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PARKING

Preferential, but ideal?

Permit parking has spread, but not everyone is happy

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK It was only two months ago when a simple trip to the grocery store would always take an extra 15 minutes for Elan Glasser, a time spent on an unwanted neighborhood tour, repeatedly traveling up and down the streets, all for a parking space within reasonable distance of his home.

The problem in Glasser's neck of the woods was attributed to the driving-age population at adjacent Santa Monica High School, students utilizing the free street spaces in the neighborhood, causing residents to bemoan the inability to park in front of their homes.

"During the week it was just next to impossible to find parking near my house," Glasser, a filmmaker, said. "When guests came (during the day), they would have to park two blocks away."

The issue was resolved in mid-April when City Hall began installing preferential parking signs on residential streets off the southside of the high school, restricting the area to only allow residents with permits.

"Before, it was good luck to find parking on Monday at 10 a.m.," Glasser said. "Now, it's possible to find parking."

While the problem has been solved for residents, high school students say they're now struggling finding a way to get to school, the campus parking lot limited to a few spaces allocated to seniors on a lottery system. Several parents have asked City Hall to work out an arrangement to allow students to park at the Civic Center garage for a lower fee.

Preferential parking has often been used as a cure for residential parking woes in Santa Monica, the 8.3 square-mile city home to approximately 46 such zones, the majority of which is concentrated south of Washington Avenue.

The most recent zone to join the list was established last month, covering the eastern edge of the city, including parts of Stanford, Berkeley, Franklin streets and Arizona Avenue.

The establishment of a zone is prompted by a petition, which must include a consenting vote from two-thirds of residents in the proposed boundaries before it's submitted to City Hall. Once the feasibility of the zone is analyzed, a proposal is presented to the City Council for approval.

Some zones include blocks where preferential parking has not been instituted because a petition has not been submitted. If City Hall receives a petition from one of these blocks, the parking signs can be installed without council approval, according to Ruth Harper, a transportation planning associate.

Permits cost $15 a year for residents, who also can receive up to two permitted guests permits for an additional $15.

Residents have for the most part been satisfied with the results of preferential parking, though some have expressed a desire for more enforcement, Harper said.

But the concept isn't without its detractors, opponents saying that preferential areas just push the parking squeeze to a non-zone block.

Among the opponents is Mayor Herb Katz who has voted against preferential parking zones for the majority of his time on the council, making allowances for

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PLEASED: **Elan Glasser, who lives adjacent to Santa Monica High School, said the parking situation on his street has improved dramatically since preferential parking came into play.**

More charges added

Lincoln teacher pleads not guilty to 9 felonies

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A Lincoln Middle School teacher arrested last month on sexual abuse allegations was charged on Friday with nine more felony counts involving three female students, bringing the total number of suspected victims in the case to eight.



BELTRAN

Thomas A. Beltran, 60, was arraigned on the additional counts at the LAX Superior Courthouse, pleading not guilty to all nine counts, which includes six for lewd acts on a child and three on accusations of continuous sexual abuse.

The nearly 30-year veteran of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District faces life in prison. His bail remains at $3.3 million.

Beltran, a Los Angeles resident, was arrested on May 3 after investigators interviewed a 12-year-old student who claimed she was sexually abused, detectives concluding that there could possibly be other victims. He was charged later that week on 14 sexual molestation counts related to inappropriate conduct with five girls, one of whom was allegedly molested for more than a year.

The new charges relate to alleged molestation incidents that took place between September 2000 and June 2004, the encounters involving three students under the age of 14. Beltran, who was placed on compulsory leave without pay, was a seventh-grade English as a Second Language teacher.

He is due back in court on July 17 to set a date for the preliminary hearing.

The investigation is ongoing, said Jane Robison, the spokeswoman for the District

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Making a wish
Pepperdine University, 9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles invites everyone with a wish in their heart to help raise funds to bring happiness to children with life-threatening medical conditions at the first annual Walk for Wishes fundraiser presented by Mattel, Inc. To sign up, call events manager Alicia Drozen at (310) 788-9474.

Adapting Twain
2437 Main St., 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.
West of Broadway, in association with Reading Is Fundamental of Southern California presents "Huck," an interactive theater adaptation of Mark Twain's classic "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," for children of all ages. For information, call (310) 428-3343.

'I Gelosi'
3116 Second St., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
In the late 16th Century, a theater company takes Europe by storm. But can the troupe survive the wrath of the Pope that results when they satirize him in a play? Inspired by true events, "I Gelosi" tells the story of Italy's first great traveling theater troupe, The Gelosi Company. This production takes place at The Powerhouse Theatre. For information, call (310) 396-3680.

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Picking up esteem
1401 Olympic Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m..
Stop being so hard one yourself. In this free seminar learn why you have low self esteem, how to move past the barriers that keep you stuck, and become the confident, self-assured person you've always wanted to be. Lee Davis has been teaching self esteem classes for over 20 years. Visit www.justasklee.com to learn more about these classes. For more information contact Lee Davis at (310) 230-5163.

The other Jerry's kids
1348 14th St., 7:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
Cubensis brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below every Sunday. Cubensis is known for whipping its faithful crowd into a swirling psychedelic mass for three hours straight. For more information contact 14 Below at (310) 451-5040.

If the glass slipper fits
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
An original Rudie De Carlo musical for kids 2 to 102, "Cinderella" features a charming prince, zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters a mean-spirited stepmother. This is the single most requested show at the Santa Monica Playhouse, voted Playhouse audience favorite for 13 years in a row. Kids $10.50, adults $12.50. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. For more information call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.a

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.



Governor goes after cell phones

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES Starting on July 1, California motorists can be pulled over for using a hand-held cellular phone, and drivers under 18 are prohibited from using either a hand-held or hands-free device.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced these new laws on Friday, hoping to keep drivers informed so that they do not get cited or cause an accident.

"We know that cell phones are the number one cause of distracted-driving accidents," Schwarzenegger said. "Getting people's hands off their phones and onto their steering wheels will save lives and make California's roads safer."

Cell phones can continue to be used by those 18 and older if they have either a wireless or hard-wired head set in one ear. Because motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death among 16 to 20-year-olds in the United States, and because underage drivers are thought to have more difficulty focusing on the road, those under 18 can be pulled over for using any cellular device.

"All of us understand the greatness of technology," L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca said. "We understand that phones help our communication needs be met. But we also know that phones can be deadly in the wrong circumstance, particularly driving a vehicle."

Violations of the two laws carry a minimum base fine of $20 for the first offense and $50 for subsequent offenses. When court costs and other fees are added to the fines, they often double or even triple the amount of the base fine.

Some at the press conference criticized the low penalties, saying that $20 fine would not deter cell phone use. Schwarzenegger responded that the law was a good first step, but that parents should take harsher measures if they find their child is talking while driving.

There will be no grace period to avoid penalties under these new laws and officers can begin issuing citations July 1.

"Habits have to be broken and even my

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LOCAL SPORTS



Michael Middlehurst-Schwartz *news@smdp.com*

MOVING ON: **SMC basketball Coach Jesse Teplitzky (far left) bids farewell to his players. (From left to right) Dennis Twumasi, Keivan Cross, Carl Kindborg, Noah Gottlieb, John Brown III and Derrick Thompson will all be attending other four-year universities next year.**

SMC ballers reminisce

Sophomores sign letters of intent, plan to attend universities in the fall

BY MICHAEL MIDDLEHURST-SCHWARTZ
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Jesse Teplitzky had never been so proud to watch his players sign a sheet of paper.

The first-year Santa Monica College men's basketball coach started the season with a list of goals for his team and his players.

After the Corsairs earned their first winning season and state playoff birth in five years, Teplitzky had most of his list covered.

On Friday, he achieved one of his outstanding goals by watching six of his players sign paperwork to transfer to four-year schools and further their basketball careers.

While two players are still discussing opportunities with schools, Teplitzky said he expects all eight players interested in transferring, including all six of the team's sophomores, will play basketball for four-year colleges.

"We always want to strike at 100 percent (for transfers)," Teplitzky said. "I'm proud to say we did that."

Two SMC players joining Division II schools missed Friday's signing day ceremony at the school. New York Institute of Technology signee Art Braswell was not in attendance while Chris Blackwood had been in a car accident Thursday evening and was hospitalized overnight.

Blackwood sustained an injury to the knee, Teplitzky said, leaving it unclear how his playing career would be affected. Blackwood had been set to sign with Cal-State East Bay.

Sophomores Keivan Cross and Carl Kindborg did not sign with specific schools on Friday but are expected to make their decisions in the coming weeks.

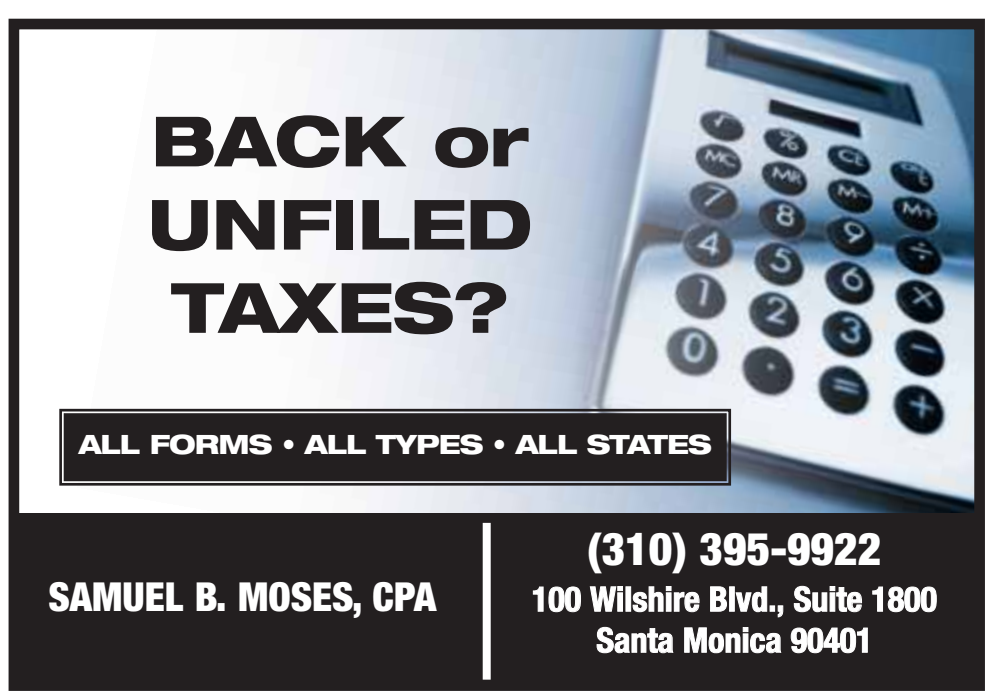
"This is a long process and it's not over for those guys," Teplitzky said.

For the six players at Friday's press conference, the ceremony marked an end to their careers as Corsairs and gave them a chance to reflect.

"I'm happy that it's over and I don't have to run the track at 5 a.m. anymore, but I'm going

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pet insurance problems

Editor:

I read with interest the article about pet insurance ("Health insurance isn't just for humans anymore," page 1, June 6). My experience has not been so glowing. I purchased pet insurance six years ago with VPI when we rescued a small dog. Previously, we had spent thousands of dollars on a diabetic cat and did not want to go through that financial drain again. We bought the superior plan from VPI and currently pay $51 per month (not the $25 to $30 mentioned in the article). Late last year, PJ came down with encephalitis of the brain and it spread to her eyes. She was partially paralyzed and blind for a while. Fortunately she is doing much better now although still on chemotherapy every six weeks, Prednisone twice a week, and gets four different medications in her eyes every morning and three of them at night. Her initial hospitalization was $6,895. VPI paid $1,578 under my superior plan. I have regularly been filing letters of dispute relating to my claims. My expenditures on PJ's illness are approaching $20,000 and ongoing with reimbursement under the superior plan about 25 percent. This is certainly not the kind of protection we envisioned when we purchased the VPI superior (what a misnomer) plan.

Mark Kaiserman
Santa Monica

Someone to believe in

Editor:

At last the Democratic primaries are over. And for the first time in my 36 years as a voter, we have a presidential candidate with whom I'm really satisfied. We finally have a candidate who can lead and who can bring most of us together. It's good to feel enthusiastic about a presidential candidate for a change.

I think we're ready for the usual fears and smears from the right-wing mud machine. Even its current beneficiary, John McCain, was its victim in the 2000 campaign. And we will have to endure more distractions from the issues that are actually important to America. I hope we've seen enough of these tactics so that we aren't fooled by the hoopla.

At last we have a legitimate hope that there is a candidate who can lead our country out of the economic and foreign policy mess that the Bush Administration, with John McCain's help, has created. McCain has a lot of experience at dragging us in the wrong direction.

I am especially encouraged because [U.S. Sen. Barack] Obama is an inspiration to our youth. Obama can unite us and make America stronger because of his ability to inspire us all.

Doug Long
Rio Rancho, N.M.



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Tennis' dirty little secret

THERE'S SOMETHING ROTTEN GOING ON in the sport of tennis, and nobody seems to want to talk about it. Historically, tennis has presented itself as a dignified game. It's a sport of ladies and gentlemen. Players are called Mr. or Mrs./Miss/Ms. So-and-So. They can be penalized for unsavory behavior. So the foundations of the game itself are rattled whenever there is any kind of scandal in the sport. But that's no reason for all of us to stick our heads in the sand — or in the reddish clay — when there is something undeniably going on that warrants exposure. I'm not talking about the current alleged gambling scandal involving some players. I'm talking about something much more serious, something that involves all four of the Grand Slam tournaments. I'm talking about the rain.

Even a casual fan of tennis has to notice that it almost always rains during Wimbledon, as well as the Australian, French, and U.S. Opens. Matches are interrupted, and sometimes entire days are rained out. I often wondered how this rainy weather could so often coincide with the biggest tennis tournaments in the world. And then I went to the French Open at Roland Garros and found out.

As much as the officials and the commentators complain about the rain delays, they are intentional. What am I implying, that those who stage these tournaments want it to rain? Yes, and more than that. I believe that those in charge have found a way to actually make it rain during the championships.

And why, if this were possible would they manipulate the weather so that the games are interrupted by precipitation? They do it so the fans will seek shelter. And where do they seek shelter? In the gift shops.

That's exactly what my wife and I did to get out of the rain when we were at Roland Garros. And we weren't alone. The store was packed, and the cashier lines were long. People were buying all kinds of things with the Roland Garros logo. They were spending their valuable Euros to buy clothes that they would probably wear once, if that. They were purchasing presents for people who would smile and then put the gifts on that high shelf that never gets dusted.

The store was selling things faster than the dollar was dropping. Naturally, they had caps and T-shirts. But they also had beach towels, "players towels," shoes, watches, key rings, head and wrist bands, regular sized tennis balls, huge tennis balls, socks, sweatshirts, and vibration dampeners (which apparently are not sex toys). People bought skirts, shorts, and skorts. They also bought tops, pants, and "overgrips," whatever they are.

I'm not a meteorologist. I'm just a guy who wore his Roland Garros cap all morning today. So I don't know how they make it rain, but the facts don't lie. When was the last time there was a major tournament that had sunny weather every single day? If they had a big championship in Death Valley, I guarantee there would somehow be rain before the semi-finals.

I'll leave it to the conspiracy theorists to figure this one out. Perhaps Oliver Stone will make a movie about it. Maybe there's a cloud-seeding rifle on the grassy knoll at each stadium. Maybe they make it rain with the blimp that's always hovering above. Let's face it, that would be a much better use of it than taking pictures of cars arriving and leaving.

However they do it, I can personally testify that it's a big success. They even had little Roland Garros merchandise stores in other parts of Paris. And sure enough, while we were walking near one of those, it started to rain. We went inside, but showed great restraint. We did not buy the little bottle of red clay dirt that was selling for 15 Euros. That's right. They actually sell dirt. What kind of suckers do they think we are? Of course, if it had only been 10 Euros … .

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The Q Line

Tying the knot

This past week, Q-line asked:
What are your thoughts on gay marriage? Should it be legal?
Here are your responses:

"THIS CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT decision is an abomination. These perverts can do whatever they want privately. But to force this filth on the population is an affront to all decent people. And one wonders how long God will be mocked before he says 'too much already' and that will be the end of us all."

"A PARTIAL DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE is any intimate union. Any couple wishing to say I do at the altar is OK with me. Still, marriage is a contract. When two individuals fall in love and decide to spend their lives together, prudence dictates they have a contractual agreement with one another just in case they fall out of love. Divorce courts are full of couples who were once in love and now cannot stand each other. Now a prenuptial contract offers a soft landing."

"I ABSOLUTELY DO THINK GAYS AND lesbians should have the right to get married. To not let them get married is a sin."

"THEY SHOULD LIMIT REAL MARRIAGES to one man and one woman. Once you let deviants like homosexuals to marry, everybody else is going to want to do it too. ... You have to draw the line somewhere and keep marriage between one man and one woman."

"YES I BELIEVE GAYS AND LESBIANS should have the same rights as heterosexual couples and have the same legal safeguards, financially and health-wise, that married couples enjoy. I think in this country everyone should have the same rights, privileges and responsibilities. Whether you are a man or a woman, black or white, whatever gender, race or sexual-orientation you are you should have the same rights. These are the same tired arguments that they used about interracial marriages that they're now dragging out about gay marriages. It's time this country got over its bigotry and realized we're the United States of America where everyone counts."

"THIS DOES NOT FIT THE HISTORICAL and traditional definition of marriage. How far is this going to go? I just don't think gay marriage is necessary. What do they want to legalize it for?"

"YES I DO THINK GAYS AND LESBIANS should be allowed to marry because a marriage license is just a piece of paper. It doesn't mean anything besides that you were born gay. You don't discriminate against people for the color that they were born so why discriminate against them if they were born gay?"

"I THINK GAYS AND LESBIANS SHOULD have the right to get married. I do not think that marriages should be limited to a man and a woman. I think all of our own white men should mind their own business and not worry about abortions and gay and lesbian marriages."

"THIS THING WITH HOMOSEXUALS is nothing new. The Greeks did it and God destroyed the whole place and it went down in history. They already had homosexuals but they never went as low as to be so arrogant to say they wanted to be married like a man and a woman. That's the only way a marriage is. What more do they want from the world? ... I am sick of hearing about same-sex marriages. There is no such thing. It is going to be more chaos. Stop shoving what you are doing in your bedroom or, better yet, go back in your closet. ..."

"OF COURSE I THINK THAT GAYS AND lesbians should have the right to get married. Of course it's a civil right like any other civil right for any other Christian and it never should have been outlawed like it wasn't in the constitution for women to vote or interracial marriages weren't allowed. It has been a long time coming."

"I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCES FROM A very young age – I am a happily married woman now – but when I was a child my mother had friends who were gay and I also baby-sat children from a very prominent family and I wasn't at all surprised to find out they were gay. So yes, I do think one should allow it because we're supposed to be just and accept people of all races and genders. ..."

"THIS ISSUE IS ALL ABOUT MONEY. Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medical, tax deductions. If the government legislates it, then private industry will be forced to support health insurance, maternity leave and housing. This minority group's greed corrodes the foundation of society, of any society. You must have a moral strength to combat the evils in this life. The corrosive effect of politicians supporting radical gay theology will only continue to weaken an already uninvolved American populous. Let gays support their own lifestyle like all Americans should support their own."

"MARRIAGE SHOULD BE A PRIVATE matter. It's nobody's business if you want to marry an inflatable doll or a Martian with eight sex organs. However, once we give gays legal marriage status, then they will have the right to spousal insurance at work and marriage tax breaks. This will cost a bundle and we will all have higher insurance and tax rates."

"YES I DO THINK GAYS SHOULD BE able to legally do and have the rights that anyone else in the United States can do, including whatever color, race, religion or sexual orientation ... ."

"I HAVE LIVED AND WORKED AMONG many gay people and they have still seemed odd to me, but so what? I'll get used to it. Knowing the benefits that marriage brings, it is not up to me to decide who marries whom."

"I THINK GAY PEOPLE AND LESBIANS should totally have the right to get married. To people who think that marriage should be between a man and a woman, they are limited in their compassion and are just plain idiots. People should have the right to enjoy their lives if it doesn't harm other people. I think it's overdue."

"OF COURSE I THINK GAYS AND lesbians should be allowed to be married. Why not? That's my opinion."

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SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearings will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to discuss general policy matters and issues pertaining to the City's on-going preparation of the new Land Use and Circulation Elements of the City's General Plan. This public hearing will begin the review process of the draft Transportation section of the Land Use and Circulation Element [LUCE]. The agenda and staff report are available at City Hall and on-line at www.smgov.net/planning.

WHEN: Monday, June 9, 2008 &
Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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

City of Santa Monica

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

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

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STRAY talk

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

"[Students] were quite often biking the wrong way down the street or zipping on and off the sidewalk or biking on Lincoln in a hair-raising manner."
— Alison Kendall, PTSA Transportation Committee chair, on the importance of a bike safety class at Santa Monica High School.

"It is a thankless job but I love doing it. I don't need the thanks."
— Aaron Elgart, Samohi grad accepted to the Julliard School Professional Intern Program, about stage managing.

"The question Congress should really be asking then is: 'What non-market factors are distorting supply and demand?' If they sought an honest answer, they would discover that much of the blame lies with Congress itself."
— Alex Epstein, analyst at the Ayn Rand Institute, on gas prices and economics.

"By opening a fueling facility to the public in Santa Monica, it would encourage a lot more people to change to biodiesel."
— Dean Kubani, City Hall's Environmental Programs manager.

"Our primary objective is to ensure that all qualified and eligible voters understand their voting options and know their ballots will be accurately cast and counted."
— Dean Logan, acting Los Angeles County registrar-recorder/county clerk, on Santa Monica's new ballots.

"We have taken all possible steps to ensure that Santa Monica drinking water is always safe to drink and meets the drinking water standards."
— Gil Borboa, water resources manager for City Hall, on toxic leaks into the Santa Monica aquifer

"We are going to go six for six. A couple of them are still waiting, but we expect them to sign on Friday."
— Jesse Teplitzky, Santa Monica College men's basketball head coach, on his players transferring to four-year schools.

"We're on a mission to save the cottage and that's what we did."
— Donna Heidt, homeowner, on the uncertain future of an historic Santa Monica cottage.

"I'm going from a very high growth community with all this infrastructure planning and development to a more mature community that has a lot of amenities."
— Leon Swain, Environmental and Public Works director, on the move from Palmdale to Santa Monica.

"Santa Monica cares about the people and you can't just bring in a business that destroys the neighborhood."
— Steven Fogelman, resident of Stanford Street near South, on the new bar's disrupting presence.

"This is not a decision based on the value of the three properties, but on the value of fair process and making sure that public decisions are made openly and not negotiated unequally."
— Kevin McKeown, City Council member, on the proposed property swap for 1920 Ocean Way.

"Being Santa Monica with a very active resident population, I expect leaders to emerge and to push the envelope."
— Oscar de la Torre, school board president, on the formation of parent group LEAD, which hopes to promote accountability and transparency in SMMUSD.

"I ran to be able to return to Sacramento and continue to work on serious policy issues affecting California."
— Fran Pavley, Democratic candidate for 23rd state Senate District.

"We're going to be a hundred Celtics fans deep for the first game with four or five Lakers fans sprinkled in there."
— Sam Fusaro, bartender at Sonny McLean's and a lifelong Celtics fan, on the NBA Finals and his customers.

"If you love your pet and don't want to be in the position of writing a check or putting your pet to sleep, you should have insurance."
— Laura Lykins, pet owner, on animal health insurance.

"I have my honors and AP classes, but I don't feel accepted there. Then my Latino community feels that I'm betraying them by taking those classes. AVID is right there in the center."
— Liliana Palma, AVID senior, on the importance of AVID on Samohi's divided campus.



Kitchen Vixen

Elizabeth Brown
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Movie theater popcorn make-over

I STARTED WATCHING "SEX AND THE City" when I began my cross country move from a little resort beach town called Ocean City, Md. to Berkeley. I watched the show as a way to inspire me to follow a dream; a dream to develop and host a nutrition science based cooking show, a 20-year dream coming to fruition, or so I thought.

I thought Carrie and her friends would inspire me to be strong as I made this big move completely on my own. I got hooked and was soon able to answer the question, "Why all the hype?"

The draw is because each of these four women represents a part of every woman; the part of us who love to shop because pretty things make us feel pretty. They represent our aspects of strength, intelligence and independence; our innocent and our not so innocent sides. Yes, this cast of characters speaks to each of us.

So when I heard the movie was premiering during the visit of a fellow fan and east coast friend, well, I thought, the timing could not be more perfect. However, timing is everything. My friend was leaving Saturday morning and the movie premiered Friday evening. My friend wanted to go to Catalina on Friday and it would be a tight schedule to get back on time for the movie.

We did make it back on time. Unfortunately I left my energy on the boat that morning when I took a Dramamine to ward of sea sickness. Both of us left our stomachs at sea on the way back. The fast paced ride in choppy waters did nothing to soothe an already upset stomach. I could not even fathom sitting in a theater. Even my more sea faring friend was not feeling very "Sex in the City" ready upon out return. We mutually decided that Carrie and friends would have to be viewed on another day, in separate theaters, on opposite coasts.

When I go to the movies I usually take my own popcorn (shh, don't tell the theater chains) inspired by a recipe I found while visiting a movie theater in a Montpelier, Vt. This popped corn with its flavorful and nutrition packed ingredients is perfect for sneaking into theaters or enjoying during "Sex and the City" reruns in the comfort of your own home. In case you also make the trip to Catalina and find your stomach left at sea, I have included a Ginger soda recipe; sure to soothe all sensitive stomachs.

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"Sex and the City" Popcorn

1/2 cup organic popcorn kernels
2 Tbsp high heat canola oil
Fresh lemon for squeezing onto popcorn (or organic butter, optional)
1/8 - 1/4 tsp sea salt
3 Tbsp yeast flakes (I like KAL brand)

Add oil and popcorn kernels to a medium size sauce pot. Stir the pot to evenly distribute oil and kernels. Set on the burner. Cover with a lid. Listen for all of the kernels to pop. To determine this, do not remove lid and check. You will surely get kernels flying onto the floor. Instead, just listen. When it has been more than 30 seconds since you've heard a pop, remove the pot from the burner and pour the contents into a big mixing bowl. Cut the lemon and squeeze over kernels. If you don't wish to use salt, the lemon makes a nice, similar flavor enhancer. Otherwise, sprinkle with sea salt and nutritional yeast flakes. Mix it up to coat evenly.

"Left My Stomach at Sea" Lemon Mint Ginger Ale
1/2 cup ginger, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup mint leaves, chopped
2 cups water
2 lemons, juiced & pulp, if you like
1/2 cup agave nectar (found in health food section of most grocery stores or health oriented food stores)
eight ice cubes
1.5 liters sparkling water (50 ounces)
1 lemon, sliced for garnishing

In a blender, add 1 cup water and the ginger root and blend thoroughly. Pour into a large cup and set aside to strain. Refill the blender with 1 cup fresh water, the lemon juice (and pulp) and 8 ice cubes; add the mint leaves and blend thoroughly. Strain the water from the ginger and reserve the liquid. In a large pitcher add the ginger flavored water and the lemon and mint water. Add agave or similar sweetener. Add sparkling water and adjust sweetness as desired. Pour into chilled glasses. Garnish with lemon slice placed on edge of glass.

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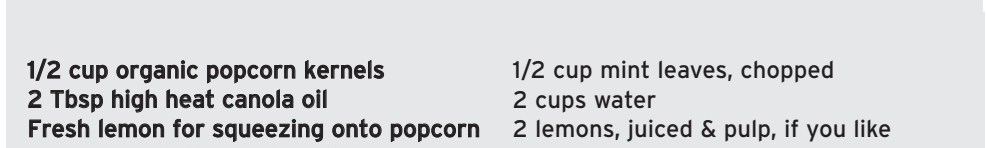
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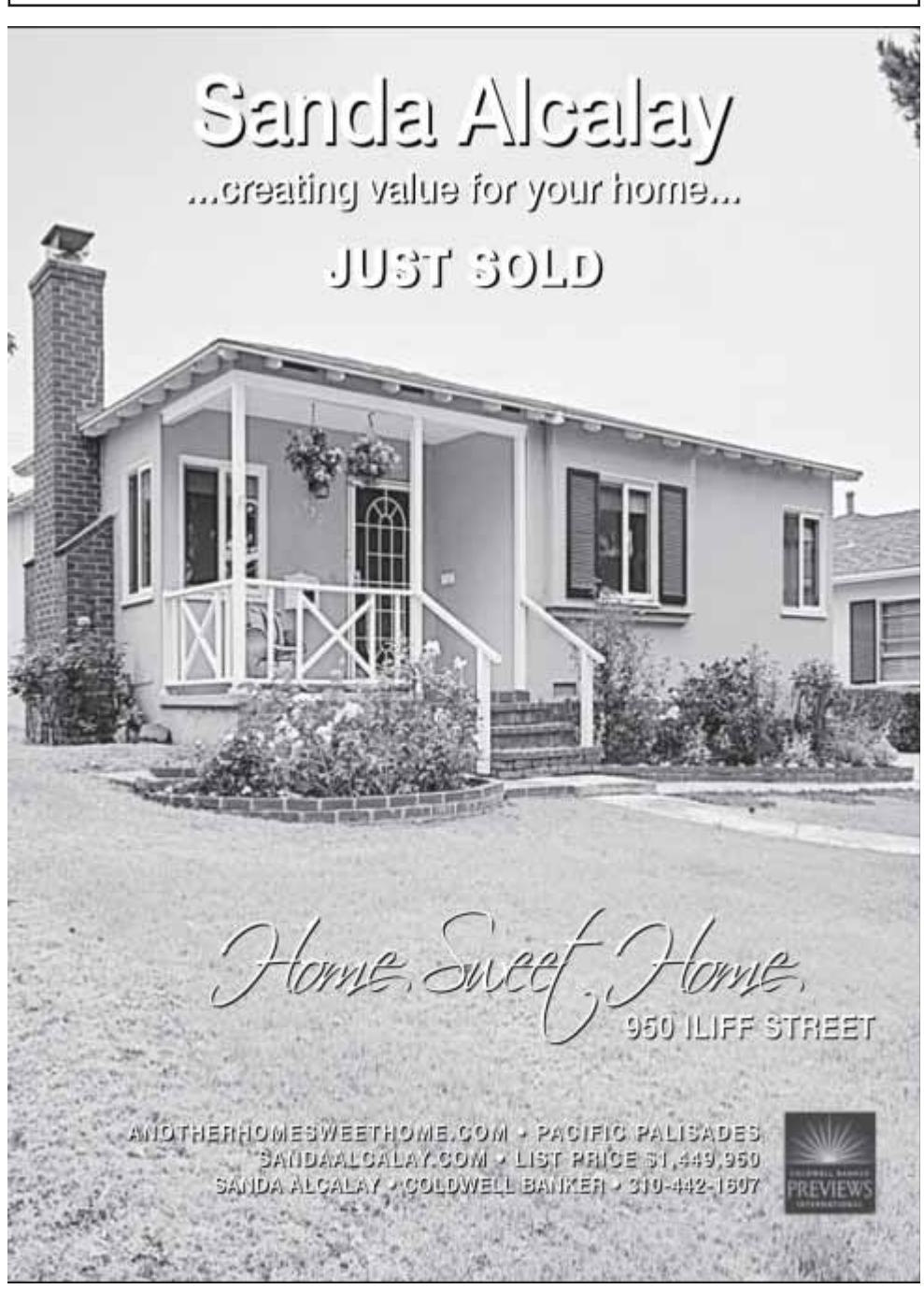


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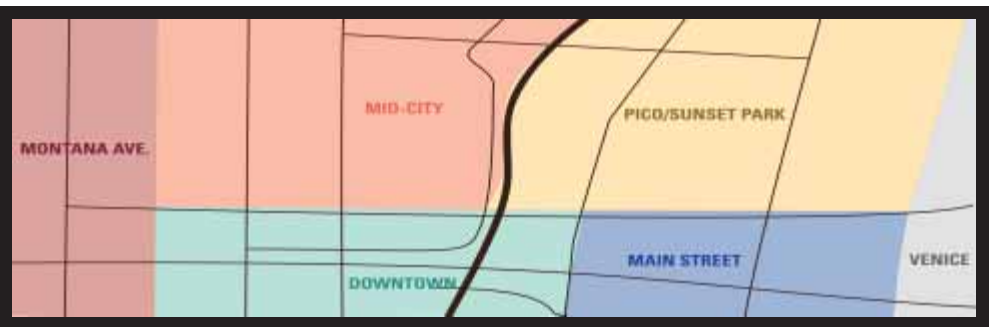


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Pico businesses reach compromise

FROM **PARKING** PAGE 1

zones near Santa Monica College and the neighborhoods with the two major area hospitals.

Katz recalled when a preferential parking proposal for the blocks near the college first came before the council, a time when he served on the dais with former Councilmember Christine Reed.

"She said, 'why not save a lot of time and preferential park the entire city?" Katz said about his former colleague. "She was right."

Katz argued that preferential parking displaces other residents and just pushes the problem down to the next block.

"We are not addressing it if we are expanding it," Katz said.

Jeanne Dodson, who lives in the Wilshire-Montana neighborhood, has seen the phenomenon occur on her own block, which is adjacent to a preferential parking zone.

"It's not just an argument, it's a reality," she said.

Parking is considered to be the number one issue in the Wilshire-Montana neighborhood, the densest part of the city where residents often are at odds with each other over available street spaces.

Dodson said preferential parking would work in areas where the problem is between residents and visitors, which is not the case in WilMont.

A survey by the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition found that the number of dwelling units far outnumber the available street parking spaces, a problem that has been attributed to the number of residents who use their garages for storage, not parking.

The organization is trying to work out a solution where residents will be allowed to park in empty commercial lots along Wilshire Boulevard, the spots underutilized before and after business hours. Dodson, who chairs the organization, expressed disappointment that the parking solutions were not included in the proposed city budget.

"Preferential parking is not the one and only answer and we have to step back and find a better solution," she said.

Rosemary Sostarich, who lives on Ocean Avenue north of Wilshire Boulevard, said preferential parking has helped the residents on her block, benefiting from a zone established recently on the side streets. Preferential parking is not permitted on Ocean Avenue, the areas near the beach restricted by the California Coastal Commission.

"It has helped us because of the influx of people in the summer," Sostarich said. "It's not an ideal solution but it does help."

Councilmember Ken Genser, one of the main supporters of preferential parking, said while the solution is less than perfect, it's the best available for now.

He pointed out that there are numerous ways to institute preferential parking, catering it to the neighborhood in which it will exist, some restrictions near businesses limiting visitors to two hours a day, others banishing them outright.

"It's important to make sure we adjust the specific rules for each district to best balance the competing needs while making sure we protect basic residents' rights," Genser said.

BUSINESS STRUGGLES WITH PREFERENTIAL

Tanie Sims has owned the Clayhouse, a membership-driven ceramic gallery at the 2900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard, since 1995, the business a part of the community since the early 1970s.

The business shared roughly eight meter parking spaces with several other galleries and stores on the small block, the spots mainly occupied by customers until preferential parking signs went up on Yale Street just a few weeks ago.

"Because of preferential parking on Yale, the (employees in) medical office building to the right and left of us and the restaurant across the street all park in those meters," Sims said. "My members have already complained and gotten tickets, driving around and around finding parking places."

Sims said she feared the Clayhouse wouldn't be able to sustain business with the preferential parking on Yale Street, the situation possibly aggrandized by the restrictions recently approved for Stanford, Berkeley and Franklin streets.

"It's kind of crazy," she said. "It feels we're being encroached on."

But residents who live on the college-named streets argue that parking is intolerable on their blocks, unable to find spaces near their homes. Many pointed fingers at the patrons of bars in the area taking spaces.

"We definitely need permit parking where we live," Sharon Gorman said at the council meeting last month. "I have holiday dinners and there's no place to park (for the guests)."

While parking zones can pit residents against businesses, some compromises have been successfully made in other parts of the city, including in the Pico Neighborhood.

A parking program adopted in 2006 allows employees of Pico Boulevard to park on residential blocks along 10th Street that are otherwise restricted. The program underwent a pilot phase in 2006 and was extended permanently last year.



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PROOF: **Residents must pay $15 for preferential parking placards that they hang in their cars to avoid getting a ticket.**

City Hall has issued approximately 22 permits for the Pico businesses, each permit costing $30 for a three-month period, according to Lucy Dyke, the transportation planning manager.

"It works well because people are willing to share spaces on their street and the merchants want a place to park and are willing to follow the rules in order to keep their permits."

Bob Kronovet, the chairman of the Pico Improvement Organization, agreed the program has worked well for the merchants.

"I am very concerned about the residents, I want them to be happy," Kronovet said. "At the same time healthy merchants and successful businesses on Pico is probably the greatest asset for increased property value and safety for residents."

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Roma Langsbard (left) looks through one of the many hand-made kaleidoscopes at David Sugich's "Ultimate Reflections" booth on Friday afternoon at the 23rd Annual Contemporary Crafts Market being held at the Civic Center Auditorium. Sugich (right) is one of many craft merchants displaying unique works of art over the weekend.

District considering stricter abuse policies

FROM **CHARGES** PAGE 1

Attorney's Office.

Facing scrutiny from parents after they learned Beltran was investigated on similar allegations in 2006, the Board of Education reviewed the district's child abuse reporting procedures on Thursday, considering changes that could be adopted later this month.

District officials were made aware of the investigation days after Beltran's arrest, receiving a copy of a letter by then principal Kathy Scott about a student who was uncomfortable with her encounters with the teacher. The letter was submitted to the district by the Santa Monica Police Department.

The letter details a conversation between Scott and Beltran about the student's unease, the teacher responding that he was shocked that his actions were misinterpreted as inappropriate. The principal instructed the teacher not to touch any of his female students, to which he was in agreement.

Surprising to many parents was the incident was not reported to the superintendent and that the district did not have a copy of the letter on file.

"This lack of reporting and record keeping is shocking," Michael Chwe, the parent of two Lincoln students, said. "Equally disturbing is the fact that the SMMUSD has yet to give a coherent explanation for it."

The district's policy in its current form requires that a school administrator who receives a report of sexual abuse must refer it to the police department or county Department of Child and Family Services.

"This has been an issue of a lot of scrutiny," Mike Matthews, the assistant superintendent for human resources, said.

An ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the existing policy convened for the first time last Monday, the parents suggesting the district be responsible for schooling staff and students about the dangers of child abuse, including how to identify warning signs and react appropriately. The committee's suggestions could be folded in with the policy recommendations to the school board.

Among the proposed revisions — which do not include the ad hoc committee's suggestions — already presented to the board, was a requirement that reports of alleged abuse be forwarded to the superintendent.

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> Lincoln Middle School parent

The proposed revisions would also hold the superintendent responsible for providing training on an annual basis.

School board members stressed the importance of moving the changes forward in an aggressive manner. The board could formally adopt the new policy at its June 26 meeting.

Jose Escarce, the board vice president, cited a study that found approximately 9 percent of students in a school district are abused by an educator. If the statistic held true in Santa Monica-Malibu, it would mean about 270 students at Santa Monica High School would have been abused at one point, Escarce said.

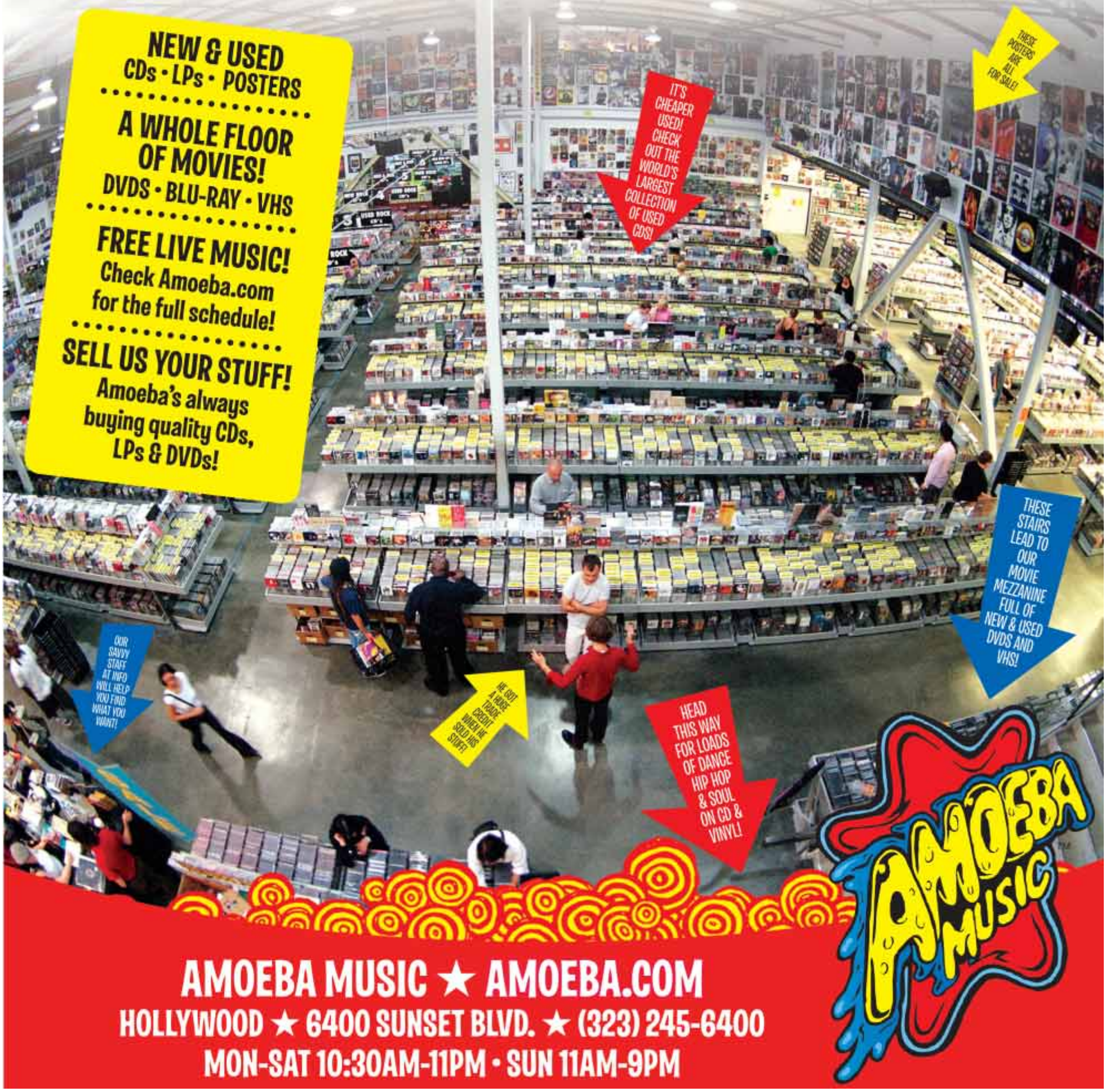
"You learn the reason a student gives as to why they do not report these things is they believe they won't be believed," Escarce said. "The really sad thing is even when accusations are made and even when they turn out to be true, often nothing happens … . To read about that is truly astonishing."

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Some say fines are too low

FROM **CELL PHONES** PAGE 3

own bad habits will get broken when it comes to driving with a cell phone," Baca said.

While no actual points will be assessed on DMV records, the infraction will still show on a driving record.

"New, inexperienced drivers need to focus their full attention on operating a vehicle and not be distracted by phone calls," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow.

According to CHP statistics, 1,091 crashes in 2007 were blamed on drivers using hand-held cell phones. A total of 447 people were injured in those crashes. According to the CHP, cell phone use is the leading cause of distracted driving collisions in California.

Exceptions to both rules will include emergency situations (calls to law enforcement, health providers, the fire department, etc.) and operating a vehicle while on private property. Neither law applies to passengers in cars. Operators of vehicles requiring a Class "A" or Class "B" driver's license, such as large trucks, can use a push-to-talk device such as a Nextel through 2010.

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SIGNING OFF: **Corsair Dennis Twumasi (left) signs with Cal State East Bay on Friday as teammates Keivan Cross and Carl Kindborg look on.**

Transfers vow to work harder

FROM **BALLERS** PAGE 3

to miss it," said Dennis Twumasi, who signed with Whittier College. "We made history and I've never been a part of history like that."

Atlanta native Derrick Thompson balked at the idea of moving to California and playing at SMC when Teplitzky first called him to pitch the idea. Thompson said he didn't know if he could make the transition to living on the west coast.

But even though he is returning to the south to play at Stillman College in Alabama, Thompson said he found a home away from home in Santa Monica.

"Coming out to the west coast, I didn't know what to expect," Thompson said. "But after talking to Coach T more and more, I began to trust him and realize he had my best interest in mind."

Thompson thanked Teplitzky for providing assistance and moral support when Thompson withdrew from school at one point to take care of family concerns.

John Brown, III also expressed his gratitude to Teplitzky for his help in the recruiting process. Despite having another year of eligibility remaining to play at SMC, the Cincinnati native decided to sign a scholarship with Lynn University.

The players also took time to briefly look forward after reflecting on their past achievements and accolades.

Venice High graduate , who finished fifth all-time on the Corsairs' career scoring list and signed with Chaminade University, noted that each player had an opportunity ahead of him, as well as plenty of work to do.

"It doesn't end here," Gottlieb said. "You don't play as hard as you do on the playgrounds and the courts and have it all end at SMC."

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Ed McMahon talks about possible home foreclosure

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Ed McMahon blames the possible foreclosure of his multimillion-dollar Beverly Hills house on a set of problems all too familiar to many Americans: a foundering economy, health problems and poor planning.

"If you spend more money than you make, you know what happens," McMahon said Thursday night on CNN's "Larry King Live." "You know, a couple of divorces thrown in, a few things like that. And, you know, things happen."

McMahon, 85, appeared with his wife, Pamela. The couple said they are $644,000 behind on their mortgage payments and are in negotiations with lender Countrywide Home Loans Inc. to set a foreclosure date.

McMahon, in a neck brace, said he had stopped working since he broke his neck in a fall 18 months ago. He didn't elaborate.

McMahon, who was Johnny Carson's sidekick on the "Tonight" show, said the house had been on the market for two years and that although 50 organizations or individuals had looked at it, no one had made an offer. Documents show McMahon has a $4.8 million mortgage on the home.

"It's like a perfect storm," he said. "Economy problems. Selling the house right now is a tremendous operation."

McMahon bought the six-bedroom, five-bathroom, 7,000-square-foot house in January 1990. The mansion, which is listed at $6.25 million, is in a gated hilltop section off Mulholland Drive called The Summit. Britney Spears is among his neighbors.

Mars lander poised to bake soil, then test it

BY ALICIA CHANG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The Phoenix lander is getting ready to sniff the Martian soil for signs of life-friendly elements after scooping up a handful of dirt near the north pole, researchers said Friday.

New photos sent back by the spacecraft show its 8-foot-long robotic arm hovering over a miniature oven, ready to dump seven tablespoons inside where the soil sample will be heated and studied for its chemistry.

Scientists hope to measure the amount of water and type of minerals in the arctic soil to determine whether the environment could support primitive life. In particular, they are looking for hints of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen in the sample.

"We're very curious whether the ice that we think is just under the surface here has been melted and modified the soil," said chief scientist Peter Smith of the University of Arizona, Tuscon, who leads the $420 million mission.

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LA teachers stage 1-hour walkout

BY CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Teachers hoisting protest signs and yelling into bullhorns skipped class Friday in the nation's second-largest school district to protest a state budget they contend will cost their district $353 million and lead to cutbacks.

Many of the 48,000 teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District spent the first hour of their school day on the sidewalks outside their campuses. The union, United Teachers Los Angeles, estimated most teachers were taking part, although district officials said they had no immediate figures.

"Our preliminary reports are that tens of thousands of teachers and thousands and thousands of parents have joined picket lines," union president A.J. Duffy said.

The protests ended peacefully and there were no arrests, police said.

The teachers demonstrated against a proposed budget by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that would increase state education funding by $193 million next year. The 2007-08 state education budget was $56.6 billion.

The district says that despite the increase it will face a $353 million shortfall because the funding does not take into account increases in the cost of living and because the education budget reduces special funding for some programs.

The state is facing an overall $15.2 billion budget deficit.

"The governor is just as frustrated as the teachers are with the broken budget system," said Aaron Mclear, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger. "He hopes they reconsider this action. LAUSD will be better served by having teachers in their classrooms."

The district said teachers would be docked an hour's pay for the missed classes. Luther Burbank Middle School mathematics teacher Godfrey Awuchi said it was worth it.

Study puts $2.1B price tag on writers strike

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

HOLLYWOOD A new report has determined the Hollywood writers strike could end up costing California's economy $2.1 billion.

The study, released Thursday by the Milken Institute, also projected a net loss this year of 37,700 jobs directly and indirectly tied to the entertainment industry.

The three-month strike shut down production of dozens of TV shows before a contract deal was reached in February.

Effects of the walkout are still rippling across California's $1.6 trillion economy.

Many of those who lost their jobs were not hired back, and the strike's effect was magnified because those who lost their jobs cut back on spending, the study said.

The effects of the strike were expected to diminish throughout the rest of this year and be barely noticeable by early next year, the study said.

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So much for trimming the pork

BY ANDREW TAYLOR AND JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON The practice of decorating legislation with billions of dollars in pet projects and federal contracts is still thriving on Capitol Hill — despite public outrage that helped flip control of Congress two years ago.

More than 11,000 of those "earmarks," worth nearly $15 billion in all, were slipped into legislation telling the government where to spend taxpayers' money this year, keeping the issue at the center of Washington's culture of money, influence and politics. Now comes an election-year encore.

It's a pay-to-play sandbox where waste and abuse often obscure the good that earmarks can do.

An examination of many of those earmarks by The Associated Press and two dozen newspapers participating in a project sponsored by the Associated Press Managing Editors found much greater disclosure since 2006 but no end to what has become ingrained behavior in Congress. Assisting the project were two nonprofit and nonpartisan watchdog organizations — the Sunlight Foundation and Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Millions of the dollars support lobbying firms that help companies, universities, local governments and others secure what critics like Republican presidential candidate John McCain call pork-barrel spending. The law forbids using federal grants to lobby, but lobbyists do charge clients fees that often equal 10 percent of the largesse.

Earmark winners and their lobbyists often reward their benefactors with campaign contributions. For many members of Congress, especially those on the Appropriations committees, such as Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., campaign donations from earmark-seeking lobbyists and corporate executives are the core of their fundraising.

Rules forbid lawmakers from raising campaign funds from congressional offices, but members and their aides sometimes find ways to skirt them.

"I know a bunch of members that if you go in to see them, somewhere in the conversation they somehow say, 'Well, we were looking through our list of campaign contributors and didn't happen to see you there,'" said Frank Cushing, a lobbyist with the National Group, which lobbies on appropriations bills. "Is there a quid pro quo? No, not directly, but you'd have to be pretty dense not to figure it out."

The explicit campaign solicitations usually take place in the days following a meeting where an earmark is discussed.

"You can ask any lobbyist in town. You bring a new client in to see a member and everything is nice-nice and you have a good meeting and everybody's exchanging business cards," said another lobbyist who focuses on earmarks. "Within 48 hours, the clients and their lobbyist — me — will get a fundraising phone call." That lobbyist requested anonymity, saying there could be no conversation on the subject without it.

For all the outcry, most earmarks have much to commend them. Just because a lawmaker arranges a project for his home district doesn't mean it isn't worthy.

But many also go to causes or projects that, on the surface, don't appear all that necessary.

Anti-pork watchdogs, for example, point to the $1.8 million in five earmarks for Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, which ran $8 million in the black last year and has embarked on a four-year, $100 million fundraising campaign. With that kind of money, why should taxpayers fund a $400,000 program earmarked by Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama to help the aquarium conduct a program aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency, watchdog groups ask.

Despite such questions and public outrage over high-profile earmarking abuses, the system that now-jailed lobbyist Jack Abramoff once called "the favor factory" is still running full tilt. Congress disclosed 11,234 earmarks totaling $14.8 billion in bills covering government spending this year, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense, a Washington-based watchdog group. The White House puts the total at $18 billion, including the amounts that lawmakers added to what President Bush sought for specific projects.

A new earmarking cycle begins this month as the House and Senate Appropriations committees reveal spending bills for the 2009 budget year that starts Oct. 1. The House committee alone has 23,438 earmark requests before it, so many that its Web site for accepting requests froze up and the deadline for receiving them had to be extended. Lawmakers are unlikely to obtain many earmarks in time for Election Day, but they may tout them in hundreds of press releases anyway.

Defenders of earmarks note that the Founding Fathers explicitly gave Congress control over spending. And earmarks make up less than 2 percent of the annual spending bills passed each year.

"Representatives can better judge their districts' needs than some bureaucrat," Rep. Nancy Boyda, D-Kan., wrote her constituents this year.

Critics say too many earmarks go to a few powerful lawmakers such as Murtha, who by himself and in concert with others earmarked $176 million in 2008 federal spending.

Most of the 440 members of Congress who are not members of the House or Senate appropriations committees go along in order to get a sliver of the pie, even as many of them cry out for change.

"Initially, with great enthusiasm, you fight for your communities," said Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., who says he's sworn off earmarks until new reforms are put in place. "But the return is that you have to support the whole process and therefore, you're supporting everyone else's earmarks."

Examples abound of lawmakers winning earmarks for specific companies or institutions, and then receiving campaign contributions from the recipients or their lobbyists.

TPI Composites, a defense contractor, received $2.4 million to develop a new all-composite military vehicle in the 2008 defense spending bill. The benefactor was Rep. David L. Hobson, an Ohio Republican who sits on the House defense appropriations subcommittee. The Columbus Dispatch reports that TPI executives have donated $10,000 to Hobson in recent years and that a TPI lobbyist has contributed $5,000 to his campaigns since 2003.

"I don't look at how much money people have given me," Hobson, who is retiring at the end of this year, told the Dispatch. "I don't care who gives me money. If we don't think (an earmark) is good we won't do it. At some point you have to say to yourself, 'Do I trust the person in this office to do the right thing and stand up and say no at the right time?' People shouldn't have voted for me if they thought I could be bought."

Gold Rush letters reflect hard life in early Nev.

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. Brothers Hosea and Ethan Allen Grosh were jubilant after they discovered a "monster ledge" of silver in the parched mountains of present-day Nevada in the summer of 1857.

The sibling-prospectors' never prospered from the find, however. In fact, both went to early graves without realizing they were on the verge of locating one of the world's greatest bonanzas: a massive, underground pocket of silver and gold known as the Comstock Lode, about 20 miles southeast of Reno.

But their sad story has a new and brighter final chapter now.

Historians say the real treasure trove is more than 80 letters, recently acquired by the Nevada Historical Society, that the brothers wrote from Nevada and California mining camps from 1849 to 1857.

The letters are among the most important Gold Rush-era documents to surface in modern times because of their rich detail about life on the rough-and-tumble frontier, said Fred Holabird, president of Reno-based Holabird-Kagin Americana, one of the country's largest sellers of Western Americana.

"In quality and content, those letters rank among the very best for telling what life was like back then. It wasn't for the weak-hearted or the weak-bodied," Holabird said.

A century and a half later, the correspondence also documents the obscure tragedies of two devoted, hardworking brothers who experienced the worst luck.

The sons of a Universalist minister in Marietta, Pa., the Grosh brothers arrived by ship in San Francisco in 1849 to find a tent city "growing like a mushroom," full of grog shops and gamblers.

But they faced problems from the start in the West, suffering from dysentery soon after arriving, and both were ill off and on until the end eight years later. Like most 19th century prospectors, they endured hardship and continual setbacks and never struck it rich.

"We have done very — very — bad this winter. Bad luck is at our fingers' end ... The gold seems to vanish — it's not 'thar,'" Ethan Grosh wrote in 1855.

A year later the brothers expressed more optimism.

"By February we will probably have either our certain fortune, or make a complete failure. Things look very bright & promising," they wrote.

But just when their hopes were highest, Hosea Grosh died in September 1857 of an infection after striking his foot with a pick near present-day Virginia City. That winter, his brother died near Auburn, Calif., of complications of frostbite after being caught in a Sierra Nevada snowstorm. Hosea Grosh was 31 and his brother 33.

"The universe conspires, doesn't it? It really has little regard for us people," said Grosh descendant Charles Wegman of Haskell, N.J. "Sometimes the roll of the dice doesn't roll in your favor."

Wegman, 47, a great-great-great grandson of the Groshes' brother, Warren, stunned historians by disclosing the letters' existence in 1997. In April, the Nevada Historical Society celebrated the end of a 10-year fundraising effort to purchase them, paying $210,000.

Kenneth Owens, a professor emeritus of history at California State University, Sacramento, said it's extremely rare for historical documents to turn up after such a long time.

"I can't think of a collection of letters from the Gold Rush era that large and detailed," he said. "They are really exceptional."

The letters survived two structure fires a century apart in the East. While they were protected in metal boxes, the heat singed portions of most letters and destroyed a few lines in some.

The poignant letters about the brothers' deaths read like a Hollywood script, Holabird said.

"I take up my pen with a heavy heart, for I have sad news to send you," Ethan Grosh wrote to his father, A.B. Grosh, in a Sept. 7, 1857, letter. "God has seen fit in his perfect wisdom & goodness to call Hosea, the patient, the good, the gentle to join his Mother in another & a better world.

"I thought it most hard that he should be called away, just as we had fair hopes of realizing what we had labored for so hard for so many years," he added.

The grieving father's reply is dated Oct. 25, 1857:

"I have no words that will describe our feelings of grief and sorrow at the news contained in the (letter). I read only the first lines, and feeling utterly unable to control my feelings or voice, uttered the words, 'Hosea is dead!' and ... retired to our room, whither Mother soon followed me, and we wept long and sadly together," he wrote, referring to his second wife; the sons' mother had died.

"Oh, how often have we mourned over your united failures, disappointments and misfortunes; and hoped, almost against hope, that the tide might yet turn, and bring you both back again, to our arms."

Tragically, just two months later, Ethan Grosh would be dead after he and a companion, Maurice R. Bucke, spent about two weeks trapped in the snowbound Sierra.

In a letter from Last Chance, Calif., that is also part of the collection, Bucke wrote of their ordeal, saying they buried themselves in snow to keep from freezing.

"I said to Allen that we might as well lay there until we died, but he said that as long as he could crawl he would not give up ... On the 10th (Dec. 10, 1857) the miners from Last Chance came up and hauled us down on sleighs to this place ... (The doctor) did not get here until the 19th it was then too late poor Allen died a little while after he got here ..."

Historians believe the Grosh brothers struck silver on a branch of the Comstock Lode, though their deaths prevented them from cashing in.

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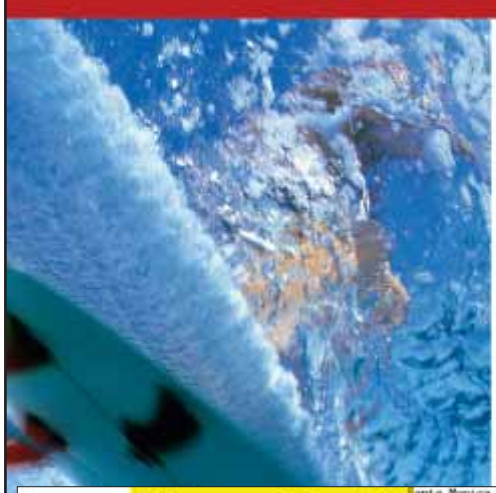
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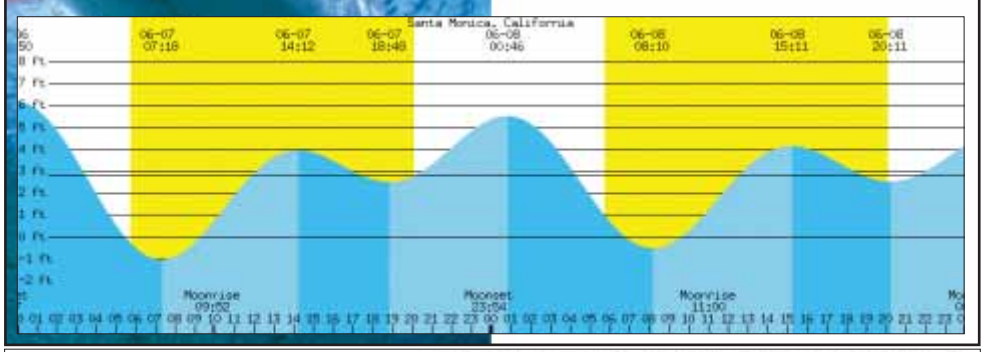
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Long Range Synopsis

SW increases Monday...
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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alitos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	D	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	C	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
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
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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
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ns -- no sample taken

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NOTICE OF A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearing to Review, Comment and Provide Direction on Land Use & Circulation Element (LUCE)
LOCATION: Citywide
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to continue its review of the LUCE Strategic Framework (Land Use and Circulation Element). Over the last few years, the Community and the City have worked intently together to develop a cohesive and inclusive vision for the future of Santa Monica.

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DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, June 17, 2008 AT 6:45 PM
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor,
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MOVIETIMES

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

The Outlaw Josey Wales (NR) 2hrs 15min
7:30

High Plains Drifter (NR) 1hr 45min
7:30

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1441 Third Street Promenade

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull 2 hrs (PG-13)
11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30

Made of Honor (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:15 a.m., 4:20, 9:30

Baby Mama 1 hr 36 min (PG-13)
1:50, 7:00

Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

Speed Racer (PG) 2hr 15min
12:30, 3:35, 7:15, 10:15

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) 2 hrs.
10:30 am, 12:00, 1:15, 3:00, 4:10, 6:00, 7:05, 9:00. 10:00

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) 2 hrs 20 min
1:00, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30

The Strangers (R) 1hr 47min
10:45 a.m., 12:50, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15

Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 1hr 51min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min
10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
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Young@Heart (PG) 1hr 47min
1:20, 7:10
The Visitor (ZPG-13) 1hr 48min
1:30 p.m., 4:20, 7:20, 10
In Bruges (R) 1hr 41min
4:00, 9:50
War, Inc. (R) 1hr 46min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Refusenik (NR) 1hr 57min
11:00 a.m.

The Go-Getter (R) 1hr 33min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Up The Yangtze (NR) 1hr 33min
11:00 a.m.

Jellyfish (NR) 1hr 18min
11:00 a.m.

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
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Iron Man (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:10, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10

Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 15min
12:20, 1:00, 3:40, 4:20, 7:00, 7:50, 10:20, 11:00

What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:50am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:30, 2:20, 4:10, 5:00, 6:50, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30, 12:10 a.m.

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Do your thing tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds a child or romantic interest. If you're involved with a creative project, you might not like what comes down the path. Somehow you miss a step or make a minor error. Tonight: Go for fun and games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay close to home. You might want to pick and choose who you respond to and which calls you answer. You easily could be a bundle of nerves. Allow more serenity into your life. Tonight: Stay close to home

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You mean what you say, yet somehow you need to assert yourself. Confusion could put you on edge. Tonight: Hang out

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might have different responses to situations, but the same theme runs through your actions. Relax and let go more often. Enjoy a key person who means a lot to you. Your instincts help you with a choice. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The Moon radiates in your sign, and you will be a little more extreme or extroverted as a result. Don't become confused when a mess-up occurs. Just tackle it and get everything straightened out. Tonight: Top Cat

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Consider pulling back or doing your own thing. Make time for yourself, whether it is a walk in the country, curling up with a good book or just daydreaming. Everyone needs downtime, even you. Your nerves could be more fried than you realize. Tonight: Do your thing

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Find your friends. At one point today you might feel that you are in a sitcom, as misunderstandings are rampant. Don't get uptight; just relax with the trend. You find a younger person instrumental to your well-being. Tonight: What you want

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others want to be around you. They trust your ideas and your leadership. You are often tossed into the limelight. Don't forget an older relative or friend. He or she needs your time and attention. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: A force to behold

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds relationships and possibly friendships as well. Let it go, as no one means to cause a problem. Remain sure of yourself. Reach out to someone at distance. Start thinking "vacation." You need one! Tonight: Opt for a movie or concert

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be frustrated dealing with someone who is very significant in your life. If you jump through hoops, you might be surprised at the results. Be willing to go that extra mile. Tonight: Add some mystery and/or romance

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out, yet there is a tone of confusion or misunderstanding. Stay light and easy, and you will be far happier. Express your feelings, and others will respond accordingly. Just don't be alone! Tonight: Where the action is

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
HHH Share a project or invite a friend to go for a walk or picnic. Play it low-key with the people around you. Remember, every moment doesn't need to be an event. Tonight: Don't push yourself.

Happy birthday

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

This year your verbal skills come into play. Your flair for drama will be enhanced. Others frequently come to you for ideas and also how you visualize different situations. Your creativity flows. In order not to waste time, do learn to confirm appointments and meetings. If you're upset, you will find that your words might not be in sync with your goals. Investments and/or a partnership proves to be successful this year. If you are single, you make waves wherever you go. Trust in your desirability. If you are attached, the two of you are lucky together. Start planning a special trip you have talked about. LEO brings out your passion.

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2262, 2263, 2264 and 2265 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries, prepared by the City Attorney, of Ordinance Numbers 2262, 2263, 2264 and 2265, which were adopted by the City Council on May 27, 2008.

Ordinance Number 2262(CCS) amends Sections 9.04.08.32.010 and .020 to allow housing and neighborhood serving uses in the Civic Center District and approves a development agreement between the City and Related/Santa Monica Village, LLC for the mixed-use project commonly known as "the Village", which will be located in the Civic Center. The agreement specifies that the project will include 160 affordable and 164 market-rate condominiums, 20,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, a pedestrian street open to the public, a plaza, and a children's play area for residents. The developer will pay fees to fund transportation and child care improvements. The project consists of three "sites" with different development standards. Site C on Ocean Avenue will have the greatest massing, with heights up to 96 feet at the southern end of that site. Parking will be underground.

Ordinance Number 2263(CCS) amends Municipal Code Section 9.04.08.28.040, governing conditionally permitted uses in the Main Street Commercial District, to allow the incidental sale of merchandise by individual Main Street businesses in the section of the Main Street Farmers Market known as "Little Main Street." The Ordinance provides that items offered for sale must be representative of the items offered for sale at the businesses, and the sale of personal services and alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Ordinance Number 2264(CCS) is an interim ordinance that extends other interim ordinances relating to automobile dealerships. It allows parking structures and storage facilities associated with adjacent dealerships on certain residentially-zoned sites. It extends modifications to development and design standards, review processes and operational standards, authorizes dealerships in the M1 District, adjusts the Floor Area Ratio calculation methodology, authorizes employee parking on existing inventory lots in the Bcd District, and modifies temporary use permit provisions.

Ordinance Number 2265(CCS) amends Chapter 6.104 of the Municipal Code, which governs the sale of massage services. The amendments include new requirements that massage technicians be fingerprinted and that they take and pass the County examination. The amendments also increase the responsibilities and accountability of owners and operators of business that provide massage services. Several categories of health care professionals are exempted.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after their adoption. Their full text is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica; phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



for the City-Owned Property at
1614-1616 Ocean Avenue

Dear Affordable Housing Provider:

The City of Santa Monica Housing and Economic Development Department seeks roposals from qualified community-based non-profit organizations for the long-term lease, redesign and reconstruction/rehabilitation and management with supportive services of the City-owned residential apartment building located at 1614-1616 Ocean Avenue. Respondents are required to submit a proposal to operate the property as deed restricted permanent rental housing for homeless individuals consistent with the City of Santa Monica current priority populations. Members of the target population my earn no more than thirty percent (30%) of the Los Angeles County median income.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday July15, 2008.

A copy of the full Request for Proposals is available upon request at the Housing Division, located at 2121 Cloverfield Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Monica, 90404 and is available online at http://www.smgov.net/housing/1616ocean/rfp.pdf.

The mission of the Housing and Economic Development Department is to promote affordable housing opportunities and a sustainable economy in Santa Monica. The Housing Division is responsible for increasing and preserving the supply of affordable housing units, and accomplishes this primarily through financing strategies.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Strader at (310) 458–8702.

Cordially,

Barbara Collins, Housing Manager

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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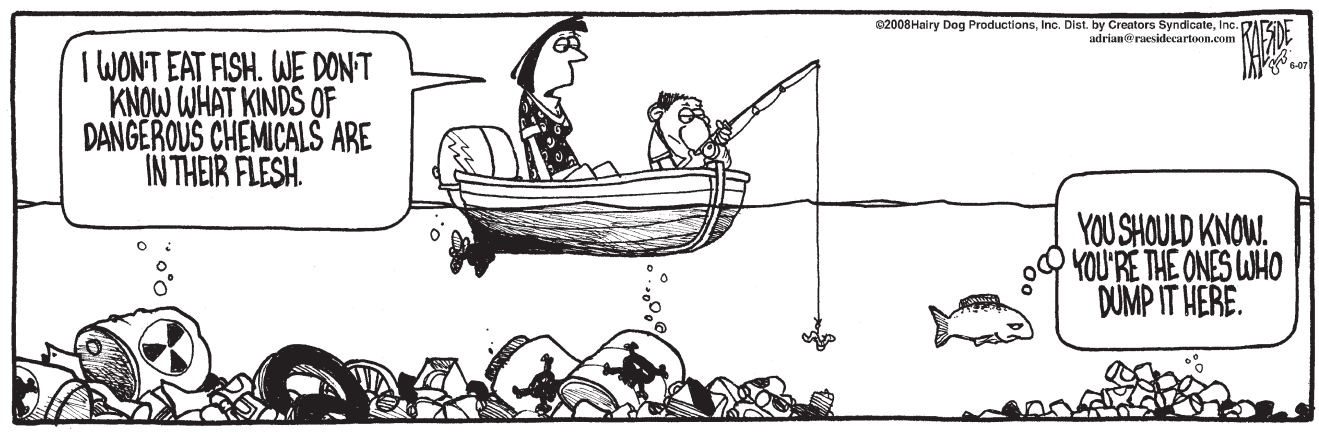
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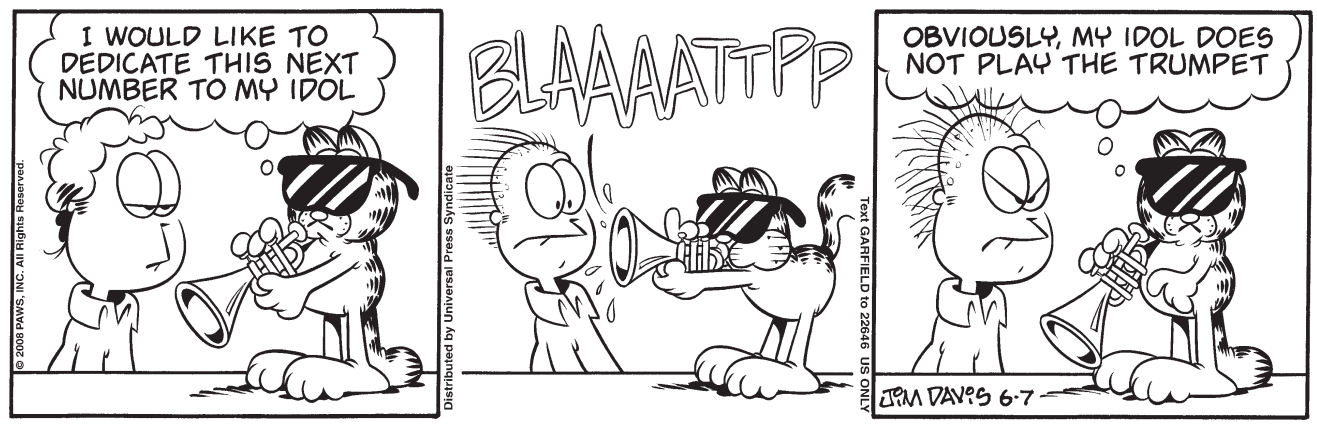
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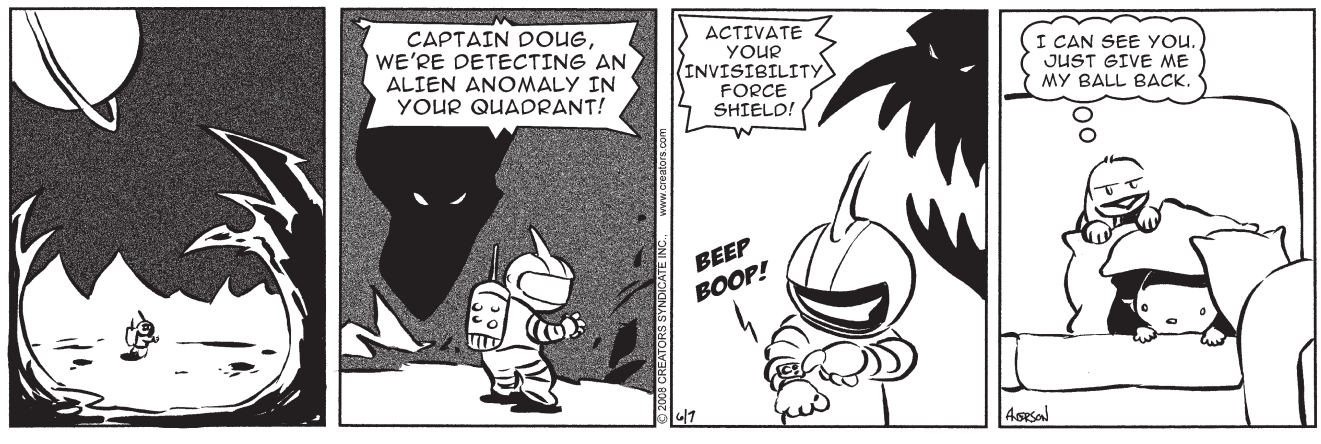
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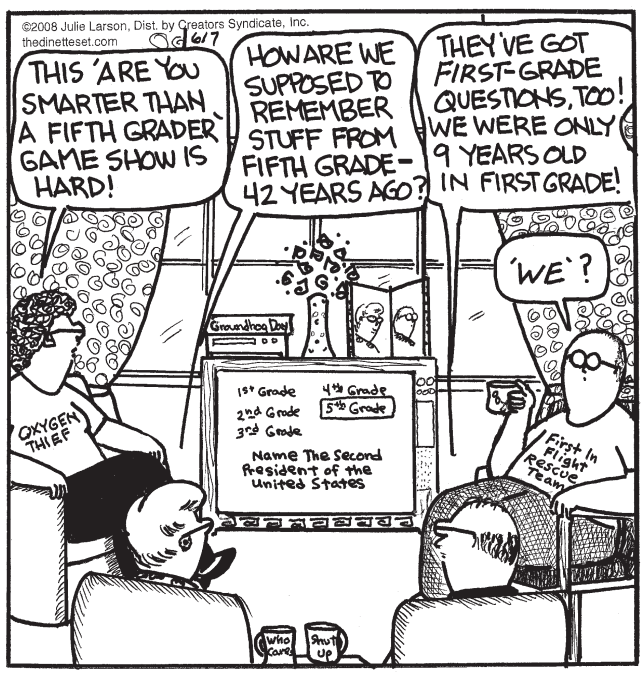


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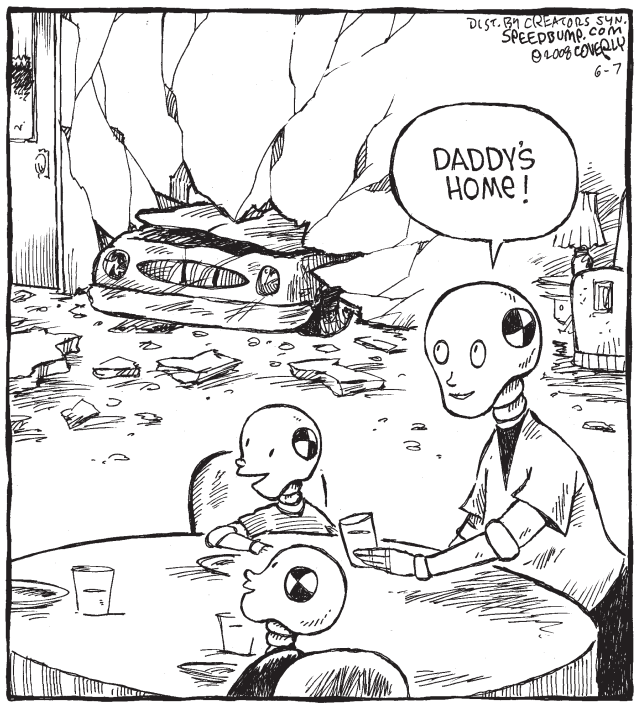
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 High suit in bridge
7 Rain dance performers
11 Lusty drive
12 Roasting spot
13 Driven out
14 Advance
15 Make broader
16 Join together
17 Look
18 Gift-box liner
19 Sound of agony
21 Succor
22 Meeting of rivals
25 Grazing spot
26 Try out
27 Respond
29 Snack in a shell
33 Unstated
34 Moved the raft
35 Coup target
36 Comparative phrase
37 Classify
38 Shortly
39 Waiting aid
40 Disavows

DOWN

1 Large amounts
2 Mischievous fairy
3 Tolerate
4 Pickle
5 Perfect place
6 Lawn makeup
7 Jarlsberg feature
8 Supervised
9 Bird with flippers
10 Verily
16 Looks after
18 Bet acceptor
20 Big singing group
22 Capitol worker
23 Lash colorer
24 Footrest
25 Current rage
28 Clever
30 Innocence indicator
31 "The Color Purple" heroine
32 "Golden Boy" playwright
34 Long
36 Funny Caesar

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Joe Weston-Webb, formerly a carnival showman but who now runs a flooring company in Nottinghamshire county, England, told reporters in March that he was exasperated at crime in the area and his inability to legally use enough force to protect his property, and that he had pulled two pieces of non-lethal equipment out from the old days to shoot at criminals: a 20-foot-long cannon, formerly used for firing his wife across the River Avon (now loaded with rubber-tipped projectiles) and a 30-foot-high catapult (now loaded with chicken droppings from a nearby farm). Said Weston-Webb, "(T)he only people who seem to be against what I'm doing are the police."

■ (1) A supervisor at the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services told a Billings Gazette reporter in March that some of his employees were complaining that new computers delivered to the office lacked games like solitaire, hearts and Minesweeper, and that it wasn't fair that employees with older computers still had the games. (2) The traffic commander of the Rusafah district in Baghdad told his officers in April to start enforcing the country's seat-belt laws. The fine is the equivalent of about $12.50.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1753 Britain's King George II gave his assent to an Act of Parliament establishing the British Museum.

1769 Frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky.

1848 French Postimpressionist painter Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.

1929 The sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

1937 Actress Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

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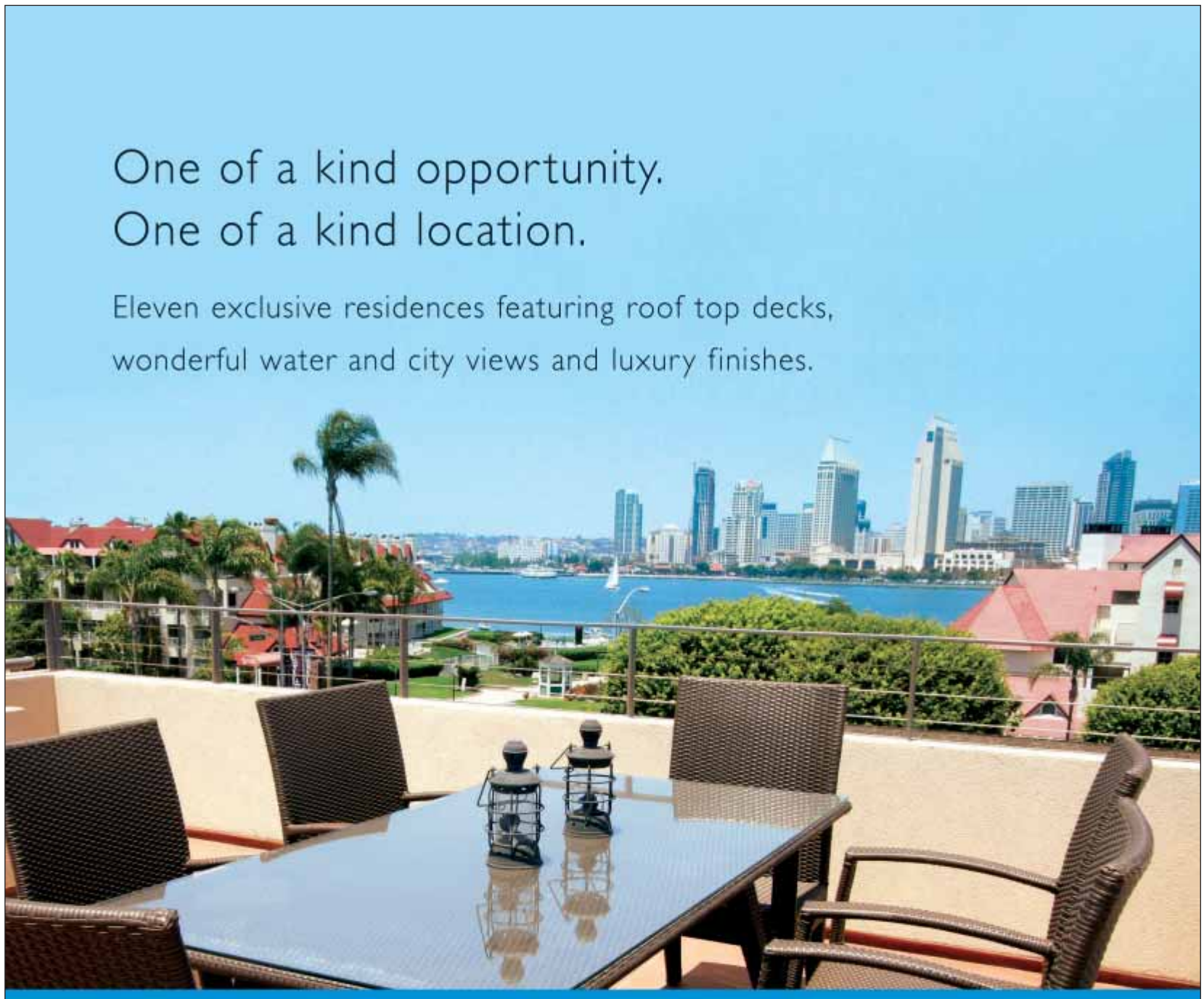
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