, officials said they assumed the whales had returned to the open sea, undoing a wrong turn that drew thousands of admirers and a range of rescue attempts.

“With no confirmed sighting in the bay (today), we feel confident that it is highly likely that the animals are outside the Golden Gate,” said Scott Hill, a division manager for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

The intense operation to move and monitor the whales, which involved 34 government agencies and nonprofit groups, was officially suspended Wednesday evening. But officials said they would not be ready to celebrate until Sunday, when they could be more certain the humpbacks were safely on their way.

The unpredictable duo, believed to be a mother and calf, were last observed at sunset Tuesday swimming in San Francisco Bay about 10 miles north of the city. A convoy of boats that accompanied them across the bay

to keep traffic at a distance abandoned their escort service when it got dark.

Officials believe the whales slipped out of San Francisco Bay to the open sea late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, when no one was watching.

“It was rather inconsiderate of them,” joked Frances Gulland, a veterinarian with the nonprofit Marine Mammal Center.

To make sure the whales did not take another wrong turn, two government boats were launched Wednesday morning to look for them in the Pacific Ocean, Fees said. Rescuers relied on reports from commercial vessels and Coast Guard patrols to determine if the humpbacks still were in the bay.

But the only whales anyone saw were a pair of gray whales near the Golden Gate Bridge, Hill said.

Officials said that while they will never know why the humpbacks swam 90 miles inland and what prompted them to finally reverse course, the rescue effort yielded valuable information about the endangered species.

It was the first time the same humpbacks were studied in the wild for so long, according to Bernadette Fees, deputy director of the California Department of Fish and Game. It also was the first time that whales swimming free in the wild were successfully treated with antibiotics.

The pair were injured by a boat sometime during their wayward journey, and officials said their wounds may have played a role in their getting stranded in the fresh water of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

Based on the way their skin deteriorated while in the delta, marine scientists now have a clearer idea of how long whales can survive in fresh water, Gulland said.

Devastating prediction

Rising sea levels could swallow California’s delta islands some day

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

For 20 years, Jim Saathoff has built his private refuge from the urban hustle, making his home on an island in the vast freshwater delta that feeds into San Francisco Bay.

Water skiers ply the gray-green river within view of his front porch. A short walk from his home, he can cast off to fish for sturgeon, salmon and striped bass. His two children ran wild exploring the farm fields, private marinas and hideaways of the fertile islands where the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers twine.

Saathoff’s idyllic life may not last forever. By the time his 11-year-old grandson is ready to have children of his own, scientists predict the delta’s network of islands will be imperiled by the rising tides and mountain flood waters caused by global climate change.

Some islands sit 25 feet below sea level, kept dry only by an aging network of fragile levees that channel snowmelt from the Sierra and hold back tidal surges from the bay.

Geologists say the 5,000 residents of the nation’s lowest inhabited point near a coastline could be forced out, becoming the first

climate change refugees in the United States.

“If global warming keeps up, in a few years this will be waterfront property,” said Saathoff, 56, a steamfitter who has raised his house onto an iron platform 20 feet above ground. “We’ll just be able to drive the boat up and dock right off the porch.”

The majority of the U.S. population lives along a coastline. In the next 50 years, rising tides are expected to swallow islands in Chesapeake Bay, drown parts of the Louisiana coast and threaten the New York subway system, recent data from the U.S. Geological Survey shows.

But USGS scientists say the coastal effects of global warming may be felt first among the islands of California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The islands, large land masses that were once part of a freshwater estuary akin to Florida’s Everglades, are surrounded by levees. They sit three times lower than much of New Orleans.

They are under threat from two very different forces, both related to climate change. Rising sea levels are expected to send more salt water from San Francisco Bay into the delta’s upper reaches.

At the same time, warming temperatures will make more precipitation fall as rain rather than snow in the Sierra, raising the specter of flood waters rushing down the rivers.

Both scenarios could overwhelm a precarious system of levees. If those forces combine, no one is really quite sure how to calculate the risk.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) (City Council Series)



AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA MODIFYING THE CITY’S ZONING ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A TWO-LOT SUBDIVISION THAT RETAINS A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH NONCONFORMING SETBACKS UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) is an interim ordinance that modifies the City’s Zoning Ordinance to allow the approval of a two-parcel subdivision that retains an existing primary residence even though the existing residence would not comply with the minimum side yard setback and front yard setback requirements of Municipal Code Section 9.04.08.02.070, if the following conditions are met: (1) the parcel to be subdivided is a minimum of 20,000 square feet; (2) the parcel upon which the existing house will be located will remain at least 12,500 square feet; (3) the existing non-conforming setbacks would not physically change; and (4) all other findings required for approval of tentative maps as set forth in Municipal Code Sections 9.20.14.030 and 9.20.14.040 are made.

Ordinance Number 2231 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption. The Ordinance shall expire after 60 days from its effective date, unless prior to that date the City Council, by majority vote, extends it.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS



June 1, 2007

City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

On or about June 8, 2007 the City Of Santa Monica will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds under Title II, of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

Project Title:	Rehabilitation of 225 San Vicente Boulevard
Location:	225 San Vicente Boulevard, Santa Monica, California
Purpose of Project:	Rehabilitation of an existing residential building
Estimated Cost:	Approximately \$1,500,000 of HOME funds

The above activity is a categorical exclusion under the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the Housing and Redevelopment Office, 2121 Cloverfield Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Monica, California 90404, where the ERR is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., and until 5:00PM on alternate Fridays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the above City of Santa Monica, Housing and Redevelopment Office, 2121 Cloverfield Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Monica, California, 90404. All comments received by June 8, 2007, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE of FUNDS

The City of Santa Monica certifies to HUD that P. Lamont Ewell, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as NEPA Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Santa Monica to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS to RELEASE of FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Santa Monica certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Santa Monica; (b) the City of Santa Monica has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the HUD grant administration office at Office of Community Planning and Development, 611 W. 6th Street, Ste. 800, Los Angeles, California 90017. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

P. Lamont Ewell, City Manger
City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street, Room 209
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Witness: Victim complied

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SAN BERNARDINO The friend of an Iraq war veteran who was shot by a deputy after a high-speed chase testified Wednesday that the officer opened fire as the airman attempted to obey his orders.

Luis Escobedo, the driver of the car, said he heard Ivory J. Webb Jr., then a sheriff's deputy, twice order Senior Airman Elio Carrion to get up. Carrion started to comply, using his hands to push off the ground, when Webb opened fire, Escobedo said.

Escobedo insisted that Webb said "get up," not "don't get up," as suggested by Webb's defense attorney during his opening statement at the trial.

"Did you hear him say anything that would have prevented Elio from getting up, once he had started to get up?" Deputy District Attorney Lewis Cope asked.

"No, I just heard gunfire," Escobedo replied.

Webb, 46, has pleaded not guilty to felony charges of

attempted voluntary manslaughter and assault with a firearm. He remains free on bail and has left the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The Jan. 29, 2006, incident was captured on video by a bystander and broadcast on TV stations nationwide.

During cross-examination by defense attorney Michael Schwartz, Escobedo acknowledged that he could only see Carrion's back from his position in the driver's seat and couldn't determine if there were any movements in front of his chest.

Schwartz has said that just before the shooting, Carrion's hand moved toward his jacket — something deputies often believe means a suspect is going for a weapon.

Schwartz also replayed the amateur video to show that Carrion did not remain flat on the ground during the entire encounter with Webb, as Escobedo had claimed.

He also used the footage to counter Escobedo's claim that he had told Webb that he and Carrion were unarmed.

Schwartz also asked Escobedo why he continued to talk over the deputy and Carrion, despite repeated orders from

Webb to be quiet.

"You knew the police officer was telling you to shut the (expletive) up, and you kept talking, right? And Mr. Carrion kept talking, right?" Schwartz said.

"Yes," Escobedo replied, without elaborating.

In earlier testimony, Escobedo recounted the night of the shooting, which began with an alcohol-fueled barbecue in Carrion's honor and ended with a 100 mph police chase.

Escobedo said a group of high school friends gathered at the home of Carrion's parents because Carrion was to return to his base after a monthlong military leave.

Escobedo said he begged Carrion to accompany him on a joyride in another friend's 2004 blue Corvette. He said he had consumed about 12 beers and five shots of tequila before getting behind the wheel and believed Carrion had also been drinking heavily.

Escobedo said he drove the car at speeds reaching 100 mph through city streets. At one point, he said, he spun out of control and came to rest nose-to-nose with a sheriff's patrol car.

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**City of Santa Monica**

Ordinance Number 2229 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.10.050 AND DELETING SECTION 3.10.060 TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2229 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2229 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Municipal Code 3.10.050 and deletes Section 3.10.060 to allow the issuing or renewing preferential parking permits for businesses at specified locations beyond May, 2007. The permits shall continue to be valid for three months and may be reissued quarterly to permittees in good standing.

Ordinance Number 2229 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

**City of Santa Monica**

Ordinance Number 2230 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SECTION 4.55.075 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LEAVING PROPERTY IN CITY PARKS, PARKWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2230 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2230 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Section 4.55.075 to the Municipal Code to prohibit the disposal or donation of food, clothing or property by depositing or leaving it unattended in City parks or on adjacent City sidewalks or parkways.

Ordinance Number 2230 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

**City of Santa Monica**

DATE/TIME: June 4, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers,
(wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall,
1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ARB 06-255, 820 Montana Avenue: Commercial
- ARB 07-136, 1610 Montana Avenue: Commercial
- ARB 07-131, 1325 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ARB 07-101, 1537 Fourteenth Street: Commercial

More information is available on-line at <http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm> or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). Call 310-458-8341 or TTY 310-450-8896 for disability accommodation requests. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7 & 8 serve City Hall.



Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

AFTERMATH: Santa Monica Police Investigator Christopher Dawson covers the body of a man killed after crashing a stolen motorcycle into a SUV early Thursday morning. Surrounding streets in downtown Santa Monica were closed for more than six hours as a result, leading to traffic delays and unexpected detours.

Man riding stolen motorcycle dies in crash at intersection

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A man riding on a stolen motorcycle was killed Thursday morning when he collided with an SUV at the intersection of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

The crash occurred around 5:45 a.m., according to Lt. Alex Padilla with the Santa Monica Police Department, resulting in street closures and traffic snarls that lasted into the afternoon.

The biker, who was traveling in excess of 60 mph, died at the scene. The driver of the SUV suffered minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital for treatment, Padilla said.

The motorcyclist was a man in his late 40s. His identity was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Officers received a report of a stolen vehicle shortly before the accident. The owner of the Harley-Davidson bike said the

theft occurred in a parking lot at 16th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers were already looking for the suspect when the crash occurred.

Witnesses said they saw the motorcycle speeding southbound on Fourth Street, blowing through several lights before broadsiding the 2003 Volkswagen Touareg.

The rider was traveling so fast that police said the helmet he was wearing was found lodged into the frame of the car where the front door meets the roof.

"We are not sure yet how the suspect started the bike," Padilla said.

Following the early morning crash, police closed off Fourth Street, from Olympic Boulevard to Broadway, and Colorado Avenue, from Fifth Street to Second Street, for more than six hours while conducting their investigation.

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California curbs carbon emissions

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO When it comes to their role in causing global warming, Californians can feel slightly less guilty than most Americans.

The average Californian generates fewer carbon dioxide emissions — the main heat-trapping gas blamed for warming the planet — than residents in all other states but Idaho, Vermont and Rhode Island, according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Each person in California is responsible for about 24,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, 2003 emissions data shows. Wyoming, by contrast, emits 276,000 pounds per capita annually.

California has less heavy industry than many other states, and its mild climate means it doesn't use as much energy — or spew as many greenhouse gases — to warm or cool homes. But those factors alone do not account for its low per person carbon emissions, officials say.

Although Californians drive as much, live in similarly sized homes and use as many electronics and appliances as other Americans, policies enacted over the past three decades have helped the state squeeze more out of its electricity than nearly any other.

"California's energy-efficiency measures have allowed our energy use to remain constant while the rest of the country's energy use has increased dramatically," said California

Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Linda Adams.

The state's campaign to conserve electricity began during the 1970s oil embargo that sent energy prices soaring and persuaded policy makers to take action.

Since then, state energy regulators have barred utilities from buying power from highly polluting sources, including most coal plants, while requiring them to secure more electricity from renewable sources such as hydro, wind and solar.

California also was one of the first states to create energy-efficiency standards for new homes and buildings, as well as for power-sucking appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines.

CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY-EFFICIENCY MEASURES HAVE ALLOWED OUR ENERGY USE TO REMAIN CONSTANT."

Linda Adams
California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary

State lawmakers are now considering legislation that would phase out incandescent light bulbs in favor of compact fluorescent bulbs that are several times more efficient.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS



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■ **Submission Deadline is June 29, 2007 at 3:00 PM PST.**

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent, City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, by calling (310) 458-8242, or by e-mailing your request to diane.howell@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by said Purchasing Agent.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2228 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SECTION 2.24.073 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE DOLLAR LIMIT THRESHOLD REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FROM MORE THAN \$55,000 TO MORE THAN \$70,000

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2228 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2228 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Municipal Code Section 2.24.073 to increase the dollar limit threshold for approval of professional services agreements by the City Council from \$55,000 to \$70,000.

Ordinance Number 2228 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2232 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING THE INITIAL INTERIM ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW THRESHOLDS TO REQUIRE THAT ANY HOUSING PROJECT IN EXCESS OF FIFTY UNITS OBTAIN A DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PERMIT

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2232 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2232 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") is an interim ordinance that extends Interim Ordinance Number 2226 (CCS), adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2007. The Ordinance continues the modification made by the interim ordinance to provide that a Development Review permit is required for housing project in the City containing more than fifty units.

Ordinance Number 2232 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption. The Ordinance shall expire after May 8, 2009, unless the City Council by majority vote extends it.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



Photo courtesy

STAR POWER: Jackson Browne established Artists for the Arts Foundation to help benefit high school visual and performing arts programs. He will perform at this year's benefit show.

— Transformation —

It will not come as a surprise to learn that the true number of civilian dead in Iraq has now exceeded 800,000, while wounded, to a greater or lesser degree, amount to at least one million. For how much longer can the occupying powers hide these figures from their people? It goes without saying that every effort is made by these powers to hide and diminish, for their own purposes, these appalling statistics of destruction. It is no wonder, therefore, that millions of Iraqis have fled their country. Is it surprising that soon the invasion of Iraq will be recognized as the greatest disaster of recent times: unlawful, unnecessary, and arrogant in the extreme?



"The whole world is bracing itself for momentous changes."

While the world waits, the Americans and British seek to extricate themselves from the morass which they have created, and to do so with whatever dignity and plausibility they can muster. Certainly no triumphal banners are in order. The legacy is one of death, mayhem and abuse of power.

Meanwhile the forces of reconstruction have set to work to mend the fractured walls, physical in Iraq and psychological elsewhere. The world awaits anxiously the unknown results stemming from this unhappy episode but the hopes of many are curiously high, some would say, without true reason. Did men but know it, the whole world is bracing itself for momentous changes, which will set to rights, not only the trauma of the Middle East, but the dangers and tragedies of Earth itself.

Maitreya knocks loudly at the door. The door, soon, will open and the Lord of Love will step forward into the fray. When men see Him they will be astonished by the simplicity of His words but also by the clarity of His utterance. His wisdom will baffle and delight in equal measure, drawing to Him those who are ready to follow Him and rebuild the world. His name is Valour; likewise Strength of Purpose. The Great Lord comes equipped as none before have been, ready to do battle with all that ails and belittles man.

There are many who smile at the notion of such a Presence among us, but soon all will come to know the truth of these words, and take

their stand for or against Him. Thus will the Great Lord place before mankind the question of its survival. He will show that essentially men are one, no matter the colour or the creed, that the bounty of Earth belongs to all and that sharing of that bounty is the key to man's future. Only sharing, and the justice which it will bring, offers hope to man. Only justice wrought of sharing will end the plagues of war and terror. Only sharing and justice can bring men to that Brotherhood which is their true inheritance. When men see this they will rise to the challenge and tackle one by one the many problems which daunt us now. Maitreya's Light will support and balance men in their eagerness for the changes which must ensue, and, in right order, the world will be renewed. Thus will it be.

This article, published in *Share International* magazine, was written by a Master of Wisdom. The Masters, headed by Maitreya, the World Teacher, are highly advanced teachers and advisors of humanity who are planning to work openly in the world very soon.

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Stars shine for high school arts

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH For the students who have trouble getting out of bed to face another boring day in class, there's few better motivational tools that the promise of some visual and performing arts time.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is known to have one of the best visual and performing arts programs in the state of California, where art advocates say these types of programs are getting slashed more and more each year due to poor state funding. Though the city by the sea offers a myriad of art classes, many say funding is still critically needed to continue the district's program and to help it flourish, especially for the students who need it most.

The Artists for the Arts Foundation — a non-profit started by internationally renown singer-songwriter Jackson Browne and the locally-based band Venice, and For the Arts — an arm of the district's Education Foundation, will co-host the fourth annual benefit concert on Saturday night to support the school's arts programs.

This year's benefit will feature performances by Browne, singer-songwriter David Crosby, Venice, Grammy award-winning arranger David Campbell and student musicians. The concert will be held in the historic Barnum Hall Theater at Santa Monica High School.

The event brings in about \$100,000 to the For the Arts foundation.

"There are statistics that show arts help overall student achievement," said Linda Gross, executive director of the Education Foundation. "The arts also provide an opportunity for other students who may not be the most academic students to really excel in one of the arts disciplines."

The arts have given some of the academically uninspired students reason to look forward to come to class.

Gross recalls a student at Samohi last year who never considered attending college until

last spring, when the district introduced a pilot dance program at the high school.

The dance programs are now increasingly popular at Malibu High School, Santa Monica High School and Olympic High School.

THIS MUSIC PROGRAM IS THE ENVY OF THE STATE."

Tom Whaley
Arts program coordinator

The student, now a junior attending school outside the SMMUSD, was accepted to a UCLA summer dance institute last year, causing him to ponder college in his future.

"Through his passion for the arts and through this art form he loves, he has the opportunity now to be considered for UCLA (for college)," Gross said.

The district provides music for students in all grade levels, from the dance classes in the high school to the semi-private music lessons in the middle and elementary schools.

"This music program is the envy of the state," said Tom Whaley, the coordinator of the district's visual and performing arts program.

When Venice lead singer Kipp Lennon was a student growing up in Venice, a solid arts program was a given in public education, he said. With budget cuts over the past few decades, arts programs are nearly nonexistent in public schools.

Students with art programming in their lives not only perform well in school, they stay out of trouble, Lennon said.

Performing arts also play a role in helping a student build their self-esteem, help-

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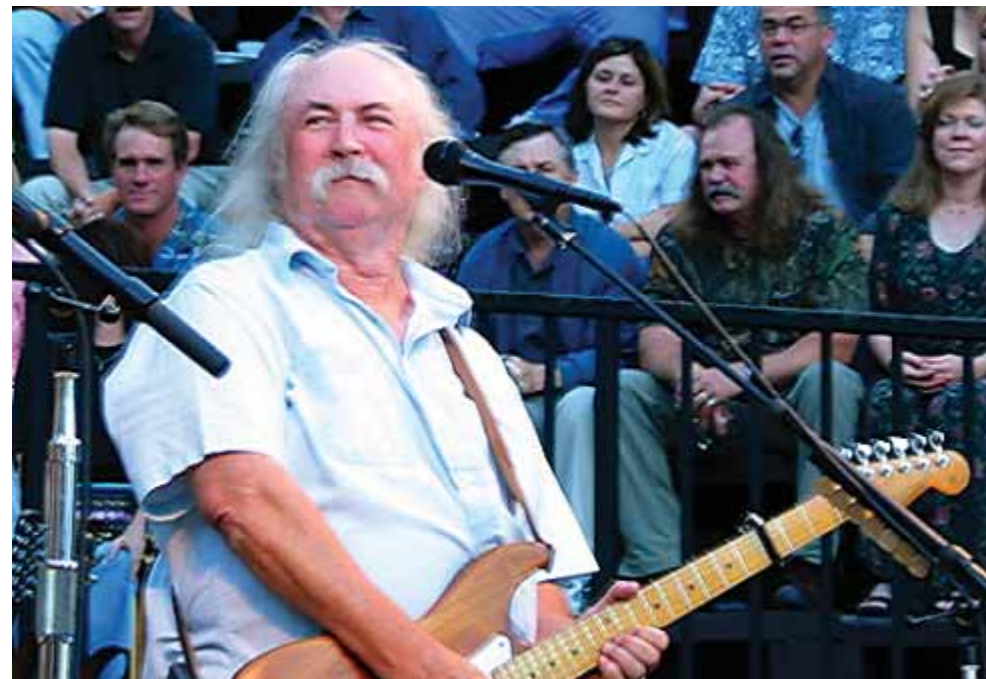


Photo courtesy

LEGEND: David Crosby is scheduled to appear in the benefit concert at Barnum Hall Theater.

School district hosting benefit

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ing children get up in front of their peers, said Cindy Rosmann, the chairman of the Visual and Performing Arts District Advisory Committee.

"The confidence has impacts across all academic subjects," Rosmann said.

STARS SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOLS

It was four years ago that Lennon received a call from Browne to see if he was interested in performing in a school benefit concert. The two had performed together around the world over the years.

After the first year, Lennon and Browne, whose children attended the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, decided to start their own non-profit organization to host similar benefit concerts across the state.

The foundation tries to gain corporate sponsors to underwrite the entire cost of producing the event so that the beneficiary could receive 100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales. This year, the corporate sponsors for the Santa Monica concert are

Yahoo! and Intel.

"The main thing is to get involvement from people big enough like Jackson Browne and David Crosby," Lennon said. "If we go to Phoenix, (maybe we) can get Stevie Nicks, and in Texas, we could get the Dixie Chicks."

Perhaps one of the most special moments of the benefit for Lennon is when the professional artists bring student musicians on stage to perform together.

"It's a nice opportunity for some of these kids that play the oboe (for example) in their room to get public acknowledgment and see what a great thing it is to stick with this," Lennon said. "To get this sort of validation from the crowd of people, for the people to realize there is a tangible example of what we would miss out if we didn't have this in the public schools."

The concert will be held at Barnum Hall Theater, 601 Pico Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.smmef.org.

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Game to be broadcast live from Dodger Stadium

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

During the regular season, Skaggs (6-1) posted a gaudy .808 ERA in 34 innings on the mound, allowing just 4 earned runs.

The game starts at 4:30 p.m., gates open at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students with ID and \$9 for adults. Parking is free.

For those who can't make it to Dodger Stadium, they can listen to the game live via the Internet at www.waldcast.net, a creation of broadcaster Ronnie Wald, who has been covering the California Interscholastic Federation for 24 years.

"There is a huge audience out there for the CIF, but the major networks don't cover them," Wald said. "I'm covering an underserved community that really has a lot of great teams." Those in attendance are encouraged to

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Student agents seek publisher

FROM AGENTS PAGE 3

Against Time” is the best read around. It took Reifman about three weeks to draft the notes for the book, another three weeks for a chapter by chapter outline and an extra three weeks to write the actual novel. The book underwent minor revisions for roughly a year. Reifman read the book to his class for the first time three years ago after telling his students that he had written it. The reception was positive but Reifman wasn’t sure if the

identity of the author had influenced the students’ reaction. Last year, when Hsieh and D’Amico were among his students, Reifman read the novel again, this time withholding the name of the author until the very end. The students were equally enthusiastic about the book as the previous class had been. “It showed me the book had potential,” Reifman said. It was then that Reifman pondered hiring an agent to find a publisher for the book, but

later gave up, unsuccessful in his attempts. Reifman learned from friends that for first-time writers, it’s actually easier to find a publisher than an agent. The idea was shelved until fall 2006 when Hsieh and D’Amico visited their old teacher, asking if he had extra copies of “Chase Against Time” because of a class assignment requiring them to bring in a favorite book. With two of his best former students standing before him, an idea appeared in Reifman’s head — why not enlist Hsieh and D’Amico to represent him as his agents? From then on, Reifman and the girls met every Friday morning, identifying possible publishers, writing cover letters and collaborating in creating a promotional DVD. Several Roosevelt students are featured giving rave reviews for “Chase Against Time” in the five-minute DVD, commenting on how it’s the best book they’ve ever read. “It’ll make your head spin,” one student says as she slides down a pole. At least one other aspiring author has expressed interest in signing with Sam & Nan Literary Agency. A friend of a friend of the family submitted a picture book about pirates recently but the girls “politely refused,” saying it didn’t fit in with the agency’s focus on children’s thrillers. “It wasn’t what we were looking for,” Hsieh said. Do the girls have aspirations of making book publishing their careers? Hsieh aspires to become a journalist one day, naming former NBC Nightly News



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GOT TO REPRESENT: Roosevelt Elementary fourth graders Samantha Hsieh (right) and Natalie D’Amico read through the book.

anchor Tom Brokaw as her favorite journalist, and D’Amico aspires to become an actress, saying that Julie Andrews is one of the best around. For now, the founders of Sam & Nan Literary Agency are focusing on finding a publisher for “Chase Against Time,” trying to gain more national exposure for the book. The agents are in the midst of contacting networks to try to book an appearance on talks shows such as The Ellen DeGeneres Show. “I like mystery stories and this book had me on the edge of my seat,” Hsieh said. “I couldn’t put it down.” melodyh@smdp.com

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

Palisades Park (200 – 1500 blks Ocean Avenue), LC-06LM-009, Zoning: DP (Designated Parks) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a continued public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 06LM-009 for Palisades Park to determine whether the park should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

136 Hart Avenue, LC-07SM-002, Zoning: R2R (Low Density Duplex District). The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Structure of Merit Designation Application 07SM-002 for 136 Hart Avenue to determine whether the residence at the subject property should be designated as a Structure of Merit. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for Structure of Merit designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: William T. Graham.

2617 3rd Street, LC-07CA-004, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of appropriateness 07CA-004 for design approval of an addition to a non-contributing structure within the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The proposed project includes a maximum 1440 square foot addition to a non-contributing accessory building located in the rear of the subject property. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the subject property and the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. Applicant: Mark Woollen. Owner: Mark Woollen.

2646 2nd Street, LC-07CA-006, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 07CA-006 for design approval of a new single-family residence to be constructed on a vacant, non-contributing parcel within the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the property and the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. Applicant: Braden Powell. Owner: Braden Powell.

415 Pacific Coast Highway (Palisades Beach Road), LC-07CA-005, Zoning: RVC (Residential-Visitor Commercial) District and Beach Overlay District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 07CA-005 for the approval of the lighting plan related to the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former Marion Davies Estate at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, a designated City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for this property. Applicant: City of Santa Monica. Owner: California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

When: Monday, June 11, 2007 at 6:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, Associate Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Testing drivers’ smarts

FROM TEST PAGE 3

- More than half of respondents — 55 percent — don’t know how many feet from an interchange drivers must be before they can activate their turning signals.
- More than two in five drivers are unaware of the meaning of a diamond-shaped sign (Warning sign).
- Nearly all respondents — 98 percent — know what to do when an emergency vehicle with flashing lights approaches, what to do when hydroplaning and the meaning of a solid yellow line.

“PEOPLE DON’T NEED TO KNOW ALL THE RULES TO DRIVE SAFELY, BUT I’M SURE IT WOULD HELP.”

Anthony Rodriguez
Driver

Anthony Rodriguez wasn’t surprised by the survey’s findings. “It’s pretty easy to go years without having any type of refresher course,” Rodriguez said Thursday, as he left the DMV after paying transfer fees owed after he sold his car. “If you get a ticket and take traffic school, that’s probably the only time you really look at all the rules. “I think, for the most part, people don’t need to know all the rules to drive safely, but I’m sure it would help. I tend to believe more accidents are caused by people just not paying attention than on not knowing that red means stop and green means go.”

Test your skills:

Sample questions with answers:

1. It is a very windy day. You are driving and a dust storm blows across the free-way reducing your visibility. You should drive slower and turn on your:

a) Interior lights

b) Parking lights

c) Headlights

Answer - C

2. If you plan to pass another vehicle, you should:

a) Not assume the other driver will make space for you to return to your lane.

b) Assume the other driver will let you pass if you use your turn signal.

c) Assume the other driver will maintain a constant speed.

Answer - A

3. Always stop before you cross railroad tracks when:

a) You don’t have room on the other side to completely cross the tracks.

b) The railroad crossing is located in a city or town that has frequent train traffic.

c) You transport two or more young children in a passenger vehicle.

Answer - A

4. A solid yellow line next to a broken yellow line means that vehicles:

a) In both directions may pass.

b) Next to the broken line may pass.

c) Next to the solid line may pass.

Answer - B

NBA
Bryant downplays management flap

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Phil Jackson and Kobe Bryant were on different pages a few years back — the disharmony prompting the Lakers’ coach to call his star player uncoachable in a book he wrote.

Their relationship is much different now. Feeling insulted and misled, Bryant asked the Lakers for a trade Wednesday, saying nothing could change his mind.

Then, he spoke with his coach.

“I don’t want to go anywhere, this is my team,” Bryant told KLAC radio. “I love it here. I called Phil, man, he and I talked, it was an emotional conversation, but he just said, ‘You know what, Kobe? Let us try to figure this thing out.’

Some three hours earlier, in an interview with ESPN radio, Bryant said: “I would like to be traded, yeah. Tough as it is to come to that conclusion, there’s no other alternative. It’s rough, man, but I don’t see how you can rebuild that trust. I just don’t know how you can move forward in that type of situation.”

Bryant told KLAC, the Lakers’ flagship station, that his agent had contacted general manager Mitch Kupchak early Wednesday. He also said he hadn’t heard from owner Jerry Buss, indicating a conversation could go a long way toward resolving the matter.

Buss issued a statement after Bryant’s request to be traded, saying: “We are aware of the media reports. However, Kobe has not told us directly that he wants to be traded. We have made it very clear that we are building our team around Kobe and that we intend for

him to be a Laker his entire career. We will speak directly to Kobe and until we do that, we will not comment publicly about this.”

Bryant’s agent, Rob Pelinka, didn’t respond to several messages left by The Associated Press.

Bryant, who helped the Lakers win three consecutive NBA championships, has four years left on the seven-year, \$136.4 million contract he signed July 15, 2004. That was a day after Shaquille O’Neal was traded to the Miami Heat.

I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE, THIS IS MY TEAM."

Kobe Bryant
Lakers star

Bryant was angered Tuesday after a Los Angeles Times columnist quoted a Lakers “insider” as saying it was Bryant’s insistence on getting away from O’Neal that prompted the trade to Miami. Bryant said he knew who the so-called insider was, but wouldn’t identify the person.

He also said he believes Buss misled him three years ago — right before he re-signed with the Lakers — by telling him one thing and Jackson something else about the team’s goals.

Bryant said he was told the Lakers would immediately try to improve.

NFL
Prosecutor says Vick is connected to fights

BY HANK KURZ JR.
AP Sports Writer

SURRY, Va. Informants have come forward saying they can link Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick to dog fighting, the prosecutor in the case said Thursday, and he has turned their accounts and contact information over to investigators.

Surry County Commonwealth’s Attorney Gerald G. Poindexter said he has heard from about a half-dozen people claiming to have information about Vick’s involvement in dog fighting, but he does not know if their claims have proven to be reliable.

In a letter, an inmate in a South Carolina prison claimed that he attended dog fights where Vick also was in attendance and saw Vick bet large amounts of money. Another informant provided street names of dog fighters from elsewhere in Virginia.

A deputy sheriff in the county, W.R. Brinkman, is on the road investigating the claims, Poindexter said, noting that the investigation is the job of the sheriff.

Poindexter said a search warrant issued May 23 for the massive home Vick owns in the county still has not been executed because he wants to make certain that any

search does not jeopardize the investigation. Several years ago, another dog fighting case in the county was thrown out of court because of an illegal search, he said.

The search warrant was issued after an informant told Brinkman there were as many as 30 dogs carcasses buried on the property, and Poindexter said he is confident that evidence already seized from the home would be enough to hand down indictments.

He said any attempt to remove the carcasses would also be incriminating.

When charges will be sought and who will face them remains to be seen, he said, noting that unless a special grand jury is called, the county grand jury is scheduled to meet next on July 24. The county has never had a special grand jury called.

The case began April 25 when police conducting a drug investigation raided the house Vick owns and found 66 dogs, 55 of them pit bulls. They also found items associated with dog fighting, including a “pry bar” used to pry apart a dog’s jaws.

Dog fighting is a felony in Virginia.

Vick, a registered dog breeder, has blamed relatives for taking advantage of his generosity and insisted he’s rarely at the house.



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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 62°

SWELL FORECAST (2-3 FT)

Today the wind swell though is expected to continue as it did today, perhaps with a bit more of westerly element in it. Southerly winds will also be a concern.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

MORE WIND SWELL COMING AT US THOUGH.
WIND SWELL TO INCREASE MORE NEXT WEEK.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **May 22, 2007**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 1
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 2

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 2 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasse and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Ermaul Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns
Grand Beach at Torrance Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A	ns
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth	C	A+
Solstice Canyon at San Blas County Beach	B	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	C	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Canyon fence	A+	A+
Surfside Beach (beach located) - daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19048 PCH stairs	B	A+
Pine Creek at Los Toros County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tamarac Canyon drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chastanaga)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Western storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooklyn Ave. drain	B	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach - projection of Topail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygiene Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+

HEAL THE BAY

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Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Happy at home, Virgo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic

★★★★ Positive

★★★ Average

★★ So-So

★ Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Think, and listen to your sixth sense. What appears to be delightful at first could have an interesting, at best, backlash. Use your innovative side to maximize changes. Harnessed creativity becomes powerful. Tonight: Pull back if you're confused.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Work with others directly but don't be surprised if chaos of all types breaks loose. A friendship and/or meeting could be most disruptive. Evaluate what needs to happen between you and a loved one, then follow through. Tonight: An overdue conversation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Allow others to do exactly what they want. In this laid-backed position, with hands behind your head, relaxed, you will observe what goes down. As a long-term result, you will gain respect and the cooperation of others. Tonight: Listen and observe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Listen to feedback. Think before you act if you want excellent end results. The unexpected whizzes into your life, perhaps leaving you shaking your head. Having the wherewithal to appreciate the randomness of life ultimately helps you. Tonight: Go to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You can be hard on yourself. Stop disciplining yourself. Stop being your own worst enemy. Allow more creativity and joy in your life, and you will see the end results. By loosening up the reins, you will flourish. Tonight: Fun, fun, fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to family members who might need different things from you. Investigate possibilities with an eye to dynamic change. If you work through a problem, the result will come from your centering. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't be surprised if there is a mini rebellion at your workplace or with someone you deal with on a regular basis. If you are ready to face flak, you could be happiest being who you are. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to say "no." The real issue might be one of knowing when to back off. Limit your boundaries in an appropriate manner. You'll discover that the end results are much better for you as well as for others. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Whether you're a long-distance runner or a slow walker, you'll come out ahead in today's marathon as long as you don't allow a personal matter to trigger you. Listen to your inner voice when making a decision. Tonight: How you present an idea could make or break it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to listen more and say less. Right now, taking action could be problematic. Your style and way of handling situations need to be subtle. Cut any manipulation in order to get results. Tonight: Take your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Friends, meetings and crowds inevitably draw you in a new direction. How nice is that? Investigate new areas of your life without being insecure. Don't let your routine stifle you. Of all signs, you need innovation and excitement the most. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to wander more and worry less. If you aren't ready to be a free spirit, events could shoot you in that direction. You don't always need to explain the rhyme and reason to everything. Tonight: Easy does it.

Born Today

Guitarist Ron Wood (1947)

Actor Morgan Freeman (1937)

Singer Pat Boone (1934)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>

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Happy Birthday!

You blaze a new trail this year. What could be an issue is your possible expectations. Remember, you are not in the same ballpark; therefore, the results most likely will be different. Others might challenge you, but take this testing in stride. You will discover ways of making ideas and plans stronger if you embody the negatives. Don't buck the unexpected, greet it with curiosity and use events positively. Know that the opportunity is there. Don't limit your sensitivity. Your sweetie needs the same understanding. SAGITTARIUS often has a different point of view.

City of Santa Monica

Ordinance Number 2233 (CCS)

(City Council Series)



AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SECTION 8.44.040 AND ADDING SECTIONS 8.44.140 THROUGH 8.44.160 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FALSE FIRE ALARMS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2233 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2233 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Chapter 8.44 of the Municipal Code, Fire and Life Safety Prevention Requirements," to add the definitions of the following terms to Section 8.44.040: fire alarm system, false alarm, fiscal year, owner and person. The Ordinance also adds three sections to the Municipal Code.

Section 8.44.140 requires false alarm reports to be prepared by the Fire Department's responding fire companies. It requires every person owning or maintaining a fire alarm system to post a notice containing information on how to contact the owner or owner's representative when the fire alarm is activated. That person is responsible for deactivating any alarm within one hour after notification that it is ringing; failure to do so is a nuisance and subjects the owner or the owner's representative to misdemeanor prosecution or summary abatement.

Section 8.44.150 provides that fees shall be set by resolution of the City Council for excessive false alarm responses. A false fire alarm fee for locations that include a fire alarm system will be charged if there are 3 or more false alarms during the same fiscal year. If a location generates more than 5 false alarm responses during a single fiscal year, it may be declared a public nuisance and the owner will be prosecuted.

Section 8.44.160 provides that a penalty of 10% will be added to the false fire alarm fee if the fee is not paid within the time and in the manner required by Section 8.44.150.

Ordinance Number 2233 (CCS) was adopted on May 22, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to discuss general policy matters and issues pertaining to the City's ongoing effort to prepare new Land Use and Circulation Elements of the City's General Plan. Regular policy discussion meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussion topics are set in advance of the meeting are available at City Hall and online at www.santa-monica.org.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.



MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Jonathan Lait, AICP, Principal Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Help Us Shape the Future!

Be part of the effort to create new Land Use and Circulation Elements, and a new Zoning Ordinance. Help shape a twenty year vision and improve the way we get around Santa Monica.

<http://www.shapethefuture2025.net> (Land Use Element)

<http://motion.santa-monica.org> (Circulation Element)



Sanjaya fan ‘American Idol’ Jordin Sparks: Malakar is ‘just an amazing kid’

Until now, when asked her favorite male singers, **JORDIN SPARKS** topped the list with John Mayer and Justin Timberlake. But, the effervescent new “American Idol” champ said Wednesday, she’s got another name to add: Sanjaya Malakar.

“He had so much guts,”

MORGAN MOVES FORWARD

When **TRACY MORGAN** hosts Spike TV’s “Guys Choice” awards on June 13, he’ll be wearing an alcohol monitoring device around his ankle.

There’s no better symbol to Morgan’s current situation. The comedian and “30 Rock” co-star has recently experienced several alcohol-related troubles, but said in an interview with The Associated Press that he’s trying to “keep moving forward.”

In February, Morgan, 38, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving charges in New York. He previously pleaded no contest to a DUI charge in Los Angeles. As part of his court-ordered treatment, Morgan was recently fitted with the monitoring device, which he’ll wear for two months.

A few weeks ago, a Miami disc jockey filed a misdemeanor battery complaint against Morgan, alleging he groped her, claiming he smelled of alcohol at the time.

Morgan declined to comment on that charge because, he said, “It’s still being worked out and resolved.”

Further, a video clip of Morgan appearing on a morning show of a Texas ABC affiliate was posted on YouTube titled: “Tracy Morgan Wasted on Live TV.” In the video, which has been watched by over 430,000 people, Morgan takes off his shirt, slaps his tummy and jokes that the sound is a “mating call.”

Morgan insisted he wasn’t drunk for that television appearance and said he’s disappointed that negative media coverage of him has taken on “a life of its own.”

AP

the 17-year-old “American Idol” winner told The Associated Press. “He had so much strength. He got a lot of criticism, but for him to go out on that stage and hold his head high ... I really look up to him for that. He’s just an amazing kid.”

The lanky Malakar, also 17, made a strong impres-

sion during the sixth season of the Fox competition, transforming from shy guy to media superstar in a span of weeks.

Sparks said “the point of the show ... is to keep who you like, who you want to see the next week. Sanjaya gave that to the people.”

The two teens will sing

with other finalists on the “American Idol” concert tour, which kicks off July 6 in Sunrise, Fla., and wraps up Sept. 23 in Manchester, N.H.

After that, Sparks says she intends to “hit the studio very hard” to finish work on her upcoming solo album, which “has to be out

before Thanksgiving.” Her main goal, she says, is to record “encouraging” tracks.

“I want people to roll down the windows and blast the music loud. ... It will be just a Jordin album and, hopefully, people will like it.”

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bach claims she’s not guilty

DAVID HASSELHOFF’S former wife, **PAMELA BACH**, has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor hit-and-run charge stemming from a fender-bender in North Hollywood.

Bach, 43, entered the plea on Wednesday.

Her attorney Peter Knecht said a “civil com-

promise” was being worked out, and he expected the charge to be dismissed.

“She had a minor fender-bender,” Knecht said, adding that no alcohol or drugs were involved.

He said Bach backed into a car Jan. 22, and after inspecting both cars, left when she didn’t see

any damage. An onlooker took down her license plate number.

The actress, who has appeared in the soap opera “The Young and The Restless,” is charged under the name Pamela Hasselhoff, but she’s publicly known as Pamela Bach.

She and her ex-husband, who starred on “Knight Rider” and “Baywatch,” have been locked in a bitter custody battle involving the couple’s two teenage daughters.

The couple was married in December 1989. They divorced last year.

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Heigl a happy person

KATHERINE HEIGL says castmate Isaiah Washington apologized to her on the set of “Grey’s Anatomy” after she publicly denounced his use of an anti-gay slur.

“Isaiah thanked me, which I didn’t understand,” the 28-year-old actress tells Entertainment Weekly. “He was almost grateful. I don’t know Isaiah well, but he takes his work seriously and he loves his character.”

Washington came under fire for using the epithet at the Golden Globe Awards in January while denying he’d used it previously against fellow “Grey’s” star T.R. Knight. Heigl, who plays outspoken Dr. Izzie Stevens on the hit ABC medical drama, says she was “furious and frustrated”

at the time, so she leapt to Knight’s defense.

“He made a big mistake, and it was thoughtless and boneheaded, and I think he’s very sorry and embarrassed,” she says in the magazine’s Friday issue. “This is something that will have changed the scope of his life.”

Heigl, who stars in the new Judd Apatow-directed comedy “Knocked Up,” speaks out in the interview, too, about her protracted contract negotiations with ABC. The bottom line, she says, is that she wants “the same respect they’re showing the other actors.”

And she says she doesn’t like the label that seems to go along with a woman who stands up for what she wants.

“In this town, women

who don’t just snap and say, ‘Okay, yessir, yes ma’am,’ start to get a reputation for being difficult,” she says. “But within the last five years, I’ve decided it’s not worth it to me to be pushed around so much.”

Heigl, who calls “The Notebook” one of her “all-time favorite movies,” says she’d rather laugh than get too serious when it comes to movie roles.

“I just want to play happy people,” she says. “I’m a commercial kind of gal, and yeah, I would love to do a ‘Monster,’ but I don’t have any grand aspirations to do my Academy Award-winning movie. I love Kate Winslet, but I know I couldn’t have her career.”

AP

Brosnan helping kids

PIERCE BROSINAN and his wife Keely have donated \$100,000 to help replace an unsafe playground at an elementary school on Kauai, where they own a home.

The money was donated to Hawaii 3R’s (Repair, Remodel and Restore Hawaii’s public schools), a nonprofit organization that kicked in \$47,800 for the project at Hanalei Elementary School.

“We were disheartened that the playground equipment was condemned for so long, and we wanted to find a way to help,” the former James Bond actor said Wednesday in a news release. “We believe that play activities enhance children’s educational experiences, and these children were missing out.”

Keely Brosnan was on the playground planning

committee.

“We initially planned to donate the money to the state, but we ran into some tape,” she said. “We were fortunate to hear about Hawaii 3R’s.”

The new playground is to be dedicated Monday.

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Paris, I Love You (Paris, je t'aime) (R)
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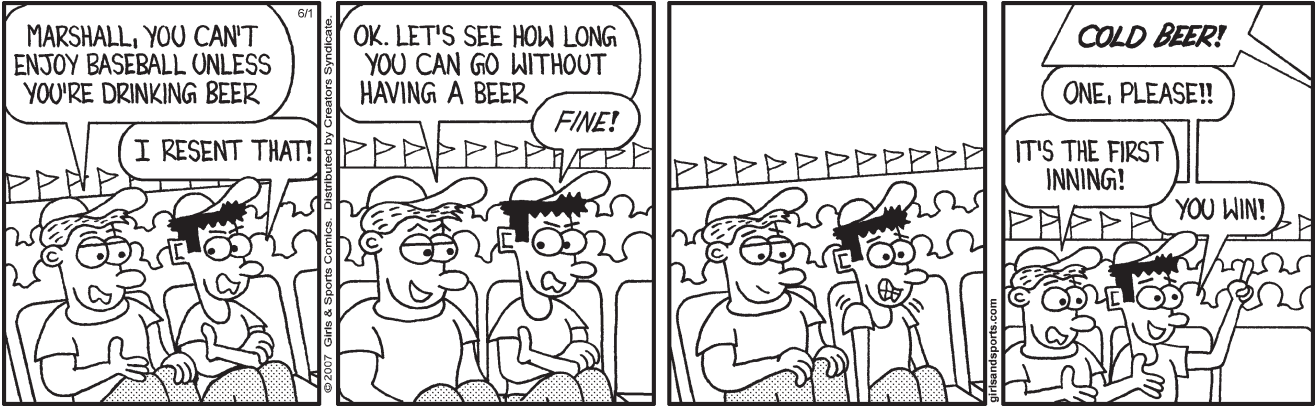
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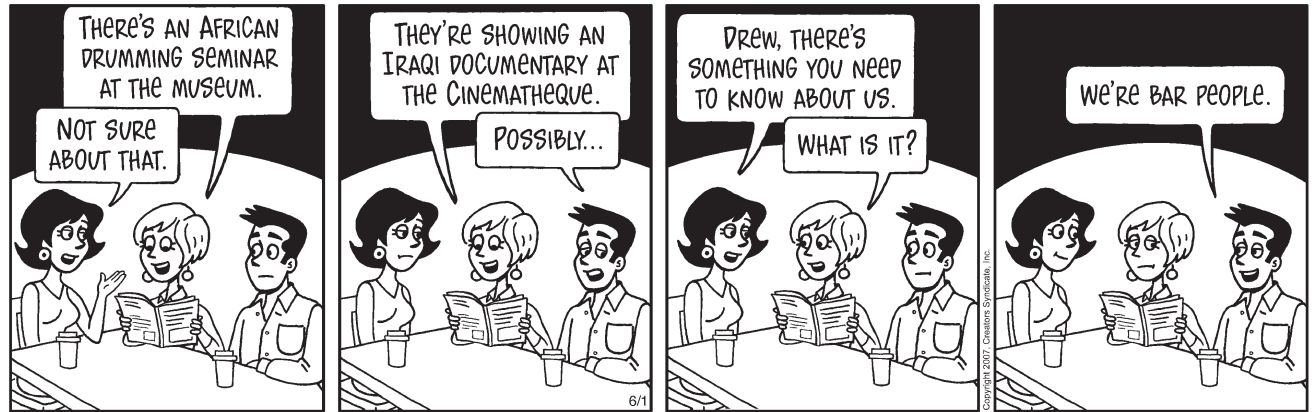
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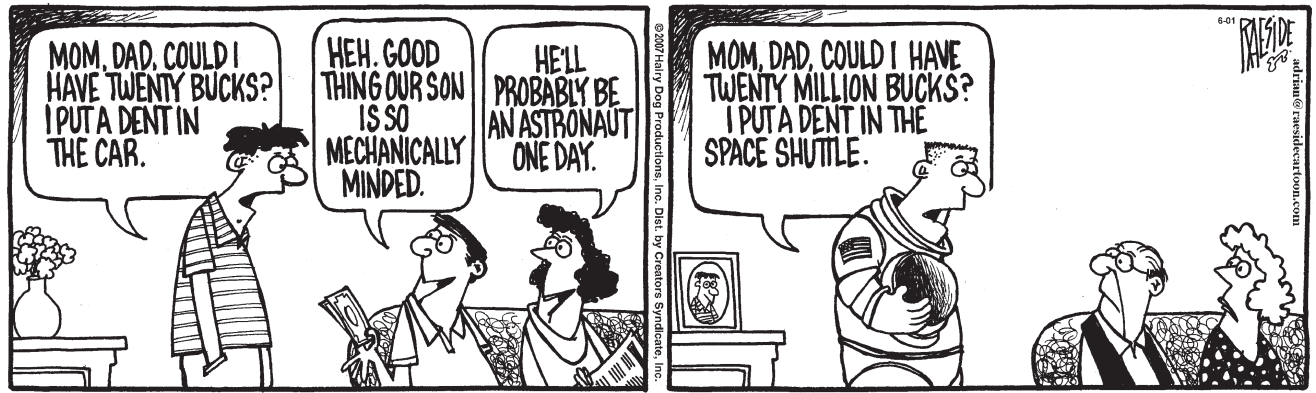
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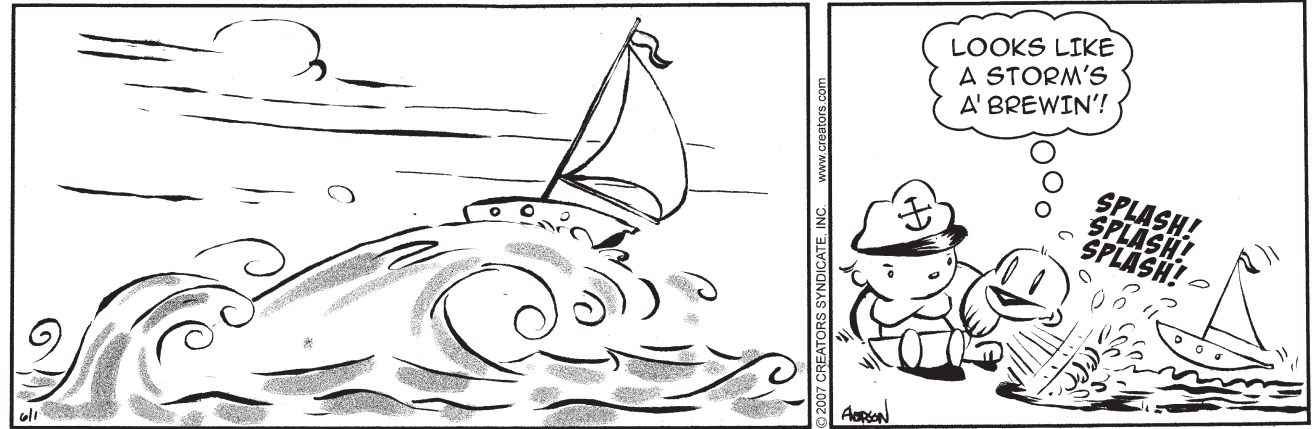
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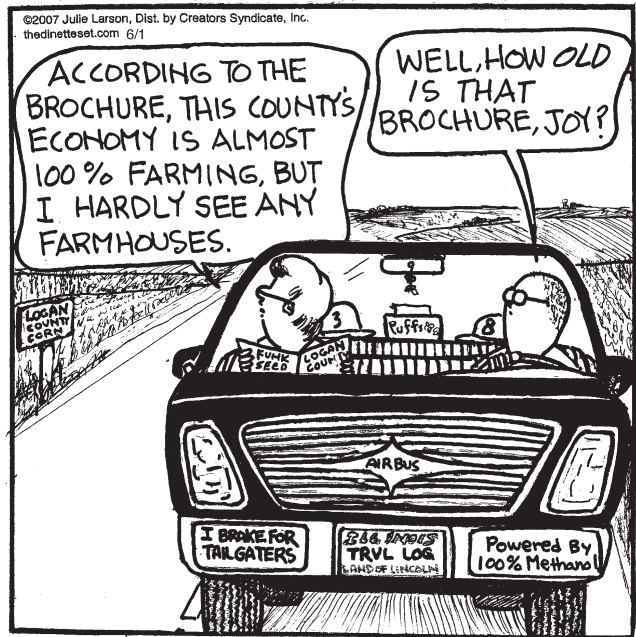
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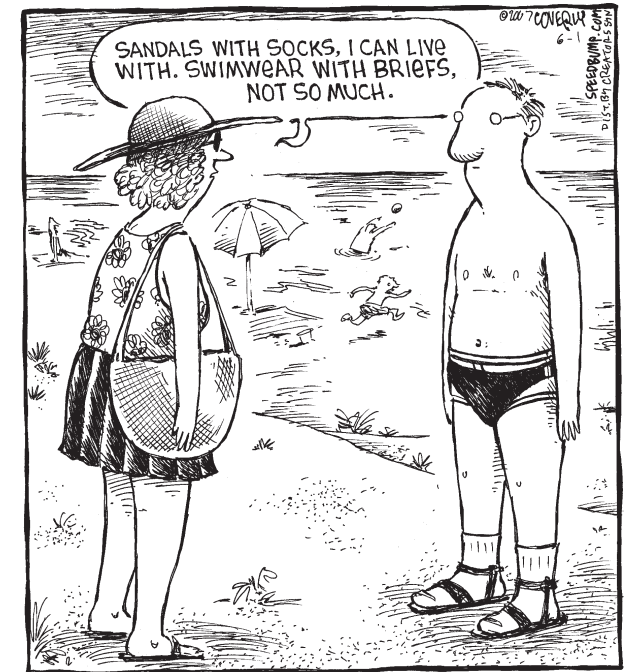
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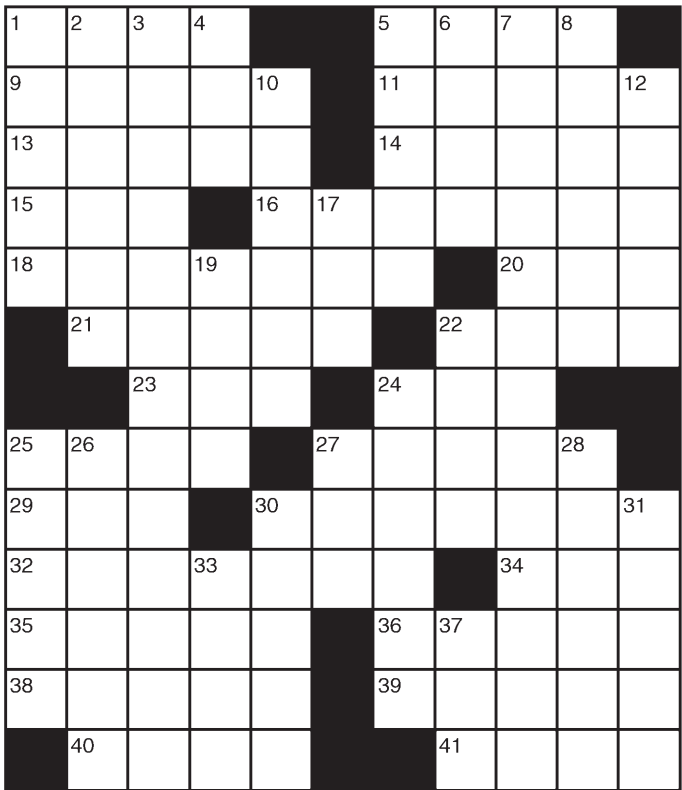
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

News of the Weird has informed readers several times of the claims by Transcendental Meditation practitioners that crime and war could be stopped cold by the channeling of huge amounts of human psychic energy into productive thought. (The movie director David Lynch led such a project in 2005.) In April 2007, Needham, Mass., psychiatrist Eric Leskowitz told reporters that he and his cousin are making a documentary film, borrowing the TM principle to measure the impact of Fenway Park fans' creating unified fields of brain waves to carry the Boston Red Sox to victory.

Men accusing women of "stealing" their sperm appeared in a pair of 2005 stories, including that of a Chicago doctor who impregnated herself with her doctor-boyfriend's sperm (from oral sex). (He sued her for theft, but an appeals court called the sperm a "gift.") In a less spectacular lawsuit filed in March 2007 in New York City, Quoc Pham charged that girlfriend Neli Petkova had exploited him to father a baby, and that as soon as she was pregnant, she discarded him, publicly terming him sexually inadequate and allegedly announcing that she had met another man, who "could make her cervix orgasmic just by thinking." Pham wants \$1 million and visitation rights to the now-3-year-old.

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1792 Kentucky admitted as the 15th state of the United States.

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1812 War of 1812: U.S. President James Madison asks the Congress to declare war on the United Kingdom.

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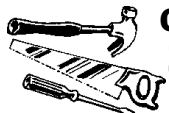
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