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Concerns growing regarding library plan

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BOULEVARD As city officials search possible locations for a new branch library, one local organization is proposing an idea it believes would not only serve the literary needs of residents, but also their postal demands.

The Pico Improvement Organization, which represents businesses from the west to the east ends of the commercial boulevard, recently unveiled a plan for a three- to four-story development that will include a post office on the ground floor, library on the second floor and affordable and senior housing on the upper levels.

The recommendation comes as City Hall evaluates a variety of sites in the Pico Neighborhood for the new branch public library, having previously considered Virginia Avenue Park and an undisclosed spot on the boulevard as candidates. The

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Rubin makes like a tree and leaves Treesavers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Nearly two years after co-founding the Santa Monica Treesavers to fight the destruction of the ficus trees along Second and Fourth streets, local peace activist and City Council gadfly Jerry Rubin has decided to step down from the organization.

The former City Council candidate, who was arrested last year for chaining himself to

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

A CLOSER LOOK: **Sharon Maloney surveys construction from her home at Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Tuesday afternoon.**

Role reversal?

City Hall accused of being a bad landlord by residents

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

EASTSIDE While landlords often complain about City Hall being unresponsive to their concerns, it is a group of residents living at a city-owned mobile home park who say city officials are the ones who are turning a deaf ear.

More than a dozen residents at Mountain View Mobile Home Park are refusing to allow inspectors into their units as part of a roughly $6 million infrastructure improvement project, claiming City Hall has refused to comply with proper construction guidelines and will mandate costly repairs that low-income residents can't afford.

Most residents own their units and rent their spaces, or land, from City Hall. The park is subject to rent control.

Residents said they have asked City Hall numerous times for design specs so that they can purchase new mobile homes instead of making costly repairs, but City Hall has not released the information on what units would be compatible. City officials said they plan to do that, and come up with a low-cost loan program to purchase new units, once construction has been completed.

Belinda Van Sickle, president of the Mountain View Mobile Home Park Residents Association, said living there has

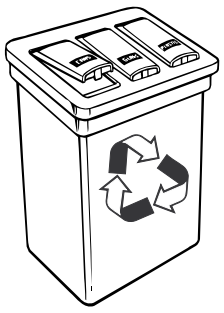
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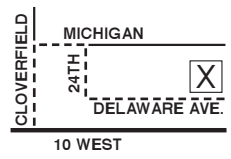


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Ballroom by the bay

Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m., and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Feral cat tips

West Los Angeles Animal Shelter conference room
11361 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
This free workshop is supported by a grant from PetSmart Charities. The workshop will cover a range of topics concerning responsible feral cat care including humane trapping, post-operative boarding, long-term managed care and adoptions. Sign up ahead of time; spaces are limited. Call (310) 820-4122 for more information.

Prose and poetry

Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

Friday, June 5, 2009

A cornucopia of contemporary crafts

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Open through Sunday, June 7, the Contemporary Crafts Market will showcase more than 230 of the nation's finest artists and their unique works. Considered by some to be the crowning event for one-of-a-kind decorative and functional crafts, the show will feature a range of items including jewelry, glassware, ceramics, hand-painted textiles, furniture, and mixed-media creations. All items displayed will be available for purchase and have been chosen by a process of jury-selection to ensure quality. Admission is $7 for adults, free for children 12 years old and younger. For more information visit www.contemporarycraftsmarket.com.

Got milk, Santa Monica?

Third Street Promenade
7 p.m.
The "Got Milk? Mobile Mustache Tour" returns to Santa Monica as part of a the national "Drink Well, Live Well" campaign, encouraging Californians to take advantage of the health benefits of consuming milk regularly. The campaign will run statewide from June 5 to June 14 and will offer a number of other resources to promote healthy living among California residents. Attendees of the event will find five-minute chair massages, souvenir photos, health assessments from a registered dietitian, and of course, ice-cold milk. Admission is free and those interested can find more information by visiting www.whymilk.com.

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.





ROCKING FOR A CAUSE

Photo courtesy Derek Goes

Folk rockers The Makepeace Brothers perform for nearly 1,000 guests, including celebrities like Amy Smart, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Billy Zane, during Heal the Bay's Bring Back the Beach benefit dinner at Santa Monica Airport's Barker Hanger on May 28.

Bus strikes, kills man in Venice

DAILY PRESS STAFF

VENICE A man has died after getting hit and dragged by a bus on Monday.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Devin Gales said Donald Barrett, 40, of Venice, was dragged under the bus before the driver stopped Monday afternoon in the Venice area. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Los Angeles Police officials said the driver of the Metro bus was unaware that he had hit the man at the corner of Rose and Pacific avenues before dragging him to the intersection near Navy Boulevard and Main Street.

A witness is reported to have told the driver about the man stuck under the bus before the vehicle came to a stop. Officials said the driver, whose name was not released, was taken to an area hospital shortly after the incident due to an undisclosed medical condition.

Anyone with information on this accident should call the LAPD at (213) 473-0234.

news@smdp.com. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Senate rejects Pavley's motorcycle smog test bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO A state senator has agreed to water down a bill that originally would have required smog checks for motorcycles.

The state Senate approved the legislation by Sen. Fran Pavley on Monday after she agreed to scale it back. It now goes to the Assembly.

Pavley, a Democrat from Santa Monica, wanted mandatory smog checks for motorcycles. She says they're more polluting than cars and that owners often make them worse by removing the catalytic converters.

Opponents say motorcycles get better gas mileage and that a smog check requirement would be the equivalent of another tax.

The latest version of Pavley's bill drops the smog-test provision. It now merely authorizes law enforcement officers to fine motorcyclists who remove the converters.

If the bill passes the Assembly, it would go to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a motorcycle owner himself.

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Airline passengers stuck at LAX for days

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A China Eastern Airlines flight to Shanghai was scheduled to leave Los Angeles International Airport on Tuesday evening after being delayed for nearly three days and stranding 279 passengers, officials said.

The flight aboard an Airbus 340-600 was scheduled to leave Sunday afternoon, but was canceled after the pilot saw a light come on indicating a problem with the nose landing gear, said Johnny Qian, manager of the airline's local office.

Passengers told the Los Angeles Times they were on the plane for several hours before the pilot canceled the flight. They said they reboarded on Monday and sat inside for an hour on the tarmac before being told to get off again.

Some say they became angry and staged a sit-in in the terminal. Airport police Sgt. Jim Holcomb says officers were called, but no one was arrested.

Qian said it took some time for mechanics to diagnose the problem, and they thought they had resolved the issue Monday. The plane had pushed back from the gate when the light came on again, forcing the pilot to cancel a second time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A solution is needed

Editor:

I am a fifth grader at Roosevelt Elementary School. A few months ago my mother and I were almost run over by three bicyclists who ignored a stop sign while we were in the crosswalk. It was very scary and upsetting. I agree with Mr. Hartzell's letter that the situation with bicycle riders is out of control. Both my mother and I hope that something can be done to make Santa Monica safer for everyone.

Jason Funston
Santa Monica

City needs to reconsider budget

Editor:

Rather than cutting way back on the bloated city work force, administrative costs, and bureaucratic red tape, our City Council elects to protect their incumbency and continue rewarding our city employees, already among the highest paid in the country. They will raise taxes, also among the highest in the country, to compensate for decreased revenues and pay for increases in pensions and medical benefits.

I sure wish I had a pension plan and medical benefits, instead of a sadly depleted 401K. No one is going to bail me out so I can afford to pay for COBRA. I'm hoping I make it to 65 before I have a serious medical condition, like some of my colleagues, who also lost their jobs recently.

I'm just a lowly resident who soon won't be able to afford to live here any more. I would be glad to give up my annual bonus, if I could get a job with the city, "workin' for the man ev'ry night and day." The city will need to hire more meter readers in order to ticket more irresponsible people who didn't run back fast enough to feed the meter more quarters, for each 15 minutes of parking, or inadvertently parked inches too far into the red, because the person parked next to them wasn't considerate enough to give them more space.

A dear friend of mine, who also lost her job recently, was ticketed because her bumper was slightly in the blue handicapped zone. A single mother, struggling to pay her rent each month, lost her appeal, now has to pay hundreds of dollars, and is not allowed to do community service. Shame on her for behavior that dictates her responsibility.

The city can always hire poverty pimps and SMRR board members to push paper, and foster dependency for the homeless, rather than hiring the homeless. Especially since some city contractors hire undocumented workers and increase their profits even more. Meanwhile, construction continues all over the city, and more money can flow into campaign coffers.

Poor Infiniti motors, no longer able to sell cars that contaminate the air. On the bright side, we won't need the beautiful ficus that used to be in front of the NRDC, to replace the toxins in the air, and we can still borrow from that MTBE settlement, to replace the gasoline tax decline.

Of course the decrease in maintenance won't affect the most vulnerable residents; just the tourist areas? Like Deputy City Manager Polachek says, "a very surgical approach."

Jonathan Mann
Santa Monica





Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Why so SERE-ious?

Part 3 in a series about torture

"The guard [was] throwing me into the wall while screaming questions. Then [he] starts throwing me into the railroad tie that the sheet metal is attached to … my head snaps back and connects with the wooden railroad tie. Everything went dark and my knees buckled."

— Ben Unkefer, SERE graduate.

THE "WALL" IS ESSENTIALLY A LARGE piece of slackened corrugated sheet metal supported on either side by a pair of upright railroad ties. The "wall" has the same essential flexibility as a chain link fence. The "wall" just makes a loud bang when you're slammed into it. It's supposed to scare you without causing any serious physical damage.

Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was "walled" yet he was fitted with a padded cervical collar to prevent any potential whiplash/head injuries. If the subjective point of "torture" is about injuring someone, what's the purpose of preventative measures against injury? Please note that U.S. serviceman Ben Unkefer was subjected to a knock out blow without a single human rights activist mewling on his behalf.

Personally, I got "walled" by a guard at SERE school. He looked like a gargantuan embodiment of the Nordic god, Thor. Actually, this dude was so big that he seemed like two Thors stapled together to make one really big Thor! His biceps were so big that they had their own zip code. His forehead was large enough to blot out the sun. His hands were the size of Obama's ego! This guard whirled me around his head like a wet dish rag and then keystroked me into the wall like he was drumming his fingers on a tabletop all the while screaming questions in my face.

Ha! He didn't scare me. I survived Catholic school.

Waterboarding gets all the glamour these days. It's strikingly funny to me, no pun intended, to watch opportunistic liberals who rabidly rail against any-and-everything that is even remotely connected with the "C-word" (conservative) yet now seem compelled to participate in fulsome frottage with politically convenient conservatives over enhanced interrogation techniques.

As the saying goes, "An ounce of hypocrisy is worth a pound of ambition."

Speaking of hypocrisy, take the alleged waterboarding of conservative radio shock jock Erich "Mancow" Muller and his newfound conversion that waterboarding is torture. Is it an inconvenient truth that the Mancow charade was cooked up with the help of Jerry Springer's personal publicist to fluff Muller's sagging ratings? Of course, nothing synonymously spews "journalistic integrity" like the name "Jerry Springer," eh?

Other more ethical arguments address the "good guys/bad guys" scenario of taking the moral high ground against the "bad guys" even if it hobbles the "good guys" efforts to promote the security of the greater society.

My contrarian nature replies that "good guy" Christendom launched the Crusades to answer the Islamic "bad guy" jihad in the Holy Land. The Crusades lasted for approximately 200 years until 1291 and, as a result, we didn't hear a squeak about "jihad" for nearly 800 years thereafter. If that first jihad had succeeded, folks, you would not now have iPhones, beer or "Dancing with the Stars."

How to deal with radical jihadi terrorism? Allow me to quote a famous Muslim's phrase, "By any means necessary." Please contrast this with Mr. Obama's current foreign policy palliative of "Speak softly and carry a functioning teleprompter."

HIS BICEPS WERE SO BIG THAT THEY HAD THEIR OWN ZIP CODE. HIS FOREHEAD WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO BLOT OUT THE SUN. HIS HANDS WERE THE SIZE OF OBAMA'S EGO!

In another salient example, the British empire took approximately 25 years to end the "Golden Age of Piracy" during the 17th to 18th centuries. This was not a Johnny Depp movie, shipmates. It was an ugly, mean, draconian war against non-state actors who owed no allegiance to any country let alone to the nebulous notion of "human rights."

Please notice that there was a distinct downturn in the buccaneer industry after the stimulating interjection of British "find a pirate, hang a pirate" jurisprudence. And the British empire seemed wholly unconcerned and lost little sleep about looking good to the neighbors during the whole bloody affair. Further note that we didn't hear much "yo-ho-ho"-ing out of pirates for about 250 years afterwards.

Is there really much of a difference between a pirate of the 18th century and a modern-day terrorist?

Time magazine recently published a long windy article on the interrogatory strategy of proffering cookies to terrorists to elicit their cooperation and bonhomie. OK, let me get this straight, if baked confections are the supposed key to softening the hearts and minds of radical jihadi extremists then is Time magazine inferring that 9/11 would not have therefore occurred had only a winsome stewardess offered the hijackers a bag of double-stuffed Oreos?

Will the president now nominate Mrs. Fields as our new interrogation czar? Will Betty Crocker and Famous Amos be named to the Joint-Chiefs-of-Staff? Can we expect surge brigades of Keebler Elves to paratroop into Afghanistan and mollify moderate Talibanis with pecan sandies? Does it go well with "hopey-changey" flavored Kool-Aid?

I say we should just give the terrorists the Vienna finger.

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Word in Edgewise

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GOP needs to ditch anti-abortion stance

AN ABORTION IS A SURGICAL PROCEDURE that is sometimes necessary in order to save a pregnant woman's life, so it must remain safe and legal. No matter what we think of the procedure, we can agree that in the most scientifically advanced society in the history of the world no woman should die in childbirth if it's possible for doctors to save her. After all, that's precisely why we have doctors in the first place.

Over the years, the abortion procedure has moved from the world of medicine into the realm of politics, co-opted as the unifying issue that brought fiscal and social conservatives together to elect Ronald Reagan in 1980. The Republican Party has been making political hay out of it ever since. The murder of Dr. George Tiller this past Sunday morning inside the Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kan. should be a signal to these "pro-life" Republicans to finally accept and acknowledge the fact that the abortion procedure is — and must stay — safe and legal before they get more people killed over a Supreme Court case that was decided a generation ago.

I've had this discussion with some of my Republican friends more than once. They usually tell me that it's unfair to blame the party for the actions of a few crazy people. I say that the problem isn't a few people acting crazy, it's that the Republican Party's stated goal on abortion is crazy, so it attracts crazy people to its defense. They want to pass a "human life amendment" to the Constitution, effectively overturning Roe v. Wade and establishing a fundamental right to life for fetuses. That right would take precedence over that fetus' mother's Fourth Amendment right to "be secure in her person, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." So the Republican platform on abortion is that the state should intervene to protect a fetus from its mother and/or her doctor if either attempts to deny that fetus' supposed right to life — and that is certifiably crazy.

Let's say they got their wish, a "human life amendment" was somehow passed, and Roe v. Wade was overturned. Some states would immediately pass laws limiting access to the procedure and others would pass laws banning it outright. This, of course, would not change the number of pregnant women seeking to have an abortion, it would just lead them to travel greater distances to get it — and have the added effect of further reducing access for poor or disadvantaged women. States would then pass laws making it a crime to cross state lines for the purpose of having this surgical procedure, a step that will become necessary after women's health clinics start opening up just across the border of those states where it's still safe and legal.

Establishing a right to life for a fetus would have the (unintended?) consequence of not only criminalizing the abortion procedure, but pregnancy itself. It would create a new class of people (pregnant women), new legislation (pregnancy law), new violations of that law (pregnancy crime), and it would require a new government agency to monitor those people, enforce that law, and investigate those crimes (pregnancy police).

We would then live in a country where the government could go sifting through medical waste from OB/Gyn offices looking for evidence of possible violations of the pregnancy code, then get warrants to search through some women's medical records based on a reasonable suspicion of an unlawfully terminated pregnancy. Or they could justify stopping women driving near state lines by saying they had reason to believe she might be pregnant and going to get an illegal abortion. The slope could get so slippery as to criminalize the act of impregnating and/or becoming impregnated if it's not done with the specific intent of bearing a child. The net effect of establishing a right to life from the point of conception is to turn women into child-bearing sex slaves with no free will of their own once they become pregnant, compelled by the government to carry to term under penalty of law.

This simply cannot and will not happen in the real world, and the Republican Party needs to admit as much and remove that plank from its platform; if for no other reason than to isolate the crazies within their party who believe they're advancing some kind of political agenda by murdering people for making sure pregnant women aren't hurt or killed by their pregnancy. Then they can get on the right side of history by passing legislation making the specific targeting of health care providers a hate crime.

Believe it or not, the abortion procedure has been good to the Republican Party. They've raised untold amounts of money because of their support for banning it knowing full well it will always be safe and legal somewhere in this country. The failure to square this circle with their lunatic fringe has left a good man dead, a Kansas family without a husband, father, and grandfather and all those women with doomed pregnancies whom Dr. Tiller could have helped with one less medical option.

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The Q Line

Education at a price

A recent Daily Press article revealed that local high school students are finding that a good education is a hard thing to come by during these dark economic times.

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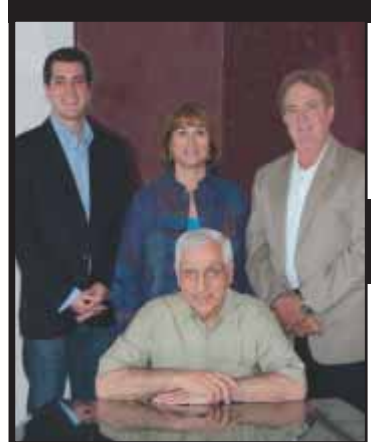
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TRANSPORTATION

Price cuts drive auto sales up

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT Americans bought more cars in May than in any other month this year, drawn by fire sale prices that pushed General Motors and Chrysler's sales above expectations despite their forays into bankruptcy protection. Overall sales were still 34 percent lower than a year ago.

But low gas prices encouraged the sale of bigger gas guzzlers while small cars stacked up on dealer lots. That could be a problem for the Obama administration, if the demand for more fuel-efficient vehicles drops just as it is forcing the U.S. auto industry to produce more of them.

"The great migration away from fuel efficiency is once again under way," said Mike Jackson, chairman and chief executive of AutoNation Inc., the nation's largest automotive retailer. "The price of gasoline determines the type of vehicles consumers buy. Period."

All major automakers including Toyota and Honda posted drops from last year, with Ford Motor Co. benefiting from the financial woes of its Detroit competitors and recording the smallest decline at 24 percent.

GM and Chrysler have pegged their recoveries to fuel efficiency — Chrysler with small cars from Fiat SpA, GM with new American-built compacts and subcompacts, and both with plans for electric vehicles. It could take months of expensive gas for people to buy their new products.

Almost every small-car model saw significant drops in sales compared with May of last year, which was a record month for many models as gas headed for $4 per gallon.

Honda's Civic was off 61 percent, Ford saw Focus sales drop 54 percent, and GM's Chevrolet Cobalt was down 52 percent. Even Toyota's Corolla, the perennial small-car leader, saw sales drop 55 percent.

Yet sales of Ford's midsize Fusion jumped 9 percent, with four-cylinder engines making up 70 percent of the sales. Chevrolet's Malibu sales were down 11 percent, a far lower decline than the rest of the market.

Jackson said gasoline price instability makes it difficult for automakers to decide what models to produce and dealers to decide which ones to stock.

"I was an idiot last July when I didn't have enough fuel-efficient vehicles, and now I'm an idiot because I have fuel-efficient vehicles," he said in an interview Tuesday, calling for a revenue-neutral gas tax increase to keep the price stable at $4 per gallon.

Early in the month, Honda had thousands of Civics stacked up in the lots of a closed Ford plant west of Cleveland, stored there from factories in Ohio and Canada. Many have since been shipped to dealers, the company said.

Jackson said all automakers' small cars suffered, but Honda was hit harder as a company because it is the most fuel efficient.

INSURANCE

Obama may be open to taxing health benefits

ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama is leaving the door open to taxing health care benefits, something he campaigned hard against while running for president, according to senators who met with him Tuesday.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., raised the issue with Obama during a private meeting with the president and other Democratic senators and later reported the president's position: "It's on the table. It's an option."

The White House said later that Obama did not want to go that route.

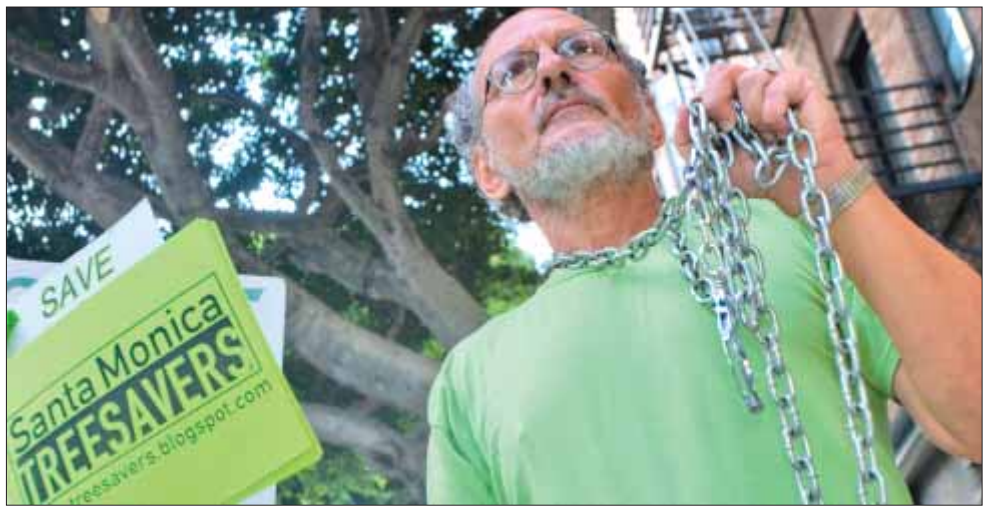
"The president made it clear during the campaign that he has serious concerns about taxing health care benefits," Obama spokesman Reid Cherlin said in a statement. "He stated again his belief that health reform can't wait another year, and that while all options should be considered, those options should include the revenue proposals that he included in his budget."

The federal government would reap about $250 billion a year if it treated health care benefits given to employees like wages and taxed them.

Baucus and others are eyeing that money as they search for ways to pay for a costly health care overhaul that would extend coverage to 50 million Americans who are now uninsured. That could cost some $1.5 trillion over 10 years.

The president adamantly opposed health benefit taxes during the campaign, arguing they would undermine job-based coverage, and he criticized Republican presidential rival John McCain for proposing a sweeping version of the same basic idea. But since taking office he and members of his administration have indicated openness to almost all suggestions from Congress on health care, including taxing benefits.

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DEFIANT MOMENT: **Jerry 'Peace Activist' Rubin holds up chains he hoped to not have to use in his fight last year to save the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets.**

Treesavers move toward a more structured organization

FROM **RUBIN** PAGE 1

a ficus tree on Fourth Street, announced his resignation shortly after a Treesavers gathering last week when members voted to formalize the organization with a new structure, which will include the establishment of a governing board and a set of rules, one of which mandates that no person will speak on behalf of the organization unless a vote has been taken on the particular issue. The members of the governing board have not been decided.

Rubin said his decision to leave is not based on the restructuring of the group, but rather a desire to work more cooperatively with city officials, in particular Community Forester Walt Warriner, who has been a target of criticism by many of the Treesavers. His wife, Marissa Rubin, has also resigned.

While the Ocean Park resident said the organization will hold a special place in his heart, he was tiring of the name calling against several city officials and suspicion of their every step.

"I feel it's always important to be able to voice your concerns and the Treesavers did that," he said. "I always encouraged peaceful protest, but there is a time right now when we need to acknowledge the good things the city has done and not just criticize what we think are negative things."

There has been some speculation of tension building within the group between Rubin and the other Treesavers. Rubin said that he acknowledges that his leadership has been "flawed and overbearing" at times and felt that he did facilitate too many of the meetings. Another newly added rule for the organization will require that a meeting facilitator/chair be a rotating position.

Members of the organization said they were surprised by the resignation and have encouraged Rubin to remain.

"Jerry did a lot for the Treesavers, not only getting arrested, but financially paying for all the filing fees," Susan Hartley, one of the co-founders, said in reference to the legal and city application fees that Rubin paid.

Hartley said that some members felt restructuring the organization would also allow them opportunities to grow their leadership and activist skills.

Cosmo Bua, who has been with the organization since the beginning, said that Rubin has been indispensable to the Treesavers.

"We were a very loose association and Jerry was heroic," he said.

Bua added that he doesn't think the resignation symbolizes a rift between Rubin and the Treesavers.

"Jerry just wanted a more open sort of association of people," he said.

The Treesavers held its first meeting in the food court of Santa Monica Place in September of 2007, attracting roughly two dozen people and a television news crew. The organization as well as the public's awareness of the campaign grew rapidly in the ensuing months as media coverage expanded across the country.

The group was also co-founded by filmmaker Chris Paine and Dan Jansenson. Today there are about 600 members in the organization, about 60 of which are active, Hartley said.

Approximately 23 trees identified as structurally deficient were removed from Second and Fourth streets as part of a downtown improvement plan. Another seven were relocated. Fifty four were originally slated for removal.

Rubin said he will try to work with city officials on tree matters and has applied for a seat on a newly formed task force that will advise on the development of the urban forest master plan. He also plans to ask the City Council to establish a tree hugging day in Santa Monica.

"I will always feel a connection to Treesavers," he said.

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Part stalled flight

FROM LAX PAGE 3

Qian said they needed more time to find a rare part to fix the warning light.

"We couldn't locate the part anywhere in the U.S.," he said. "Usually carriers don't have this as a spare part."

On Tuesday, the airline flew in a mechanic and the part from Shanghai, and Qian said he expected the aircraft to be fixed and ready for takeoff around 9 p.m.

"The latest information is that it looks quite promising," he said.

But by Tuesday afternoon, more than half of the passengers had canceled their trip or made arrangements with other China-bound airlines. Qian said 106 were expected to board the evening flight.

The passengers told the Times the airline had given them several options, none of which they said was acceptable: Receive a refund on a one-way fare only; buy their own tickets to China on another airline; or wait until the problem is resolved.

Qian contends the airline offered them full refunds, and paid for them to stay at a nearby hotel and for their meals during the wait.

"Safety is of utmost importance, we don't make any compromises on that issue," he said.

China Eastern claimed on its Web site that it's the only international carrier offering nonstop, daily flights between Los Angeles and Shanghai. However, the airline scaled back service last month and this month as passenger traffic fell amid the economic slowdown.

In April, the Shanghai-based airline reported its net profit fell 81 percent in the first quarter from the same period a year earlier.

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Library proposal gets mixed reaction

FROM LIBRARY PAGE 1

neighborhood has the highest concentration of minority and low-income residents in Santa Monica and is one of a few in the city without its own branch library, the closest being the Fairview library on Ocean Park Boulevard.

Those with the organization believe the mixed-use development, which would be located somewhere on Pico, would help revitalize the commercial street, bringing more pedestrian life.

Robert Kronovet, who heads the Pico Improvement Organization, said the project could be placed at what he calls "functionally obsolete properties," which are single story buildings that are of an odd shape and have limited parking spaces available. He said there are a number of such places on Pico, including several that are currently occupied by automobile-related businesses and liquor stores.

"The library would bring more diversification," he said. "It would say to the community and the whole Westside of Los Angeles that Santa Monica is concerned about Pico Boulevard, which is a major thoroughfare."

But some residents have expressed some concerns with the proposal, believing it would be out of scale with the neighborhood.

"It's an enormous project," Maria Loya, the co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA), said. "We don't want a big box development in our neighborhood."

The PNA has taken an official stance to support placing the library on Pico Boulevard and not directly in Virginia Avenue Park, which City Hall just expanded several years ago.

"We feel that we can still have a library and a post office but not overwhelm our community with such a huge development," she said.

Loya also questioned whether the housing portion of the proposal would actually be affordable.

"Our biggest attribute in the Pico Neighborhood is cultural and economic diversity," she said.

Some residents expressed concerns of how the Farmers' Market would be affected if the library is in the park. City officials have said that the library could be situated in a zone reserved for the market, but be placed in a way that would have minimal impact.

The cost to open a branch library at Virginia Avenue Park is estimated to cost $12.8 million. A library on Pico would command $30 million, including construction and site acquisition. The annual operating cost would be about $870,000 at either location.

Greg Mullen, the head librarian for the Santa Monica Public Library, said there are benefits to locating the library at either the park or elsewhere on Pico. A park branch would be convenient for the local youth who are already accessing afterschool services on the same site. But a library could serve as an anchor for redevelopment on Pico Boulevard, he said.

"Ultimately it's up to the community and the council to decide and give us direction to move forward," he said. "Our interest is to provide the best possible services that we can."

In regard to the Pico Improvement Organization's proposal, Mullen said he would prefer to see the branch library on the ground floor.

"Programmatically, single-story and first floor would work out better for us," he said.

Julie Rusk, the human services manager for City Hall, said that while a library would lead to a synergy of programs at Virginia Avenue Park, she understands concerns about the loss of open space that would come as a result.

"It seems to me we're very fortunate to be in a community to have this kind of debate and discussion," she said. "Wherever it lands, it will be a value added to the city."

Tom Avila, the owner of Avila Architects at 33rd Street and Pico Boulevard, seemed intrigued when informed about the proposal on Tuesday. He said if located on Pico, the library should be situated between businesses.

"They should put it in an area where people could have a variety of things along with a library," he said. "The main library in Downtown in some ways is good because there's a lot of activity around it and they feed off one another."

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City Hall stands by contractor's work

FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW PAGE 1

been "like living in a war zone."

"It feels like we are not living in Santa Monica, but some third world country with no environmental laws and no guidelines to protect residents," she said.

City officials said the inspections are necessary to identify possible safety hazards that could be life threatening and must be completed before Southern California Edison will activate the new electrical system. The project includes new roads and curbs, plus a new sewer system and natural gas hookups instead of using propane, which can be dangerous.

Tuesday represented the last day for inspections. Of the 78 units occupied at the park, tenants in 15 have failed to comply, said Melissa Lindley, a senior administrative analyst with the Housing Division, who is overseeing the project.

City officials plan to ask for a court order granting them permission to enter the units. Residents who do not comply with the inspection warrants could face prosecution. Lindley said eviction has not been discussed.

"We've had a good experience to date as most people understand that we just want to make sure units are safe," Lindley said. "We will work with anyone who shows they have a financial hardship."

So far inspectors have found minimal safety violations — such as a lack of smoke detectors — that are inexpensive to fix, city officials said, and those who can show a financial hardship can qualify for financial assistance to make those repairs. Lindley said two tenants have made inquiries.



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WORK IN PROGRESS: **Resident Sharon Maloney walks by the construction at Mountain View Mobile Home Park on Stewart Street on Tuesday afternoon.**

Van Sickle and tenant Cris Mcleod, who rents one of the few city-owned units, said some tenants are facing thousands of dollars worth of repairs and have still not been reimbursed for damages caused to their vehicles and other property during construction.

Lindley said residents whose property is damaged can talk with the site manager to work directly with the construction company or can file a complaint with risk management at City Hall, but Van Sickle claims she has not received a penny for damages she suffered. She has also filed for a rent decrease because she has lost the use of her parking space.

Construction began more than a year ago and the intensity of working in such a confined space for that length of time can create tension, which project manager Eric Bailey said could be the reason for the handful of residents holding back. Bailey said representatives from the Building and Safety Division have been on site nearly every day during construction, and while there are have been setbacks that occur with any project of this size, there have been no safety hazards or violations.

"It's a big project, with heavy equipment, excavation and in area that is small with residents who quite frankly are used to being left alone," Bailey said.

Bailey did admit that some residents had to be relocated when workers struck a gas pipe and heavy rains flooded the muddy streets, blocking access to a couple of units. Work had to be done after construction hours on one occasion to help clear the streets. Car wash coupons have been offered to residents to help keep their cars clean, along with air filters to cut down on the dust and debris, Bailey said.

"We are hoping that these residents can see the big picture of what the park will be when this is finished," Bailey said. "The park will be a great place to live."

Tenants appreciate the improvements being made, saying the park was in bad shape with leaky water pipes. They are grateful and don't want to come off as being a nuisance, however, they feel City Hall has let them down by allowing the contractor to break the rules. They want some answers and guarantees before allowing inspectors in.

"The city is calling on all sorts of changes that will have a negative impact on us and they expect for us to pay for it," said Van Sickle, who believes City Hall should have made it easier for tenants to know early on what types of new trailers they could buy before demanding upgrades. "The question on everybody's list is when can we bring in new units."

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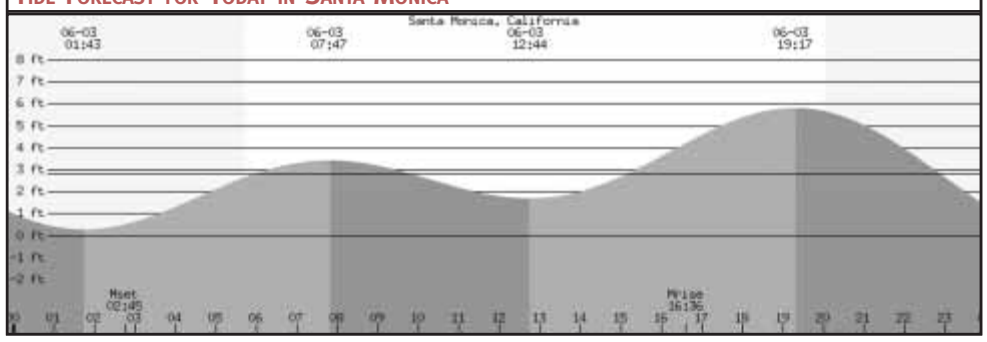
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
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Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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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+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. 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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Earth (G) 1hr 30min
12:50

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Star Trek (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
3:15, 6:10, 9:00

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Up (PG) 1hr 36min
12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
12:55, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:35, 9:00, 10:15

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:05, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:00, 3:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00

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The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Every Little Step (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

O'Horten (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00

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Happy Birthday, Jeff Jarow

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Respond to requests. You could discover just how far off an original idea was. Continue to touch it up with help. Your perspective could change radically within a meeting. Others espouse a cause. Smile and let it be. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Focus on what must be done, as by the afternoon, a meeting, call or unexpected visit could change your focus. When all's said and done, aren't people where it's really at? Don't allow pressure to build. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are so imaginative, you might need to keep writing down ideas. If you want to approach a situation differently, you also might need a sense of direction. Listen to news that is forthcoming from a distance. Plow into a project by midday. Tonight: Working late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might be slow to get going. Make that OK. You will more than make up for lost time later on. You also might be more open to an effective shortcut. If you are pushing someone too hard, he or she will let you know it. Keep work and friendship separate. Tonight: Stay lighthearted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving. At first, what appears to be difficult might not be once you dive in. Others will add to your ideas and bolster your ego. You feel as if you are in command of your ship. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your expenses could be exploding. Pull back and get feedback from a pal. Be careful, as you are likely to pick someone to talk about financial issues with who might be extravagant. Tonight: Don't forget a special friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your personality opens doors. You know you have charm. And you know how to use it. Nevertheless, there are limits! Careless spending is a possibility because of a demanding partner. A black cloud passes quickly. Tonight: Pay bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take care of a personal matter. Midday, others start looking for you. Fortunately, you have the energy to meet them and get past a problem, which could stem from another's frustration or pent-up anger. Tonight: Make a choice that pleases you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to others' opinions openly. In fact, a conversation becomes lively and full of ideas. You depart a brainstorming session feeling replenished and well connected to this group. Tonight: Get extra rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A must appearance might develop a volatile note. Someone might have held back anger or frustration. Creativity bubbles up. A child or loved one could throw a tantrum as well! This person wants your attention. Tonight: Where friends are. Let off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ In the morning, you find many like minds with other good ideas. Keep sharing and stay open. Good feelings vibrate between you. Take a long-overdue stand in the afternoon. Use care with machinery. Tonight: A must appearance.

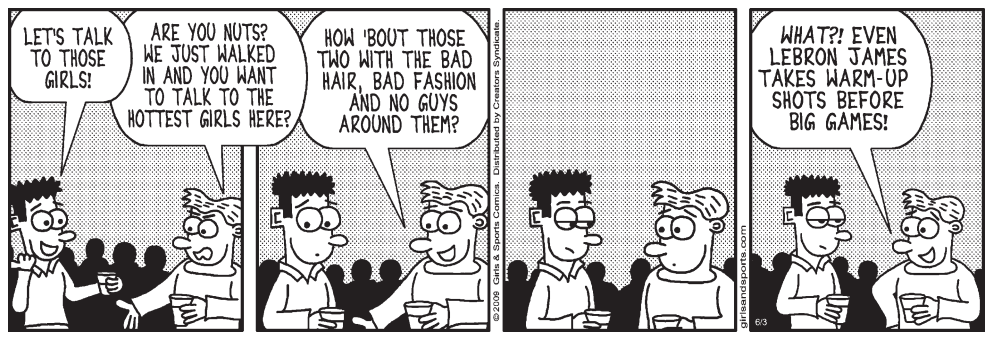
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A partner needs your one-on-one attention. The two of you can iron out a problem. You will land on your feet. Your imagination could prove to be a resource here. Listen to others as well. Detach and think. Tonight: Go for a new spot or a different approach.

Happy birthday

This year, your imagination could define your reality. That same gift provides endless solutions. Your skills as a problem-solver emerge. Others delight in your company. You could discover you have a secret admirer. If you are single, you will have your choice of many different people. Remember, it take at least a year to get to know someone. If you are attached, the two of you could act like newlyweds. You will want to approach your daily life differently, enriching it with more vitality. Express anger or frustration appropriately. SCORPIO works well with you.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
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★★★ Average

Girls and Sports
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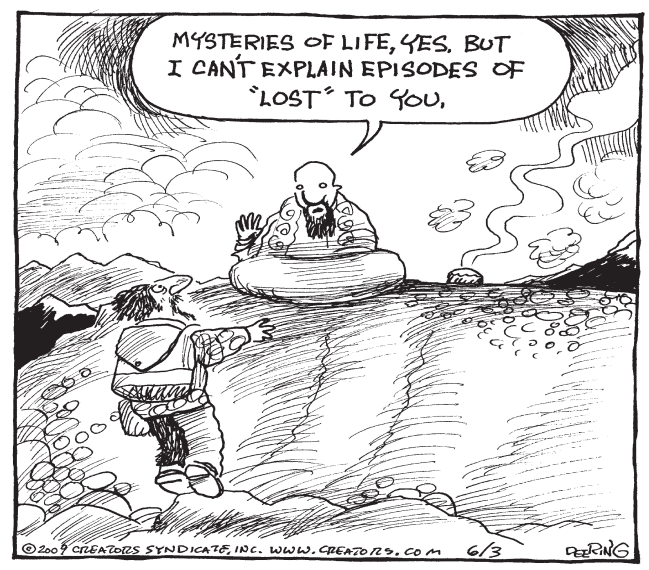
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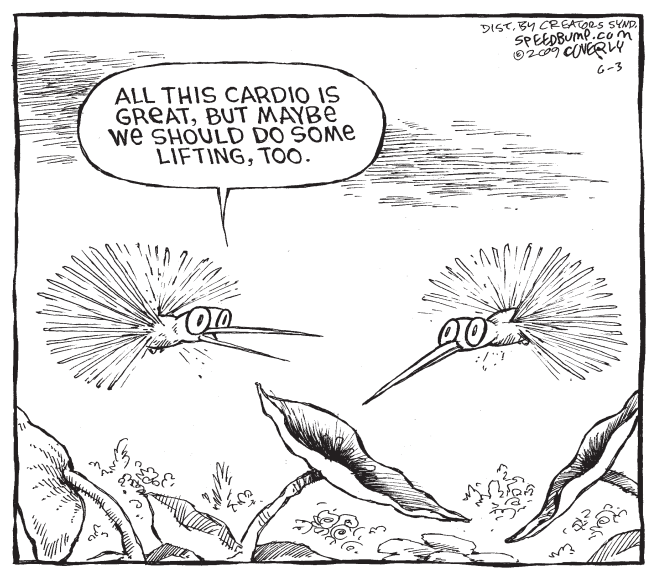
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7	2	8	1	3	9	4	6	5
3	6	4	5	8	2	7	1	9
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Pens for hens
6 Eric of "Troy"
10 "Walk Away —"
11 Circus worker
12 Conform
13 Assumed name
14 Despicable
15 Deceives
16 Gorilla or gibbon
17 Snaky swimmer
18 Icarus, to Daedalus
19 Decline
22 Bud holder
23 Charged atoms
26 Razed
29 Game caller
32 Beatty of film
33 Minuscule
34 Collector's item
36 Enjoy some gum
37 Pal
38 Minos' kingdom
39 Seafood garnish
40 Centers
41 Rating unit
42 Bloodhound's clue

DOWN

1 Tie
2 Antigone's father
3 Ready for action
4 Le Pew of cartoons
5 Harden
6 Hay unit
7 Wrong
8 "Keen!"
9 Fiery crime
11 Speed booster
15 Summer sign
17 Home of the Oilers
20 Volleyball need
21 Silent OK
24 The boonies
25 Make better, as a deal
27 Spanish king
28 Most recent
29 Russian range
30 "Speed-the-Plow" playwright
31 Kind of ballerina
35 Noted lab assistant
36 Gator's kin
38 Includes in an email

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1888 the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

1965 astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

1968 pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio, known as "The Factory," by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist.

1983 Gordon Kahl, a militant tax protester wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota, was killed in a gun battle with law-enforcement officials near Smithville, Ark.

1989 Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. SkyDome (now called Rogers Centre) opened in Toronto.

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MITCHELL, KAREN MARIE
Born June 2, 1965, Karen died March 5 at age 43 after a lengthy illness.

Karen is the daughter of Diane (Mitchell) Holliday, Napa, and Larry Mitchell, New Mexico; step-daughter, Piercy Holliday, Napa and Sandy Mitchell, New Mexico; sister and sister-in-law, Kelly and Brian Casteel, Folsom; and step-sister, Sari Holliday Jansen, Davis. She is loving aunt of Garrett and Cayla Casteel, Folsom; step-aunt to Aisha and Farris Zayad Holliday, Davis; niece of Hal Nickle, Sonoma; Gary and Tina Nickle, Discovery Bay; and Helen Nickle Gallagher, Walnut Creek. Karen is cousin of Greg and Jennifer Nickle, Granite Bay; Jennifer and Michael Reynolds, Napa; Doug Nickle, Sonoma; Monica and Tim Connors, Ohio; Theresa and Michael Amador, Sacramento; and of 11 second cousins. Karen is pre-deceased by grandparents Irene and Harold Nickle, Florence and William Mitchell, aunt Sharon Nickle, and uncle Leonard Gallagher.

Karen attended St. John's Elementary, Justin Sienna High School in Napa and received her BA degree at Sacramento State University. For the past 19 years she resided in Santa Monica where she worked as Director of Security at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Disneyland and the Getty Museum. Karen was cared for during her last six months by her family; Irma Escobar; Barry Glasser; Dori Wilkerson and Russ Benglen. At Karen's request she was cremated with no funeral service. Her family and friends will gather to celebrate her birthday and life on June 7. To attend, call Diane, at (707) 280-7260. Donations c/o charity of your choice.

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