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THE EDUCATION ROCKS ISSUE

Students learn to share the road

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Every cycling advocacy event here brings out scores of high school students who roll onto campus on beach cruisers, 10-speeds and road bikes shortly before the first bell rings, some expressing their enthusiasm through hoots, all united in their belief that theirs is the best mode of transportation.

But in those semesterly "Bike to School" days at Santa Monica High School, several parents and biking advocates have taken notice of some rather alarming cycling practices, some students riding without helmets, others jumping on and off sidewalks, creating a safety problem for themselves and the people around.

As a result, these cycling advocates — the Samohi Solar Alliance and Samohi Bike Coalition — recently banded together with parents to host a bike safety seminar at the high school over the weekend, teaching teenagers the essentials of road safety, from wearing a helmet to behaving like a motorist when on the street.

The class, considered the first of its kind at Samohi, was led by two certified instructors with the League of American Bicyclists, starting the two-day course on Friday with a three-hour classroom lecture on road rules and safety and continuing on Sunday with a day-long behind-the-handlebars lesson on city streets. The \$25 class drew about eight students over the two-day seminar.

The course was proposed in part by Alison Kendall, a Samohi parent who serves

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LEARNING CYCLE: Chris Quint (right), a certified instructor with the League of American Bicyclists, shows Santa Monica High School students how to properly attach wheels to a bike during a safety course on Sunday. The Samohi Solar Alliance and Samohi Bike Coalition organized the class.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | AARON ELGART

Running the show behind the scenes

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

BOULDER Aaron Elgart took a seat in his technical theater class, a young freshman somewhat lost in his first day of college when a professor asked aloud what would be a life-changing question, wondering if any students were interested in participating in stage management activities.

Without hesitation Elgart's hand shot up. The day would mark the end of a long career-searching path shared by many young adults like Elgart, a Samohi graduate who

went from hopeful actor to aspiring set designer to a stage management wonder.

"It's a different sensation from being on stage," Elgart said during a recent interview. "It's being able to see what's going on stage and being able to control it as well, seeing the audience reaction before, during and after the show."

"It's a different kind of high than performing, but the same kind of exhilaration."

Elgart, who graduated from the University of Colorado earlier this month with a bachelor's degree in theater, was recently accepted into The Juilliard School

Professional Intern Program, a prestigious internship in which the Santa Monica resident will be able to spend nine months in New York City working for the world-renowned conservatory.

The program will allow Elgart to work alongside some of the best personalities in the industry, having the opportunity later in the internship to manage second-year drama student projects.

Elgart was one of six people from across the country who received the internship.



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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Hangin' with the Rotary Club

1250 Capri Dr., Pacific Palisades, Noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of members. For more information, call (310) 917-3313.

Brokering a good film

1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

SMC Political Film Series presents the last film for the school year: The Pawnbroker, directed by Sidney Lumet, starring Rod Steiger in the role of Holocaust survivor Sol Nazerman. The movie earned Steiger an Oscar-nomination for Best Actor in a leading role, and was the first American film to depict the insides of the Nazi death camp. The film draws disturbing parallels to more contemporary issues of ethnicity, anti-Semitism, and racial bigotry in American society. This free screening will be held in room 165 in Santa Monica College's Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

Time for summer salads

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Laura Avery will present a cooking program featuring fresh and flavorful seasonal fruits and vegetables from the Farmers Market that will inspire and delight you. This free event will be held at the Fairview Branch Library.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Taking a trip down the pink carpet

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Leslie Jordan, the Emmy-winning star of "Will & Grace," visits the Santa Monica Public Library to chat about and sign his new autobiography, My Trip Down The Pink Carpet. Seating for this free event is limited so arrive early. This event will be held in the MLK Auditorium at the Main Library.

What did the Buddha really mean?

6512 Arizona Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Why did the Buddha teach apparently contradictory things? How can we tell when the Buddha was speaking figuratively or literally? In this four session course Lama Marut will guide us through the essential elements to resolve this and other apparent contradictions in the Buddha's teachings so that we can use them to stop all our suffering, ignorance, aging and death.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

O2 Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

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





INSIDE COOKING

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Leslie McKenna (center left), chef from Chefs Inc., and Diane Mohilef, chef from A Day In The Kitchen, confer while judging the C-CAP (Careers Through Culinary Arts Program) Los Angeles Cooking Competition for Scholarships at The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of California on Friday. The competition featured 28 Los Angeles high school students vying for full and partial scholarships — ranging from \$500 to \$80,000 — to various culinary schools. The students prepared poulet chasseur avec pommes de terre chateau and crepes surees with creme patissiere and sauce de chocolate, and were judged by top local chefs in their techniques, skills, taste, and presentation. Students had to memorize the recipes and prepare the meal within a two-hour time limit. The results will be revealed today at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills.

The extraordinary paradox of ‘Mexican’ beer

BY JOSH L. DICKEY
Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA No doubt there once existed a truly Mexican style of beer, brewed in a tradition that, through centuries of trial and error, fine-tuned indigenous ingredients and local conditions into perfect harmony.

Unfortunately, we'll never taste it.

Each and every invading force, from the Spanish conquistadors to Maximilian, apparently decided they could do better than what the locals were pouring. And perhaps as a result, we've been left with a grafting of someone else's beer preference onto climate, soil and water conditions that never quite suited it.

European-style pilseners. American-style lagers. All of it made in Mexico — none of it really “from” there, none of it really with a defining sense of place.

So what? Stick a lime in it and drink up, amigo. Your average beer snob is not shopping for a sixer south of the border, anyway.

“Corona, Modelo, Sol, Dos Equis — these aren't the world's great lagers ... they're more for what you associate them with,” says Christina Perozzi, who, as a beer sommelier at Rustic Canyon restaurant in Santa Monica, and author of the beer blog www.beer4chicks.com, qualifies as a bona fide beer snob if anyone does.

Not that there's anything wrong with that.

“If you associate yourself hanging out on a beach and crossing your legs and relaxing,” she says, “then you want to associate your beer with hanging out on a beach and crossing your legs and relaxing.”

Well America, you are increasingly guilty by association.

The biggest-selling import beer in the United States, by far, is Corona Extra. Its far-trailing Mexican competitors — Modelo, Tecate, Pacifico — all have reported growth during the past five years. So has Dos Equis, which recently launched a massive new stateside marketing campaign.

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Same-sex marriages to begin later this month

ABY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Barring a stay of a historic California Supreme Court ruling, same-sex couples will be able to wed in the state beginning June 17, according to a state directive issued last week.

The state said it chose June 17 because the state Supreme Court has until the day before to decide whether to grant a stay of its May 15 ruling legalizing gay marriage.

Gay rights advocates and some clerks initially thought couples would be able to wed as early as Saturday, June 14. The court's decisions typically take effect 30 days after they are made.

The guidelines from Janet McKee, chief of the California office of Vital records, to the state's 58 county clerks also contained copies of new marriage forms that include lines for “Party A” and “Party B” instead of bride and groom. The gender-neutral nomenclature was developed in consultation with county clerks, according to the letter.

“Effective June 17, 2008, only the enclosed new forms may be issued for the issuance of marriage licenses in California,” the directive reads.

The amended forms also contain a change to accommodate same-sex couples who already have registered as domestic partners, a category created in 2003 that bestowed the legal rights and benefits of marriage to gay men and lesbians without the title.

The previous marriage license applications stated that people in domestic partnerships were barred from getting married, a prohibition based on the fact that same-sex couples could not legally wed. The new forms say domestic partners don't have to dissolve their partnerships if they are marrying the same person.

A group opposed to gay marriage has asked the court to stay its decision until after the November election, when voters are likely to face a ballot initiative that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Passage of the initiative would overrule the Supreme Court.

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When every second matters

Editor:

I was shocked to read the quote attributed to Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Davis ("Firemen to assess dispatch center," page 1, May 28) who stated "Either way we're still financially ahead of what we would have been" I know that my elected representative on the Santa Monica City Council is more interested in providing the best possible 911 service regardless of cost. If he is not, he will not receive my vote in the next election period. Protecting public safety and not saving a few dollars should be Deputy Chief Davis' priority as well. His quote suggests otherwise.

Several years ago I was required to call 911 when my 7-year-old grandson severely cut his hand on a broken glass. I mistakenly put his hand under the kitchen faucet while calling 911. The very professional dispatcher told me I should instead find a clean towel and apply pressure to the wound. He explained to me that running water on the cut does not allow the blood to clot, whereas applying pressure does. The dispatcher remained on the phone with me until paramedics arrived which really helped me stay calm, reminding me several times that help was on the way. Just three and a half minutes later the paramedic squad arrived at our house. I am forever grateful for the service provided that day by both the dispatcher and the two paramedics that responded. I know that even though it took less than four minutes for them to arrive, that short period of time felt like an eternity.

It is true that with certain injuries and illnesses, seconds save lives. Therefore, I cannot understand why the Fire Chief decided it was best to change a system that provided excellent service just to save money. Increased response time is not OK. If staffing was an issue, the Fire Department should have increased staffing. I think that it is advantageous to utilize dispatchers who are employed by the city, work in the city, and are familiar with the unique conditions the city presents.

A price cannot be put on the heads of those of us who reside in or visit Santa Monica. Our lives, and those of our children and grandchildren, are priceless. I urge City Council to remedy this issue before tragedy strikes.

Joseph Parda

Santa Monica

Save the bison

Editor:

Congress must compel federal agencies to take action and update the current management plan to make it work for Yellowstone bison. The current management plan should be updated to allow additional tolerance for bison on the north and west sides of Yellowstone and to reflect new science and recent changes in livestock management outside the park. The public deserves the opportunity to view our country's last wild bison population on traditional wintering grounds outside Yellowstone.

Cheryl Erb

Santa Monica



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City must be dispensing servings of holy water

SANTA MONICA PROPERTY OWNERS recently received their "Notice of Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Increases" from the city. It's bad news for everybody living in Santa Monica.

The city says higher rates are necessary to cover increased costs associated with charges for "local and imported water, operation and maintenance, capital and infrastructure costs and financial commitments to the City of Los Angeles for wastewater disposal and reserves."

Under the suggested rates an average water bill would increase 10 to 11 percent, annually. According to costs provided by the city, a single family home owner's bimonthly water bill would increase from a current average of \$75.37 to \$110.65 — a 52 percent increase between now and the end of fiscal year 2012-2013.

An eight-unit apartment building would see its current approximately \$181.97 bimonthly water bill increase to \$267.48 over five years.

If that weren't bad enough, wastewater increases will be even steeper. A typical wastewater bill would see increases of 18 percent the next two years and 15, 9 and 4 percent the following years. A single family home's bimonthly wastewater (sewage) bill would increase from a current average usage of \$44.24 to \$83.04 — an increase of 64 percent over the same period.

An average eight-unit apartment building would see its current \$185.66 bimonthly wastewater water bill almost double to \$343.72 over five years. Annualized water expense would swell from \$1113.96 to \$2062.32.

Property owners pay both water and sewage so amounts are added together. A single family property owner would see his or her annual combined water and sewage charges go from \$717.66 to \$1226.94 over five years. A typical eight-unit apartment owner would experience annual water and sewage increases from \$2205.78 to \$3667.20 — increases that far exceed the inflation rate, cost of living index and most growth rate indexes.

Note that neither of these fees includes additional assessments as called for by Measure V "Clean Oceans and Beaches Parcel Tax," the stormwater runoff ballot initiative approved by voters in November 2006.

Renters should keep in mind the increases in water and sewage fees will be added indirectly to rents via increases in the Annual Rent Adjustment allowed for rent controlled apartments. Landlords can already add "clean ocean" costs directly to monthly rents.

The annual adjustment for Santa Monica tenants under rent control is predicated, in part, on cost of living expense, utility and

maintenance costs borne by landlords. As these costs go up, as does the annual rent increase. This year (2008-2009) the annual rent increase is 2.7 percent. With water and wastewater costs rising so dramatically, Santa Monica tenants could see much steeper annual rent increases in the future.

Opposing the increased fees isn't easy. For example, oral comments at the public hearing on the higher fees (July 8 at 5:45 p.m. in council chambers) will not be considered "official" unless accompanied by a signed, written letter. Only property owners may "formally" protest the increases — in writing only. E-mails aren't acceptable as a property owner's signature is required on the letter of protest. Written protests must be submitted before the July 8 public hearing in person or by mail at the City Clerk's office, Room 102, 1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

I have a thought. With a record city budget (\$521.7 million) proposed for the upcoming fiscal year, keeping in mind "serving our residents first," I can't believe there isn't a way for the city to subsidize these services to help keep basic living costs low for everyone. Is it too much to ask that a couple of million bucks be spent on us instead of, say, social services for outsiders?

And, can't those "capital and infrastructure costs" for water, sewage and stormwater runoff be paid for through community redevelopment funds? In many communities, they are. Except here, city fathers would rather spend redevelopment money on public housing for nonresidents than on infrastructure which would result in lower water and sewage fees for us as well as eliminate the need for a special "clean ocean" parcel tax.

MEDAL OF HONOR FINALLY AWARDED

Last Monday, Memorial Day, I wrote about Army Pfc. Ross McGinnis, a 19-year-old soldier from Knox, Penn. Pfc. McGinnis was on patrol in Baghdad, Dec. 4, 2006, when a grenade was lobbed into the Humvee where he and four other soldiers were riding. McGinnis fell on the grenade saving their lives while sacrificing his own.

As an update, McGinnis will posthumously receive America's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, at a White House ceremony today.

McGinnis was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, in Schweinfurt, Germany. Promoted after his death, Spc. McGinnis will be the fifth serviceman to receive the Medal since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began five years ago. All awardees died in action.

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The Rand Stand

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Investigate Big Congress, not Big Oil conglomerates

WITH GASOLINE PRICES EXCEEDING \$4 A gallon in some states, politicians are responding as usual: Blame Big Oil First. Several prominent senators have once again summoned industry leaders to Capitol Hill, subjecting them to yet another barrage of rhetorical questions, interruptions, accusations, and sermons. The lawmakers' goal, claims Sen. Patrick Leahy, is to identify "causes of the rising price of oil on which Congress can act." But the foregone conclusion is that "price gouging," "collusion," and "market manipulation" by Big Oil, or speculation by financiers, is responsible.

The simple fact that such Congressional investigations are designed to obscure is that the prices of oil and gasoline are determined by supply and demand — which neither private oil companies nor speculators have any power to dictate in their favor. If they had such market mastery, then why didn't they use it in the 1990s, when gasoline was selling at a barely profitable \$1 a gallon? To be sure, speculators can bid up prices — but they only do so when they believe that oil will become even more expensive in the future, and only make money when they are right.

The question Congress should really be asking, then, is: What nonmarket factors are distorting supply and demand? If they sought an honest answer, they would discover that much of the blame lies with Congress itself.

No one disputes that environmentalist laws passed by Congress have cut off some of our most promising and plentiful sources of oil. In the name of safeguarding a tiny portion of caribou habitat in the Alaskan wilderness, drilling is prohibited in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge — a potential source of 1 million barrels a day, 5 percent of America's daily oil consumption. Also off-limits is 85 percent of America's coastline, which Shell estimates contains some 100 billion recoverable barrels — 13 times America's annual oil consumption — and the vast majority of oil shale in Colorado, which Shell estimates at 1.5 trillion barrels.

Congress should publicize these facts, prepare an inventory of how many oil-rich areas they have blocked off, and bring in economists to estimate how much all of this raises gas prices.

And how about the effects of Congress's open hostility toward the future of oil? Our politicians damn oil as an "addiction" to be eliminated, and seek to cut — by up to 90 percent — the use of oil and other vital fossil

fuels that make our standard of living possible. Congress should ask oil executives how this possible forced cut in demand affects their industry. It should ask whether they feel safe to make the billion dollar investments and decades-long plans that oil production requires when Barack Obama, a leading presidential candidate, can uncontroversially proclaim that "the country that faced down the tyranny of fascism and communism is now called to challenge the tyranny of oil." Is it a coincidence that the much-maligned speculators think oil will become even scarcer in the future, and are acting accordingly?

THE QUESTION CONGRESS SHOULD REALLY BE ASKING, THEN, IS: WHAT NONMARKET FACTORS ARE DISTORTING SUPPLY AND DEMAND?

In addition to investigating its own impact on gasoline prices, Congress should investigate how its economic policy partner, the Federal Reserve, has raised our gas prices by lowering the value of the dollars we buy gasoline with. The Fed, along with the Treasury Department, has for years had an inflationary policy that has caused the value of the dollar to plummet relative to other currencies. Were it not for this devaluation of the dollar, oil prices would likely be 40 percent lower — as they are for those on the Euro. Why not call a free-market economist to the stand and ask how much more expensive Alan Greenspan, Ben Bernanke, and Henry Paulson have made our gasoline?

Americans deserve to know the story — in all its gory detail — of what their government has done and is doing to cause high prices at the pump, and to make gasoline — indeed, all energy — more scarce and more expensive in the future. A congressional investigation of Congress would be a great public service.

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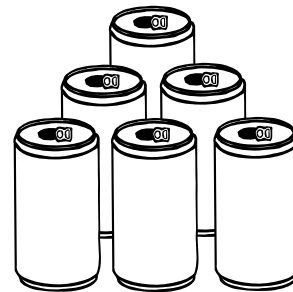
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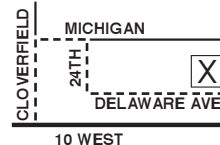
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Do you think gays and lesbians should have the right to get married or do you believe that marriage should be limited to unions between a man and a woman?

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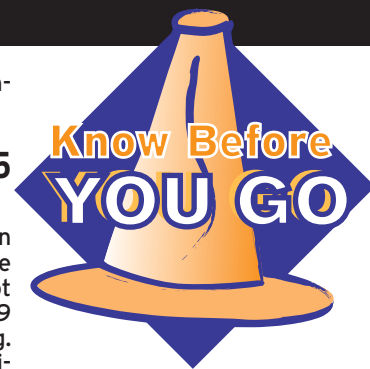
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Annenberg Community Beach House (415 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation Feb. 7, 2008 through June 9, 2008. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking. Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to Pacific Coast Highway.

Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations: 30th Street (Pico Boulevard to Ocean Park Boulevard, 31st Street (Pico to Ocean Park), 12th Street (Montana Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard), Sixth Street (Wilshire to Colorado Avenue), Grant Street (Lincoln Boulevard to 16th Street), Ocean Avenue (Adelaide Drive to Pico), 17th Street (Broadway to Pico). There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to traffic flow on PCH on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation Feb. 7, 2008, through June 9, 2008. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Mar. 3, 2008 to Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic boulevards. Jan. 21, 2009 to Apr. 21, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Traffic from the I-10 Freeway will be directed to avoid Colorado Avenue by either using Pico Boulevard or East-West streets North of Colorado. This work started in January and is scheduled for completion in May 2009.

■ Two-way traffic on Colorado Avenue will be maintained.

■ Eastbound Colorado Avenue will be reduced to one through lane and one left turn lane between Ocean Avenue and Second Street.

■ Pedestrian access around the work area will be maintained.

Second/Fourth Streets Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue. There may be occasional disruption to some parking spaces and walking detours around sidewalk work. Please follow posted detour signs.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Fiber optic infrastructure installation and traffic signal modifications will continue in the following locations: 1) San Vicente Boulevard and Seventh Street; 2) Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard; 3) Santa Monica Boulevard and Seventh Street; 4) Pico Boulevard and Main Street; 5) Ocean Avenue and Moomat Ahiko Way. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be anticipated at these locations.

East Colorado Improvement Project

Pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. Streets will be reduced to one lane both east and west bound from 20th Street to 26th Street. Some parking lanes will be removed during various construction phases. Pedestrian walkways will also be reduced during the construction period.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

Repairs to various sidewalk locations Citywide. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be expected throughout the construction zones. Detours may be announced as necessary, please follow posted detour signs.

Citywide Street Repair Project

Reconstruction work on the on- and off-ramps connecting Ocean Park Boulevard to Fourth Street continues this week. Reconstruction of the westbound ramps was completed last week. Reconstruction work on the eastbound ramps began this week and should be completed within two weeks. Fourth Street will remain open in both directions at this location, however left or right turns on to the eastbound on-ramp will not be permitted due to the on-going work. The transition to the eastbound off-ramp from Ocean Park Boulevard will not be available as well during this period. All reconstruction work is expected to be complete by June 6, 2008. Installation of rubber sidewalks on Pacific and Cedar streets between 14th and 16th streets began this week and is expected to be completed within three weeks.

Street and Park Lighting Project

Potholing, asphalt patching, and underground electrical conduit installation by boring/drilling on Ocean Avenue from Bicknell to Hollister avenues and on Barnard Way from Hollister to Ashland avenues until June 6, 2008. Please follow posted detour signs. One lane may be closed as needed.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project

Sidewalk and street improvements project bounded by Exposition Boulevard, Centinela Avenue, Virginia Avenue and Stewart Street. Lane and sidewalk closures in the immediate construction area with possible intersection closure with detour signage.

'Revolutionary' candidate stirs mayoral race in San Diego

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO Businessman Steve Francis has committed more than \$4.3 million of his personal fortune to unseat Mayor Jerry Sanders, but a dreadlocked 26-year-old running as a "revolutionary" has made some of the campaign's biggest splashes without spending anything.

At one of the final debates before Tuesday's election, Eric Bidwell told television viewers that Sanders' campaign manager gave him a script of "gnarly" talking points trashing Francis. The campaign manager promptly resigned.

Bidwell is the longest of long shots, but the T-shirt designer's bid to lead the nation's eighth-largest city may draw enough support to force a runoff between Sanders and Francis. If no one wins a majority in the nonpartisan contest, the top two finishers face off in November.

Neither Sanders, an affable former police chief, nor Francis, who made his fortune as founder of a hospital staffing company, has generated much excitement. Both are Republicans.

Sanders, 57, is telling voters that he led San Diego from the brink of financial ruin and deserves a second term to continue the recovery. Francis, 53, has embraced a vague "change" mantra after his platform of socially conservative positions and promises of job cuts at City Hall landed him a third-place finish in the 2005 race.

"This is not a town that has ever been big on burning down the town hall and storming the Bastille," said Carl Luna, a political science professor at San Diego's Mesa College who has moderated several mayoral debates. "Sanders hasn't been able to find a good narrative about why he should be re-elected, except that things are going pretty

well, and Francis is not advancing a vision of why him as opposed to Sanders."

Sanders provided one of the campaign's more dramatic moments when he rejected Francis' handshake after a debate in April, instead offering an expletive: "F--- you, Steve." Sanders later apologized, but criticized Francis for "tattling" to reporters.

Polling experts predict turnout to be about 45 percent. The crowded undercard features an aggressive Republican campaign to unseat City Attorney Michael Aguirre, a lightning-rod figure who is both beloved and maligned for sparring with the City Council, filing lots of lawsuits and chasing headlines. Half of San Diego's eight city council districts are also up for grabs.

It's a far cry from the 2005 special election triggered by the sudden resignation of Dick Murphy amid federal investigations of whether city officials hid mammoth pension obligations from public view.

That election featured Donna Frye, a city councilwoman, surf-shop owner and wife of legendary surfer Skip Frye. She came within a whisker of winning the job on a write-in campaign in 2004, losing only after courts invalidated ballots on which voters wrote in her name but failed to darken the adjoining ovals.

In 2005, Francis spent nearly \$2 million positioning himself as an outsider who would run City Hall like a business, cut jobs and avoid new taxes. Sanders won by campaigning as a turnaround specialist who revived local United Way and Red Cross chapters.

This year, Sanders has raised just \$426,000, collected from hundreds of individual donors.

City services have continued to deteriorate during Sanders' tenure, with potholes going unfilled and water mains regularly breaking. But the city completed overdue audits under his watch and Standard &



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Poor's recently restored the city's credit rating, ending a virtual freeze on the city's ability to borrow money.

He endeared himself to the city's sizable gay constituency by making a tearful about-face on gay marriage, withdrawing his opposition because he could not deny his lesbian daughter the right to marry. Sanders' support allowed the city to join the petition that prompted the California Supreme Court to decide gay couples must be allowed to wed.

Two weeks before the election, California Attorney General Jerry Brown cleared Sanders in the biggest scandal of his term:

allegations that his office illegally granted permits to a campaign donor who wanted to develop an office tower near an airport despite objections from the Federal Aviation Administration that its height posed a safety hazard.

Francis, who in 2006 liquidated \$52.3 million in stock of his company, AMN Healthcare Inc., is well-positioned to carry his full-scale television and radio campaign another round if Sanders falls short of a majority.

"Francis' best chance is to keep it alive into the fall," said Luna.

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WHEELS GO ROUND: Students from Santa Monica High School ride bikes in the school's parking lot on Sunday. The ride was part of a safety class organized by students and parents concerned that young people are not following proper safety procedures while on two wheels.

First bike safety class offered at high school

FROM BIKES PAGE 1

as the school's PTSA Transportation Committee chair, a champion of a bike safety class for the past few years.

"When we started to have the Bike to School days and we got 50-90 high schoolers biking to Samohi, I started to think (a class) was more urgent because I noticed that more than half of the students didn't have a helmet," Kendall said. "There were quite often biking the wrong way down the street or zipping on and off the sidewalk or biking on Lincoln [Boulevard] in a hair-raising manner."

With the help of fellow resident Barbara Filet, whom Kendall met during a series of transportation workshops hosted by City Hall, the two women were able to secure the services of Ron Durgin and Chris Quint, two certified instructors who teach bike safety courses in the Los Angeles area.

Durgin has more than 20 years of experience riding in different cities, commuting to work in Santa Monica every day from his home in Beverly Hills. Neither instructor owns a car.

The course covers cycling practices that could be perceived as unconventional to some but are assured safe by the instructors, preaching riders to act as motorists and refrain from traveling along the gutter. Safe cycling is about riding predictably, using signals and communicating well with drivers and pedestrians, Durgin said.

"I see out there every day people wearing iPods, even adults," Durgin said.

The class reconvened Sunday morning

when the students spent several hours maneuvering through a course set up on the Samohi parking lot, venturing out in the afternoon for a five-mile trip through Santa Monica, covering basic road rules much like in driver's education.

Rachel Horn, the co-president of the Samohi Solar Alliance, said teenagers don't often think about bike safety, pointing out that the students who wear helmets tend to be the more avid cyclists.

"For me it's really important to have this class because we're promoting biking to help the environment, but if something were to happen safety-wise, that would just kill the movement," Horn said. "I think bike safety is something that needs to be more advocated, especially in high schools because we're still young."

While Kendall doesn't believe a bike safety course will be adopted into the curriculum at Santa Monica High School, she hopes the seminar will spur some interest at the middle school level. The PTSA is currently working with City Hall to offer a bike safety course at low cost to residents.

Among the students who participated over the weekend was Spencer Moore, a freshman and member of the Samohi Bike Coalition.

Moore rides his bikes most days to Samohi, a three-mile trek that takes about half an hour.

"I think it's good to offer a bike safety class," Moore said. "It gives kids more [courage] to ride on the road."

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A child is calling for help.

Samohi grad receives Juilliard internship

FROM CP PAGE 1

The stage manager is considered the director in their absence, running rehearsals, contacting all the different departments and making sure the production is running on schedule.

“When you go to see a show, you don’t ever think of someone doing all of this,” Elgart said. “It is a thankless job but I love doing it. I don’t need the thanks.”

Elgart began acting at the age of 6 when he joined a theater troupe. He eventually gave up acting after hiring an agent during his freshman year at Samohi, finding it hard to mix auditions with school work.

During high school, Elgart instead turned his focus to other aspects of the performing arts, participating in the Samohi symphony orchestra, wind ensemble and choir.

He arrived at the University of Colorado as a studio arts major, which proved to be short-lived. Soon after his first day in class, Elgart switched over to study stage management.

Through his four years in school, Elgart was the lead stage manager in four productions, including “The Grapes of Wrath” and “Top Ten,” working on some smaller theatrical

projects on the side.

“I think my time at Colorado gave me a very broad spectrum of different plays and musicals and directors I might be working with,” Elgart said. “I got four shows under my belt which a lot of undergraduate people can’t say they have because a lot of colleges don’t have technical theater.”

With graduation drawing near, Elgart searched for production assistant jobs in Los Angeles until he discovered the Juilliard program online, further encouraged to pursue it by an instructor at the University of Colorado who once participated in the internship to study costume design.

Elgart will spend the next few months working on the artistic team at the Ash Lawn Opera in Charlottesville, Va. before moving to New York City in September.

While theater stage management remains the focus for now, Elgart said he eventually hopes to branch off into film and television.

“For some reason, behind-the-scenes in film and television has always been more interesting to me, figuring out how things are done, who is doing what, and how it’s being made,” he said.

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Beer is a state of mind

FROM BEER PAGE 3

Mexico’s beers are moving so consistently well here that even domestic beer giants Miller and Anheuser Busch took a shot at the growing market this year with citrus-and-salt-flavored offerings Miller Chill and Bud Light Lime.

These may not be aromatic Oregon microbrews or German beer-law adherents, but they’re consistent in one way, at least — each is light, low in alcohol and decidedly unserious, always agreeable on a summer’s day.

And while each has built-in brand recognition among the roaring Hispanic population, their target drinkers, for the most part, are American-born. For instance, only 20 to 25 percent of Corona’s total sales go to Hispanic drinkers, says Brian Sudano, managing director of Beverage Marketing Corporation, an independent industry market research firm.

And as Modelo and Tecate chase more of the immigrant market with lower prices, Dos Equis is busy establishing itself alongside Corona as a premium brand.

“Dos Equis has a very good footprint in Mexico, but our advertising campaign here is not the same,” says Dos Equis marketing vice president Kheri Holland Tillman. Their U.S. mark: Men, 21 to 34, who are “a little bit more affluent” than your average Joe Sixpack.

The brand’s new spots, now in their second year, feature “The Most Interesting Man in the World,” a wizened, vaguely Hispanic fellow whose physical, Hemingwayesque sense of adventure seems at ease with his sense of humor. “I don’t always drink beer,” goes his I’m-so-worldly tagline, “but when I do, I prefer Dos Equis.”

That intensity is miles away from Corona’s laid-back ad ethos, which has served the venerated brand well. At the equivalent of 117 million cases sold in the U.S., Corona imported more beer than the next five Mexican competitors combined, according to Beverage Marketing Corporation figures.

But even a vacation in a bottle can experience some rain: Corona’s sales volume dipped last year from a 2006 peak of 121 million cases sold. Sudano says reports among some beer-market watchers of Corona’s slide in the face of competition and market fragmentation have been greatly exaggerated.

“If you take a step back and look at how Corona is performing against Dos Equis, Tecate and the rest of the import market, the view that all these consumers are moving in droves is misleading,” Sudano says, attributing the dip to a combination of recent distribution headaches coupled with a recent price increase.

One trend that Mexican brewers have left largely unplumbed: the previous decade’s explosion of craft beer. A precious few microbrewers have sprang up in Mexico, and none has yet gained a significant foothold in the U.S.

Perozzi, whose mind is a virtual database of exotic beers from around the world, struggles to think of one.

After a moment’s pause:

“I’ve had the Tijuana beer, and that’s really good,” she says. “They make something like an American amber. The Tijuana Morena, that’s it.”

She also cops to an affinity for Negro Modelo, the darker-hued cousin to the second-highest selling Mexican beer, Modelo Especial.

“It’s the only one that has some toastiness to it,” she says. “It has a better balance than the lagers,” which always seem to be overpowered by minerality.

Then it dawns: Is the problem that Mexico’s imitations of other countries’ light-bodied styles, wrought by centuries of foreign influences, simply don’t work well with the water?

It’s a theory befitting Perozzi’s notion that hard water is best for dark beer like ale; and soft water is better for light lagers and pilseners.

“There really isn’t a ‘Mexican’ style of beer,” she muses. “Maybe that’s just because these lagers can’t mask those mineral qualities very well.”

Maybe, maybe not. But here’s guessing the Aztecs and Mayans made a mean stout.

Gay couples can take plunge

FROM MARRIAGE PAGE 3

Under the Supreme Court’s regular rules of procedure, justices have until the end of the day June 16 to rule on the stay request, according to the memo sent by e-mail to county clerks. Lawyers involved in the marriage case have said previously the court could grant itself an extra 60 days to consider the stay.

The state directive sent out Wednesday left open the possibility that the legal maneuvering could delay the same-sex marriage implementation date.

“Assuming no legal developments to the contrary, the Department of Public Health will recognize the Court’s decision as being in effect beginning June 17, 2008,” it reads. “Should the Courts take other action, additional guidance from the State Registrar will be forthcoming.”

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera submitted a brief Wednesday urging the court to refuse the stay request. Gloria Allred, a lawyer for two same-sex couples from Los Angeles, filed a similar document on Tuesday.

“To deny this fundamental constitutional right to same-sex couples based on speculation about what might happen in November would not merely be inappropriate, it would be inhumane,” Herrera’s filing said.

Postponing the sanctioning of same-sex unions would allow gay marriage opponents “to try to use the Court as a political tool,” Herrera said.

The city’s brief urging a speedy resolution to the debate referenced a poll released Wednesday found that for the first time, about half of California voters support same-sex marriage.

The Field Poll found that 51 percent of respondents backed legalizing same-sex marriage and 42 percent opposed it. A 2006 poll found that 44 percent supported same-sex marriage and 50 percent objected; in 1977, the first year Field posted the question to California voters, only 28 percent were in favor.

“I would say this is a historic turning point or milestone,” poll director Mark DiCamillo said.

The survey of 1,052 registered voters was conducted over the phone from May 17 to May 26 and had a sampling error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

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RISING WATERS: An iceberg off Antarctica. According to Robin Bell of Columbia University's Earth Institute, if the West Antarctic ice sheet were to disappear, sea level would rise almost 19 feet; the ice in the Greenland ice sheet could add 24 feet to that; and the East Antarctic ice sheet could add yet another 170 feet to the level of the world's oceans.

A passage to higher seas is starting to take shape

Dear EarthTalk

Recent NASA photos showed the opening of the Northwest Passage and that a third of the Arctic's sea ice has melted recently. Are sea levels already starting to rise accordingly, and if so what effects is this having?

Dudley Robinson
Ireland

Researchers were astounded when, in the fall of 2007, they discovered that the year-round ice pack in the Arctic Ocean had lost some 20 percent of its mass in just two years, setting a new record low since satellite imagery began documenting the terrain in 1978. Without action to stave off climate change, some scientists believe that, at that rate, all of the year-round ice in the Arctic could be gone by as early as 2030.

This massive reduction has allowed an ice-free shipping lane to open through the fabled Northwest Passage along northern Canada, Alaska and Greenland. While the shipping industry—which now has easy northern access between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans—may be cheering this “natural” development, scientists worry about the impact of the resulting rise in sea levels around the world.

With about a third of the world's population—and 25 percent of Americans—living within 300 feet of an ocean coastline, sea level rise is a big deal. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, made up of leading climate scientists, sea levels have risen some 3.1 millimeters per year since 1993.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) reports that low-lying island nations, especially in equatorial regions, have been hardest hit by this phenomenon, and some are threatened with total disappearance. Rising seas have already swallowed up two uninhabited islands in the Central Pacific. On Samoa,

thousands of residents have moved to higher ground as shorelines have retreated by as much as 160 feet. And islanders on Tuvalu are scrambling to find new homes as salt water intrusion has made their groundwater undrinkable while increasingly strong hurricanes and ocean swells have devastated shoreline structures.

WWF says that rising seas throughout tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world have inundated coastal ecosystems, decimating local plant and wildlife populations. In Bangladesh and Thailand, coastal mangrove forests—important buffers against storms and tidal waves—are giving way to ocean water.

Unfortunately, even if we curb global warming emissions today, these problems are likely to get worse before they get better. According to marine geophysicist Robin Bell of Columbia University's Earth Institute, sea levels rise by about 1/16” for every 150 cubic miles of ice that melts off one of the poles.

“That may not sound like a lot, but consider the volume of ice now locked up in the planet's three greatest ice sheets,” she writes in a recent issue of Scientific American. “If the West Antarctic ice sheet were to disappear, sea level would rise almost 19 feet; the ice in the Greenland ice sheet could add 24 feet to that; and the East Antarctic ice sheet could add yet another 170 feet to the level of the world's oceans: more than 213 feet in all.” Bell underscores the severity of the situation by pointing out that the 150-foot tall Statue of Liberty could be completely submerged within a matter of decades.

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Preservationists say gas drilling imperils ancient rock carvings

BY MIKE STARK

Associated Press Writer

WELLINGTON, Utah Along Utah's Nine Mile Canyon lies what some call the longest art gallery in the world — thousands of prehistoric rock carvings and paintings of bighorn sheep and other wildlife, hunters wielding spears, and warriors engaged in hand-to-hand combat.

But now, a dramatic increase in natural gas drilling is proposed on the plateau above the canyon, and preservationists fear trucks will kick up dust that will cover over the images. And they worry that one possible solution — a chemical dust suppressant — could make things worse by corroding the rock.

"They're irreplaceable," said Steve Tanner, a member of the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition, which wants more done to funnel industrial traffic away from the canyon to protect the art on the sandstone walls. "When they're gone, they're gone."

The more than 10,000 petroglyphs have been a source of fascination and speculation since their discovery in the late 1800s. The art is believed to be the work of the Fremont people, who lived in present-day Utah, Idaho, Colorado and Nevada from 700 to 1300 A.D., and the ancestors of modern-day Ute Indians.

(The canyon — a mix of private and public land — is actually 78 miles long; it might have gotten its name because a cartographer for the 19th-century explorer John Wesley Powell used a nine-mile section in mapping the passage.)

The federal Bureau of Land Management has pronounced it "the greatest concentration of rock art sites" in the country.

But the scrubby, rugged landscape around the canyon is also rich in minerals. Oil and gas development along the West Tavaputs Plateau has been going on since the 1950s, though for most of that time consisted of no more than several dozen wells.

Then, in 2002, Denver-based Bill Barrett Corp. paid about \$8 million for more than 47,000 acres of oil and gas leases in and around the plateau. The area now has 100 to 110 active natural gas wells by the BLM's estimate, and the agency is proposing to allow roughly 700 to 800 more to be drilled over eight years.

Traffic along the narrow gravel road through the canyon would increase from about 107 vehicles per day now to a maximum of 441 per day during peak development, which would probably last two to three years, according to BLM estimates.

As for the effect on the artwork, some warn it would be akin to driving a truck through the Louvre. Others expect the drilling to be fairly benign.

"I don't think we really know what the damage might be being caused right now," said Kevin Jones, Utah's state archaeologist. "I think the resource is valuable enough that we ought to find out."

In 2006, the Bill Barrett Corp. agreed to pay for a study of the possible effects of the dust. Constance Silver of Preservar Inc., which conducted the study, said she found that kicked-up dust that lands on a rock art panel creates "a very serious conservation problem."

At one of the canyon's most famous

spots, a scene depicting a great hunt, dust clouds from passing trucks travel more than 100 feet and linger in the air for at least 10 minutes before settling on the rock carvings, she found.

Another issue raising concern: the use of magnesium chloride on the road to harden the dirt and keep dust down. The salt compound is already being applied in an agreement between the county and the company.

Magnesium chloride has damaged concrete buildings and works of art before, according to Silver's report, and its use around Nine Mile Canyon ought to be "carefully considered." The fear is that it will collect in the pores of the rock and eat away its surface.

This summer, two other kinds of dust suppressants will be tried on the road.

"While there's no definitive information on the effect of magnesium chloride on the art itself, we have enough information we're concerned to the point where we're looking for alternatives," said Brad Higdon, a BLM environmental coordinator.

Company spokesman Jim Felton defended the project, saying if drilling does not go forward, the implications will be "immediate, dire and drastic" given the demand for energy in the U.S. The project would also create nearly 1,000 jobs in the area, according to the BLM.

Bill Barrett Corp. said it has put about \$2 million into improving roads in the area, including rounding out curves to make them safer and building a route that moves traffic away from one of the most famous panels. By the time the project is complete, the rock art won't be any worse off and visitors will have a better experience, Felton said.

"There are those out there trying to create a false paradox, that you must either protect the artifacts or allow for oil and gas development," Felton said. "They're not mutually exclusive deals."

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is among those who have come out against the drilling project. He said Nine Mile Canyon is of "global importance" as a "historic document that we don't yet know how to read."

"The threat is real and imminent and frightening," Moe said in a statement. "If you compare photographs taken last year with photos taken in 2003, you can see what the dust is doing to the images."

The Environmental Protection Agency, commenting on the draft proposal last week, said the BLM needs to do more work on evaluating the air quality effects of the project and consult with the National Park Service about ways to protect the rock art from dust. The agency also said that given concerns about magnesium chloride as a dust suppressant, "avoiding the use of this compound appears to be essential."

Already, it seems, the character of the canyon is changing. The site has long been a popular stop for rock art enthusiasts from around the world.

In the past two years or so, visitors' inquiries about the canyon have dropped off as gas drilling and truck traffic picked up, according to Chanel Atwood at the Castle Country Regional Information Center.


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SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)
The wind swell should increase as troughing pushes south from the Gulf. This should also increase the onshore flow a bit. Models though have backed off on this scenario, leaving wind swell maxing out at waist to perhaps chest high high for west facing breaks. Southerly swell will diminish to knee to waist, at best.

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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May 27, 2008

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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 -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 2

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 6

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepulch Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenebris Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	B
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lafayette Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	F
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	B	A+	Venice Beach - projection of Topaz St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zero)	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15048 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWR jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	F	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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MLB

Prior to have major surgery

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO San Diego Padres pitcher Mark Prior will undergo season-ending surgery on his injured right shoulder, the latest medical setback to a once-promising career.

Padres manager Bud Black announced the decision to operate before Sunday's game against the San Francisco Giants. Prior, one of the top young pitchers in the game for the Chicago Cubs just a few years ago, has not pitched in the majors since Aug. 10, 2006.

He had been trying to make a comeback with his hometown Padres this season, but his rehab process was shut down at extended spring training about two weeks ago when he had more soreness in the shoulder. Prior, 27, had surgery on the same shoulder in April 2007 while with the Cubs.

"I can't imagine how frustrated he is," Black said. "It looked like everything was on course. Then to have this happen I'm sure is extremely frustrating. I'm upset for him just because there was such confidence from him about how he felt."

The operation to repair the anterior cap-

sule in Prior's shoulder will be performed at Scripps Clinic as early as this week by team orthopedics Dr. Heinz Hoenecke and Dr. Jan Fronek.

The Padres won't know when, or if, Prior will be able to pitch again until after the operation.

"I think that will be determined once they go in and see what they have to repair," Black said.

Prior began throwing in January and was slowly making progress in hopes of a return to the majors. As recently as last month, the Padres still hoped Prior could make it back to the mound this season. But he never made it far enough to appear in a game at any level.

"You never know until you really step up the intensity," Black said. "And the fullest test of intensity is game action and he didn't get that far."

Prior, who is 42-29 with a 3.51 ERA in his injury-plagued career, last pitched in 2006 when he went 1-6 with a 7.21 ERA in nine games for the Cubs. He was the second overall pick in the 2001 amateur draft out of Southern California and went 18-6 with a 2.43 ERA in 2003, finishing third in NL Cy Young Award balloting in his first full season in the majors.

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Relax to music tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your thoughts and focus revolve around money and a need to possess. Surprisingly, your sixth sense kicks in. Listen to your inner voice. Someone is making a situation more confusing. Separate reality from fantasy. Tonight: Take a walk or run some errands. Don't stay home too long.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Work with others carefully, though you might need to restructure your day. Give up any rigidity regarding schedules or situations. A child might be pulling the wool over your eyes and enjoying every moment. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Despite what a boss says, you are able to sort facts from fiction. A meeting pops with surprises and a possible new avenue or direction. Tonight: Much-needed personal time.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Don't question what is happening, but also zero in on basics. You might feel that someone needs more guidance. Certainly interactions could be lively and sporadic. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Visit and share information with a trusted friend or loved one.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You have a lot on your mind. Still, you couldn't be clearer when more information heads in your direction. A boss acts in a surprising manner. You will be asking why. Just accept. Tonight: Pick up the phone and catch up on a friend's news.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Focus on work and errands, and perhaps schedule an appointment to get your hair cut or with the dentist. As you see an upset brewing, you also see the way through. Lie back and be an observer. Tonight: A partner acts up.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Reach out to friends. Schedule appointments, and don't forget a meeting, which could prove to be more informative than you realize. Tonight: Call it an early night.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ When you see a problem, you automatically seek a solution. A child or loved one might be a focus of concern. Communication could be erratic at best. Relax and have some faith that others will come around. Tonight: Do for yourself right now.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Go to the head of the class. New information could be nothing less than eye-opening. A partner's erratic behavior could have you questioning the bond. Give others space right now. You also might not be perceiving the situation clearly. Time is your ally. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Family continues to be a focus, and a demanding one at that. You might want to relax and not get into an upset. Tonight: A sudden energy surge and need for fun.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision. Brainstorm and see if you might have forgotten a detail or forgotten to incorporate a concept. Seek out experts; do more research. Once you move on this idea, you want it to work. Tonight: Check in on an older friend or relative.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could waffle on an issue or have difficulty focusing on a situation. You breeze from one thought or situation to another. Make that OK. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

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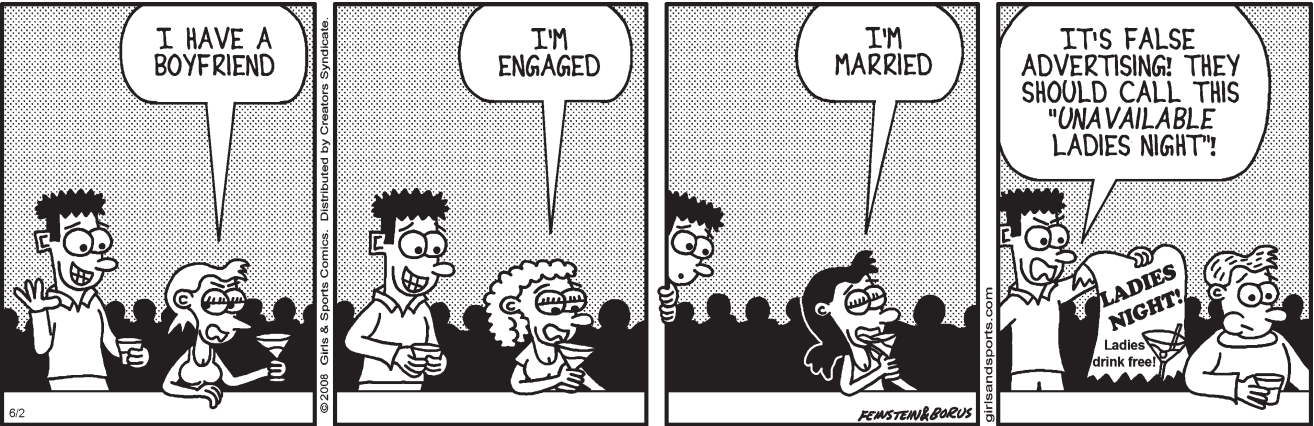
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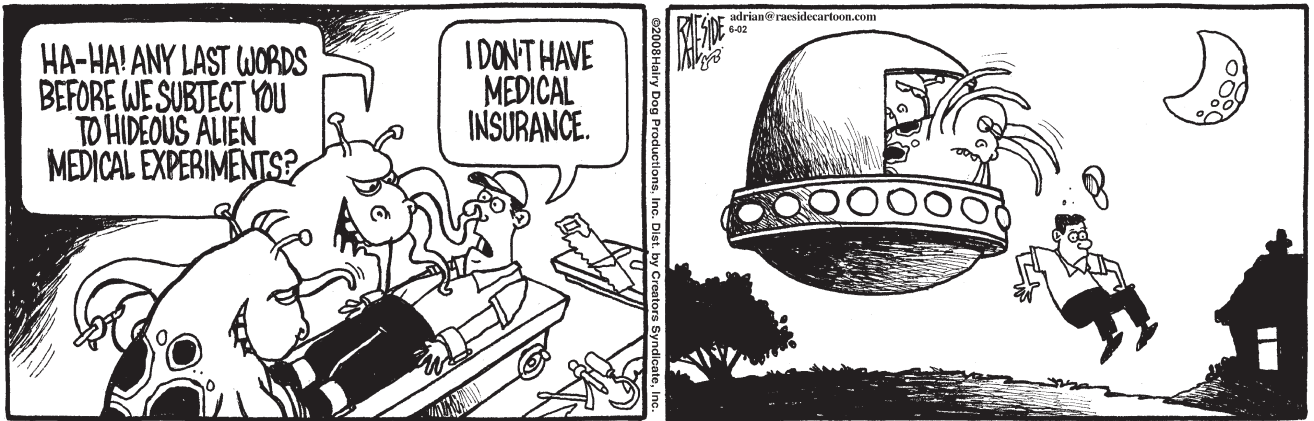
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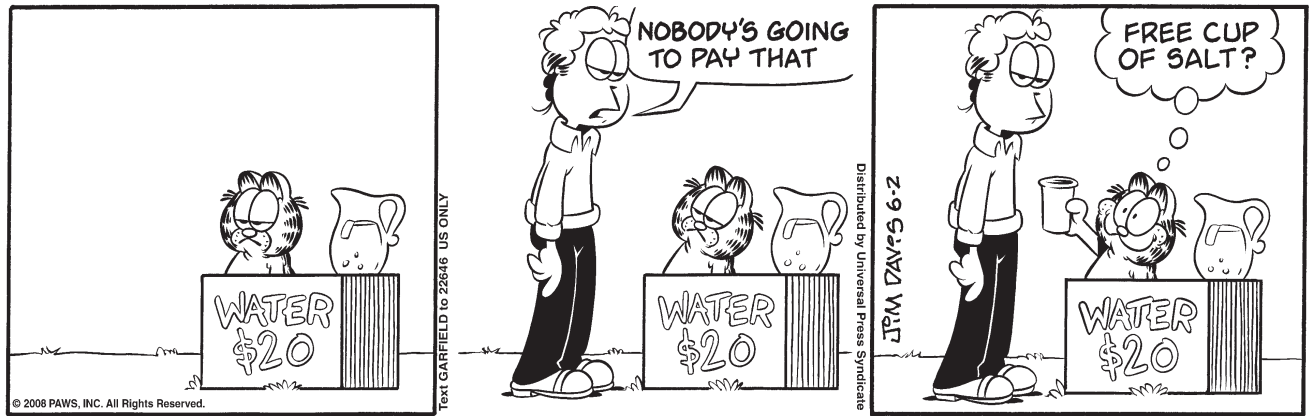
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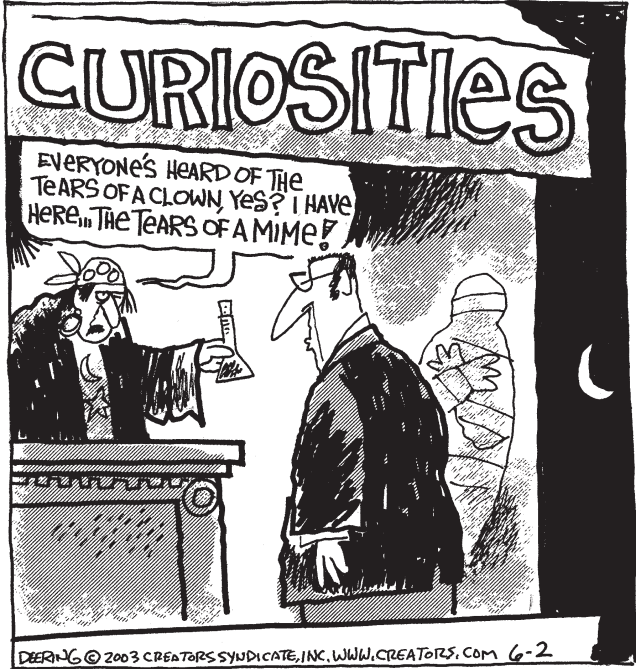


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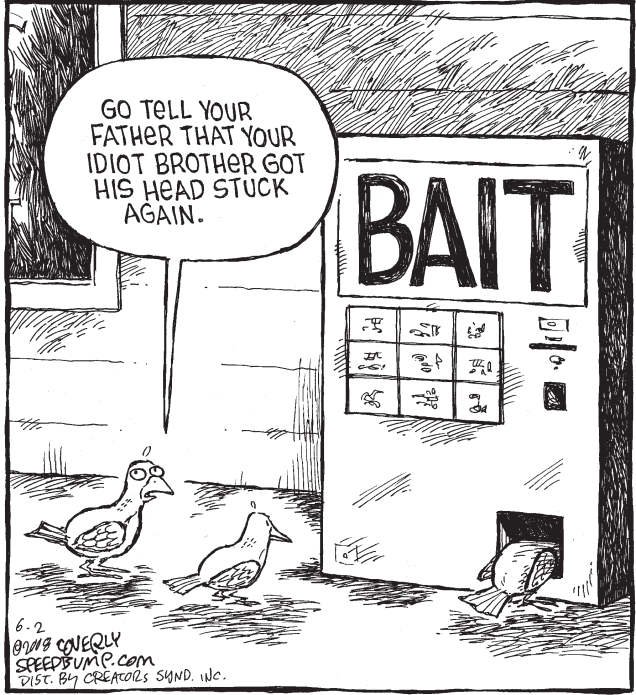
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- 13 Strong suit
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- 15 Genesis name
- 16 Shade tree
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- 19 Food fishes
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- 28 Earth-bound birds
- 29 Circle section
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Poor Ride-Management Plans:

(1) Two teenagers were arrested in March and charged with highway shooting sprees near Waynesboro and Charlottesville, Va., that shut down Interstate 64 for six hours. Surveillance video suggested the perps got away in a 1974 AMC Gremlin, and the only one in the area belongs to the 19-year-old. (2) Three men were arrested in New Orleans in February and charged with possession of almost two pounds of marijuana after police were called to a car on fire, which they said started when the men stashed their dope under the hood, and it overheated.

■ Recurring Themes: (1) Mr. Cash Burch, 24, was arrested in Waterloo, Iowa, in April after he broke into a truck and tried to start it but apparently ran down the battery doing so, which triggered a theft-prevention device that locked the doors, trapping him inside, where he was waiting when police arrived. (2) Justin MacGilfrey, 19, was arrested in February for the attempted robbery of a Circle K convenience store in Daytona Beach, Fla. The clerk had chased him from the store when he realized that MacGilfrey's only "weapon" was a pretend gun he made using his finger and thumb.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1857 English composer Edward Elgar was born near Worcester, England.

1886 President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom in a White House ceremony.

1897 Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

1924 Congress passed a measure that was then signed by President Coolidge granting American citizenship to all U.S.-born American Indians.

1941 Baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

1946 Italy held a referendum which resulted in the Italian monarchy being abolished in favor of a republic.

1966 The U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

1975 Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.

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